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HELLO FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL DAVID G. PERFIELD

Lisa, David, Lexi, and Anna Perfield

Looking at my calendar and realizing we are over halfway through the 2019-2020 school year gives me pause—it means I have been the Head of Oldfields School for 20 months. Time sure does fly by…

As I've written before, I am humbled by the many lessons I've learned since my arrival at Oldfields. At the center of the lessons are the authentic relationships I've been fortunate to create with our students, my colleagues, alumnae, parents (past and present), trustees, friends, and volunteers—all of whom come and go with the ebb and flow of my daily schedule, and some of whom you'll enjoy reading about in this magazine.

The school calendar has a pattern. It's predictable, and after 19 years as an educator, I have a pretty good sense, at a high level, of what's on the horizon. For most veteran educators, that simple understanding and awareness provides a sense of security as we organize our days, weeks, and months—filled with lesson plans, student assemblies, performances, athletic contests, alumnae visits, and off-campus gatherings where we connect with members of our greater community.

On the other hand, every school year presents new, unpredictable challenges that require us to regularly recalibrate our priorities and to be creative with how our resources are being utilized. Although the specific timing of these events are unknown, we all know they're coming. Rising to those "predictably unpredictable" challenges is one of the reasons being an educator is so rewarding and fun.

During the school year, our time and energy is devoted mainly to the program from which our students benefit. At Oldfields, we have started to refer to this as the "Core Experience." As we were preparing for the new school year to begin, we simultaneously initiated two enormous processes that will be vital to the health and future of Oldfields School.

First, as a member school of AIMS (Association of Independent Maryland and DC Schools), we began the yearlong self-study effort that will prepare the School for its ten-year accreditation in 2021. Note: Every employee at Oldfields (with the exception of the Head of School) has the opportunity to participate in the process. In the end, we all will benefit from the variety of voices and perspectives shared over the course of this important exercise.

Secondly, in an effort to imagine how Oldfields will continue to educate girls across all spectrums of school life, in the near and distant future, we embarked on a strategic visioning process. Simply stated, it's an ambitious endeavor for any organization.

Whether you were here yesterday or haven't been on campus since you walked down Graduation Hill 25 years ago, there is one important point I want to share with you (that might feel like two or three). We are making progress every day at Oldfields…on so many levels! Not only are we focused on strategic initiatives that will ultimately enhance the Core Experience, we're being transparent about our plan to achieve long-term financial stability, and ultimately reaching a point where "sustainability" is a term that's used regularly to describe the growth and overall health of Oldfields School. Here's the important point—as we execute the day-to-day activities on campus, and balance our time and energy with the "predictable" nature of a school year, we also

have a wonderful opportunity to collectively imagine how we can enhance the Core Experience for our girls in the near and distant future and learn from the unpredictable challenges we will face.

Although this is not your typical "Hello from Head of School" letter, hopefully it is thought-provoking. I'll admit, imagining how to build upon a product that has proven to work for more than 150 years can be overwhelming—and I hope that thought gives you pause. More importantly, in the end, I hope it brings feelings of joy, hope, and pride, and a desire to stay connected with this special place.

It's an exciting time to be at Oldfields—and it's an exciting time ***for*** Oldfields. We will continue to be good stewards by honoring the mission, motto, and purpose of the School, all while celebrating the history, traditions, and future!

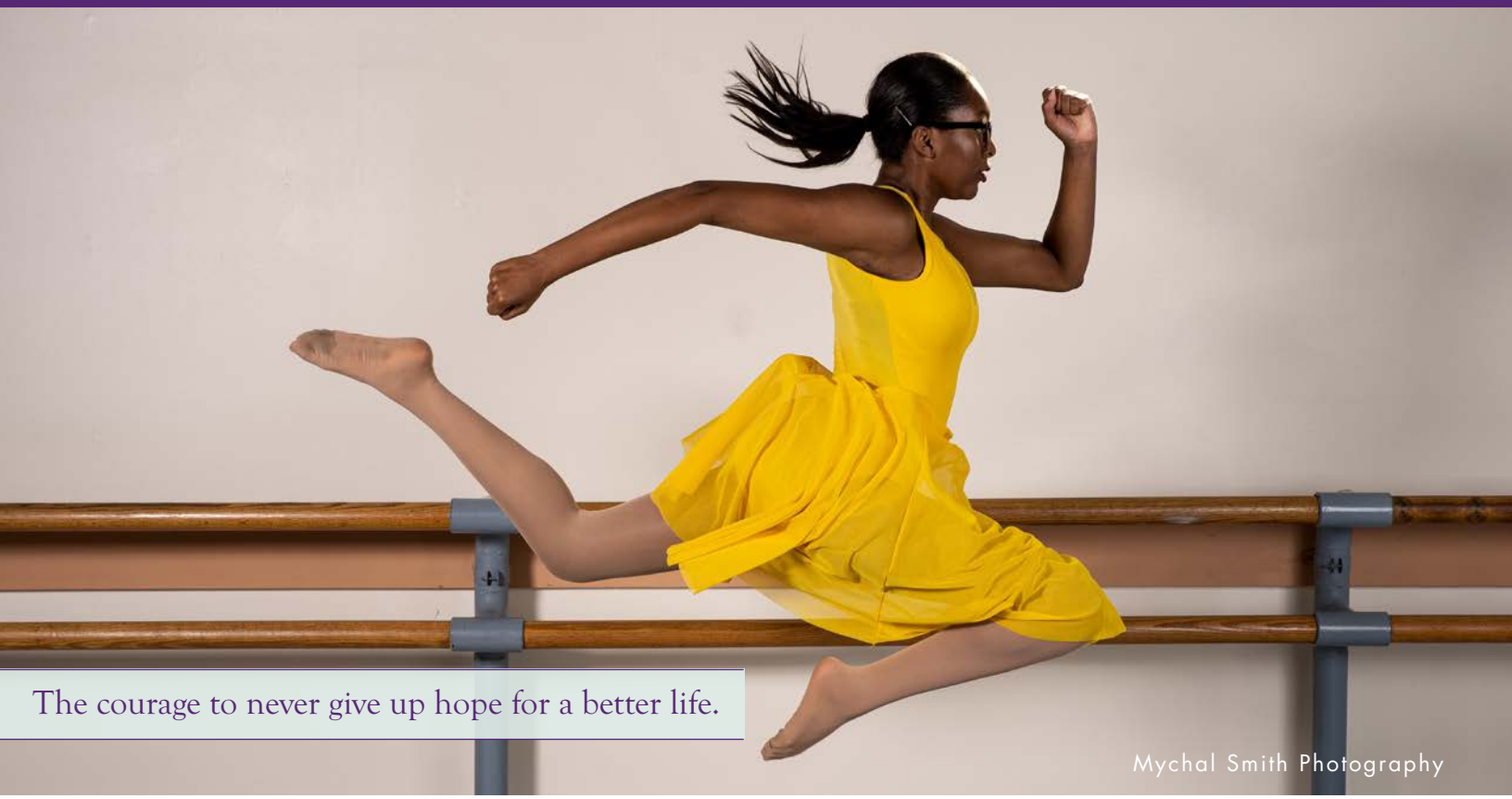
I wish you a wonderful spring and will continue to ask for your help in serving as an ambassador for Oldfields. Sharing your Oldfields story with a neighbor, a colleague, or a friend might open a door for someone in their life who needs a place to live, learn, and grow in a school that feels like home—a school where our culture matters. That school is right here!

On behalf of my dedicated colleagues, with *Courage, Humility, and Largeness of Heart*…

Warmly,

David G. Perfield P'29, '31
Head of School

Early morning view from the porch of the Head's House



First Comes Courage

By Director of Communications and Marketing Alicia Bowers P'17, Director of Enrollment Management Reiva Kibbee, and Associate Director of Admission and Financial Aid Kathleen Wenck

> Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees the others.
>
> – Aristotle

Courage, humility, or largeness of heart—which of these three virtues is the most important? If you believe Aristotle and Maya Angelou, the other two are not possible without courage leading the way. That is why we are excited to focus on courage in this edition of the Winter Magazine, the virtue that helps make all things possible! And what better way to celebrate courage than to share some stories from our very own students.

Ahoefa '20

When you look at Ahoefa, an Oldfields senior, you see an exemplary honor student, a confident and poised dancer, the witty leader of the musical group, Gross Notes, and a volleyball player with a fabulous serve. Ahoefa is a young woman any school would be lucky to call their own. However, her world was very different four years ago when she was searching for a school and a place to call home.

In middle school, Ahoefa became affiliated with the Wight Foundation, which provides opportunities for talented students to achieve academic success and personal development in a college preparatory boarding school environment. While enrolled in this rigorous program, Ahoefa's world was turned upside down, and her family found themselves in a very difficult situation that would shake most children to their core. However, the challenges facing her family only made Ahoefa's determination stronger.

Ahoefa realized education was the answer, particularly a boarding school that would provide the structure she needed to secure her future. "I decided that the best way to make this a reality was through advancing my education and seizing any and all opportunities. This gave me a new way of thinking: I now had something to strive for, something still I carry in my mind to this day," shares Ahoefa. She admits to sneaking out of bed, careful not to wake anyone else, so she could study more—straight A's were the only acceptable option for her.

When the time came, she applied to 12 boarding schools, her mom and dad driving her to interview at each one. She describes the day the decisions were released, "March 10 was here—the day that would prove all my hard work paid off. Then I received an email from my top choice telling me that I was rejected. I cried; this was the first time I had been rejected for anything dealing with academics in my life,

The courage to seek opportunity 7,000 miles from home.

but I put on my big girl pants. I was like, 'Okay, that's fine. If you don't want me, I don't want you!' I still have eleven more schools."

Unfortunately, the day continued with more rejection emails. Holding back tears, Ahoefa kept a brave face at school, but inside she was devastated. Then she realized that she hadn't gotten an email from all of the schools—Oldfields was missing. They must have disliked her so much that they did not even bother to send a rejection email! When her mom picked her up from school, Ahoefa started telling her the bad news. Why was her mother was smiling? "I just told her that all of our hard work was for nothing. She then placed this large envelope in front of me. Guess who it's from? Oldfields. I tear it open. There was no confetti or anything, just a stack of papers—but the first paper said that I had been accepted. Right then I knew that no matter what happened to my family, I had a place to go for the next four years of my life. I was, and still am, grateful for everything my parents did that informed the decisions that have gotten me to where I am today."

Ahoefa continues to show courage as she continues to dream big! She has already been accepted by the University of Richmond and is still waiting to hear back from a few other schools. She wants to major in finance. We can't wait to see what lucky school is smart enough to convince this courageous young woman to join their community!

Without courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency. We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous, or honest.

– Maya Angelou

Juniper '22

As a little girl growing up in South Korea, Jooyeon, endearingly called "Juniper" at Oldfields, knew education was highly valued in her culture. Her family was able to select an academically strong elementary school, but her middle school experience did not live up to expectations and actually deterred Juniper from even attending school. Luckily her parents were able to homeschool her for six months and, unbeknownst to Juniper, made the decision to send her to an American boarding school. They were looking for a school that had small class sizes so Juniper would have more interaction with teachers, a focus on academics along with a caring community, a location with access to international airports and cultural centers, and a school with strong traditions and a rich history. Oldfields was a perfect fit!

Surprisingly, Juniper shares, she was not afraid to study abroad because she had been traveling extensively with her dad since she was a little girl. However, she was nervous about the language barrier and the differences

in her culture. "When I first started, everyone was talking to me, which was overwhelming at times, but made me feel welcome. My English steadily improved." Juniper also experienced a common misconception, "Everyone was assuming I was Chinese or the sibling of a current student. I told two seniors I knew for whom other students had a lot of respect that I was Korean, and they made sure to correct everyone!" After that, Juniper knew she would find her place at Oldfields and says she is never homesick.

