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# NEW OPPORTUNITIES

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As all of us at Paul Smith's College enjoy the summer and gear up for the upcoming fall semester, there's much to reflect on with thanks, and exciting new developments on the horizon. As always there is far more to highlight than there is space in this column, so please log on to the Sequel website throughout the year for my informal monthly "Day One" emails that highlight what's happening at the College.

There's been a lot to celebrate since our last issue of *Sequel*. To start, special thanks go out to all who have given so generously to the college. We are especially grateful to John Dillon '58, who donated \$1 million toward renovations in Freer Science Building's chemistry labs, now named the John T. Dillon Science Center. This remarkable gift has transformed our chemistry labs into state-of-the-art learning centers.

We continue to attract extraordinary new employees who join our talented group of faculty and staff. Recently we welcomed two members of the leadership team, both of whom have extensive experience and have already made significant positive impacts on the college. David Placey, Vice President for Enrollment Management, most recently was at Colby-Sawyer College in New Hampshire.

Also joining us is Vice President for Finance and Administration Janet Waldron. Janet comes to us after serving as Vice Chancellor for Finance for the University of North Texas system. We are thrilled to have such talented professionals at Paul Smith's.

Enrollment continues to be a challenge for schools like ours, but we have many exciting new programs and activities in place to attract and retain students. In the past year we have launched several new academic programs to serve the interests of current and future Smitties, as well as the many employers who value



our graduates. New programs include a bachelor's degree in Psychology and an associate of occupational science degree in Culinary Arts (an innovative accelerated culinary program that can be completed in just three semesters).

In the sciences, Human Health and the Environment will attract students interested in human rather than animal biology, and more recently, an enhanced Management program was announced that includes distinct concentrations in business management, entrepreneurship and sports and event management.

The latter concentration reflects a substantial effort the college has put forth this year—our Olympic sports initiative. Given our proximity to Lake Placid, our regional connection to world class events, past and future, is an obvious one.

Young athletes in pursuit of national level competition sometimes find themselves making a choice between training and education, and we plan to allow them to do both. From revamped Nordic skiing facilities at the VIC to more relevant majors and expanded online coursework, we'll help prepare students from around the world for both high-level competition and the career opportunities to follow.

With that, we're excited to announce the formation of an Advisory Committee for Olympic Sports. A number of Olympic medal winners who care about the

college and region are actively involved in providing advice to us as we seek to educate future Olympians. We are so grateful to Billy Demong, Nordic combined gold and silver medalist; Tim Burke, four-time Nordic Olympian; Chris Mazdzer, silver-medal winning luger (and *Dancing with the Stars* celebrity); Andrea Kilbourne-Hill, who won silver in women's hockey in 2002 and now serves as director of hockey for the college; and Andrew Weibrecht, who took Super-G bronze in Vancouver and silver in Sochi.

While this expanded athletic realm is exciting, it hasn't been our sole focus this year.

We're also reaching outward to develop a broader global network of partner institutions and alliances. As the only four-year college in the Adirondacks, PSC is uniquely positioned help raise awareness of the social, ecological, and economic issues that rural communities face around the world.

Already our community has established thought leadership in this area through the excellent work of many talented faculty, students and staff. We intend to build on this in the coming year with the goal of making a lasting contribution toward solving these important global concerns.

Finally, in July we welcomed hundreds of Smitties back to campus for reunion. It was especially great meeting alums who haven't been back since graduation. We had people come from as far away as Oregon. Our alumni are such an important part of Paul Smith's future success, and we are grateful for all the involvement and support from so many of you. Now more than ever, each of you is critical to ensuring that future students have the opportunity to benefit from a Paul Smith's education.

All the best,  
Cathy

## [FACULTY & STAFF NOTES]

**Prof. Daniel Kelting** received wide-ranging recognition for research on road salt use, including a certificate of appreciation and media coverage. He and instructor **Corey Laxson** also presented and published a paper on the subject. Kelting was also selected as a participant in the Council of Independent Colleges 2018-2019 National Leadership Development Program.

**Dave Simmons** was joined by a number of students in building an outdoor classroom at North Country Community College, including a lean-to and benches. Retired **Prof. Bob Brhel**, featured in last summer's issue of *Sequel*, was also involved in the project.

**Prof. Curt Stager** published his new book, "Still Waters: The Secret World of Lakes". Stager was also featured in *The New York Times* in May for his opinion piece "The Silence of the Bugs". Stager, along with **Dr. Brendan Wiltse** and students **Eric**

**Yankowsky** and **David Nardelli**, also earned widespread media mentions in outlets such as the *Boston Globe* and *The Guardian* for their research on human impact on water quality in Walden Pond.

**Prof. Michael Kudish** presented a class, *Surveying 19th Century Railroads*, at the New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors conference in Jan. 2018 to over 100 surveyors.

The Academic Success Center's **Melinda Bard** and **Maureen Pellerin** attended the New York State Education Summit, an opportunity to explore how to better serve veteran students.

**Prof. Joe Conto** gave the keynote address at the Adirondack Marketing Summit in Lake Placid, N.Y.

**Holly Parker, Teresa Gay,** and **Abigail Fontaine** attended the training "Understanding Trauma Informed Care Related to Sexual Assault Investigations,"



Paul Smith's College faculty, students and alumni attended the 25th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks. Sherburne Abbott, former Senior Science Advisor to President Barack Obama, was the keynote speaker at the event.

put on by Harvard Medical School's Dr. Jim Hopper.

**Prof. Ross Conover** took a group of Paul Smith's College students to The Wildlife Society's 24th Annual Conference in Albuquerque, N.M.

**Prof. Glenn McClure** and his sonification research team were awarded the NSF Innovation Corps grant to explore commercial applications of the algorithm they created.

**Prof. Kelly Cerialo** co-presented with Sara Safari, a mountaineer and activist, in Brussels, Belgium at the International Leadership Conference. Their presentation, "Climb Your Own Everest: Youth Leadership Mentoring," focused on mentoring youth in study abroad programs.

**Amy Tuthill**, with the help of the **Student Veterans Club**, kicked off "Operation Bobcat," a veteran recruitment campaign.

**Prof. Jorie Favreau** was elected vice president of the New York chapter of The Wildlife Society.

**Courtney Bringley** received one of this year's ten national Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate awards by the National Resource Center and Cengage Learning. She was honored at the 37th Annual Conference on The First-Year Experience in San Antonio, Texas.

**Prof. Brett McLeod** was published in *Mother Earth News* for his piece "Copping Trees for Sustainable Firewood Production," which ran in the February/March issue.

**Robert O'Connor** and **Matt Dougherty** launched an adventure guide service through the college this summer. They and several students lead groups on trips that include climbing, canoeing, rock climb and the challenge course utilizing on- and off-campus venues.



Dave Simmons, Bob Brhel and Paul Smith's students collaborated with North Country Community College to construct an outdoor classroom.



# FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Aidaiah Bauer does far more than enough as a Smitty, and this year her efforts were well-rewarded when she was selected to represent the United States at the Volunteer Leaders Academy, an eight-day forum hosted by the International University Sports Federation (FISU) being held in Kazan, Russia.

Thousands of college students from all 50 states applied for the opportunity, and at the end, it was Bauer who was selected to travel abroad and delve into workshops and lectures focused around developing sports event management skills and international cooperation.

“I’m really thankful that I have the opportunity to travel to Russia and learn more about FISU,” said Bauer. “I’m really excited to get over there, meet new people, and see what this is all about.”

FISU, recognized by the International Olympic Committee and organizers of the World University Games, also selected Lake Placid to host the 11-day, 2,400 athlete event in 2023.

For Paul Smith’s College Athletic Director Jim Tucker, Bauer

was an obvious choice to represent the U.S. at an academy that will be attended by students from 96 different countries.

“Aidaiah is a wonderful student athlete, but more importantly she is well on her way towards being a world citizen as the U.S. delegate,” said Tucker.

Bauer is exactly that. She’s received multiple Academic All-American honors during her time at Paul Smith’s for sports including cross country, sport climbing and snowshoe racing. She’s also already experienced athletic volunteering after her time helping out with the Winter Special Olympics hosted at Paul Smith’s College last March.

It was soon after that she was notified that she had been selected to travel to Russia.

The academy ran June 14-22 and attendees were housed at Kazan Universiade Village. Learning took place at the nearby Volga Region State Academy of Physical Culture Sport and Tourism.

Bauer’s appointment also coincided with the college’s ongoing Olympic sports initiative, an effort that’s included the development of women’s hockey, a greater emphasis on Nordic skiing training and competition, and planned facility expansion for sports including climbing and mountain biking. Bolstered online coursework will better support traveling student athletes, and a new major in management, which includes a sports and event management concentration, was recently launched.

—ANDY JOHNSTONE

# MOSAIC EXPERIENCE

In November of 2017, a group of nine students waited in the lobby of the Joan Weill Student Center along with HEOP Director Katherine “Kate” Mullen and Vice President of Student Life and Affairs Dr. Terry Lindsay.

As the students gathered around each other and began to discuss ideas and thoughts intensely, the words *race*, *privilege*, *history* and *America* were all mentioned thoroughly.

On this morning, the group was headed to Washington, D.C., on the first-ever Mosaic Cultural Experience trip with the mission to take students on a journey to a place of historical importance and the goal of fully immersing them in a manner that can only occur through hands-on experiences such as museum visits and speaking with individuals from completely different backgrounds than the majority of the Paul Smith’s College student population.

During the trip, students visited the Museum of the American Indian, the Holocaust Museum, the White House, Howard University, and the home of Trustee Karen Regan-Baum ‘83 and her husband Robert. There, students had the opportunity to talk about their trip overall and let all they’d learned set in.

For many individuals, the experience was incredibly unique. It offered a perspective which was not always easily available on campus. I myself attended the trip and witnessed a fellow peer of mine grow and learn beside me.

During a tour of Howard University, a historically black institution, a white student asked Dr. Lindsay if white students are allowed at Howard after not seeing any on campus. To the



STUDENTS AT THE HOME OF TRUSTEE KAREN REGAN-BAUM ‘83 AND HER HUSBAND ROBERT. PHOTO PROVIDED

student this was his first time ever not being part of the majority as a white male, and frankly it was not very comfortable for him.

To which I replied: “This is how I and we students of color feel every day at Paul Smith’s College.”

During this moment my peer was able to gain an understanding of my experience, not only on campus, but in the world, something that could have not been possible unless he had shared this lived experience with me.

As an institution of higher learning it is the job of our college to prepare students for a world past the woods of our campus and a global job market in which individuals of all backgrounds compete. Trips like these which allow students the chance to learn beyond the classroom and have deep experiences are a key reason why students choose our institution and have such a meaningful learning experience.

