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TRADITIONS THAT *Inspire* ACTION.



The mighty Blue Atlas Cedar tree, presented to the class of 2020



Its East Village location

TRADITION THAT BINDS US TOGETHER

President O'Reilly marked the beginning of the new academic year with a tree dedication, a long-standing Pine Manor custom. At Pine Manor College's 2016 Convocation, President O'Reilly presented a mighty Blue Atlas Cedar (*Cedrus Atlantica 'Glauca'*) to the students, faculty, staff and friends of Pine Manor. In his speech, he dedicated the tree to people in our students' lives, who offered encouragement and allowed them to achieve their goals. President O'Reilly explained that his mother had this role in his life. He quoted his mother as saying "there are all kinds of smarts in this world, and it is each of our jobs to discover ours, and to run with it." He invited the community to pause and remember the people who offered such guidance in their own lives and to consider them whenever they pass the tree, which has been planted outside of East Village in back of East 4. President O'Reilly asked the students to help nurture the tree as a reminder of the community that Pine Manor College strives to create.

The tradition of planting trees on campus is rooted in Tree Night, a custom dating from 1919. During commencement celebrations, the class of 1919 processed together near the southeast corner of the Old Wellesley Campus, where they gathered in song and planted a pine tree, as a gift to the community. Afterwards, Helen Temple Cooke, the founder of Pine Manor, addressed the class, after a final song the class marched off. Since then, it has been customary to plant and dedicate a tree on the college's campus. Traditionally, alumnae reunions include tree plantings memorializing members close to the Pine Manor Community. The Pine Manor College campus currently has over 100 trees dedicated to alumnae, faculty, friends and staff.



President O'Reilly with PMC Students

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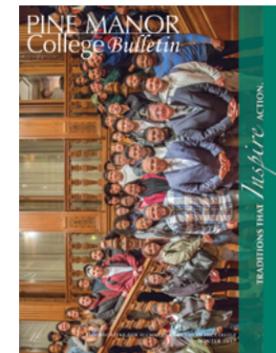
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The first Inspire Program event featured guest speaker, Governor Deval Patrick.



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Alumni, Friends and Neighbors,

It is a great pleasure to share with you important new elements of strength, power and vision happening at Pine Manor College.

Pine Manor is on the move and on the rise. Inspiration, empowerment, access and renewal are dynamic factors in our college's life and work. Each day is a stronger new beginning for our college.

A fine example of this, is the recent launch of the Inspire Program. This groundbreaking program is designed to share with students and the greater community inspirational journeys of individuals who have beaten the odds by overcoming significant challenges, and who have gone on to noteworthy achievement.

I am proud to say that our inaugural speaker on Monday, November 28th, was Deval L. Patrick, the first person of color to be elected Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Governor Patrick spoke with current students directly and movingly. He answered their questions – and asked some questions of his own! The former governor offered three elements of conversation, taken up with gusto by a number of our students. Together, we discussed the centrality of personal integrity, the importance of taking calculated risks and the incredible power of kindness.

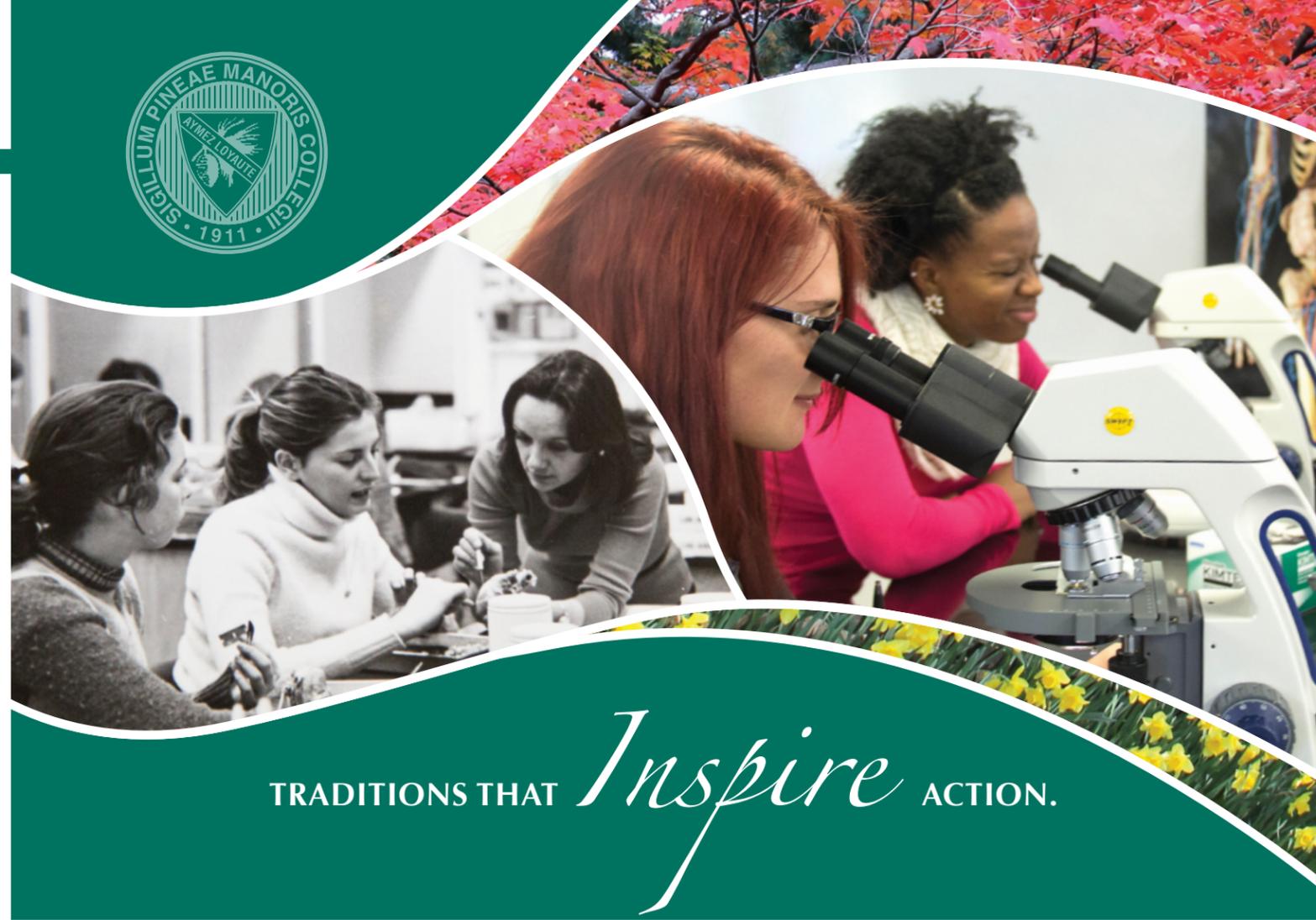
I am moved and delighted to describe to you the effects of that evening upon our community. Faculty, staff and the students themselves have reported to me that the impact has remained strong within them. They were profoundly lifted, immensely supported, and – indeed - truly inspired.

