

## Foxcroft Academy Academic Hall of Fame, August 6th, 2021

### Class of 2020

#### **Timothy Blakely, Class of 1992**

Tim Blakely graduated in 1992 after an active and involved time as a student at Foxcroft Academy. Among many other things, he enthusiastically participated in Latin Club, placed in the state science fair, participated in the drama program as a lighting technician, and sang (or lip-synched) in the choir. Tim was a Rose Award recipient his senior year. Tim also was a three-sport varsity athlete, playing tennis, basketball, and soccer. Participating in Upward Bound was a key gateway to college for Tim.

Tim attended Bowdoin College after leaving Foxcroft Academy, graduating *magna cum laude* in 1996 with a major in government. He was awarded departmental honors for his thesis “The Political Ethos of American Catholicism to 1860”, and at graduation was awarded the *Lucien Howe Prize*, given by the faculty to the “member of the senior class who as an undergraduate, by example and influence, has shown the highest qualities of conduct and character.” Tim then spent two years as a volunteer fourth-grade teacher in an under-served community on the south side of Chicago as a member of the Inner-City Teaching Corps.

Tim attended law school at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating *magna cum laude* in 2001. While in law school, Tim served as a senior editor of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review and was elected to the *Order of the Coif*. Following graduation, he served as a law clerk for the Honorable Mary A. McLaughlin in the United States Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Tim has practiced law in Maine, New York City, San Francisco, and Hong Kong. In 2014, *Global Investigations Review* named Tim to its inaugural “40 Under 40” list of the world’s leading investigations lawyers under the age of 40, and Tim is consistently ranked as one of the leading international disputes and investigations attorneys in the Greater China region. He currently serves as the Managing Partner of the Hong Kong office of the international law firm Morrison & Foerster. Tim met his wife, Debbie, while studying at Bowdoin, and they have lived in Hong Kong with their five children since 2011. Their oldest daughter matriculated at Bowdoin in 2019, and their oldest son will attend Bowdoin starting this fall. Tim remains deeply interested in education, and currently is Vice-Chair of the Board of Managers of Hong Kong International School.

Tim credits his time at Foxcroft Academy with furthering his love for learning. He has fond memories of distinct moments of growth fostered by Foxcroft Academy’s excellent faculty. Favorite examples include presenting on the 12 Labors of Hercules in Mrs. Patty Mullis’s Latin class, working closely with Mr. Dick Millett in Physics class to understand and present on electromotive forces during a state competition, and writing his first verse of iambic pentameter with Ms. Dawn McPherson-Allen in AP English. Tim’s interest in law and legal studies was fostered through participation in the “We the People” National Bicentennial Competition on the US Constitution and Bill of Rights with Mr. Willette’s AP US History class. As part of the competition, Tim had his first “oral argument” in front of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court before the class went to Washington, D.C. to represent Maine in the national competition. The experience was emblematic of the tremendous opportunities that Foxcroft Academy affords its students. Tim remains very grateful for these opportunities, and for those in the Foxcroft Academy community who recognized his potential and encouraged him to challenge himself and reach for success.

## **Andy Lizotte, Class of 2000**

Upon learning that Andy would be inducted into the Hall of Fame, his wife and children reacted with excitement, thinking it would be an induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame. When he explained it would instead be for academics, Andy's children shrugged, and his wife commented, "But that's still nice." Nonetheless, Andy is genuinely honored to be included among so many outstanding FA alums.

FA provided him a wealth of academic, athletic, and other extracurricular opportunities that kept life busy. Andy was Student Council President his senior year, a member of the National Honor Society, and a Rose Award recipient. Andy captained the soccer, basketball, and track teams, and was all-conference in each sport. He was active in the drama club, as well, and to this day enjoys regaling family members, co-workers, and anyone else willing to listen to his exploits as Kenickie in the 1999 FA fall production of "Grease."

