Shaping the Future

The Class of 2011 Prepares to Take on the World in the Arts, Academics and Athletics

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Blink and You’ll Miss It

Sometimes in late winter—and what a winter it was here in Massachusetts—I remarked to a colleague that I was looking forward to spring. “You’ll barely notice it, it goes by so fast,” she said.

Guess what? She was right.

Here’s a list of events that took place on this campus in May—and it is by no means comprehensive:

The month kicked off for students with AP exams. Then, on May 3, Middle School students showcased their work from the ‘Round the World project, taking their parents and guests on well-planned journeys to all corners of the globe. The next afternoon, trustees and faculty mingled at a convivial reception in the Admission office lounge. Beginning Friday, May 13, with a well-attended “Nobles” Reunion dinner in the Castle for graduating classes 51 years or more out of Nobles, Reunion Weekend 2011 saw more than 500 graduates return to campus (for a story and photos, see page 38). The spring musical opened in Vinik Theatre on May 17, and ran to full houses until May 21. On Monday the 23rd, the Cum Laude banquet honored new inductees—and offered an occasion to say goodbye to retiring college counselor and English teacher Kara Coon (see page 26 for a story about Coon and also-retiring Classics teacher, Leona Cotterill).

The next night, Marisa Novas ’06 held graduating students of color spellbound with her speech at the Freeman Legacy Dinner (see page 2). The annual Boarding Banquet in the Castle on May 25 was the occasion for laughter and tears as roommates said goodbye to each other and their dorm parents. A stirring choral concert on May 26 brought together the Nobles Concert Choir and the Nobles Orchestra for the first time on one stage to perform selections from Carl Orff’s “Carmina Burana.” Nobles-Milton weekend followed on May 27-28. Memorial Day arrived, allowing a moment for a well-earned intake of breath for everyone. And then it was on to graduation week. (Oh, and did I mention that while all this was going on, the Girls’ Lacrosse team was having an amazing season? With a 15–1 record, the team won the ISL title for the fourth time in the past five years. In addition, Castle construction continued space, complete with blasting alerts and muffled booms as bedrock was cleared for the new addition.)

You see why my colleague told me to listen to my seatbelt for the ride through the month of May. It was exhilarating, exciting, often moving, often funny—and sometimes exhausting. But it showed as few other months do the energy, dedication and celebration of students that characterize this amazing school.

But dare I say it? I’m glad summer is here.

All the best,

Catherine O’Neill Grace
Director of Communications
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Large-scale ceramic sculpture by Carouene Vurze is pictured in the foreground at the Kato Kobe Memorial Garden on campus. Photo by Visual Arts teacher John Doxy.
Finding a Voice:
Freeman Legacy Dinner 2011

Behind any compelling speech is a personal story of challenges, triumph and camaraderie. On May 24, 2011, laughter and tears flooded the Castle dining room at the 14th annual Freeman Legacy Dinner, as guest speaker Mariel Novas ’06 told just such a story to 20 graduating students of color and their families, friends and members of the Nobles faculty. The event—named for retired assistant resident Bob Freeman—celebrates the accomplishments of the Class 11 students of color at Nobles.

Inspired by her favorite Spanish television novels, Novas divided her Nobles narrative into three episodes: “Oh, Middle School,” “The Silent Years” and “The Rebel Years.” She spoke of her struggles with her identity and socioeconomic status in her early years at Nobles. Entering as a Sixte, and one of only a few Hispanic students at the time, Novas grappled with losing her Dominican identity while assimilating to a new culture. And coming from a low-income family, activities like sports, chittering and sleepovers came with awkwardness and difficulty.

Here are some excerpts from the personal novels that Novas, a Yale graduate who now works with Teach for America, shared that evening:

“My life before Nobles was pretty interesting,” she said, “mainly because I existed solely in Spanish. By that I mean, most of my friends were Dominican. I had no idea what MTV or ‘Saved by the Bell’ were, I only watched noveltos and Spanish was my language of choice. I lived in Jamaica Plain and then Roxbury, so I didn’t really need to use my English outside of school all that often.

“It should come as no surprise then, that throughout my time in the Middle School, I felt like a foreigner in my own world. I will never forget one September afternoon my first year when a classmate of mine asked, ‘Why do you talk like that?’ Now, I am not one to be left speechless often, but I definitely struggled for words in that moment. Instances like this almost immediately made me acutely aware of myself both inside and outside school… I sounded different and looked different, but to be frank, the source of my struggles came mostly from the fact that I was poor. Things like sports, chittering, sleepovers and class projects became a nightmare for me… Yet I chose to ignore the differences rather than dwell on them.

“When you live in a four-bedroom apartment in Roxbury, it’s not easy to walk into mansions in Wellesley and not feel hyper-aware of the obvious dichotomy at hand. I didn’t envy my classmates, but I couldn’t understand why they had so much and I had so little. I couldn’t understand why my friend could throw a $15,000 Halloween party but my grandmother couldn’t come visit us from D. R. that year because we couldn’t gather up $600 for her flight.

“But don’t get me wrong. Some of my fondest Nobles memories also come from the time I spent in the Middle School. Yes, I was struggling with my identity, my lack of sports equipment and my inability to keep up the academic pressure on me. I was and am a dork, so I scoured up and loved everything I was taught. I remember Ms. Snyder teaching me that you could write in books and call it ‘active reading.’ Ms. Bailis made a 16th century love story come alive for me by letting our class dress up and act out parts of Romeo and Juliet in the Forum. I was fascinated by this language called Latin, and completely engrossed in Mr. Hollister’s ‘Round the World’ project, fondly referred to by all as RTW. The knowledge I was gaining in my classes was kicking down the walls that had limited my growth in my pre-Nobles life.”

Novas found success by setting out to question, challenge and improve her experience. She broke her silence in The Rebel Years, in Upper School, discovering her voice, her place in the community and a strong support system. (She credits faculty member Marcella Malondo as her “life coach.”)

“I had finally found my voice those last two years at Nobles,” she said. “I knew who I was, and I wasn’t afraid to be who I was. I vowed my junior year to never remain silent when I knew that things around me could be improved—to never allow my fear of being different to keep me from standing up and standing out.

“…I found my niche in MSA, the Multicultural Students Association. As president, I wanted to change the conversation around diversity at Nobles by challenging its perceived definition as pertaining to just black or white. Before you knew it, we were performing Bachata and regatan on the Nobles stage, and hosting fried pastelito sales in Gleason Hall. I am most proud, however, of the way in which students, both inside and outside MSA, pushed each other in sometimes uncomfortable but ultimately constructive conversations during this time.”
As graduation dawned senior year, I started thinking about what my education at Nobles meant to me. Had I served a purpose here? What would be my legacy? During this time, I also realized just how much this place and the people here, for all of their virtues and all of their faults, meant to me. At Nobles, I struggled but I grew. I became a scholar and a world traveler, a fighter and a friend—and that was thanks to everybody who touched my life here.

Novas concluded her talk by wishing Class of ’12 well, saying, “I hope that you take with you the good, the bad, and the ugly and hold it dear, because all of these things have shaped you and made you, you.”

—Tiffany Tran

Celebrating the Castle

As anyone who has visited campus this spring knows—not to mention those who have lived with the noise and disruption every day—the Castle project is well under way, and on schedule for completion in September 2012. “What seemed an overwhelming challenge a couple of years ago has come together quite impressively,” says Head of School Bob Henderson ’75. “The design of the building has received broad approval, and the funding process—both a bond issue and development efforts—has moved ahead on schedule and with favorable results. The Castle project is in a great place.”

To mark the shift from paper and plans to real-world dirt and concrete, the annual Members of the Corporation Dinner this spring was a clambake to celebrate progress on the project. As a sandcastle rendition of the finished Castle was the centerpiece of the event—or was it the lobster dinner?

Before past and present trustees, senior faculty and staff joined the buffet line, President of the Board of Trustees Jeff Grogan ’74 spoke of the year’s successes, announcing that the Nobles endowment passed the $100 million mark this spring. Speaking of the Castle, he expressed his satisfaction that the Castle project will bring “this iconic building up to standards and connect the upper campus with the fields,” bringing the entire campus together for future generations of Nobles students.

Nobles Rowers Give Back Twice

For the 26th year in a row, Nobles students, faculty and staff members, parents and friends participated in the Boston Marathon to support the school’s Marathon Scholarship Fund. Runners tackled quarter, half and full-marathon courses, while bikers, led by faculty members Sarah and Ben Snyder, took on a 50-mile course around the Dedham area. The Nobles Marathon Scholarship Fund is currently the school’s third largest fund for financial assistance. The Fund sponsors six Nobles students annually.

For the second year, coach Emily Parfit led the Girls’ Crew Team in an ERG marathon at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. The event, which was created by Chair of the Department of Surgery, Dr. Fred Millham, in 2005, raises money for the cancer risk assessment program at the hospital’s Auerbach Breast Center. An anonymous donor made it possible for the Nobles rowers to double the impact of their philanthropy, matching every dollar that they raised for the Auerbach Breast Center with a gift to the Marathon Fund at Nobles.

“it was terrific to have the Nobles Girls’ Crew participate in the Newton-Wellesley Hospital’s sixth annual ERG marathon,” Millham said. “The event this year raised more than $10,000 for this program. Runners completed more than 12 million meters in total. The Nobles team contributed not
only meters and dollars to the event, but added immeasurably to the enthusiasm and energy that makes the ERC Marathon special!"

Head of School Bob Henderson ’75 added, "Through the generosity of an anonymous donor and their own hard work, the Girls’ Crew Team was able to raise money for two important causes: breast cancer research and access to education for deserving students. This effort reflects the core of our school’s mission to inspire leadership for the public good. Seeing Peter Raymond, a Nobles English teacher and Olympic medalist, ERC alongside our student rowers further demonstrates that the Marathon Fund is one of our most significant community-wide efforts."
— Brooke Asnis

The Rhodes Road
After leaving Nobles, many graduates develop a new appreciation for the tight-knit community of the school—and look for a similar atmosphere at college. When Laura Nelson ’07 first arrived at the University of Virginia, her goal was to find that small supportive community. Nelson says there are two things she values most in academia: rigorous academics and a strong bond among teachers, students, and peers.

"I came seeking great teachers, small classes and many of the things I missed about Nobles," she says. "Because I was actively looking for some of these aspects—and did it early on—I found myself in some challenging courses where I connected with amazing professors."

Nelson’s love for learning goes beyond college credits and grades, and she works to pass this value on. She was the driving force behind U.Va.’s popular ‘Flash Seminars,’ non-credit events open to all members of the community to discuss a variety of thought-provoking topics. Past themes led by various professors include "Liberal Arts in the Era of Capitalism," "Is Google Making Us Stupid?" and "How Do Americans Understand the Civil War?". It’s exciting to bring many types of people into one room—students, faculty and community members—to learn about and informally discuss a topic," she says.

A May 2011 graduate of U.Va., Nelson earned a Bachelor’s degree in Political and Social Thought—an interdisciplinary major. Her involvement in the program of some 18 students gave her a chance to find small and engaging classes. Reflecting on her experience, she says, "I really wanted to find classes that felt like Nobles, in a sense. [in the interdisciplinary program] I could take courses from any department.

English has been Nelson’s favorite subject since high school. And although she wasn’t an English major, she took a large number of English classes at U.Va. "I vividly remember my English classes at Nobles," Nelson says. "Mr. Baker is still one of my close friends, and I frequently remember the discussions we had in his classes. He created learning environments that energized and inspired all of his students. The dynamic teaching of Mr. Baker and the other great teachers I had at Nobles really shaped my approach to college."

Last year, Nelson was named a Rhodes Scholar—the first Nobles graduate so honored and one of 32 students nationwide. The Rhodes Scholarships, founded in 1902, are the oldest international fellowships and bring outstanding students from many countries around the world to the University of Oxford. The first American Rhodes Scholars were named in 1904. This fall, Nelson will begin studying for her master’s in English literature there.

"Throughout my four undergraduate years, I kept finding myself returning to English classes," she says. "I am thrilled for the opportunity to focus on English in the years ahead. I’m not sure where I will be heading after Oxford, but I know I won’t stray far from literature and education."

— Tiffany Tan
Rededication

On Friday, May 13, 2011, during their 55th Reunion, members of the Class of 1956 gathered at the base of the ’56 Path to dedicate a new plaque there. The plaque includes a rendering and tells a little bit of the story of how the ’56 Path was created to honor the class’s solidarity during a year of terrible losses. New plans for the path are incorporated in the Castle renovation and expansion, so it will remain a staple of the Nobles landscape for years to come. In attendance at the dedication were Whizzer Wheeler, Meg Wheeler, Tim Leland, Julie Leland, Fred Wells, John Raye, Dave Hoffman, Gage Bailey, Glen Whitman and Janice Plotzky, and John and Anne Tartie.

The Shoulders We Stand On

The Class of 2011 at Packer Collegiate School in Brooklyn Heights, New York, invited Dean of Diversity Initiatives Steven Tejada—an accomplished actor, writer and speaker—to deliver the keynote address at their graduation. Tejada is known for his one-man show “Boogie Down Journeys,” a series of monologues reflecting on his personal journey from the streets of the South Bronx to a job on Wall Street.

Crediting his family’s determination for allowing him to pursue his own academic and professional dreams, he asked each member of the graduating class to consider the sacrifices made on their behalf. “My achievements were never simply my own, but required the love, support, care, and guidance of parents, friends, teachers, and mentors,” he said. “Somewhere in our families’ histories someone sacrificed a great deal to provide educational opportunities for future generations.”
Wisdom for the Journey

A timeless ritual celebrates the Class of 2011

BY CATHERINE O'NEILL GRACE
With wisdom garnered from Mark Twain and Shakespeare, a beloved mother, a classic children’s book, and even zombie movies, Noble and Greenough School sent the 117 members of the Class of 2011 out into the world on the blustery morning of June 3, when even the sky wore Nobles blue and white. Honors were announced, teachers were celebrated, and diplomas were bestowed on a class characterized more than once as one of the most academically gifted Nobles has ever encountered.

Tommy Kelly ’11, President of the School Life Council, wondered aloud what Mark Twain would have made of Nobles. “What would he have thought of the beauty of the river that our athletes row on and our biology students research with preservation in mind? And what about our magnificent Castle...? Would he have enjoyed watching the national pastime of baseball on our ‘field of dreams,’ the very field we graduate on today? Would he be delighted watching his brilliant tales be adapted for the Vinik stage? And what would he think of our travels? From New Orleans to South Africa, Nobles has allowed us all to become global citizens.”

Following Tommy’s remarks, Head of School Robert P. Henderson, Jr. ’76 announced the 2011 recipient of the Vernon Greene Prize for Faculty Excellence—Latin and Spanish teacher, cross-country coach and Class IV Dean David Ulrich. The award was established in 1982 by David Arnold of the
Class of 1940 in honor of Vernon Greene, who for many years and to many people embodied faculty excellence. The award is presented yearly to a member of the Nobles faculty who encourages and nurtures academic excellence, whose pedagogy is distinguished, and whose commitment to students and school community is thorough.

“I often think that all the awards should go to the people who least need and expect them,” Henderson said.

“That is certainly the case with this year’s recipient. During his decade of work at Nobles, I have been privileged to watch David’s development from a promising young teacher, recently graduated from college, to a place of leadership in our community. He has a true renaissance spirit in terms of his interests, which he models passionately for his students. One of the rare individuals who teaches in two disciplines, Spanish and Latin, next year he will also teach a class in ancient history and culture, all evidence of his exceptional professional and intellectual dexterity.”

David Arnold, who is a Distinguished Graduate of Noble and Greenough as well as the architect of the Greene award, presented Ulrich with the honor.
As the ceremony continued, Henderson reminded the class that the relationships forged at Nobles will carry them into the future.

"If I asked the members of this senior class to think of the five people outside of their immediate family who had truly made a difference for the better in their lives, I am willing to bet that list includes at least one teacher, and maybe more, for nearly every one of them," he said. "And I surmise that those teachers made an impact because they helped them to see the world in a different way, because they helped them to see themselves in a new light."

Faculty speaker Alex Gallagher ’90, elected by the class to share his thoughts, reiterated the theme of human connection as he spoke of his mother’s consistent reminder, "Win or lose, your mother loves you."

"Accomplishing all that you have accomplished required tremendous risk taking on your part, but you were able to take those risks because of the remarkable love and devotion bestowed upon all of you by the adults in your life who love you," he said. "That is, in my opinion, what makes this institution great. We build beautiful buildings, we have a fantastic college list, and we can compete with anyone in the arts, athletics and service. But at the end of the day, this school has never forgotten that it is people that make a school special."

Student speakers Peter Sholley ’11 and Roz Watson ’11 turned to popular culture in very different ways to share their thoughts with the several hundred gathered family, staff, family members, friends, and classmates.

Peter took his theme from the children’s book The Little Engine That Could. "If we’re all really honest with ourselves, we’d realize it is only in times of discomfort and struggle that we..."
learn the most about ourselves and become better students or athletes or friends or human beings,” he said. “Seek out people who will stay with you through your journey—who won’t laugh at you when you say, ‘I think I can,’ in a seemingly ridiculous situation.”

Rox shared her efforts to make sense of the end of high school. “In my world adults know my name and everyone is politically correct. I don’t know about you guys, but I’m not really ready for the real world,” she said to laughter. Evoking the imagery of zombie movies, in which karma rules and bad guys get their comeuppance, she asked her classmates to end their moment at Nobles well. “The last impression is the lasting impression, and it is as true in a disaster movie as it is here. We have had the huge responsibility of showing everyone how awesome our class really is by how we go out. When we say goodbye to our teachers and classmates today, we have one last chance to leave that impression. Let’s rock it!”

After diplomas were awarded, the graduates walked out to greet and thank the teachers and family members who have cared for them—win or lose—throughout their time at Noble and Greenough.