Another aspect of an Oldfields education that caused Juniper some trepidation was the requirement to play a sport each trimester, especially when she discovered she would be competing against other schools. This was a brand new, intimidating experience, but thanks to the Oldfields coaches' encouragement, she learned to "play for fun" and has taken full advantage of our sports program by playing tennis, lacrosse, basketball, and track. Talk about courage!

When asked what she likes about Oldfields, Juniper has a long list, beginning with the perfect class size of ten or less girls. She was surprised how much she enjoyed the boarding school life within a small, close community, which helped her overcome her shyness when she arrived. If you met Juniper today, you would find it hard to believe that this confident, gregarious, young woman was ever shy!

Juniper admits that some of the activity requirements she disliked at first, like sports for two hours a day and May Program (two weeks of experiential learning outside the classroom), have now become some of her favorite aspects of her Oldfields experience. But most of all, Juniper says, "I tell people about how welcoming and inviting our community is and how all types of girls feel a part of our community."

Her family is also happy with the experience Juniper is having. Her mother shares,
"오래된 역사만큼 선생님들의 사랑이 깊고, 넓고 뜻하지 않은 위치 같이 여학생들은 풍부한 감성과 다양한 매력이 있다"
English translation: "The teacher's love is as deep as the old history and as wide and unforeseen as the place, with girls who have a rich sensibility and various fascinations."

Juniper has two more years at Oldfields, but shares she has already learned valuable life skills such as how to make friends with diverse people of different ages and cultures, how to build respectful relationships with teachers and ask them for help when needed, and how to manage her time effectively. One of the ways Juniper spends her free time is taking pictures as a part of Oldfields' Photo Club. We are proud to share that a photograph in this issue of the *Winter Magazine* was taken by Juniper one snowy morning in January.

We have no doubt Juniper has the courage to continue blazing new trails at Oldfields and beyond!

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The courage to start a nonprofit (at age 12!).

Madi '22

On Sunday, April 9, 2017, Madilyn Geidel, then age 12, hosted her first official Hearts for Hope event—the Race for Hope. Months prior, Madi learned that a young family friend, Sully, had been diagnosed with juvenile neuroblastoma. Her desire to help her friend motivated her to create Hearts for Hope, whose mission is to raise money for those in need, while bringing families together for a day of fun. Hearts for Hope doesn't limit itself to one cause, but rather hosts fundraising events in and around the local Sykesville, Maryland, community to support a variety of charitable entities. All net proceeds are presented directly to the pre-selected charity for that event. Established in December 2016 as a non-profit organization, Hearts for Hope has hosted four events, raising over $15,000 in total.

When Madi hosted her first event in support of her friend Sully, her target was $2,500 to be donated to Team IMPACT, which connects children battling serious or chronic illnesses with college athletic teams, facilitating the formation of lifelong bonds and life-changing outcomes. Sully's experience with Team IMPACT was amazing; he attended games and practices for Navy football, but more importantly, he was surrounded by a wide network of support. When Race for Hope concluded on April 9, 2017, Hearts for Hope had raised $3,405, nearly enough to sponsor two children for project IMPACT!

As Madi has matured, her vision for Hearts for Hope has grown as well. Reflecting on the last three years, Madi now has the courage to tackle even more difficult topics. "The world is fast-changing," she paused, "and now I have a broader perspective and can help a lot. I just thought it would be one event in sixth grade, but now I continue to tell myself *'Oh, just one more.'*"

Her most recent event, #Liv4Mat: Celebration of Life and Suicide Awareness, held on Sunday, November 3, 2019, was less a fundraiser and more of an awareness campaign, bringing together hundreds of teenage students to play a game of Celebration Soccer. A teen in Madi's local community had recently committed suicide, and Madi wanted to use her platform to shed light on the mental health challenges faced by so many. Mat loved soccer, so on his birthday, November 3, 2019, a crowd gathered for #Liv4Mat. Madi quickly realized this event would be one of the most difficult she had ever held. She was afraid she would not be strong enough to step up in front of all Mat's friends and family and lead them in singing Happy Birthday to Mat to close the ceremony. Somehow she found the courage to walk out on stage, and as she sang and the tears began to fall, she realized it was okay to be vulnerable—it was okay to let everyone see her cry.

As an Oldfields girl, Madi has continued to lead Hearts for Hope. Madi constantly strives to genuinely listen to the families she is helping, taking in what the family has gone through and determining the best support to give, while also authentically relaying that message to the public without revealing too much. She has learned to compose herself, speak with purpose, and believe that even at 15, she has a lot of good ideas and a platform that is powerful. Madi hopes to carry her passions with her to the Naval Academy, where she will be applying. Madi plans to continue living the Oldfields motto: *Courage, Humility, and Largeness of Heart.*

OLDFIELDS ADVISORY PROGRAM

From Good to Great!

By Dean of Students Claire Guidera and Director of Programming and Academic Affairs Joe Doherty

The relationship between an advisor and and an advisee has always been a cornerstone of the Oldfields experience and one we are committed to continually strengthening. We know, as a school, that the best education is grounded in trusted relationships within a caring community. The indelible connections the girls develop with their peers and adults provide the foundation on which her education is built. A student needs to feel safe, heard, and understood before she can devote herself as a scholar. For these reasons, Oldfields has improved Advisory to intentionally meet the needs of our high school girls. Additional resources have been afforded to address the dynamic landscape of adolescence, and time has been given to celebrate the girls' many successes and learn from their productive failures. The new Advisory Program complements Oldfield School's 153 years of unwavering commitment to the safety, success, happiness, and health of its students.

To start the year, educational speaker and author of *One Trusted Adult*, Brooklyn Raney, provided professional development and workshops to the teachers and students, respectively. Brooklyn's sessions highlighted the importance of a caring community of professional educators and, from the students' perspective, the sense of security when surrounded by a village of trusted adults. Students participated in group-building activities, and the teachers spent time reflecting on their lasting memories as students and the mentors who helped shape their lives. **It was agreed upon that advising students is as important, if not more important, than the teaching that takes place in the classroom.** Brooklyn also facilitated conversations around the trust and tools educators can use to create a positive environment; the importance of boundaries, defined expectations, and clear communication that fosters a safe space; and strategies to develop an organizational culture that celebrates the whole child. Everyone agreed on an aspirational goal—to move from a community where every child has at least one trusted adult to that of one where each girl can turn to many trusted adults. Working with Brooklyn was, according to many of the teachers and students, a catalyst for the auspicious start to the academic year.

> Research shows that just one trusted adult can have a profound effect on a child's life, influencing that young person toward positive growth, greater engagement in school and community activities, better overall health, and prevention of risky and threatening behaviors.
>
> – Brooklyn Raney, author, *One Trusted Adult*

This year's schedule also saw some significant changes to meet the needs and goals of the new Advisory Program; Advisory now meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 35-minute blocks. It also allows for scheduled one-on-one time with each student. The adjustment to the schedule is in response to the advisors' and

students' overwhelming request to spend more uninterrupted time together. The extended block allows for organic and meaningful conversations on which teen girls thrive. Advisors address topics that help students process their emotions, demystify adolescence, and plan for the future. Another benefit of the new schedule is the ability to have innovative, engaging, and student-centered activities. It's not uncommon to find advisory groups doing mindfulness activities, going for a walk around campus, writing and reflecting on goals, or—the girls' favorite!—going off campus for a trip to the local coffee shop, The Filling Station. Advisory is evolving into a sacred time that allows for a much-needed break from the academic rigor of classes.

The enhanced Advisory Program has been well received by the Oldfields School community. Students are eager for their biweekly meetings, and teachers look forward to the extended time and the opportunity to guide and develop the girls' social and emotional learning. The advisor provides frequent updates on the student's progress, struggles, and action plans; addresses parents' questions and concerns; and is the student's number one advocate, working closely with classroom teachers, dorm parents, and athletic coaches on the student's behalf. It is not hyperbole to say that the advisor plays the most important role in a student's life at Oldfields School.

The palpable sense of community is one of the hallmarks of the Oldfields Experience. Lifelong friendships are established and enduring memories are shared. Girls are known, cared for, and challenged by a group of professional educators who work tirelessly for each and every girl's success. Strategically improving the Advisory Program was a natural step in the School's commitment to supporting the whole student. And it is important for the Oldfields community to know that the advancement of advisory is only in the beginning phase. Advisory curriculum will be revised in the coming months and advisors will continue to take more of a lead role in guiding the girls through their academic, athletic, and school life. This is truly an exciting time to be a student at Oldfields!

MIND, BODY, AND SCHOOL SPIRIT

MIND, BODY, AND SCHOOL SPIRIT

By Assistant Head of School Caroline Blaum

The 2019-2020 school year has been one of progress, change, and wellness. The Oldfields Community has embraced this year's theme, "Mind, Body, and School Spirit," finding ways for this mantra to be woven into the everyday fabric of the Oldfields experience. Whether in the classroom, on the playing field, on stage or in the dormitories, our students, faculty, and staff have found countless ways to prioritize our well-being and the tools that keep us healthy.

We kicked off the school year with an all-school yoga session on the Rodney Quad followed by a DIY tutorial where the girls learned how to make their own stress balls. Both of these activities allowed our students the opportunity to decompress while striking up conversation with fellow new and returning students. Through the first term, many advisories implemented meditation and quiet reflection into their meetings using the Calm app and many other resources.

In addition to our focus on the school theme, we made a profound effort to move and act with "kindness" at all times. Throughout the week of October 21st, the community came together to celebrate all the ways that "Kindness Matters." Each day of the week represented a core value that promotes a kinder world for our students and the community at large. On Monday, we wore Blue for CIVILITY. On Tuesday, we wore Green for EQUITY. On Wednesday, we wore Orange for UNITY. On Thursday, we wore Red for RESPECT. On Friday, we wore Purple for POSITIVITY and mismatched socks to celebrate our DIFFERENCES.

The art and design club created a "Bee Kind Hive" that is displayed along the wall as you enter the dining hall. This interactive display allows students, faculty, staff, and Oldfields families to leave notes of kindness and inspiration for all of us to enjoy.

During exam week, we had a lot of fun (yes, you read that right). In order to break up the week of studying and assessments, our Dean of Students scheduled intentional opportunities to de-stress and relax throughout the week. The girls gathered in the dining hall to play with clay, color, listen to music, play games, work on puzzles, and relax together. They even tested their flexibility in a few games of Twister. Prior to the final exam, the entire community participated in a physical wellness activity. Students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to sign up for one of four physical activities. We offered a yoga class, open gym games, a dance class, and a trail walk.

We will continue to impress upon our students the importance of these activities, the benefits of increasing blood flow to the brain, and the ways in which self care and relaxation can improve their concentration, energy levels, and sleep.

Alumnae Take the Riding Program to New Heights!

Two very exciting and important additions to the Oldfields Riding Program facilities have been given by generous alumnae who still love the school they once called home.

By Director of Stewardship Anne Ragland Finney P'97

THE ANNA AUSTEN MCCULLOCH BARN

While **Emily Ford Embrey '76** was at Oldfields, the Riding Program was an especially important part of her four years there. "Being able to ride at Oldfields was such a joy to me. I always felt so happy to head for Riding Hill after classes. Although my riding background was limited, I was completely welcome in the program. There were horses there for all of the girls who chose to ride, regardless of their skill level. I was fortunate enough during my freshman year to have a roommate, **Perri Wight Green '76**, who had ridden all of her life, was super experienced, and who had brought her horse with her. She was an inspiration to me."

Emily Ford Embrey '76

Whenever Emily visits Oldfields, she likes to go up to the Stable and see the horses. During one of those visits, Director of Riding **Amy Phillips** took her on a tour of the riding facilities including the barn, stables, and the indoor ring. When Emily learned about the need for an addition to the original barn, which would include stall space and storage for hay and equipment as well as a place for the riders to gather, she and her mother, **Clare Glassell P'76**, stepped up to make gifts to fund the construction.

