Thank You, Commencement Volunteers!

I’d like to give a public shout-out and extend my most sincere thanks to our colleagues and friends who volunteered their time last weekend in order to help ensure that Commencement activities went smoothly. At the end of another very busy school year, these men and women gave up personal time and family time for the benefit of our community: Susannah Abbott, Max Alovisetti, Deb Colombo, Mike Ebner, Martha Fenton, Billy Flynn, Mary Fulton, Kevin Gruber, Dick Howe, Carol Israel, Maggie Jackson, Peter Merrill, Beth O’Connor, Natalie Schorr, Teruyo Shimazu, and, of course, the man who holds it all together: Mike Kuta. Thank you all very much! If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me!

—Duncan Will
Commencement Coordinator

Michael Reist Named Phillips Academy CIO

Following a search that spanned the United States and abroad, Michael Reist, director of investments and interim chief investment officer for Phillips Academy, has been named CIO. He succeeds Amy Falls ’82, who left the position in March to become CIO and vice president for investments at The Rockefeller University.

Reist will lead Andover’s New York City–based investment office and will be responsible for management of the Academy’s endowment assets, which currently total approximately $800 million.

“It gives me great pleasure to promote someone from within with such outstanding credentials and characteristics,” said Charter Trustee Tom Israel ’62, chair of the search committee, treasurer of the board, and chair of the investment committee. “Michael had been Amy’s right-hand man since the early days of the investment office, and has developed many of the systems and protocols that have made the office so successful.”

Established in 2005, Andover’s CIO position was the first of its kind among traditional independent schools.

Steve Carter, chief operating and financial officer, added that Reist stood out among an impressive, seasoned group of candidates. “Michael’s expansive knowledge of endowment management coupled with his comprehensive understanding of the Academy’s goals and values make him the ideal person for this critical position.”

Prior to joining the Academy’s investment office in 2006, Reist was at Hackley School in Tarrytown, N.Y., where he helped execute the school’s largest capital campaign to date, the construction of a new middle school, and its first public debt financing. He also taught mathematics and economics and coached girls’ soccer.

Reist, a CFA charterholder, began his professional career in the Investment Banking Division of Bear, Stearns and Co. Inc. He holds a BA degree from Amherst College and an MBA from the Stern School of Business at New York University. Reist lives in Tarrytown, N.Y., with his wife, Michelle, and two daughters.

—Tracy M. Sweet
Director of Academy Communications
Faculty Departures
With heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all their efforts and gifts to this community, we wish our colleagues well in their next endeavors, both those who are leaving us and those who will be away during this next year.

Departing Veteran Faculty
Penny Joel

Returning from Sabbaticals
Elizabeth Aureden, Don Barry, Kathy Dalton, Pat Davison, Vic Henningsen, Tom Hodgson, Tom Kane

Returning from Leave of Absence
Kate McQuade

Sabbaticals (full year, except as noted)
Yasmine Allen; Peter Drench, fall term 2011; Anne Ferguson, January–June 2012; Marc Koolen, fall term 2011 and spring term 2012; Vinny Monaco; Caroline Odden; Tony Rotundo, winter term 2012; Thayer Zaeder, fall term 2011

Leaves of Absence (full year, except as noted)
Travis Conley; Andy Housiaux; Jacques Hugon; Patrick Kabanda; Tony Rotundo, fall term 2011 and spring term 2012

Departing Faculty
Olivia Achtmeyer, Jennifer Bauer, Paige Carambio, Matt Carlson, Samantha Carney, Pauline Carpenter, Steve Carr, Charles Clerc, Liz Davisson, Amy Falls; Angela Flygh, Chad Green, Kathryn Green, Patricia Har, Kristen Johnson, Richard Keller, Jonny Nicholson, Pamela Pakey, Michael Williams, Gongming Yan

Departing Teaching Fellows
Olga Alekseeva, Mike Crivaro, Danny Crow, Ruth Doherty, Katie Faulkner, David Lane, Amanda Mack, Xander Manshel, Peter Oswald, Jeff Phaneuf, Charlotte Pougner, Emily Raymundo, Patrick Rielly, Ben Salmon, Penghua Shen, Tyler Walker, Qing Ye

We appreciate those who gave countless hours in search committees, interviews, correspondence, and, above all, hospitality to our many applicants for new faculty and teaching fellow positions. Following, you will find a list of those who will be joining us next fall. (We anticipate one or two hires after this Gazette is published.) If you would like to contact any of the new faculty, please call Lynda Diamondis at ext. 4003. Thank you!