Mark Twain’s words, offered by Tommy at the beginning of the festive ceremony, captured the spirit of the day: “So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”
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2011 Awards and Prizes  (ALL CLASS OF 2011, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

Alexander D. Slawson ’96 Award (for excellence in community technical services) Christian Hatch

Alumni Prize (for excellence in history) Saul Rosen

Bramhall-Bridge Purchase Awards in Art Zachary Ellison Caroline Vietze Rosalind Watson

Class of ’98 Award (presented by the outgoing school president) Michelle Picard

Davis Cup (for sportsmanship) Reilly Foote Thomas Kelly

The Deb Harrison Boarding Prize Abbeydale Anderson ’14 Connor Maher ’13

Edward L. Bond Jr. Memorial Prize (for improvement) Class I: Kaleigh FitzPatrick Class II: Patrick Timney Class III: Ashley Conley Class IV: Jason Allen Class V: Cameron Brown Class VI: Dayna Tsalet

Edward Stone Gleason Award (for academic excellence) Benjamin Kirkner

Epes Sargent Dixwell Medal (for excellence in Latin) Benjamin Selden Heinrich–Karl Greenblatt

George Washington Cog Noble Cup (to an athlete in Class V and VI for sportsmanship) Jamie McNamara ’15 Peter “Teddy” Strzezelski ’15 Rachel Jafarzaz ’16 Carlo Abell ’16

G. Leighton Bridge Award (for excellence in ceramics) Cassandra Goode

Grandin Wise Award (for excellence in community service) David DiNicola

Greanough Prize (for excellence in mathematics) Aneesh Chattani Benjamin Selden

Harrington Boarder of the Year Tang Nguyen

Harvard Book Prize Benjamin Keat ’12 Madeleine Smith ’12

Head of School Prize Aneesh Chattani

Information Technology and Media Award (for excellence in academic technology) John Eisenmann

John Paine Award (sportsmanship and consistent work in athletics) Melissa Moore ’14 W.S. Maxwell Montgomery ’14

Lisa Kimball Sutherland Award (for excellence in modern language) Irina “Maria” Maier ’14

Little Memorial Essay Awards Literary Criticism: Rosalind Watson Fiction: Ava Greer Nonfiction: Anna Winneg

Miller Medal (excellence in scholarship and athletics) Zachary Ellison

Nash Medal (for executive ability) Thomas Kelly

Nathaniel C. Nash Prize (for journalism) Brendan Smith

 Nobles Shield (for most respected female and male athlete) Michelle Picard Philip Heskin

Peter Kerns and William Warren ’77 Prize (for excellence in technical theatre) Christian Hatch

Princeton Association of New England Award Julianna Wright ’12

Reginald Davidson Music Award Kathleen Pucio

Robert J. Agostini Award (for athletic contribution as a non-competitor) Jeffrey Fishman

Russell B. Stearns Achievement Award (for scholastics, character and leadership) Dabyanire Ramirez Katherine Makaroff

Scudder Medal (for excellence in fine arts) Isabel Mackinnon

Sheldon Prize (for excellence in science) Benjamin Kirkner

Shillito Cup (for excellence in photography) Julia Weber

Sidney L. Eaton Prize (for excellence in theatre) Anna Winneg

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Multiple students are matriculating at each of the following institutions:

1. Dartmouth College
2. Colgate University
3. Brown University
4. Davidson College
5. Duke University
6. Harvard University
7. University of Pennsylvania
8. Colby College
9. Cornell University
10. Princeton University
11. Stanford University
12. Trinity College
13. Tulane University
14. Wesleyan University
15. Amherst College
16. Barnard College
17. Bates College
18. Bowdoin College
19. Columbia University
20. Connecticut College
21. Fordham University
22. The George Washington University
23. Georgetown University
24. Hamilton College
25. Middlebury College
26. University of Vermont
27. University of Virginia
28. Williams College
29. Yale University

One student is matriculating at each of the following institutions:

- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Bucknell University
- University of California–Berkeley
- Colorado College
- Emory University
- Eugene Lang College
- Fairfield University
- Harvey Mudd College
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- McGill University
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- Northwestern University
- University of Notre Dame
- Oberlin College
- Pomona College
- Providence College
- University of Rochester
- St. Olaf College
- Southern Methodist University
- Union College
- Vassar College
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Washington & Lee University
- College of William & Mary
Nobles by the Numbers

NIKI CHIMBERG
From: Newton Public Schools
To: Cornell University

It’s Challenging to Find the right words to describe accomplished student, compassionate leader and successful artist Niko Chimberg ’11. In fact, it seems more fitting to detail her impressive career at Nobles “by the numbers.” After all, the self-professed science geek prefers facts, figures and “concrete answers.”

Five Hundred. Nobles students are required to complete 80 hours of community service in order to graduate, and while many students log more hours than they are obligated, Niko’s efforts are beyond impressive. She has volunteered more than 500 hours during the last three years alone, working in orphanages in Valparaiso and Viña del Mar, Chile, at the Boys and Girls Club in Newton, Community Servings in Boston, Camp Chimney Corners in Becket, Mass., and alongside classmates on the New Orleans trip. She says it was the service-minded community here that helped her make the decision to attend Nobles.

Seven. Since arriving at Nobles as a Class IV student, Niko has taken seven science courses. She is fascinated by new concepts and eager to ask questions about the world around her. She applies a scientific eye to most of what she does, including her work with the Environmental Action Committee (EAC). It’s not just the act of recycling that interests Niko, but the science and technology of the practice. “It’s frustrating to know that we have the technology to do so much more for our environment,” she says. She plans to double-major in economics and psychology, with a minor in statistics, at Cornell University’s College of the Arts and Sciences next fall.

Twelve Fives. When Niko isn’t volunteering at nonprofit organizations or peering over the microscope in the science lab, you can find her in the darkroom. In preparation for the Advanced Placement exhibit in the Foster Gallery, the 2011 Student Show: Work from the AP Studio, she made a series of 12 family portraits, five of which were on display for the show (She says that she probably created close to 400 photographs during the course of the project.) It took a lot of work, she admits, but in the end she was more than happy with the outcome. —Julie Captill
A Nobles Enthusiast

ANEESH CHUTTANI  
From: Dover/Sherborn Public Schools  
To: Dartmouth College  
Awards: Head of School Prize, Greenough Prize for Excellence in Mathematics

WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE ice cream flavor? For some people, the answer comes quickly—a single go-to flavor that they’d gladly choose time and time again. For others, the question is impossible to answer; they could just as easily tout the tanginess of strawberry as they could the complexities of rocky road. The challenge that the latter group faces is akin to what ANEESH CHUTTANI ’11 experiences when asked to pick a favorite class at Nobles. “It’s just impossible,” he says. “I’ve been so lucky, and I can honestly say that I’ve enjoyed all of my classes here.”

In his own humble assessment, Aneesh attributes this to the Nobles faculty, explaining that regardless of the subject matter, every teacher is so passionate that it’s hard not to enjoy each and every class. To sit in a Nobles classroom is to experience something; it is much more than a transference of facts and instruction from teacher to student. The relationship between them is what sets Nobles apart and allows its faculty to shine. Ask any of Aneesh’s teachers and they will point out that his love of learning also has a great deal to do with his academic success. His broad range of interests in the classroom is driven by an innate curiosity and an eagerness to discover the world around him.

If asked to put together a highlight reel from his Nobles athletic career, Aneesh would also have trouble narrowing down the choices—but it wouldn’t be the game-changing plays or winning shots he’d pick first. The Boys’ Varsity Soccer player and Varsity Squash Co-Captain says the biggest “take-away” moments were the lessons imparted by his coaches, STEVE GINSBERG and CHRIS BURR. “There were times when Coach Burr would have the whole team together before a match and he’d start telling a story. Sometimes they weren’t even related to squash—but the lessons could be used both on and off the court,” says Aneesh. “I can’t describe what it feels like to know that the teachers and coaches here truly care about you.”

Aneesh has learned a lot about himself during his six years at Nobles. Two weeks before graduation, he made his Assembly debut playing piano, something he’d always wanted to do. His nerves held him back from doing it sooner, but he realized that he needed to push through. “This is a place to take risks and step out of your comfort zone,” he explains. “I think the most successful students here set goals and hold themselves accountable. And that couldn’t happen without the support of this amazing community.” —Jude Gantzill
Mr. Community Service

DAVID DINICOLA
From: Walpole Public Schools
To: Colby College
Award: Grandin Wise Award for excellence in community service

When David Dinicola '11 arrived at Nobles as a Class IV student, he didn't waste any time diving into the community. Confronted with an overwhelming array of opportunities and realizing that high school would last only four years, he was looking for a new start, to establish new friendships and to get involved. "I tried to put myself out there and I wanted to try everything," David says. "I didn't want to miss out on anything because there is so much that we offer here, but you can't do everything." During his first year in a rigorous academic environment, he took seven courses when the standard load was five, and took no fewer than six classes each semester throughout his Upper School career.

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David was elected an officer of the Community Service Board his first year, progressing as a head of the board in his Class IV year. He was also a Shield Head, a Varsity Football player, director of the Winter Main stage play Big Love, and business officer of the male a cappella group, the Noblemonks.

And with some 500 community service hours under his belt, he says, "The reason I wanted to be so involved is because I felt like I was not giving as much to the community if I was not." He credits Community Service Coordinator Linda Hurley for her mentorship over the years. "Even though she's not a classroom teacher, she taught me so much—whether it was working in New Orleans or going to the Cotting School. It's real life experience, and you see so much more when you do this kind of stuff," he says.

Academically, David is passionate about journalism. As the graphics and print editor of The Noblisman, he combined two favorite interests: writing and photography. Although he had loved writing since grammar school, it wasn't until Nobles that he gained an appreciation for photography. Taking after his great-grandfather, who taught at the Rhode Island School of Design, he says that although he didn't acquire the painting genes, he did inherit a great appreciation for visual arts. David plans to continue writing and photography at Colby, where he aspires to work for the Colby Echo, the college's student newspaper. — Tiffany Tran
He Got with the Program

JACK EISENMANN
From: Weston Public Schools
To: Brown University
Award: Information Technology and Media Award for excellence in academic technology

JACK EISENMANN ’11 SPEAKS several languages besides English. In fact, he is fluent in Javascript, Python, Flash and PHP, to name a few.

Jack’s interest in programming languages, computer science and engineering began at age 11, when he wanted to design games. He taught himself how to program using online tutorials. Now his interests are broader, and while he still enjoys game design, he is less enchanted with it as a potential career. “The industry is very competitive. My impression is that it is a more corporate environment and not so fun,” he says. Instead, his interests have evolved from entertainment to using his technological skills to “help solve difficult problems in the world.” He’s off to an impressive start, with summer jobs as a programmer at Harvard Student Agencies, which he calls “the largest student-run corporation in the world,” and the networking company Akamai.

Jack’s penchant for programming sets him apart, but he says that Nobles is the kind of place where “everyone tries to be as nice to each other as they can. It’s not somewhere you’ll find people bullying or putting each other down.” Jack has forged meaningful connections with fellow students and faculty, like Chief Information Officer DAN WEIR, who advised him as computer club president, and has helped direct him in many of his programming ventures. Weir calls Jack “without a doubt the best high school programmer I have ever had the pleasure to teach,” and commends his creativity and deep understanding of program/application coding and design.

At Nobles, Jack developed the multimedia “dashboard” projected in Assembly that features the day’s lunch menu as well as news, weather and birthdays. He also wrote a popular mobile application for Nobles sports scoring. His behind-the-scenes efforts in lighting, set design and construction enhanced numerous Nobles theatrical productions.

Jack has also made valuable contributions in the classroom. Whether in the AP Chemistry or in a Latin class, his teachers describe him as humble, exceptionally bright, analytical and collaborative. BILL KEHLERBACK taught Jack math freshman and senior years. Jack found his teacher’s zest for mathematics contagious, and he credits Kehlbeck with fueling his own enthusiasm. “Mr. Kehlbeck is very passionate about math. He gets me excited about it too, and we enjoy doing puzzles,” he says.

Jack looks forward to attending Brown University because of “its strength in engineering, as well as its focus on undergraduate education.” —Kim Neil
Putting a New Spin on It

MICHAEL J. NELSON
From: Westwood Public Schools
To: Eugene Lang College, The New School

ASK THE NOBLES COMMUNITY ABOUT Mike Nelson ’11. They will describe his success as a DJ, music promoter and photographer. They will rave about his engineering of the spring Techno Dance or morning Assembly. However, few would suspect that the guy whose techno beats get the crowd to cut loose experiences stage fright. This is one quality that stands out about Mike: he spans challenges into opportunities.

Mike hails from a family of student-athletes. He stayed with this tradition first as a hockey player, then as a talented rower. Adversity, in the form of a devastating and painful injury—two herniated discs and two lower lumbar spinal fractures—forced him to reevaluate his choices and his future.

This setback was, as Mike puts it, a “blessing in disguise.” In just two focused years, through tireless self-education, he has cultivated his obsession for European electronic dance music. It is now a promising long-term career. “I dove into the industry, learning about promotion for record labels, for myself as an artist, and for the business,” he says. He learned valuable lessons at Sony Music in New York City at Jive Records, as well as at RED, a company distributing and promoting indie labels. He is fascinated by the ways technology and social media have revolutionized the development of new artists. He himself goes by two names: Mike Nelson, for his work with house and trance music, and The Saturn Project, for dubstep and electro, two gritty sub-genres.

Mike is grateful for the way everyone at Nobles has embraced his choices. “It’s a safe place to experiment and explore off the beaten path.” When Mike wanted to learn a music software program called Ableton Live to write and perform using an APC40 controller, his advisor, Dawud Brown ’94, “took the time to help me step by step, and to learn alongside me. That’s typical of Nobles…not getting taught ‘at’ but having that conversation,” Mike says. Another example was collaborating with tech theatre faculty Jon Bonner and friend Christian Hatch ’11 to produce the Techno Dance this spring. “We spent hundreds of hours planning, and the response we got made it all worthwhile.”

Mike will pursue music and business at The New School in New York City this fall. He hopes to manage an American-based record label that specializes in dance music, and to nurture new artists while continuing to perform. As he leaves Nobles, Mike sums up his own experience with some sage advice: “Just because there’s not an established path to your passion doesn’t mean it’s impossible. Make your own.”

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—Kim Naid
Connection Builder

TUNG NGUYEN
From: South Lawrence Public Schools
To: Bowdoin College
Awards: The Harrington Boarding Award and the Swayne/Mabley Boarding Art Award

WHEN TUNG NGUYEN ’11 ENROLLED in Upward Bound the summer after eighth grade, little did he know that the unfamiliar campus in Dedham would become his home for the next four years.

“I didn’t know about Nobles before I arrived for Upward Bound,” says Tung, whose family is from Vietnam and currently lives in Lawrence, Mass. “When I got here I fell in love with all the teachers, and I really, really loved the school—and so I asked Ms. Velásquez if I should apply, and she gave me an interview.”

Tung was admitted into the Class of 2011, enrolled as a boarder that fall, and immediately threw himself into the life of the school.

“When I came here, I tried everything for sports,” Tung laughs. “I jumped everywhere. My freshman year I played soccer. Then I did wrestling; then I did sailing, which was totally new. In my sophomore year I did community service, basketball and lacrosse—and in my senior spring I’m enjoying Ultimate Frisbee.”

During the spring of his Class I year, Tung says he discovered what he hopes to pursue at Bowdoin College and beyond. The self-described “science fanatic” says, “One day in anatomy and physiology, we were looking at an open heart surgery—and that inspired me to go for biology and be a doctor. I said aloud to my class; ‘This is it!’ I felt passionate about it. Talking about it right now makes me happy.”

Tung has embraced the opportunities Nobles offers. “I loved the Romanic trip—it was a new experience to leave our community and our society and into a place where everything is different.” He also went on the spring 2011 bicycling trip to Vietnam and Cambodia, visiting family in Hanoi and in Ho Chi Minh City en route.

Tung is known for connecting students with each other, getting involved in the Peer Help Program (PHP), Multicultural Student Association, Achieve tutoring, Brother 2 Brother and more. “I have come to realize why I wanted to do PHP and Brother 2 Brother,” he says. “I wanted to make people comfortable in this community. As a minority, I wanted to do what other students in the past did for me. They accepted me and made the transition into Nobles really smooth. I feel it’s my duty to pass it on.” —Catherine O’Neill Grace
Finding Her Voice

KATIE PUCCIO
From: North Attleboro Public Schools
To: Hamilton College
Awards: Reginald Davidson Music Award

Since the age of 3, Katie Puccio '11 has always loved to sing. As a toddler, she was caught on tape singing “Colors of the Wind” from the Disney movie, Pocahontas. A few years down the road, she learned to play the piano. But Katie’s serious devotion to music didn’t happen until her Class II year at Nobles when she took a music theory class and private voice lessons with Music Director Michael Turner.

As a member of the Upper School Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, a representative for the Student Music Advisory Committee and a co-leader of both the Nobles’ cappella group, Notorious, and the gospel group, Imani, it’s no surprise that she plans to double major in music and communications at Hamilton College.

During her Class I year Katie pursued an independent study analyzing how music works. She also took on the task of learning how to play the guitar, performing “The House that Built Me” by Miranda Lambert during Senior Project Night. “Music is something I love that I found during my time here,” she says. “My experience at Nobles would be completely different without having it.”

But music isn’t the whole story: Katie also captained the Varsity Field Hockey and Varsity Softball teams. Her vivacity was evident on the Nobles stage not only in her role as a performer but also as a senior prefect and co-president of the Dawg Pound, a club dedicated to encouraging school spirit. Katie’s high spirits generated enthusiasm for Nobles events all year. With her crowded schedule, Katie jokes that she “really doesn’t sleep much… I don’t have a lot of downtime. But I wouldn’t know what to do with myself if I had downtime.”

Arriving at Nobles in ninth grade, Katie says that she “wasn’t academically prepared.” Today she can confidently say, “My work ethic is stronger, and I’ve learned to do what makes me truly happy.” She credits Bob Henderson ’76, Bill Bussey and Marcella Maldonado for pushing her to work to her potential. “Mr. Henderson always made sure I was on my A game, and he wouldn’t let me slack,” she says. “Mr. Bussey also pushed me but in a different way. He made me think about my opinions in a way I never had done before. And Ms. Maldonado challenged me. She helped me learn why I believe in the things I do.” — Tiffany Town
MANAGING THE DEMANDS of family, friends, classes and clubs is a quite the balancing act—and no one at Nobles does it better than Dee Ramirez ’11. A border since arriving in Class IV, Dee realized early that the key to her success, in part, was finding a way to weave her family values, culture and faith into her everyday life at Nobles. Whether she’s crafting traditional Dominican faceless dolls in ceramics for her Senior Project or leaving the hustle and bustle of Saturday games and campus activities to attend Sabbath services at her family’s Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Lawrence, Mass., Dee takes pride in staying true to herself. It is a quality that her classmates and teachers greatly admire.

Dee has always been strong-willed and eager to be her own advocate. As a young student, she had aspirations to attend private school where she could be surrounded by kids her own age who were motivated to learn. She shared these hopes with her basketball coach and when Associate Dean of Admission Cassandra Velázquez visited the Boys and Girls Club where Dee played, her coach rushed to tell her about Nobles. After attending an open house, Dee knew that Nobles could give her the opportunities and resources she was seeking. It was impressive foresight for a 13-year-old.

Dee has risen to the challenges she has faced at Nobles. She recalls questioning her writing ability at the start of Chris Burr’s English class, at first intimidated by the analytical essay assignments. “After working with Mr. Burr, I found my voice in writing and now I’m confident,” she says. A fact validated when she landed a position on the Noblemen staff as an opinion writer. She also has established herself as a mentor, to both peers and younger students, taking leadership roles in the Multicultural Students Association and Sister 2 Sister. She says that one of the best things about being an upperclassman has been the opportunity to have a positive effect on younger students in these clubs or in the dorms.

