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Dear Walker’s Own,

Greetings from Simsbury as we move from the solstice to summer proper! So much has happened — it’s been a kaleidoscopic year indeed! We had a Naturalization Ceremony on campus, Memorial Chapel, senior speeches, and a board of trustees meeting. Then Dogwood Day, Prom, Reunion and Graduation in successive fashion have completed the colorful ever-shifting pattern of spring.

Now it’s time for us — alums, parents and families, faculty, staff and students, to get outdoors, enjoy the sun and then perhaps curl up with a good book. During this year, I’ve enjoyed the EWSPA Book Group when I’ve been free to attend with its varied choices and thoughtful discussions. Now with summer at hand, I’m looking forward to indulging more fully in my favorite hobby.

In keeping with the theme of ‘firsts,’ we are trying out a different kind of Sundial supplement issue for this summer — briefer, lighter, with snapshots, verbal and visual, of memorable occasions since our last issue, and newest of all — summer reading lists and recommendations from various members of our community. It is endlessly fascinating for me to hear about what our community is reading, and, I confess, that when visiting a new friend’s home, I often covertly sidle up to the bookshelves in order to learn who she or he really is. Our personal virtues as well as our vices are amply on display through our reading selections.

By way of example, on Eric’s bedside table are three neatly ordered piles consisting of cookbooks (in case you don’t know, he has become a consummate master at creating one-of-a-kind vegetarian casseroles that he terms *hapax legomena*), the fiction of the great Scottish adventure writer John Buchan (he re-reads *Green Mantle* at least once a year), and more recently, various books on the emergence of the Arab nations in the 20th century.

My side is a higgledy-piggledy scattering of books resembling tourists on a beach with little order or design, including books on gardening (Stephen Buhner’s *The Secret Teaching of Plants*), novels (Shusaku Endo’s *The Girl I Left Behind*), science (*The Sun, the Genome and the Internet* by Freeman Dyson), education (Anthony Greenwald and Mahzarin Banaji’s *Blind Spot*), children’s books, and oddball outliers (*Bitter Bond: A Colonial Divorce Drama of the Seventeenth Century* by Leonard Blussé). All lie cheek by jowl promiscuously with one another, a sprawling, confounding and hedonistic literary resort.

Recently I finished a truly inspiring book by a Walker’s alum, Nan Alexander Doyal, entitled *Dig Where You Are*, narrating the life journeys of seven individuals around the globe who have had an extraordinary impact by doing what they love for all of the people they love in their own community as artists, entrepreneurs, social advocates, physicians and on. At various moments, thanks to Nan’s insight, I found myself tearing up, remembering once again and feeling confirmed about why I’m doing what I’m doing. A powerful book that will transport you. Thank you, Nan!

We are, it seems, what we consume, whether it be food or fodder for the mind. One of our trustees shared a book with me last year, Nina George’s *The Little Paris Bookshop*, in which the protagonist operates a bookstore on a barge named the Literary Apothecary, doling out book prescriptions to those confronting life’s challenges ranging from love, to work, to existence itself. Perhaps all reading is a form of self-medication, a means whereby we heal ourselves.

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Hence, in this issue, you will find selections from various alumnae classes, from faculty and staff, and students as well for your textual delectation. We would love to hear from you your reactions and any recommendations you have for our community.

Reading is entertainment, it is education, it is indulgence, it is the best kind of distraction and most of all it offers a connection with one another. In the words of a fourteenth century Buddhist priest from Japan, Yoshida Kenko, “To sit alone in the lamplight with a book spread out before you and hold intimate converse with people of unseen generations — such is pleasure beyond compare.”

Cheers,

Dr. Meera Viswanathan (aka Ms. Vis)
HEAD OF SCHOOL
On April 13, thirty-eight individuals from twenty-three countries became new U.S. citizens in a special naturalization ceremony in the Centennial Center gym. Students, faculty, staff, family members, trustees and special guests were in attendance. United States Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) addressed the new citizens where he spoke about the invaluable contributions of immigrants to our society, stating “our diversity is our strength.”