In this Bulletin, I hope that you will find your own uplift and pleasure as you read about the college's strengthened financial picture; our fine work promoting pathways into careers and graduate study; exciting new partnership activities; our two new, superbly qualified Deans; brilliant restoration and repair of our facilities; a message of leadership from our devoted Board Chair; increasing alumnae reconnection through terrific regional events; and, at the heart of everything, our incredible students of promise!

Thank you for joining with me in support of Pine Manor College during this critical period of growth, definition and renewal. I am inspired daily by the unlimited promise of our students and by the profound potential of our work together. Your involvement is deeply appreciated, and essential to our success.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. O'Reilly
President



CAREER PATHWAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE – ONE JOB AT A TIME

Pine Manor College career pathways in Healthcare and Biomedical Sciences, Business and Management, Early Childhood Education and Humanities and Social Sciences launch graduates into successful careers. In every recent year, over 90% of Pine Manor graduates enter in careers or continuing education. Pine Manor College's strong academic programming, grounded in the Liberal Arts tradition, puts emphasis on core competencies such as critical thinking, collaboration and communication skills. In addition, Pine Manor students are required to participate in a comprehensive internship program. The combination of a well-rounded education with professional experience make for powerful programs that prepare graduates for life-long success.



Helen Temple Cooke



Professor of Biology Susan Bear and a Biology Student



Professor Michele M. Talbot



Achievement Day 2016

PINE MANOR'S EVOLUTION - ONE ACADEMIC YEAR AT A TIME

Helen Temple Cooke founded the college in 1911 specifically to provide groundbreaking higher education to women. Since that time, Pine Manor has continuously educated a global population reflecting significant linguistic, economic, and cultural diversity.

SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES - ONE SUCCESS STORY AT A TIME

Pine Manor College graduates have always entered the worlds of work, advanced studies and community involvement very well prepared to succeed.

100% of May 2016 graduates were employed or enrolled in a graduate program within 6 months of graduation.

98% of Biology graduates from the years 2009 – 2015 are employed in their fields or in graduate school.

100% of Pine Manor Senior Class Members participate in an Internship in their field of study.

98% of Pine Manor Interns have been rated as equal or better than their competitors from other colleges and universities.

This Fall semester Pine Manor was proud to deliver on a promise to our recent alumni as 100% of our 2016 graduates were either employed or pursuing advanced degrees within six months of graduation (data collected from May 15th through November 15th). That is up from 96% for the class of 2015, and reflects a three-year record upward trend!

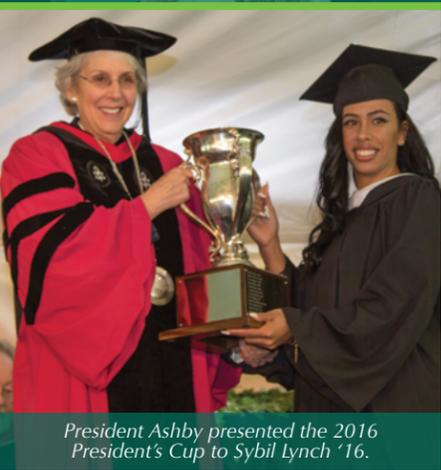
The on-going effort by many members of our community to lead the way and ensure that our students are well prepared for employment upon graduation is the reason for this exceptional record. Dean Mello-Goldner, together with a strong faculty leadership team, makes sure that the Pine Manor curriculum is designed to propel high academic performance as well as to instill core competencies that make our graduates workplace-ready. The constant introductions of possible career paths in each program are being offered in various ways, for example, the Biology Department in collaboration with Tufts University offered a Biology Career Panel this fall. Other programs incorporate Alumni discussions and community-based research projects with organizations in the Boston area.

Particular recognition should be given to Pine Manor College's Career Development Director, Ieshia Karasik. Karasik creates opportunities to plan for students' employment, and provides guidance, training and networking leads for students in various stages of their career planning, before and after graduation. Karasik sees her role as fitting into a greater strategic aim: "The mission of the Career Development Office is to prepare students and alumni to successfully develop and manage their careers. Students interact with the Career Development staff each year of their college experience, and alumni are encouraged to connect with our office for career guidance and to support students by acting as mentors and resources for internships and jobs."

For more about the career development office and the Pine Manor internship program, contact Ieshia Karasik at ikarasik@pmc.edu, or visit: www.pmc.edu/internship-program



Presidential Scholarship 2016



President Ashby presented the 2016 President's Cup to Sybil Lynch '16.



First Year Seminar Activist Panel

MEANINGFUL CAREERS - ONE GRADUATE AT A TIME

There is no better measure of our work than the performance of our graduates. They have acquired the skills and the knowledge to immediately get jobs or go on to graduate school, and to have a lifelong career of opportunities.

It takes a multi-layered commitment to achieving 100% employment record. These results are a testament to the dedication of the Pine Manor staff and faculty in applying an effective and thoughtful "One Student at a Time" approach to student success. Preparing our students for today's changing careers, and encouraging them to be leaders in their communities. Faculty and staff of the college eagerly follow and actively support the career paths and continuing growth of our graduates.

Sera Godfrey '02 is an impressive Pine Manor alumna. She currently works at Riverside Community Care as the Clinical Director for Life Skills Center & The Riverside School, a day treatment program and therapeutic school for adolescents with significant mental health needs.

A Psychology major, Godfrey completed her senior internship at Taunton State Hospital, an intensive residential treatment program for adolescent girls. Upon her graduation, she was hired by the Hospital and worked there for five years. As Sera commented, "Having to complete an internship was a transformative experience that led to a job after graduation and inevitably my career path." She then went on to receiving her Masters of Social Work degree from Boston University, along with her Certificate in Group Work, she worked in the Outpatient Psychiatry Department of Children's Hospital Boston, specializing in group work with children and adolescents. She is also President of the International Association for Social Work with Groups - Massachusetts Chapter (IASWG). In addition, she has lectured and presented locally and internationally on the use of expressive therapies in group, group work supervision, self-diagnoses with adolescents, and group work theory and practice.