Dee is ready to add another component to her well-balanced life—college. She’s off to Bowdoin next fall, where she hopes to study everything from medicine to languages, theology to writing. She’s considering a career as an obstetrician, but wants a wide range of education. For those who know Dee—if that’s the goal she’s setting for herself, there’s no doubt it’s what she will achieve. —Julie Castell
A Passion Discovered

BRITTANY REID
To: Bates College

REMINISCING ABOUT HER SIX YEARS at Nobles, BRITTANY REID ’11 can’t choose just one noteworthy memory. She says, “I loved this experience as a whole… I loved being a boarder… I loved being with the Girls’ Varsity lacrosse team…” and the list goes on. But if she had to choose one experience, Brittany would pick her semester at the Chewonki Semester School in Wiscasset, Maine.

After spending a semester during her Class II year at Chewonki, Brittany developed a passion for environmental issues and sustainable living. She not only found the subject she hopes to pursue at Bates College but also forged strong bonds with her peers during the four-month experience. “Leaving Chewonki was probably the biggest transitional personal change I’ve ever had,” she says. “As a kid, I grew up not depending on anyone but myself. I realized that there were tons of people at Nobles as well as people at Chewonki who were willing to accept me for who I am and were willing to stand by me. I came back and learned not to take what I have here for granted.”

Brittany’s favorite academic subjects are math and science. And although she says that having NICK NICKERSON for three years in math has been “one of my highlights,” she also notes that any subject can be interesting with an engaging teacher. She says, “I had no interest in the Middle East, but I just wanted to take another class with MARCELA MALLONADO—and I loved it. She’s assertive. She knows her facts, and yet she’s really open-minded.”

Brittany was a Junior Varsity Basketball player, the manager of the Girls’ Varsity Lacrosse team and occasionally the Bulldog mascot. She has also broken records in conditioning, setting the highest record in the female division for bench-pressing 120 pounds.

Brittany says that she found Nobles service trips inspiring, recalling the New Orleans trip in March 2011, when she, along with more than 50 students and 12 adults, helped rebuild and refurbish homes. “Seeing how the New Orleans community comes together as a whole is amazing,” she says. Brittany plans to continue service work in New Orleans in the future.

And although she has had the comfort of calling Nobles home for six years and says BILL BUSSEY “is like a father to me,” and her six-year advisor JENNIFER HINES “is like a mother to me,” Brittany feels something calling her Downeast, “I left a lot about me in Maine, and I’m looking forward to going back.”

—Tiffany Tran
The Mind of a Scholar

BEN SELDEN
From: Tenacre School, Wellesley, Mass.
To: Harvard College
Awards: Greenough Prize for Excellence in Mathematics
and Eads Sargent Dixwell Medal for Latin

BEN SELDEN’S TEACHERS WOULD vote the scholarly senior the member of
the Class of 2011 “most likely to become a professor.” Throughout his six years at
Nobles, Ben has chosen an intense and demanding academic schedule loaded
with Honors and AP courses—and has thrived on the challenge. However, he
is anything but an academic grind—Ben is a Varsity Cross-Country runner and Soccer
player, as well as an avid chess player who helped establish Nobles’ first interscholastic chess team. He took part
in the first Nobles service trip to India in 2009, and is active in Habitat for
Humanity and Project Bread.

When asked if he considers himself a scholar, Ben laughs self-depre-
catingly. “Scholar... that’s a nice
word for nerd,” he says, but admits that he has always loved to learn.

“When I was very little, my dad would read books to me—books that would be more
for a young adult—the whole Lord of the Rings trilogy, all of the Wizard of Oz books,
and then the Three Musketeers series. It’s a genius parenting strategy to read Tolkien to
your kids.”

Ben grew up in an academically oriented household with a scientist father and
psychologist mother. “Teaching has always been something which I have liked a lot, but
with regard to a profession—I have thought about it but have not felt pushed toward one
direction too much.”

The fact is, Ben could go in any number of directions. He has taken all the Latin
classes at Nobles, is an accomplished photographer, was copyeditor of The Noblemen and
thrived in the most demanding of science and math classes.

European History was his most memorable class, he says. “It was my favorite course
at Nobles. Mr. Barass is a wonderful teacher—very thorough and engaged.”

He also enjoyed Dick Baker’s English class. “He’s legendary,” Ben says. “He just expects
students to sort through things by talking. His model is to throw tons of literature at us, and
that’s why I loved that class, and Euro—they offered such breadth of material.”

When Ben departs for Harvard, “I will miss the really close relationships you have with your
teachers here,” he says. “That’s the one thing that might scare me a bit about a university—
not being friends with your teachers.”

But he welcomes the chance to spread his academic wings and try new things. “I
love to find connections,” he says. “That’s what I loved about European History—I felt
like everywhere I looked it connected somehow. It was connected with science and math
and English. Everywhere I looked I found some Euro reference. I would love to do more of that kind
of exploration.” —Catherine O’Neill Grace
A True Scholar Athlete

MARISSA SHOJI
From: Mount Alvernia Academy, Chestnut Hill, Mass.
To: Harvard College
Awards: Trustee Prize for Scholarship

When Mariissa Shoji ’11 arrived at Nobles as a freshman, she was poised like a runner at the starting line to take advantage of every opportunity the school has to offer. And off she went. During her high school years, Mariissa challenged herself with AP classes and the most demanding science and math courses in the curriculum. She established a stellar academic record, earning both the 2010 and 2011 Trustee Prize for Scholarship, awarded by the faculty each year to the top scholar in each grade.

“I enjoy the sciences,” says Mariissa. “I have taken AP biology and AP chemistry, and this year took quantitative physics, but I also enjoyed my English class with Mr. Baker. He is definitely one of the best teachers, mentors and friends at Nobles.”

What advice would this accomplished scholar-athlete give to an incoming Nobles freshman? “Strive for excellence in all that you do,” says Mariissa. “Nobles is a great community composed of amazing faculty, friends and teammates who can help you achieve your goals.”

“I’m thinking about economics and sciences for a major in college—but we’ll see.”

You might think that her demanding academic schedule would take all Mariissa’s time. Think again! She has excelled as an athlete both at Nobles and on her outside swim and track teams, and was Nobles’ Varsity Cross-Country running captain. When she was injured while running and had to be off her feet for a season, she decided to row—and made Varsity. Her boat won a silver medal in the New England Championships.

In spring 2011, Mariissa spent her first season running outdoor track. “I love running, especially track,” she says. “I recently ran the 5K, and I have the fourth fastest time in the country right now for high-school girls.”

Mariissa also is a dedicated volunteer. In fall 2010, she was the driving force behind a successful fundraiser, “Together We Run,” a 5K road race hosted on the Nobles cross-country course—Mariissa’s “favorite place on campus.” Two hundred regional runners joined Nobles to raise funds to support cancer research at Boston’s Children’s Hospital.

“When I was injured I met this amazing little girl with cancer at Children’s Hospital, and she inspired me to do something,” says Mariissa. “Together We Run raised just about $2,000 for Children’s Hospital, and Coach Sheram hopes to make it an annual event.”

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—Catherine O’Neill Cruise
Earning the Lead, Leading the Way

ANNE WINNEG
From: Wayland Public Schools
To: Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences
Award: Little Memorial Essay Award for Nonfiction
and Sidney L. Eaton Prize for excellence in theatre

**ANNE WINNEG '11 HAS FACED SOME tough critics.** She calls that “the scariest part” of tackling the lead role in a professional play in Boston as a senior in high school. Luckily, her fresh talent and exuberance won those critics over.

Annie’s family has nurtured her love for singing and acting, finding her classes and coaches. CHRISTINE McNALLY, choreographer for the Nobles Summer Intensive, offered to coach Annie and encouraged her to try doing theatre outside school. When the Independent Drama Society held auditions for Sarah Ruhl’s *Eurydice* this spring, Annie read for the lead. “I was the first one to audition, and I thought, ‘If I get it, that’s amazing. If not, then at least I tried.’ It was a struggle for someone like me, who hates failing at the things I try, and hates auditioning just as much.” She landed the part, and it evolved into her Senior Project.

Annie participated in 10 productions at Nobles, as an actor and behind the scenes—even learning a part in two hours to step in for another actor who became ill suddenly during the 2011 spring musical. She values the close contact with theatre faculty that those shows brought her. “The faculty is so talented, and you get unbelievably close in a short time. Adults rely on you so you’re treated like one of them, and when I decided to try an outside show, they were incredibly supportive.”

Annie does not shy away from challenges; she thrives on them. The respect of her peers and teachers earned her one of only four student seats on the Nobles Disciplinary Committee, a recommending body for Head of School Bob Henderson ’76. It was tough to judge her peers, but Annie took the responsibility seriously, recognizing the gravity and impact of her decisions. “It was enlightening as one of the first real times that my contribution has been equal to the adults,” she says. “I’ve learned about how and why Nobles rules come into play on a fundamental level.”

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Annie is excited to follow her theatrical trajectory at Oberlin in the fall. At Nobles, she has learned to try new ventures and encourages others to pursue them, too. “If you’re the one with the best attitude and throw yourself into it, you will earn respect. People esteem the risk more than the result.”

—Kim Neal
Fond Farewells
Nobles says its goodbyes to two retiring faculty members

On the last Thursday of classes during the 2010–2011 school year, groups of faculty course through the hallways of the Schoolhouse to gather in the classrooms of colleagues Kate Coon and Leona Cottrell. Their mission: to witness and honor the final moments of the two teachers’ Noble and Greenough careers. Both are retiring, Coon after 25 years at Nobles, Cottrell after 25.

Gathering at the final class of a retiring colleague is a time-honored Noble and Greenough tradition. Led by Senior Master Nick Nickerson, colleagues file quietly into the back of the room as the teacher concludes the session, then offer congratulations and farewells.

“We are here to honor you, the classroom teacher, and the art and craft of your work,” said Nickerson at the conclusion of Classics teacher Cottrell’s Latin class—echoing what he had said that morning in Coon’s final session. “What you care about is right here, right now.”
“It’s always a joy walking into class,” said Cottrell. “It has been an honor and a pleasure.”

At her last class, English teacher and college counselor Coon remarked, “This is a job and a life about seeing the best in other people.”

Not long before her final day at Nobles, Coon had spoken at the annual Cum Laude Banquet in the Castle, offering some wisdom from her 23 years at Nobles. Here are a few excerpts from her talk that evening, which was titled “Mama Says.”

“I figure we’ll start at the beginning,” Coon said. And she was off:

“Mama said there’d be days like this, There’d be days like this my mama said…”

“Two little lines from a Shirley song about teenage aching for love, and Mama’s assurance that it’s going to come out all right, all in good time, and two little words from those two little lines: Mama said.”

“Keen-eyed musicologists like my good friend and colleague Bill Kehlenbeck will notice that ‘Mama Said’ has become ‘Mama Says.’ Two little letters on those two little words, bringing it up into the present tense. Because don’t we all have Mama’s voice in our heads? It’s the earliest voice we ever heard, and even when she’s gone, that’s a voice that never goes away. It’s in us, and all around us.

“. . . Here’s a ‘Mama says’ about the universality overlying the particularity of our particular moment in cultural, economic and spiritual time. Zoom in and you see one thing, zoom out, and far enough, and you see something a bit different. I’m more and more in zoom-out mode these days, I guess, as I prepare to leave.

“We all have families. Like your Mama’s voice, that’s another universal. And if you zoom far enough out on that family tree, you’re going to find just about every condition and malady known to man . . . You have the aunt whose name on the caller ID inspires a dull thump of dread and the grand-parent whose inexorable decline into dementia is so sad it’s breaking your family’s heart . . . Know any of us well enough and you’ll know we all have stories . . .

“So what’s anybody’s far share? We’re in for it—with our sisters and brothers, our children, parents, cousins, ourselves—it’s part of life’s portion and it’s ours to share and bear. Let’s bear it together, then, in kindness and with hope. You are loved, collected, and connected, here, in your triumphs and in your pain. Never forget that. It may not be obvious, but it’s true. Count on it. Because Mama says . . .

“I make no apologies for being a little bit dark and serious—it’s my sign of respect to you that we can take it, we can talk about things that are real, and that’s all right . . .

“Another little nugget [goes] something like, ‘It’s obvious, but it’s not simple.’ Yeah. So often true. We see something, understand something, grasp something, and it’s obvious.
I mean we get it, right? It’s obvious. It’s in plain view. Only, it is really not simple. We think we know somebody or the truth of a situation. It’s obvious. Only really, it’s not. If it involves human beings in any way, or the natural or manmade world, simple is probably the last thing it is. We just haven’t seen it with what Yeats called the ‘seer’s eye.’ As I’ve been saying all spring to my Children’s Lit students, in what I hope will be the mantra for the course, maybe the one thing they will remember, and if so, really, it’s enough: ‘There’s always more.’

‘Just when you think you’ve figured out that poem, properly decoded and compartmentalized that author, dissected that gnarly social dynamic in the alcoves, and assigned blame and reward where it’s due (obviously), that little voice is going to come into your head and say, “wait a minute now, stay open, slow down that decision train, because... there’s always more.”

... Finally, to you guys (generic, unison use of the word “guys”), you seniors. You’re the whole point and I have loved getting to know you. Some I’ve taught and advised, others I know with those “eyes at the back of my head” that all we moms possess. You’d be surprised, maybe shocked, to realize how well I actually do know you. But, humbly, “there’s always more.” So I look forward to a long and happy association built upon our shared past but stretching forward into our futures. Thank you, all, for everything.”

Wards of thanks were heard often as these two veteran teachers ended their time at Noble and Greenough School. At one of the final Assemblies of the year, Classics Chair Mark Harrington thanked his colleague Leona Cottrell, saying, “Classists like to band together. We share a love of language and history, and in our Classics Department here at Noble, it’s the more, the merrier. We genuinely enjoy talking about Greece and Rome, and having a large group of teachers who share this interest makes the work day fly by. I like to think about classists as a large, extended family.”

“That said, this is a bittersweet day for me, because I am here to celebrate and to bid formal farewell to my closest sister in Classics, Ms. Cottrell. I like that metaphor of a sister, because we have developed our craft together, for 25 years, and in doing so we have become very aware of each other’s petticoats. A brother supports his sister, but, for me, anyway, I enjoy needing Ms. Cottrell, often over the stupidest things. That book, was it Roman Blood or Gates of Fire? I once said that it wasn’t the greatest book ever written. Here’s my vote again. It’s not. Worse, take the Latin word otium. Heaven help you if you translate it as leisure. Any Latin III student worth her salt knows that it is simply untranslatable. Maybe so, but I translate it to leisure all the time—every chance I get—in department meetings. It drives my crazy. Brothers are like that.”

“We have worked together, laughed together, argued together for more than two decades, and I, for one, am going to miss that tension. Ms. Cottrell has inspired scores to continue studies in Latin, Greek, archaeology at the college level, and the Leona Effect echoes, through her old students to the ones that they now teach.

So, back to otium. It is more—so much more—than leisure, and Ms. Cottrell’s thirst for knowledge will not end with her tenure here. While she may retire from Nobles, you can all be sure that she will continue reading Latin and investigating Pompeii.

Her ability to convert her personal interests into solid curriculum may well be her greatest legacy.

“Leona, in otio aspera negotia, ve hic?”

A few days later, as the Schoolhouse emptied, the applause offered at the conclusion of both Kate Coon and Leona Cottrell’s final classes still seemed to echo through the hallways: Valete—farewell.

— Catherine O'Neill Grace
Imagine a water shortage that prohibits private toilets and replaces them with pay-per-use public amenities. Town residents of the backdrop for Nobles’ spring show have been stripped of their rights to one of humanity’s most basic needs: the right to use a restroom. Instead, this essential becomes a privilege only for those who can afford it.

Fifty-five members of the Nobles community—32 cast members, eight technicians, one scenic designer, seven students and professional band members, and a seven-person faculty production team—staged an impeccable production of Urinetown: The Musical!, a dark, satirical comedy about an unsustainable natural resource, corporate mismanagement, social upheaval and love. Narrator Officer Lockstock (ROZ WATSON ’11) wields the audience through the scenes, not forgetting to inform viewers that they, too, are not exempt from the public amenity laws. Each guest was wittily given a voucher for “One free pee” to use only during intermission.

Public restrooms—controlled by Caldwell E. Cladwell (CHRISTIAN HATCH’11) by Urine Good Company, have residents desperately scraping for change. Little Sally (WHITNEY SANDFORD’16) begs, “A penny for a morning pee” as other residents huddle in line to wait for public amenity no. 9 to open.

A full house watched as defiant residents like Old Man Strong (RYAN DIAMOND’11) and Bobby Strong (CHRIS COLLINS-PHARO’12) are condemned to the mythical “Urinetown,” which is in fact the rooftop of Urine Good Company headquarters where they are forced off the building. The gentle-hearted Hope Cladwell (KATHERINE DOHERTY ’12), Bobby Strong’s love and the daughter of the callous Mr. Cladwell, soon joins the revolution to overthrow her father’s business. The talented ensemble song, “It’s a Privilege to Fee,” “Run Freedom Run” and “I See a River” to generate community excitement to fight for what’s right.

—Tiffany Tien
The Art of Being Well

BY JULIE GUPTILL

“How are you?”

Most of us are familiar with this simple question from polite passersby. Truthfully, it’s usually intended more as a salutation than an actual inquiry. After all, most people barely pause for the answer, and if it is more detailed than, “Fine, thanks. You?” it elicits dumbfounded surprise. But it’s a fully loaded question. When is the last time you took stock of your physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing in order to answer that unadorned, three-word question?

The five graduates profiled here have committed themselves and their work to making sure you find the answer. Their professions are uniquely related to health, wellness or fitness, and each of them believes wholeheartedly in the benefits of taking time from busy schedules to care for our bodies and minds.
Lisa Cummings '86
Holistic Health & Wellness Coach
(www.livewellbydesign.net)

Some people have everything going for them—successful careers, loving families, supportive friends—but still feel as if something is missing. That’s when they pick up the phone and call Lisa Cummings ’86. She identifies that missing link, which more often than not is related to a client’s physical health and wellness, and works one-on-one to identify changes in diet, nutrition and exercise that will revitalize the person’s life.

“It’s easy to get off track,” Cummings explains. “Your eating habits slip; your clothes start fitting a little tighter; you’re constantly tired and trying to figure out why. Simple, lifelong changes to your eating habits can absolutely change everything.”