Following opening remarks by Associate Head of School Amy Wheeler, The Grapes, Walker’s a capella group, delivered a moving rendition of our national anthem under the direction of Music Department Chair Laurie MacAlpine P’08. Head of School Dr. Meera Viswanathan, or Ms. Vis as she is known to the students, delivered the keynote address stating, “Virtually all of us in this room either are or were immigrants to the United States or are children or descendants of those who were immigrants...Some twenty-five years ago, I became a U.S. citizen, having become a permanent resident green-card holder some years earlier.”
Ms. Vis went on to tell the story of how she, her mother and sister immigrated to the United States from India when she was a child to join her father who had been offered a teaching position at a university. She shared many details of their early life in the U.S. including sadly that her parents’ marriage did not last and that she and her sister suffered from medical issues. Along the way, her mother sought an education, and changed her hair and clothes to a Western style so that she could offer her children opportunities that they would not have been allowed in their home country. “As I look back, I marvel at the improbability of it all. An improbability that is classically American,” added Ms. Vis.

The citizens were then naturalized during an official court proceeding led by The Honorable Robert A. Richardson, Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court, District of Connecticut. Board of Trustees Member Renee Alexander P’13 was the courtroom deputy for the proceeding. After the ceremony, all in attendance were provided with an opportunity to apply for U.S. passports and register to vote.

Riyadh Al Aqel, an 11-year employee of Flik Independent School Dining here at Walker’s, was among those being naturalized. Three adult members of the Walker’s community, including Spanish teacher and Executive Director of Horizons at The Ethel Walker School Isabel Ceballos (born in Columbia), Dean of Digital and Library Services Nishette Isaac (born in St. Lucia), and Head of School Meera Viswanathan (born in India) all chose to retake their Oath of Allegiance during the ceremony.

Isabel Ceballos, Riyadh Al Aqel, Head of School Meera Viswanathan and Nishette Isaac
The weekend of May 19 and 20 was alive with activity as more than 125 women from classes ending in 2 and 7 came to campus to celebrate Reunion Weekend.

The weekend began with a welcome back luncheon in Abra’s followed by afternoon tea and talk with Head of School Meera Viswanathan and Associate Head of School Amy Wheeler. Later in the afternoon, an alumnae Women of Color Panel was offered in conjunction with the Black Student Union. Alumnae, faculty and staff, and guests enjoyed a lively reception in the new Centennial Center Soc followed by class dinners, including a sunset gathering at the Deck House for the Class of 1992 which celebrated its 25th reunion. There was also an intimate dinner at Debby’s House hosted by Meera and Eric Widmer to celebrate the 50th reunion of the Class of 1967. Also in attendance were the Grand Classes, including those women who were celebrating reunions of more than 50 years. While on their way to the reception, many stopped in the Letitia McClure Porter ’55, P’85 Gallery at the entrance to the Centennial Center from Beaver Brook for the alumnae art exhibit.

Saturday dawned with sunrise yoga in one of two new dance studios in the Centennial Center followed shortly by a morning filled with student presentations during the Strawberries and Cream Breakfast. The traditional Maypole Dance on the front lawn of Beaver Brook was followed by the parade of classes. Members of the Class of 1937, Betsy Hubbard Stott and Adele Harman Waggaman who were celebrating their 80th reunion, led the procession followed by members of the Alumnae Board.
and graduates from sixteen classes including the Class of 2017. Reunion Chapel was a time to remember classmates who were no longer with us but also to celebrate the presentation of the Alumnae Board’s Social Action Award to Brea Austin and Eshita Rahman of the Class of 2017. Chapel concluded with the singing of the School song with girls from across the decades locked arm-in-arm in a long-standing Walker’s tradition.

