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Thomas College President gives advice to 2016 graduates

by Mike Lange

WATERVILLE – The first time Laurie Lachance spoke at a Foxcroft Academy commencement ceremony was in 1979 when she was class valedictorian.

She returned as keynote speaker in 2005 after serving as a state economist under three different governors.

This year, she addressed the FA Class of 2016 again, but this time as the president of Thomas College in Waterville.

"I talk about Dover-Foxcroft so much nowadays that some people think I still live there," said Lachance. "I feel that growing up there and attending Foxcroft Academy set my career path. It's a very warm, caring community."

Lachance said that after she graduated from the academy, she enrolled at Bowdoin College in Brunswick – unprepared for the "culture shock" of a small-town teenager thrust into a campus with many wealthy students. "One girl on the basketball team got a new Jaguar from her family every year," Lachance recalled. "I never even saw Jaguar until I got there."

Eventually, Lachance adapted to the rigorous schedule, graduated and later worked for Central Maine Power, the State Planning Office and Maine Development Foundation until she was appointed president of Thomas College in 2012.

"I quickly learned the value of education," she recalled. "And that's why I'm so proud of my years at Foxcroft Academy. They've been on the cutting edge of innovative education from Day One."

Lachance has also served on the board of directors for Foxcroft Academy, the Muskie School of Public Service at USM, the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center at the University of Maine, the UM Board of Visitors and Thomas College.

She told this year's graduates that the first time she stood at the podium 37 years ago, "I was absolutely shaking in my shoes. But as I looked out over this special place, filled with classmates, my family, teachers, coaches and a supportive community – I felt tremendous excitement and pride."

Lachance said that she had an opportunity to speak informally with around

15 seniors prior to the ceremony. "I was blown away by their poise, confidence and comfort," she said. "I was impressed with their honesty and candor. I was touched by their pride in each other and their open acceptance and welcoming of the international students."

Lachance also recapped some of the history of Foxcroft Academy, which was chartered in 1823 for the promotion of "literature, science, morality and piety."

"In the first 50 years, records show that a teaching staff of 1-3 teachers

instructed 40-140 students who ranged in age from 8 to 21," Lachance told the class. "Now there's a teaching challenge!"

She capped off her address with some advice for the graduating seniors.

"I've learned that you should always take your job seriously, but don't take yourself too seriously."

"Always, always, always be honest with others and with yourself."

"Consciously find something to be grateful for in every day, every experience, every person you encounter."

"Value your friends and family, and never let them down. Life is fragile and frequently too short."



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And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
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Jordynne is the daughter of William and Kathy Littlefield of Guilford and great granddaughter of Leona Davis also of Guilford. She will be attending the University of Maine at Orono as part of the Biology program.



SALUTATORIAN HALEY ANN BERGERON

Haley is the daughter of Michelle Dutremble of Parkman and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dutremble also of Parkman. She will be attending the University of Maine at Orono as part of the Liberal Arts program.

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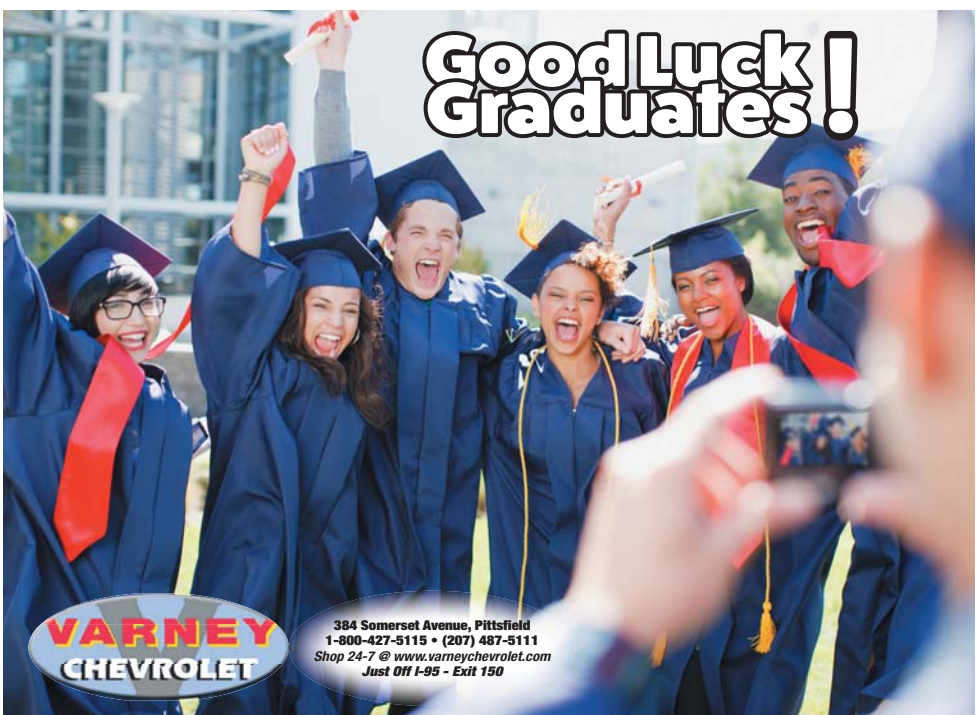
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Morrill retires after 37 years in Greenville School System

GREENVILLE - Dave Morrill, who has worked for the Greenville school system for the past 37 years, was recognized in this year's Greenville town report for his dedication and years of community service.

Morrill is retiring on July 1 after serving as interim superintendent of schools for the past two years. He will be succeeded by Jim Chasse, the former principal of Orono High School.

Morrill graduated from the University of Southern Maine with a master's degree in industrial arts education then earned a degree in guidance

counselor's education from the University of Maine in 1987.