Cummings can relate to the experience of so many of her clients because it is exactly where she found herself. After graduating from the Rhode Island School of Design, Cummings went into creative advertising, and by the time she had reached her mid-30s had established a successful career in New York City. The long working hours and fast pace of the city took their toll, and Cummings realized she needed to make some changes. She went back to school and received a certification in holistic health. “I instantly knew it was the right decision,” she says. “This work is incredible. I love helping people put their lives back in order.”

Cummings says that part of living a healthy life is to keep active and exercise regularly—an ethic she first grew to appreciate at Nobles. “The Afternoon Program requirement is amazing. As a teenager, I got used to moving every day, and it really set me up for a lifetime of good habits,” she says.

Today, Cummings owns and runs a business, Live Well by Design. She lives in Connecticut, but works with many clients over the phone. One of the biggest challenges she faces is getting people to understand that there are no quick fixes out there. She urges clients to be in touch with their bodies and to set up healthy tools with which they can take care of themselves. Sometimes it is as simple as swapping out one food for another, like almond milk instead of dairy. “It’s much easier to find healthy substitutions or practice moderation than it is to deprive yourself of something,” she says. “It’s a gradual process—it’s not about perfection.”
Alexandra Templer ’01
Yoga Instructor

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When Alexandra Templer ’01 first tried yoga as a teenager, her first impression was that it might not be for her. But after seeing an acupuncturist for persistent back pain, she decided to give it another try—and has been using the practice as part of her own self-care ever since. She was so happy with its health benefits that she wanted to share it with others, and has been a yoga instructor for the past seven years. She recently moved to New York City and is teaching individuals and small-group sessions there.

Templer has a broad perspective on personal health and wellness, and encourages people to fuse western and eastern practices in order to achieve balance. She studied anthropology and religious studies at Washington University in St. Louis and has always been interested in the wide range of health practices worldwide. She is trained in a school called TI Yoga, a method that focuses on mindful movement and breath. “It’s very dance-like and feels amazing,” explains Templer. “My personal focus when teaching really emphasizes self-compassion and love.”

Her interest in personal wellness shouldn’t surprise anyone who knew her while she attended Nobles. Templer loved AP Biology with former faculty member Fred Scudiero and for a long time envisioned herself becoming a doctor. That path started to wind in a different direction after she traveled to India with science teacher Christine “CC” Fastenberg. “The trip was really life-changing,” Templer says. “It was eye-opening to see the different ways in which people all over the world live.”

Templer says one of the biggest misconceptions about yoga is that you need to be athletic or flexible in order to practice. Not the case, she says. Anyone can do it. “It’s about finding the right fit—there’s a style and teacher for everyone.” In fact, Templer has worked with a wide range of students, including cancer patients. She also says that yoga is great for professionals looking to improve executive functions like focus and listening skills.

She has plans to go back to school and study clinical psychology, hoping someday combine body-centered therapy, like yoga, with psychotherapy in order to work with veterans or children and their families who’ve experienced trauma. Templer believes that yoga offers a lot of value in helping to connect, and ultimately heal, both the mind and body.
Greg Lewis, MD ’90
Associate Director, Massachusetts General Hospital Cardiopulmonary Exercise Laboratory
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School

There are more than 100 doctors, dentists and medical professionals in the Nobles graduate population—all of whom have a very direct connection to health and wellness. It is no different for cardiologist Greg Lewis, MD ’90. “Since arriving at MGH for my medical residency training in 1999,” he explains, “I have had the privilege of teaching medical students and resident physicians, providing clinical care to patients with a broad range of cardiovascular diseases, and conducting research.”

His list of clinical interests includes heart failure and transplantation as well as pulmonary hypertension. Lewis is also well known for his research in exercise physiology. His work has received countless accolades, including publications in a number of medical journals as well as articles in Harvard Magazine, The Boston Globe, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and Nature. He has published more than 20 articles in a range of fields, including “mechanisms of exercise intolerance in cardiovascular disease and metabolic response patterns to exercise.” Lewis seeks to further understand the beneficial effects of exercise at a molecular level in hopes of harnessing that knowledge to help individuals with impaired exercise capacity from heart failure as well as athletes hoping to improve their performance.

To state it simply, we all know that exercise can benefit our bodies in a multitude of ways, but Lewis and his team study the specific changes and effects in the body in response to exercise. According to their research, just 10 minutes of aerobic exercise can cause significant biochemical changes in the body that are detectable in the bloodstream for more than an hour after completion of exercise. These changes in metabolic substrate utilization vary from person to person according to each individual’s level of fitness.

Fitness has always been important to Lewis. At Nobles, he was captain of the Varsity Soccer and Lacrosse teams and, as a senior, won the Davis Cup for sportsmanship and consistent work in athletics. He discovered a love for a new sport while at Dartmouth College—rowing. Lewis has since been inducted into the Dartmouth Rowing Hall of Fame for his role on the 1996 Summer Olympic Team as a spare on the United States Sailing Team. He also won the Henley Royal Regatta in the double sculls event.

After graduating from Dartmouth, Lewis attended the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.
Debbie Lavin Strzetelski ’78
Physical Therapist, Natick Visiting Nurses Association

Debbie Lavin Strzetelski ’78 turned a silver lining into a career that has spanned 20 years. After knee surgery in 1986, Strzetelski started rehabilitation with a physical therapist. Despite the pain, she not only got through her PT but found herself intrigued with the practice. “It seemed really interesting,” she says. “And I thought, I could do that!” Seven years after graduating from Bowdoin College, where she majored in chemistry, Strzetelski went back to school, earning her master’s in Physical Therapy from Boston University. For five years, she worked in sports medicine before taking a job with the Natick Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) in 1995.

Strzetelski’s patients range in age from 2 to 103 years old, but most of them are between 70 and 90 years old. For varying health reasons they are homebound and unable to leave for physical therapy and other services. A “typical” day for Strzetelski includes traveling to the patient’s home and assessing vital signs, strength, mobility, safety risks, range of motion, balance and the need for safety devices. Together they come up with goals that the patients want to achieve. “I play the role of teacher and work with them to get them stronger. I also create a home exercise program to address deficits in order to get them more independent and hopefully back into the community.”

Although her patients work with service providers from other disciplines, including nursing, speech, occupational therapy, home health support or social work, often Strzetelski is the only person her patients see on the days she visits. “They are always so appreciative. It’s one of things I most love about this work. I wanted to help people.” The flexible schedule also allows her to balance work with taking care of her family, something for which she’s very grateful. “I think time management is on the list of challenges for every working mother,” says Strzetelski, mom to two sons.

Strzetelski credits Fred Soulco for encouraging her to pursue her interest in science. “His enthusiasm was inspiring,” she recalls. A student during the early days of co-education at Nobles, Strzetelski was the first female student to receive the Sheldon Prize for excellence in science. She also credits teachers Bill Kehlenbeck, Brian Jones and Tim Carey for the positive influence their long-lasting lessons have had in her life. “I was challenged in Mr. Kehlenbeck’s course, but came out with a good sense of accomplishment after finishing it,” she says. “Mr. Carey taught me how to write, which is an excellent lifelong skill. And I still keep in touch with Mr. Jones.”
As a Skie, Sara-Mai Conway discovered a passion for rowing as soon as her boat hit the Charles River, and has built a career around her love for the sport. After six years with Nobles crew teams—including the 1992 National Championship team coached by Nobles Athletics Hall of Famer Brian Ford—Conway went on to Tufts University, where, of course, she continued to row. After graduation, she moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career as an artist and took a job coaching on the side.

“Pretty soon, it was evident that the ‘side job’ was my true calling, so I went back to school for a master’s degree in Sport Management at the University of San Francisco,” she explains. “I began coaching full-time, and haven’t looked back since.”

After several years of coaching, including gigs at her alma mater, Tufts, as well as UCLA and Loyola Marymount University, Conway decided it was time for a change. She accepted a job as director of the Austin Rowing Club in Texas. She loved not only the organization, but also the city itself. “Austin is a wonderful city for entrepreneurs. It seemed like the perfect place to take a risk on starting a business, so I opened Flywheel Fitness, an indoor rowing and cycling studio.”

While her business grew, Conway balanced both positions and says she loves every minute of it. Although she admits it is hard work, she enjoys doing something she believes in: introducing the sport of rowing to people, and knowing that it could change their lives the way it has changed hers—a change first sparked at Nobles. “Our crew team was a special group led by a really great coach. Rowing is where I learned the most about myself, work ethic, being a part of a team, taking risks and pushing through self-imposed boundaries. Rowing has literally saved my life on several occasions. High school was a difficult journey for me, and without the ability to say, ‘I can’t, I have crew,’ I don’t know where I would be today. Rowing has provided me with amazing travel and career opportunities, wonderful relationships, solace after a divorce, my health and much, much more.”

Conway continues to train and compete, making it a point to get back to the river where it all started to race in the Head of the Charles each October.
PIECES OF THE PUZZLE

CAROLINE VIETZI '11 displayed her stoneware sculpture at the annual Advanced Placement show in the Foster Gallery this spring. Her method for creating large forms involves cutting out slab "puzzle pieces" of clay and reforming them as the surface of her vessels. "Caroline enjoyed the physical nature of putting these pieces together and deliberately left her finger impressions to create a beautifully rhythmical surface," says ceramics teacher JOHN DORSEY. In her artist's statement for the AP show, Caroline wrote, "Puzzle-piece building has given me the freedom to try a larger scale. I can create any size or shape form by finding or creating the perfect mold. I used... a piece of roof tile from the Castle to create a more abstract sculpture." Caroline was the 2011 Bramhall-Bridge Purchase Prize Award winner. Her sculpture based on a Castle tile will be placed in the Makoto Yabe Memorial Garden, the first Bramhall-Bridge Award-winning work to be shown in an outside venue.
The artist explains her method to visitors at the AP show.

Caroline fired her stoneware in the Makoto Yabe Memorial Greenfire Kiln.

Caroline used slabs she calls “puzzle pieces” to shape her work.
REUNION 2011
A Journey Home

Some 500 graduates and their family members converged on campus for a day full of Reunion activities.
Blue and white were much in evidence as some 500 Noble and Greenough School graduates and their families converged on campus to celebrate Reunion on Saturday, May 14. Highlights of the day included Assembly; a kids' street fair in front of Morrison Athletic Center; a sumptuous picnic buffet provided by graduates Jon Olinto ’94 and Anthony Ackil ’94 from their eatery, b. good; the second annual Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony; a preview of the spring musical; and both student and graduate athletic contests.
At Assembly, the girls’ a cappella group Greensleeves sang the National Anthem and Head of School Robert F. Henderson Jr. ’76 welcomed the returning graduates—including his own class—to campus. President of the Graduates Association Mark L. DeAngelis ’82 spoke of Nobles as “a lifelong journey. The relationships continue and sustain us throughout our lives.”

Just such a lifelong relationship was celebrated as members of the Class of 1986, gathered for their 25th Reunion, crowded on the stage to present the Coggeshall Award—to legendary teacher, coach and mentor Tim Coggeshall! When they discovered Coggeshall had never won the eponymous award, the class had the quickest selection process in memory, said Tim Kirk ’86. He described Coggeshall, who spent 40 years at Nobles, as “the greatest teacher of history I ever had. . . . Tim’s commitment to searching for truth could not be more important than it is today. He made us better citizens, better voters and better parents.”
During the Assembly, Henderson announced the 2011 Distinguished Graduate—Ned Colt ’75—a broadcaster who has moved from being a network television correspondent for NBC to the regional communications manager at the International Rescue Committee, covering the IRC’s humanitarian work in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq and Jordan. Colt will receive his honor formally when he visits Nobles in the fall. President of the Board of Trustees Jeff Crogan ’74 announced the election of the new graduate trustee, Haley Clifford Adams ’83. The Lawson Service Award was presented to Holly Hassootes Bonomo ’86 in recognition of her service not only to Nobles but also to National Family Volunteer Day and the Stamp Out Hunger Drive.

A highlight of Reunion weekend, the Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony, took place in the afternoon. Six graduates comprise the second Athletics Hall of Fame class: Tom Welch ’82, Steve Jordan ’86, Garcia Major ’86 and Jill Havlicek Buchanan ’91 were on hand to receive the honors from current Nobles varsity captains. Two graduates were inducted posthumously: Gerard Cassidy ’29 was represented by his grandson Jordan Hitch, his great-nephew Stephen Mainle ’73 and great-niece Jennifer Hagmann ’78; Austin Harding ’35 was represented by his brother Ned ’41, his son Nipper ’68, and extended Harding-Russell family members.

That evening, 10 convivial dinners meant that just about every space on campus, from the under-construction Castle to the Recital Hall, rang with laughter and conversation. (The 5th, 10th and 15th Reunion dinners were provided by Soulfire owner Wyeth Lynch ’96.)

—Catherine O’Neill Grace
The graduate women's lacrosse game has become a fixture on the Reunion schedule.

Garcia Major (left) and Steve Jordan had a lot to celebrate: their induction into the Athletics Hall of Fame and their 25th reunion.

Above: Inductee Jill Havlicek Buchanan '91 was surrounded by family at the Hall of Fame ceremony.

Left: Jim Cabot '83 and George Lee '84 get ready to square off in the fourth annual graduate lacrosse game, played each year in memory of Sam Lawson '83.
1961
50th Reunion
Front Row (L to R): Chris Brown, Sam Emerson, Chuck Kaman, Sam Mandell
Second Row (L to R): Boynton Glidden, D.A. Mitchell, Sam Sears, Tim Russell, Sam Perry, Ken Reiber, Jim Henry, Bert Dano
Third Row (L to R): Jim Newell, Jay Johnson, Charlie Jennings, Brad Willauer, Peter Meeh, Ned Gray, Peter Ward; Attended Reunion, but not pictured: Abbot Cutler, Tom Jansen, Jack Lowell, John Merrill

1966
45th Reunion
Front Row (L to R): Frank Wymans, Jon Canter, Steve Ovca, Elliot May, Pat Grant, Charlie Wellington, Bob Jordan
Second Row (L to R): Skip Wood, Bill Peck, Tom Paine, Geoff Precourt, Steve Brooks

1971
40th Reunion
Front Row (L to R): Tim Clark, Bert Shaw
Second Row (L to R): Jim Bride (former faculty), Win Perkins, Nick Millard, Greg Garrity, Chris Cutler, John Dewey
Back Row (L to R): Jim Schuh, Bob Bulkeley (former faculty), Ed Newbold, Peter Smith, John Bailey, George Parker, Reed Austin, Charles Wymans, David Amory, Harry Blackman, Jeffrey Schwartz
1976
35th Reunion
Third Row (L to R): Tom Lamb, Peen Young, Jon Eder, Andy Goode, Charlie Crowley, Hans Bumahauer, Rick Farenkopf, Jim Welch.
Fourth Row (L to R): Andre Stark, Elliott Pratt, Tad Connelly.

1981
30th Reunion
Second Row (L to R): Ian Jarrett, Lauren Bidstrup Knight, Paula Swartz Pollak, Kim Rossi Stagiano, Bruce Marshall, Barbara Swinton deButts, Connie Berman Moore.

1986
25th Reunion
Fifth Row (L to R): Jeff Patterson, John Gillmore, Whitney Robbins, Heather Markey Zink, Drew Partridge.
1991
20th Reunion

1996
15th Reunion
2001
10th Reunion
Front Row (l to r): Eliza Drachman-Jones, Tracey Roiff, Andrea Berberian Gandos, Alex Templar, Callie Gates Slocomb, Elizabeth Beesser Nosal, Joanna Delong, Elizabeth Beedy; Second Row (l to r): Alyssa Maloney, Selena Ali Taliemo, Katherine Mahoney, Cabe Abromowitz, Roberto Hitti, Amy Hudson, Jeremy West, Tracey Samuelson, Steph Savage Flynn, Lindsey Marshall, Emily Kaufman, Matt Wilkos, Steve Woelfel; Third Row (l to r): Elizabeth Hodgeman, Laura Delgado, Alex Saltzman, Lisa Griswold, Mike Fish, John Hughes, Eric Dabruso, Josh Neckel, Carol Berkowitz, Brian Swain, Adrienne Reynolds Mathias, Elizabeth Libert, Lindsey Fay Kislius, Lauren Kennedy, Susannah Jackson Sullivan, Lindsey Marich, Thomas Besor, John Allen

2006
5th Reunion
"Intellectual curiosity" is the quality that graduates associate most highly with Noble and Greenough School, according to the 2010 Young Graduate Survey.

In 2000, Head of the Upper School Ben Snyder and Assistant Head of School/Head of the Middle School John Gifford ’86 initiated the first survey of young Nobles graduates (defined as those who have graduated from the school within 15 years). The purpose of the survey was to determine how effectively the school was meeting its mission. Additional surveys were conducted among young graduates in 2005 and again in 2010. The 2010 survey data recently was examined through the lens of the new Nobles mission in the hopes of answering questions such as:

- How well are Nobles students prepared for college-level academic work?
- Is the school effectively cultivating graduates who demonstrate "leadership for the public good"?
- Is the school generating "critical, creative, socially conscious thinkers"?
- How do graduates feel about mentoring relationships with faculty, a cornerstone of the Nobles mission?

A total of 494 young graduates completed the fall 2010 survey. The overall response rate was 38%; 57% of respondents were female; 43% were male. Here are some key findings:

In rating their overall experience at Nobles, 84% of graduates responding indicated that they were either "completely satisfied" or "mostly satisfied." Not a single graduate indicated that he or she was "completely dissatisfied."

- When asked to choose from various subcategories of the academic experience at Nobles, graduates were most satisfied with their engagement with faculty and with the academic challenge.
- The value that graduates most associated with Nobles was intellectual curiosity.
- The majority of graduates found Nobles to be extremely challenging and moderately stressful.
- 48% of respondents found college more challenging than Nobles, while 34% found Nobles more challenging than college. 18% found Nobles and college to be equally challenging.
- When asked to compare themselves to their college classmates in terms of skills required for college-level work, graduates rated themselves "more prepared" in the areas of problem solving, working collaboratively, time management, and study skills.
- 83% reported taking part in some form of community service since graduating from Nobles (up from 70% in 2005).
- 59% reported having an international experience post-Nobles (up from 45% in 2005).
- 76% reported that they have held leadership positions post-Nobles (up from 56% in 2005).
- More than 90% of respondents indicated that they were either "completely satisfied" or "mostly satisfied" with their leadership, public speaking, and critical-thinking skills.

According to respondents, the biggest benefits of attending Nobles are relationships with faculty, preparation for college, developing self-confidence and friendships.

From the Nobles Mission Statement

Noble and Greenough School is a rigorous academic community dedicated to inspiring leadership for the public good. Through mentoring relationships, we motivate students to achieve their highest potential and to lead lives characterized by service to others. — APPROVED 2009
Life as a “Loose Cannon”
With tongue firmly in cheek, Kit Hayden enjoys multiple roles in Maine

NEWCASTLE, MAINE—If you look in the dictionary to check out “multitasking,” a picture of Christopher "Kit" Hayden ’56 might just pop up.