Emily considered several naming options for the barn including the name of her freshman year roommate, as well as an admired faculty member. She ultimately decided to choose the name of the founder of the School, **Anna Austen McCulloch**. While we all know this name, this is the first physical space to be named in her honor at Oldfields.

The new barn addition was designed by nationally recognized architect Faith Nevins Hawks (wife of former Board Chair **John Hawks**) who worked closely with Amy Phillips to retain the look and style of the original barn and to ensure that the new building would meet the needs of the Riding Program.

Emily also helped fund the recent re-painting of the original barn and contributed to the purchase of a new truck for the Riding Program.

Graciously allowing Oldfields to thank her publicly, Emily said, "I hope this might inspire past and future donors to realize how important it is to support the School and to make gifts of their own of any size they are able to make. It's rewarding to give to a school that gave me not only an education, but also, a nurturing home, a place to grow and gain confidence, and a community of faculty, staff, and students that encouraged and helped me during such an important time in my life. My gratitude continues to increase as the years go by."

Students, alumnae, and friends gathered on October 24, 2019, for the dedication of these two wonderful gifts to the Riding Program from alumnae who took their feelings of love for Oldfields and turned them into action. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make these two dreams a reality!

Beau Cole; **Lana duPont Wright '57**'s niece Ginny duPont Cole; Diane Trefry; Lana's sister-in-law **Caroline Johnstone duPont Prickett '60**, Sarah Colenda

THE LANA DUPONT WRIGHT '57 RIDING ARENA

The **Lana duPont Wright '57** Riding Arena was spearheaded by a challenge gift from her close friend and classmate, **Stephanie Strubing Flinn '57**, who had long felt Lana should be honored in a tangible way on the Oldfields campus. The challenge was completed by gifts from alumnae who love Lana, as well as from Lana's family.

Not only was Lana an inspiration to her fellow riders as a student, but Lana was also the first woman ever allowed to compete in Olympic Three-Day Eventing. She won a team silver medal, along with her male teammates, at a time when when eventing was considered too strenuous for "the fairer sex." Lana made history and paved the way for all the female eventers who have followed her.

Lana rode ponies and horses from a very early age, and her sister-in-law **Caroline Johnstone duPont Prickett '60**, who spoke at the arena's dedication, told us, "Oldfields provided the perfect environment for Lana to thrive. Few schools could have been so encouraging to a young equestrian. Oldfields provided the best balance of both academic and equestrian support."

Lana duPont Wright '57

Lana rode in her first event when she was a student at Oldfields. She was allowed to ride through the countryside, accompanied only by Stephie Strubing, to get to the Pony Club event in Monkton, Maryland, a trek of at least five miles. "I think I was one of the few who got around the cross-country without going off-course. So I ended up winning it," Lana said with a laugh.

There the seed was planted, and in 1964 she was in Tokyo competing at the Olympics in slick footing and heavy rains on her horse, Mr. Wister. "When we finished, we were a collection of bruises, broken bones, and mud. Anyway, we proved that a woman could get around an Olympic cross-country course, and nobody could have said that we looked feminine at the finish."

Caroline Prickett recounted, "After Lana got married and had her two wonderful daughters, **Beale (Wright Morris '88)** and **Lucy (Wright Dunne '91)**, who also attended Oldfields, she became instrumental in the growth of the Middletown Pony Club, setting up the local club on her property and building an eventing course on her farm, where it still runs today." Lana's close friend, **Lili Timolat McCaffery '58**, a major supporter of the project, shared that Lana's biggest passion has always been helping children to learn from their horses and ponies.

Lana later medaled in the 1991 Pairs World Driving Championships as well as in endurance riding, was a founding member of the U.S. Combined Training Association (now the U.S. Eventing Association), helped build the local Fair Hill International Three-Day Event into one of only two five-star events in the country, and is a passionate supporter of the U.S. Pony Club, particularly the Middletown Pony Club, whose horse trials she hosts every year at her Unicorn Farm. She was honored by The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) as the winner of the 2015 USEF Lifetime Achievement Award.

Lana duPont Wright '57 in the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo

Built on the site of the old lower sand arena (or the old hockey field, for those more seasoned alumnae!) the new arena named for Lana has been expanded in size to 90' x 220' as a multi-use arena which can accommodate a regulation dressage arena, jumper and hunter courses, clinics, competitions, and lessons. In the arena, state-of-the-art GGT footing provides a long-lasting, quality, and safe riding surface. It is a wonderful addition to the program, as well as a fitting tribute to the very first eventer at Oldfields School, **Lana duPont Wright '57**.

ADMISSION UPDATE

Director of Enrollment Management Reiva Kibbee, leads a strong team of Admission professionals at Oldfields, whose work has proven to be successful through strong cohorts of new students over the last two years. Since starting in May 2018, Reiva and her team have made great strides in refining the Admission process, connecting with more prospective families than ever, and accepting those who are the best fit for Oldfields—girls who are scholars, competitors, artists, and global citizens. These girls are stewards of an environmentally sustainable future, and are willing to demonstrate kindness, empathy, and humility through their leadership, making them excellent additions to our community. **The young women who graduate from Oldfields are confident in who they are, what they are capable of, and what they want to accomplish.** Their Oldfields experience is a catalyst for them to uplift and support the people around them on their journey toward achieving their dreams.

"What stands out about an Oldfields student is that she is just as committed to the success of the girls around her as she is to her own success."

– DIRECTOR OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT REIVA KIBBEE

Admission Highlights

- New student enrollment more than doubled in the first six months of this Admission Team's tenure, and tripled over the next 12 months.
- $1.6 million awarded in tuition assistance distributed across 49% of the student body
- 7 countries and 17 states visited by the Admission Team
- 100+ educational consultants from 20+ countries met with a member of the Admission Team

Kathleen Wenck visits Vietnam.

As ambassadors of Oldfields School, the Admission Team's greatest focus has been on cultivating and stewarding relationships with people who help families navigate the independent secondary school landscape while continuing to attract, admit, and enroll girls who are committed to personal growth and contribute to the Oldfields learning environment through diversity of thought and experience.

"I truly feel confidence within myself. I think it's also just me trying to be the best version of myself that the School has pushed me to become."

– CLAIRE '20 ALL-SCHOOL PRESIDENT

Claire '20, and Daylahni '21

What makes Oldfields strong is that we are small—we always have been, and we always will be. Being small enables us to provide students with a personalized learning experience, in and out of the classroom, enhanced by countless opportunities to take risks, to grow, and to lead. Providing Oldfields girls with the environment to learn from and alongside peers with different backgrounds, experiences, and origins motivates our team members to go out into the world week after week, sharing what makes Oldfields the best place to spend those pivotal and often transformative high school years.

"The warm, welcoming, and accepting feeling of Oldfields is what brought us here and will bring us back next year. Many young women, like my daughter, can achieve great grades and test scores, but we want more for them, including self-confidence and the courage to stand up for what they believe."

– CURRENT PARENT

Do you know a girl who has *Courage, Humility, and Largeness of Heart*? Contact our Admission Team at Admission@OldfieldsSchool.org or 443-662-1050

Associate Director of Admission and Financial Aid Kathleen Wenck, Director of Enrollment Management Reiva Kibbee, and Admission Database Analyst Aid Karen Suckling,

Oldfields Honors Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Director of Marketing and Communications Alicia Bowers P'17

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?"

– MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On the 25th Martin Luther King, Jr.'s National Day of Service, Oldfields is proud to say we honored his call to action by canceling classes, loading up the entire community on buses, and spending a rewarding day working alongside our neighbors in Baltimore City. We partnered with The 6th Branch, a pro-active organization that brings together service-minded veterans and civilians to volunteer in their local communities. One of their major initiatives is to provide vital community green space, something of which we have such a beautiful abundance on our campus, by cleaning up vacant lots and transforming them into areas for parks and urban gardens for local residents.

We were thankful for clear skies and bright sunshine as we boarded the buses early that morning in 20 degree temperatures. Upon arriving at their different worksites, the students were struck by the contrast in the neighborhood row houses—renovated and well-maintained units were adjacent to boarded up and abandoned ones. Many vacant lots had been used as dumping grounds for decades.

The organizer of the event asked a simple question, "Don't the children in these surrounding houses deserve a clean, safe, green place to play?" And with that motivation, we spent the rest of the day cutting down chain link fences, clearing debris, and filling dumpsters. The girls learned how to lift with their legs, chop down trees, and swing a pick-axe. More importantly, they learned that many hands do truly make light work and felt the sense of accomplishment one gets through physical labor to complete a common goal. As always, they brought their own brand of fun to the task. By the afternoon, our volunteers had made a huge difference in the appearance of the landscape and traveled back to campus with a sense of fulfillment and an increased appreciation for our circumstances.

However, our Day of Service was not yet complete. After warming up with hot chocolate, our girls finished the day by writing letters to members of the military, thanking them for their service. Additionally, some students wrote thank you notes to Oldfields' trustees and donors—after all, days like this would not be possible without the generous support of people who embrace the mission of a school like Oldfields.

Thank you to everyone involved in this wonderful experience! A special shout out goes to Dean of Students Claire Guidera and the entire Program Team for having the vision to "up our game" by not just talking about Martin Luther King, Jr., but by honoring him with a true day of service. Our dearest hope is that this experience acts as a catalyst for more days of service, both as a community and as individuals.

Visit Oldfields on Youtube to see the video of MLK Day of Service and more!

Liz Turner Love '90 in the 1990 *Rarebit*

Liz and her daughter Vivian '20

HELLO FROM TRUSTEE
LIZ TURNER LOVE '90

It has been such a joy to watch Vivian walk the same hallways, live in the same dorms, participate in the same traditions, and be taught by some of the same wonderful teachers...I am able to share this gift and legacy with my daughter.

Dear Oldfields Community,

My name is Elizabeth Turner Love, and I graduated from Oldfields in 1990. I am a member of the Oldfields Board of Trustees and am the very proud parent of Vivian Love ’20, who will be graduating from Oldfields this June (exactly 30 years after I did).

This is an incredibly exciting time to be at Oldfields. Last year, David Perfield joined us to become Oldfields’ eleventh Head of Oldfields School. Smart, capable, warm, and generous, David reminds me of a young Hawley Rogers. He and his wife, Lisa, along with their two little girls, Anna and Lexi, are fully integrated into the community and are beloved by the students, faculty, and staff. David often speaks about how he cannot wait for Anna and Lexi to become Oldfields girls. Hearing David talk about his own children reminds me of the many young faculty children who ran around campus in the late 80s—and who are now Oldfields alumnae themselves.

As both a current Oldfields parent and a Trustee, I have returned to campus many times over the last four years. It has been such a joy to watch Vivian walk the same hallways, live in the same dorms, participate in the same traditions, and be taught by some of the same wonderful teachers. Reliving the past—and more importantly, experiencing it with Vivian as her present—has been, to say the least, awesome.

What girls love most about Oldfields isn't easily put into words. The magic of Oldfields is how you feel when you are there: excited and challenged, yet comfortable and at home.

As a Trustee, an alumna, and a current parent of a future alumna, I have made it my mission to help increase our enrollment. Simply put, **a school that is so rich in tradition and that has made such a positive impact on the lives of so many girls, ought to be shared and lauded by its most loyal and loving constituents.** If you have a daughter, granddaughter, niece, or cousin—or a friend with a daughter, granddaughter, niece, or cousin—who would benefit from the Oldfields Experience, please let them know about the opportunity that awaits them, show them a glimpse into Oldfields by visiting www.OldfieldsSchool.org, or better yet, personally connect them with the Admission Office today. Help us share the gift of Oldfields.