He taught industrial arts at Greenville High School from 1979-95, served as a part-time IA teacher and part-time guidance counselor in 1995-96 and guidance counselor from 1996-2014.

In addition, Morrill has been the Greenville school system's adult education director, ATV coordinator, academic awards coordinator and treasurer of the Greenville Education Association.

Morrill has been an emergency medical technician with C.A. Dean Hospital since 1976 and a disaster mental

health volunteer, health services volunteer and a first aid/CPR/AED instructor for the American Red Cross for the past 45 years.

He was also honored as a Red Cross Volunteer Hero earlier this year for his service as a member of the Disaster Behavioral Health Response team and as one of the critical partners of the organization in Piscataquis County.



Dave Morrill (Contributed photo)

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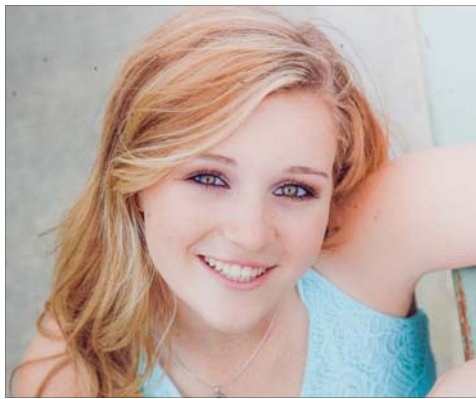
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VALEDICTORIAN BROOKE NOYES

Brooke is the daughter of Kelly and Wayne Noyes. She will be attending Saint Joseph's College of Maine with a major in nursing.



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Gwendolyn is from Athens. She will be attending Georgetown University, Department of Linguistics.



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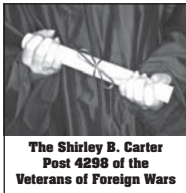
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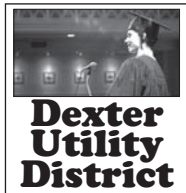


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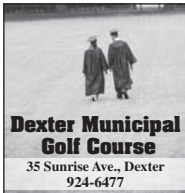
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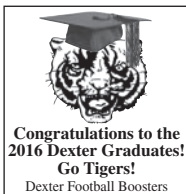


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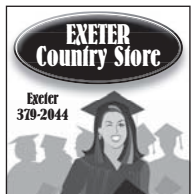
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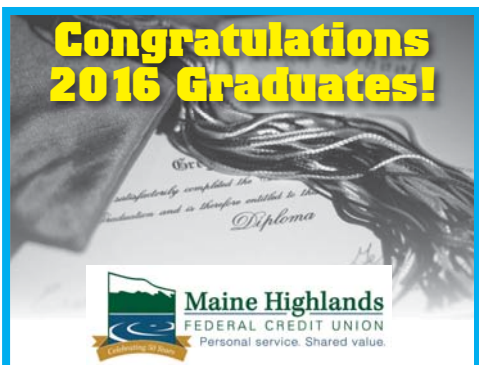
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I'll miss my 'home away from home'

by Xu "Michael" Wang
Salutatorian, Foxcroft Academy Class of 2016
DOVER-FOXCROFT - The community I currently call home is Dover-Foxcroft in central Maine. It's a typical New England town where I attend boarding school.

When I first came to Dover-Foxcroft, rather than being excited about studying in a new environment, I felt somewhat shocked and disappointed.

Because I am from Shanghai, China, Dover-Foxcroft seemed

to be "desolated."

This town of 5,000 is smaller than my neighborhood back home.

Fortunately, I discovered as time went on that my initial impressions about "Dover" were unfair.

One of the local residents once told me that Dover-Foxcroft has everything that New York City has: a theater, a courthouse, a police station, supermarkets, hospitals, schools and foreigners (the boarding students, including me).

Eventually I became drawn to Dover-Foxcroft's charm.

The people here are eager to help others and are accommodating, unlike the indifference I have experienced in my hometown.

The wild forests surrounding the town provided a way to discover nature which I never had before.

The tranquil streets are lined with quaint shops. This is in sharp contrast to the crowded, boisterous avenues in Shanghai.

Besides the novelty, the

community has offered me something that has complimented my experience: close interactions with my American peers, the opportunity to perform as an amateur pianist and an appreciation for the snowy Maine winters.

After three years here, I have learned to love its peaceful, laid-back charm.

I know that as graduation looms ahead that I will miss this place that has been my home away from home.

Xu "Michael" Wang, the son of Shan Shi and Lei Wang, was born in Japan and moved to Shanghai, China, at the age of six.

team, president of the Asian Culture Club and captain of the math team.

Michael's passions are mathematics and finance, and he will attend the University of California at Berkeley where he intends to declare a math major. He hopes to one day become a financial analyst.



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Michael came to Foxcroft Academy his freshman year and has participated in band, string ensemble, Key Club and the National Honor Society. He was also a member of the golf

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VALEDICTORIAN GABRIELA JOHNSON

Gabriela is the daughter of David and Tonya Johnson of Dover-Foxcroft. She will attend Westminster College to study biology, and upon graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree, she intends to enroll in medical school to pursue a career as a general surgeon.



SALUTATORIAN XU "MICHAEL" WANG

Xu is the son of Shan Shi and Lei Wang, was born in Japan and moved to Shanghai China, at the age of six. He will attend the University of California at Berkeley, where he intends to declare a math major. He hopes to one day become a financial analyst.

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VALEDICTORIAN JAROD WEBB

Jarod is the son of Jack and Kay Webb of Milo. He will attend The University of Maine - Orono and study Education - English.



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