Consider this: He owns a half interest in S. Fernald's Country Store, which sells deli, ice cream and vintage knickknacks. A few paces down the road from his antique clapboard house overlooking the Damariscotta River, the store allows him to tackle an occasional construction project or greet a myriad of regular customers and tourists. He also has trudged the boards multiple times at the Lincoln County Community Theatre, where he once triumphed as Henry Higgins in My Fair Lady. "That was not acting," he quotes his mother as saying. "You are Henry Higgins." Other roles included the Narrator in Stephen Sondheim's Into the Woods, Cary in Noel Coward's Present Laughter, and Herbie in the musical Gypsy. But the one he relished most was his performance as Harold in The Full Monty. "I was the first post-70-year-old who bared his 'whatever' without emptying the auditorium," he boasts.

Hayden's penchant for pushing the envelope surfaced first at Nobles where he describes himself, despite his high academic standing, as "a real troublemaker...I broke lots of lights around campus with snowballs."

"When Headmaster Putnam announced detentions every day at the end of school, my name was invariably on the list," Hayden says. "I think I set the school's, if not the world's record for detentions," he wrote in his blog, Loose Cannon. "It was the old days when it was okay to be publicly humiliated and punished." One detention involved spending his entire birthday weekend chiseling gum off the bottoms of the desks in the school.

How does he channel this mischievousness now? He does a weekly television show, "Wuzzup?" on Lincoln County Cable TV, talking to business people and interesting personalities and reading the Lincoln County newspaper aloud. He comments wryly. "It's a hoot...It's really corny."

After Hayden graduated from Nobles, he entered Harvard, along with 20 of the 30 boys in his graduating class. "If you want to Nobles, you go to Harvard," he says, exaggerating only slightly. Following Harvard, he spent three years in the Army Security Agency, reawakening a love of languages cultivated at Nobles. He took his government qualifying exam in Hungarian ("Figured there wouldn't be as much competition for that one."), then signed on as a cryptographer in Bavaria "because they only worked weekdays, 8 to 5, and I could ski in Kitzbuhel on weekends."

Next stop, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he earned a Ph.D. in meteorology (drawing on his engineering background from Harvard). His first assignment sent him to Washington, D.C., where he specialized in satellite meteorology, working closely with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and concentrating in numerical weather prediction.

But Washington was a wasteland to Hayden ("all transients"), so he put in for a transfer to the University of Wisconsin, where he spent 19 productive and enjoyable years working on remote sounding programs to improve weather forecasting.

While at Nobles, Hayden opted to board rather than commute home to Worcester, where his dad taught International Relations at Clark University. He lived on the second floor of the frat under the supervision of Peter Mansfield and Tim Coggshall. Hayden earned varsity letters for "almost all the manly sports;"
he jokes: football, basketball and baseball. On his blog, he explained the absence of hockey from his list of "manly" sports: "It was the lowerclassmen's lot, in the manly sport of hockey, to clean the [Motel Pond] rink for the more senior boys to play on. We had to push these heavy metal scrapers to move off the snow. Now who the hell wants to be a human Zamboni?"

Asked if he retained any memorabilia from his years at Nobles, he proudly pulled out the James D'Wolf baseball medal inscribed "Not the Quarry But the Chase, Not the Laurel But the Race." "To me that summed up the Nobles' athletic ethic, and no, not because I captained a basketball team that lost every game. I have tried to live by those words in the game of life." Shortly thereafter, when the subject of his reinvented theatrical career came up, he showed the Oxford Shakespeare book that he received for earning the Scudder Medal for Fine Arts for his "Memorable Performance" as the Stage Manager in Our Town. Unusually, Thornton Wilder himself was in the audience the night Hayden received the prize. "Wilder insisted on autographing my book. I think he expected it to be a copy of Our Town," Hayden remembers, wincing just a bit.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Joyce Loffler Elbridge is at work on a history of Nobles and Greenough to be published in celebration of the school's 150th anniversary in 2016. This profile is the third in a series based on her visits with Nobles graduates during the course of her research for that project.
On the Playing Fields

SPRING VARSITY SPORTS RESULTS AND AWARDS

GIRLS’ CREW

New England Championship Results:
1st Crew: Finals—5th Place
2nd Crew: Heats—5th Place
3rd Crew: Finals—5th Place
4th Crew: Heat—6th Place

Awards: The Janice L. Mabley Award (to the oarswoman whose spirit and dedication exemplify the ideals of Nobles Rowing)—Ashleigh McEvoy ’11, AC "Clink" Allen Bowl (for competitive, tough spirit in rowing)—Karly Moore ’11

2012 Captains: Diana Kenealy ’13 and Tory Macdonald ’12

BOYS’ CREW

New England Championship Results:
1st Crew: Finals—4th Place
2nd Crew: Heat—5th Place
3rd Crew: Finals—5th Place
4th Crew: Heat—6th Place

Awards: The Taylor Shield Award (for sportsmanship in rowing)—Saul Rosen ’11; The Watson Medal (for overall contribution to rowing)—Andrew Kenealy ’11

2012 Captains: Marcelo Donencomo and Victor Ordóñez, both ’12

BASEBALL

Overall Record: 9–9

ISL Record: 7-8

Honorable Mention: Mike Musafer and Matt Whiting, both ’11

Awards: John Eliot Cooke Award (for significant improvement, devotion to the team and a genuine love for the game)—Matt Whiting ’11; The Lovett Medal (for excellence in baseball)—Phil Scireta ’12

2012 Captains: Phil Scireta, Woody Bryson and Oliver White, all ’12

GOLF

Overall Record: 7–6–2

ISL Record: 7–6–2

Kingman Championship Tournament:
4th place

All-ISL and ISL Individual Champion:
John Beadle ’14

Award: Dewey Golf Award (for overall contribution to Golf)—John Beadle ’14

2012 Captains: Tim Boyle and Ben Mehta, both ’12

BOYS’ LACROSSE

Overall Record: 13–4

ISL Record: 13–2

All American: Sean Shakespeare ’11

NESSLA East-West Senior Game:
Sean Shakespeare, Phil Hession, Zach Ellison, Alex Owen (alternate), all ’11

All ISL: Phil Hession, Thomas Park and Sean Shakespeare, all ’11

Honorable Mention: Chris Calnan ’13, Milly Herrington ’14, Matt Resor ’11, Brad Rigali ’12 and Alex Owen ’11

Awards: Arnold Lacrosse Prize (to the player whose skill, dedication and enthusiasm most reflect a love of the sport)—Phil Hession and Sean Shakespeare, both ’11; Samuel P. Dawson ’83 Award (for significant improvement, sportsmanship and a genuine love for the game)—Jack Palmer and Alex Owen, both ’11

2012 Captains: TBD

(From Back to Front) Tony Macdonald ’12, Courtney Carrabin ’11, Diana Kenealy ’13, Karly Moore ’11 and Caroline Giandomenico ’11
SOFTBALL
Overall Record: 17-2
ISL Record: 10-1
Big East Invitational: 2nd place (3-1)
All-ISL: Nora Kelly, Michelle Picard and Katie Puccio, all ’11
Honorable Mention: Amanda Gonzalez, Casey Nunnally, both ’14, and Amy Marie Ott ’12
Award: The Bird Bowl (for the greatest contribution to the softball team)—Nora Kelly, Michelle Picard and Katie Puccio, all ’11
2012 Captains: TBD

BOYS’ TENNIS
Overall Record: 12-5
ISL Record: 11-4
All-ISL: Cam Chapman ’13 and Cam Smith ’12
Honorable Mention: Justin Chapman ’11
Award: The Rice Cup (for enthusiasm, skill and sportsmanship)—Justin Chapman ’11
2012 Captains: Cam Chapman ’13 and Cam Smith ’12

GIRLS’ LACROSSE
Overall Record: 14-1
ISL Record: 11-1 (1st)
ISL Champions
NEPSWLA All-Stars: Hope Hanley ’12 and Chelsea Landon ’11
U.S. Lacrosse All-Americans:
Chelsea Landon ’11
U.S. Lacrosse Academic All-America:
Ellen Bailey, Reilly Foote and Chelsea Landon, all ’11
Under Armour All-American:
Chelsea Landon ’11
ISL MVP: Chelsea Landon ’11
All-ISL: Reilly Foote ’11, Hope Hanley ’12 and Chelsea Landon ’11
Honorable Mention: Lauren Dillon ’14, Mary Parker ’12 and Robyn White ’13
Award: Girls’ Lacrosse Bowl (for significant contribution in spirit and performance)—Reilly Foote and Chelsea Landon, both ’11
2012 Captains: Hope Hanley, Ali Parent and Alycia Facicot, all ’12

SAILING
MBL C Division 4 20 Fleet Racing:
Nobles Team—1st in Regular Season
Individuals—Adam Keally ’11 and Jake Oh ’12—3rd place.
Award: The Sailing Award (for overall contribution to the sailing team)—Adam Keally and Gene Robinson, both ’11
2012 Captains: James Geary ’13 and Jonathan Washburn ’12

END OF YEAR AWARDS
The Greg Monack Passing of the Shield Tradition (recognizes the long-standing importance of athletic camaraderie, competition and sportsmanship in the overall life of the school)—Passed from Reilly Foote and Mike Reardon, both ’11, to Ali Parent and Andrew Deane, both ’12
The George Washington Cuppe Noble Cup (to an athlete in Class V and VI, for sportsmanship in athletics)—Teddy Strzelinski and Jamie Bohman, both ’15, and Carlo Abelli and Rachel Jarafa, both ’16
The John Paine Award (to a Junior Varsity or Mid Level participant for sportsmanship and consistent work in athletics)—Max Montgomery and Melissa Moore, both ’14
The Robert J. Agostini Award (to an athlete for greatest contribution to the school’s athletic program—other than as a competitor)—Jeffrey Fishman ’11
The Davis Cup (to a member of Class I for sportsmanship and consistent work in athletics)—Tommy Kelly and Reilly Foote, both ’11
The Nobles Shield (to the most respected athlete whose skill, sportsmanship and competitive spirit have personified excellence and the ideals of Nobles athletics)—Phil Hession and Michelle Picard, both ’11

Whitney Hazard ’14, Savannah Horton ’13, Grant Hou ’14, John Keally ’14, Bennett King ’11, Helen Kirk ’12, Jessica Miotto ’13, Mia Murphy ’14, Victoria O’Connor ’13, Monica Ordonez ’14, Finn Pfitzner ’14, Seokyoung Pyun ’14, Sabrina Roberts ’14, Chloe Rosen ’13 and Nolan Thomas ’14
Golf: John Beadle ’14
Lacrosse: Bright Bergin ’14, Dylan Blatt ’14, Elizabeth Doshen ’14 and Peter Somerville ’13
Sailing: Gil Clark ’14, Alex Curhan ’11, Annie Jones ’13, Julia Kindlon ’11, Charles McIntyre ’12, Eunna Oh ’14, Nick Simmore ’12 and Spencer Thompson ’13
Softball: Rachel-lee Fishman ’13, Kylene Marston ’14, Taylor Mercier ’16, Kirsten Muirenan ’14, Sarah Puccio ’13, Mallory Souliotes ’14 and Camille Walter ’16
Tennis: Nathan Asher ’13, Anolia Antone ’13, Julia Fitzgerald ’14, Will Holding ’14, Melanie Weinsteine ’14 and Caroline Welch ’12
1940
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Percy Nelson

and I all managed to show up at the Castle (great nostalgia) for dinner Friday evening amongst many old friends from various classes. By now we blend together. The following night the Bee Almys and Lucases held our class dinner, joined also by Robin Kenney and Nancy Harding.

Bill Bliss writes, "We are all aging in the Class of 1948. Have a good summer; enjoy the sun, the wind, mountains, or the salt water, wherever you are."

1942
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Putty McDowell

Pete Sholley called me to express his regrets at not attending but sounded wonderful on the phone and will hope to make the next one.

Dick Hale is in Dedham often at monthly stamp collectors’ meetings on Sundays. He would like to meet up with fellow classmates for lunch—call or write him. Go to our class webpage for information, www.nobles.edu/1948.

1946
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Gregg Bamis

Gregg Bamis writes, "Our 65th Reunion this May was enjoyable even if sparsely attended. Beezer Almy, Dick Lucas and his wife Annie, Phil Baker was tied up with a grandchild graduation, a hazard most of us have. My observation is that as an infrequent visitor to the current Nobles, it is really worth stopping by for a visit. Very impressive. Please put our 70th on your calendars right now. Think positively."

1948
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Bill Bliss

Bob Harrigan reports the arrival of his 25th grandchild.

1949
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
John Guilbert

Reunion Committees
No one knows your class or classmates as well as you do, so we need your help to take the framework of Reunion and create something that has special meaning to your class. Reunion committees for classes ending in “2” and “7” are already beginning to form for the 2012 celebrations.

If you are interested in serving on a Reunion Committee, contact Brooke Asnis ’90 at 781-320-7008 or brooke.asnis@nobles.edu.

Join Nobles Grads Online
Want to keep up with Nobles and fellow graduates between Bulletins? Go to www.nobles.edu/graduates to become a Facebook fan, network with graduates on LinkedIn, and follow Nobles on Twitter. It's a fun and easy way to stay connected!
1950
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Peter Briggs

Sid Eaton, Jr.

Good news from Dudley Hall. He has sold his Florida house (hurrah!) and as of May 23, 2011, will be residing at The Manor in Pineville, N.C.

Sid Eaton reports that, while attending spring training ballgames in Phoenix in late March, he and his two motel roommates, baseball fans and doctors aged 87 and 90, had a fine Mexican dinner with Molly and Steve Leland, both of whom were in great form. After dinner, the merry five separated to a nearby Calato dispensary, where Molly told the group about her summer many years ago working as a "nurse-at-large" at the summer home of Dick and Ellen Flood in Blue Hill, Maine. Indeed, ours is a small world.

Sid further reports hearing from Parker Perry that he has a new, unlisted phone number, (760) 699-5273, at his home in Palm Springs, Calif. Said Parker, "I'm tired of receiving so many crank phone calls."

Steve Leland writes, "I enjoyed dinner with Sid Eaton here in Scottsdale last spring. Sid has an encyclopedic knowledge of baseball and has visited annually with several other enthusiasts to preview talent on display during spring training. Sid is a perfect Nobles grad—a gentleman, helping someone."

I was sorry to miss the class Reunion last spring but remain grateful for efforts to bring news of events to the Bulletin."

1951
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Bill Gorham

Sonja and Bill Yates, Sue and Galt Grant, Dick Willis, Bill Gorham and Sandy Cashman attended the 50th Reunion dinner at the Castle on May 13th.

Galt writes, "It was fun for those of us who returned for our 50th to see old friends, meet new acquaintances, and marvel at the changes in the school since we graduated in 1951.

It was particularly enjoyable to have our dinner in the Castle, as it was our last opportunity to dine in the "old" castle as we knew it. The renovation plans look great and we are looking forward to dining in the refurbished digs. We seem to be wearing well and wish our other classmates and the families well."

1952 & 1953
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Winston "Hooley" Perry

Keep in mind when reading the following epistles (and all of my previous, present, and future writings), that in my early years, it is often said, "If you are going to write about me, all I ask is for you to make sure to spell my name correctly." Also, it was either Mark Twain, Will Rogers or Grantland Rice who said that as a writer, you must "Never let a little truth get in the way of a good story." So now that you have all been forewarned, I will continue.

In preparation for my attendance at the Nobles Reunion on May 14 and 15, I flew to Boston and then traveled to Winchester to stay at the "Cuings Country Club," which, with its comfortable accommodations and delicious dining experiences, is an absolute delight. As I have stated before, the attentive staff do their very best to cater to all of your wants and needs, the bar is open at all times and, best of all, the drinks are free. For my entertainment pleasure, I was bound and gagged and forced to rewatch the 1951 Nobles/Wellesley football game video, while listening to a running commentary by the in-house sports commentator about the spectacular plays made during the game by the blue and white's right end (you know, the star with the one black socking). I also had the distinct pleasure of meeting two of Bob and Carolyn's three handsome young sons, Robert Jr. ("Butch") and Steve, who stopped by the house to visit and to check in with Mom and Dad. You will be glad to know that both Butch and Steve are tall, if not taller, than their Dad.

On Friday evening, Bob Cumings '52, Jean and John Childs '53, Susan and Bob Hoffman '53, Emmie and Louis Newell '53, Lucius "Peter" Hallock '52, and I showed up at the Nobles Castle for a wonderful dinner. Bob Cumings became the impromptu extemporaneous head speaker for the evening, which encouraged other classmates to share some of their Nobles' experiences with everyone in attendance. It made for a very interesting, fun and informative get-together.

On Saturday I tried to bring the warm Florida weather with me to Reunion. I am afraid that I didn't do well, but the warmth of the get-together more than made up for the cool weather. Saturday's festivities brought out Santa and..."
Graham Ward '52, Louis and Emmie, Bob Cumings and me. The talk by Head of School Bob Henderson '76 gave everyone in attendance a rare insight into how much Nobles has changed over the years, and what is being planned for the future. The second annual Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony was fun to see. After watching four innings of the Nobles vs. St. Paul's JV baseball game, a bundle (to keep warm) Bob and I decided to call it a day and drive back to Winchester, where much to our delight David "Scrooo" Horton '52 and his lovely wife Terry were waiting for us. After a cocktail or two (to warm us up, of course) our beautiful in-house chef Miss Carolyn prepared a delicious meal for everyone to enjoy, which was followed by an in-depth discussion of all of our classmates, old memories, and our solving of all of the problems of the world. On Monday, I flew home to the sunny 90-degree Florida weather, which reaffirmed my decision to move to the Sunshine State 14 years ago.

I periodically get telephone calls and emails at all times of the day and night from our Kentucky-based Bourbon County Colonel and Land Baron "Doodie" Dumas '52, who always wants to know all of the goings-on with his beloved classmates, plus Dudley's many added tidbits of information about the world in general and at large. Also our Australian Terranova Wombat "Babby/Bo" Wakefield '53 periodically sends me postcards and emails about life on the other side of the world, which many times involve tales of his fishing, sailing and surfing adventures. Babby/Bo says that he still works full-time in the airline shipping business, but it appears to me that he is enjoying more time off than on. Also, my "Round Room" Buddy Bob Prasch '53, while doing his spring cleaning, happened upon four of those elongated Nobles school pictures which he very kindly gifted to me to add to my collection of Nobles memories. Thanks a bunch, my good friend, for challenging me and putting my recollection powers to the supreme test, trying to figure out when these pictures were taken. On another note, Bob Hoffman '53 and his lovely wife Susan will not be joining us in Newport this year because (and this is hard to believe) they have plans to bicycle around Normandy, France, in September. Bobby, I suggest that you bring along a large bottle of Aleve and BenGay (plus a nip or two of Jack Daniels).

