



Hampton Academy & Winnacunnet High School Alumni Association Annual Newsletter May 2026

Saturday, June 20, 2026 - Annual Luncheon and Gathering at The Atlantic Grill, 5 Pioneer Rd. Rye, NH 03870. 11am doors open with appetizers and cash bar, 12 noon buffet lunch. **\$25 per person with reservations made before June 13**; \$35 after that date & at the door. RSVP with enclosed reservation slip and a check made out to HA & WHS Alumni Association and mail to HA/WHS Alumni Association, PO Box 81 N. Hampton, NH 03862 or you can pay online using a credit card or Venmo at www.winnacunnetalumni.org on the Donate page. Email us at info@winnacunnetalumni.org with any questions.

Guest Speaker – Barry Danielian, Class of 1980

We are thrilled to announce that the guest speaker for this June’s annual meeting of the Hampton Academy and Winnacunnet High School Alumni Association will be the internationally acclaimed musician, Barry Danielian. Barry’s journey from the halls of Winnacunnet to the world’s most iconic stages is a testament to a life defined by excellence, versatility, and a commitment to "finding balance." He is one of the most recorded trumpet players of his generation and among New York City’s



first-call players. Barry has accumulated over 500 recording credits across five decades. You’ve heard his trumpet behind Barbra Streisand, Tony Bennett, Ray Charles, Sting, Queen Latifah, and Billy Joel. He has been a featured member of the horn sections of Tower of Power and Blood, Sweat & Tears, and since 2012, a member of the E Street Horns, touring the world with Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band. As a composer, he has over 1,400 works registered with ASCAP, heard regularly across CBS, NBC, PBS, HBO, and Showtime. His solo albums — Common Ground and Metaphorically Speaking — received critical acclaim and round out a body of work that spans virtually every corner of American music.

What fewer people know is that while performing on Broadway at night, Barry was simultaneously completing a Master’s degree at Pacific College of Oriental Medicine — graduating with a 3.7 GPA and earning the Nuherbs Scholarship for Excellence in Herbal Medicine. Music and medicine, it turns out, were never two separate callings. He is now a Licensed Acupuncturist and Board-Certified Herbalist, and a doctoral candidate at Daoist Traditions College of Chinese Medical Arts, studying within the Jade Purity lineage of Master Jeffrey Yuen — one of the worlds most respected living transmitters of classical Chinese medicine. Barry’s Manhattan clinic, Finding Balance Acupuncture, reflects exactly what the name suggests.

Barry is also a man of deep conviction and service. He has used his talents for philanthropy, notably performing in Sting’s Rainforest Foundation Band for 12 years alongside artists like Elton John, James Taylor and Sheryl Crow. He also provided acupuncture treatments to the homeless community and veterans at Housing Works in Brooklyn NY. He has also been recognized for his work in fostering interfaith understanding — rooted in a lifelong study of the contemplative practices of the Daoist, Buddhist, and Islamic traditions.

We invite all alumni to join us this June to welcome Barry home. We look forward to hearing his unique perspectives on bridging the worlds of world-class performance and holistic healing, and the lessons he has gathered along his extraordinary path.

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HA Class of 1948



Presidents' Corner

It is our pleasure to invite you to the 119th Annual Gathering of the Hampton Academy & Winnacunnet High School Alumni Association. It has been another busy year for us! Our presence at parent teacher conferences and home football games has been fun and exciting. We participated in the first ever Veterans Breakfast, set up a table at the Best Buddies Vendor Fair and at the Hampton Tree Lighting ceremony. We marched in the Memorial Day Parade and the Christmas Parade. We have expanded on our committees to include Alumni Development and Social Media to help us build our permanent endowment program with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. We contributed to the WHS Music Boosters NYC trip, the Close Up Washington, DC trip and Chem Free 2026. We created a new mission statement and updated our bylaws to more clearly define our purpose as an alumni association.

The Alumni Pavilion (located outside the WHS dining hall) Paver Program is moving along with six engraved pavers and four pending engraving. A big THANK YOU to those alumni whose qualifying gifts have made this possible.

A huge thank you to our sponsors. Their generous donations are helping us to keep ticket prices low as well as contributing towards our door prizes with gift cards and gifts. We are forever grateful for your continued support of our school and all our alumni. We look forward to seeing you there!