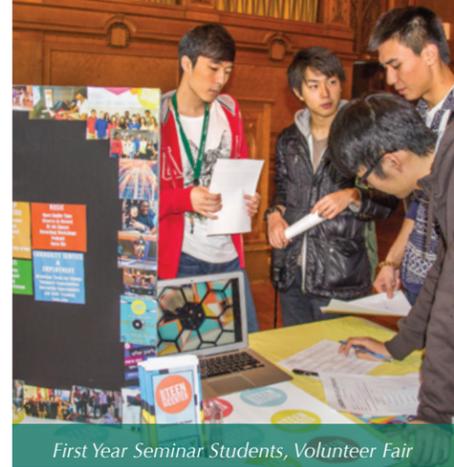
When asked how the college influenced her career, Sera said, "Pine Manor was essential in creating and establishing my career path in mental health care. I would not be where I am today without the education, relationships and opportunities I was given at Pine Manor."

Stephanie Crawford '09 is a passionate educator. Like Sera Godfrey, Crawford was hired upon her graduation as an early education teacher, and is currently a K2 classroom teacher in the Boston Public School system. Stephanie is also the founder and CEO of a nonprofit organization, Propa City Community Outreach. (PCCO). (See: www.propacityco.org). Founded in 2011, the organization's goal is to support mothers who have been affected by pregnancy loss and to provide them the tools and support to move on to the next steps in their lives.

When asked to reflect on her Pine Manor education, Crawford said, "My liberal arts experiences at Pine Manor College have enabled me to think about ideas from multiple perspectives. ...As a student at Pine Manor you will be provided a range of teaching experiences that few colleges offer."

Crawford gives credit to Professor Sandra McElroy, head of the *Early Childhood: Education, Health & Leadership* program, and to her faculty at Pine Manor, "Dr. McElroy works diligently to find internships and placements that work for each student's individual goals. The atmosphere in the program is warm and supportive and the professors take time to get to know you, help you sort things out, experiment with ideas, so you will be connected with the Education department "family" long after graduation. I still call Dr. McElroy for advise, support, or just to catch up."

It is our graduates' achievements that are the manifestation of our college mission. You can find Godfrey and Crawford's full stories and dozens more career stories from our recent alumnae at: www.pmc.edu/my-career-story



First Year Seminar Students, Volunteer Fair



Sera Godfrey '02



Stephanie Crawford '09



Biology Career Panel, Fall 2016

A CONVERSATION WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, ROBERT UTZSCHNEIDER

Robert Utzschneider is entering his second year as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. In this role, Rob has become well known to the college community for his care and generous support for the college. We sat with Rob for a conversation as he reflects and looks forward.

Many good things are happening at Pine Manor – as you enter your second year, what motivates your involvement and support for Pine Manor?

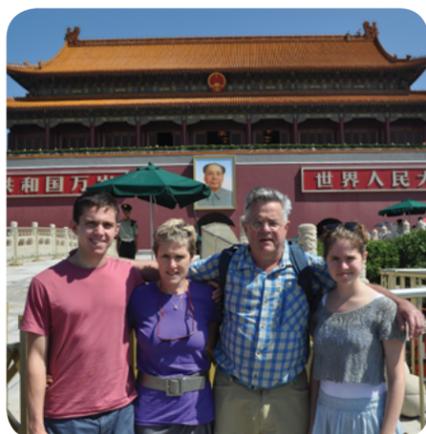
I came to Pine Manor to try and help the college, and have developed great respect for its history and tradition and a passion for its mission. Our trustees, faculty, staff, administration, students, alumni, neighbors and friends are working hard to transform Pine Manor College into a thriving, growing, and self-sustaining institution that provides our wonderful students with pathways into successful careers and fulfilling lives. This team is building and rebuilding many aspects of Pine Manor College. The \$1.1 million restoration of the exterior of the Ferry building is symbolic of our building for the future.

Under President O'Reilly's leadership, Pine Manor College can and will become a shining example of a small and focused liberal arts college that transforms the lives of our deserving students. We will develop deeper connections with many important institutions and communities in Boston, Massachusetts, and the rest of New England. Our emerging relationships with the Boston public school system and the Harvard School of Public Health at either end of our career pathways are examples of these deeper connections. Those institutions will strengthen Pine Manor, and Pine Manor will strengthen those institutions.



Tell us a little bit about the Board of Trustees today, and what you envision for its future.

We are rebuilding the Board of Trustees. Alumni, who comprise nearly 50% of the current trustees, will always play a critical role. We are looking for new Trustees who offer a passion for the mission of the College; willingness to contribute time, energy, and/or financial resources to the College; and experience in areas of importance. As an example, new trustee Andy Evans brings thirty years of senior leadership in higher education, including over ten years as CFO at Wellesley College. New trustee Lise Leist brings her experiences as Alumna, a successful business career, and more recently a successful career in education administration.



We are looking for new trustees who have extensive experience in areas such as higher education, healthcare delivery, and the biomedical sciences, and in fundraising.

You are also a Chestnut Hill neighbor, and, with your wife Cathy, parent to two college-age students. How does this inform your experience as Board Chair?

I have been a neighbor of the College and a resident of Brookline for many years. This helps me in my role as Board Chair. For any issue involving the College, I ask myself "what would the neighbors think" and "what would the town of Brookline think." It is our responsibility to rebuild the college's relationships with our neighbors and with the town of Brookline.

I have a son and a daughter who are attending small liberal arts colleges. My experience as a parent helps me to think through issues involving Pine Manor College. I hear about different, and sometimes challenging issues occurring on their campuses, and I always ask myself "how would Pine Manor deal with this."

My wife, Cathy, has taught at the Woods College at Boston College for more than ten years. Many of her students, particularly athletes, have similar backgrounds as the Pine Manor student body (minority, first generation college students for example). As I have gotten to know these students over the years, I have learned a lot about their challenges in juggling sports, academics, family and personal lives, and career options. This has also informed my thinking as Board Chair.

What are the greatest challenges Pine Manor faces? What are its greatest opportunities?

