

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope that you have enjoyed receiving and reading the *Alumni Newsletter*. We are working hard to make it a priority to keep in touch and reconnect with our former students and families. Academy Hill has a very active Facebook page, and last year we started an alumni Instagram account. You can find us on Instagram under the account name [academyhillschool_alumni](#). AHS can also be found on LinkedIn and YouTube. This summer we will send out an electronic alumni survey. We hope that you will take a minute to complete it. If you have not received an email from Academy Hill lately, then we don't have your most up to date contact information. To update your information please contact Melissa Pevay, mpevay@academyhill.org, or visit the school website and complete the alumni contact form. We wish you the best in 2017. Enjoy this issue!

Annual Spring Gala – March 25th

An Academy Hill Affair, Academy Hill's annual spring gala fundraiser, will be held on March 25th at Crestview Country Club in Agawam, MA. The event begins at 6pm and tickets will go on sale February 1st. Tickets will be available for purchase online or by mail. Check your mailboxes for invitations later this month. The evening will include dinner, dessert, music, raffles, silent auction, live auction and a little magic. Come out and support AHS! Hope to see you there.

Scenes from the April 9, 2016, 30th Anniversary Gala Celebration.



ALUMNI UPDATES

AHS Alumnus has an Album Available on iTunes: Christopher McLaughlin, AHS Class of 2010, is in his junior year at Williams College on the pre-med track. When he is not busy with coursework, being a Junior Advisor, or playing lacrosse, he is working on his passion for music. Chris is a singer/songwriter and has released 3 albums. Two are available on iTunes. Each album contains all original material. His latest album, "January", features classmate Mackenzie Snyder on vocals along with Chris, who also handles all the instrumental work. Christopher's father, Daniel McLaughlin (former AHS Trustee), reports "he's busy!" We would have to agree.



The McLaughlin family also reports that daughter Sarah McLaughlin, AHS class of 2011, is a sophomore at Williams College. She recently earned her EMT certification and is on the pre-med path.



Morgan McDonough, 6th grade class of 2007, reached out this fall. Morgan is a student at the University of Massachusetts Commonwealth Honors College. She is a History major, and is currently studying abroad in Ireland at the University County Cork

Mark Doukellis, AHS class of 1993, paid the school a visit earlier this fall. We were happy to reconnect with Mark and meet his daughter Kayla. Mark was a part of the founding 1986 kindergarten class, and continued at AHS until 6th grade (highest grade offered at the time). Following his time at AHS, Mark attended Wilbraham & Monson Academy and then Clarkson University. Mark has been married to his wife Amanda for 6 years, and is a Chemical Engineer in upstate New York.



SPOTTED: AHS ALUMS IN THE NEWS



This November a group of AHS alums were **SPOTTED** at the Jambo Tanzania event held at the Colony Club. Jambo Tanzania, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing sorely needed healthcare and educational resources to the village of Gera in the Bukobo region of Tanzania.



Academy Hill alumnus, Tomasz Paluchowski, was **SPOTTED** on MassLive. He was inducted into The Williston Northampton School chapter of the Cum Laude Society. Tomasz is a 2013 AHS graduate and a senior at Williston.

SAVE THE DATE!

Commencement and Closing Ceremonies

Commencement will be held on June 9th. We would love to see you there. Location and time will be confirmed later this spring. Watch your email and our social media accounts for details.

Alumni Social

The fall 2017 Alumni Social will be held on Monday, November 20th at Academy Hill.

Keep in Touch

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

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ACADEMY HILL NEEDS YOU!

A Message from Melissa Pevay, Director of Development

I have been fortunate enough to become a part of the Academy Hill family. Last school year was successful on many levels, and this fall was fantastic. We have seen a small enrollment rush over the past few weeks, and we are busy planning for the near and distant future. To continue to see Academy Hill thrive we need you! Could you share your career or passion with our students during our Brown Bag Lunch series? Do you have experience with marketing, finance, public relations? Consider sharing your talents by serving on one of our strategic committees. We are looking for alumni to serve on our Board of Trustees. Please reach out if you are interested.

Last but not least, AHS needs your financial support. Academy Hill School has fewer supporters than the secondary schools, colleges and universities that we feed. Your gift to the school supports technology improvements, field trips, continuing education for staff, teaching tools, necessities for building upkeep, maintenance and much more. We hope that you would make Academy Hill School one of your philanthropic priorities. Gifts to AHS are tax deductible and every gift, small or large counts! Make your gift online today, <http://www.academyhill.org/support.html> or gifts may be sent via mail (**make checks payable to Academy Hill School**). Contact Melissa Pevay, mpevay@academyhill.org, if you would like to make a planned gift or a gift to the school's endowment.

PLAYGROUND DEDICATION

On Wednesday, October 12th, AHS dedicated the new playground. Mayor Domenic Sarno presented the school with a declaration from city of Springfield to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the school.



Melissa Earls, Head of School, said, "This is an enormously exciting time at Academy Hill. Thank you to Mayor Sarno for sharing this special day with us and to all of the individuals who made purchasing and installing this new playscape possible. Not only will our students enjoy playing on it every day, but it will also serve as a constant reminder of all the amazing children and enthusiastic learners who have been a part of the Academy Hill family over the past thirty years. We look forward to continuing to provide an enriched and diverse education to students for decades to come!"



ALUMNI SOCIAL

Held November 22, 2016

Thank you to the alums who came out this past November to say "hello." Traditionally the alumni social has been held the Tuesday night prior to Thanksgiving. This year the social will be held on the Monday night prior to Thanksgiving, in an effort to avoid other annual events. Hope to see you there!

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