

# Alumni House Echoes

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## 80 attended October Awards Reception at Alumni House



This year's Awards Reception was held on October 21<sup>st</sup>, a glorious fall day. Student recipients and their parents and friends met and mingled with IAFSA Board members and scholarship committee members.



Marilyn Foley chats with the recipient of the Marilyn Minihan Foley Scholarship, Spencer Buell, and his parents, Catherine and Douglas Buell. Spencer is the editor of *The Gatepost*.



Joan Murtaugh congratulated the first recipients of the Murtaugh Scholarship, Tamara Rosario and Gilana Telles.

Did you know that IAFSA has been serving Alumni for over 138 years? Thanks for the support, volunteer work, and donations from alums like you!

## Archives help us help researchers with finding information about their relatives



Using our Framingham State class files, photo collection, and yearbook library, we were able to help a brother and sister locate material about their grandmother, Amy Phillips, a member of the Class of 1901.

It is thanks to our volunteers that we are able to help such visitors with their quests for information about their relatives. Help to keep up with alumni files and archives is always welcome! We have some one time, one day projects, as well as ongoing ones. All helping hands are appreciated.

## Mary Bond Bequest

Mary Bond, '43, was an elementary school teacher for 30 years before joining the Framingham State Faculty and teaching for 10 years in the education department.

Recently IAFSA received bequests from her estate, one to the **Mary Bond Scholarship Fund** for elementary and early childhood majors and one to the **Amelia Davis Fund** for Alumni in need.

## An IAFSA First ~ A student donates back

**Joseph Kourieh**, Class of 2014, and an associate editor of *The Gatepost* and recipient of a Betty Whitney Scholarship delivered a thank you note along with a check for \$100, representing 10% of his \$1000 scholarship. We would like to share his gracious thank you note as you have a part in his expression of thanks. *Please see the second page for the text of his thank you letter.*

## Ellen Hyde Loan News

The deadline for Fall Applications for the Spring 2013 semester was Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Four recipients recently finished repaying their loans and 21 other graduates are repaying in monthly installments. Repayments and new contributions to the Ellen Hyde Fund help IAFSA continue this no-interest loan program established in **1898**.

## Alumni House Repairs

Cracks in the stucco are repaired, as well as a large one in the floor of the veranda. Your donations to Alumni House maintenance have helped with these expenses.

## Sharing the history of Framingham State

Members of the Cape Cod Framingham Club who attended the October luncheon enjoyed a display of Framingham State history and memorabilia assembled by CCFCC secretary Kathy Barbieri Tomasetti, '70.



Kathy included mugs, scrapbooks, and a timeline of the school's leaders. During the Framingham Fall Festival at Farm Pond, Debbie Regan Cleveland, '73 displayed yearbooks, memorabilia,



and early photos of the classrooms, buildings, and students.

## An Alumni Memory:

Biology professor Rene LeBlanc's Rene Nehru jacket.

## A Thank You note from Whitney Scholarship recipient Joseph Kourieh to all IAFSA members:

To the Independent Association of Framingham State Alumni,

I'd like to begin by thanking the members of the Independent Association of Framingham State Alumni for selecting me to receive \$1,000 dollars from the Betty Whitney Scholarship for this academic year. It is true for all, especially college students in this period of economic trouble, that every dollar helps. So a thousand of them is really very nice.

**I would also like to express my appreciation for the Association itself, and all the help it provides to the Framingham State Community.**

I am an outspoken supporter of progressive social programs, such as public education and education funding, which support the public

good with the help of everyone. I believe this mutual investment in coming generations is essential in bolstering the chances for economic growth in the future, and ensuring a comfortable living between all members of the national community. **IAFSA is the kind of organization that reassures my faith in this concept**, as it proves the profound nature of human charity, goodwill, and perhaps most importantly, rationality (I emphasize the last one since it is all too common to find people in this country who cannot grasp the obvious importance of investing in other's educations).

However, since I believe it is important not only to have ideals but to put them into action, **I would like to further express my gratitude for the Association, as**

**well as my support for my peers, by donating back 10% of my award, or \$100, to the Association for future awards.** Although this is not a very large amount, it is the least I can do to lend a hand in the collective efforts to provide opportunities for education to those who are willing to try, and I will do my best to make future contributions.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the award reception on the 21<sup>st</sup> and express my gratitude in person, so I hope this letter, containing my donation, will suffice. Once again, **thanks to the entire Association** for this award, and I look forward to future interactions.

— Joseph Kourieh '14

**Putting the spotlight on Alumni:** Did you write a book? Did you receive an award? Were you promoted? Are you an entrepreneur with your own company? Did you have a significant event in your life? We'd like to share your news on the Alumni Spotlight page on our website. Send photos and notes: [office@alumnihouse.org](mailto:office@alumnihouse.org)

### Branching Out



We had some storm damage to our trees. We had to have some limbs removed from the trees behind Alumni House that hung perilously over the back walkway and the kitchen.

**Trivia Question:** Does anyone remember the tune played on the chimes for grace before each meal in Peirce Hall?

**Alumni House is available for your next family event, shower, birthday, or anniversary party. Alums receive a discount.**

**“Live to the truth.”**

**Donate to your passion ~ What do you care about?**

Helping a student finance their education; remembering a family member, teacher, or classmate; assisting an alum in need; maintaining Alumni House...

**When you send in a donation, just let us know how you want it to be directed. We will work with you to see that your wishes are honored.**

### Library Appreciation

Kevin Tobin, '03, the Peace Corps Volunteer serving in Ethiopia, sent us a Certificate of Appreciation from The Director of the Wukro Social Development Program for the boxes of books that we sent for their orphanage library.



**Touch the Future,  
Preserve the Present,  
Honor the Past.**

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