We need to improve the financial strength and sustainability of Pine Manor College over the long term. Pine Manor finished Fiscal Year 2016 with an operating profit for the first time in

years. We will operate in the black going forward. We will strengthen our finances by raising more scholarship funding and by recruiting more students who have an ability to pay for tuition, room and board. We have established financial stability for the college, and we are maintaining it through consistent attention and care. This achievement has been noticed and lauded by our donors. Contributions have increased significantly from our alumnae, friends, and foundations. We must continue this good work, and I urge everyone to join me in support of Pine Manor's future.

A second challenge is to improve our communications about Pine Manor College to external constituencies.

One of our greatest opportunities is to build upon what is already working well. For example, Pine Manor's Career Pathways for healthcare delivery and the biomedical sciences prepare students for successful careers in those fields. We need to grow the program and communicate our successes.

A second opportunity is for Pine Manor to re-engage with our alumni and rebuild our relationships with them. They represent a huge untapped resource of energy and passion. Many of them want to help us in fundraising, recruiting, and communicating about the College. I greatly appreciate the increased attention, participation, and support of our valued alumni.

What has surprised you the most or what experience has touched you the most?

I am touched whenever I am on campus and meet with our students. Pine Manor is transforming their lives and these conversations always make me realize how important our mission is in changing their lives. This motivates me to contribute energy and effort to transform the College.



GROWING PINE MANOR PARTNERSHIPS

Pine Manor College is just embarking upon a new strategic plan, building upon the college's strengths in key academic areas. An important element of our future is the construction of new partnerships in the larger community. Pine Manor College's Healthcare Delivery and Biomedical Science Initiative builds on both our liberal arts and discipline-specific curriculum to prepare students in the fields of biomedical sciences, community health, psychology, and business, and offer them pathways to careers in healthcare.

By offering students a diverse range of learning opportunities with our healthcare partners, we are developing our students to become leaders in the field. Our partnerships focus on building student success, including healthcare-focused internships, funding collaborations, co-curriculum initiatives, and student mentoring. This year, we are continuing to link students to learning opportunities and internships with such partners as Tufts University, Harvard School of Public Health, Hebrew Senior Life, and Science Club for Girls, to name a few!

If you have a healthcare organization you would like to connect with PMC, please let us know. Please contact Bridget Gardner, PMC's Director of Academic Partnerships, at bmgardner@pmc.edu. We'd love to hear from you!

Read more at: www.pmc.edu/pathways-to-science-careers





Ferry Administration Building



New entrance sign



Ferry shingle work - before



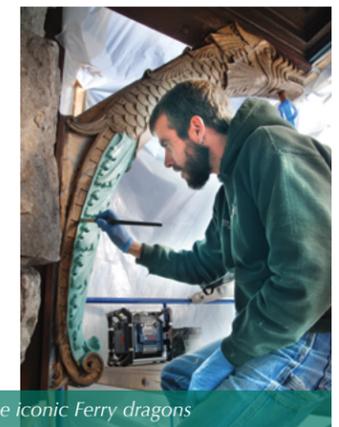
and after...



Abercrombie roofing



Hand-carving and painting of the iconic Ferry dragons



The beauty of the Pine Manor College campus, with its wooded grounds and historic architecture, affords peaceful, contemplative, gentle spaces in which the work of the college flourishes. The Frederick Carlos Ferry, Jr. Administrative Building is the administrative hub of daily campus life. After reporting the repairs needed for the exterior of the building in our last Bulletin, we are pleased to announce that efforts to replace and repair the windows, shingles and woodwork have begun in earnest.

important to address.”

In addition to the restorative work on the historic facades, the repair work includes essential projects such as fixing leaks and valves, and replacing fire panels, all of which are, according to Dr. Gardner, “essential to the health and well-being of students, faculty and staff.”

On different corners on campus, the Josephine Abercrombie Art Building and the Ann Pappajohn Vassiliou '93 Child Study

PRESERVATION, RENOVATION, RESTORATION AND RENEWAL.



Professor Bill Stargard and his Art History students meet with Denis Semprebson of Beacon Hill Restoration



Ferry Administration Building's Dragon - before the restoration



Ferry Administration Building's Dragon - during the restoration

The North Bennet Street School conducted a thorough assessment of the Ferry Administrative Building, and recommended Beacon Hill Restoration for the project.

Under the leadership of historic restoration expert, Denis Semprebson, owner of Beacon Hill historic preservation, the exterior restoration and repair work to Ferry remains on schedule.

Semprebson and his crew are breathing new life into the entire front facade of the building, with exceptional attention to detail and masterful skills they are re-shingling the entire front of the building, shingle by shingle, and reproducing all of the historic windows.

“As chair of Pine Manor’s Physical Facilities Committee, I am excited and heartened by the commitment the college has made to overcoming issues of differed maintenance,” Professor Emerita of Biology, Elizabeth Gardner says. “It is wonderful to move forward with issues the Physical Facilities Committee has identified as

Center have undergone significant repair and restoration.

The Abercrombie Art Building’s windows have been replaced, leaking sections of the roof repaired, and new skylight windows have been installed. Dr. Gardner also notes: “And our wonderful Ann Pappajohn Vassiliou '93 Child Study Center is having all of its shingles and roofing replaced, while undergoing a number of interior changes such as woodworking and painting. The staff, faculty, parents and children are thrilled with this important work.”

While many are historic, each building is also critically necessary to life on the Pine Manor College campus, responsible for helping faculty, staff and administrators to continue to serve each student – one student at a time!

Read more at: www.pmc.edu/pmc-renovation-and-restoration-project



The Ann Pappajohn Vassiliou '93 Child Study Center





PRIDE IN OUR STUDENTS

Our Men's Soccer Team celebrated their ACAA Championship Award this week! And to add to the celebration, more recognition to members of the team is in.

The following gators are the recipients of the Association of the NCAA Division III Independents awards:

- OSCAR ESTRADA – 1st TEAM all-conference goalkeeper
- BRIAMN WADE – 1st TEAM all-conference defense
- SAMUEL SOLANO – 1st TEAM all-conference midfielder
- JOSE CORRALES – 1st TEAM all-conference midfielder
- DANIEL ALANIS – 3rd TEAM all-conference midfielder

The following Women's Soccer players are recipients of the Association of the NCAA Division III Independents awards:

- CASSIE CAVENDER – Rookie of the Year; Offensive Player of the Year; 1st TEAM all-conference
- LIZ ANDERSON – 3rd TEAM all-conference
- MARCELLA MARTINEZ – 3rd TEAM all-conference

Congratulations to all!

GO GATORS!



PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

Pine Manor College honored the 2016 presidential scholars on Monday, November 7th at a Presidential Scholarship reception.