Warm regards,

Elizabeth “Liz” Turner Love ’90, P’20, Trustee

Oldfields Legacies

2019-2020

FRONT ROW SEATED L TO R

Chiya Gibson '23 (aunt Amira Lockhart '12, aunt Yasmin Lockhart '14)

Daejarie Jones '20 (sister Daylahni Jones '21, sister Dominique Young Mejia '04)

Kimberly Cardona '21 (sister Cynthia Cardona '23)

Merritt Conner '23 (mother Ellen Gayle Conner '83, grandmother Ellen Thomas Gale '52, great aunt Ellen Beck 1919)

Stephanie Ryland '24 (sister Jordan Spivak '13)

Ella Ratcliff '22, (sister Tayah Ratcliff '21, mother Barkley Smith Booker '93)

Constance "Stancey" Smith '21 (cousin Olivia Mahaffey '19)

Thank you to those who make Oldfields a family tradition!

BACK ROW STANDING L TO R

Briana Ginyard '22 (aunt Alicea Elloras '91)

Daylahni Jones '21 (sister Daejarie Jones '20, sister Dominique Young Mejia '04)

Cynthia Cardona '23 (sister Kimberly Cardona '21)

Nadya Firor '22 (great-grandmother Grace Binford Dinning 1922, cousin Kathleen Dinning '80, cousin Holly Dinning Smith '84)

Margaret "Reagan" Lynch (mother Cameron Teal Lynch, Past Faculty '03-'05)

Vivian Love '20 (mother Elizabeth Turner Love '90, Trustee)

Elisa Pajuelo '20 (sister Jazmin Pajuelo '12)

Katherine "Kit" Fisher '22 (mother Kate Freedlander Fisher '91)

Tayah Ratcliff '21 (sister Ella Ratcliff '22, mother Barkley Smith Booker '93)

Sophia Mather '23 (sister Katelyn Mather '21)

Katelyn Mather '21 (sister Sophia Mather '23)

SHOUT OUTS!

Hurrah for the Winner of the McCulloch Family Award!

During our traditional Founder's Day celebration on September 4, 2019, our community had the opportunity to give a huge shout out to one of the most beloved members of the Oldfields community—retired faculty member **Joe Hordubay**. Joe, a popular 40-year chemistry, astronomy, and physical science teacher, was presented The McCulloch Family Award for his devoted service to Oldfields.

Congratulations, Joe!

Dottie Hordubay with her husband, Joe, as he receives the McCulloch Family Award for his devoted service to Oldfields on September 4, 2019.

Oldfields Gatherings

A special "thank you" goes out to all of our amazing hosts who make each wonderful gathering of the Oldfields family possible.

Washington, DC Gathering

***Trish Peva P'20, Fern Peva '20, and Jamie Peva P'20** hosted the Washington, DC Gathering in December.*

On December 4, 2019, **Trish** and **Jamie Peva P'20** hosted a fabulous party in Georgetown. Their daughter **Fern '20**, Captain of the White Team, came to bring some fun spirit to the well attended gathering. Thank you, Trish and Jamie for hosting.

***Jamila Hubbard '11, Kristen Johnson '10, Tasheba Morgan '09,** and **Peter Hubbard P'11** reconnect at the DC Gathering.*

Easton, MD Gathering

On January 23, 2020, **Howard** and **Liz Freedlander P'91 GP'22** provided a beautiful setting for us to gather. The Freedlanders are parents to current parent **Kate Freedlander Fisher '91** and grandparents to **Kit Fisher '22,** who is the Green Team Spirit. A grand time was had by all.

*What a lovely evening we had in Easton, MD! Head of School **David Perfield** is shown here with **Kate Freedlander Fisher '91, Kit Fisher '22,** and hosts **Liz** and **Howard Freedlander P'91, GP'22**. Thank you to everyone who attended.*

Save These Dates in 2020

There is more fun coming your way, so mark your calendars!

March 24	Delray Beach, Florida Gathering hosted by **Carol Atterbury '74**
March 26	Charleston, South Carolina Gathering hosted by **Elfrida Barrow Sinkler '59, Patty Reese Vanderwarker '62,** and **Hartley Watson Cooper '89**
April 17	Grandparents' Day
April 24-26	Alumnae Weekend
April 25	Farewell Dinner Celebration honoring **Ansley Smithwick** and **Barbara Latrobe P'97'99**
May 14	Philadelphia Gathering hosted by **Jill Smith Donald '92**
June 6	Graduation

Get Involved!

If you are interested in attending or hosting a gathering, please contact Director of Alumnae Affairs **Joan Carter '81 P'15** at 443.662.1018, CarterJ@OldfieldsSchool.org, or visit www.OldfieldsSchool.org/RSVP.

Oldfields Parent Association

OLDFIELDS PARENT ASSOCIATION

Thank you, Oldfields Parent Association, for making our snack time so delicious and fun. The mission of the Oldfields Parent Association (OPA) is to enhance the experience of our students by providing some fun activities and surprises throughout the year. Just before break, the OPA surprised the girls with a cookie decorating station during morning break. It was a hit!

The OPA has planned a number of events throughout the remainder of the academic year and is seeking assistance from parents to support these activities:

March 10	Surprise for Morning Break
April 5	Easter Egg Hunt
May 4-8	Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week
May 5	Cinco de Mayo Treat for Morning Break

How can you help? While the OPA is always interested in volunteer assistance, they are also seeking donations to fund special treats, snacks, bingo prizes, and raffle items. Please support the OPA by making a gift at www.OldfieldsSchool.org/give, or by contacting Director of Development Pamela Susi at 443-662-1017 or SusiP@OldfieldsSchool.org.

Oldfields is grateful for the dedication of our OPA and for the assistance and partnership of our families who help them make the activities possible.

Community Service

A special thanks goes to the students, faculty, and staff who volunteer (mostly during precious weekends) to help others through community service. We love your largeness of heart!

Making fun robots snacks for the Ronald McDonald House.

Helping spread a love of reading at the Baltimore Bookmobile

Learning to knit hats for babies in local NICU

ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT

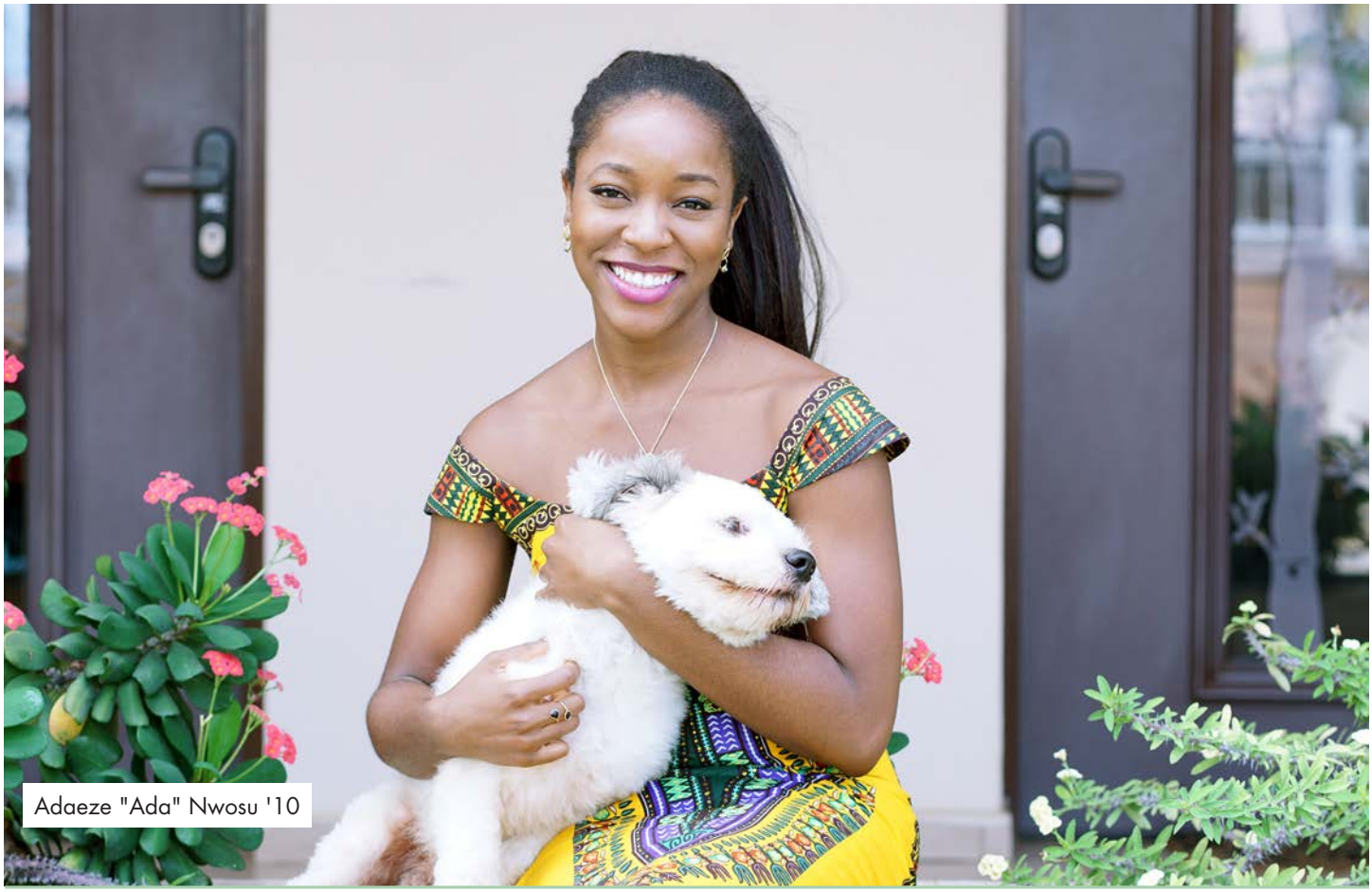
Women Who Dare to Dream

By Adaeze "Ada" Nwosu '10

A decade ago, I made a bold leap of faith: I left my family and friends to attend a remote boarding school on a hill in Sparks Glencoe, just outside of Baltimore. I wasn't bothered by the sudden switch from a British curriculum to an American one. Rather, I wondered why of all schools my parents would pick an all-girls boarding school, as though I hadn't thrived in a coed system. I protested, but my parents persisted. On my first day at Oldfields, I remember strolling into the dining area in my pink flowery sundress when I swarmed by the loud buzz of women of diverse shapes, sizes, and colors. The cafeteria was animated with laughs, playful shoves, and chatter. I was greeted by girls who were a little too comfortable with sharing TMI about their personal lives with a stranger from Nigeria. But their warmth eased my nerves and I felt I could fit into the beehive. The theme for Oldfields' activities that year was "women who dare to dream." I became friends with girls and women who were so unapologetically themselves, that I too didn't want to be otherwise. That theme, like the buzz at the dining hall, seeped into my resilient Nigerian spirit and propelled me to make bold leaps of faith. 2020 is significant, not only because it marks my 10-year reunion at a school that dared me to dream, but also because it marks the start of a new chapter with MonAfrique Lifestyle (www.monafrique.com), a company I co-direct to foster product innovation and grant market access to African artisans. At 25, I penned my business idea down, copyrighted it, trademarked logos, and began to put pieces together. This year is also significant as it marks the launch of a cause near and dear to my heart: MonAfrique Social. Education has always been of prime importance in my family: my grandparents were educators, and my parents have built schools to educate others. Having attended a school where I was encouraged to dream boldly, I feel honored to be able to share the same privilege with others. I'm thankful to have been granted permission by the Universal Basic Board of Education to teach secondary school girls across Abuja to aspire, attain, and dream. I can't wait to begin!

MonAfrique LIFESTYLE

www.monafrique.com



Adaeze "Ada" Nwosu '10

Oldfields girls are going places...

...so get on board and make your gift today!

Oldfields girls are...

FREE-SPIRITED PERFORMERS

INQUISITIVE SCHOLARS

EXEMPLARY SPORTSWOMEN

KIND AND CARING FRIENDS

COURAGEOUS RISK-TAKERS

- Give online at www.OldfieldsSchool.org/Give.
- Mail a check payable to Oldfields School.
- Contact Director of Development Pamela Susi at 443-662-1017 or SusiP@OldfieldsSchool.org.