Andy attended Colby College, from which he graduated cum laude and with distinction with a B.A. in English Literature and a minor in East Asian Studies. At Colby, Andy completed a senior thesis, won the Mary L. Carver Poetry Prize, and was a Colby Outdoor Orientation Trip leader. After working several years in Boston post-college, Andy attended Syracuse University College of Law. This proved to be the best decision of his life. It was as a law student at Syracuse that Andy met his wife, Clare. Andy earned his Juris Doctor degree summa cum laude from Syracuse. During his three years at the law school, he was a member of the Law Review, Order of the Coif, an award-winning member of an international moot court team, a research assistant, and a legal writing teaching assistant.

After law school, Andy worked as a trial attorney with the Legal Aid Society in Queens, New York, then joined White & Case LLP followed by several years at Orrick, Herrington, & Sutcliffe, LLP, handling complex civil litigation cases at both firms. In 2014, Andy was able to come back to his beloved home state, when he accepted an appointment as an Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Maine, his current employer. As a federal prosecutor based in Bangor, he prosecutes white-collar fraud as well as drug and gun offenses. Earlier in his career, Andy acted as lead counsel in affirmative civil enforcement proceedings brought under the False Claims Act, Controlled Substances Act, and federal collection statutes, focusing on health care fraud, drug diversion, and obtaining federal restitution on behalf of the victims of federal crimes.

In 2018, Andy made good on a lifetime interest in pursuing military service, commissioning as an officer of the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the U.S. Air Force, Air Reserve Component. This enabled him to maintain his civilian job at the U.S. Attorney's Office while serving part-time as a Guardsman. After graduating from Officer Training School, he attended the nine-week Judge Advocate Staff Officer Course at the Air Force Judge Advocate General's School at Maxwell AFB, in Montgomery, Alabama. At the Judge Advocate General's School, Andy received the Lowry Award for demonstrating the highest standards of leadership, academic excellence, officership, esprit de corps, and service amongst all students who best exemplifies the highest standards of leadership, academic excellence, officership, esprit de corps, and service, and was also certified as trial counsel to prosecute and defend UCMJ courts-martial. He is currently a Captain and serves as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate of the New Hampshire Air National Guard, 157th Air Refueling Wing.

## **Lisa Margonelli, Class of 1983**

While Lisa was at Foxcroft-Academy from 1979 to 1983, she didn't do many do after-school activities because she had a lot of sheep, pigs, chickens, and cows to care for. She was selected

for the play *Nine Angry Men*—playing the foreigner—but it got canceled because a basketball team needed the stage. She played the violin for the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Lisa received a scholarship to Yale, where she studied Art, African Studies, and American Studies, later studying in Niger, Japan, and China. She was a waitress, a mason's helper, a carpenter, and a teacher before she became a writer. Since then, Lisa has written for magazines and newspapers including the *Atlantic*, the *New York Times*, *Scientific American*, and *Wired*.

For her first book, about petroleum, Lisa hung out in gas stations, on drilling rigs, in delivery trucks, refineries, and in oil-producing countries including Venezuela, Nigeria, Chad, and Iran. *Oil on the Brain: Petroleum's Long, Strange Trip to Your Tank* was named one of the top 25 books of the year by the American Library Association.

For her second book, *Underbug: An Obsessive Tale of Termites and Technology*, Lisa spent 9 years following scientists who are studying termites to make the technologies of the future: swarming robots, synthetic biology, and understanding how ecosystems respond to climate change. For that, she traveled to Australia, Namibia, and Arizona.

She married to Clarke Cooper, a digital forester who has managed to keep a small termite colony alive through two Maine winters.

Currently, Lisa is Editor in Chief of *Issues in Science and Technology*, a quarterly journal about science and technology policy published by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine and Arizona State University. She is also a professor of practice at ASU's School for the Future of Innovation in Society.

## **Douglas Smith, Class of 1968**

Douglas C. Smith is a native of Dover-Foxcroft and graduated from Foxcroft Academy in 1968 where he was a member of the National Honor Society and a recipient of the Rose Award. He is perhaps best known as the four-year student manager of football, basketball, and baseball teams. He has been married forty-nine years and has two sons.