—RANDY MARTINEZ ‘20

## PAUL SMITH’S EARNS HIGH MARKS AMONG NORTHERN COLLEGES



Paul Smith’s College earned the No. 7 ranking for 2018 “Best Value Schools” in the U.S. News and World Report’s regional colleges north category, as well as No. 15 for “Best Colleges for Veterans” and No. 22 (tie) for “Best Regional Colleges.”

The “Best Value Schools” distinction is based on factors

including ratio of quality to price, need-based aid, and average discount obtained by undergraduates this past academic year.

The announcement was well-received by Amanda Wilson, president of the Paul Smith’s College Student Government Association.

“This news is amazing. Simply astounding,” said Wilson. “Being placed No. 7 in ‘Best Value for Schools,’ is excellent news. The other numbers are amazing as well. Being No. 15 for ‘Best College for Veterans,’ is a great confidence booster for all of the students and veterans here on campus.”

Paul Smith’s College has received the “Military Friendly School” distinction from Victory Media and is a member of the Yellow Ribbon Program, which covers tuition and fees for those eligible for the post-9/11 GI Bill.

U.S. News and World Report is widely recognized for its collegiate rankings published annually on the internet and in print.

—ANDY JOHNSTONE

# OLYMPIC SPORTS INITIATIVE UNDERWAY

Paul Smith's College is currently expanding athletic and recreation programs to provide a collegiate success track for high-performance athletes and continue a regional Olympic heritage that dates back to the early 1900s.

Among the efforts is an increased emphasis on supporting and training athletes in Nordic and biathlon skiing events, a push made possible in part by the area's consistent snowfall, facilities at the VIC, and regional connections to current and former Olympians who have called the region home in Billy Demong and Tim Burke. Demong and Burke, along with fellow champions, Chris Mazdzer, Andrea Kilbourne-Hill and Andrew Weibrecht, have recently come together to form the college's Advisory Council for Olympic Sports.

The VIC, with its 25 miles of trails and spacious indoor gear and training facilities, will serve as home to athletes seeking to follow the footsteps of those mentioned.

Paul Smith's has an Olympic history of its own. In 1932, during the first Olympic Winter Games to be held in the US, the hotel provided lodging to spectators. Eighteen years later, students helped develop the second-largest intercollegiate ski run in the east, and two years after, the college played host to US Olympic trials in Nordic and alpine ski events.

In 1980, famous for the Miracle on Ice, on-campus housing provided lodging for workers and is still in use today.

Beginning now, student athletes will have the opportunity to take advantage of facilities at Paul Smith's and nearby Lake Placid to train and prepare for the next level of competition, including the possibility of competing at home in the 2023 World University Games hosted by Lake Placid.

The expansion, however, isn't limited to skiing events. The college is pursuing an installation of an artificial turf field that will extend training seasons and play host to a myriad of events, while the construction of a biathlon range will reflect a push toward developing athletes in what is the most popular Olympic television sport in Europe.

Academic opportunities are also a key part of the effort. Expanded online coursework will support traveling athletes, and programs such as the recently announced Sports and Event

Management concentration will be a strong fit for many.

"If we are going to attract student athletes to PSC then we need to provide a more favorable curriculum choice for them. Sports Management fits the bill for students graduating from high school who have an interest in working in the ever expanding sports industry," said John Morgan, sports initiative adviser at the college. "Beyond that we have had discussions with the culinary and hospitality faculty about sports nutrition and sports hospitality."

—ANDY JOHNSTONE

## NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COME TO COLLEGE

New and returning students at Paul Smith's College now have several new/updated academic programs to choose from when considering their academic and professional futures.

The first, announced in June of 2017, was Psychology. In the year to follow, more were green-lit, including Culinary Arts (AOS), Human Health and the Environment, and most recently, Management.

The Management program includes three different concentrations: Business Management, Entrepreneurship, and Sports and Event Management. Coursework includes advertising, accounting, and elective opportunities including Semester in Residency and concentration-specific classes.

Human Health and the Environment is geared toward human biology and the environmental factors that impact human health, a rapidly growing field with a shortage of professionals. The program is complemented by the college's partnership with New York State Department of Health to conduct research on Lyme disease and other vector-borne infections, as well as the college's Adirondack Watershed Institute, which has been carrying out water-quality protection efforts for nearly 30 years.

The Culinary Arts (AOS) degree is an innovative program that can be completed in just three semesters, affording students an opportunity to combine streamlined academics with real-world work experiences.

Psychology, housed under the Environment and Society department, is geared toward the study of both social and sustainability issues. Students in the program will be able to develop connections among psychology and other fields of study, including the natural sciences, recreation, and natural resource management.

—ANDY JOHNSTONE



# SPORTS ROUNDUP

## ALL-ACADEMIC HONORS

Sixty-one student athletes from Paul Smith's made the United States College Athletic Association's All-Academic Team last fall and winter. To qualify, students must maintain a 3.5 GPA during their college careers to date, which must be at least 24 credits long.

Paul Smith's College also earned the distinction of having the most All-Academic Team members in the USCAA, which has a total of 89 member schools.

## BASS FISHING

Jon Herrman and Taylor West netted first place in the New York – The Bass Federation's Collegiate Cup Championship on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017, on Lake Champlain.

The students' five-fish, 20.41-pound haul made for a comfortable margin of victory, besting the 13.5 pounds taken by second-place finisher SUNY ESF.

They also reeled in the largest bass of the tournament at 4.28 pounds.

Two other Paul Smith's fishermen, Bob Visicaro and Justin Rozema, finished sixth out of the 17 competing boats.

## GOLF

The golf team earned its third-straight YSCC Championship title last fall.

Taylor West led the way in Portsmouth, N.H., shooting a tournament-best 77. Mike

Gardner fired a 79 for the second team while Austin Delosh, a freshman, finished with an 85.

Head coach Rod Bushey noted that Paul Smith's players made up of three of the top five individual scorers in the championship.

## BOWLING

Kalei Fenn rolled a 215 to win her second-consecutive YSCC bowling championship in Concorde, N.H. this April. Second place in the women's division also went to a Bobcat, Jessica Korkemaz.

In team competition, it was again a one-two showing for Paul Smith's College.

The Bobcats entered the championship seeded first and second, and the finals match-up reflected just that, with Team 1 defeating Team 2 563-441.

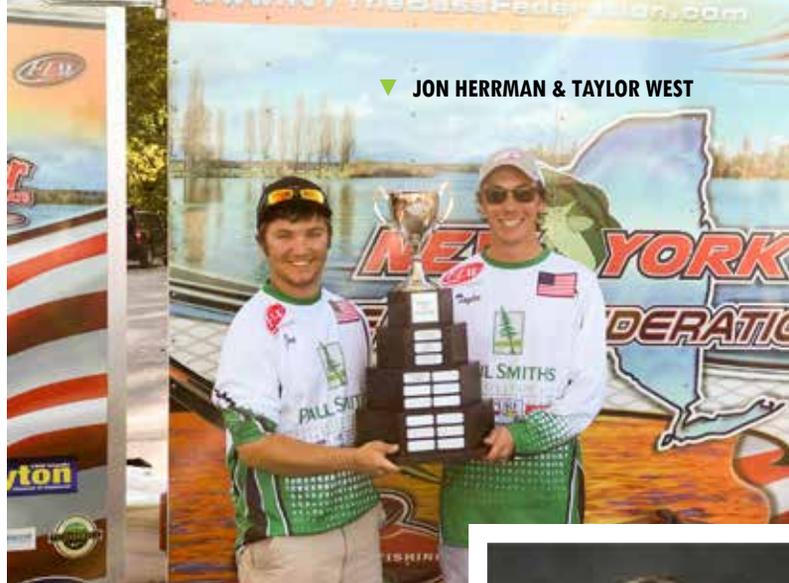
## WOODSMEN'S

The Paul Smith's College Woodsmen's team once again had a dominant performance in the Spring Meet, this year held at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.

Chris Minore and Talia Stewart both won the STIHL Northeast Collegiate Qualifier in men's and women's competition, respectively, qualifying the two for the championships held in July.

In team competition, the Bobcats won both the men's and Jack and Jill divisions.

Paul Smith's College graduates and now national timbersports competitors



▼ JON HERRMAN & TAYLOR WEST



▲ BRONSON LIGUORI ▲

Billy Adams and Jesse Cutting were both on hand to take in the "Super Bowl" of the sport.

## RUGBY

The Paul Smith's College men's rugby team made a strong push into the National Small College Rugby Organization Men's Champions Cup by reaching the Sweet 16 and finishing third in the Northeast Qualifiers.

The NSCRO is comprised of 241 teams and Paul Smith's posted a 7-3 overall record, along the way avenging losses to Plattsburgh State and later Alfred University, the latter a grueling 6-5 win that sealed the Bobcats' season-concluding consolation win in the Champions Cup.

Co-captain Bronson Liguori, pictured, received



▲ ANDREA KILBOURNE-HILL ▲

awards for Most Valuable Player and Academic Excellence & Service.

## WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Paul Smith's College announced in December its newest athletic program, women's ice hockey.

The college also brought on Andrea Kilbourne-Hill to serve as director of hockey.

In addition to kickstarting the women's program, she'll also help reinvigorate club hockey at the college.

Kilbourne-Hill played for Team USA and won a silver medal in the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

—JIM TUCKER & ANDY JOHNSTONE

# ENTREPRENEURIAL EATIN'

BY KEVIN SHEA '18



It was summer and school was out. Students didn't expect to hear from a professor. So when Diane Litynski sent the email, minds began turning beyond college careers and deep into a construct that escapes the chains of time—their legacies.

It was the beginning of Lakeside Market, housed in the St. Regis Café, said Dane DeGrace, an entrepreneurial business major. Upon entering, music echoes around the former restaurant. But, in a room with built-in speakers, the music is streamed from phones. It is one complication, explains Andrea Celis, an integrated studies major focusing on elements of culinary and food service and beverage management.

Complications, however, had been no stranger to the four students involved and their professor. They adapted.

Litynski was inspired to reach out to the students, who were in search of a capstone, after visiting the market of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, said Desiree Hernandez, an alum pursuing a second major in food service and recipient of Litynski's summer email.

The entire crew consists of DeGrace, Hernandez, Celis, and Erin Ruthenberg,

an entrepreneurial business studies major. Together, they put in plenty of time and money for their capstone. According to DeGrace, the two areas that required most were marketing and inventory. How much? "Let's just say around \$500," DeGrace chuckled.

One part that did come free was renting out the St. Regis Café, so long as no other capstone or event was being held at the same time. With those logistical issues, they settled on open hours Monday and Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.