The preparations and plans for the "Newport RI. 2011 Lucky Seventh '52 & '53 & Special Guests Nobles Class Reunion Extravaganza" (the not-to-be-missed event of the year) are all in place, and now all I need to complete is the paid list of attendees. For everyone who plans to join us, I MUST receive your reservations and PAYMENT for the Wednesday, Sept. 21 Lobster Clambake and the Thursday, Sept. 22 dinner at The Officer's Club at the Newport Naval Base NO LATER than August 15, so that I can give them a final head count of attendees. Also the Tuesday evening, Sept. 20, the Cocktail and Hors 'd'oeuvres Party at Sally and Dick Flood's home in Jamestown will be the perfect kick off for this fabulous reunion event. All I can say is that this reunion will be the best ever, so don't be a noshow.

And now for the sad news with my "Ode to Eugene Vance (aka Gene and/or "Oogie") had an unending fascination with life, and an insatiable desire for new, interesting, and sometimes exciting adventures. I don't know where the nickname of "Oogie" came from, but it sounds like an early on sobriquet conjured up in a moment of creative hilarity by our very own "Wink" Childs '52. I was never quite sure if Eugene really liked the name "Oogie" or not, but over the years his classmates always lovingly called him that, so it stuck with him forever. Oogie experienced many adventures over the years with his classmates, including the time after graduation when he, Wink and Graham toured Europe on motorcycles, the occasion of his skiing the headwall of Mt. Washington with Bill Badger '53, or the hunting and fishing trips and numerous times sailing with Peter Willauer '52 on Pete's sailboat "The Eight Bells". He was an Emeritus Professor of French, Comparative Literature and Comparative Religion at the University of Washington, and had teaching stints at Yale University, the Université de Montréal and Emory University. This spirit of learning, living, achievement and adventure that Oogie possessed followed him throughout his whole life. Interestingly enough, Eugene "Gene" "Oogie" Vance died on Saturday, May 14, the same day as the Nobles Reunion in Dedham, while pursuing one of his beloved passions—flying. He sadly perished in a plane crash during takeoff at the Arlington Municipal Airport, which is northeast of Seattle, Wash., talk about a happy day and a sad day all rolled up into one. Oogie, my friend, our thoughts and prayers are with you, and you will be missed greatly by all of your children, classmates, friends and associates.

Winston C. "Hooley" Perry '52 & '53 Class Correspondent & Class Reunion Party Organizer

1954 CLASS CORRESPONDENT

Peter Partridge

Eugene "Gene" "Oogie" Vance
Class of '61: Led by Rev. Peter Neck, graduates remember former classmates during a memorial service.

1955
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Jim Doty

Charles Nichols and Jim Doty both had grandkids graduate from Noble's on Friday, June 3. Maggie Nichols and Peter Juvelier, both '11, are entering Colgate University as "Fest people" this fall.

1956
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Gren "Rocky" Whitman

Kit Hayden writes, "While the '50s were celebrating their 55th, I was finishing a run of 'On Golden Pond' at a local theater. I found the role of haman surprisingly difficult. Getting old and deteriorating just isn't fun, and it's harder than one might think to dramatize it. Recall Simon and Garfunkel. 'I have to be old.' Yes, you (and I) do. This will not, however, stop me from sailing in the Azores in a couple of weeks."

Rocky Whitman writes, "Heartwarming for this aging grad to learn that the Class of '80's class gift to the school was to rescue and rehab the Class of '56's gift, our hand-built shortcut to the gym, aka 'The Path.' Also heartwarming is that our honorary classmate, Bea Sanders, has ensured that The Path will be a safer shortcut for many more generations of Noble's students. Thanks, Class of '80! Thanks, Bea!"

1961
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Jim Newell

1957
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
John Valentine

1958
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Bob Puffer

1963
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Jim Lehan
1964
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Ned Bigelow

As far as the Bigelows are concerned, "Sandy and I continue to enjoy our work at Brimmer and May School and Dunbar Educational Consultants, respectively. We are ever so fortunate to have our three children and their kids nearby. We were delighted to be able to welcome Caroline Ellen "Ellie" Bigelow early on the morning of April 28, 2011. We have found that grandchildren re-center your universe. We are fortunate enough to have six of the most wonderful grandchildren two people could ever hope for: Sammy Williams (3), Taylor Williams (4), Ellen Williams (1½), Olivia Bigelow (5), Sammy Bigelow (2) and Ellie. Wishing all members of the Class of 1964 the very best and plan on being in Dedham in 2014!"

Sam and Frank Reece continue to live in Cambridge with their two Westies, Finn and Angus. Son Tom and his wife Jessica live nearby, as does daughter, Bettina. Sam continues to enjoy his work as Director of Enrollment and Financial Aid at Terrence Country Day and Frank leads the Urban Ecology Institute now affiliated with Laskey University. "My third career, now in education and civic action, is the most rewarding yet," says Frank. "My sincere thanks to all the folks in the Nobles community who have helped promote our efforts through financial support and personal encouragement. We won't let you down!"

Frank Cobb reports, "The heat is starting to build here in Florida—major UVA rays coming down for sure. I hope the tomatoes around the Southeast don't mean this year's hurricane season is going to be a really bad one. At least the hurricanes can be seen coming if you watch TV—the tomatoes are another animal for sure."

Bill Miles writes, "Business is following the economy. If anyone has need of buy/sell advice, enrollment of high school kids in (admittedly expensive, BUT quality) summer language study abroad programs (France, Spain and China) and gap-year programs (yes, this is a not-so-obscured ad) should talk to me for trends in the economy. I could easily predict not only the U.S. downturn, but the rise of the euro and the yuan. Over the years, we have enrolled a few Nobles GIRLS (They accept females at Nobles now?)."

My wife is executive director of the—ready for a lengthy name—Rassias Center for World Languages and Culture at Dartmouth College (we have a prize for the best acronym, a free trip to JFK airport, the most polyglot region of the world). She spends lots of time in Mexico, working on a terrific program that provides techniques and methods of language instruction.

Anyway, we all live in Hanover, N.H., as you surmised. My older son, his wife (and three kids) and my daughter and her two children all live here, as do my 92-year-old mom and a gaggle of my wife's family altogether. My older son is the CFO of GrassRoots Soccer (http://www.grassrootsoccer.org), and my daughter, a Stanford Ph.D. (yes, I am boasting) does educational research and works with schools nationwide through Stanford. It's amazing how she can be a Stanford professor and live here!"

P.S. I continue to coach hockey, soccer and baseball—and play some too."

1966
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
John Martinez

Tom Paine writes, "Between Friday's golf/dinner off-campus event arranged by Pat Grant and the Saturday dinner held for classmates and spouses in the Headmaster's House in the woods on the hill above the soccer fields, 16 of us enjoyed a lively get-together, some of us for the first time since 1966. John Martin's video brilliantly captured the look and feel of the school today. The turnout was great, but let's go for 100 percent in 2016."

1967
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Drew Sullivan

Mark Wheeler's widow, Pam Wheeler Mitchell, sent this update to the class. "Sam Wheeler, who was 6 years old when his dad Mark died in 2000, graduated from the Wheeler School in June and will join his older sister Ann at Westleyan University."

1968
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Andy Lord
1969
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Peter Pach

Peter Pach writes, "Your Correspondent was hustling to meet the deadline for this issue of the Bulletin as my wife Kathy and I returned from a rare trip out of the country to see our son Sam in Cordoba, Spain, and daughter Nell in Norwich, England. Sam spoke Spanish for us in Spain and Nell could help with our English in England.

Children being launched into life, visits to places near and far and our encounter with the age of 60 (mine hits in August) were on the minds of many this time.

Leigh Seddon dropped a note showing he understood the plight of Class Correspondents: "It wasn't fair of deadbeats like me to make your job harder. I am still living in wonderful Montpelier, VT, the smallest capital in the U.S. and the only one without a McDonald's." He's still working in the solar energy field designing large-scale PV (photovoltaic) plants for Alterra Renewables, the successor to the company he founded 30 years ago called SolarWorks.

He adds, "With our two daughters grown, Ann and I are now empty-nesters. Having finished with the college bills, we are beginning to get our travel legs back with trips to the Canyonlands and other hot spots.

"Life after 60 is looking up!"

Peter Gates and his wife Debbie took a family trip in June to celebrate their 60th birthdays and promised a report when they get back. A quick news note—his daughter Callie '01 got her Master's from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in May.

Wigs Frank lives in Beverly, Mass., and writes, "As a high school history teacher, I am often asked: "What do you do with an English or history major after college?" As it turns out, my two sons and stepdaughter all ended up majoring in English. Will (Harvard, 2006) is an aspiring screenwriter in Los Angeles. (He lives in Santa Monica, so maybe someday he will meet Wes Wellington—he has already met Natalie Portman and Jennifer Grey!)

Morgan (Wesleyan, 2008) is finishing his first year as a Ph.D. student in English at Stanford. He is also an assistant editor of n+1, a magazine of politics, literature and culture. Eleanor (Bowdoin, 2010) just completed an internship at World Policy Journal, where she wrote about current events in the Middle East, and is now an intern writing for The Marcus Samuels's latest venture, Food Republic, an online magazine. Thus, there really is life after college for those who major in the humanities! My wife and I are enjoying watching it all unfold."

Stow Young reports that he "survived his first year as a selectman for Gosnold, Mass., (the Elizabeth Islands), and that he is looking forward to spending more time on Naushon (actually Uncatiara Island)." He hopes to be there for most of June and August, unless the real estate market heats up. Anyone is passing through Woods Hole and is looking to stop over in Hadley Harbor, give him a call at 781-405-3174.

Chip Harding, another of our teachers, is shifting gears for the summer. "We're heading into the stretch run at school (Berwick Academy). Madeline and I are looking forward to a summer of music making and a camping trip to our favorite place in the world, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

In June, we'll be attending Molly Robinson's wedding in western Massachusetts. Molly's dad, Dave (Robinson), is a Class of 1968 Nobles grad—and former lead singer for The Fabulous Immites!

Dave is an accomplished blues/rock player, guitar and vocalist, and has played professionally since college."

Brad Wilkinson checked in with a note one morning he was leaving for Vietnam for a quick week with our oldest granddaughter Mary in Saigon. All five Wilkinson children are doing well and firmly resisting all my attempts at micromanaging their lives.

A regular volunteer doctor in Hartford's North End, Brad says that he "finds volunteering as a physician both locally and abroad extraordinarily rewarding and reinvigorating my life and career."

1971

Eighteen classmates returned to Nobles for the 40th Reunion. David Amory, Reed Austin, John Bailey, Harry Blackman, Laird Boles, Tim Clark, Chris Cutler, John Dewey, Greg Garratt, Nick Mittell, Ed Newhook, George Parker, Will Perkiss, Jim Schuh, Jeffrey Schwartz, Bert Shaw, Peter Smith and Charles Wyman all found their way back to the old stomping grounds. Some, returning for the first time since graduation, found, to their surprise, that it was actually easier to recognize their old classmates than it was to find their way around a dramatically changed campus. Nick and Harry showed for the Alumni Lacrosse Game purely for the fun of brandishing their wooden war clubs at the younger grads decked out in tamer plastic.

Most of us spent the afternoon hanging out at the picnic tables trading old stories, lots of laughs and, occasionally, glancing at one of the sporting events taking place nearby. The day was capped with a great dinner held in the Putnam Library at which the class was joined by former faculty members Jim Bride, Bob Baskley and Brian Jones. It was great to see them—all looking remarkably unchanged by the years. A special thanks to these partners who attended—Deirdre, Ginny, Jane, Kate, Maureen and Susan—both for weathering an otherwise masculine affair with their beauty, charm and wit and for putting up so graciously with the reminiscing, rehashing and reinventing that was a natural part of the proceedings.

Greg was in fine form managing to find our infamous classbook in the room where we dined and circulating it round the tables to gales of laughter. All seemed to agree that it was a great time capsule. No regrets, no apologies. All those Monday morning backdrops of years gone would have been shocked by the large turnout for this Reunion and stone-cold blown away if they could have listened to the conversations that night in the Putnam Library. They would have heard about the education that was the basis for later academic or career success, how one of the faculty or some other member of the Nobles community did or said something that had made a positive difference in a classmate’s life, or of the lasting influence of Mr. Putnam’s morning readings. They certainly would have heard how friendships began, then had remained and deepened over the years. Certainly, not everyone had a great time as a student at Nobles, but everyone had a great time getting back together at Nobles. Harry said, “Whew, 40 years is a long time and..."
yet, seeing everyone back together, chatting and laughing, those 40 years seemed no time at all.” Ed added, “What a great night! It was like a strange time-space thing that allowed everyone to take heart and get back to the garden.”

1973
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Craig Sanger

1974
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Kevin McCarthy

Kevin McCarthy writes, “Living in Worcester for the past six years has changed my pace and perspective in life. After 15 years in the automobile industry, I am taking a new look at life. Though I will continue to provide consulting services for consumers, my auto sales life is behind me. I have been on the Graduates Council for a few years now and, in 2009, I joined the Board of Directors of the Greater Worcester Chamber of Commerce. As much as I like to volunteer, these experiences have motivated me to change careers again. I am currently at Boston College preparing myself for my new career in social work, where it is my hope that I can make a lasting impact.”

Attending Graduates’ Day this year was a great time. The Classes of ’71 and ’76 were having Reunion years and I enjoyed spending time with some people that created significant impressions on me a long time ago. I really had fun having lunch and catching up with Reed Austin, John Bailey and Win Perkins, from the Class of ’71. These men were a few of the seniors who helped me in my first year at Nobles. The Alumni Lacrosse game served as the focal point of my afternoon, where I was able to enjoy time with faculty and students, with whom I not only attended Nobles, but whom I also had the privilege to coach. What a beautiful day! Congratulations to all the inductees for the 2011 Class of the Nobles Athletics Hall of Fame.”

1975
CLASS CORRESPONDENTS
Andrea Pape Turoll

Jed Dawson

Doug Floyd

1976
CLASS CORRESPONDENTS
Tom Bartlett

Rob Piana

Elliott Pratt writes, “The esteemed Class of 1976 gathered at Nobles on Saturday, May 14, for our 35th Reunion. The day for the ’76ers started off with a beautiful memorial/ remembrance of our incredible classmates Ruth Witbeck Somerville.

We then spent a fantastic day on campus with classmates telling stories of our own lives and those of our children.

The day was capped with a fabulous dinner in the new Arts Wing, where we once again shared tales from the ’70s (think Edermania) and also heard a little from classmate Bob Henderson on Nobles’ today.”

It was great to see all those classmates who returned and I am already looking forward to our 40th!”

Congratulations, André Stark! He and his business partner Duncan Putney were honored with three out of the four Emmy nominations for the single spot PSA! Check it out http://www.byudu.com/2010/12/15/com-students-win-boston-psa-competition and http://www.7daypsa.org.

1978
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Christopher Reynolds

1979
CLASS CORRESPONDENTS
Holly Charlesworth Casner

John Almy

Tansy Parr Lovell reports that there is going to be at least a mini-reunion in Mansfield, Mass. soon. “I don’t know what anyone else is up to but I’m going to a Grateful Dead (Further) concert in July with Ellen Quinnan and Asa Phillips — can’t wait!” Now at least we know what Asa and Ellen will be doing as well.
Dan Rodgers

So, what have we to report? Did anyone get Osama bin Laden? Coincidentally, not long after that event, I got an email from Dan Krydleza who told me that he and his family are finishing their three years in Rome, and coming back to the Washington, D.C. area in late July. Dan further reported that he’s heading toward 28 years in government service at this point and beginning to think about retirement. Dan also hoped that someone from our class must be doing something interesting other than growing old and bitter.

But I’m not fooled by this mild-mannered note. No, sir. Not one bit. I’ve known Dan for a long time and I’ll bet the money in your wallets that Dan’s “government service” came to bear on old Osama. I can just see him leaping from the copter as it hovered a few feet from the ground inside bin Laden’s compound (with Geoff Pendleton watching the operation from the Hubble telescope), snapping on his night scope, tossing a few stun grenades and moving in. I’ll leave it up to you to imagine the rest. In the meantime, I’ll be looking for your emails. Don’t make me send Dan to come knocking on your door.

1983
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Nancy Sarkis Corcoran

Seth Goldman, founder of Honest Tea, writes, “In honor of April Fool’s Day and the first day of Earth Month, we have just released Honest Tea’s first (and last??) my video. It’s got some funny footage of my son and me. Check it out at http://www.justthinkingorganic.com.”

Eliza Gleason Kean writes, “This past winter, our family welcomed Lila Frances Kean, born on Feb 22, 2011, who joins older sisters Avery (10) and Louisa (7). It is back to babyhood for our family!”

Hayley Clifford Adams writes, “We are finishing up a very busy and exciting school year. Andrew (19) has completed his sophomore year at George Washington University. He will be spending the summer in D.C., hosting the incoming freshmen for their college orientation as a member of the Colonial Cabinet. Patrick (15) has just finished his freshman year at Prospect Hill Academy in Cambridge where he continues to make Honors-High Honor Roll each semester. Savanah (8) is finishing up her third-grade year at Prospect Hill and is getting ‘wicked smart.” It won’t be long before I have trouble helping her with homework. (We feel very lucky to have three kids who actually like school!) Jim and I are doing great. Through Jim’s work, we had the opportunity to travel to Hong Kong in February and are now looking forward to a (nonbusiness) trip to Istanbul, Turkey, in June. I keep telling him he’s lucky he married a gal who likes to travel and who packs ‘light.’ All is well for us (at the moment) and we count our blessings every day. Thanks again to all who supported me as Graduate Trustee; I look forward to starting that exciting new role.

Wishing you all a fun and healthy summer!”

1980
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Rob Capone

Eliza Gleason Kean ’83 snaps a photo of all three of her girls.

1981
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Kim Rossi Stagliano

The 30th Reunion was lots of fun. General consensus was the girls have aged better than the boys (but they can catch up for the 50th!) We missed all of those who were unable to make it and look forward to our next Reunion!

1982
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Holly Malkasian Stadli

Rev. Ted Gleason says hello to his seventh grandchild, Lila Frances Kean.

Louis Halid, son of Louis Hoffman ’84

1984
Louis Hoffman reports, “I’m writing from Washington, D.C., where I’m working in international relief and development, and am four...”
years into a five-year job posting back in the U.S., I had the opportunity to see a few classmates in spring of 2009 at our 25th, just before I tied the knot with my (now) wife, Masada. All this makes me proud to share news of the birth of our son, Louis Halid Hoffmann, in February of this year. For all the ’86 mates sorry to have missed the spring gathering this year, shout out to Pritch, Johnny C, Nick, Christine, Scott, Rod, Kathy, Coup and Kelly, amongst others whom I don’t have the chance to see often enough.