Thank you for your support of our girls!

THE OLDFIELDS FUND

ATHLETIC UPDATE

Basketball

Once again, Oldfields' basketball team, led by Coach **Bez Wallace**, delivered an impressive performance with an 8-2 record in the regular season. Team captain **Grace Vernarelli '20** explains, "Starting over with new players is never easy, but it was especially hard this year. We all had our own sets of skills, strengths, and weaknesses. We started off as individuals who did not know each other's abilities. Mr. Wallace would continuously say, 'This group could be something great. I can't be the only one to see it. You all have to see it, too.' Day in and day out, he would repeat these words, but we would continue to go through the motions, hearing what he was saying, but not really taking it in. As the season progressed, we all really started to believe these words and worked hard to put ourselves aside and see everything as a team. There was no "you," it was "us" or "we." Once we adjusted, we were able to become something great—we were able to go out there and make it look so easy.

Varsity Basketball

The season was bolstered by the addition of two dynamic sophomore guards, **Kayla Perez '22** and **Christina Sanchez '22**, both a terrific fit for Coach Wallace's fast-paced offense and pressing defensive tactics. A mid-year addition, forward **Maddy Krupp '21**, was also a key component with her speed, three pointers, and ability to keep on the pressure.

Coach Wallace shares, "Our team entered the IAAM postseason tournament with a lot of optimism. We put together one of our best performances of the season, going on a 24-4 run in the second half against Park in our quarterfinal matchup. Although we came up short against Concordia Prep in the semifinals, we showed a lot of grit and courage, and fought to the bitter end. I am very proud of the effort our girls displayed."

One thing remains consistent year after year, the Oldfields basketball team ALWAYS has the courage to come back and go for it once again, representing our small and mighty school in the best possible way!

Riding

What a season it has been at the barn! With 25% of the student body participating this year, we have had too many highlights to mention, but here are a few of our favorites.

Congratulations, **Sydney Freiberg '20** and school horse Umberto (above left) for being awarded the USHJA Stirrup Cup Award by collecting the most points in the United States Hunter Jumper Association's Zone 3 in the Low Children's Hunter Division during 2019! What an amazing accomplishment.

IEA Team

Six Oldfields riders qualified for the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) Regional competition! This is largest number of girls to attend IEA regionals in several years. The girls all rode beautifully! **Ava Anton '23, Peyton Snider '22,** and **Emily Stollof '23** (shown above right) each placed second in their classes and are now qualified to ride at Zones at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. We are excited to celebrate the success of IEA season and post-season competition.

Our January clinic with star event rider and Grand Prix show jumper, Doug Payne, was a sellout! Our girls learned so much and we look forward to hosting him again.

We also were thrilled to welcome back the incredible Joe Fargis in September and the legendary Linda Allen in February. In addition, our Blue Ribbon Schooling Day in January was a huge success!

Join us in welcoming our new volunteer on the barn crew. As it turns out Head of School **David Perfield** is rather handy when it comes to driving a tractor and grooming the indoor ring. At our small and mighty school, being multi-talented is a must!

The Seasons of Old

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Our seniors return a day early for specialized leadership training, realizing the important role they play in setting the tone for the school year.

MAKING OLDFIELDS HOME

Roommates are introduced, dorm rooms are decorated, and bonds are strengthened as school became home.

FAMILIAR FACES IN THE CLASSROOM

Back to school is so much easier when you have veterans like **Maribeth Littlefield P'07** to welcome you.

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"To the attentive eye, each moment of the year has its own beauty, and in the same fields, it beholds, every hour, a picture which was never seen before, and which shall never be seen again."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

ORIENTATION

Many games are played—for team building and ice-breaking, for connecting and reacquainting, and, of course, just for fun!

FOUNDER'S DAY

The walk up the hill to Immanuel Church to lay a wreath on the grave of Anna Austen McCulloch as the bag pipes play never fails to move young and old alike.

GREEN AND WHITE NIGHT!

Oh, the suspense of finding out if you are a Green or a White! After this exciting night, there are no more "new" girls, only Oldfields girls!

CLASS DINNERS WITH THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

All of the students look forward to this tradition, but seniors get the privilege of going first.

The Seasons of Old

HALLOWEEN

Of course everyone dresses up, including the Head of School!

FALL FAMILY WEEKEND

This wonderful event allows the girls' first home to meet their second home.

FALL SPORTS

At Oldfields, everyone participates in a team sport for at least one trimester, and the lessons learned are worth the hard work.

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FALL ACADEMIC AND SPORTS AWARDS

Oldfields is great at celebrating excellence in all aspects of school life.

VISUAL ARTS

Beauty abounds in all shapes and sizes.

SNOW!

The first snowfall is always exciting!

SENIOR PRESENTATIONS

The Senior Presentation tradition continues throughout the year, but sometimes we get lucky and have two in one week!

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

As much as we hate to say goodbye to our seniors, we love seeing those college acceptances roll in!

THE WINTER PLAY, THE TIN WOMAN

We prove once again we are a small school with BIG talent!

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

BOARD MEETINGS

In the board room and the classroom, our trustees work hard during our January meetings so they deserve an Oldfields hat!

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Six excited students participate in Johns Hopkins' Model United Nations conference, but one conference wasn't enough! They also attend the Washington, DC, Model UN at Georgetown University!

MLK DAY NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

Daejarie Jones '19 has the honor to sing the national anthem at a naturalization ceremony to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. She is also one of the first to greet the brand new United States citizens.

WINTER DANCE

We prove once again we are a small school with BIG talent!

The Seasons of Oldfields

CLASS NOTES

1945 — 75TH REUNION

Class Agent: **Suzanne "Susi" Greene Van Ells**
12253 3rd Ave., NW, Seattle, WA 98177-4408

1946

Would you like to volunteer to be the 1946 Class Agent?

1947

Class Agent: **Joan "Hebe" Stuart-Wortley Bishop**
18 Webber Ave., Bath, ME 04530-1643 grandy@GWI.net

Joan "Hebe" Stuart-Wortley Bishop - Well, I am still gardening at age 91. Enjoying my great-grandchildren. Just perking along.

1948

Would you like to volunteer to be the 1948 Class Agent?

1949

Would you like to volunteer to be the 1949 Class Agent?

1950 — 70TH REUNION

Class Agent: **Martha "Billy" Isdale Beach**
180 Springbrook Dr., Winterville, GA 30683
706-742-8940 mibeach180@gmail.com

Helen Van Liew Frohlich - I keep in touch with **Susie Matherson Moore.** Both of us just celebrated our 88th birthday.

Lowery Hardin Jones - Memories of a wonderful, character-building four years at Oldfields! Cherished every minute there. At 87 years old I now realize the value of the unique Oldfields experience! Gratitude!

Nancy Fletcher Harrington '50 and **Elizabeth "Tish" Fletcher Meyers '57** jumping their horses over an Aiken fence in South Carolina in 1956.

1951

Would you like to volunteer to be the 1951 Class Agent?

1952

Class Agent: **Miriam "Mimi" Griffith Jones**
708 Winston Ave., San Marino, CA 91108-1425
Happycanyon2002@yahoo.com

Class Agent: **Priscilla Caner Kriner**
104 Turtledove Court, Lincoln, CA 95648

Class Agent: **Jane Isdale Schaefer**
38 Quanaduck Rd., Stonington, CT 06378-2913
Janeschaefer3@mac.com

Mimi Griffith Jones - Lost my husband Nelson, 88, due to heart problems in May. Fortunately two out of my three children live close by.

1953

Would you like to volunteer to be the 1953 Class Agent?

1954

Class Agent: **Marie-Louise "Wawa" Graham Ingersoll**
28 Sugar Knoll Dr., Devon, PA 19333-1559

610-688-5851, wawa1000@verizon.net

Wawa Graham Ingersoll - Still kicking! I play bridge, travel, and attend current event classes. In touch with **Ruth "Bumble" Sizer Marshall, Bertha "Bert" Broyles McDaniel,** and **Marion Mirick Ilvonen.**

1955 — 65TH REUNION

Class Agent: **Elizabeth "Wendy" Woodhull Bersing**
985 Fleet Dr., Apt 243, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-7376
757-716-3178 wbersing@yahoo.com

Memories of a wonderful, character-building four years at Oldfields! Cherished every minute there. At 87 years old I now realize the value of the unique Oldfields experience! Gratitude!

LOWERY HARDIN JONES '50

1956

Class Agent: **Cecile "Airey" Dinkins Ellis**
100 Christwood Blvd., Apt 252, Covington, LA 70433-4604
aireyellis@bellsouth.net

Class Agent: **Crista Grauer**
523 Broadway, Apt 2, New York, NY 10012-4431
212-966-7932 c.grauer@att.net

1957

Would you like to volunteer to be the 1957 Class Agent?

1958

Would you like to volunteer to be the 1958 Class Agent?

Laura Connerat Lawton - The following was written by **Janice Bright Dilworth's** son, George, who promised the three he would report back to the Oldfields alumnae news of their great adventure on Kiawah Island. Can't wait to see who joins them next year!

Laura Connerat Lawton, Sue Perry Palmer, and **Janice Bright Dilworth** from Class of 1958 during a summer visit.

Had a great summer in Kiawah Island, South Carolina, at the Ocean Course where the three great old friends spent a spectacular day. **Janice Bright Dilworth** who was called "Janie," was one of the original 13, and has spent most of her life living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She now resides in Roswell, Georgia, and would love to hear from any her Oldfields classmates, especially those that are in the area and/or traveling through Atlanta. Her email address is jbdilworth@icloud.com. **Laura Connerat Lawton** lives in Savannah, Georgia, and **Sue Perry Palmer** is just up the coast in Beaufort, South Carolina. Janie was the instigator in getting all three together for a great Kiawah vacation. Over the years each of the friends has done a great job of finding and hosting their respective classmates. From dawn until dusk, all three had the best time reminiscing on their days back at Oldfields. Suffice it to say, the bonds formed at Oldfields transcend time. They hope their other classmates will reach out to reconnect. **Laura** had a great visit with **Carmen Duenas Anhalzer** when she came to Savannah from Ecuador. If you would like to reach out to Carmen, her email is anhalzer@hotmail.com.

Carmen Duenas Anhalzer '58 and **Laura Connerat Lawton '58** visit one another in Savannah, Georgia.

1959

Class Agent: **Elfrida "Frida" Barrow Sinkler**
Rosebank Plantation
2180 Rosebank Plantation Rd.
Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487-7163
843-559-9144 fridamoore@aol.com

Lucy Kemper Pieh - Jerry and I are living in Arrowsic, Maine. We are on the Kennebec River. We have three children living nearby and two grandchildren. Our other child lives in California with two other grandchildren. I'm still involved with hospice, facilitating grief support groups. I am happy and healthy.

Grace Rogers - All is well, and all are healthy. I am excited about having been published in the fall edition of *The Catamaran Literary Journal*, a creative non-fiction piece called "Peace Umbrella." I continue to work on my book about living with neurofibromatosis.

Mary Ellen Burke Partel - I'll be celebrating my 80th birthday on Chappaquiddick on July 4, 2020, with our extended family. Simply blessed.

1960 **60TH REUNION**

Would you like to volunteer to be the 1960 Class Agent?

Emily Fuller Kingston - I'm busy in NYC being a real estate broker for Halstead Manhattan and being an artist.

1961

Would you like to volunteer to be the 1961 Class Agent?

CLASS NOTES

1962

Class Agent: **Katharine "Kandi" duPont Sanger**
1157 Bird Ln., Sanibel, FL 33957-3507
239-472-2040 KduPSanger@aol.com

Class Agent: **Patricia "Patty" Reese Vanderwarker**
4489 Spring Island Dr., Okatie, SC 29909-4766
843-987-1277 prvanderwarker@gmail.com

Beth Sohmer Redpath '72, Daphne Preece Hellmuth '55, and **Kandi duPont Sanger '62,** in Sanibel, Florida.

