



ACADEMY HILL SCHOOL

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2022

MEET OUR NEW INTERIM HEAD OF SCHOOL



We are excited to introduce you to our Interim Head of School, Zachary Verriden. Mr. Verriden comes to The Academy Hill School with a strong background in education. Zach has served as a classroom teacher, principal and superintendent in schools across the country. He has also launched a national educational consulting practice and served as the Senior Director of Youth and Family Programs at a local community center.

Zach is also a lifelong learner having studied educational policy and entrepreneurship at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, the Rice University Jones School of Business and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

His civic engagement and commitment to the community is demonstrated by his service as the Chair of the Longmeadow Select Board's Coalition for Racial Justice Task Force, as a member of the Blueberry Hill Elementary School Council, a parent in the Special Education Alliance of Longmeadow (SEAL), as a leader with the Longmeadow Anti-Racism Coalition (LARC). Zach was also recently elected to sit as a member of the Longmeadow School Committee. He is also, most importantly, a partner and parent.

Zach and his wife Anya have four wonderful children. Zach and Anya truly value family and are humbled to be joining such a great one at Academy Hill.

LIFELONG FRIENDS TAKE AN ADVENTUROUS ROAD TRIP



Lifelong pals and 2015 AHS and 2019 Suffield Academy alums Jackson Pentz and Daniel Krasemann recently drove cross country together. They hiked, ran, and visited sites across the country, including Niagara Falls; Boulder, CO; Zion National Park; Arches National Park Moab; and the Grand Canyon. Both are currently in their senior years in college: Jackson at Emory University and Daniel at Claremont-McKenna College. Over the summer, Daniel interned as an analyst at Transom Consulting Group in Los Angeles, and Jackson was a consulting intern at Bain & Company in Atlanta.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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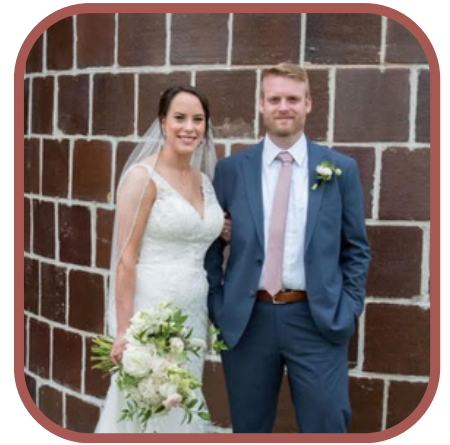
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WEDDING AND BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liz Sklar, AHS Class of 2001, married Alex Grabauskas on July 16th at Quonquont Farms in Whately, MA.



Current AHS Kindergarten teacher Alison Gauthier and her husband, Nicholas, welcomed Lainey Madison Gauthier on July 28th, 2022, at 7:22 am, weighing 7 lbs 3 oz and 19 inches long.

AHS CLASS OF 2019 IS GRADUATING

Calling all members of the Academy Hill 8th grade class of 2019! Graduation is right around the corner and we could not be more excited for you. We would love to include a photo and an update on where you are headed after graduation in the upcoming summer issue. We wish you all the best in your last few months of high school.



SUPPORT THE ANNUAL FUND

As the calendar year comes to an end, we encourage you to make a gift to the Annual Fund. Making a gift to the Annual Fund is the best way to give back to Academy Hill and we hope that you will join us by making a gift at a level that is meaningful to you. Each and every gift, no matter the size, makes an impact on Academy Hill and a student's experience. With the help of our past families and alumni, our Annual Fund goal is obtainable. If you have already contributed, thank you. If you have not already done so, please consider supporting AHS with your gift today.

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