At Pine Manor College we value academic excellence, determination, and leadership. This year the College awarded Presidential Scholarship to 28 of our incoming first-year students who demonstrated outstanding academic achievement.

At the dinner, President O'Reilly introduced members of the Pine Manor leadership team, staff, and faculty, to the presidential scholarship recipients. The Dean of the College, Diane Mello-Goldner, Dean of the Student Affairs, Staci Weber and the Dean of Enrollment & Admissions, Sam White, congratulated the scholars. They also expressed their hopes that as Pine Manor students these first-year scholars will continue their academic success and contribute to the Pine Manor community. Professor William Stargard encouraged the students to strive for excellence. He also introduced The Massachusetts Delta Chapter of Alpha Chi, a national college honor society. The chapter accepts only the top 10 percent of juniors, seniors, and graduate students in all academic fields and recognizes and promotes scholarship.

The Presidential Scholarship is awarded to new first-year students for outstanding academic achievement in earning a 3.0 (or higher) Grade Point Average upon their high school graduation. This scholarship will be renewed with continued equal achievement here at Pine Manor College. Read more and see pictures from the Presidential Scholarship reception at: www.pmc.edu/presidential-scholarship



MEET OUR NEW DEANS

STACI WEBER, DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

JOINED PINE MANOR NOVEMBER 2015

Staci Weber, Ph.D., joined Pine Manor from Babson College where she has served as Associate Director of Academic Services. At Babson, she oversaw Class Deans and developed and implemented student programs geared towards supporting first-generation college students. Before Babson, Weber held a variety of leadership positions in Higher Education including Assistant to the Vice President of Enrollment Management, at Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, and Director of Student Activities at Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA.

Weber earned her Ph.D. in Higher Education from Syracuse University. Her dissertation research focused on how first generation college students use college access and support programs to navigate their college journey. She earned her M.Ed. in Student Affairs Practice in Higher Education from the University of Delaware, and a B.A. in Psychology from Franklin & Marshall College.

SAMUEL H. WHITE, DEAN OF ENROLLMENT & ADMISSIONS

JOINED PINE MANOR OCTOBER 2016

Sam White is a graduate of Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay, MA. After working in fields relating to his Maritime education, he returned to his alma mater and served in a variety of roles in Student Services, Athletics, and Admissions, concluding his long tenure there as Director of Admissions. Sam then went on to serve as the Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management & Student Services at Marian Court College before accepting his current position at Pine Manor College.

"One of the things I've always found so rewarding is following students throughout their college education - seeing them grow from young first-year students into confident, driven young professionals ready to take on new challenges. Pine Manor College is uniquely positioned to offer that transformative experience in a small and supportive environment, and that is one of the primary reasons I am so happy to be a member of the Pine Manor College community."

A CONVERSATION WITH STACI WEBER, PH.D., OUR DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Staci, you have now been at Pine Manor for just over one year and our new Dean of Enrollment & Admissions, Sam White, came on board this October. What perspectives and advice would you offer our newest Leadership Team colleague?

Pine Manor College is a small college and tight-knit community. I realized this when our Associate Dean of Student Life, Lisa Rodrigues, told me about a relationship between two students and she went back to describing their families' relationships with each other. I thought, "How impressive! Now this is a community that knows its students!" That also sets the stage for the work we do here – students first. PMC faculty and administration truly follow the mission of "one student at a time" through providing wraparound services to support students and meet students academic, professional, and emotional needs.

Your doctoral dissertation research was entitled: "My Training Wheels Are Off: How First Generation College Students Make Meaning of the Influence of their College Access and Support Programs", a significant percentage of current Pine Manor students are the first people in their family to go to college. How does working with these students impact your scholarship ... and vice versa?

I love this question! Working with first generation college students fuels my research and my passion to learn more and work harder.

Here is an example, I used Yosso's (2005, 2006) *Communities of Cultural Wealth* as one of the theoretical frameworks for my dissertation. Yosso's work, coupled with critical theory, allowed me to listen and learn from first generation college students' stories and experiences – their

truths – to see what awesome-ness they brought to campus. My research expanded Yosso's work on Communities of Cultural Wealth with Chicana/o students to include first-generation college students and college access and success programs (hence my commitment to college access programs!) With this new knowledge, I have worked with other leaders at PMC to develop partnerships with organizations such as The Freedom House and have worked to frame conversations with the PMC community around the capital our students bring to campus (e.g., linguistic capital, aspirational capital, navigational capital).



Staci Weber and Ruth Maria Rosado '16

Pine Manor is fortunate to have someone with your expertise and knowledge. In the midst of many choices for you, what drew you to Pine Manor? What do you feel are the college's biggest opportunities and challenges?

Thank you. Engstrom and Tinto (2008) (two of my faculty members from Syracuse University) are known for their quote, "Access without support does not equate to meaningful opportunity." This means accepting students into college is not enough; we need to give them meaningful curricular and co-curricular opportunities while they are in college and see them through to graduation. Pine Manor College's commitment to first generation college students mirrors this understanding.



Presidential Scholarship Reception



Student/Faculty Volleyball Game

Pine Manor College's greatest challenge and opportunity is to increase our graduation rate. Pine Manor, as many colleges across the country, need to increase support of first-generation college students, because in most cases the financial burden is the primary reason students of promise are not completing their degree. At Pine Manor College we are committed to first-generation college students and know that as we increase our students success rate – we will in fact changed our students' lives, their families' lives, and their communities. It's an opportunity to change the face of leadership throughout the country and give voice to under represented group in our society.

What are some of your main goals and aspirations for the Pine Manor student community, and how can alumnae and others help you in your work?

My main goals and aspirations for our student community are focused on health and wellness and student engagement. For a student to learn, they must feel safe, warm throughout the Boston winters, and well fed. For a student to be actively engaged and positively contribute to the community, they must feel a sense of belonging, believe in themselves, and feel supported throughout campus. The Student Affairs team is partnering with faculty, staff, and external partners to enhance students' health & wellness as well as students' engagement. The trustees on the Student Engagement Committee

(Tim Allen, Peggy Sweeney Krippendorf, and Dorothy Davis Kee) greatly support these concepts, to strengthen, focus, and empower our work.

Alumnae can certainly help through their expertise and support. Our students are always looking for meaningful work (especially that's accessible via public transportation!) and good mentors. A mentor helps with emotional support, academic support, and career development. If alumnae are looking to make a commitment to a student, we have students ready to commit to them. Philanthropically, we can also use alumnae support. Your donations go far and are much appreciated! We thank everyone who contributes very much!!