Margery Dillon Turpin - My family is all well and happy. Eight grandchildren from ages twenty-five down to eleven. No grand babies that I know of and no fiancés quite yet. I spend my winters in Vero Beach, Florida, and the rest of my time in good ol' New Jersey. If anyone is coming my way, please give a call.

Lila Cummings - Daughter, Sarah, lives in Maine, married with two children, aged thirteen and eleven. Diana lives in Los Angeles, married with a ten-year old son. I am still in Katonah, still active with the local ambulance, and spend time in Adirondacks, where my grandchildren are the sixth generation of my family to be there...real roots! Grateful for good health.

Lynn Turner - Hi, everyone. I loved the tribute to **Evelyn Jamison Johnson** in the summer 2019 Magazine. Thank you, **Kandi duPont Sanger** and **Claudia Fitz-Hugh Kelleher**. I am still busy working in Alexandria. My daughter lives in Winchester, Virginia, with three children—a delight for me. I have room if you're visiting DC or are here and want someone to tramp around the museums.

1963

Would you like to volunteer to be the 1963 Class Agent?

Marquerite "Maggie" Tenney Embry - Jon Oliver becoming engaged to a lovely girl. Daughter, Eleanor, working in LA and has a wonderful boyfriend. Yeah!

1964

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Lucinda "Cinda" Train Longstreth's painting "Marcy in Winter"

Beirne Donaldson - Had a wonderful lunch with **Susan Wardle Weatherly '64**. Sisters after all this time!

Eleanor "Dee" Allen - Beverley "Bev" Wilson Robinson Parry, Jan Wilson Alternative '61, and I enjoyed a summer day in the Cotswolds, Gloucestershire, England. Looming in the background was the Batsford Estate, once home to the six celebrated and infamous Mitford sisters. Each morning, from our 500-year-old stone cottage opposite the local pub in the tiny village of Longborough, we'd set out in a new direction, trekking through swaying crops laid out in giant puzzle pieces defined by hedgerows and dusted with iridescent poppies and every wildflower imaginable. (Had the Germans ever set foot on English soil during WWII, they'd never have penetrated these dense hedgerows; mercifully, the RAF took care of business first.) Huge manors still preside over the rolling hills, supported by The National Trust, or by well-off movie stars with no need of extra income. Other private estate owners generate revenue by renting out thousands of acres to subsidized farmers. (One embarrassingly extravagant estate, intact and still lived in, is Blenheim Palace, which was given by Queen Anne to John Churchill, the first Duke of Marlborough, as reward for defeating Louis XIV in the Battle of Blenheim in 1704. Centuries later it was to become the birth place of another victorious Churchill who was given the name Winston.) All signs indicate that the British government with its building codes and strict regulation of land usage and historic preservation, puts its money toward a greater vision–one that protects the natural beauty and rich character of its island. And the people! Even with varying levels of education, without exception, they were articulate, polite, and friendly, and brought a soft cheerfulness to every exchange. Would that this attitude could be imported to the US! Best of all was sharing a unique experience with Bev and her sister, Jan.

Bev Wilson Robinson Parry '64, Jan Wilson Alternative '61, and **Dee Allen '64** visit Batsford Estate in England.

1965

55TH REUNION

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Jane Farley Simonds - We are deep into retirement, playing bridge and croquet. I occasionally see former faculty **Edie Hustvedt** and **Mary "Polly" Hyde Crawford '65 P'95**.

1966

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Toni Carter Vreeland - Gerrit and I are well and busy preparing to make a big change in our lives: Gerrit is finally retiring in January at the age of 77! So we are going to become Florida residents and spend the winter in Ocean Reef. It won't be much of a change for me, but Gerrit has usually gone back and forth throughout the winter. Hopefully, he'll enjoy not doing that any more! All our boys are great. Walker, 40, lives in New York with his partner and is doing voice over work, editing podcasts and a variety of other things. Taylor, 36, and Elizabeth live in Austin, Texas, and have a daughter, Senna, who turns three in December and a little boy, Maverick (Mack), who was born on May 3rd, so we try to see them every few months. And Corbin (33) lives in Portland, Maine, and is making furniture. He has a lovely girlfriend. I haven't given up golf yet, but sometimes think I might! I'm still involved in our church, the library, and last winter, became obsessed with playing canasta in Ocean Reef! Great fun! Maybe we can gather our class together again in 2021 for our 55th! Dear God, how can it have been that long ago!! Doesn't feel like it! Hope everyone is happy and, most importantly, healthy!

1967

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1968

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Anne Crimmins - All is great in Colorado. Busy with five grandkids close by. I see **Lisle Loosli Bradley** and husband often. Had a hip replacement in August and doing well, no more pain. Back to substitute teaching and volunteering now. Hope to see classmates at our 55th reunion.

Anne Crimmins '68 and grandchildren

Gay Richardson Smith - Our news is we are expecting grandchild number eight! That will make eight under the age of eight, perfectly balanced with four girls and four boys. Hope all is well.

1969

Would you like to volunteer be the 1969 Class Agent?

Nancy Adler - Animals! Now you're talking my language! This is my crew, and I'm adding another horse. Hope everyone is happy and busy. I still paint, have one husband and one daughter (now 30 years). Love hearing about my Oldfield friends.

Nancy Adler '69 with her artwork and pets

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Melinda Wilson Fuller - Meanwhile, I am still happily living in Saratoga Springs, here in Upstate New York. Every day involves deciding where Jack (my SPCA yellow lab) and I will hike, what sunset we'll watch and photograph to share, along with still doing childcare at our Waldorf School, and working weekends at our Banfield Vets. My two wonderful grandsons, Teddy, eight, and Will, eleven, still live north of Boston, so I see them often. My large extended family always finds their way to northern Lake George throughout the summers, from all around the country. So, life is good, as the saying goes, despite more than a few aching joints!

Melinda Wilson Fuller '69 and family

Dorothy "Dede" Perkins Gilbert - After having three sons, I have granddaughters! Annie, Mabel, and Cora. Can't get better than that.

Susalee Norris Sasser - We have had another adventurous year traveling overseas for service to the underserved through dental care. We have been to Burundi and six countries in Latin America. We have been blessed to spend time with our four grandkids ages two through nine. Happy New Year! Blessings.

Susalee Norris Sasser '69 and family

Peggy Pierce Peters - Our daughters, Jill and Molly, and their families live in Rye. Jono and I have five granddaughters under the age of five, and another baby is due in May. Jill and Molly both work in New York City, as do our sons-in-law, Scott MacVicar and Derek Mahoney. Jono and I know how lucky we are to spend so much time with the little girls. Jonathan got married in June to Elizabeth Tubridy. Elizabeth is in her second year of residency at New York University. Jonathan spent four years after college in the United States Marine Corps and is now in banking in New York City. They love all their nieces and time with family when they come out to Rye. And yes, we found his deployment to Afghanistan very difficult. We have a tremendous amount of respect for families in the military. My landscape and garden design business keeps me busy year round now. Doing what I love is a great thing. It's hard to imagine retirement. I'm able to take the little girls with me to job sites from time to time, and I have the flexibility in the evening to help with the end-of-the-day transition from nanny to parents. It's a very new world for this generation. Jono is retired and loves the time he now has to build wooden boats and play golf with his other good friends who are retired. Needless to say, I have fond memories of my Oldfields years. It was a difficult time for us and for our country, but I cherish my friendships with friends and faculty.

Peggy Pierce Peters '69 and family

1970 — 50TH REUNION

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"I sincerely feel that Oldfields has given me so much, not only during my four years as a student, but as an alumna, trustee, and parent!"

DEDE ALEXANDRE LECOMTE '72 P'06

Poupette Smith - Still wanderin' after all these years!

Poupette Smith '70 travels the world!

1971

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Sarah Townsend Rumery - Three weddings in three years. We feel so blessed to have gained three awesome sons-in-law. Sold our farm in November and are excited to begin a retired life. We love living near Glenwood Springs, Colorado. We have world-class skiing, fishing, rafting, hiking, and two wonderful hot springs in our town. Moab is only two and a half hours away. I plan to return for our fiftieth reunion. If you travel to Colorado please look us up.

Seashols Starks - I'm still working out in my Oldfields "1970s Rock" t-shirt from our last reunion. Hope to see all of you at our upcoming 49th reunion and then at our 50th reunion…can you believe it!?!

1972

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Verlinde Hill Doubleday '72 and grandson, Hays

Dede Alexandre LeComte '72 P'06 - One of the biggest blessings is my granddaughter, Gabriella, who was born in September 2018 (Oldfields Class of 2036?!). I now completely understand everything anyone ever said about being a grandparent! My cup truly runneth over with joy and love every time I see her! And now her parents (my son, Evans, and his wife, Caitlin) are expecting their second child in March, so there will be double the joy! I am now in my eleventh year as the Director of Admissions at The Spire School in Stamford, Conneticut, and love what I do. Spire is a therapeutic day school for students in grades 6 through 12 who are struggling primarily with anxiety, depression, and mood disorders. It is an amazing place with brilliant faculty, staff, and administrators who sincerely care about our students and help them build skills each day while teaching a rigorous college prep program. All in all, life is good and as I reflect back on many

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years. I am so very grateful for my years at Oldfields and the friendships and connections that I have made over the years. I sincerely feel that Oldfields has given me so much, not only during my four years as a student, but as an alumna, trustee, and parent; she will forever be in my heart!

Carol Hubbell Engebretson - Mark and I were lucky enough to have our entire family in Minnesota for the Christmas holiday. Oldest son, Andrew, wife Katie, and daughter, 19-month Nora, came from New Hampshire. Second son, Peter, and his wife, Kelly, came from Minneapolis, and third child, Susan, came with fiancé, Todd, from Denver. All is well. Best wishes for the new year.

Natalie Morgan Macy - Feeling blessed—2019 was a wonderful year! My daughter, Louisa, married her sweetheart, Gregg, in Boston, Massachusetts. Grandkids are great, and 2019 brought fun travel with family and friends! Happy 2020 to all!

Natalie Morgan Macy's grandchildren Jack and Hannah

Wags Laubenstein, pet of **Lulu Laubenstein '72**

Lulu Laubenstein - Our son, Anderson, is now the new Head Squash Coach at George Washington University! Lots of hard work, so thank goodness he loves what he does! Wags the puppy has topped out at 92 pounds, and DNA says this "Whodoodle" is really a "Shepadoodle"…but who really knows for sure!

Hilary Gardner Swain - Frank and I went to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, with our kids and grandkids for Christmas week. This is a pic of my sons, their wives, and two grandkids…totally wild week but so much fun.

Hilary Gardner Swain '72 skis with her family in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

1973

Would you like to volunteer to be the 1973 Class Agent?

Lynda Wellman Dobson - So hard to believe another year has passed. It's been a great one! I gained a grandson in July, Jack, who adores his big sister, Avery. A baby does change everything, even when it's a grandchild! My husband and I took a trip to Cancun with about 20 of his family members. What a ball we had, and I'm not sure the hotel there will ever be the same. It was a wonderful time. The time has come for me to consider retirement. We live in Pawleys Island, South Carolina, but will be moving to Portland, Maine, next year. If I had a nickel for every time someone said "what about the cold?" I would be a rich woman! Looking forward to 2020 with great anticipation!

Avery and Jack, grandchildren of **Lynda Wellman Dobson '73**

Pauline Combe-Clark - I continue to work full-time with our Jack Russell rescue charity. My husband, Howard, continues to translate full-time, and we are always very busy in the Berkshires in western Massachusetts with theatre, concerts, and hiking in the fabulous outdoors. We joined **Taylor and Judy Smith**, past faculty, at Tanglewood to see Steve Martin. **Anne Swayze**, past faculty, and I have hooked up again, and now that she lives quite close, we will see each other more often. After living for more than 25 years overseas, we travel less except to visit my family in Europe, and might even head back to live in Holland for part of the year.

