

# Alumni House Echoes

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## Books sent to Peace Corps Alum help stock library for Ethiopian village



Kevin Tobin, a 2003 graduate of Framingham State, is a Peace Corps volunteer serving as a Health Economic Development advisor in Wukro, Ethiopia. Kevin contacted us about his efforts to establish a library for the orphan children of Wukro. Five boxes of books donated by IAFSA Board members were shipped to Kevin to help fill library shelves. See our website for details and shipping information if you would like to help Kevin and the orphans of Ethiopia.

## IAFSA is now on eBay ~ Check us out when you buy or sell

We have signed up for **eBay Giving Works** as another way to raise money for our scholarship and benevolent programs and to help pay for needed repairs to Alumni House. If you sell on eBay, you can opt to donate a portion of the selling price to IAFSA. When an item

sells, a donation is sent to IAFSA and the seller receives a **tax receipt**. Listings are enhanced with a charity ribbon and receive a **fee credit** when the item sells. If you buy something on eBay that is listed by a seller who is donating a percentage of the proceeds to IAFSA,

you also help us. You can check us out on eBay at this link:

<http://v.gd/alumnihouse>



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

## Archives help us help researchers with early history of Framingham State Alumni

Associate Professor Dr. Kelly Kolodny is researching the first class of Framingham Normal School. We were able to provide her with materials and photos from our archives. Dr. Kolodny is chair of the FSU education department and a recipient of an IAFSA Whitney Travel Grant.

An email query sent us back to the archives to look for three women from Concord, Massachusetts who graduated from Framingham Normal School in 1846, 1848, and 1850 and taught for the New England Freedman's Aid Society in Maryland, Virginia, and South Carolina during the Civil War

**A Trivia Question:** Which professor used to say: "Repeat, repeat, repeat!?"

## "Fostering" her travel

Dr. Irene Foster '87, a professor in the Framingham State Fashion Design and Retail department for more than 20 years, will make a presentation at the 2012 International Textile and Apparel Association's Annual Conference November 14-17, 2012 in Hawaii. IAFSA is helping to defray her expenses with a Whitney Travel Grant. The grant is made possible by a bequest by Adah "Betty" Whitney '35, whose training as a dietitian at Framingham State enabled her to serve in a position overseas and to travel extensively.

**An Alumni Memory:** Reserving the TV in the dorm lounge in order to watch your favorite soap opera.

## 50 ~ Yes ~ 50!



As many students and their families struggle with funding their FSU educations, IAFSA donors helped us to fund a record **50** scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year.

## Thank you, donors!

## Welcome to the Class of 2012!

As graduates of Framingham State, you are automatically members of IAFSA! Don't hesitate to call or drop by Alumni House – It is now your house too.

## 2014 ~ A Special Year to come together

Framingham State will be celebrating its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and IAFSA will be celebrating its 140<sup>th</sup>. Ideas and helping hands appreciated.

**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)

### **IAFSA Scholarship Recipient a speaker at All-Alumni General Assembly and Achievement Awards Ceremony during Alumni Weekend**

**Heather Sheline '15**, spoke to the Assembly about how receiving our scholarship aid helped her. Heather was the 2011-12 recipient of the Edward and Eunice Phillips Scholarship. Because she received aid, she was able to focus on her schoolwork, and not have to take a second job to help pay her expenses. It gave her an extra boost during her freshman year.

**Are you missing your classmates?** Maybe we can help you re-connect.

### **Do you like history? Are you a good organizer?**

Help with caring for our archives and keeping up with alumni files is always welcome! If you like researching, clipping, copying, sorting, etc., and have a few hours here and there, please call us at 508-872-9770

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

Were you a fashion major?

Are you interested in communications?

Do you warmly remember a teacher, colleague, or classmate?

Do you want to help a student finance college?

Do you love sports?

### **Daughter Drums Up Donations for Dolan Scholarship**

When scholarship committees meet to review applicants, they also review the balances of the scholarship funds. When Janet Glover was weighing in on the students applying for the **Janet Chisholm Dolan Scholarship**, established in her mother's memory, she noted that the fund needed a boost in order to continue awarding scholarships. She created her own mini fundraising campaign using Facebook and email to request that friends and family donate in her mother's memory. Her efforts resulted in a flurry of checks and donations via PayPal to punch up the balance.

### **Fundraiser for The James and Margaret Judge Akillian Scholarships**

Margaret Judge Akillian was a member of the Class of 1973 and Her husband Jim a member of the Class of 1974. Both worked in education. Their sons, Tom and

**"Live to the truth."**

### **Class Gift to Scholarship**

The Class of 1986 has donated \$2000 to the Paul T. Murphy Memorial Scholarship. Paul was president of the Class of 1986 and died suddenly in his senior year. He was active in numerous campus activities and organizations. The scholarship assists Communication Arts majors. More donations are welcome to boost the fund.



Jared Ghioto '13, recipient of the Paul T. Murphy Scholarship, and his parents.

Dan, organized a fundraiser in May to benefit high school and college scholarships established in their parents' memory. The fundraiser was held in the Knights of Columbus Hall in South Easton, Massachusetts and included a dinner and silent raffles. The event was well attended and several thousand needed dollars were raised for the scholarships.

**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.**

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

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