

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

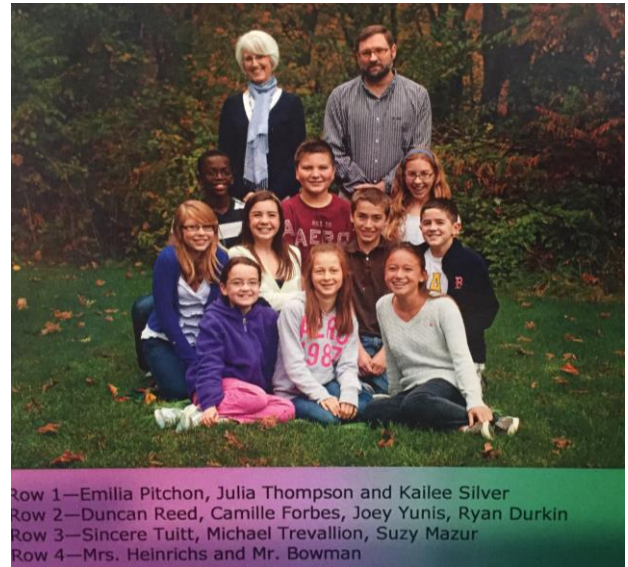
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year from everyone at Academy Hill School! We hope that you had a wonderful Holiday Season with your friends and family. 2018 looks to be a busy year for AHS. You can follow along with all the school happenings on Facebook (Academy Hill School), Instagram (Academy Hill School_ Alumni), or LinkedIn (Academy Hill School, Inc.). The school will host an Admissions Open House on Friday, January 19th and Sunday, January 28th. Spread the word to any friends, neighbors, or co-workers who may have interest in Academy Hill for their family.

Also, be on the lookout for an invitation to one of our upcoming Reunion Hours. We will send out invitations in small batches to past parents, former Trustees, and faculty. We would love to reconnect with you! Our first Reunion Hour will happen on February 8th from 4:30 pm-5:30 pm. If you wish to be included in our February group, send an email to Melissa Pevay at mpevay@academyhill.org. We hope that you enjoy reading through this issue of the Alumni Newsletter. All the best in 2018!

The AHS Class of 2014 is Graduating!

Calling all members of the Academy Hill 8th grade class of 2014! High school 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 summer newsletter. We wish you all the best in your last few months of high school.



Row 1—Emilia Pitchon, Julia Thompson and Kailee Silver
Row 2—Duncan Reed, Camille Forbes, Joey Yunis, Ryan Durkin
Row 3—Sincere Tuitt, Michael Trevallion, Suzy Mazur
Row 4—Mrs. Heinrichs and Mr. Bowman

ALUMNI UPDATES

Courtney Hall (class of 2001) works as an Education Research Analyst for the Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning at Harvard, where she works closely with faculty and staff to design and implement evaluations of current pedagogical practices. In particular, she works closely with the Harvard School of Public Health to study the impact that online learning has on student outcomes. Before joining the Bok Center, Courtney was the Senior Statistician for the New Mexico Public Education Department, where she conducted program and policy evaluations for initiatives across the state.



Susan Hall, long time Academy Hill faculty member and interim Head of School, with her daughter Courtney Hall.

Courtney holds Master's degrees in both Quantitative Methods for Educational Psychology and Urban Education Policy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Brown University, respectively. She received her Bachelor's degree in mathematics and public policy from Brown in 2011. In her spare time, Courtney is an avid hiker. She leads winter hiking trips in the White Mountains and hopes to one-day hike all 48 of the 4000-foot peaks in New Hampshire!

Jamie Samociuk (class of 2007) graduated in May 2015 from Sewanee: The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. She received her BA in Classical Languages, with a minor in Women and Gender Studies. She enjoyed living on a beautiful campus on the top of the Cumberland Plateau. She played basketball for 2 years and soccer for 4 years, and was a team captain.

After graduation, she spent the next 1 1/2 years completing the science prerequisites needed to apply for Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) graduate programs. She began graduate school in the summer of 2017.



Jamie Samociuk

SAVE THE DATE!

Academy Hill Commencement & Closing Ceremonies

Friday, June 8th
Asnuntuck Community College
Enfield, Connecticut
More details available this spring.

2018 Fall Alumni Social

Monday, November 19th
6 pm - 8 pm

Keep in Touch

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

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Annual Spring Gala – March 24th

An Academy Hill Affair, Academy Hill's annual spring gala fundraiser, will be held on March 24th at Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow, MA. Tickets go on sale February 1st. The event begins at 6 pm and the evening will include dinner, dessert, raffles, games, silent auction, and live auction. New this year, you can purchase a full table, so gather up some friends and make it a fantastic night out. The band "Pride Falls" will perform for us during the event. Their set list will include hits from Bon Jovi, Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen, U2, as well as some of their own original music. See you there!

P.S. - A few alums and past parents have donated items for the upcoming gala, and we are so excited! Do you own your own business? Could you donate an item or a certificate for a service? Would your employer be able to donate to our auction or become a gala sponsor?

Fall 2017 Alumni Social

A great group of alumni came out on November 20th to catch up and play a few games of laser tag. Thank you all for stopping by. Stay in touch!



Support Academy Hill School

We are proud to say that we consistently hear that the strong academic foundation received at Academy Hill makes a real difference when a student moves on to high school and college. We look forward to influencing young lives and building strong foundations for years to come. Making a gift to the Academy Hill Annual Fund is the best way to show your appreciation and support the mission of Academy Hill! Your gift to the school supports technology improvements, field trips, continuing education for staff, necessities for building upkeep and maintenance, financial aid, and much more. With the help of our past families and alumni, our yearly \$55,000 goal is attainable. Make a gift online today by visiting the support page on our website, www.academyhill.org/support.html. If you prefer, you can mail your gift to:

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Attn: Development Office
(checks payable to Academy Hill School)

Thank you in advance for your support!

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