As students shuffled in and out of the market, one or two of the entrepreneurs would excuse themselves from the table and hurry to the bar where cookies, bananas, apples, and jars of lemonade and iced tea lined the wooden counter. At the end closest to the door sat a register and "cash only" sign. While it's a sign that deters some potential customers, the four have been open to suggestions. They even implemented a miniature project to motivate feedback from customers, a small sheet of paper for suggestions and contact information to be placed in a box.

That night, one suggestion is pulled out and the lucky customer is gifted with free feed and/or beverages. All suggestions,

meanwhile, are read. Celis noted how important it was for them to hear from those who came. "It's how we'll grow," she said. "But there are certain things we can't do," referring to the "cash only" sign.

But they assure that for each buck spent, the student will certainly get the most bang. As I perused the menu that Hernandez had given me, I asked how much was homemade. "Most of it," she said. I decided to put it to the test. Out of the 17 items listed on the menu, seven are either hand dipped, mixed, or homemade. It might not qualify as most, but it's certainly close, and those that are homemade are baked by Hernandez, an employee of Lisa G's in Lake Placid and soon-to-be sous-chef there. It is through her personal connection with the owner of Lisa G's, a Paul Smith's alum, that she was able to acquire products including fresh ginger, rosemary, and mint.

But the capstone crew isn't simply selling food and beverages. Despite being called a market, the culinary and marketing majors are selling a relaxed, lounge-like environment. "We want people to say, 'Let's go the market and just hang out,'" said Ruthenberg. After the first week, they were able to coax customers in.

When I asked them what they hope to get out of the course, they each said the same thing, for the business to last long after they were gone. They explained that the business plan would be here, at the college, for future students to look at, use, and improve upon. For students of a system based on self interest, none were selfish in their goals.

As students entered and left, a familiar face showed himself, Daniel Loblanco, a senior of PSC. After reveling in the fact that graduation was within sight, he told me why he was at the Lakeside Market. "These are my friends running it, and I should be here to support that. We all should." □

# DINING IN

## *Roasted Acorn Squash Soup*

When culinary students get hungry, they don't just throw a package of ramen in the microwave. They sharpen their knives and put together some elaborate meals in their dorm rooms. Taking a look at how student chefs feed themselves.

### INGREDIENTS

1 acorn squash	Salt
1 medium yellow onion finely chopped	Ground black pepper
2 cloves of minced garlic	2 tsp. onion powder
1 tbsp. vegan butter	2 tsp. garlic powder
½ cup full fat coconut milk	1 tsp. paprika
1 cup vegetable broth	1 bay leaf



RAE BEDNAR '19



### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat an oven to 375°. Cut the squash into small pieces following the natural curves of the squash and arrange the pieces on a lightly greased baking sheet.
  2. Roast squash in oven for 30-45 min. or until soft.
  3. Remove squash from oven and allow to cool. Meanwhile, in a pot melt the vegan butter.
  4. Cook onion until translucent, and then add garlic. Cook until slightly brown.
  5. Add vegetable broth, spices and the bay leaf. Bring to a boil.
  6. Remove the meat of the squash from the skin and blend in a blender until smooth. If you do not have a blender, you can mash the squash in a bowl with a fork and a whisk.
  7. Once smooth, whisk in the squash puree. Once it has come up to a boil, reduce to a simmer.
  8. Allow to slightly thicken.
  9. Turn the heat off and remove bay leaf. Whisk in coconut milk until incorporated.
  10. Taste and adjust seasoning as needed.
- \*If a smoother texture is wanted, you can puree the soup again before adding the coconut milk to get rid of the pieces of onion.* 📺

# SCOUTS AT HOME AT PAUL SMITH'S

BY RANDY MARTINEZ '20

Scouting has had a deep connection to Paul Smith's College for decades, a place where both Boy and Girl Scouts fit right in while pursuing an Adirondack education.

Any given year, Eagle and Gold Award Scouts can be found in numbers on and around campus, giving the impression such an honor is commonplace, though it's anything but—only four percent of all scouts in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) become Eagle Scouts. The process is a rigorous one, including significant time, dedication and a community advancement project.

So why is Paul Smith's such a magnet? The answer may seem obvious—the campus is unlike any other—but it's not just the natural setting that draws these

men and women to the North Country.

Christopher Harloff, a Paul Smith's College alum and current Adirondack District Executive for the BSA Twin Rivers Council, spoke with Sequel about how he arrived at the college.

"When visiting campus, the feeling was exactly that of a scouting camp with its lakefront setting and endless outdoors to explore with the 14,000 acres," Harloff explained. "However, when looking at the college itself and the fact that it fosters an appreciation of the outdoors similar to scouting, I was set."

Other offerings, said Harloff, included programs like forestry and the ability to experience hands-on learning regardless of the degree choice. Because of that,

Eagle Scouts generally do well at Paul Smith's right from the start.

"Having scouts on campus only adds to the learning experience and culture of all students," Harloff continued. "Many times scouts bring with them to campus extensive leadership skills, mature character, special sets of skills, and overall just a good head on their shoulders."

Those qualities translate well not only to campus life, but also to the job market after graduation.

Beginning this semester, Paul Smith's will begin offering Merit Badge courses that reflect the college's mission, including work in environmental studies and culinary. The badges, which will be

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SCOUTS POSE AT PAUL SMITH'S COLLEGE AT THE JOAN WEILL STUDENT CENTER THIS WINTER.  
PHOTO: RANDY MARTINEZ

awarded by faculty and staff, will be another step toward the college's long-term involvement with the BSA.

Paul Smith's has also become home to the Venture Crew 8012, an opportunity for male and female students to come together and participate in scouting activities at a collegiate level. The troops' charter organization and Harloff have put their support into effort, which officially begins this upcoming fall semester.

It's also something that Harloff has wanted to see come to campus since his time as a student.

"Finally having a Venture Crew on



campus is great," he said. "New students who have been participating in scouting won't have to give that up by coming to college."

**PICTURED IN FRONT AND SECOND FROM THE LEFT IS CHRISTOPHER HARLOFF '17, BSA TWIN RIVERS ADIRONDACK DISTRICT EXECUTIVE. PHOTO: PROVIDED**

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: ED GRADEPHE '53

BY RANDY MARTINEZ '20

Edward "Ed" Gradephe '53 has long been a fixture in the outdoor world, from his decades-long career with the New York State Department of Conservation to the sportsman education that followed.

His career began in 1956, but his love for the outdoors began much earlier, including during his time at the Paul Smith's College, where he began studying forestry in 1951.

"In those days, we learned the material and practiced the skills with our hands," explained Gradephe. Though forestry technology has advanced since then, the same hands-on learning takes place today.

But for Gradephe, his experience outdoors went beyond forestry. He's considered by many as a great wildlife biologist, as well as effective in his work interacting with the public. In the 1970s, Gradephe developed sportsman education

programing on trapping, yet another highlight of his 37-year career with the DEC, and an area of work he's contiued since his retirement from the DEC in 1992.

In the two-and-a-half decades to follow, Gradephe has worked as a New York State sportsman educator with a focus on trapper education and waterfowl identification. □



[FEATURE]

# MOUNTAIN SOUNDS

Tyler Dezago '18 spent his final months at Paul Smith's College in a truly unique apprenticeship, hand-crafting a guitar under the instruction of a world renowned luthier and pearl inlay expert.

STORY & PHOTOS BY ANDY JOHNSTONE

**M**meet Tyler Dezago, class of 2018, majoring in ecological restoration, and minoring in forestry.

But that's a story to be told. Here's one to hear.

Dezago has been a musical fixture during his time at Paul Smith's College. Open Mic, SAM Fest, Homesteading Festival, and so on. He's talented both as a vocalist and with a stringed instrument in his hands. It's fitting, then, that he used his final months at the college to craft something truly unique — a landscape-inspired guitar, with Adirondack materials, under the tutelage of one of the industry's greats.

It all started in the spring of 2016 when Dezago took a woodworking course with Dave Simmons. He built jewelry boxes, rings, fish, and whatever else he came up with. Then, his crafting aim evolved. He wanted to build a banjo.

Simmons gave Dezago the green light, and soon after, two prototypes of pine, cherry, and butternut took shape. Then, Dezago caught wind of someone he called "the legend up in Malone."

Dave Nichols is absolutely that; a legend. The former-CIA agent — seriously — now does pearl inlay for Martin, the "Rolls Royce or Mercedes of guitars," explained Dezago. His works have been used by Del McCoury, David Grisman, Johnny Cash, Aerosmith, and ZZ Top. He even has a guitar in the Vatican. Dezago gave him a ring asking to look at his banjo and explore the possibility of pearl inlay, and Nichols told him to come on up.

So Dezago did.

What began as a visit turned into a day of troubleshooting Dezago's banjo. Action was too high, a new bridge, neck reset, and so on. When Dezago asked what was owed, the two ended up at a different conclusion: Nichols would rather teach the craft than take Dezago's money. And it just so happened that Dezago was able to take an apprenticeship to

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Tyler Dezago during one of his many trips north to Whippleville for the guitar-building apprenticeship. Much of this day was spent sanding, with breaks for food and a playing session on one of David Nichols' many instruments.





Clockwise from top left:

Nichols pauses his pearl overlay work to check Dezagó's sanding work on his guitar. It's a time consuming process, but one of many essential steps toward completing high-end, hand-built instruments.

Dezagó shares mountain sketches that would later be the pearl inlay designs on the neck of his guitar. He also used as much native Adirondack wood as possible when planning and then building the guitar.

Glue, dremel bits, and a small vise are among the many tools that dot Nichols' work bench where the inlay work takes place.

fill a final elective. Officially it became INT 399 – Apprentice Training Guitar Building and Pearl Inlay.

Part of that trip also involved a tour of Nichols' shop. It's technically in Whippleville, not Malone, and to experience such a tour is quite difficult to put into words. The author of this story, who received a tour himself, was left awestruck by both Nichols and Dezagó's work with him.

We arrived around 10:30 a.m. on a cool, dry mid-November day. Dezagó brought two pies from the A.P. Smith's Bakery, one of many traditions the two developed in their time working together. After getting our morning's sweets fix, Nichols walked me around. His instruments are much more than that — they're works of art. Photographs of scores of musicians using his creations quite literally covered one ceiling. Flyers and posters paying homage to some of the guitar greats were scattered about the walls. One room was

filled by a seemingly endless number of guitar components. As busy of a shop that it was, underneath it's organized, and Nichols navigated the space with purpose.

Meanwhile, Dezagó spent the time sanding. There's plenty of that involved, but Dezagó is no stranger to doing something right, no matter the time involved. He's frequented the college dean's list, earned a number of athletic academic honors from the YSCC and USCAA, and has been part of a conference title-winning cross country team. Dezagó came to the college from Rhinebeck, N.Y., and started playing the fiddle and violin when he was five. In high school, he joined a fiddle group that took him throughout the northeast and the United Kingdom.