Saturday afternoon was filled with a state of the school address, a panel discussion entitled “Walker’s Women Across the Decades” and Milk Lunch complete with cookies (including gluten-free!) and milk. A series of conversations took place in the library on various topics including Women of Color, EWS Book Club, Design Thinking and Beyond, and LGBTQ. Groups enjoyed guided walks in Walker’s Woods and some saddled up for an afternoon ride or campus tour offered by our cicerones.

Saturday night concluded with dinner, including the presentation of awards, and the ever-popular Ba-Na-Na. A newer tradition, a piano bar, was available in the living room complete with après dinner drinks and wonderful piano music from Music Department Chair Laurie MacAlpine P’08. Sunday morning’s Legacy Brunch was a lively time for story-telling and laughter among women from across the decades.

All-in-all it was a exceptionally fun-filled weekend for all who attended with many suggesting that “we should do this more often.” And, we hope you do. Visit as often as you can. We always love welcoming Walker’s women back to Simsbury.

Visit www.ethelwalker.org/reunion to view a album of photos from Reunion 2017.
Awards

The Sundial Bowl is awarded each year to the class with the largest percentage of classmates registered for Reunion Weekend. This year, the Class of 1982 won the Sundial Bowl with 24 classmates, or 30% of the class, in attendance for Reunion Weekend! Hooray Sunray, Class of 1982!

The Long Distance Award is presented to the alumna who traveled the longest distance from her home to Simsbury to attend her reunion. This year, the award was presented to Lillian Irani Mueller ’77 who traveled from Beverly Hills, CA to join her classmates and celebrate her 40th reunion. Hooray Sunray, Lillian!

Where were they from?

Walker’s women came from across the country — and the world — to attend Reunion Weekend including from these states and countries:

California  Illinois  New Jersey  Tennessee  Countries:
Connecticut  Maine  New York  Vermont  Dominican Republic
District of Columbia  Maryland  North Carolina  Virginia  Panama
Florida  Massachusetts  Pennsylvania  Washington

Countries:

STUDENT AWARD

The Alumnae Board Social Action Award

During Chapel on Reunion Weekend, Katherine Hypolite ’04, co-chair of the Alumnae Board, presented the Alumnae Board’s Social Action Award to Brea Austin ’17 and Eshita Rahman ’17. The award recognizes a senior (or seniors) who “has demonstrated a concern for issues of social inequality…has acted on her concern through actively promoting awareness or participating in community service, activism or social entrepreneurship intended to advance positive social change.”

Eshita Rahman ’17 and Brea Austin ’17
Katharine O'Brien Rohn ’82
Margot Treman Rose ’80
Distinguished Alumnae Award

Katharine (Kit) O’Brien Rohn ’82 has served the Walker’s community for many years in various capacities, including as current chair of the Board of Trustees, as a former member of the Alumnae Board, and co-chair of the most recent head search committee. In introducing Kit for the award, fellow board member Harriet Blees Dewey ’60, P’86, the 2016 winner of the award, said “[Kit] is genuinely curious about the world she finds herself in…each day she follows her passions; she is a doer and she values commitment. She is a team player, a play maker and a leader. One could say, ‘a pied piper.’ Most importantly, she has a deep understanding of the importance of giving back.”

Kit has an endless reserve of energy, enthusiasm and passion about Walker’s. Whether traveling the country with Head of School Meera Viswanathan to meet with alumnae in various cities or while on campus managing board activities or meeting with faculty and staff to learn more about the everyday lives of our current students, Kit consistently brings a level of energy to her work that is unparalleled. Her passion and commitment to do important work on behalf of every member of the Walker’s community is palpable to all who work alongside her. When you next see Kit, congratulate her on this well-deserved honor.

The Margot Treman Rose ’80 Distinguished Alumnae Award is The Ethel Walker School’s highest honor given to Walker’s graduates. It is presented to graduates of the School who best exemplify Margot Rose’s attributes, ensuring that her work, dedication, and influence will be remembered now and always. When awarded, it will honor alumnae who, by their devotion and talent, elevate the work of their profession, who influence their community, or who give extraordinary service to their School. The award has been endowed in Margot’s honor by her mother, Terese Treman Williams ’55, and her stepfather, Joseph Williams.

