

Class of 1961 keeps on helping students

As of this year's Fall IAFA Scholarship Award reception, 40 students have received Textbook Assistance Awards from the fund established by the Class of 1961 at their 50th reunion and replenished through class gifts since that time. The class is impressed by the number of recipients who take the time to send notes of appreciation.

Are you a Friend of Alumni House yet?

Remember gymsuits?



Diane Scanelli '73 recently donated this circa 1969 women's gym suit along with some dresses and coats she wore student teaching. Skirts and pantyhose, rather than pants, were still the norm in the early '70's.

2019 Alumni House Calendar!



Calendars with watercolor illustrations by intern Aemilia Ohop '20 and Pat Towle '64 can be ordered online at: <http://bit.ly/AHCalendars>.

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Common Threads Connect New Executive Director at Alumni House

IAFSA's Executive Board is happy to announce the appointment of **Francesca Cerutti-Harris '09** to succeed **Debbie Regan Cleveland '73** as Executive Director. Francesca has multiple ties to Framingham State and its alumni and experience running a nonprofit. Debbie, who served IAFSA for seven years, five as Executive Director, will be serving in a part-time role on service projects and in an advisor/mentor role. Welcome Francesca!

Attention Reunion Planners!

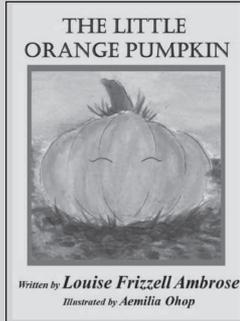
We have records and photos from past reunions. We offer Alumni House for your planning meetings and Alumni Weekend gatherings. It's also available for any alumni meetups at other times of the year. Let us know if there is any way we can assist you.

All Celebrating Classes are honored guests at our Annual Meeting & Program on June 1, 2019. Celebrating Classes are invited to nominate a member for the "Touch the Future" educator award. *(See article.)*

Alumni House will be open Saturday of Alumni Weekend for drop-in's, Class Meetings, and to view our latest exhibit.

...No gift too small...No time donated too little. Thank you.

Alumna and Student Intern Collaborate on Delightful Children's Book



We're pleased to announce the publication of **The Little Orange Pumpkin**, written by alumna Louise Frizzell Ambrose '58 and IAFSA intern Aemilia Ohop '20! Louise loved the watercolor illustration of Alumni House that Aemilia painted for last year's holiday cards. She felt Aemilia was the perfect illustrator for her story that she had written and told her children when they were young. Louise connected with Aemilia through IAFSA and the result is a delightful children's book available by ordering through bookstores or online at Amazon.com, using this link: <http://bit.ly/pumpkinbk>. (If you use this link, IAFSA receives a donation from Amazon at no additional cost to you.) Copies are available at Alumni House.

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Common Threads is this year's theme. What are your common threads to Framingham State?

Reunions 2019

If your class year ends in a 4 or 9 then this is your reunion year. You may use Alumni House for planning meetings, luncheons, or an Alumni Weekend event.

Alumni Weekend & IAFSA Annual Meeting

Framingham State has scheduled the 2018 Alumni Weekend for May 31-June 1.

IAFSA's Annual Meeting & Program will be Saturday, June 1.

New Podium a Gift from the Class of '57

Our new podium was quickly put to use at our Annual Awards Reception and reception for Dr. Diane Lowe, who retired after 45 years of teaching.

Thank you, Class of 1957!



Share your news on the Framingham State Community Bulletin Board

Facebook page:

tinyurl.com/FSCCommunity

A grateful parent of a scholarship recipient wrote:

"I have always had to be the provider in our family, and it's been difficult. But through your kindness and generosity, I feel the burden was lifted."

Help Students as You Shop

When you shop on Amazon, use this link: bit.ly/IAFSA. Please share it with family and friends.

Every purchase helps students and alumni.

Amelia Davis—helping alumni in need

The kindness and consideration I have received is amazing. This is an organization that extends (itself) to people in need without judgement. — Class of 1981 alumna

For over 106 years, thanks to your donations, the Amelia Davis Fund has provided financial aid for incapacitated alumni in need. It helps with medical and personal emergencies and making ends meet in tight financial situations. The Committee also arranges for penpals to alumni shut-ins. If you are aware of anyone who could use assistance or would appreciate a cheery note or card from time to time, please contact the office. There is no obligation to write back.



Touch the Future Nominations

This award honors teachers who teach teachers. Those eligible have provided a framework for those who will teach, advanced knowledge in their subject, and provided inspiration and lasting motivation to students and/or associates. If you know of anyone who fits this criteria, please contact us by Feb. 2019.

Previous recipients: Mary Liscombe '70, Dr. Diane Lowe, Pat Towle '64, Gay Sabin '65, Mary Penny '61, Dr. Irene Foster '87 G'88, and most recently Debbie Salois Donovan '72, principal at the Boston Higashi School for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.



Debbie Salois Donovan '72,

Live to the Truth!

Celebrating Dr. Diane Lowe

Dr. Lowe was honored with a reception at Alumni House in October. She specifically asked that the reception be held here.

IAFSA President Mary Kenney Liscombe '70, presented her with a framed Commemorative Plate, one of a limited edition that IAFSA had commissioned to celebrate Framingham State's 100th anniversary.



Phase One and Two of Garden on the Hill are complete

The area was cleared, plantings done, and the first round of engraved bricks installed in time for the Annual Scholarship Reception in September. The goal is to have the Garden ready for Alumni Week-end 2019. See AlumniHouse.org for more information and to order your brick for installation this spring!

Christa McAuliffe '70 to be subject of new film



Argent Pictures announced that Michelle Williams will play Christa in an upcoming film, *The Challenger*, to start production in the spring.

Previously, Karen Allen starred in a 1989 made-for-TV movie. A documentary about Christa was released in 2005.

Grant Writing

Help needed with writing and submitting proposals. A couple of hours could make a big difference.

Donate to your passion! What do you care about?

Helping a student, remembering a classmate, teacher or friend, assisting an alumni in need, Alumni House, the Garden on the Hill, the Fashion & Design Resource Center?

How to give:

- The enclosed envelope
- By credit card or PayPal: tinyurl.com/1874Alumni
- Sustaining member through your bank
- Your Donor-Advised Fund
- Planned Giving

Common Threads Cocktail Party part of ArtWeekMA

As part of the ArtWeekMA Festival, IAFSA officially opened its new Fashion & Design Resource Center



with a "fashionable" cocktail party showcasing a unique live model and art gallery

mix of student and alumni creations, including an up close look at some designs by Project Runway contestant Cornelius Ortiz '15. The event was featured on digital billboards and the ArtWeekMA website and also YouTube: <http://bit.ly/IAFSAthreads>.