I also would like to invite our alumnae to campus – if you would like a tour of our villages or would like to learn more about the work we are doing, I would love to meet you, take you on tour and answer your questions. I value your ideas and thoughts and encourage your engagement with the college. Also, know that I will ask you to please join me for lunch or a basketball game!

What has been the best moment since being at Pine Manor?

Easy. My first PMC graduation. The students, donned in their robes, carrying white roses surrounded by their friends and families cheering and crying. It was beautiful.



"JUMP RIGHT IN!"

When Elizabeth "Betsy" Van Orsdel Moulds '64 attended a luncheon a few years ago at the home of a fellow alumna, she never expected that she was about to create what would become Pine Manor College's largest alumnae club in the country! The spirit and enthusiasm typical of Pine Manor graduates inspired Betsy to develop a network of women from numerous generations in the Northern California area. Together they created the Northern California Alumnae Club. As members began hosting events and offering ideas, their club began to grow.

Using talents honed from her various lifetime roles of teacher, mother, philanthropist, traveler and businesswoman, (co-owner with her beloved husband, Steve, of Moulds Family Vineyard in Napa, CA,) Betsy's work thrived and flourished. As she did when chairing Pine Manor's Centennial Celebration, traveling tirelessly throughout the country to alumnae celebrations in Chicago, Houston, New York City, Sarasota, California, and Boston among other places, Betsy lead this effort with impeccable organization, grace and aplomb.

And so today, the Pine Manor College Northern California Alumnae Club is the largest centralized association of alumnae in the country. The club hosts multiple activities throughout the year, ranging from luncheons to art exhibits, museum tours, concerts and cocktail parties. And through it all, everyone remains committed to promoting Pine Manor's strength and well-being. As alumnae, Betsy describes how

each member sees herself as part of the legacy of Pine Manor. "You could always tell that the faculty and staff really cared about the students." As a member of the Board of Trustees for eight years, from 2006 to 2014, and now as Trustee Emerita and member of the college's Advancement Committee, Betsy has come to know that this statement is echoed every day by current Pine Manor students as well as more recent alumnae.

When asked what advice she has for other graduates who would like to start their own alumnae club, Betsy's advice is simple, "Jump right in!" While researching the history of Pine Manor for the Centennial Celebration, Betsy received inspiration from Helen Temple Cooke, who wrote, "A lady never gives up. She may have to retrench, but if the goal is worth striving for, persistence, imagination, and honesty will get the job done." It is in this spirit that she encourages others to participate anew in the life of Pine Manor College. "You have to enjoy your successes, be happy about the experience, and start all over again!"

If you, like Betsy, want to start your own Pine Manor Alumnae Club or get involved with an existing initiative, we welcome you to please contact the Advancement Office, 617-731-7113 or email development@pmc.edu. We and Betsy would love to help you succeed.

Read about Betsy Moulds' Honorary Degree at: www.pmc.edu/betsy-moulds-honorary-degree



2014 recipient of the PMC Honorary Degree

NEW FULL TIME FACULTY



Deborah Kronenberg (2015)
Assistant Professor of Theatre & Performing Arts
B.A., University of Pennsylvania
M.A., New York University



Joe Fargnoli (2013)
Assistant Professor of Business & Management
B.A., Providence College
M.S., Accounting, University of Rhode Island
M.S., Taxation, Bryant University



Kelly-Anne DeFao (2011)
Assistant Professor of Sociology & Political Science
B.A., College of the Holy Cross
J.D., Suffolk University Law School

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Remembered

FACULTY EMERITUS, BOB OWCZAREK



Bob Owczarek, retired Professor of Theatre and Communication, passed away on August 29, 2016, after a lengthy illness. Bob was a beloved Professor, mentor, colleague, and friend to many of us for 30 years. Bob had a profound effect on many of our alumnae and was committed to helping every student succeed and realize her potential. He will be greatly missed by the entire Pine Manor community.

FACULTY EMERITA, RUTHANN BERGMAN



Faculty Emerita Ruthann Bergman who passed away October 29, 2016. Ruthann retired from her position as Associate Professor of Business in 2014 after over 20 years of educating and mentoring students, especially students interested in Accounting. Ruthann was an active community member and helped redesign the Business program multiple times.

FACULTY EMERITUS, FREDRICK CABOT



Faculty Emeritus Frederick Converse Cabot passed away at home on January 31, 2016, after a lengthy illness. Cabot was an English and American Literature professor at Pine Manor College and a former trustee of the college. Cabot was an oarsman and crew coach, weather watcher, lover of Vermont woods and mountains and the Maine seacoast, and friend to everyone.

They have a special place in our hearts, and are cherished and remembered with love. See more at: www.pmc.edu/in-memoriam

ALUMNAE HOLIDAY PARTY

On Sunday, December 4, alumnae, current and former faculty and staff gathered for our annual Alumnae Holiday Tea. This year we brought back the Alumnae Marketplace, a wonderful old tradition which used to be held on Reunion Weekends. To top it all, we had the great pleasure of having Jacquie Van Haelst '55 on the piano! For more pictures from the party, visit www.pmc.edu/past-alumnae-events Stay tuned for more Alumnae fun events!



Alison Hoyt '97 and Joy Cabral Felicani '97



Sarah Acer Allen '79/'81, Carol Pelletier Thompson '81, and Karen Levins Albert '79



Joyce Greenwald '65 and Karen Levins Albert '79

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Planned Gifts

Planned gifts can be an effective means of providing tax savings and financial benefits to you and your family, while also providing ultimately for a substantial charitable gift to Pine Manor College. Gifts made under a variety of options, including bequests and trusts, may provide you with significant tax savings when you make the gift, and provide savings to your estate in the future.

Matching Gifts

Many companies match charitable gifts made by employees, retirees, and directors. You can increase the impact of your contribution by applying to your company for a matching gift. Check with your human resources department for details about your company's matching gift program.

Please contact Pine Manor at 617-731-7113 for personalized information.

THANK YOU!

CONVOCATION 2016



On Wednesday, August 31st 2016, the Pine Manor College community came together to celebrate the start of the 2016-17 academic year.

President Thomas M. O'Reilly, who began his presidency in June 2016, addressed the full college community for the first time. "This year's convocation is particularly special to me because it is also my first convocation as President of Pine Manor. I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for their trust, and to the entire Pine Manor community for allowing me this great and humbling opportunity."