PAST WINNERS
2005 – Margot Treman Rose ’80
2007 – Sarah Johnson Redlich ’78, P’10
2010 – Letitia McClure Potter ’55, P’85
2011 – Deborah Williams MacKenzie ’55
2013 – Margot Campbell Bogert ’60
2014 – Ann Watson Bresnahan ’69
2015 – Sarah Gates Colley ’75
2016 – Harriet Blees Dewey ’60, P’86
80th Reunion: Betsy Hubbard Stott and Adele Harman Waggaman had a wonderful time reconnecting with each other at their 80th reunion celebration. The classmates were accompanied to Reunion by family members who enjoyed activities throughout the day on Saturday and into the evening. Betsy also was one of the featured artists in our alumnae art exhibit in the Letitia McClure Potter ’55, P’85 Gallery on the main floor of the Centennial Center.

70th Reunion: Not to be outdone by the members of the 80th Reunion class, Peggy Plunkett Lord, Ruth Cummings Mead, Shirley McKeever Tanner, and Joan Ferguson Ellis partied well into the evening at the piano bar in the Living Room while enjoying the musical talents of Ms. Laurie MacAlpine P’08, director of Walker’s music program.

60th Reunion: Ginny McMillan Lambrecht ’57 proudly displayed her class sign during the Reunion 2017 parade of classes around the Beaver Brook circle. Ginny, who traveled from her home in Boca Grande, Florida, was the only member of the Class of 1957 on campus for this year’s 60th reunion.

50th Reunion: Caroline “Docey” Baldwin Lewis and Judith Scott Larsen were on campus to represent the Class of 1967 for their 50th reunion. Both women enjoyed sharing lunch with Head of School Meera Viswanathan, taking part in an alumnae panel, and displaying their artwork with us for the alumnae art exhibit.

The Letitia McClure Potter ’55, P’85 Gallery on the main level of the Centennial Center was the location for a special alumnae art exhibit during Reunion weekend. Alumnae artists Betsy Stott ’37, Class of 1967 members Jesseca Ferguson, Judith Larsen and Docey Lewis, and Liss Couch-Edwards ’07 shared a wonderful collection of their work. Students and faculty appreciated the opportunity to visit the gallery and view the exhibit which included digital pieces, oils, pastels, pencil drawings and works in other mediums.

Students enjoy the work of Judith Larsen ’67 at the alumnae art exhibit during Reunion weekend.
Legacies

Betsy Stott ’37 is surrounded by her daughters, Janet Stott ’66 and Sarah Stott ’70, as they greet Head of School Meera Viswanathan during their arrival for Reunion weekend. Betsy Smith van Gemeren ’77 poses for a quick shot on the steps of Beaver Brook with her daughter, EV van Gemeren ’07.

Leslie Morales ’18 had a chance to catch up with her aunt, Connie Morales ’92, during the Legacy Brunch on Sunday morning.

2017 Reunion Legacy Attendees

Reunion is a perfect time for us to reflect on all the ways that we are connected to each other — as both friends and family — within the Walker’s community. This year, there were many Walker’s women celebrating reunions who are related to Walker’s alumnae across the decades. Below is a listing of all of the women who attended Reunion (their names are in bold) and their legacy connections:

Elizabeth “Betsy” Hubbard Stott ’37 — mother to Janet Stott ’66 and Sarah Stott ’70
Joan Ferguson Ellis ’47 — daughter of Janet Ferguson 1912
Margaret “Peggy” Plunkett Lord ’47 — cousin of Christina Dodge ’68, mother to Cate Lord ’69 and Sarah Lord Field ’71, and grandmother to Abigail Brown ’96
Ruth Cummings Mead ’47 — sister of Joyce Cummings Hobbs ’45 and Nancy Cummings Henry ’50, and aunt to Mary “Mimi” Mead-Hagen ’72
Judith Scott Larsen ’67 — sister of Susan Scott ’65 and aunt to Leah Anathan ’92
Caroline “Docey” Baldwin Lewis ’67 — sister of Hope Baldwin McLeod ’70
Sarah House Denby ’72 — step-sister of Damaris Welles ’71
Mary “Mimi” Mead-Hagen ’72 — niece of Ellie Hillard Hillman ’44 and Ruth Cummings Mead ’47
Cecily Chilton Mathai ’77 — daughter of Maude Urston Chilton ’53 and sister of Eve Chilton Martinaro ’79
Patricia “Trish” O’Reilly ’80 — niece of Jane Buckley Smith ’42 and Patricia Bozell ’44, daughter of Maureen Buckley O’Reilly ’50, sister of Priscilla O’Reilly ’78 and Ann O’Reilly ’80, cousin of Kimberley Niles ’68, Talbot “Tally” Smith Briggs ’70, Priscilla Buckley Illle ’74, Jennifer Smith ’76, Anne Chariton Stone ’81 and Carol Chariton Ehret ’84, and aunt to Katherine Murphy ’17
Deborah Rush ’77 — mother of Isabel Rush ’19
Cecil Catherine Taylor ’77 — sister of Louisa Cecil Harrison ’83
Elizabeth “Betsy” Smith van Gemeren ’77 — sister of Ashley Smith Washburn ’79 and mother of Elizabeth “EV” van Gemeren ’07 and Eleanor “Ellie” van Gemeren ’09
Diana Aixala ’82 — cousin of Ana Cullillas Walker ’78 and Ana Consuegra Cummins ’83, and sister of Maria Aixala-Dawson ’85
Jean Chant ’82 — sister of Kathleen Brigham Uberuaga ’85
Ashley Dewey ’82 — daughter of Nancie Magee Bourne ’53, daughter-in-law of Harriet Bless Dewey ’60 P’86 and sister of Kimberly Bourne Fisher ’77
Leah Gowen ’82 — cousin of Andree Devendorf Welsh ’74 and Marcia Devendorf Morrell ’78, and sister of Cynthia Gowen Crawford ’79
Emily Eckelberry Johnson ’82 — daughter of Mollie Stark Eckelberry ’48
Hope Wickser Lufkin ’82 — niece of Hope Baldwin McCormick ’37 and Joan Baldwin Oakerson ’40, daughter of Lois Baldwin Chapin ’45, sister of Alexandra Wickser Ballantine ’73 and Loise Wickser Toland ’79 and cousin of Susan Cartwright Due ’63, Lisa Smith Cashin ’71, Melissa Banta Tyson ’71 and Hilary Hunt McCutcheon ’83
Corlene Cathcart Rhoades ’82 — daughter of Corlene Hobbs Cathcart ’44
Kit O’Brien Rohn ’82 — sister of Caroline O’Brien Thomas ’84
Heather Sweeny ’82 — sister of Hilary Sweeny Karst ’89
Cynthia Vega ’82 — niece of Ligia Bonetti ’53, daughter of Cynthia Guerra Vega ’59, cousin of Maria Guerra ’61, Ligia Reid de Vela ’75 and Annabelle Reid ’78, and sister of Monica Vega de Geraldes ’83 and Paula Vega ’89
Leila Wetmore ’82 — mother of Eliza Wetmore ’18
Connie Morales ’92 — aunt of Leslie Morales ’18
Alicia Benedetto ’97 — sister of Marguerite Kelly Rush ’93
Courtney Biondi Kelsch ’97 — cousin of Allison Herr ’86 and Anne Herr ’81, and sister of Bethany Biondi ’99
Karen Crowe ’97 — aunt of Keelyn Crowe ’13
Katherine Flanagan Shoss ’97 — cousin of Mary Coyne Hayes ’82, Christina Coyne ’86 and Wendy Smith ’87, and sister of Nancy “Nan” Flanagan ’93
Puja Thadani-Motiani ’97 — cousin of Sumrita Daswani ’97
Kristi Sadowski ’02 — cousin of Alexandra Brucker ’95
Melissa Scully ’02 — sister of Cassandra Scully ’08
Emily Casey ’07 — sister of Blair Casey ’09 and Madeline S. Casey ’13
Alicia “Liss” Couch-Edwards ’07 — sister of Meghan Couch-Edwards ’10
Michelle Garcia ’07 — sister of Karina Garcia ’05
Justine Stone ’07 — sister of Elizabeth Stone ’10
Elizabeth “EV” van Gemeren ’07 — daughter of Elizabeth “Betsy” Smith van Gemeren ’77 and sister of Eleanor “Ellie” van Gemeren ’09
Eda “Ellie” Bell ’12 — granddaughter of Constance Lavino Bell ’48 and niece of Deborah Bell Speebehk ’75 and Constance Bell Moser ’72
Michelle Coster ’12 — sister of Ashley Coster Harrison ’00
Hanna Fasano ’12 — sister of Abigail L. Fasano ’13
Ema Graham ’12 — sister of Claire Graham ’15
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Abigail L. Fasano ’13
Hanna Fasano ’12
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Constance Bell Moser ’72