Because of his interest in environmental science, Dezagó didn't think he'd pursue music. But once on campus, he met Prof. Curt Stager and got involved in Open Mic, a bi-weekly opportunity to listen to and play for the campus community.

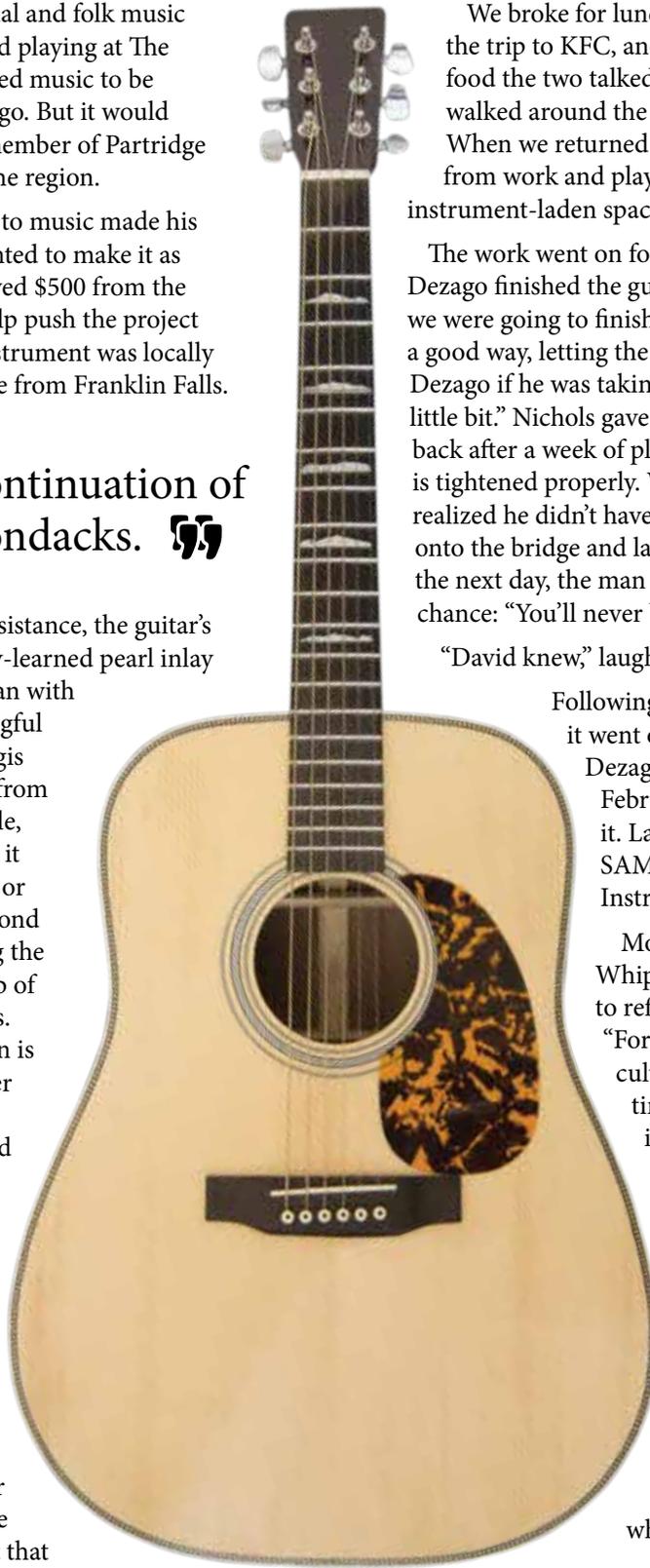
He and Stager both have traditional and folk music friends, and before long, he started playing at The Shamrock as well. “I never expected music to be so prevalent in my life,” said Dezagó. But it would continue to be. Dezagó is also a member of Partridge in the Pines, a folk trio active in the region.

Dezagó’s continued connection to music made his guitar project a perfect fit. He wanted to make it as Adirondack as possible and received \$500 from the college’s Sustainability Fund to help push the project forward. Plenty of the finished instrument was locally sourced, including a top that came from Franklin Falls.

## “ For me, it’s a continuation of culture in the Adirondacks. ”

And then there’s the *pièce de résistance*, the guitar’s neck, where Dezagó put his newly-learned pearl inlay skills to practice. The process began with sketches of Dezagó’s most meaningful mountainscapes, including St. Regis Mountain and Whiteface as seen from Norman Ridge Rd. in Vermontville, a location so visually striking that it was used as a backdrop in the major Hollywood movie “The Place Beyond the Pines.” Next came transferring the design from paper onto a thin slab of pearl and a careful cutting process. On the neck itself, the same design is transferred onto the wood in order for the inlay to lay flush. It’s then glued in, and any gaps can be filled — dust from the source wood, combined with glue, creates a seamless fit. And, of course, more sanding.

The two worked together with genuine rapport. Despite banter and Nichols’ oftentimes Socratic questioning, he made it clear to Dezagó that the two were a team and the student never a bother. “He jokes around, but we have moments where it’s apparent that he values me,” said Dezagó.



Dezagó’s finished guitar.

We broke for lunch just before noon and made the trip to KFC, another Nichols tradition. Over food the two talked music, and after eating, Nichols walked around the restaurant tipping employees. When we returned to the shop, the two took breaks from work and played for some time, filling the instrument-laden space with the sounds of folk.

The work went on for months until the day came that Dezagó finished the guitar. Well, almost. “I didn’t think we were going to finish that day, dragging things on in a good way, letting the glue dry.” Finally, Nichols asked Dezagó if he was taking it home. “I kind of laughed a little bit.” Nichols gave him the strings and said come back after a week of playing to make sure the neck is tightened properly. When Dezagó got home, he realized he didn’t have any end pins to hold the strings onto the bridge and laughed. When he called Nichols the next day, the man spoke before Dezagó had the chance: “You’ll never believe what this kid forgot.”

“David knew,” laughed Dezagó.

Following the instrument’s completion, it went on display at the library, and Dezagó gave a presentation in February on his experience crafting it. Later in April, he appeared at SAM Fest for his “An Adirondack Instrument of Renewal.”

Months after our trip to Whippleville, Dezagó took a moment to reflect on his unique experience. “For me, it’s a continuation of culture in the Adirondacks. Every time I play it, I think about early inhabitants, loggers, people out there doing log runs, river runs and risking their lives,” said Dezagó. “The nights they probably spent huddled together in a village hall playing music, thinking about loved ones and home. I think about how it’s one of the most unique instruments I’ll ever see. It feels like it really belongs to me. I’ll own it my whole life.” □

# ALUMNI CAMPGROUND

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**1** If a rustic camping experience is what you crave, this may be your dream come true. There's no running water or electricity at the campground, just off Keese Mills Road.

The Alumni Campground has seven lean-tos, 20 tent sites and four RV parking sites with glimpses of Lower St. Regis Lake and the surrounding mountains.

**2** Volunteers have put hours upon hours of time, work and money into the Alumni Campground over the years, from lean-to roof repairs to site clean-ups and more.

Over that time, total camping guests have increased nearly every season, from 1,497 in 2012 all the way up to 2,104 guests in 2017.



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**3** Alumni can host as many as five guests for up to one full week. Reserve a lean-to for \$10 per night or a tent /RV site for \$5 per night.

Each campsite offers a picnic table and fire ring. Lean-tos also have grills.

**4** So, get your sleeping bag and fishing gear. Load your canoe on your car. It's time to get off the grid and reconnect with Paul Smith's.

Campground reservations are always required. Reserve by email, [camping@paulsmiths.edu](mailto:camping@paulsmiths.edu), telephone (518) 327-6253, or at [pscalumnicampground.checkfront.com/reserve/](http://pscalumnicampground.checkfront.com/reserve/)

[FEATURE]

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH

Three Smitties make the annual migration to Colorado to conduct hands-on research for knowledge of bird species.

**STORY BY ANDY JOHNSTONE**  
**PHOTOS PROVIDED BY ROSS CONOVER**



In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Gothic, Colo., was a lively silver mining community tucked away in the Rocky Mountains. Eventually the deposits dwindled, and with that, Gothic devolved into a ghost town.

It wasn't to last.

The Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL), founded in 1928, brings scores of researchers and students to conduct field work in the area. Among the many who migrate to Gothic and the RMBL each year, three come all the way from Paul Smith's College.

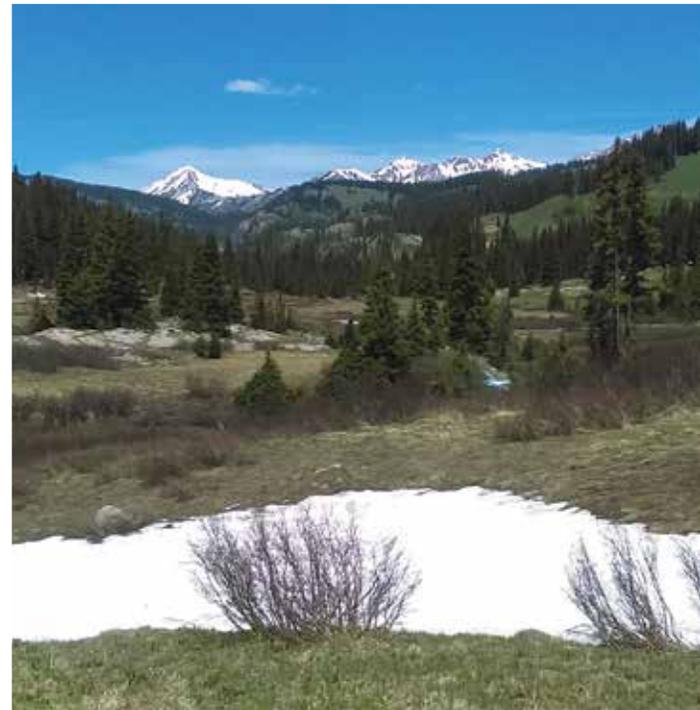
Dr. Ross Conover, associate professor of wildlife ecology, has been conducting mountain white-crowned sparrow and American dipper research at the RMBL for over five years. This season, he was joined by Audrey Emerson and Gavin Shwahla, both junior fisheries and wildlife science majors at the college.

For Shwahla, it's his second consecutive summer studying out west and a continuation of his investigation into the fluence of blood parasite infection on female mountain white-crowned sparrow incubation efficacy.

"Anyone who is looking for an introductory experience into wildlife research should attend the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory," said Shwahla. "You're not just a student and through your own research project you get to walk in the shoes of the scientist."