Best Regards,

Myra Logan '72 & Sue Swift '72

Co-Presidents, HA/WHS Alumni Association

Hampton Academy & Winnacunnet High School Alumni Association 2025-2026: Co-Presidents: Myra Logan '72 & Sue Swift '72, Vice-President: Pam French Barber '74, Secretary: Sue Brooks '81, Treasurer: Debra Noyes '72. Trustees: Beverly Carter '72, Andrea Condon '61, Lydia Estey '64, Linda Cusack Libbey '81, Terri Thomson '72, Alexandra Williams '11, Tracy Emerton Williams '81; Student Representative: Marley Eaton '27. Trustee Emeritus: Lori White Cotter '76, Ellen Lavin '70, Fred Rice '56

Thank You for Your Support!

The Trustees would like to thank all our alumni who have supported the Alumni Association in the past year by making monetary donations between May 2025 and April 2026. These generous contributions allow us to continue the scholarship program and other activities to support alumni. **Class of 1944:** Carolyn (Wentworth) Brown; **Class of 1948:** Alfred Casassa; **Class of 1951:** Frances (Purinton) Paul (In memory of Ann Bennett Pecola '81); **Class of 1953:** Lucy (O'Dea) McIlveen (In memory of Richard D. McIlveen Sr '52); **Class of 1954:** Raymond Clark, Shirley (Marston) Whenal; **Class of 1955:** Lloyd Graves (In memory of Florence Whenal Graves and Malcolm Graves); **Class of 1956:** Kendall Chevalier (In memory of Greg S Chevalier '80); **Class of 1957:** David Lund, Judith (Osgood) Mills; **Class of 1958:** David Chevalier, Nancy (Clark) Osgood; **Class of 1959:** Judy (Outten) Badavas, Edward Mills (In memory of Richard W True '59); **Class of 1960:** Tim Brooks, Bill Cunningham, Paul Panaccione (In memory of Lucy B. Conner and Dick Swain '61); **Class of 1962:** Diane Shaw; **Class of 1964:** Leigh Smith; **Class of 1965:** Linda (Young) Quinn (In Memory of Robert Dennett '65); **Class of 1967:** Noreen (Eaton) Tuttle (In memory of Esther (Brown) Cram); **Class of 1968:** Michele Demarest (In memory of John M Demarest '70); **Class of 1971:** Ed White; **Class of 1972:** Jay Hammer, Kathleen (Cleary) Hoesly, Debra (Bussiere) Noyes, Trish O'Keefe, Terri Thomson, Pam (Brown) Valipour; **Class of 1973:** Richard Bean, Kathryn Montgomery; **Class of 1974:** Kevin Cushing, Stacy Noyes; **Class of 1975:** Faye Somerby; **Class of 1977:** Alissa (Ohlemeier) Bournival, Don Eaton, Ed Miller; **Class of 1981:** Sue Brooks, Linda (Cusack) Libbey, Tracy (Emerton) Williams; **Class of 1984:** Tami (Perkins) Mallett; **Class of 2015:** Grace Cushing



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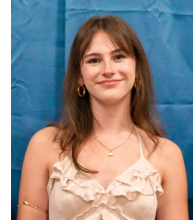
Thank you to The Brook for being our partner for Charitable Gaming for the past 7 years. We will benefit from gaming June 10-14, 2026.

2025 Year-end Activities

2025 Alumni Scholarships

Since 1972 the Alumni Association has been awarding scholarships to the children of alumni with a total value of over \$179,000. In 2025, three \$2,000 scholarships were awarded that are renewable for an additional 3 years.

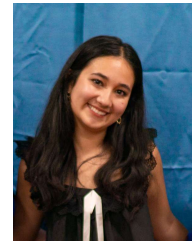
Zoe Mueller is the daughter of Jody (Lord) Mueller, class of '94. Zoe was Student Council President during her senior year, having served roles in Student Council every year. She was also active in Interact, Sustainability Club, and Wisdom Warriors. She was a member of National Honor Society and Science National Honor Society. She interned at Portsmouth Hospital and co-founded the school's HOSA chapter (Health Occupations Students of America). Zoe is attending the University of Vermont to study biology with a goal of becoming a cardiothoracic surgeon, and later a US senator or representative.