**1986**

**CLASS CORRESPONDENTS**

Heather Markey Zink

Jessica Tyler

Eliza Kelly Beaulac

Well, it’s official...The Class of ’86 does indeed still rock!

And what a weekend it was! The Friday festivities started off with a graduate basketball game, organized by our own Kenny Keyes. In addition to Kenny, those on the court included Jim Bisson ’87, John Gifford and Garcia Major. Then it was off to Heather Markey Zink’s beautiful home in Needham for some cocktails, barbecues and some serious reuniting. Many stayed until the wee hours of the morning, and I hear a few deals left the party going in downtown Needham!

The weekend continued on the Nobles campus on Saturday morning. The first stop was the Richardson Gymnasium where we were able to show our support and gratitude to Holly Haseotes Bonomo, who was the recipient of this year’s Lawson Service Award. Then a group from our class gathered around Tim Kirk and Ellen Mccray as they presented The Coggeshall Award to none other than Tim Coggeshall, for whom the award was named 25 years ago. We also had a bell hoisting and hooping for Steve Jordan and Garcia Major as they were inducted into the Nobles Athletic Hall of Fame.

Then on to more catching up with classmates and teachers while watching many junior maters of the Class of ’86 holding and moonbouncing outside the Morrison Athletic Center (referred to as the MAC). We also enjoyed a fabulous lunch provided by b’good, owned by Anthony Ackl and Jon Olinte, both Class of ’94. We cheered on classmates who took part in the men’s and women’s graduate lacrosse games (Dan Pastore and Tim Kirk represented our class for the men and Margot Gray, Rin Carroll Jackson, Ellen Mccray, Whitney Robbins, and Abigail Cook Russell represented the women). And we can’t leave out “Fun with Animals” Jay Densler’s amazing interactive animal show! She entertained both graduates and future grads alike with a myriad of reptiles, snakes and various creepy crawlies.

Given that it was our 25th Reunion, our class dinner was held in the Castle. Kenny Keyes and John Gifford shared some fond and funny memories of Hector Parellada and Mike Duffy, and invited those present to take the time to write down some personal thoughts and memories of these two much loved and sorely missed classmates; these notes were collected and later shared with their families. We enjoyed a delicious dinner, gave the photographers a run for his money as he tried to organize us for the class photo, and finished up the evening with an impromptu Castle tour led by John Gifford!

We had a great showing—nearly 50 members of the Class of ’86 made it to at least one of the events over the weekend! Well done.

As for me, Eliza (Kelly) Beaulac, my family and I are still living happily in Northern Virginia, (though we remain diehard Boston sports fans). Caroline (13) will be in eighth grade next year and Nick (17) will be entering his senior year. It was wonderful to catch up with so many of you over Reunion weekend to meet your families.

A few special memories from our weekend include: a surprise visit from Heinrich Graf of Germany, meeting Lisa Cummings’ and Ellen Mccray’s beautiful baby girls and learning that we have two more ’86 babies on the way (stay tuned); seeing Craig Perry who was able to catch a “red eye” from California and make a pit stop in Dedham on his way to Atlanta to shoot a movie (more on that later); meeting Michael Craig’s wife, Betsy, whom I believe should be considered for honorary membership in the Class of ’86; visiting with Heather Wild Steele and her family while up for the weekend and enjoying a few innings of her son Aidan’s Little league game, and a trip down to the Castle “dungeon” with Craig Perry and John Gifford.

"I loved seeing everyone at Reunion!" said Karen Griffith Gray. "I had a wonderful time catching up with people, some of whom I had not spoken with in 25 years! The best part for me was that although 25 years had passed and much had changed, one thing remained very much the same and that was the incredible friendship that we all have and knowing that those relationships will always be there! Cheers to the Class of ’86 and how great we all look 25 years later!"

Newly inducted Nobles Hall of Famer Stephen Jordan shared his thoughts on the weekend: "I wanted to say that I always look forward to Reunion and having an opportunity of catching up with everyone. Twenty-five years have passed so quickly but our memories of times spent together are so fresh. I was honored to receive my award and I wanted to thank everyone for their support as well as all my teammates who made this possible. Football is not an individual sport or effort and my years playing at Nobles were my best years playing the game. Every person I saw brought back great memories of all the original States. To my friends from Weston, I have known each other even longer (no more aging ourselves). I do look forward to our next Reunion and hearing about great things. I wish the best to everyone and your families."
Jeannie Swift Jeffries wasn’t able to be with us over Reunion, but wanted to say, “Peter and I were sorry to miss Reunion, but we are fortunate enough to get updates about Nobles from Sue Petre’s daughter Caroline ‘14 who is about to finish her first year there. We are already enjoying her in hot, sticky Virginia weather and are looking forward to visiting my mother in Woods Hole in August. Not only do our kids enjoy the beach there, but Sue Pete’s mother also lives in Falmouth so we get the added benefit of Sue’s children as babysitters!”

“Reunion was a grand success, thanks in large part to the excellent committee members who were tireless in their efforts to ensure that the weekend came off well,” wrote John Gifford. “I wanted to extend a special shout out to Jessica Tyler who did the work, but wasn’t able to share in all the fun. We were thinking about you, Jess. Thanks for your efforts to prod the troops into action. I worked with you and we kept us connected while also keeping us laughing. On behalf of the whole team and the Class of 1986, thanks!”

Tom Hawkins and his wife were able to join us on Saturday evening for the Castle dinner. “It was nice to see some old friends and catch up. I spoke to Ian Sterling, who is a lawyer for Bucks and working in the same financial area that I do. I also talked with Ron Neis who had a great job speaking to the group about Hector and thanking the classmates who helped make the weekend so memorable. I especially enjoyed talking with Kevin Hayden, who reminded me how we met at Fessenhen in kindergarten. We were partners in crime and, apparently, decided it would be a good idea to melt the different colored wax crayons on the old white radiator in the classroom. We also enjoyed eating dinner with Garcia Mayor, Kevin Hayden, Stephanie Hartwell and her husband. Overall it was great fun and look forward to seeing everyone at our next one.”

Taking a few minutes from his latest adventure, Craig Perry wrote, “It was great catching up with everyone at the Reunion! I’m having another son of reunion here on the set of American Reunion! In Atlanta, with all the actors from the original American Pie present and accounted for. Good stuff. On the home front, Courtney and Conner are doing well (at 3½, the kid stands at a whopping 39” tall) and looking forward to seeing cousins and grandparents this summer. See you all soon!”

“It was awesome, ’66, indeed!” wrote Whitney Robbins. “Great to see everyone and catch up over the Reunion weekend. Happy summer to all!”

Another Reunion attendee, Michael Craig, wrote to say, “It was great seeing everyone at the Reunion. I saw the crowd work, and in most cases, it had been 20 or 25 years since I’d seen anyone, having been west of the Mississippi. After the initial shock of seeing everyone, I noticed the extreme discrepancy between my perceptions from the ’80s and the people I now saw in front of me. I made it a point to get to know people over again, and allow them to surprise me. In one deep conversation, I discovered a shared interest in evolutionary science and theory with Jim Boyle. I also learned of Kevin Hayden’s tenure as DA, and of his current path entering private practice. I didn’t have nearly enough time to talk with as many people as I’d like, but it was great to see all of those who were close to the time, including some of our teachers, like the incomparable Bill Kehlenbeek. Now I’m back home with my wife Betsy, who had a great time meeting you all, and a lovely trip, and our daughters Vivian (11) and Edith (6) are out for summer, about to start in on their summer programs. I’m finishing work on an electronic charter and management program for nursing homes, slated to debut in a new facility opening up sometime in July 2011, in nearby Florence, Ariz."

“It was great seeing everyone and their kids!” write Katie Keally Cochran. “Joy was fantastic with her shrieking, creepy creatures. What’s new? I’m back in the working world, working for a Training Company that creates training programs for pharmaceutical companies. My children have adjusted nicely, now that they are all in school. My oldest, Jimmy, is now 15 years old. It’s strange to see him play lacrosse and then see my classmates playing an equally aggressive game of lacrosse at the Reunion. Apparently lacrosse players don’t age. Life is very busy right now, most of my time is spent either in the car or on the sports field (watching, not playing). But all is well in Darien and I’m determined after this Reunion to reconnect with all of my classmates more frequently than I have the previous five years.”

Speaking of our resident animal expert, Joy Densler emailed to say, “This spring I spent some time in Tucson with my boyfriend—sorry I missed Mike and Betsy while I was there—and had a great time and took lots of wildlife photos. I now LOVE hummingbirds! Funny that I had actually previously worked with all of the snake species at the Sonoran Desert Museum—including the venomous ones. I also had a chance to ‘push the button’ at the Titan Missiles Museum thanks to our cousin, our tour guide. Good thing they are disarmed...scary to think that my first cell phone had more memory than the computers controlling those nuclear warheads! It was great to see everyone at Reunion although I was sad there were a few missing. I was blown away that Henrik made it AGAIN all the way from Germany. Was glad I took so many photos during the weekend. Sorry to those of you I somehow missed. It was also fun to finally do an animal show at Nobles for
my classmates and their kids. Thanks to everyone who came! It was also great to see Ellen’s new baby. Of course we ‘sort of’ saw her husband pass the baby. He was such a great sport about being somewhat ignored by those of us ‘looking’ and ‘shhing!’ Now that we have the FB page set up, I hope we can keep in touch as a class better between reunions. Five years is much too long! It was nice to add a few more friends from Nobles to my FB page after Reunion as well. If any of you are in the area and want to get outdoors, I’d love to see you at Broadmoor (Rte. 16, Natick). It was a pleasant surprise to see Holly and her son Drew the other day. I love giving tours when my schedule allows!*

Finally, huge thanks to everyone who put in countless hours of planning, organizing, cajoling, and prepping for our very memorable 25th Reunion, most notably Allie Trainor and Katie Coggshall and the 25th Reunion Committee, with special thanks to our #1 cheerleader and communicator extraordinaire, Jessica Tyler. Hope to see you all at our 30th and in the meantime, if you have not done so already, take the time to find our Reunion page on Facebook! Happy Summer!*

1987
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Emily Gallagher Byrne

Last winter, Natascha Gelich Armleder sent a note from Switzerland. “We are all doing well here; we have February holidays now and are skiing with kids. Tassilo (5) came in first in his ski race and Cosima (4) is almost to the point of being able to ski anywhere we want to take her. The benefit of living in Switzerland! On the school front, Tassilo has fantastic grades except for English! (He goes to school in French.) Ughghhhhh! Well, I guess ‘Mme. Bernstein’ was pretty patient with me—I hope his teacher will be as patient with him. Sébastien, the children and I hope to make it back to Boston the last two weeks in July. Hope to see some of you there!”

1988
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Jane Weintraub Stein

Congratulations to Kathryn Novicki! She and her husband Charlie Baumeister are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Lily! Born March 28th, Elizabeth Christina Baumeister was 7 pounds, 7 ounces and 20 inches long.

Dave MacTavish reports that his and Scooter Goven’s sons are playing on the same hockey team next year. The two run into Paul Stanton and Chris Coutu at the rink. Paul and Scooter are also coaching their kids.

Congratulations also to David Hiller, who shot part of a documentary about a woman battling breast cancer. The Education of Dee Dee Ricks premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in May and will air on HBO in October! (For more info on the film and the project check out: www.theeducationofdeedeericks.com/film)

1989
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Rachel Spencer

1990
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Elena Weiss MacCartee

Brian Hubbard’s film, CIRCUMSTANCE, won the audience award at Sundance. The film—for which Brian did the cinematography—has been showing in cities around the world, including Boston this past May.


1991
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Chris Vincent

The Class of 1991 kicked off their 20th Reunion with a party Friday night at the home of Jamie and Greg Hoffman. On Saturday, the class gathered for drinks, dinner and conversation in Gleason Hall.

Highlights of the weekend included: Jill Havlicek Buchanan’s induction into the Nobles Athletics Hall of Fame, the Hoffman’s party, Chris Vincent’s guided tour of the Castil’s secret passageways, a funny vintage Nobles video shot by Tim George, and Jed Stevenson’s closing remarks.

Stay in touch and check out some pictures from reunion on the Class of 1991 Facebook page. The reunion committee looks forward to seeing everyone in 2016 for the 25th Reunion!

1992
CLASS CORRESPONDENTS
Lyne Dumas Davis

Erin Purcell Gallo

Erin Purcell Gallo wrote, “I completed my third Boston Marathon this April and I am looking forward to running the ING New York City Marathon in November. I am raising money for Orange Trees Across America. Run for Something Better, which helps kids to get out, get running and get healthy.”
1993
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Sam Jackson

1994
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Annie Stephenson Murphy

1995
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Kelly Flaman

1996
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Alex Slawsby

1997
CLASS CORRESPONDENTS
Bobbi Oldfield Wegner
Jessie Sandell Achtermot

It's a baby boom for the Class of 1994!

Nancy Cremins, her husband Mike and sonfony welcomed an addition to the family on October 1, 2010—a baby girl named Aoife. The newest family member had her photo taken by Nobles grad Laura Hajar ’95. (See above.) Nancy is a litigator and employment lawyer at the Boston firm of Gesner Up Carlson, working with entrepreneurs and technology companies. In March 2011, Nancy commenced her term as President of the Women’s Bar Association of Massachusetts.

Lawson Albright and her husband Las welcomed their second child, Nate Clinton Albright, on January 5, 2011. He was a healthy 8 pounds, 11 ounces! He’s so adorable and we’re having so much fun getting to know him.

Starr Petett and her husband Josh welcomed their son on March 17. “Despite being nameless for 24 hours and attending the birth certificate department of the Brigham, we did finally name him—Findlay Robertson Petett.”

Findlay gets some rest while mom, Starr Petett ’94, snaps a photo.

Nancy Cremins’ ‘94 sweet girl, Aoife.

Our 15th Reunion was Saturday, May 14, back on campus. It was great to see such a group of classmates come back to Nobles and we all remarked how much the school has changed. As we strolled through the new (to us) Foster Gallery, we were so impressed by the work current students have produced!

Our class dinner was under a tent outside of another new building, the Baker Science Building. Din ner was great, provided by our own Wyeth Lynch and his amazing Alston restaurant, SoulFire. Myth worked like a dog to make sure everything got set up and looked good, then handed over responsibilities to his team so he could sit back, relax, and enjoy a few drinks with the rest of the group.

Everyone was in great spirits, and those that were not in attendance were missed. Hopefully, we’ll see many more of you well in advance of our 20th!

Congratulations to Ned Parent! He and his girlfriend Jessi Turner got engaged on May 22. A 2012-2013 fall/winter wedding is planned. Ned writes, “As for everything else, I’m still at Venable in Baltimore (5th year associate now—yikes!), my folks retired, sold the house in Dover and are living in New Oxford, PA (about 90 minutes away) now. I’m sending my best to everyone with regret that I couldn’t make the 15th Reunion.”

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Jessie Sandell Achtermot

Alex Foster wrote in with the following news: “I’ve just recently relocated to London, England, after six years in Boston. I am currently working as a product manager for interior design/furnishing fabrics at the quintessential 135-year-old British company, Liberty of London. I have also started my own food and travel blog called Destinations Perfected (www.destinationsperfected.com), which has already received more than 15,000 hits in three months.”

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short months! I am excited about all of the new places I can write about now that I am in such close proximity to so many exciting locales in Europe and beyond. I would love to hear from any other Nobles alums who may be living in London as we'll!

Jared Lee will be releasing his debut album "Out Of Breath" later this year. The first single "It's Over (Goodbye)"—which is currently available on iTunes—is starting to get radio play all across the country and was recently featured on an episode of "American Idol." They also played another song of his, entitled "Beautiful World" off the upcoming album the following week Jared lives in L.A. and is managed by Idol Roc entertainment which is owned by Steve Glazer.

Chris Pray writes, "Still living in Connecticut. I recently took and passed the professional engineering exam, and am glad to have that over with. Our daughter turned 2 in May, she keeps surprising us with how much she knows and how much she understands."

Kate Jackson writes, "In mid June I graduated with my MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern. I'll spend the summer building up my Spanish skills (which were improved by studying abroad this winter in Buenos Aires, where I got to spend time with classmate Sandra Serul) and completing a yoga teacher training program in Mexico. In the fall, I'll relocate to NYC to be closer to friends and family on the east coast and work for McKinsey & Co. It was great to see many 1997 Nobles classmates recently at our Harvard 10th Reunion, and I'll look forward to seeing more of you in the coming years."

Jessie Sandell Achterhof writes, "As for me, I'm enjoying life in Marblehead, Mass. with my husband Dave, daughter Izzy (2), and son James (6). I'm working in the Development Office at Towler School, an elementary school in Marblehead, and am excited to have James start pre-K this fall."

Bobbi Oldfield Wegner writes, "Remember Mr. Tim Morris from freshman year? The Australian teacher who taught History? He sent an update. Bobbi, I know I'm not part of Nobles' Class of '97, but I did teach a whole bunch of you, so if anyone's interested, here's a little update: Gilly and I had a third child, Kate, in 1996. She's now the same age as you were in 1993-1994, and two weeks ago she met Justin Bieber. Tom and Anna have finished school and Gilly and I have long service leave so we're traveling for the next four months, including two trips to the U.S. When he visits Boston, he will come for dinner and anyone who is interested in connecting and seeing him is welcome to come over!"

As for Mark and me, we moved to Milton last year and had our second son on January 13. His name is Tyler Robert and he has been a wonderful and easy addition to the family! Cam (2.5 years) is a very helpful and proud big brother!"

1998
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Melissa Tansey

1999
CLASS CORRESPONDENTS
Kate Tretman
Stephanie Trussell

2000
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Lisa Marx

The George P Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center in Arlington, Va., was the setting for a mini Nobles Reunion this May. Vikrum Sequeira '00, former faculty member Bill Gilbert (1995-2000) and Joe Palombo '00, all Foreign Service Officers in the U.S. Department of State, reconvened during Bill and Joe's swearing-in ceremony. Vikrum recently completed his first tour in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and is headed to Karachi, Pakistan, later this summer. Bill and Joe will head out shortly thereafter for their first assignments in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, and Kigali, Rwanda, respectively.

Scott Annan reports: "I'm living in New York City and am working on starting my third business. My book, A Nimble Worker: Creating a Wealthy Life, Inside and Out, continues to do well. Aside from being sponsored by Zappos.com, I use it primarily as a foundation for giving mentorship talks to high school students in New York. I'm looking to expand my speaking engagements to corporations in the coming months. After a trip down to Buenos Aires in spring 2010, I started playing polo and am working on getting an official handicap so I can start playing in league games. The culture around the sport is very interesting, and it's a great way to meet people from all over the world as it's a very international game."