New Faculty
Susan Buchanan, Major Gift Officer; Nile Blunt, Instructor in History and Social Science; Li Cai-Hurteau, Instructor in Chinese; J. Fletcher Carr, Associate Director of College Counseling; Sarah Coghlain, Assistant Director of Community Service; Chloe Epstein, Instructor in Mathematics; Alison Hebert, Major Gift Officer; Sheena Hilton, Instructor in Chemistry; Joel Jacob, Instructor in Mathematics; Julie Keller, Intern, Graham House; Sean Logan, Director of College Counseling; Carmen Munoz-Fernandez, Instructor in Spanish; C.C. Robinson, Instructor in English; Ying Schmitt, Instructor in Chinese; Abbey Siegfried, Instructor in Music/Organist; Hope Tucker, Visiting Artist/Scholar in Art; Natalie Wombwell, Assistant Dean of Admission; Congmin Zhao, Instructor in Chinese.

New Teaching Fellows
Aku Ammah-Tagoe, English; Erik Anson, Physics; Larkin Brown, Spanish; Christopher Dembia, Mathematics; Alexandra Disney, Chemistry; Alex Dvorkin, Russian; Rebecca Ellis, Mathematics; Erin Lanzo, English; Hannah Lynch, Biology; Ali Mattia, Athletics; Maxfield McKenna, History; Gregory Selover, Japanese; Hayley Very, Biology; Elizabeth Walbridge, English; Darius Weil, History; Eve Whitehouse, French

Announcing
Paul Cernota, Chair of Chemistry; Jerry Hagler, Head, Science Division; Matt Hession, Cluster Dean of Flagstaff; Mika Latvala-Kokko, Chair of Physics; Lixia Ma, Chair of Chinese; Elizabeth Meyer, Chair of Classics; Diane Moore, Chair of Philosophy and Religious Studies/ Director of the Brace Center; Larry Muench, Director of Facilities; Christopher Shaw, Chair of History and Social Science; Brad Silnutzer, Interim Director of Community Service; Dominic Veneto Jr., Director of Technology; Julie Wadland, Assistant Dean of Admission

—Temba Maqubela
Assistant Head for Academics/Dean of Faculty
A Year at Andover (Part III)

One-Year International Seniors and PGs Reflect and Thank the Andover Community

Go Big “Glue”!

How am I supposed to write my experience at Andover in less than 2,000 pages? I would need a whole life to thank Phillips Academy for this opportunity and to share with everyone else, so I am going to focus on an incident that occurred a few weeks ago. I am writing about the sense of community Phillips Academy is all about. I am thinking of how this school creates a sense of belonging that is the glue between all the students. On Tuesday, April 12, I was waiting behind Cochran Chapel’s scenario with my flute in my hands to play the remembrance of Alice Hoffman. After Ms. Sykes’ speech I walked to the front of the chapel to play the hardest performance I have ever played. I looked in front of me, and I saw the chapel crowded, every single student and faculty member was there, supporting one another to mourn the loss of one student. They were not individual people; their hearts were all beating at the same time with a strength that I have never seen before. The sense of community, the links between PA people, and the feelings and motivations that students from Andover share is one of the multiple things that I am bringing back to Spain.

When I return to Spain, I will study engineering at the Universidad de Sevilla. I got a scholarship last year because of my grades. I also want to continue studying music. I am thinking of majoring in flute at Seville Conservatory, but this is more challenging, so we will see. My priority is engineering.

Manuel Fernández ’11, Kemper Scholar
Seville, Spain

End-of-Year Thoughts from Our Warm Great Lawn

“As you are embarking for certainly the most beautiful journey of your life, I hope you understand that this year abroad will change your life in a way you cannot even imagine yet.” As I am reflecting on my year at Andover, lying on our warm, beautiful Great Lawn, I cannot help but realize that my English teacher back home was right. I could not have predicted how much my experience at Andover was about to change the way I thought, lived, and connected with people.

I have met talented, dedicated, and committed faculty members who have always offered their help. They have provided tremendous support to make my transition from France to Andover a successful one. Throughout discussion-based classes and one-on-one meetings with teachers, I have learned to develop my critical skills as well as to improve my English proficiency. I also cannot thank Ms. Torabi enough for her continuous guidance and helpful advice as the international student coordinator.

Beyond the classroom, I have met many brilliant students from all over the world and have had great pleasure to participate in two varsity teams—swimming during winter term and cycling during spring term. I am particularly proud to have been coached by a former French Kemper Scholar, Coach Hugon ’79, who has supported me throughout the entire swim season, making it the best athletic experience of my life.

Some students often ask me whether I miss home or not. My response is always very clear: I do not. I am extremely thankful to the Andover community for making me live a dream. Merci infiniment.

