



Alumni and Friends Newsletter March 2025



Spring is Coming (photo by Max '25)

Dear Putney Alumni and Friends,

[Yesterday was Town Meeting day](#). And while our students are currently on spring break, the issues the town of Putney wrestles with remain relevant to life on campus. Small communities are like families—at our best, we laugh together often, occasionally disagree, and ultimately take care of each other.

Thank you all for being a part of the Putney family. May your maple trees run with sap this spring, and may the emerging blooms brighten your day.

Best wishes,
Alison

Alison Frye
Alumni Relations Manager

Invitation to Putney Zoom Call



You may have heard rumors about a challenging fiscal time for The Putney School. The Putney you know and love remains strong, and the school wants to share more information with you and give you the opportunity to ask questions. You are invited to a Zoom meeting on Sunday, March 16, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. [Register for the Zoom meeting here.](#)

Present from the school will be Head of School Danny O'Brien, Assistant Head of School Kate Knopp, Board Chair John Macintosh, as well as several additional employees who want to be present to hear and be available to field your questions. The event will be moderated by Alumni Relations Manager Alison Frye.

We encourage you to read the following to gain more information about Putney's full academic curriculum for the 2025-26 school year.

We look forward to seeing you at the Zoom meeting if you are able to attend.

[Putney Academic Course Offerings 2025-26 School Year](#)

[Letter from Danny O'Brien and John Macintosh](#)

Art | Basketball | Business: Lee Martin '15's Unorthodox Path to Harvard Business School

Lee Martin '15, foreground, making music during a senior year Project Week at Putney, with Jeffrey Figuereo '16

"At his core, Lee Martin is an artist." From Chicago to Putney, from Swarthmore to Harvard, the *Harbus* (published by Harvard Business School) tells Lee's story as



an artist, an athlete, a leader, and a young adult committed to mission-driven work in the business world. [Read the story here.](#)

Libby Holmes to Retire After Thirty-Five Years of Teaching from the Heart



Libby Holmes, flanked by her husband, Ken Brautigam, with her first Putney advisees Kimi Miyazaki '91 and Shigeru Tanida '91 on a recent trip to Japan

In our last enewsletter we shared news of Karla Baldwin's retirement. Today we share that Libby Holmes is also retiring at the end of this school year after 35 years at Putney. What a legacy she will leave: International Café, the spring ice cream truck, Lunar New Year celebrations, recruiting, advising, teaching and advocating for decades of Putney's international students, the chopstick challenge, and so much more! How do we begin to thank her? If you'd like to take a minute to express your appreciation, please do [send her a note](#). Look for a story about Libby and Karla in the upcoming issue of the Putney Post.

Currier Center Gallery Show: Michael Abrams



Herrick's Cove by Michael Abrams

This spring, take in the work of [Michael Abrams](#) in the school's Michael S. Currier Center Gallery from March 18–May 12, with an opening reception March 28 from 4:30–6:00 p.m. From the artist's statement: "Since his move to Vermont in 2008 from lower Manhattan, Abrams has embraced the local natural environment as an increasingly direct influence on his work. Humbled by the abundantly varied vistas and their never-ending seasonal rebirth, the striking physical character of the landscape, the unique qualities of light, and atmosphere oscillating between crystal clear to thickly obscuring, these elements have become key in the story he is telling of his relationship with nature."

Putney Events and Alumni Connections



We hope to see alumni and on the road (and here on campus) in the coming months. You can find full event details and RSVP at putneyschool.org/alumni

Young Alumni Professional Networking Events

Putney will once again join a group of New England schools for two young alumni professional networking evening events. Join alumni from Putney and eight other New England boarding schools to network, learn, and connect over professional endeavors, ideas, and passions.

If you're interested in representing Putney and leading a Boston roundtable conversation about your work in any industry, we'd love to hear from you. Thank you to Jeanne Schwartz '04 for representing Putney at our New York City event!

[Register for the networking events here.](#)

New York City

April 1, 2025

6:30–9:00 p.m.

The Penn Club

30 W. 44th Street

NY, NY

Boston

April 3, 2025

6:30–9:00 p.m.
The Exchange
212 Northern Ave.
Boston, MA

Reunion 2025

Registration opens April 1, 2025

June 6–8, 2025

Classes of 65–66, 70–71, 75, 90–91, 99–02, 08–10

[Reunion website](#)



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