
Alumni and Friends Newsletter Fall 2022



Dear Putney Alumni and Friends,

There is energy on campus! Our new head of school, Danny O'Brien, began his tenure this summer as construction on two new dormitories began. Students are packing for their Long Fall trips, and the cows are moving from their summer pastures. Harvest Festival, the first since 2019, is in the works. With gratitude and joy from Putney to all of you!

Sing it *Forward*: A Campaign For Putney's Future Launches!

Reunion Weekend brought alumni home to this beautiful hillside and celebrated the public launch of Putney's largest comprehensive campaign to date. [Have a look at the webpage](#) for campaign



information, images, and videos from the groundbreaking ceremony of the new dorm, Hepper House, and other launch festivities. We welcome your participation—as a volunteer, an event host, a donor (of any size), as an invested community member who knows the value of all that Putney offers. If you want to be a part of ensuring

Putney lives long into the future, instilling the [Fundamental Beliefs](#) into many more generations to come, join us. Reach out to [Kalya Yannatos](#), Director of Development, to discuss ways you might want to get involved. Thank you!

[Learn more about the campaign](#)

Dorm Construction Begins



Excavators began connecting the new sites with water in July, the greenhouses came down in August, (the first of the two rose soon after), and the first foundation poured in September; dorm construction is underway! We invite you to follow the progress on the Instagram account [@PutneyDormProject](#). And for more information on the timeline of construction, including a general overview and a detailed plan, please visit [this page](#).



[Follow dorm progress on Instagram](#)

Visual Arts Faculty Show in Currier Gallery



Join us for the opening of our Visual Arts Faculty show featuring the work of:

Jules Bruno
Melissa Johnson
Naomi Lindenfeld
Robin Muller
Rodrigo Nava
Helen Schmidt
Cai Silver
Lynne Weinstein
and more

The show runs from September 16–October 30.
The opening reception will be held on October 9, 2022, from 2:30-4 p.m.

A Call to Connect



At the heart of Putney are the people. We will continue to offer ways to stay connected, with more events happening in person (on campus and off), Zoom gatherings in the year to come, and—we're excited to say—the return of [Harvest Festival](#), Sunday, October 9.

Over the years, Putney has offered a handful of tools for alumni networking. We hope to reinvigorate that service and will lean into our [LinkedIn network](#) to make it happen. As a starting point, we invite you to join the group, and to add Putney to your education on your LinkedIn profile.

Simone Geary '17 is working to create a group for alumni who work in film/TV. Using LinkedIn she hopes to build a sense of community and support for both

established alums and those in the early stages of their careers. If interested, email [Simone](#) or contact her via [LinkedIn](#).

May these spaces let you find old friends, form interest groups, and stay connected. Don't hesitate to reach out to [Alison Frye](#) if you too would like to form an interest group.

Join us on LinkedIn

Seeking Alumni Volunteers

We're always looking for alumni to act as class agents or class secretaries—it's a great way to stay more closely involved with Putney and gives you an excuse to keep in touch with your classmates. Although agents tend to focus on the financial viability of the school and secretaries the newsy bits that people want to share, it's the connections that are made in the process that build community and help keep the school strong and vibrant. If you're interested in finding out more, please get in touch with [Carlotta Brelsford Cuerton '80](#) (agents) or [Alison Frye](#) (secretaries). We can also invite you to a late September Zoom gathering of secretaries and agents that will give you a window into the world. Your involvement is welcomed!



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