Pauline Combe-Clark '73 and husband Howard in Scotland

Pauline Combe-Clark '73 and **Judy Smith** meet at the Steve Martin show.

Michelle "Chellie" Blake Kew Well, after seven years, I've finally finished my second book. My first book *African Journal: A Child's Continent*, spoke of the extraordinary children orphaned by disease living in sub-Saharan Africa. The book was used as a fundraiser to begin construction of Chimoza Community School in Ndola, Zambia, free to any child who was designated by the country as a "true orphan," meaning no blood relative left alive to sign the mandatory government school paperwork, hence, these kids were not allowed an education. I'm sure it doesn't take but a nanosecond to imagine how dangerous this is when these children grow up. Chimoza taught students from kindergarten to the 12th grade and held some of the country's highest marks on their final tests scores. Tragically, I had to close the doors on a 16-year project when my 6'8'' beautiful husband was diagnosed with ALS. I was his hands for five years. Friends always said he led the room with a smile. A big teddy bear. This book is a love story, as well as the full picture of our work in Africa. Wish me well. Am about to send off to the editor. **Go Greens!**

Chellie Kew '73 visits Africa.

1974

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Diana Kaiser Bulger - Tom and I had a wonderful Christmas, and enjoyed seeing **Cynthia Adler McKee '76** at our Christmas party.

Diana Kaiser Bulger '74 and husband Tom

1975

45TH REUNION

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1976

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Annievive Crain Palm '76 wishes everyone a Happy 2020.

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Perri Wight Green - We enjoyed the gathering in Washington, DC, at the beginning of December. **Alden Shorey Lattu** and I represented the class of '76 well. Oldfields has such great energy at this time, I am proud to be a Green alumna. Terry and I are still in our home in McLean, Virginia. BG, our oldest, now 31, is expecting our second grandson in May 2020. She and her family live in Minneapolis, Minnesota. BG's career is college counseling of first-generation students at a charter school in the city. Lucy, our youngest, now 27, lives in Venice Beach, Los Angeles. She is a video editing assistant at a studio in Santa Monica. I am still working for the American Foreign Service Association and have a new job title, Members Benefits and Outreach Coordinator. It is an exciting time to be in this field. I do therapeutic riding at Sprout in Aldie, Virginia. Terry is consulting for firms that create low-income housing opportunities. I am on Facebook and have a blog through Caringbridge.org for those who want to check up on me. My email is perriwgreen@gmail.com. Many thanks to my Oldfields sisters who have generously helped me in my new stage of life. A special shout out to **Hilary Cooper**.

Elizabeth "Biddie" Labrot - This year marks my 20th year living in Colorado—I love the west, but do miss the east coast! Adventures will continue as we just purchased a 25' RV—yes, I am officially a glamper! Any recommendations for adventures are welcome!

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1978

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1979

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1980 40TH REUNION

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See you at Alumnae Weekend!
April 24-26, 2020
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1981

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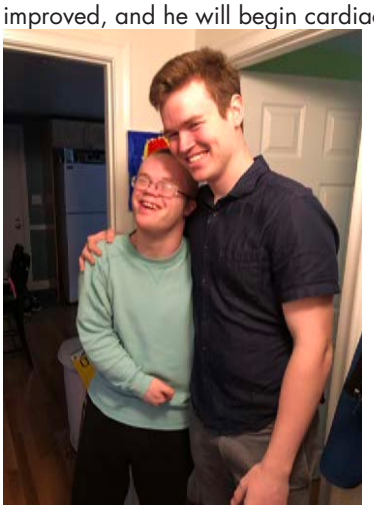
Heather Wistar LaBudde - What a cold New England winter we are having as I write! My husband's health has miraculously improved, and he will begin cardiac rehab (again) very soon!



While he was working on his wellness, and as a former desktop publisher, I managed to twist his arm to help me self-publish a short story (followed by a bit of poetry). It is actually newly on Amazon (its audience is intended for elderly Christian women). It is humorously entitled "The Bras Talk." Very fun to do! I am hoping to do another in the new year if time allows. Hope you all are well, Class of '81!

Christopher and Timothy LaBudde, sons of **Heather Wistar LaBudde '81**

Joan Carter '81 P'15 with her advisees at Thanksgiving Dinner

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1985 **35TH REUNION**

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Pam Crowder-Thompson - I am thankful for Oldfields and all of my schoolmates! Through the years you have become more precious to me. I hope to see you soon. Love, Wink

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Vicki Meier Linnartz '86, past trustee, and her family

Jane McColl Lockwood - A busy year of celebrations for us! Luther and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. Little Jane graduated from Wofford College. Luke was accepted into Temerlin Advertising School at Southern Methodist University and is still dating **Claire Noe Koch's** daughter, Margot. And our youngest, Thomas, graduated from high school and will be attending the University of Georgia in the fall. Luther and I are looking forward to a quieter nest? If you make it to Charlotte, give me a call!

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1989

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1990 **30TH REUNION**

Would you like to volunteer to be the 1990 Class Agent?

Tobin Tucker - Hello, from the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina. Just loving life in Asheville and enjoying all of the outdoor activities that the area offers with my two favorite fur babies, Murphy and Milo. Just changed jobs back to full-time and working hard to live the best life I can by the age of 50 so I can hopefully find my Prince Charming!

Elizabeth "Liz" Turner Love - Hello, Oldfields sisters! I am SO excited to celebrate our 30th reunion this April! This year is extra special because Vivian will be graduating in June, exactly 30 years after me. I'll be taking the laboring oar on getting as many of my Class of 1990 sisters to Glencoe for Alumnae Weekend and ask that anyone who is able to go let me know so I can include them in the things we are planning (elove@cooley.com). Vivian has had an amazing four years at Oldfields and will be heading to High Point University in the fall of 2020. Jesse continues to race and will be spending almost every weekend this year traveling all across the country racing for a couple of high-profile teams. All is well in the world, and I am blessed with a beautiful family and amazing friends. My love to you all.

The Love Family—**Vivian '20 and Liz '90**

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Kit Fisher '22, Kate Freedlander Fisher '91, Barkley Smith Booker '93, Tayah Ratcliff '21, and **Ella Ratcliff '22** at Fall Family Weekend

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Laura Powell - Ran my 14th marathon in October. Still working at Junior League Thrift Shop and living in Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

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Danielle Sparks '94, Amiee Rueger Mobley '94, and **Lauren O'Connell Buckley '94** visit Oldfields on a beautiful fall day.

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Hilary Bieke Vogt '97 and family

Wendy Stewart - Oldfields was the starting point for the Northern Central Railroad Marathon, and Wendy, who now lives in Annapolis, came back to campus to run in it.

Wendy Stewart '97 ran the NCR marathon at Oldfields.

Katherine Morse - Hello from St. Simons Island, Georgia. I am looking forward to graduating in June 2020 with an MS in digital marketing. Vixen Creative Marketing, LLC, was formed in April, 2019, and is growing steadily. I love being an aunt to my two nieces, Birdie and JJ, and my nephew, Wells.

1998

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Keslie Tomlinson '99, **Barbara Latrobe P'97, '99,** and their advisees enjoy Thanksgiving dinner.

Kellie Lessard Brooks - Hey there, everyone!! 2019 was an extremely busy, but super fun year for us. We have been traveling all over. Went to the world premier of my brother Brandon's movie, "Robert the Bruce" (out in the US in 2020) in Scotland then to the Montana Film Festival. Traveled with the family to Panama, which was amazing. Dylan turned 16 this year and is driving. I'm not old enough to have a kid that drives. He is still killing it on the drums with Auntie **Keslie Tomlinson '99** as one of his biggest fans. Taylor turned 12 and is very excited to turn from her tween year to her teen years. She came back from Alumnae Weekend this year talking about how much she loves Oldfields to all of her friends, and I started getting calls from all these mothers asking about it. Chris started a new job at Luck Companies in the IT department and is loving it. I am still in multi-family development and management, kicking butts, and taking names, but does that surprise anyone?

Kellie Lessard Brooks '99 and family

Send us your class note!
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CLASS NOTES

Claire Higgins Hathaway - Wonderful to be in touch, and "Happy 2020!" My family and I moved to Aspen, Colorado, after 15 years in New York City. I am currently vice president of business development for a German-based technology company called TrustYou. My family, including, husband Brad, five year-old Maddie, two year-old Alex, and ten year-old Naladhu, enjoy spending time outdoors and enjoy Aspen very much. Sending all my best to everyone at Oldfields!

Claire Higgins Hathaway '99 and family

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Ashleigh Pfleegor '00 joins current OS riders.

Keslie Tomlinson '99, Joan Carter '81 P'15, Sarah Trattner Lazer '00, and **Ashleigh Pfleegor '00**

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Marissa Neuman Jachman - Marissa, her husband, Jesse, and son, Blaine, welcomed their newest family member, Nathan Ross, late in October. Living in Washington, DC, Marissa is the executive director of the Erin Levitas Foundation working to reduce sexual assault. She and her family started the non-profit in 2017.

Marissa Neuman Jachman's '02 children

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Brant MacDuff - After working with some taxidermist colleagues at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, I'll be headed to Reno in January to give a lecture on the history of taxidermy and conservation, then off to Google's Chicago headquarters to talk about the hunting economy's impact on conservation in the US and Africa. Lots of travel, teaching, and animals, just the way I like it!

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Marney Babbitt-Pierce - This year, after much deliberation, I left my job at Girls on the Run of Northern Arizona. I loved the five years I spent with the program, but the traveling was getting to be too much for our family. I now have a remote job as an executive recruiter working with educational tech companies. I am still getting the hang of it, but really enjoying it! Now that I am not traveling so much, I am running for our local Town Council here in Clarkdale, Arizona! The general election is August 4; please send me good campaign energy.

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Elizabeth "Bess" Harkey - I got engaged in October, and we bought our first house in Brookhaven, Georgia. I am opening my own wellness business in early 2020, Bess Harkey Yoga & Wellness, and am excited to have a platform to give back to the community! I am so ready to see what this next year has in store.

Elizabeth "Bess" Harkey '05 and fiancé Ben Gillespie

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CLASS NOTES

Derica Mayfield Jackson is working as the care coordinator at Family Care Associates at Greater Baltimore Medical Center. Derica and her husband, Derek, have two daughters, five and two, whom Derica hopes will one day be Oldfields girls just like their mother!

Derica Mayfield Jackson '08 is a care coordinator in Baltimore.

Kate Roesch - I have moved to western Oklahoma and now work as the education ranger at Washita Battlefield National Historic Site.

Alexandra Neal Saa '08 opens her ten-year prediction letter.

Caitie Cunningham '08, Joan Carter '81 P'15, and **Alexandra Neal Saa '08** catch up over lunch in Washington, DC.

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Donata Bechstein - I spent one year at Oldfields from 2008-2009 and graduated in June 2009. The following two years I had to finish German high school, as they don't accept the American diploma. I finished German school in 2011 and was able to get into vet school right away, from which I graduated in 2017. I started working on my doctoral thesis which was done at the end of 2018. Since the beginning of 2019 I have been working as a practicing vet treating horses near Hamburg. My greatest passion in life has always been riding horses. I have two horses in Germany and do eventing competitively. This year I was able to move up to CCI2 level. In December, I was able to come back to Oldfields and stay with Riding Director **Amy Phillips**. It was so amazing to be back at the barn. It really is like coming home.

Donata Bechstein '09 came all the way from Germany to visit Director of Riding **Amy Phillips**.

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Adaeze "Ada" Nwosu - 2020 is significant, not only because it marks my ten-year reunion at a school that dared me to dream, but also because it marks the start of a new chapter with MonAfrique Lifestyle (www.monafrique.com), a company I co-direct to foster product innovation and grant market access to African artisans. Read more about my adventure on page 20.