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Reunion

Sarah House Denby and Susan Churchill Bowman

Front row: Julie Ward Flood, Cecily Chilton Matthai, Patricia O’Reilly, Casey Berardi and Betsy Smith van Gemeren

Front: Jill Keffer Crowe, Hooey Stewart Wilks, Leila Howland Wetmore and Cynthia Vega
Third row: Tracey Flach Shiel, Lee Gowen, Tracey Reifler, Jean Brigham Chant and Jenna Schnabel Wedemeyer
Fourth row: Lynn Cathcart Rhoades, Emily Eckelberry Johnson, Courtney Callahan and Sahba Sadegh-Vaziri
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Wendy Martin, Alisa Viet Foulke, Kelly Schmidt, Amy Benusis, Liz Ortecho, Deb Whitfield Wiese and Liz West Glidden

Connie Morales, Eliza David Massaro, Cat Beach, LaDawn Lanier Hightower and Tamara Duvall

Front row: Puja Thadhani-Motiani
Middle row: Alexandra Henriquez de Salceda, Karen Crowe, Alicia Kelly Benedetto, Courtney Biondi Keisch and Namita Parikh
Back row: Nevon Muhammad, Kate Flanagan Shoss, Linsey LaFrenier and Melissa Bryant

Front row: Melissa Scully, Holly Guzman, Terri Booker and Cerra Cardwell
Back row: Brittany Coons Noble, Emily Forman, Holly Jackson and Crystal Ward

Front row: Posey Daves, Jeanette Pelizzon, EV van Gemeren and Kelly Tran
Back row: Contessa Coleman, Emily Casey, Perry Shusterman, Maida Lanstein, Justine Stone and Mallory Moore

Ellie Bell, Sydney Hansen, Michelle Coster, Ashley Mihelis, Ema Graham and Marisa Greshin
105th Commencement

“...the diplomas awarded today have been fiercely earned and will soon be so proudly bestowed...”
The front lawn of Beaver Brook was the setting on June 11 for the 105th commencement ceremony of The Ethel Walker School. Forty-six graduates in the Class of 2017 accepted their diplomas under warm, gentle breezes as their families, friends, faculty and staff, and underclasswomen gathered to celebrate their success and wish them well as they begin the next chapter of their lives as members of the Walker’s alumnae community.