Lyla Pearlo is the daughter of Jessica (Mitchell) Pearlo, class of '94. While at Winnacunnet Lyla played field hockey and lacrosse. She was a member of the National Honor Society and participated in student council. Lyla has also been training in Karate for 11 years. Lyla is attending Southern New Hampshire University where she will play field hockey and major in elementary school education with a goal of becoming a teacher.



Maya Tanida is the daughter of Jillian (Lepere) Tanida, class of '96. While at Winnacunnet Maya played field hockey, started a dance club, and was her class vice president for 2 years. She was a member of the National Honor Society and Interact. She is attending the Wake Forest University, majoring in political science with a goal of attending law school and becoming a lawyer.



The 2025 Evening school Robert 'Renny' Cushing Memorial Award was presented to Connor David John McCall by Trustee Kevin Cushing. This award includes a \$2,000 renewable scholarship. Connor attended 3 other high schools before completing his high school requirements at the Winnacunnet Evening School. He is interested in pursuing further education in the trades.

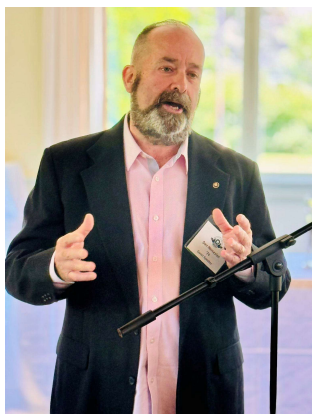


The 2025 MCJROTC Warrior Spirit Award was awarded to Cadet Second Lieutenant Jamison LeFleur. Jamison was the Executive Officer (XO) of the command and participated in nearly every activity that was planned throughout the school year. He was actively involved in all the extracurricular activities including the Marksmanship Team, Raider Team, and Drill. As a teammate, he inspired his peers to do their best and he gave 100% to his role. He did this not only with words, but he also did this with his actions that set the example. Trustee Tracy Emerton Williams presented the award and an alumni logo stadium blanket to Jamison.

2025 Annual Gathering

Held Saturday June 21, 2025 at the Atlantic Grill in Rye, NH

Tracy Emerton Williams '81 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Deb Eaton '84 offered a prayer. After the buffet lunch, Co-President Myra Logan '72 welcomed attendees and provided a summary of the Association's activities over the past year. Principal William McGowan provided a report on the current state of the high school. Bill thanked the Alumni Association for the new Alumni Pavilion and all efforts to support alumni and the high school. Co-President Sue Hosker Swift '72 introduced guest speaker Dan Nersesian '74. Dan spoke of his experiences in the service and working in the White House. He also answered several questions from the audience. Secretary Sue Brooks '81 reported that long time Trustee Bruce Aquizap '51 had passed away earlier that week, and that a few weeks ago the Trustees had voted to recognize Bruce as a Trustee Emeritus in recognition of his many years of service to the Alumni Association. Sue presented the secretary's report stating that monthly Trustee meetings were held, and minutes are available for review. Sue also thanked Deb Bussiere Noyes '72, Treasurer, for her work and noted that financial statements were also available for review. 2025 scholarship recipients Zoe Mueller and Maya Tanida spoke of their experiences at Winnacunnet and their plans for further education. They each also thanked the association. Sue reported that recipient Lyla Pearlo was unable to attend, but she thanked the association for the scholarship. Tracy Emerton Williams '81 offered a prayer in memory of the alumni lost over the past year. Terri Thomson '72 and Kevin Cushing '74 conducted the Roll Call of the classes. Carolyn (Wentworth) Brown '44 represented the earliest class. The class of '72 had the most present with a total of 12 classmates; the classes of '74 and '76 tied for second place with 7 members present. The most recent class represented was the class of 2025 with 2 Scholarship recipients in attendance. In closing, Pam French Barber '74 introduced the Trustees and thanked all for their efforts. Deb Noyes '72 and Beverly Carter '72 announced the winners of the door prizes.