He earned his Bachelor of Science in Education from Husson University in the class of 1972 as salutatorian. He received his Master of Science in business administration from Husson University in 1981. He earned his Ph.D from Arizona State University in 1986.

Dr. Smith started his teaching career at Ellsworth High School. He also taught at Bangor High School where he installed the first computer network in a school computer laboratory in New England. He taught many teacher in-service workshops in Maine.

After award of his doctorate, Dr. Smith joined the Instructional Systems Design faculty at the University of Kentucky where he taught for 30 years. He retired in 2017 as Professor Emeritus. The university honored Dr. Smith with the Outstanding Service Award. Dr. Smith helped lead the public school technology reform initiative in Kentucky. He was a member of the Kentucky Education Technology Taskforce for 10 years.

While at the University of Kentucky, Dr. Smith conducted 30 federally funded research grants that lead to the publication of 26 refereed scholarly publications and 5 book chapters. He received the Career Achievement Award from the National Association for Technology Education.

Dr. Smith is proud of the 14 Ph.D. students whom he personally mentored to the completion of their degrees. He facilitated many other graduate degrees as Director of Graduate Studies.

Institutional Accreditation has been of particular interest to Dr. Smith. He has served as an evaluator of colleges and universities for the National Association of Colleges of Technical Education.

Dr. Smith is grateful that he could share his field of study and career with his wife, Dr. Gloria Jean Smith, Kentucky State University.

Dr. Smith has been committed to community service through work with at-risk children. He served as a member of the Kentucky Citizen's Foster Care Review Board where he reviewed the work of social workers. After his service, he and his wife adopted their children from the foster care system.

Foxcroft Academy was a sanctuary for Dr. Smith. The faculty there gave him the intellectual acumen and confidence to transcend family dysfunction and poverty. He particularly would like to recognize Mrs. Phyllis Wiley and Mr. Earnest Larry for being persistently present to him throughout those difficult times. He cherishes their memory.

## **Class of 2021**

### **Susan Haber Babash, Class of 1962**

Susan (Haber) Babash, a 1962 graduate of Foxcroft Academy, is a successful businesswoman and community leader. Locally, she is best known as the proprietor of Riverside Florist in Dover-Foxcroft, the business she ran from 1972, when she took over from her father, until 1989.

In 1975, Susan and her husband, Bill, purchased the Sears Catalog Store in Dover-Foxcroft. Over the years, they developed the two businesses, and in 1978 bought and renovated the former Central Maine Power building on West Main Street, enabling them to relocate both Riverside Florist and the Sears store into spacious new facilities.

Susan was a leader in the Maine District of FTD, the Florists Transworld Delivery Association. Following terms as secretary, treasurer, and vice-chairman, she was elected chairman of the organization in 1984. In that role, she inspected flower shops across Maine to ensure they met FTD's stringent quality standards and led the group's annual state convention. She is proud to have expanded that event into a much-anticipated annual gathering that hosted FTD's regional directors and national president.

Beyond the business world, Susan was a community leader. In 1974, she was elected to the Dover-Foxcroft Charter Commission, which studied various forms of town governance and made recommendations for an updated charter for the town's government. She was elected to the Board of Directors of SAD 68 in 1981 for a three-year term, during which she served as vice-chair.

Susan and her family hosted an American Field Service exchange student from Costa Rica who attended Foxcroft Academy for the 1976-77 school year, as well as an AFS student from California in 1982-83.

In 1989, Susan and Bill sold Riverside Florist and the Sears business to start second careers and enjoy the warmer climate of North Carolina. Susan applied her extensive business experience first working for the

Morehead Foundation at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, which provides merit-based scholarships to talented students to attend UNC. She then moved to Virtus Software, a developer of 3D architectural modeling software, before becoming Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of Nexus Software, LLC, a leading provider of device connectivity software for the banking industry.