The bird research being carried out by the Paul Smith's team represents one of many scientific opportunities the non-profit organization provides. Over the past 90 years, some 9,000 people have conducted studies in the area, ranging from climate change to high-altitude ecosystems. Work is carried out year-round and the RMBL provides support through living quarters, laboratories, protected sites and access to historical data.





Clockwise from top left:

Shwahla, left, and Emerson, right, are joined by another researcher as they make their way up a steep Rocky Mountain ravine near Gothic, Colo., once the site of a silver mining community and now the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory.

Shwahla and Emerson pose after capturing and banding a bird. A variety of measurements are taken during this process, including blood work for parasite load. The bird is then safely released.

A view of the three's summer research site, consisting of fields, hills, and the snow-covered peaks of the Rockies.

Dr. Ross Conover, associate professor of wildlife ecology at Paul Smith's College, has now traveled to the area to conduct research for six years. He uses the annual trip not only for his research, but for a hands-on opportunity for students each summer.



# You're not just a student ... you get to walk in the shoes of the scientist.

Gavin Shwahla

It's exactly that kind of support that makes possible two projects Conover has been working on. In collaboration with researchers from the University of Michigan, the mountain white-crowned sparrow research delves into the "extent and the nature of life-history trade-offs" associated with parasites, elevation-based weather, climate patterns, habitat quality and more. He added that they're also interested in gaining insight into reproductive information such as nest success and number of young fledged. The process is hands-on and includes capturing, measuring, and banding birds, as well as days spent in the Rockies searching for and monitoring nests. During the nesting stage, video monitoring is another available tool.

Conover's work with the American dipper is equally interesting. Also a collaborative effort, in this case with North Carolina State University researchers, they're looking into the semi-aquatic species undergoing a severe decline. Since the American dipper forages primarily on small invertebrates and fish in mountain streams, such as those near the RMBL, understanding how environmental factors may influence breeding is a major task. One such factor is the presence of *Didymosphenia geminata*, also known as didymo or rock snot, in streams, and Conover's researching whether that may be affecting foraging behavior, territory size, and nesting activity.

The experience is also a rich one for students, whether the current season is their first or they have attended the summer-long research season in the past.

"Both summers at the RMBL have been influential in directing me towards a career in wildlife conservation that I am both passionate and excited for," added Shwahla. "The best part of the job is working with the birds. And the best part of that is releasing a freshly banded bird from your hands."

It's a process Shwahla has done many times, both in Colorado and back in New York through classes at the college. Using ground traps baited with seed, or mist nets, the birds are captured and both carefully and specifically handled as to not harm them. Then, banding takes place. Measurements are taken, such as wing and tail length, weight, fat content, and so on. Finally, blood work is required to measure for parasites.

It's worth noting that parasites can be found in all birds, but in this specific field of research, finding variation of the load could affect metabolism and the birds' ability to reproduce. Generally, Conover's research has found that higher parasite loads correlate with lower nest success. It's a complicated set of chain reactions: a mother sparrow with a big parasite infection is likely to leave the nest more to forage. If that happens early in the morning, it leaves the eggs exposed to colder temperatures. When that happens, development slows, which then extends the nest period by days and puts the eggs more at risk to predators such as long-tailed weasels.

In the end, it's drawing connections like this that benefits ecosystems and the species inhabiting them. For a future wildlife biologist like Emerson, having the opportunity to study at the RMBL has morphed into an overwhelming positive opportunity.

"My RMBL experience has been a rollercoaster. I went from being skeptical that I could ever participate in such a great opportunity, to being terrified that I was about to do something so far out of my comfort zone, to finally realizing how much I love doing wildlife biology field work," she told *Sequel* while in Colorado. "RMBL combines my passion for outdoor recreation with my desire for knowledge, while also forcing me to become comfortable interacting socially and professionally. So far, it has been the experience of a lifetime." □



**ZSAKIYAH “ZIGGY”  
BROWN**

**Age:** 25

**Now living in:** Gabriels, N.Y.

**Education:** Bachelors in Education (Secondary) and Mathematics; Post-graduate in Sociology and Management

**Favorite movie:** Tarzan.

**Hobbies:** Basketball, hiking, eating sushi.

**Favorite basketball team:** Golden State Warriors

**Best game performance:** Scored 17 against Fisher College in sophomore year — “Hit a lot of threes.”

**Favorite part of the Adirondacks so far:** Every time I see a lake, I just want to get out there. The mountains, the nature views, it’s breathtaking.



## [Q&A]

INTERVIEW BY ANDY JOHNSTONE

**Z**sakiyah “Ziggy” Brown, the new face of women’s basketball at Paul Smith’s College, joined the program in April as the new Bobcats head coach. She sat down with *Sequel* to talk about the sport and how she arrived at her new position.

**What drew you into basketball, both as a player and now coach?**

I used to collect basketball cards when I was about seven or eight and started playing. I’ll never forget that I snuck to a practice that my mom didn’t want me to go to. I made the team, but because I broke the rules, I didn’t get to play. I practiced non-stop and was always at the park after hours. I got in so much trouble. One of my favorite players then was Rebecca Lobo, a WNBA player at Liberty. When collecting cards and reading stats I learned more about WNBA players.

**Not only did you play college basketball, but you also had stint playing overseas. Could you tell us more about your on-court career?**

Second semester of freshman year at Concordia I spent traveling to different schools, and somehow, I found University of Maine at Fort Kent. I spoke to coach Lucas Levesque, and it was the furthest school on the map, but he and I decided I would come visit. It was history from then on. I told another coach that I wanted to play overseas, and since it was a small college, he didn’t think I would. When I was a fifth-year senior, I was looking for schools overseas and trying to figure out how I could end up on a team or on a scholarship somewhere out there. I ended up with two choices and picked Essex University in Colchester, England. There, I played in two different leagues, the Universities League and the International League.

**How did you find yourself coming to Paul Smith’s College to coach?**

I came back to the states and spent a year as the interim athletic director at Unity College. They moved me over to become an athletic student success coach, and during that time, I coached volleyball and won the YSCC conference championship. I was the assistant for women’s basketball for a year, and then the job position for Paul Smith’s College popped up on my desk. It was the dream job. I consulted with a few friends, put in my application and just hoped for the best.

**What goals do you have in terms of team culture on and off the court?**

I believe that on a team, everyone has a role, and if you play your role right, your team will succeed. I wholeheartedly believe in “student before athlete” and I want to encourage the players on our team to make sure education is first. Once they’re committed to their education, then we can move on toward working on winning championships. ☐

[OUR ADIRONDACKS]

# THE SMITTY EXPERIENCE

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# MIRROR LAKE INN

STORY & PHOTO BY  
RANDY MARTINEZ '20



The Mirror Lake Inn Hotel has been an area fixture dating back to the 1920s, even once booked entirely by the Norwegian Winter Olympic team during the 1932 games.

Since then, the Inn has played a strong role in the lives of locals and visitors alike, including a deep connection with Paul Smith's College. Since the beginning of the college's hospitality program, many students and graduates have called the establishment their place of work, thanks in large part to owner/operators Ed and Lisa (Clune) Weibrecht '77.

To help tell that story, Lisa and a handful of Smitty employees welcomed

*Sequel* to visit the iconic luxury hotel and restaurant, which for the past 34 years has held the title of AAA Four Diamond Resort, the only of its kind not only in Lake Placid, but much of the state—only the Carlyle in Manhattan can boast the same claim.

The award reflects the quality, comfort and care that the hotel staff work hard to provide their guests. It's no surprise, then, to see so many Smitties playing a role in the Inn's day-to-day success. The list is a long one, including Executive Chef Jarrad Lang '99 and many in his staff, including Stephanie Wood '05, Brianna Scanlon '13, Dan Simmons '03, Bill Gross '08, and Jay Frederick '17.

Many other hotel employees are Smitties as well. Warren Bressette '77 works as the Mirror Lake Inn's accountant and Lauren (Smith) Ruppert '04 is the front office supervisor. Rochelle O'Neil '10 works as a server and bartender, and Victoria Holtby '10 manages the spa, which is marketed by Patti Donald '10.

Lisa's path to owner/operator was an interesting one. She first came to Paul Smith's College with the intention of being a forestry student, but after a talk with her father, she was persuaded to enter into the hospitality field.

She planned on switching back over to forestry after arriving at the college, but it wasn't to be—like many other students, she fell in love with the hospitality profession and industry, and recalls fond memories of working at Disney World and the Hotel Saranac.

Today, hotels like the Mirror Lake Inn fill the gap for students to work and learn. Current students are also valued by the hotel, including Tia Akey and Molly McCarty.

"Working at the hotel gives me the opportunity to practice what I learn in the

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We have two chefs that are in our kitchen, highly skilled, and they came to work from day one ... they hit the ground running.

*Lisa Weibrecht '77*

classroom," said Akey, "and also to learn first-hand from guest interactions and practicing hotel policies."

Akey is just one of many who has not only taken advantage of this exciting employment opportunity, but has also been added to a long list of students and graduates held in regard by Lisa.

"We'll take as many students as we can get and we're happy to have them," added Lisa. "We've had great experiences with 99.99% of Paul Smith's students. One of the things that we do see is that they're prepared for their interviews, which you don't see a lot anymore. Dressed appropriately, resumes in hand, [they] have a general knowledge of the hospitality industry.

"We have two chefs that are in our kitchen, highly skilled, and they came to work from day one. There's training, for sure, but they hit the ground running." □



Pictured from left to right: Brianna Scanlon '13, Stephanie Wood '05, Warren Bressette '99, Rochelle O'Neil '10, Tia Akey '20, Lauren (Smith) Ruppert '04, Jarrad Lang '99, Lisa Weibrecht '77

## A NOTE FROM THE ALUMNI RELATIONS MANAGER

At the end of each semester you can feel the buzz on campus. Spring has finally arrived to the Adirondacks after a long winter.

Daffodils are popping up at the Smith Family resting place.

Students are finishing up the semester and preparations for the Commencement Ceremony are now visible.

Each year around this time I find myself reflecting on all that has changed since my graduation.

For starters, I graduated on the stage in the Buxton Gymnasium which is now part of the Rock Climbing Wall.

Then we must remember that when I graduated we were eating meals in what is now the Saunders Sports Complex.

Current students have no idea the struggle we had walking up what seemed like a mountain three times a day for meals.

The building that once housed The Den and Cubley Library has since transformed into the Joan Weill Student Center we have today.

This major hub of activity is a one stop shop for our students to pick up new Smitty gear or a pint of syrup at the Packbasket Bookstore, or to check their mail while on their way to the Lakeside Dining Hall.