Introducing the entering class, President O'Reilly described the make-up of the class: "Our first-year class includes 201 new students from 17 states and 13 countries." "...This diverse fabric is what makes us a rich institution, and it is what adds depth and meaning to each of our individual experiences. We are all unique threads, but by engaging with each other we become a strong fabric, a strong community. We become One Pine Manor College!"

Read more and see more pictures on our website at: www.pmc.edu/convocation2016



Student Government Association (left to right): Oscar Estrada '18, Jonathan Higgenbotham '18, Mary Owen '18, Legacy Guinyard '19



Member of the Board of Trustees, Lise Leist, class of '73



President Thomas M. O'Reilly

HESS GALLERY FALL EXHIBITS



Hess Gallery Director and Visual Arts Professor, Carolyn Wirth, brings inspiring artists to Pine Manor. Here is a quick look at the Fall exhibits:

DEBORAH MCDUFF AND THEA SHAPIRO: COFFEE AND TEA

How much does a cup of coffee and tea really cost? McDuff and Shapiro created surprising art from re-purposed coffee filters and tea bags, like giant coffee cups, dresses, hats, and murals. The duo also explored the history of coffee and tea by hosting a tea-leaf and coffee grind reading. Visitors to the exhibit discovered the process of the coffee and tea business.

See more: www.pmc.edu/coffee-and-tea

THE NATURE SHOW - NESA (NEW ENGLAND SCULPTORS ASSOCIATION)

New England's largest sculptors organization brought sculptures to our campus in "The Nature Show". Sculptors from around the region, working in many media, used nature as a springboard and inspiration. Creating a dialog with Pine Manor's own campus sculpture collection, our guest sculptors worked both indoors and outdoors around the campus. One of the guest sculptors led a special participatory sculpture workshop with our students.

See more: www.pmc.edu/the-nature-show



1940'S

■ **Elizabeth Thomas Stevens Green '43** writes, I am lucky to have six grandchildren and three great grandchildren with another arriving in September!

■ **Dorothy Brown Clark '42** writes, life at Evergreen Woods continues to be interesting and satisfying. I appreciate good friends and good health.

■ **Sue Suender Harvey '47** writes, my husband and I are enjoying our later years, thankfully in pretty good health. I am still involved in several volunteer activities; working with kindergartners once a week, which I love, reminds me of my teaching days. We deliver Meals on Wheels together and the church library keeps me busy, too. I retired from the church choir after 35 years and our singing group that visited nursing homes for 25 years, sadly is no longer able to continue. We have two wonderful daughters, both living in VA, six precious grandchildren, living all over the globe and one of these days, we hope, we'll be called great grandparents!!!!

■ **Mary Jane Mulholland Greutz '48** writes that she is still volunteering, bowling and enjoying grandchildren ranging age from 3 months to 36 years old. Loves retirement "with our ten year old lab." Thinks about the Pine Manor days – wonderful!

■ **Ann Smith Earley '48** is living in a retirement community in Durham, NC. "I don't miss the snow, I have a wonderful job managing the gift shop in our community. I do the buying of merchandise plus the financial details. It is such fun."

■ **Margie McGee Cates '48** writes that Mac is semi-retired and in June attended his 65th Reunion at Princeton! "Our four girls, Dupie, Lisa, Kitta and Mary live in different part of the U.S. Dupie, married, lives in NYS and CT. Lisa and Mary live together and do massages in Durham, NC and Mary teaches yoga as well. Kitta is here in Spartanburg and runs a wonderful organization that helps indigent children take care of their teeth. Mac and I go to Linville, NC each summer. Both of us are reasonably well."

■ **Saskia Stahl Kessler '48** has a new address. She is now at Hazel Pl., 111 Avenue Rd. Toronto, Canada MSR338.

■ **Carla Esch '48** moved into a retirement home complex, at 1 Calvin Court C10, Evanston, IL 60201. It has a pool, fitness center and 43 acres of trees and gardens and cottage, apartment buildings and townhouses. Northwestern is around the corner! The retirement home supports three

small apartment bldgs in Chicago for the less fortunate. She sees Christie Lasater Savage quite often! Carla passed her driver's test and takes care of her business needs and finds bridge a perfect hobby and returning to golf on a reduced level. Good for you, Carla!

■ **Lisette Fowler Weiss's '48** daughter, Betty, took her to Miami the end of July. She wrote that it was fun seeing it again. She remembered arriving there 54 years ago! She noticed some changes but also much has stayed the same. It brought back many memories.

■ **Libby Irwin Gordon '48** enjoys her home, garden and two Scottish Terriers. She recently lost her third Scottie to lymphoma but Jenny and Percy, the other Scotties, are good company. She writes, "I am able to cut my grass with a new lighter mower and bring it up seven steps to the front yard!! Also, I have a cordless sting trimmer/edger! I enjoy taking care of the house and yard. Nearly 80 years ago we moved into this house after my grandfather died when I was 8 yrs. old!" You are amazing, Libby. Keep it up!

■ **Judy Marshall Jones '48** saw Debi Mellor Crowell and her extended family in August. Lou Beatty Jacobs had a good summer & great family reunion. She is her usual cheerful self.

■ **Debi Mellor Crowell '48** had a family reunion in Canaan, NH to celebrate the life of Jim who died in January after a long illness. Debi divides her time between her Canaan home and Kendal at Hanover. She keeps busy with tennis, painting and some travel including a trip to Morocco!!

■ **Gay Atkinson Wright's '48** son Charles reports that his mother is doing responsibly well considering her medical issues and living in a nursing home. He suggests writing her at 603 Stone Circle, Watertown, NY 13601-3267.

■ **Hermine Roby '48** wrote from Ann Arbor, MI, that she had a very busy summer starting with her grandson's wedding in June at the resort where her cottage is located. Family visited her all summer including her 2 ½ year old great grandson. "Wow! I don't feel old enough!" She sees **Ann Drake Upton '48** and talked with **Anne Baldwin '48** right before she mailed the postcard. "They are both fine."

■ **Jane Dalrymple Lyman '48** writes, "Good life, good health, good education! Great Pine Manor friendships!"