Raphaël Grandeau ’11, Kemper Scholar
Antibes, France

How Andover Pinched Me on the Head and then Patted Me on the Back

Having always been a shy, reserved student in a public school in Thailand, I surely did not find my transition to Andover “easy” and “painless” as I would have liked. Discussion-based classes that expect participation and preparation from students only made my initial reaction to Andover experience more miserable. A five-hour-per-week workload that I had always been used to somehow ballooned up to five hours, and usually more, per day. Rest, relax, enjoy—these words suddenly vanished from my schedule. Of course, there was a trade-off. My mind was flooded with these intimidating objects instead—research papers, analytical essays, tests, quizzes, homework, college applications, class readings, handouts, meetings, conferences, drafts, grades, curves, etc. For almost four weeks, I kept asking myself—while working frantically like a headless chicken—how much more pressure could I take on?

The answer still eludes me, even now. Looking back, I still do not recall where the turning point was. There is definitely one, though—of that I am sure. Maybe it was one those conferences when I sat down and talked to my teachers, or maybe it was one of those nights when I was up until three writing my papers. At all times, the support from peers, teachers, and staff in this hearty community was always there. Mercilessly, the school stretches its students beyond limits—but at the same time this very place is renowned for its unmatched support and care the students receive. Reflecting upon all the experiences, I can now think of only one thing to say—thank you.

“Tum” Nitipat Kulalert ’11, Thai Scholar
Bangkok, Thailand
OWHL Summer Reading Recommendations, Part Two

This is the second of two articles devoted to reviews of books recommended by the staff for summer reading. The first appeared in last week’s Gazette. All of these books may be found in the OWHL collection. Enjoy!

The Other Wes Moore, by Wes Moore
Reviewed by Elisabeth Tully

Part memoir, part cautionary tale, this book tells the story of two fatherless men about the same age who share a name and grew up near each other in Baltimore. One of the men served honorably in the military and became a Rhodes Scholar and White House Fellow. The other is serving a life sentence for murder. Intrigued by the coincidence of a common name, the author initiated a correspondence with the inmate that led to multiple visits and interviews over several years. The stark differences in the paths that their lives took are vividly chronicled in alternate chapters. The book is a quick read, but its message, both humbling and empowering, should make everyone in this community grateful for the twists of fate that led us all to Andover. As expressed by the author, “The chilling truth is that his story could have been mine. The tragedy is that my story could have been his.” You may read or listen to this book. Both options are available in our collection.

Sarah’s Key, by Tatiana de Rosnay
Reviewed by Celeste Dascoli

Julie moved to Paris when she was 20 and is now 40. She married a French man, had a daughter who is now 11, and works for an American magazine. While working on an assignment to cover the 60th anniversary of the Vel d’Hiv roundups, she learns of the French concentration camp and the plight of a 10-year-old Jewish girl named Sarah. When the French police came for Sarah and her family, she locked her 4-year-old brother in a secret closet, promising to come back for him. Even as her world is turned upside down, Sarah’s mission is to return to her brother and keep her promise. Julie’s investigation discovers a connection between her family and Sarah’s. This book has many historically accurate details and brings to light the little-known history of the French connection with the Nazi concentration camps. This compelling novel is available in our collection in print and as a downloadable audiobook.

How to Travel Practically Anywhere, by Susan Stellin
Reviewed by Sharon Pei

Are you planning to travel this summer? If so, you’ll want to read this book. If not, read it anyway, and you can travel vicariously! The book is well organized, thoughtful, and detailed. It describes how to research where you might go and includes “A guide to the top travel guides.” The author provides advice on obtaining good deals for tickets for planes, cruises, and trains, as well as how to get rental cars and find lodgings and restaurants. Additionally, she provides pre-trip preparations and advice on how to ensure the safety of your trip locally and abroad. This comprehensive travel guide will appeal to both group and solo travelers.

Our Choice, by Al Gore
Reviewed by David Pogue

David Pogue is a technology columnist for the New York Times and certainly isn’t on our staff. But I wanted to share with you his excellent review of a $5 app version (for iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch) of Mr. Gore’s 2009 best-seller. You can read it here: http://pogue.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/05/05/al-gore-invents-a-showpiece-e-book/.

I am including this review in our summer reading recommendations issue because the OWHL purchased this book/app for our iPad. So, if you are interested in trying out an iPad and in reading a book that takes full advantage of the functionality that the iPad offers, stop by the OWHL soon.

—Elisabeth Tully
Director, OWHL
Emergency Care during the Summer Months

We hope that you have a safe and healthy summer, but if injury or illness strikes during your summer travels, a reminder: Under Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, you are always covered for care in a Medical Emergency. A referral from your PCP is not needed. In a Medical Emergency, you should go to the nearest emergency facility or call 911 or other local emergency number. If you are hospitalized, you must call your PCP within 48 hours or as soon as you can. Please note that this requirement is met if your attending physician has already given notice to your PCP. Also please note that you will be responsible for paying your emergency room copayment as indicated on your insurance card. Be sure to get a receipt from the provider for any money pay for your care, as you can submit for reimbursement through the Flexible Spending Account.