Susan was born in Oceanside, New York, and her family moved to Maine in the mid-1950s. During her years at Foxcroft Academy, she received numerous academic honors and awards, particularly in English and mathematics. She was the editor of the 1962 yearbook, enjoyed cheerleading, and acting in student theater productions, including in *The Traveling Man*, a state finalist in the one-act play contest in her senior year, and a comedic role in *In the Suds* in her junior year, a performance she still vividly remembers 60 years later as it included her tumbling into a barrel of sudsy water.

After graduation from FA, Susan attended Colby College in Waterville before marrying Bill Babash, an Airman at the Charleston Air Force Station, in October 1963. The couple moved to Bill's hometown of Norwalk, Connecticut, in 1964 before returning to Dover-Foxcroft in 1969.

Today, Sue and Bill are enjoying retirement in Cary, North Carolina.

## **Katherine Forbes-Smith, Class of 1992**

Katherine Forbes-Smith graduated from Foxcroft Academy in 1992. She remembers her time at FA as a unique opportunity to explore and participate in a wide variety of academic, artistic, and athletic interests. She participated in a number of sports including indoor and outdoor track, basketball, and skiing at Squaw mountain with her friends. However, her real passion while at FA occurred under the direction of her highly adored music director, Arnold Poland. She participated in chorus, concert band, jazz band, and show choir. She loved theater. With Tom Lyford as her director, she participated in several one-act plays and musicals. "FA was the ideal environment for high school. It provided the supportive conditions and meaningful connections of a tight-knit community. At the same time, FA's culture cultivated a curiosity of the diverse world beyond our small town that was waiting to be explored." Katherine's love of foreign languages and travel started during four years of Mrs. Mullis's Latin class. She spent three months between her junior and senior year traveling the Continental US and Europe with the Continental Singers. Katherine loved making friends with international students who attended Foxcroft Academy through the Foreign Exchange Program at FA. Katherine was also a Rose Award recipient and a member of the National Honor Society.

After Foxcroft, Katherine attended Gordon College where she studied foreign languages and Biology. She spent several years working for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health addressing health disparities through grassroots organizing and community building in Lynn, Massachusetts. Katherine went on to earn her Master's of Nursing at Boston College. As a Family Nurse Practitioner, Katherine developed a pediatric primary care practice with a subspecialty in pediatric and adolescent psychiatry. Katherine is an owner of Bridgewater Pediatrics ([www.bridgewaterpediatrics.com](http://www.bridgewaterpediatrics.com)), a pediatric practice in Bridgewater, MA that serves the primary care health needs of over 6,000 children and teenagers in southeastern Massachusetts. Additionally, in 2011, Katherine founded The Well, A Center for Hope and Healing, located in Bridgewater, MA. "The Well" ([www.visitthewell.org](http://www.visitthewell.org)) is a non-profit counseling and holistic wellness center that serves children, teens, adults, and families through an integrative approach to treating emotional, physical, and spiritual disorders. Katherine and her team of therapists, medical providers, and holistic health practitioners provide comprehensive integrative care for clients struggling with mental health disorders. As the current President of the Board, Katherine is actively involved in the operations of the organization along with strategic planning, fundraising, and development. The Well has served as a beacon of hope and support for hundreds of children, adults, and families struggling with

mental health issues. The need for access to mental health services provided by The Well has become even more acute as a result of the pandemic this past year.

Her passion and interest in integrative medicine and pediatric and adolescent emotional disorders have led her to pursue further academic study and research. Katherine is currently enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of Massachusetts.. She hopes to complete her degree before her three teenage daughters complete high school in a few years! Katherine and her husband, Karl Smith live in Bridgewater, Massachusetts with their three daughters. They love traveling as well as skiing as a family and spending as much time as they can during the summer at Katherine's family camp on Sebec Lake. "I cherish the time I have at the lake with my siblings and parents each year as we make Sebec Lake the meeting point for friends and family from all over the world. Foxcroft Academy and the entire Dover-Foxcroft community were an integral part of my identity formation and the path my life has taken in medical practice and community service. I'm grateful for the many people who had an impact on me during those important years."