1950'S

■ **Jan Gregg Curtis '56** writes I was part of the class of 1956 and lived in Tenacre for both of my years and have very fond

memories of my years there. A few years ago, I went with my former room mate Susan (Sukie) Donald to visit with her in her summer home on Cranberry Island Maine and we had such a good time reminiscing about our days at Pine Manor. After P.M. I attended Northwestern U. n Evanston. Il. and I still live there. I worked as a speech pathologist in schools and privately for 30 years and now am enjoying retirement and spending time with family and grandchildren Wyatt (2) and Lily (5) and another boy due end of Nov!

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1960'S

■ **Barbara Poole von Schilcher '60** writes I am enjoying my retirement from Washington Episcopal School, and get together with other former faculty periodically for luncheon at various restaurants in the Washington, DC area. Next year, many of us will celebrate having been together for forty years. My younger son, Stephan and his wife welcomed their second son in February, 2016, Oskar Simms von Schilcher. He joins his two year old brother, Johann, who is enjoying showing him how to do things. My older son, Dietram, his wife Jessica, four children and I had a wonderful nine day vacation in Rochester, NY at a family home on Lake Ontario in July, where we swam, surfed, sailed, visited the Strong Museum of Play and Sea Breeze Amusement Park. With both of my sons and their families nearby me here in Maryland, I enjoy spending my time with them, and attending their various activities. My granddaughter, Della graduated from high school this June. My three oldest grandchildren have been members of a singing group the past couple of years, called Voices in Praise, where they have sung at many venues in the Annapolis, MD and Washington, DC area, as well as at church each month. In June, they went on an eight

day tour to Tennessee where they sang each day at various locations and performed community service along the way.

■ Still upright and life is good in Maine. Had dinner with **Linda Nims Weaver '60**. She looks wonderful!

■ **Ann Higbee Burgess Wolpers '62** writes, Berndt and I are still realtors in the Sarasota Bradenton area. We enjoy kayaking with Atlanta grandchildren Ben (10) and Emma (6) and spending beach time with Boston grandchildren Lauren (9) and Christian (5)!

1964 Class Secretary

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1970'S

■ **Stephanie Mardesich '70** writes Occasional travels abroad to England (will be in London first two weeks of Nov.); and domestically to New Orleans in past two years in connection with archive for my late brother and his book WHO SHOT HUEY LONG? now in The Historic New Orleans Collection; also trips to Santa Fe, NM. Any alumnae in those areas please contact me and would like to meet when in your vicinity. And vice versa for anyone who gets to San Pedro - the Port of Los Angeles - or the region.

■ **Deborah Brownlie '76** writes I have been working in financial services for the past 8 years, I am with Seaward Management Investments in Boston. Previously resided in Alexandria, VA and the Washington DC area for almost 22 years. Still love the beautiful seasons of New England (I think God gave fall to New England), nice to be here again, enjoying it very much, closer to family, doing things differently, but better! Hello to all my Pine Manor friends.

1980'S

■ **Abby Kent Flythe '86** writes Our website Abbykentlythefineart.com is doing very well. We keep collecting and selling, even though I would love to keep it all! We were honored to have 9 pieces from our personal collection shown at the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian for a yearlong exhibit called "Glittering World, the jewelry of the Yazzie family". If you missed the exhibit, there is a book by the same name. The week of the opening was great fun. We took our 13 year-old daughter, Anne out of school (Fredericksburg Academy) to enjoy the festivities in NYC. More pieces from our collection are featured in Paula Baxter 's book "Southwestern Indian Bracelets". My

husband, Jamie just finished photographing 39 of our Concho belts for a new book due to come out next year. We had the best time this year on our annual buying trip to Santa Fe getting together with Elizabeth Beall another Art History Pine Manor graduate. Our daughters Anne and Lucy developed a great new friendship!

■ **Susan Kenney Todd '86** writes I was married August 1, 2015. Many PMC friends were in attendance including Esta Singer '86, Colette Pervais '86, Claudette Pervais Lebowitz '86, Wendy Blake Hamm '86, and Cathy Morris '85.

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■ **Jessica Wohlers Barlow '89** writes that she has been in the high tech industry for twenty years, specializing in launching start-up companies and strengthening technology partnerships. Throughout her career, Jessica has been recognized for her contributions and was named one of the Top 10 Most Powerful Women in the Channel by CRN magazine. Jessica has been with IBM for the last five years and is currently focused on creating new business channels for IBM in the North America. Jessica's first love has always been children and she began her professional career in 1992 in Child Protective Services. She is honored by the opportunity to serve on the New Hampshire Children's Trust Board of Directors and looks forward to applying her business acumen to help protect children and strengthen families in New Hampshire. Jessica lives in Windham, New Hampshire with her husband David and their daughter Sarah Arden.

1990'S

1994 Class Secretary

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■ **Stephanie Howard Tully '94** writes I am currently a Director of Development and Communications for a local nonprofit. My family pictured here include my husband Jim, our son Jack age 11 and our daughter Morgan age 5. We just celebrated our 16th wedding anniversary!



2010'S

■ **Andria Diaz '11** writes I work for the Boston Public Schools, I am the dean of college and careers at Greater Egleston High School. This upcoming school year will be my 4th year with Greater Egleston High but it will be my 5th year with Boston Public Schools. I recently been traveling and scratching things off my bucket list. This year I have been to San Francisco for the first time. I have also went sky diving for the first time. This year I have also finished my Masters in Secondary education at Endicott College.

■ **Princess Grey Hyatt '11** writes Our six month-old was born on May 19th 2016 and we are very busy. We moved to Connecticut to be near family!



■ **Elsa John '13** shared that she is about to complete her Masters in Accounting at Babson College in December. She already received multiple job offers from some of the most prestigious accounting firms in the nation, and will be starting her employment in January. She recently wrote to professor Becker: "Thank you for everything you have done to help me out at PMC."



THANK-A-THON

Pine Manor College hosted a spirited Student Thank-a-thon on Monday evening, December 5. Students took a break from preparing for finals by making calls and writing notes to say “thank you!” to alumnae who have given to Pine Manor College. In addition to restoring a wonderful Pine Manor tradition, students made almost 200 phone calls! and wrote dozens of thank you notes. Staff members Tim Johnson, Director of Finance, and Sam White, Dean of Admissions, greeted the student volunteers as they gathered together for an evening of gratitude. Tim Allen (left), Trustee and Chair of the Advancement Committee thanked all of the students for their service and enjoyed conversation and delicious snacks with them. Huge Pine Manor thanks to Moira Luthin (right), who did a terrific job organizing and managing this meaningful event, and training and encouraging the student participants. Everyone had great fun and several alumnae followed-up via emails, calls and texts offering thanks of their own!

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