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Mikeala Semexant - I went full-time as a realtor in September 2019. I changed brokers and am now with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Maplewood, New Jersey. I was licensed a year after graduating Drew University in 2016. I also started my career as an assistant coach with Central Jersey Volleyball Academy!

Mikeala Semexant '11 becomes a real estate agent.

Caroline Parks Trout '11 is expecting another baby in April 2020.

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Elizabeth Andrew Ott-Bales - On September 21, 2019, Elizabeth married Donovan Ott-Bales. The couple met once in the spring of 2014 at the University of the Pacific. They were reunited and reintroduced by a mutual friend in September of 2016. The rest, as they say, is history. Three years after that day, they sealed the knot while sailing around the San Fransico Bay on a gorgeous day. They will forever be able to quote Earth, Wind, and Fire each anniversary because they should always remember the 21st night of September, their wedding date.

Elizabeth Andrew Ott-Bales '13 and Donovan Ott-Bales on their wedding day.

Hailey Jerome '13, Elizabeth Box '13, Elizabeth Andrew Ott-Bales '13, Katie Kronheim '14, and **Erin Kean '13**, celebrate at the Ott-Bales wedding.

CLASS NOTES

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Charlotte Mayer '14, Caroline Blaum, Emily Brownawell '14, and **Keslie Tomlinson '99** meet back on the Oldfields athletic fields for a friendly field hockey competition when Friends played Oldfields.

Emily Brownawell '14, past faculty **Jill Kochanek**, and Athletic Director **Keslie Tomlinson '99** meet up at the IAAM conference for coaches.

Xinyun "Lydia" Zhang - Graduated from Ursinus College, and found full-time employment at Harmony Plus Inc.

2015

5TH REUNION

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Barrett Pitcher '15 teaches a barre class to Oldfields faculty.

Elizabeth "Casper" Mayer - Back in early November I started a part-time job at Books-A-Million Martinsburg and everything is going very well. I love everyone I work with and love my retail job. In May, I graduated with a BA in Film from Hollins University after showcasing my thesis documentary called *In My Head* (which can be found on YouTube on ShinxCosplay channel). Film-wise now, I'm not doing anything and am focusing on my job and trying to settle into living in West Virginia.

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Marissa Davies '16 graduates from Towson University.

Ali Hickman - Ali has one semester left at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. She is currently working on her senior thesis surrounding addiction and psychopathology from research she gathered studying abroad in Prague, Czech Republic. She recently returned to Oldfields during her Winter break to intern in the Admissions Office. During her two-week stay at Oldfields, she taught a master class for Dance Company and visited after-school dance. She enjoyed being back with the Oldfields community and loved making appearances at community lunch and residential dinner.

Ali Hickman '16 continues her dancing at Carleton College.

Ali Hickman '16 interned for the Oldfields Admission team for two weeks in December 2019.

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Lanxue Miley Xia '17 gets a visit from her advisor **Carrie Hammond.**

Lyse Wagner - Played field hockey in the 2nd Round of the NCAA Tournament at Johns Hopkins, Denison vs. Tufts. Some Oldfields field hockey girls cheered her on!

Lyse Wagner '17, Keslie Tomlinson '99, Barbara Latrobe P'97,'99, and current students at an NCAA Tournament.

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Avery, **Kate Carroll '18**, advisor **Keslie Tomlinson '99,** and Ridley catch up on Old House porch.

Malena Dornemann '18 rides at Skidmore.

Malena Dornemann '18

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Charlotte Soifer '21 gets a visit from her pal, **Isabella Labrow '19**.

David Perfield and **Faith Rhodes '19** catch up at a field hockey game.

D'Naisha Bellamy-Greene '19 plays basketball for the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats.

Maribeth Littlefield P'07 visits with **Azaria Ford '19** at Morning Meeting.

Morgan Gause '19, Faith Rhodes '19, and **Olivia Mahaffey '19** came back to cheer on the OS basketball team.

Morgan Gause '19 at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, Canada

Olivia Mahaffey '19 was a summer intern for the Oldfields Admission Team.

English teacher **Rebecca Bloom** gets a visit from former student, **Francisca Cuppen '19.**

Sophia Vitvitsky '19 and **Fern Peva '20** await a senior speech.

Past Faculty and Staff

Past faculty daughter, Beth Counselman Carpenter, writes: I wanted to write and let the Oldfields community that my mom, **Terry "Tuffy" Dankel Counselman**, who was a science faculty member from 1960-1963, died on December 17, 2018, following a brief battle with mantel cell lymphoma. Her memories from teaching at Oldfields were some of her happiest, and she often spoke of her colleagues **Herkey Travers, Ann "Roonie" Eichelberger Hall '58, the Nevens Family,** and was in touch with **Steve Hustvedt** until he passed, and saw his wife **Edie Hustvedt** annually up until my mother died.

Wendy Rogers P'82 GP'12,'17, Judy Smith, Taylor Smith, Hawley Rogers P'82, GP'12, '17 Laura Bolton '73, and **Sven Jensen P'05**, past faculty

TURNING POINTS

ENGAGEMENTS

Elizabeth "Bess" Harkey '05 to Ben Gillespie

Jessie Isaacs '05 to Brandon Wassel

MARRIAGES

Elizabeth Andrew Ott-Bales '13 to Donovan Ott-Bales, September 21, 2019

BIRTHS

Marrissa Neuman Jachman '02 a son, Nathan Ross Jachman, October 27, 2019

Dominique Young Mejia '04 twin girls, Nola and Nailah Mejia, November 4, 2019

IN MEMORIAM

Nancy Elaine "Laney" Rogers Crozier '57, March 24, 2019

Diana Preece '57, October 13, 2019

Laura Barrow McIntosh '66, November 6, 2019

Hope Potter Woodward '73, July 2, 2019

Katherine "Kathy" Balch Kumpa '76, October 11, 2019

Terry "Tuffy" Dankel Counselman, Former Faculty, December 17, 2018

James MacGregor, Former Faculty, December 9, 2019

LAURA BARROW McINTOSH '66

An Environmental Hero

By Anne Ragland Finney P'97

The quote on **Laura Barrow McIntosh's** senior *Rarebit* page foreshadowed the life she would choose to lead: "I am tired of four walls and a ceiling; I have need of grass." After a lifetime of "defending the rivers and marshes, our mountains and the environment of our earth," upon her death on November 6, 2019, *The Island Packet* of Hilton Head, SC, hailed Laura as an "environmental hero."

> "I am tired of four walls and a ceiling; I have need of grass."

A four-year boarding student from Savannah, Georgia, Laura followed her sister, **Frida Barrow Moore Sinkler '59**, and two cousins, **Caroline (Caro) Cay Powell '58** and **Katharine Ellis Elsas '61**, to Oldfields in the fall of 1962. A member of the White Team, a rider, a basketball player, a member of the Crafts Club, Dramatics Club, and Current Events Club (vice-president in her senior year), Laura was described in the Senior Poll as "Commonly Found: reforming" and "Hopefully Found: as a coloratura soprano." Her Senior Will displayed her sense of humor: "I, Laura, will my bottle of Lady Clairol, for those special hair-raising moments (as in games) to Miss Herky, so she can rinse all her cares away."

Classmate **Pamela Hartley Bramhall '66** recalls, "What I remember about Laura is that she was usually smiling and always had a kind look on her face, always accompanied by a warm greeting. She had a calm manner and possessed an air of knowingness—someone you would automatically look up to. Importantly, she had a sense of humor."

After graduating from Oldfields, Laura studied political science and history at the University of Georgia, the ninth generation of her family to go there. In 1974 she married James "Jimbo" McIntosh, Jr. Her days were filled with a lifelong love of dogs, gardening, and nature.

Living near Hilton Head Island, Laura was naturally concerned when she learned of sewage from Hilton Head threatening the Colleton River close to her home in the early 1980s. This was one of her first environmental battles. Her success there led her to fight for local zoning, vigorous land use planning, highway buffers and beautification, and environmental protection of all kinds.

Her conservation efforts led to her being named the state Water Conservationist of the Year in 1984, as well as being given the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Award at the White House in 1990. Her accomplishments demonstrated to countless others the difference one person can make when they commit themselves to the greater good.

Her sister, Frida, remembers, "Laura, like most graduates of Oldfields, gave a lifetime of service, and in her case, she gave her energy to love and protect the environment. She battled cancer and the treatment side effects all of her life...always strong and never with a complaint. In her quiet unassuming way, she stood tall and was highly respected by all who knew her. I have been blessed to have Laura as my sister."

Throughout her life **Laura Barrow McIntosh '66** embodied the Oldfields motto, *Courage, Humility, and Largeness of Heart*. We are proud to have her as an alumna of Oldfields School.

REMEMBERING NANCY ELAINE "LANEY" ROGERS CROZIER 1939-2019

Latrobe Art Center Co-founder

By Stephanie Strubing Flinn '57

"Strong mind, great heart, true faith, and willing hands."

Laney and I roomed together senior year. We climbed the hill to the barn every afternoon together to ride our horses, Freckles and Country Girl. I lost track of Laney after graduation but was curious when I recently read that Fred Rogers (television's beloved Mr. Rogers) had a sister. After a bit of research on Google, I wrote this article. Even after all these years, I still have that "feeling of family" for my long-ago roommate.

Laney Rogers, Class of 1957, was Fred Rogers' sister. Laney spent four years at Oldfields. Her class yearbook describes her as having a"strong mind, great heart, true faith, and willing hands." What I remember is the bright red curly hair ("ash blonde, please"), the constant laughing, an amazing voice, and many star performances in the theatre. Laney was President of the Dramatic Club and a member of the Glee Club and Chorus.

After graduation Laney spent four years at Rollins College following in her brother, Fred's, footsteps. She graduated in 1961. She wrote on my yearbook page that she would be "doing underwater basket weaving and getting so tan." One can tell the sense of humor and good times that lay ahead.

Laney was 11 years younger than her brother, Fred. She was adopted at six months and was a delight to him. They remained close their entire lives. It is said that the puppet "Lady Elaine Fairchilde" in Mr. Roger's Neighborhood was named after Laney.

Laney married Daniel Crozier in 1966. They lived in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and summered on Nantucket. They also spent time at the Rolling Rock Club in Pennsylvania. They had two sons. Laney's husband was an archeologist with Temple University and the National Park Service. He received the Philadelphia Archeological Forum Award of Merit for his work in historical projects of Native American settlements and Revolutionary and Civil War sites.

According to a Latrobe, Pennsylvania, newspaper article, Laney "eschewed the spotlight that shone on her brother. She devoted considerable energy to making her own neighborhood a better place."

Laney co-founded the Latrobe Art Center in 2002, which was created as a place for artists to share their works, develop their artistic skills, and gather in camaraderie. A watercolor of a barn painted by Laney will hang in perpetuity in the Art Center Gallery in gratitude for her role as a co-founder of the Center.

Laney died in March 2019. She is remembered by her community as "smiling and talking to everybody all of the time," exactly as her classmates remember her at Oldfields!

Alumnae Weekend

April 24-26, 2020

Calling all alumnae and friends of Oldfields School, especially reunion years ending in 0s and 5s!

Friday Highlights

5:30 p.m. Oldfields Happy Hour
7:00 p.m. Spring Musical, *Mamma Mia*
8:00 p.m. Reunion Year Class Dinners (off campus)

Ansley

Barbara

Saturday Highlights

12:00 p.m. Green and White Garden Party Picnic
2:00 p.m. Spring Musical, *Mamma Mia*
6:00 p.m. Farewell Celebration Dinner for Ansley Smithwick and Barbara Latrobe P'97, '99

For a full schedule and to RSVP please visit www.OldfieldsSchool.org/AW

While there is no charge for events during Alumnae Weekend, your RSVP helps us plan appropriately. Thank you!

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