While a lot has changed here, some things are still the same.



HEATHER TUTTLE '99

- An early morning hike up St Regis Mountain to watch the sunrise can change your whole perspective.
- The smell of sawdust at the Forestry Club Cabin still floods your mind with a hundred memories.
- The Point is still the best place on campus for sunsets or a quiet moment with that special someone.
- We still send Smitties out into the workforce with the hands-on skills Paul Smith's is famous for.
- Smitties still come back to share their stories of the good ole days as well as their knowledge with the next generation.

Whether you just accepted that dream job or a marriage proposal; perhaps you moved across county, had a baby or just retired—we want to know about all of your changes too.

Keep your contact information up to date, continue to share you stories, and visit often.

*Heather*

Heather Tuttle '99  
#SmittyOn

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# ALUMNI EVENTS

# CALENDAR 2018 2019

## SEPTEMBER '18

Alumni Luncheon Cruise on Lake George

*Saturday, September 15  
Lake George, N.Y.*

Family Homecoming Weekend

*Friday-Sunday, September 21-23  
Paul Smith's College*

Brian W. Smith '95 Memorial Basketball Game

*Saturday, September 22  
Paul Smith's College*

## OCTOBER '18

Alumni Board Meetings

*Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 13-14  
Paul Smith's College*

Alumni Bowling Tournament

*Saturday, October 27  
Saranac Lake*

## NOVEMBER '18

Giving Tuesday

*Tuesday, November 27*

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## JANUARY '19

Alumni Board Meetings

*Saturday-Sunday, January 12-13  
Albany, N.Y.*

NYSAPLS

*Sunday-Thursday, January 27-31  
Saratoga, N.Y.*

## FEBRUARY '19

Alumni Hockey Game

*Friday, February 8  
Saranac Lake, N.Y.*

Winter Carnival Reception at Hotel Saranac with NCCC

*Saturday, Feb. 9  
Saranac Lake, N.Y.*

## MARCH '19

Pancakes at Bob's Trees

*Saturday, March 16  
Galway, N.Y.*

## APRIL '19

Sugarbush Breakfast

*Saturday, April 27  
White Pine Road, Paul Smiths, N.Y.*

## JULY '19

Reunion 2019

*Friday-Sunday, July 26-28  
Paul Smith's College*

## TRAIL MARKERS

### BIRTHS

To **Toby Burke '85**, a son, Xavier Patrick Burke, on April 4, 2017

To **Renee (Stokley '99)** and David Dillman, a daughter, Addison Marie born on Feb. 26, 2018.

To **Emily (Albright '06)** and Timothy Furner a daughter, Brennan Quinn on May 24, 2017.

To **Valerie (Roberts '06)** and Rick Allard, a son, Hiram "Hank" Mitchell, on Oct. 2, 2017.

To **Ruth (Blakeslee '07)** and Skyler Schmidt, a daughter, Amelia Christine on July 14, 2017.

To **Brittney (Ravenscraft '08)** and **David Pittman '08** a son, James Devin born on March 14, 2018.

To **Victoria and Robert Yourdon '08**, a son Benson Adrian on Feb. 12, 2018.

To **Ashley (Neumann '12)** and **Jake Dates '10** a son, Hank Neumann Dates, on Dec. 29, 2017.

To **Megan (Pustay '11)** to Steven Lachowski a son, Jack Wyatt on Jan. 12, 2018.

To **Heather (Knox '13)** and Jeffrey Lyons '13, a daughter, Georgia Rose, on Oct. 5, 2017.

To **Hannah and Matthew Pelkey '14**, a daughter, Adelaide Grace on July 14, 2017.

To **Ashley (Andy '15)** and **Robert Youngberg '15**, a son, Paxton born on Jan. 6, 2018. ▼



## CLASS NOTES

### 50s

**Thomas W. Cunningham '50** joined the U.S. Navy December 50 and served four years. He spent 40 years as a draftsman in Petro Chemical Industries. The next 20 years as a school bus driver, kindergarten through high school. He was married 59 years and widowed in 2015. He is 87 years old and still kicking. "God bless America."

**Bob Kramer '53** had an outstanding career of 49 years working in the hardwood industry, including traveling to Asia for 47 years selling hardwood products. He says he finally retired at the age of 78 and has been enjoying every moment of it.

**John G. Swift '53** is still in good health and has great memories of his days at Paul Smith's College.

**Kenneth E. Spatz '56** says hello to all. He now lives in Omaha, Neb., and wonders if there are any nearby alums.

**Don Benjamin '56** writes that he really enjoyed the Summer '17 *Sequel* issue and seeing what his fellow Smitties are up to. He says that after he graduated he went to work for the Howard Johnson Restaurant Company as a manager in Utica, N.Y., and later a district manager in Chicago. From 1965-1970 he worked out of Los Angeles and opened 23 restaurants in California to bring his total up to 52. He left that job in 1999 after selling his last three restaurants and became the director of membership for the New York Restaurant Association. He retired from there in 2012 and moved with his wife of 44 years to Florida. He now serves as a mentor and chairman of the Port Charlotte Chapter of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) and also works part-time as a host at the Heron Creek Golf and Country Club. He says for any Smitties living or visiting Florida to stop by and say hi. He also reflects on his time serving on the Board at Paul Smith's College and says it was a wonderful experience.

**Roger Eiss '56** attended Paul Smith's while his father, Albert F. Eiss, was a faculty member. He remembers a forestry competition that included using an axe and saw to fell a tree accurately. As one of about a dozen liberal arts students, he recruited a fellow student. The pair's log bounced away from the stake, but after looking closer, a corner was knocked off. Says Eiss, "forestry

students examined our work and said that we clearly had done half a dozen things wrong, but remarkably, they had all exactly canceled each other out." The two won the competition.

**Richard O'Gilbert '57** enjoyed the conversation he had with the freshman students and he is glad to hear that the college is doing well. He says that after college, he went on to get his degree in forestry from North Carolina State, working for the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, as a forester and real estate appraiser. He now lives in Portland, Ore.

**George DeRoth '58** is now retired from the NYC Fire Department and he and his wife are currently living in Las Vegas, Nev., where they own a trophy and awards store. He now has 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**A. Roger Mitchell '58** is fishing, hunting, skiing and sailing. "All is good."

### 60s

**Richard K. James '60** says his last visit to campus was Reunion 2016. He misses the Adirondacks and tries to keep up to date.

**Salvatore A. Cozzolino '61** was vacationing in Maine and went to the 550-seat, Ogunquit Playhouse to see the play "Mama Mia." The man sitting next to him was from New Hampshire and in conversation he mentioned that he went to Paul Smith's College. He was a fellow forestry student name Percy Johnson. "It's a small world."

**Edward S. "Ted" Smith '61** shares that he is "still alive and kicking." He's been enjoying retirement from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Fish and Wildlife since 2001.

**Raymond W. Starvish '62** and his wife enjoy returning along with their family, children, spouses, and grandchildren, and are attending the Class of '62 reunion.

**Carlton R. Johnson '62** tries to visit Paul Smith's College in the fall during his annual hunting trip from Rhode Island to northern New York.

**David Abbott '62** writes that upon graduating in 1962, he worked for a year before being drafted into the Army where he was active for two years. In 1965, he worked for the family hotel which was later

lost to a fire in 1968. He worked various jobs in the hospitality industry after that. He then moved to Florida in 1986 and worked as a corrections officer for 10 years. He is now retired at the age of 70.

**Bill Botti '62** remembers his first days at Paul Smith's and remembers driving under the leaning pine and parking by the administration building between the hotel and the recreation hall. He also remembers nightly "choir practices" of the alma mater, and engaging classes.

**John P. Bauer '63** became a 46er in June, 2017.

**Wayne R. Johnson '63** writes that he sold his business in 1995, drove a school bus for 17 years, retired in 2012 and is trying to talk Barb, who is 13 years younger, into retiring.

**Barry S. Tindall '63** writes that his new grandson, Ryan Thomas Tindall, was born Apr. 24 in West Palm Beach, Fla. He joins 6-year old brother William Allan. Parents are David and Jennifer Tindall. David is the senior pilot with the Cessna Flight Training Center in West Palm Beach. Barry started his 11th season since retirement with the largest garden center in northern Virginia. He says his Paul Smith's College education has been invaluable throughout his 55 years since graduation.

**Edward J. Schlote '64** retired and is living in Delaware, Ohio.

**Willaim M. Shorter '64** writes that he is still skiing in Utah.

**Frederick S. Downs '64** shares that this past summer, he was in contact with two of his old classmates, Jim Nygren and Jim Carter. He says that it was good to see and catch up with old friends.

**Milton J. Fuld '64** worked over 25 years for LeGout Foods, a food service company in the New York metropolitan area and a division of Kelloggs. He retired at the age of 55 and decided to open up a bagel shop in New Jersey with his son. He started a Corvette Club in 2000, the All American Corvette Club. They give to many charities, including food banks, people in distress from Hurricane Sandy and victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. He still has wonderful memories of his time at Paul Smith's and the many friends made.

**Roy Heberger '65** went on to study at the University of Michigan and received a bachelor's in fisheries two years later. He went on to research on the Great Lakes for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and

completed a master's in aquatic ecology. He and his wife Merine now live in Boise, Idaho, and have two daughters and four grandchildren. He also ran the gray wolf recovery program and designs and builds wooden boats.

**Richard J. Hiemenz '65** writes that Paul Smith's College "is a great place to learn what life is all about."

**Louisi J. Favata '65** says "You can't forget the Adirondacks."

**Richard D. Babcock '65** retired from Allstate Insurance after working there for 38 years.

**Marie E. Butler '65** is retired and living in an independent retirement community in Roswell, Ga.

**Charles Morgan '65** lost his second wife, Judy, to cancer after 38 years of marriage in 2015. He married Janness and is now very happy. Morgan spent 16 years in Alaska, including working on the pipeline. He's now retired and tries to spend a couple winter months in Stuart, Fla.

**Ross S. Morgan '65** is still putting his Paul Smith's College silvicultural teachings to work in the forests of the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. He is now working with his daughter Dawn Morgan, an ecologist, and her husband, Rick Morrill, a forester. Last year he was awarded a lifetime achievement award in forestry by the Forest Stewards' Guild. He thanked Paul Smith's College and its faculty in his acceptance speech at the national convention in Minnesota.

**Roger L. VanNostrand '65** is semi-retired and still doing landscape design and small installations. He currently serves on the college's Alumni Association. He wants to challenge all alumni to get involved in supporting their alma mater.

**David E. Wallingford '65** retired in January of 2000 from the forestry industry. He is married with children and has been busy traveling and bird hunting with his golden retriever. He mentions that he spends a lot of time with **Paul Forward '64**, who lives a few blocks away from him in Eagle River, Ark. He says Paul Smith's is still one of the best times in his life.