Guest Speaker Dan Nersesian '74



Carolyn (Wentworth) Brown
HA Class of 1944



Lisa Noyes Hardenbrook '99, Kelly Noyes Eads '02, Deb Bussiere Noyes '72, Stacy Noyes '74



Class of 1977: Rich McIlveen, Derek Griggs, Deb Duchemin Brown, Lisa Merrill Spring, Lee Brooks, Shelley Brown Parish



Class of 1981: Sue Brooks, Tracy Emerton Williams, Freida Battcock Emerson, Linda Larson, Linda Cusack Libbey



Tami Perkins Mallett '84, Richard Robinson '58, Gaylee Gauron Robinson '66

Reunions

For updates on upcoming reunions go to the Class Reunions page on Winnacunnetalumni.org or our Facebook page.



At Left: The class of **1975** held their 50th reunion on June 28, 2025 at the Breakfast Hill Golf Course. Additional events included a cookout at Stratham Hill Park and a tour of the high school.

At Right: The class of **1995** held their 30th reunion on August 2, 2025 at 801 Event Space in Portsmouth, NH



At Left: The class of **2005** held their 20th reunion on October 18, 2025 at the Gaslight in Portsmouth, NH.



At Right: The class of **2015** held their 10th reunion on September 7, 2025 at Smuttynose in Hampton, NH



Class of 1971: 55th reunion is planned for the weekend October 2-4, 2026.

Class of 1976: 50th reunion is planned for the weekend of September 18-20, 2026.

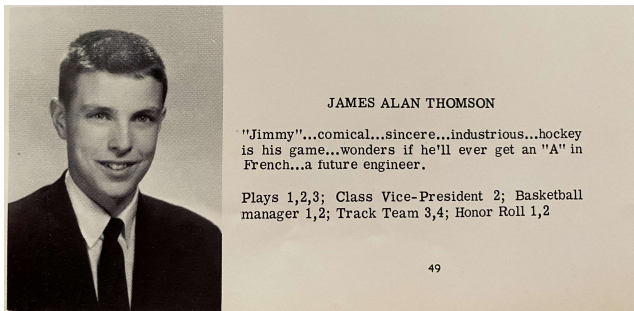
Class of 1996: 30th reunion is planned for June 27, 2026

Class of 2016: 10th reunion committee has been formed, no details available yet

If you have information on upcoming reunions (1966, 1986, 2006 or others) please email us at info@winnacunnetalumni.org so we can share the information on the alumni website and social media.

For more details on these reunions go to the Winnacunnetalumni.org/Class Reunions or our Facebook page

Alumni Spotlight – James Thomson, Class of 1962



“Leadership, Integrity and Vision”. Those were the words used to describe our alumni, James Thomson, when he retired from his 22-year leadership role with the Rand Corporation.

James graduated Winnacunnet High with the class of 1962, the first class to complete four years at Winnacunnet. He credits two teachers, Ms. Lamphere and Mr. Wiggin, with providing him solid math and writing skills that served him well throughout his career

James was raised in North Hampton, NH and started his collegiate journey at UNH. There he earned a degree in Physics, adding a master's and doctoral degrees from Purdue University. He continued with post-doctoral work in nuclear physics at the University of Wisconsin.

His expertise in experimental nuclear physics, and a love of history and politics, led him to Washington, DC. There, he joined the Pentagon, working with the Department of Defense on Nuclear missile reduction and the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces treaty. Later, as a valued member of the National Security Council, James was responsible for defense and arms control briefings at the White House.

His skill and quick assessments got the attention of the Deputy National Security Advisor, who convinced James to join the staff. It was there that James grew more familiar with the work of the Rand Corporation. A well-known non-profit research institute and think tank, their aim is to improve policy development and solutions through rigorous analysis. For the next 30 years, this became his focus and passion.

He served as director of research programs and later served as President of the organization from 1989 to 2011. Under his leadership, Rand grew by 60%, as well as becoming an international organization. He was instrumental in developing the Rand School, home to the Pardee Rand Graduate School, which specialized in policy analysis. During his career, James was awarded honorary doctorates from Purdue, Pepperdine and UNH. Now retired, James continues his philanthropic endeavors and serves on multiple boards, including the Los Angeles Food Bank, the University of Nevada and the Pardee Rand Graduate School.