Job Openings

Stewardship Coordinator: Phillips Academy seeks a Stewardship Coordinator to provide administrative support to the Academy’s stewardship program. Responsibilities include: implementing gift acknowledgements, preparing correspondence, organizing and managing preparation of donor plaques, data tracking, report generation, file maintenance, and special projects in support of the program’s donor relations and recognition efforts. The successful candidate will have strong communication, organizational, and collaborative abilities. Proficiency in Word and Excel and database programs, ability to work independently, and strong editing skills required; proficiency in Datatel or similar database program preferred. Full background check required. Full-time, full-year position; Grade IV.

Capital Project Manager: The Capital Project Manager is responsible for all aspects of the management of assigned capital construction projects, including establishing budgets; hiring consultants and contractors; managing all planning, construction work, and computer based accounting; interfacing with town and state agencies; and campus-wide coordination of all parties involved. Five to 10 years’ experience as a capital projects construction manager working as an owner’s representative for a not-for-profit institution similar to Phillips Academy, highly successful project management record for a variety of projects with an emphasis on small capital projects and “fast-track” projects. Professional degree in architecture or engineering, experience with historic preservation, mechanical design abilities, flexible, people-oriented personality, and a demonstrated ability to work with complex situations required.

—Maureen Ferris
Director of Human Resources
“Rustic Pathways” Summer Program Discounts for Your Child

One of the original attendees at Andover’s annual Gap Year and Summer Opportunities fairs, Rustic Pathways runs a Teacher Appreciation Program for the sons and daughters of school faculty. If you work in a school, you can get a 15–50 percent discount on any of their programs. According to Chris Stakich, global sales director at Rustic Pathways, “Some of our very best students from the past have been from Andover.”

For more information, visit www.rusticpathways.com/teacher/wp-login.php?redirect_to=/teacher/index.php, or contact Susanne Torabi at storabi@andover.edu for a detailed Teacher Appreciation Discount Chart for this year.

Classifieds

For Rent:

House at 201 Holt Rd. 1,550 square feet, new kitchen, 3 large bedrooms, 1 bath, hardwood floors throughout, large level yard. New roof and freshly painted. Asking $2,725/mo. Call Lizbeth or Jim at 978-470-3553.

For Sale:

Three-Year-Old Kenmore Washer/Dryer Set, still in excellent condition. Top-loading. The dryer is gas—perfect for the dorm or most other places in Academy housing. Purchased for $800; asking $450 for the set. Please e-mail jhousiaux@andover.edu or call 978-761-6290 if interested.

Kenmore Electric Range and Range Hood. Black, 4 years old, limited use, $250. Kenmore Ultra Wash Dishwasher. Black, 4 years old, great condition, $200. 2 Ikea Bookcases, wood finish, $40 each. GE Stainless Steel Microwave. $40. Please contact Jonny at jnicholson@andover.edu.

Brand New Kenmore Washer/Dryer Set. Top-loading. Purchased in August at Sears, but only used a dozen times. They come with a 3-year warranty and are in perfect condition. Purchased for $830; will sell for $700. Pick up at 130 Highland Road.

1979 VW Beetle Convertible. Over the years members of the PA community have noted (perhaps in jest) that if I ever elected to sell my VW convertible to please let them know. The day has come to part with the car, and before I advertise more publically I’d like to give folks here at Andover the first chance to purchase her. 1979 was the last year the original beetle was built in Germany. This particular car was marketed as the “Champagne Edition” and is triple-white (roof/interior/body). It currently boasts under 25,000 original miles and is in beautiful working order. Although it could use a cosmetic improvement here and there, it is 99.9% rust free and is a real head-turner. It has received top-of-the-line mechanical care over the years and has always been garaged. The price is a firm $16,000, as is. Please contact Marc Koolen at 978-475-0771 or mkoolen@andover.edu with questions or inquiries.

Wanted:

Portable Basketball Hoop for driveway, and an apartment-size gas stove. Steve, ext. 4348.


Work—Landscaping, Yard/Attic/Basement Clean-Up, Moving In/Out. Strong, reliable, experienced 18-year-old landscaper (son of staff member) available to help or work independently. $15/hour or on a project basis. Two PA references available. Contact jclerkin@andover.edu.

Service Offered:

Transportation to/from Airport: Faculty spouse, a fully insured professional driver who has never been in an accident, is willing to take you and your family to the airport, train station, etc., in your car. He will drop you off, then leave your car in your driveway or garage. He can also pick you up when you return. Rates about half that of taxi or car services. Call Allassane at 978-409-1298 or e-mail allascokam@gmail.com. References available.