**Joan A. Thompson '66** is enjoying an active retirement in The Villages, Fla. She invites everyone from the class of '66 to stop by and say hello if visiting the area. She asks if there are any '66 Class RV'ers out there? Maybe she'll see you on the road.

## TRAIL MARKERS

### MARRIAGES

**Heidi (Childs '02) to Avi Lapidus '02** on Sept. 3, 2017.

Yolanda (Maldonado) to **Wilson Dorceus '07** on Oct. 8, 2017.

**Joelle (Guisti '12) to Alexander Kerr '09** on Sept. 23, 2017.

Maria (Leidig) to **Keith Braun '10** on Oct. 28, 2017.

**Courtney (Segelstrom '11) to Justin Ullrich** on June 17, 2017.

**Haley (Ashdown '13) to Nick Burdick Sylvan** on Nov. 21, 2017.

**Chelsea (Brodhead '13) to Micheal Tyszko** on Sept. 30, 2017.

**Erin (Conlon '13) to Andrew Papaleo** on Nov. 11, 2017.

**Ellen (Weaver '14) to Stephen Jennings '14** on Oct. 8, 2017.

**Kristen (Leveille '15) to Jorge Velazques '15** on Sept. 23, 2017.

### DEATHS

**Robert Cullinan '48** on May 1, 2017, in Lithia, Fla.

**Robert N. Isaacson '48** on June 26, 2017, in Casco, Maine.

**John D. Buckley '48** on Oct. 19, 2017, in Newport News, Va.

**Alphonso Weinlein '48** on March 21, 2018, in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

**Olive "Ollie" D. Forth '49** on Dec. 11, 2017, in Saranac Lake, N.Y.

**Robert Abraham '50** on May 28, 2017, in Christiansburg, Va.

**Frank J. Lenney '50** on June 30, 2017, in Potsdam, N.Y.

**John Miller '50** on July 14, 2017, in Plattsburgh, N.Y.

**Harvey E. Stoddard '52** on April 25, 2017, in Schoharie, N.Y.

**Raymond G. Raushi '52** on Oct. 9, 2017, in Statesville, N.C.

**Edmond C. McLane '53** on Oct. 6, 2017, in Plattsburgh, N.Y.

**William C. Paulman '54** on Sept. 23, 2017, in Halifax, Penn.

**W. Robert Ringrose '54** on Dec. 8, 2017, in Tupper Lake, N.Y.

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**Dr. Jacqueline D. St. John '54** on March 2, 2018, in Omaha, Neb.

**Andrew D. Studdiford Jr. '54** on April 10, 2018, in Indian Lake, N.Y.

**Walter C. Peer '55** on Aug. 30, 2017, in Burlington, Mass.

**Gregory L. Montana '55** on April 20, 2018, in South Windsor, Conn.

**Robert D. Kirby '56** on Jan. 17, 2018, in Waterbury, Conn.

**Barry D. Jerolamon '57** on Feb. 28, 2017 in Eatontown, N.J.

**Richard J. Milano '58** on April 27, 2017, in Maggie Valley, N.C.

**Martin A. Hanna '58** on Sept. 12, 2017, in Northville, N.Y.

**James A. Tallon '58** on Oct. 14, 2017, in North Canaan, Conn.

**Robert A. Freund '58** on Dec. 17, 2017, in Littleton, N.H.

**Jay A. Walter '59** on April 24, 2017, in Sackets Harbor, N.Y.

**James W. Bombard '60** on Oct. 20, 2017, in Fitchfield, Mass.

**George M. Johnson Jr. '60** on Nov. 3, 2017, in Bradford, Penn.

**Arthur C. Roberts '61** on May 12, 2017, in Delmar, N.Y.

**Thomas L. Knowlton '61** on Aug. 4, 2017, in Lenoir City, Tenn.

**Del Walker '62** on Aug. 10, 2017, in Canandaigua, N.Y.

**William R. Lange '62** on Sept. 12, 2017, in Ellington, Conn.

**Donald Paulson '62** on April 12, 2018, Marlborough, Conn.

**Frank W. Richardson '63** on April 9, 2017, in Summerfield, Fla.

**Ronald E. Swayer '63** on May 11, 2017, in Watertown, N.Y.

**Dean William Burrell Jr. '63** on Jan. 18, 2018, in Ellicottville, N.Y.

**Edward T. Golonka '63** on Feb. 15, 2018, in North Port, Fla.

**R. Hysdib Sloman '64** on April 30, 2017, in Pittsford, N.Y.

**Norman C. Vunk '64** on Aug. 9, 2017, in Edgartown, Mass.

**Paul D. Dryden '64** on Sept. 13, 2017, in Charlotte, N.C.

**John Konkle '65** writes that he and **Bruce Robinson '65** recently visited together after 52 years of not seeing one another. He mentions that they don't chop trees anymore and replaced it with "Z's" and the good times at Smitties.

**Frank B. Lesniewski '66** visited the campus this past April for an ESPN televised regional woodspeople (Jills) competition. He was accompanied by **Madison (Mott) Cannon '65**, his first visit in 52 years.

**Stephen S. Shannon Jr. '66** misses his fellow classmates and brothers from DAP.

**Doug Gillespie '66** wishes he was back at Paul Smith's and gives everyone his best.

**Robert J. Casper '67** says he is busier in retirement than he was with work: He does church work, is an administrator on an ambulance service, and also handles snow plowing, which in Wyoming, "can be almost any time."

**Lester A. August '67** writes that he retired on Cape Cod, Mass.

**David J. Kelmer '67** is now 70. He retired twice as a tree expert and twice recovered from cancer. He adds that he's "still here!"

**Robert Marriott '67**, a forestry student, finished his studies at Stephen F. Austin State College in Texas. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and became a Sergeant (E-5) in the Pershing Missile program, which involved nuclear weapons. He went on to a career in the U.S. National Park Service (NPS) as a park ranger and met his wife, Pam,

while working in Grand Canyon National Park and Lake Mead National Recreation Area. The two worked at a number of parks before Marriott served as special agent in charge for the NPS. He and Pam travel the world visiting national parks, he's spoken to multiple presidents of the U.S., and recommends people to sign up for the NPS: "They don't pay much but it's one exciting ride."

**Curtis A. Traux Jr. '67** retired in March, 2015, after 45 years in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - Recreation.

**Jeff V. Parady-Ashton '69** writes that he retired from Weyerhaeuser, Colo., in 2004. He's enjoying life, traveling, skiing, golf, food and wine. He and his wife, Sue, are also enjoying their first grandson, an 8-month-old at the time he wrote. Their two children live about 30 miles away just outside Seattle.

**Gustave A. Bundt '69** says hi to Dorm 7 of 1967-1968, to Hotel Saranac 1967-1969, and all the staff he worked with at Paul Smith's College from 1967-1969.

**J. Donald Craven II '69** jokes "it's all your fault," explaining that his hands-on education experience turned him into an advocate for the environment and animal welfare. He's a storyteller, poet, and he and Ana own real estate in Jacksonville, Fla. They travel a couple of months a year and invite any old friends coming their way to call.

**Brian D. Downing '69** writes that he has been retired since 2004 and has been

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enjoying it. He is doing a lot of hunting, skiing, gardening, handy-man projects for himself, and enjoying spending time with the grandchildren.

**John W. George '69** continues to enjoy retirement from teaching elementary school (5th and 6th grade) for 36 years. He downhill skis three times a week in the winter and visits a national park out west every fall. He has a small Christmas tree farm. John enjoys his four grandchildren and says "life is great!"

**Gene A. Goundrey '69** shared that he watched a program about the Adirondacks on PBS. A segment was about the annual canoe race from Old Forge to Saranac Lake, the Adirondack Canoe Classic, or 90 Miler. He believes he saw a couple of Paul Smith's emblems on shirts being worn and one person who is a professor. "Right on! The whole region is special, just like Paul Smith's College." He sends his regards to all.

## 70s

**Ken F. Nephew '70** writes that T. Hotel needs to get together one more time.

**Bernard W. Bredbenner Jr. '71** is now retired. He is rebuilding old cars now, and may run for a U.S. Senate seat.

**Gilbert G. Bonno '71** retired in 2010. He's now working part-time as a contract surveyor. He is enjoying traveling with his wife Karen in their travel trailer.

**Paul W. Ellis '71** writes that had his first granddaughter, who is 18 months old now.

**Clarence J. "Chuck" Trudeau '71** writes that it's been over 50 years of raising Christmas trees, and he wants to thank his father and Paul Smith's College for guiding him into a labor of love and enjoyment. His only wish is that his children and grandchildren will learn to love the land as much as he and his father have.

**Theodore J. Karns '72** writes in response to the leaning pine violin article in the Summer 2017 *Sequel* – he came back one weekend and saw the tree lying on the ground and it hadn't even been discovered yet, as most traveled on weekends, and that it took a long time to find out who did it. He remembers high-lead logging, building ice roads, campus-wide snowball fights, rat scrapping at the garbage dump, building a new silviculture plot across from Professor Hoyt's house, hitchhiking to Montreal to watch concerts in the Forum,

watching B-52's from Plattsburgh College taking off to fly the polar route, and that any tree is better than no tree.

**Steven E. Lettero '73** would like to reach out to fellow classmates from 1973. He's looking forward to retiring and traveling.

**Edward J. Beattie '73** says that on August 26, 2017, he and his wife were blessed with twin grandchildren. Their first grandbabies are Ryker and Layla. The twins live with their son, Ryan, who is an attorney in Montgomery, Ala., and their daughter-in-law, Heidi, who is a professor at Troy University.

**Gregory L. Migdal '74** says hi to all who dormed at the Hilltop Buildings 9 and 10.

**Martin A. Roddy '74** writes that he is still living the dream in south Vermontville.

**Jerry M. Ross '74** writes that out of ultimately eight years of college, Paul Smith's was his most meaningful educational experience. It provided him with a base from which to pursue a rich, varied and meaningful career. "Thank you."

**Emanuel (Manny) Mulle '75** says that after reaching his 35th anniversary with United Airlines, he has relocated to the Houston, Texas, area. He mentions that he will finish his career there enjoying weekend rides through the nearby Sam Houston National Forest.

**Douglas V. Browne '76** from Memphis' most well-known hotel recently received industry honors. Douglas, president of Peabody Hotels & Resorts, is now a member of the International Association of Hotel General Managers' "Top 100 Club." Browne became general manager of The Peabody Memphis in 2003 and was promoted to president in 2014 with the formation of Peabody Hotels & Resorts.