James and his wife, Darlene, share three children, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Together, they enjoy travel, a passion for horses, and James will occasionally enjoy a good cigar!

Trustee Emeritus – Ellen Lavin, Class of 1970

The Hampton Academy & Winnacunnet High School Alumni Association proudly honors Ellen M. Lavin '70 for her extraordinary service as Treasurer since the organization's revitalization in 2012. From the very beginning, Ellen played a critical role in laying the foundation for our success—leading the effort to secure 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, which transformed our ability to grow and significantly expand scholarship opportunities for the children of alumni.

Her steady leadership, including meticulous monthly reporting and the management of all state and federal filings, ensured the organization's integrity and long-term sustainability. After more than a decade of dedicated service, Ellen retired from her role in 2024, leaving behind a legacy of impact that will benefit generations to come. In recognition of her unwavering commitment and invaluable contributions, the Board of Trustees is proud to honor Ellen with Trustee Emeritus status. We are deeply grateful and indebted to her for all she has done for our alumni community.



Grants & Activities

This year the Alumni Association had a presence at home football games, parent conferences, the Best Buddies fairs, and the Hampton Tree lighting. We participated in the Memorial Day parade and the Hampton Holiday Parade.

The Alumni Association made donations to the Music Department to support their trip to New York City and to Close Up to support a trip to Washington DC. We donated draw string bags to Chem Free to support this popular graduation night event.



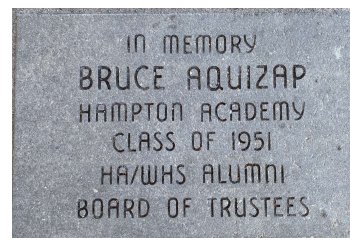
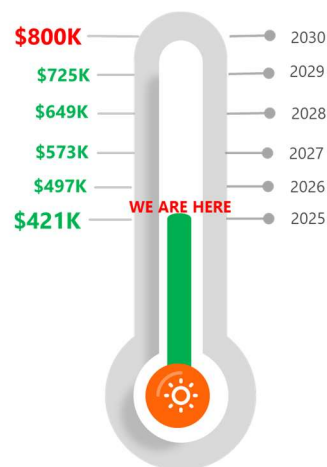
Alumni Scholarships Fundraising Campaign

The Hampton Academy Alumni Association was established in 1907 and in 2027 we will celebrate 120 years of alumni contributing towards enhancing community and education in the Seacoast. Since 1972, thanks to the generosity of our community, we have awarded 71 scholarships totaling \$179,000 to graduating seniors who are also children of Hampton Academy and Winnacunnet High School alumni. These scholarships are more than financial support—they are a living connection between generations of Winnacunnet graduates.

With the generosity of The Brook our fundraising really took off in 2020. In late 2024, the Trustees took a critical step toward securing a more permanent future by establishing an endowment fund with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. This permanently endowed scholarship fund will ensure that long after any of us have attended our last reunion, students will continue to benefit from the same spirit of generosity that has defined this Association for more than 50 years. It transforms a proud tradition into a lasting legacy—and provides a stable foundation for the future of the Association itself. As we look ahead, our highest priority is clear: By 2030, to fully fund our scholarship program which would be \$800,000. To stay on track of our goal, we need to raise \$76,000 annually. Full funding ensures that the Alumni Association remains a strong, dynamic, and engaged community supporting Winnacunnet High School for generations to come!

Please consider adding your financial support to our campaign. Your gift moves us closer to that goal. Whether you choose to make a one-time contribution or a recurring gift, you are helping to secure both the future of these scholarships and the future of the Alumni Association. In addition, gifts of qualifying amounts will be recognized with a personalized engraving on the pavers at the new Alumni pavilion.

Donations can be made by check and mailed to HA/WHS Alumni Association, PO Box 81, North Hampton, NH 03862 or by credit card or Venmo at this link: <https://www.winnacunnetalumni.org/donate>.