"I'm finishing up a Master's program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education," writes Laura Klivans. "Then I'm moving back to San Francisco to work with education nonprofit World Savvy as we pilot a program taking youth to Bangladesh to study climate change. It's been nice to spend some time back east and catch up with my family and Nobles buds."

From left, Vikrum Sequeira '00, former faculty member Bill Gilbert and Joe Palombo '00
2001
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Lauren Kenney

We had a great turnout at our 10th Reunion on May 14! Many people near and far attended this special event, and it definitely seemed like several people made a special trip home for the occasion.

We enjoyed a festive cocktail reception with all the graduates on campus and a special class dinner in the Middle School Forum—complete with Soulfire BBQ and some vintage class videos. Many of us headed into Boston after dinner for an unofficial after-party at Crossroads in the Back Bay. It was great to catch up with old friends, and we hope to see everyone again soon!

Congratulations to Callie Gates, who received her Master's from the Harvard School of Education in May.

2002
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
William N. Duffey III

Priya Sequeira writes, "I'm preparing to move to Chicago this summer and start business school at the Kellogg School of Management. I plan on continuing my career in the healthcare industry after graduation and will be focusing my studies on healthcare management."

Susanna Phillips is engaged to Robert Fogarty. The pair met at Duke University and will marry this September in Gloucester, Mass.

Chris Lee Long-Marin writes, "I just became executive director for Central America's Children Without Borders, a non-profit providing healthcare and education to kids living in poverty. In the last few months, we opened a clinic in the rural northwest of Costa Rica to reach those with limited access to healthcare and are working in collaboration with the United States Embassy to mount a drug prevention program in one of the most dangerous slums of San Jose. For more information, the Web site for the non-profit is www.czbfoundation.org.

I would love to invite classmates to a 'Bluegrass Without Borders' fundraiser in the Boston area on Friday, September 9. For more info, my email address is Chrislee.L.Marin@gmail.com."

2004
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Carolyn Sheehan

Danny Gonzalez writes, "On June 4, David Medina, Devin Nwanagu and I watched the USA vs. Spain game. This summer I will be teaching science in the Upward Bound program and then in the fall I will be attending Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. My mail will be forwarded to the Tufts Medical Library for the next four years."

Wow! So much has happened to Alec Phillips since we last heard from him. In his last Bulletin installment he told us about his aspirations to win an Olympic medal in moguls. Sadly, he had to put that dream on hold because this winter, during a rigorous terrain park training exercise, Alec fell and tore his ACL and MCL. He recently underwent reconstructive surgery to have his knee repaired and you will be happy to know he is expected to make a full recovery! However, he could not have done this without your love and support. And by "love and support" he means DVDs and whiskey. Please keep sending him "love and support." It is greatly appreciated!

In other news, after a lengthy intermission spent "between jobs," Alec is now working for a marketing agency in Boston. If you are in the Copley area around lunchtime, Alec is usually hungry. PS. Guttershot...

2005
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Saul Gorman

Sam Farber writes, "For the past year, I have worked with the digital marketing team at the National Basketball Association at their headquarters in New York City. It has been a surreal experience, allowing me to become fully immersed in the sport I love most. Recently, I had the opportunity to travel between Miami and Dallas to watch an amazing NBA Finals matchup. I am living in Manhattan with Nick Kistner and am enjoying life! This summer promises to be interesting with a potential lockout looming and I am hoping for a quick and relatively painless resolution."

2006
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
E.B. Bartels

E.B. Bartels writes, "The majority of the Class of 2006 recently got a chance to reconnect and share updates face-to-face on May 14 at our 5th Reunion. It was really great to see so many '06ers in one room together again! I personally had a blast, not just catching up with old buddies, but talking to a lot of you whom I didn't know particularly well in high school, but have a lot more in common with now. Overall, it was an excellent evening—numbers were exchanged between long lost friends, adult beverages were consumed while wandering around Shattuck, and memories/confessions were spit over drinks at the Atlantic Beer Garden.

The night was a big success, and everyone on the Reunion Planning Committee deserves a big thank you for all their hard work! Thank you to Julia Carn, Greg Croak, Molly Dwyer, Tim Furlong, Hambisa Gado, Erin Greene, Caroline Holland, Kristiana Jones, Griffin Keady, Krysten Keches, Arthur Lavy, Jilly McVicar, Mike Murray, Marial Novas, Loris Toribio, and Alexa Walls!!"

As for updates, Sam Dawson wants you all to know that he is back home after spending the winter building websites and skiing in Crested Butte, Colo. Most of his web work involves creating sites for small business and digital portfolios for young artists. Analogous, check him out at www.palaginmedia.net. Also go to www.samuedawson.com to see his photography and writing portfolio—including pictures from his four-week cross-country road trip.

Additionally, Bernard Hilton wants you to know that he had a blast at the reunion, and Harry Aspinwall wants you to know that he misses you guys.

And, last, and definitely most exciting, Emma Tall apologized for missing the reunion due to the craziness of graduation, but she wrote with some news that should make up for her absence. Emma writes: A few days before graduation, my boyfriend (also a Cornell graduate) and I got engaged! We met through working for an NGO that aims to provide primary healthcare in rural Honduras. Robin Bigelow, my fiancé, will be starting..."
medical school at Johns Hopkins this August. For the foreseeable future, I will be working at an MIT lab that creates medical devices for the developing world, until I find a job down in Baltimore."

That's it for now! I look forward to reuniting with the rest of the Boston-dwelling '06ers soon. Let's not wait another five years to catch up.

2007
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Matt Stansky

Brookline Cully writes, "Today, (June 1) I arrived at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, to take part in NASA's Microgravity University program. During this program I will be running experiments in a microgravity environment, 30,000 feet above the Gulf of Mexico. I was inspired to write a proposal for this prestigious program after Michele Dufault participated in it a year ago. I know this isn't a-lifetime experience to her, and I can only imagine how many other people Michele inspired during her life. I will be thinking of her the entire time I am here and am thankful to have known such an amazing person."

Maddie Pongor will work for Mumbai Mobile Cehe (MMC) in Mumbai, India, through Duke University's Hart Fellowship. MMC provides day care services, health care and education for the children of construction workers throughout impoverished urban areas.

Nik Tyack was recently featured in South Shore Living. The interview focuses on a 72-mile canoe trip that he makes every summer to raise money for the North and South River Watershed Association.

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CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Aditya Makerje

Abram Dawson is getting ready to finish his Economics and International Business studies at Santa Clara University. Between spending the fall semester in Paris and his weekends skiing at Lake Tahoe, he is looking forward to spending more time on the east coast this summer.

2009
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Liz Rappaport

Liz Rappaport writes, "Thanks to everyone who let me know about their plans this summer. I am currently living in my new apartment in D.C., where I am taking classes and trying to survive this summer heat. I will also be working for a promotion company and spending most weekends traveling, and visiting friends and family.

This year has been an exciting time for the Class of 2009. Most have finished their sophomore years in college and are home working, or traveling for the summer. It is exciting to hear about people's adventures.

Here are some updates from our classmates. I know that there are plenty more so please let me know how you are doing so I can pass it along. Good luck to everyone this summer and I look forward to hearing from you!

Emmett Mercer writes, "I'm still at Tufts, playing club lacrosse and studying hard. I will be studying abroad in Madrid in the spring."

Will Randle writes, "I am working at Sempris BiScience in Cambridge. I will be working on engineering the surfaces of medical devices to make them more compatible."

Lauren Martin writes, "I'm just getting back from school where my lacrosse team was in the final four. And then I'm studying abroad in Florence, Italy, in June and I will be doing community service in Vietnam for three weeks in July.

Matt Samost writes, "I will be working for the New England Revolution this summer. Hope all is well with everyone!"

Maria Montes writes, "My sophomore year at Bowdoin College could not have been better. I continued to study linguistics (as I did at Nobles), but I also declared a minor in Education Studies. My Education 101 professor became my mentor and she chose me and two other students to speak at a conference at Cornell University. I was also very involved with our Women in Business group and continued to volunteer in nearby elementary schools. For the beginning of the summer I will be working at Bowdoin and interning at an art gallery in town. Also, just as I did at Nobles, I will soon take advantage of studying abroad, and I will be in Buenos Aires, Argentina, for my fall semester and in Toulouse, France, for my spring semester. Though I will miss my family and the Bowdoin community very much, I am excited to embark on this new opportunity."

Ian Graves writes, "I'm headed to study in Turkey this summer and am really involved with my a cappella group, Mixed Company. We are going to have an album up on iTunes soon! In the fall I had a nice visit with Bobby Kelly at Georgetown last week, and I am heading to the Bonnaroo music festival with Will Randle next week. I hope everyone is doing well."

Natasha Tyagi writes, "I am a rising junior at Tufts University double majoring in Global Health (HRT) and Anthropology. I am a student intern and research assistant in the Health Equity Department at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and am interested in pursuing a legal career in global health advocacy. I am having a fabulous time at Tufts participating in organizations that support my goals and encourage my passions of singing, dancing and interacting with diverse people. This summer I will be taking classes at Tufts, working at BWH and going to Europe! I cannot wait!"

Kelsey Lawler writes, "I'm going to be a Junior majoring in English/Theatre Design at Skidmore College, and after spending my first semester of freshman year in London, I will be heading back there for five months this fall. I will be directly enrolling in the second
year of the BA Theater Production Arts course at Mournview Academy of Theatre Arts in London, and will be assisting in design work for main stage musicals while I’m there! It’s pretty cool because I am the first study abroad student they’ve ever accepted and am a guinea pigging the program, so hopefully if other design students want to go abroad, they will be able to go on this program (there are very few abroad programs out there for theatre production students). I've been head scenic artist on a couple of shows at SaSNorth along with production and head electrician for the department—exciting stuff! Hope everyone's doing well; I can't wait to read about what everyone's doing!

Chris Lehman writes, "After my sophomore year at Harvard (where major in social studies with a minor in economics), during which I was elected as Production Manager of the Harvard Crimson, Head Delegate of Harvard's Intercollegiate Model United Nations team, and as member of the Board of Directors of the Harvard International Relations Council, I will be spending eight weeks this summer in Santiago, Chile, working at CEAL Americas, a judicial reform organization."

Tim Chang writes, "Right now I’m currently taking summer classes and working at Memill Lynch in the wealth department. Academically, I’ve decided on an economics major with a business emphasis, along with a music and sociology minor. In other aspects of college I am the social chair of my fraternity this year (phi kappa psi). I’ve also gotten very involved with dance and music, and I’m on the executive board for our dance production and hip hop crew. I’m also the public relations chair for my glee club. For work at school, I am the manager of a graphic design agency."

Nancy Cremius ’94 and husband Mike had a girl, Aoiie, on October 1, 2010.

Lawson Allen Albright ’94 and husband Lars had a boy, Nataz Clinton, on January 5, 2011.

Starr Glidden Petkeet ’94 and husband Josh had a boy, Findlay Robertson, on March 17, 2011.

Bobbi Oldfield Wegner ’97 and husband Mark had a boy, Tyler Robert, on January 13, 2011.

Engagements

Ned Parent ’96 to Jesse Turner

Susanna Phillips ’02 to Robert Fogarty

Emma Tall ’06 to Robin Bigelow

In Memoriam

Thomas Plummer ’49 passed away on March 20, 2011, after suffering a stroke. At Nobles, he was admired not only as a scholar, but also as a celebrated athlete on the football, soccer, hockey, and crew squads. He went on to Tufts University and then to American University for graduate school. Plummer worked at the University of California before his retirement in 2000, and he lived in Wellington, Fl. He was married to Elizabeth Niski, and they had five children, Timothy, Christopher, Pamela, Amanda, and Elizabeth.

Eugene "Oogie" Vance, Ph.D., ’52 passed away on May 18, 2011, when an airplane he was piloting crashed at Arlington Municipal Airport in Seattle, Wash. He is survived by his former wife, Christie McDonald, and Denyse Delcourt; his sons, Adam and Thomas; his daughter, Anna; his sister, Rosene Turner; and one grandchild.

"Oogie" was known at Nobles for his sense of humor, his intellectual curiosity and involvement in numerous extracurricular activities, including the Choral and Dramatic Clubs, Nobelmians, the wrestling and crew teams and the Classbook Committee. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1957 with a B.A. degree in English, and he went on to earn his M.A. and Ph.D. from Cornell. Vance taught at numerous universities, including Yale, the Université de Montréal and Enonitis, before becoming a professor of French, comparative literature, and comparative religion at the University of Washington. Vance had an interest in the Middle Ages and published five books, including Reading the "Song of Roland" (Prentice-Hall, 1970) and Marvelous Signals: Poetics and Sign Theory in The Middle Ages (University of Nebraska Press, 1986).

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Murley’s interest in current events and politics was apparent throughout his life. At Nobles, he won the TIME Current Events Award; later, he worked in organizations like the AIDS Project of the Pacific and the Humanist Association of San Diego. He leaves his two children; his parents; and his sister, Susan.

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Dufault was a lifelong lover of learning and promotor of women in the sciences. She graduated with highest distinction from Nobles and was captain of the crew and cross country teams. At Yale, Dufault majored in astronomy and physics, was active in events encouraging young women to explore scientific fields and helped organize annual science fairs for local students. She was a leader in the Women in Physics Conference and was part of the Yale Drop team, which involved anti-gravity experiments carried out at NASA. She also played the saxophone and was a member of the Yale Precision Marching Band.

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CLASS CORRESPONDENT

Holly Foster

New Arrivals

Eliza Gleason Kaas ’83 and husband Patrick had a girl, Lily Frances Keen, on February 22, 2011.

Louis Hoffmann ’84 and wife Mirada had a boy, Louis Halid Hoffmann, in February 2011.

Kathryn Novicki ’89 and husband Charlie Bumriner had a girl, Lily, on March 28, 2011.

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The school is inaugurating the Michele Dufault 5K Memorial Run to be held on campus on September 10, 2011, in addition to other plans that will be coordinated with her class before their 5th Reunion in May 2012.
Elliott Pratt ’76 is a Certified Mortgage Planning Specialist with Mortgage Network, Inc., in Wellesley, Mass. Chris Pratt ’10 just completed his freshman year at Colby College in Maine. Both are contributors to the Annual Nobles Fund.

Like Father, Like Son

Why Elliott Pratt ’76 and Christopher Pratt ’10 give to Nobles

What three titles would you choose to describe your main roles in life?
Elliott: Father, husband and coach.
Chris: Son, brother and student.

Favorite place to be on earth?
Both: Pompano Beach Club in Bermuda.

Last vacation you took?
Elliott: Yikes, with three children in college there hasn’t really been a true vacation in a while. Tricia and I did spend my 50th birthday at the above referenced Pompano Beach Club in Bermuda.
Chris: I went to Montreal with a couple of my friends from Colby College in March.

Last book you read?
Elliott: The Mad Bomber of New York, an excellent true story written by Michael Greenburg of Medway, Mass., an attorney with whom I do business. This case from the 1940s and ’50s was really the first time that true criminal “profiling” was used to catch a criminal.
Chris: Monster by Walter Dean Myers.

Can you drive?
Elliott: Still driving the Audi A6 wagon that used to fit all the soccer balls from my coaching days.
Chris: My sister’s Jeep Grand Cherokee
Car you wish you drove?
Elliott: On a beautiful day like today, a Mercedes convertible!
Chris: Red Lamborghini.

Favorite food or favorite thing to cook?
Elliott: Ahi tuna.
Chris: Cheese ravioli from Alta Strada in Wellesley.

Thoughts on the economic recovery?
Elliott: Being in the residential mortgage lending business, I see small signs that we’re coming out of the deep, dark hole. Mortgage rates are still really low, and people are buying homes at a greater clip right now than at any time in recent memory. I believe housing has to lead the recovery.
Chris: I’m happy for my dad’s sake, because he’s a mortgage lender, that we’re slowly moving back to stability.

Favorite form of exercise these days?
Elliott: Since I am sadly in need of a hip replacement, I get most of my exercise on the elliptical these days. It’s definitely not my favorite form of exercise!
Chris: Playing soccer.

Are you a Facebooker? How about Twitter?
Elliott: Neither
Chris: I go on Facebook every day and just recently created a Twitter account.

Guilty pleasure?
Elliott: Watching “American Idol.”
Chris: Watching “The Real World.”

Activities you did while a student at Nobles?
Elliott: I played on the Varsity soccer team and was captain of the golf team my senior year. There were many fewer opportunities for community service at Nobles back in the mid-’70s. I commend the current administration, faculty and students at Nobles for the amazing job they do giving back!
Chris: Captain of Varsity Soccer my senior year, Ultimate Frisbee, Junior Officer/President of Investment Club, went to New Orleans on a service trip spring break of my senior year, and went to Italy spring break of my sophomore year.

Things learned at Nobles that have been most useful in life?
Elliott: At Nobles I learned to interact positively with adults. That early lesson has served me well throughout my life.
Chris: At Nobles, I learned the value of close working/personal relationships with my teachers. I have that now with my professors at Colby, as I did with my teachers at Nobles.

Favorite teachers at Nobles?
Chris: Mr. Carey, Mr. Baker, Mr. Ginsberg, Mr. Nickerson, Mr. Barassi.

Most memorable foods from the Castle?
Elliott: Back in the ’70s there was no memorable food in the Castle!
Chris: Buffalo chicken sandwiches.

Volunteer roles at Nobles?
Elliott: Class Agent basically since graduation, and was the ANF Head back in the day when $500K was a really good year!
Chris: New Orleans Community Service trip.

Reasons you support Nobles?
Elliott: I support Nobles because I believe the classroom and life lessons learned there both back in my day and even more so today are unparalleled in the secondary school world. I love to talk about Nobles with anyone who will listen! At our recent 35th reunion, almost every classmate who attended talked about what a special place Nobles was and continues to be and all of us from the class of 1976 burst with pride when talking about what an incredible job our classmate Bob “Hendo” Henderson has done at the helm of the good ship Nobles!
Chris: I support Nobles because it has provided me with an amazing education that has helped me to move on to bigger things.

Please give to the Annual Nobles Fund this year.
Visit www.nobles.edu/giveonline or contact Director of Annual Giving Vidya Kagan at Vidya_Kagan@nobles.edu or 781-320-7003 for more information.
Play Ball!

We know that these sporty young women were members of the 1979 Noble and Greenough softball team, which went 9 and 2 for the season. We even know most of their names, reports Nobles Archivist Isa Schaff. But we invite those of you who knew these players—or who were on the team—to send us stories about that season, along with the girls’ names, what positions they played and any memories you may have about them and their coach. Please send your information to Julie Guptill, Assistant Director of Communications, at julie_guptill@nobles.edu.