**Francis Rice (Connelly) '76** sends greetings from Florida. She writes that she is now the Children's Director at Kings Ave. Baptist Church and is a 5th grade teacher at the school there. She mentions that her husband, Vaughn, is a real estate broker and general contractor. She says she is thankful for her time here at PSC in God's beautiful creation.

**George S. Bornemann '77** is living in Livingston, Mont., working as the head of the surveying department for CTA Architects Engineers.

## TRAIL MARKERS

**Frederick C. Havens '64** on Oct. 1, 2017, in Austin, Texas.

**Charles E. Cummings, Jr. '64** on Oct. 9, 2017, in Lancaster, Penn.

**Bartholomew J. Natoli '64** on Nov. 25, 2017, in Kirkwood, Mont.

**Robert H. Stropp '64** on Dec. 3, 2017, in Rome, N.Y.

**Richard G. Damianos '65** on Jan. 14, 2017, in Scottsville, Va.

**Paul J. Pendergast '65** on May 7, 2017 at Westport Island, Maine.

**William P. Ackerman '66** on June 19, 2017, in Medusa, N.Y.

**James F. Lounsbury '66** on Sept. 14, 2017, in Mars Hill, N.C.

**Charles Boone '66** on Oct. 10, 2017, in Ballston Lake, N.Y.

**William Gary Atkinson '67** on May 7, 2017 in Canton, N.Y.

**Dr. Richard L. Folk '67** on Jan. 23, 2018, in Lewiston, Idaho.

**Steven Frankos '67** on March 31, 2018, in Tuckerton, N.J.

*A scholarship has been set up in memory of Steven Nicholas Frankos '67 for the fall of 2018. If you'd like to send a gift in his memory, please contact the College Advancement Office.*

**Roy G. Moore '67** on April 25, 2018, in East Greenbush, N.Y.

**Richard C. Meincke '68** on April 25, 2017, in Knoxville, Tenn.

**Richard A. Johnson '68** on May 29, 2017, in Remsen, N.Y.

**John F. Ripper '70** on Sept. 24, 2017, in New Brighton, Penn.

**James L. Palmateer Jr. '70** on Feb. 28, 2018, in Athens, N.Y.

**Vaitip Phangvivat '70** on March 23, 2018, in Gainesville, Fla.

**Robert S. Kisner '71** on Aug. 7, 2017, in Phoenix, Ariz.

**Allan R. Foote '72** on Aug. 16, 2017, in Utica, N.Y.

**Donald T. Hunt '72** on April 14, 2018, in Clay, N.Y.

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**Richard ReQua '73** on July 6, 2017 in Ballston Spa, N.Y.

**John M. Sylvester '73** on Dec. 12, 2017, in Ravena, N.Y.

**Louis Colombo '73** on Feb. 14, 2018, in Henderson, Texas.

**Daniel C. Wilson '74** on Oct. 10, 2017, in Myerstown, Penn.

**Robert W. Law '74** on April 1, 2018, in Sheffield, Mass.

**Gregory M. Grzybowski '74** on April 26, 2018, in Baton Rouge, La.

**Steven S. Dearborn '75** on Sept. 17, 2017, in Meredith, N.H.

**Robert C. Mann '76** on May 4, 2017 in Miami, Fla.

**Roger A. Quick '77** on Feb. 23, 2018, in Baghdad, Iraq

**Alan G. Palmer '79** on May 1, 2017, in Southbury, Conn.

**Paul A. Hoag '79** on June 30, 2017, in Liverpool, N.Y.

**Lucas T. Campbell '80** on May 5, 2017 in Lawrenceville, Ga.

**Robert Scott Tornquist '80** on June 9, 2017, in Hightstown, N.J.

**James Vaillancourt '81** on Jan. 10, 2017, in Rutland, Vt.

**Charles K. Baah '81** on Oct. 13, 2017, in Burlington, Vt.

**Matthew G. Mitchell '81** on March 3, 2018, in Rochester, N.Y.

**John D. Long '83** on Feb. 9, 2018, in Erie, Penn.

**Mark S. Knauer '84** on July 11, 2017, in Troy, N.Y.

**James D. Mallam '86** on Feb. 3, 2018, in Kennesaw, Ga.

**Paul Dooling '88** on May 26, 2017, in Lake Placid, N.Y.

**Matthew A. Aber '94** on July 9, 2017, in Pine City, N.Y.

**Alfred B. Laffin '94** on Jan. 10, 2018, in Hogansburg, N.Y.

**Daniel "Ox" Corey '06** on Aug. 20, 2017, in Saranac, N.Y.

**Tyler A. Rose '09** on Nov. 25, 2017, in North Pownal, Vt.

**Matthew W. Bolz '19** on Nov. 2, 2017 in Queensbury, N.Y.

**Mark "Moe" W. Mowrey '77** and his wife Gillian live in Waterville, N.Y. He is senior forester for Baillie Lumber Company after 27 years purchasing hardwood timber in central New York. He and Gillian, daughter Eileen, and son Alex can be found every year at the Woodsmen's Field Days in Boonville working the "Log a Load for Kids" booth for the Empire State Forestry Foundation.

**Elaine Leach Fuller '78** writes that she is now retired and has plenty of time to spread the "good news of Jesus," while also enjoying her favorite outdoor activities.

**Justin H. Kennick '78** is still married to the "beautiful and talented Marge Bruchac." He is still working full time at Old Sturbridge Village.

**Raymond S. Palmer '78** would like to hear from friends from the class of '78. He is now living in Troupsburgh, N.Y.

**Robert W. Grossenbacher '79** writes that he is still surveying in western Connecticut. Drop him a line [bgross57@aol.com](mailto:bgross57@aol.com).

**Wesley G. Vanderhorst '79** says that he built more roads, bridges and tunnels, than most Smitties may know.

## 80s

**Margaret M. Haskell '80** writes that she has been living with her partner, Barb, for 22 years in Brunswick, Maine. She works as surveyor for a landscaping company in Wiscasset. She's been a survey technician since graduating with a few different companies. She adds that with too many surveyors retiring, send grads to Maine!

**Randy Pratt '80** writes that he is still working for the fire department in Boulder, Colo. He has been running into a lot of Smitties lately and he says it's funny how many people recognize his Paul Smith's hat. He is going on a road trip around New England next summer and hopes to see some classmates along the way.

**Thomas F. Pfeiffer '81** writes that he is retiring from City of Albany as a forester after 31 years. He's hoping another Smitty fills the job!

**Beth (Purdy '83) Punn** met her husband Roth while both were attending Paul Smith's College in 1980. He lived in Dorm 7 and she in Currier. The two met due to alphabetical order in a class. After being married for 31 years, Roth passed away. Beth would like to let college friends know about his passing,

including those from "the zoo" and dorms 7-8.

**Kyle R. Kinney '84** writes that he is the General Manager/COO at Royal Wood Golf and Country Club in Naples, Fla.

**Brenda (Boname '84) Mlodzinski** writes that her son Mathew graduated high school in June 2016 and has completed his first year of studies at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, majoring in communications/sports broadcasting. Stepson David and his wife Shannon had twin grandsons in April, joining big sister Ashlyn, making "life full of joy" for her and her husband, Jim.

**Amy (Miller) Haraden '84** and **Jonathan Haraden '89** are excited to share that their son, Nathaniel Haraden, has been accepted and will be attending Paul Smith's College in the fall of 2018. They mention that he plans to major in environmental science.

**Toby Burke '85** writes that his son Xavier Patrick Burke was born on April 4, 2017. Xavier is Toby and Laura's twelfth child. Xavier is also the seventh son of a seventh son. The Burkes reside on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula where they all enjoy the outdoors. Exploring and documenting the birdlife is a professional and personal passion both.

**Dana L. Derico-Carfi '87** is still working for Sysco Foods of Metro N.Y. and supporting the area as director of business development.

**Sherry L. Green '88** is engaged to a "wonderful man." They plan to get married in two years. She is still working in the ER at Kenmore Mercy Hospital.

## 90s

Ed Osterhout writes that his son, **David Osterhout '90**, passed away last September, 2016, after a 13-year battle with M.S. He mentions that he and his wife made a last visit to the campus with David in the spring of 2016. David had willed his body to medical research and Ed says his ashes were delivered in late May. On Father's Day weekend, he, his wife, and David's sister and husband took his ashes to Paul Smith's College and scattered them as David had requested.

**John "Kirk" Lawley '90** says to class of '90 : "hope all is well".

**Eleanor C. Bower '96** is working with the local Sierra Club group on nature outreach programs for children, and to preserve Bowling Green Parks green spaces.

## 00s

**Fletcher Q. Parker '01** is the owner of Sovereign Soil Farm and Parker Excavation & Tree Service.

**Melissa (Ferrera) Bryant '03** is currently with AAA Carolines in Raleigh, N.C., as a travel agent. She's been happily married for the past six years with a five-year-old who is about to start school in September.

**Cameron Udick '05** is now the executive chef of marc, a 4-diamond resort at Chateau Elan Winery and Resort in Braselton, Ga.

**Wilson Dorceus '07** writes that he got married on October 8, 2017. After working five years on a cruise ship, he had doubts about returning for another year, but he did and met his wife Yolanda.

**Sarah M. Dantuono '08** plans to hike the Continental Divide Trail, a 3,100 mile journey that will take her from the Mexican border to that of Canada in Glacier

National Park, Mont. The trip will mark her completion of the "Triple Crown," which also consists of the Appalachian Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail. She's worked as a wildlands firefighter and is currently conducting bald eagle field work in Olean, N.Y.

**Nicholas Burgher '09** received his New York State Land Surveyor license.

## 10s

**Zachary Schwasman '11** recently finished up his probationary year of training with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and will be transferring to James M. Robb Colorado River State Park for his first two years of service.

**Charlotte Guyton '12** writes after managing restaurants, cafés and bars for the past ten years, she is moving on to open her own business this fall. Bard & Baker will be the Capital District's first

board game café, located in downtown Troy, N.Y., featuring over 400 game titles, comfort food, baked goods and a full beverage program, encouraging our guests and community to unplug and play through collaborative board games and friendly competition.

**Marc-Anthony Seminara '13** worked in the pastry department of The Wentworth by The Sea and then as a pastry chef at a steakhouse in Portsmouth, N.H. He recently married and works in the cake department of a busy baking company. "Paul Smith's gave me the tools I needed to succeed. Smitty for life!"

**Jullian Phipps '14** graduated with a bachelor's degree in hotel resort and tourism management and has since worked for Hilton, Norwegian Cruise Line, St. Giles Hotels, and is now with Starwoods Hotels & Resorts. The degree has provided the opportunity to travel and see the world.



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## [PARTING SHOT]

**KIMI SEKORSKI '17**  
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