In Memoriam

Armand John Gagne '47
John 'Jack' Brooks '48
Jewell (Sherburne) Brown '48
Jean (Hobbs) Dearborn '50
Bruce Aquizap '51
Alan Irving Marston '51
Helen (LeRoux) Marston '51
Marguerite (Rollins) Taylor '51
Dorothy (Weeks) Lumbert Hannon '52
David Ross Lovejoy '52
Samuel Allen Towle '52
Claude Raymond Gilmore '52
Barbara (Doyle) Herlihy-Chevalier '53
Sally (Wiggin) Lewis '53
Ann (Gilman) Freeze '54
Sandra Josephine Blake '55
Peter Filocamo, Jr '55
Audrey (Stevens) Krikorian '55
Beverly (O'Brien) Gavette '56
Jason Anderson '57
Richard W Sawyer '58
June (Purington) Bennett '60
Ernest Crandall III '60
Lois (Batchelder) McCoy '60
William D. Tappan '60
Wayne Ellsworth Berry '61
Bob Gunther '61
Judy (Nelson) St Laurent '61
Franklin W Locke '62
Allen L Naves, DDS '62
Martha (Wiggin) Bernier '63

Donald Thomas Murphy Jr '63
Geoffrey Thomas Blake '65
Martin J Connarton '65
Veronica (Pinkham) Eaton '65
Dana Ross Fiske '66
Janice (Dalton) Taylor '66
Jane (Soucy) Weber '66
Charlene Ellen Wallace '67
Linda (Leavitt) White '67
Robert Berquist '68
Walter L Bickford, Jr '68
Deborah J Cullen '68
Catherine (Lindahl) Epperson '69
Alan Timothy Spooner '69
Viola (Robidoux) Duffey '70
Kim Blaine Shepard '70
Cherie Ann Leavitt '72
Merrilee 'Miya' Simmons '73
Lydia Stanley '73
Roger C Syphers '73
Kimberly (Dryer) Grondin '75
Charles Nutter, Jr '75
Beth Weeks (Coffey) Walker '75
Mark Howard Danner '76
Ellen (Wilbur) DeCosta '76
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Maureen (Coughlin) Costello '77
Kenneth W Eaton '77
David Brian Follansbee '77
Roland Arthur Fowler, Jr '77
Joseph Jay Oneial '77
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Cheryl Lynn Stoddard '97
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Michael Natale Marinello '99
Sara Langmaid '01
Kylie Fritz '05
Carlina Celina Canney '07
Maxwell Dexter Santeusanio '11
Maksim C Causer '12

Leonard Barron – Teacher
Sandra Berry – Educator
Jerome Jay Damren – Teacher
Gloria Robinson - Teacher

We do our best to identify all In Memoriam additions, if you know of any classmate or faculty we have not reported this year, email us at info@winnacunnetalumni.org with name, class year and source of information.

Bruce F. "Zap" Aquizap, 92, a lifelong Hampton resident and HAWHS Alumni Board member died Monday, June 16, 2025 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on June 29, 1932 in Exeter, NH and graduated from Hampton Academy with the Class of 1951. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he proudly served 24 years, retiring in 1972 as a Lieutenant. During his time in the Navy as a submariner, he served on the USS Proteus, USS Sterlet, USS Tang, and most notably the USS Nautilus. Returning home from the service, Bruce attended the University of New Hampshire where he received both his bachelor's and master's degrees. He went on to head the Cooperative Education program at Pinkerton Academy before moving on to his second career at the Seabrook Power Station as a Nuclear Systems Operator, retiring in 1998. It was then that he started his "retirement job" at the Home Depot in North Hampton where he worked for the next 20 years. Bruce was active in our Seacoast community and was a trustee of the George Ashworth scholarship fund, a member of American Legion Post 35, Pease Greeters, the Gideons, and was also a founding member and elder of New Covenant Church. Bruce was a dedicated board member of the Hampton Academy and Winnacunnet High School Alumni Association (HAWHS) and showed his support by wearing his blue board member shirt and attending board meetings and events. His last event was Memorial Day ceremonies in 2025. He enjoyed painting, visiting the beach, traveling, and wintering in Ft. Myers, FL with his late wife of 52 years Patricia (Silver) Aquizap. An avid cook, he loved working with his daughter Tori at her restaurant TNT Subs in Hampton, where he created "Bruce's Famous Chili." Victoria "Tori" Aquizap is also a Winnacunnet High School alumna, Class of 1981. The Board of Trustees are honored that Bruce served with us, and we cherish his contribution.