### **Rebecca Foreman-Janjic, Class of 1989**

Rebecca Foreman (Becky) Janjic was raised in Dover-Foxcroft, growing up on High Street and attending and graduating from Foxcroft Academy in 1989. Throughout her four years she was active in various leadership roles in Key Club, Student Council, was a member of the French Club, National Honor Society, and a Rose Award Recipient. She also was a Cheerleader and Captained the squad for both Football and Basketball seasons and helped lead the team to a few State Championships. In the Spring, she was a member of the Track Team where she ran 100M and 300M hurdles, the 200M and the 4x100 Relay team, captaining the team with three other classmates her senior year and advancing to the State Finals meet.

Rebecca graduated from Saint Anselm College in 1993 with a degree in Political Science. She began her career in Executive Recruiting in Boston, and while in her first job, completed her MBA in the evenings at Simmons Graduate School of Management. She then joined Korn/Ferry International, the world's largest retained executive search firm, and became a key member of their Technology Practice, working with notable companies like TripAdvisor, Accenture, Hewlett Packard, PayPal, and many venture capital and private equity-backed companies. A dot-com company called Internet Capital Group recruited Rebecca for her network and knowledge of the Venture Capital industry, where she spent 2 years recruiting executives across the global portfolio of 80+ companies. When the dotcom bust happened, Rebecca returned to Korn/Ferry.

In 2003, Rebecca joined her client EMC Corporation and was tasked with improving their Recruiting model and recruiting executives to the fast-growing company. A lifelong friend of the family then recruited her to join his firm Polachi & Company where she spent the next 6 years in the New England Technology market, recruiting notable leaders. Her boss and mentor from EMC recruited Rebecca to Heidrick & Struggles in 2010 to be a Principal in the Boston office, again working with Technology clients. When an opportunity arose in 2013 to relocate with her husband Aleks to San Francisco to lead the firm's Venture Capital Practice, Rebecca and Aleks bought a one-way airline ticket and moved to San Francisco for five years. Working in the epicenter of Technology was a dream for Rebecca, where CEOs and Board Members retained Heidrick & Struggles to "headhunt" the best talent in the world, and in 2018, Rebecca was asked to lead the Global Technology & Services Practice for the firm whereby she led a team of 250 across 50 offices.

Rebecca and Aleks chose to leave the Bay Area in the late summer of 2018 and moved to the Seattle area with their rescue dog Lola, where she continued to lead the Technology Practice until January 2020. For two and half years in Seattle, they explored all corners of the State, logging many miles on the AllTrails hiking app. Rebecca and Aleks were missing their family and friends in Maine and New England, and relocated back to the State in mid-April, settling into a new home in the Back Cove area of Portland, and still recruiting executives for Heidrick & Struggles.

“Foxcroft Academy had a profound impact on who I became as a young adult. The focus on academics, the choices of extra-curricular activities, and the balanced and holistic approach to everyday life grounded me and still serves as my compass. Teachers like Mr. Willette who taught the importance of History, the Constitution, and Civic duty, Mr. Brown for great writing skills, Mr. Larson and Mr. Beek for all the extra hours of tutoring in Math will never be forgotten. Foxcroft Academy and the entire Community hold a place in my heart” - Rebecca

## **Tamlyn Frederick, Class of 2005**

Tamlyn Frederick graduated from Foxcroft Academy in 2005 and was valedictorian of her class, was in the National Honor Society, and a Rose Award recipient. She also received the Maine Principal’s Award, the Rennselaer Polytechnic Medal Award, and the Chase & Kimball Outstanding Student of the Year Award. She was a member of the field hockey, cross country, swim, track and field, and tennis teams. She also participated in band, chorus, musical theater, Key Club, student council, and various academic clubs.

Following graduation, Tamlyn attended Bowdoin College where she majored in biochemistry and economics. She played on the field hockey team that won two NCAA National Championships and several regional titles. She was named an Academic All-American and named to the All-NESCAC Academic Team for field hockey. She was awarded an MDIBL/INBRE grant to conduct biomedical research during college and she completed an honors thesis in biochemistry. Following graduation, she was awarded an NIH grant to continue research in the field of biochemistry.

Tamlyn then attended the University of Maine School of Law where she was the Head Case Note and Comment Editor of the *Maine Law Review* and a teaching assistant. She graduated in 2013 and went on to complete an MBA from the University of Maine in 2016. She traveled to Vietnam and Iceland to study and present research and was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

In 2014, Tamlyn founded the law firm Frederick, Quinlan & Tupper in Portland, Maine. She was admitted to practice law in Maine, the Federal District of Maine, New York, and Florida. She has been a member of several boards and organizations including the Gignoux Inn of Court, the Advisory Board for the Maine Center for Professional Graduate Studies, and the Maine State Bar Association. Tamlyn has since left the practice of law to focus on the real estate investment company she founded in 2019.

## **Lois Richards-Pradka, Class of 1970**

Lois Richards Pradka graduated from Foxcroft Academy in 1970 with little academic fanfare. Her childhood dream was to be a nurse so with her aptitude and love for science she enrolled in St. Mary’s School of Nursing, a 3-year diploma program in Lewiston. While there she was President of the Maine State Student Nurses Association.

She was working as a Registered Nurse in Colorado when a nursing instructor from the local university encouraged her to continue her studies. She wrote letters to large East coast hospitals and in 1975 was recruited to Duke with the promise of immediate in-state tuition to UNC-Chapel Hill. After 3 years of part-time study and at the outset of her senior year she was awarded the Johnston Honor Scholarship which provided tuition, books, fees, and a living stipend. At age 28 It was her first opportunity to go to college without working.

After graduation, armed with a new BSN, Lois became the Nurse Clinician for Duke Orthopedics where she provided care coordination for complex trauma patients. President of the NC Orthopedic Nurses Association, she frequently lectured at trauma, orthopedic, and discharge planning workshops. Her creative problem-solving for extended hospitalizations led her to be the first nurse in NC to discharge a patient on home IV antibiotics, shortening the hospital stay by 6 weeks. When Medicare officials crafted their coverage rules on home IV antibiotics they came to interview Lois.

In 1985, after her husband's serious cardiac event and with 2 very young daughters, Lois enrolled in the Duke University School of Nursing for her Master's Degree. She was named the Ery & Helga Kehaya Merit Scholar and studied systems design, information technology and critical care nursing, graduating in 1989.

She then joined the Duke Heart Center where she was a Cardiology Clinical Nurse Specialist with responsibilities for patient education initiatives, quality improvement processes, program design, and graduate student education. She served on the core teams for care redesign projects, including the statewide RACE initiative and the Duke MI Hotline which allowed Duke to reduce time-to-treatment for heart attacks from 3 hours to 90 minutes. She published articles on various cardiology topics and frequently lectured at national conferences.

In 2001, with one daughter in college and one a junior in high school, she moved to work with hospitals affiliated with Duke. She launched the Duke Heart Network that created Duke branding and quality oversight opportunities for hospitals with cardiovascular programs across the southeast. She was then tapped to create the Duke Quality Network, a new program designed to oversee the quality and patient safety for all 14 Duke LifePoint hospitals. The success of that program led to Lois and her colleagues being asked to create the National Quality Program for all LifePoint hospitals (72 hospitals in 22 states). Lois retired from Duke University Health System in 2018 after 43 years of service.

Nursing was the perfect fit for Lois as it allowed her to spend a lifetime studying pathophysiology, human factor engineering, and systems design all with the goal of improving patient care and patient safety.

“My core math and science classes at Foxcroft Academy created the ideal foundation for my later studies. I will forever be grateful to Mr. Steenstra, Mr. Champion, and Mr. Beak. And of course, no nursing student can succeed without understanding Latin so Mrs. Gerrish holds a special place in my heart.”