The ceremony began with a blessing from Dr. Eric Widmer, or Mr. Vis as he is affectionately known as the husband of Head of School Meera Viswanathan. “…we are blessed by this festive day; by the joy that we share, and the thankfulness that this day inspires in all of us; and to our seniors, by a belief in ourselves that will always be part of who we are, for the diplomas awarded today have been fiercely earned and will soon be so proudly bestowed…”

In her opening remarks, Head of School Meera Viswanathan reminded the group that she was participating in her first commencement exercise as head of school. She went on to thank the many individuals who made such a wonderful day possible and she had a special message for the parents, “Thank you for entrusting what is most precious to you to all of us at Walker’s. We have partnered with you to nurture, guide, mentor and encourage your daughters to discover all of which they are capable and more.”
Idabelle Paterson, student body president, spoke on behalf of the Class of 2017. “It’s not easy to graduate. Walking across this stage and shaking people’s hands and smiling with our diploma and hoping we don’t trip on the red carpet in our heels may be easy, but it’s not easy to leave behind the world we know and love.” She added that in addition to the thankfulness that students feel towards their parents, faculty and others who helped them be successful. “When we walk across this stage, we are giving a silent promise to all of you. We are promising to remember what Walker’s has taught us: to be the best, truest version of ourselves.”

Leander A. Dolphin ’95, a member of the School’s board of trustees and a partner at Shipman & Goodwin LLP, delivered the keynote address. She began by reminiscing about how improbable it seemed 26 years ago when she entered Beaver Brook as a student that she would be delivering the keynote address at this year’s commencement. “I was born in Castries, St. Lucia, a beautiful and tiny island paradise in the Lesser Antilles,” she began. “I moved to Brooklyn, NY when I was eight to join my mother, who worked as a housekeeper for several wealthy families, and my younger brother. I hated leaving my home, my grandmother, and the rest of my family. Though there had been talk about the streets of New York being paved with gold, I saw quickly that 1986 Brooklyn streets were covered in everything but gold.”

Leander said that while schoolwork in Brooklyn was easy, her heavy Creole accent and "a name like Leander" were two things she felt would hold her back. With the help of WINS1010 talk radio and inclusion in a gifted and talented program at her school, Leander was offered a scholarship to attend Walker’s from A Better Chance. “So it was, that I walked into Beaver Brook, five years after moving to the United States, with my American accent and Brooklyn girl attitude… It was here that I received the gift of self-actualization, a gift that required accepting that I owed it to myself to be my authentic self, no matter the circumstance,” she added, kicking off her heels because they were bothersome and, being true to her authentic self, she felt more comfortable in bare feet delivering the remainder of her remarks.

Leander encouraged the graduates to think critically about the gifts they have received during their time at Walker’s and how they too can use their voices to persuade others to use theirs. “Whatever you decide to do next, remember the gifts that have been bestowed upon you, and pay it forward. Reach back and lift up a girl. Lift her onto your shoulders, add your voice to hers. Throw open each new door, with our authentic selves, ready to listen, ready to advocate, ready to serve.”

In her charge to the class, Ms. Vis recited Expect Nothing by Alice Walker, a poem she shared previously with the girls, as a reminder that while we are all individuals we are also part of a collective body. She said, “Ethel Walker graduates of the Class of 2017, we charge you to go out boldly into the world, expecting nothing, but embodying the most fundamental principles of our beloved school: Respect. Love of learning. Integrity. Conviction. Courage. And Confidence. And the words of our school meditation, carry with you love, ‘for in love lies the key to life.’ Remember that your bond to this school can never be severed, you will always be ours, we will always be yours. Though you will undoubtedly face many obstacles, manifest resilience, even in difficult times. Know that in the words from Virgil’s Aeneid ‘Forsan et haec olim meminisse juvabit.’ Even at this too will you one day look back and smile. Ave atque vale, hail and farewell, you brave graduates of 2017.”
The Ethel Walker Medal, the highest honor bestowed on a member of the Walker’s community, was presented by Head of School Meera Viswanathan to Board of Trustees member Christopher Brigham during the commencement ceremony. Brigham, whose two sisters Jean ’82 and Kathleen ’85 attended Walker’s, joined his mother Kay in service as a board member to the School. Kay served as a trustee during the 80s when her daughters were students. Viswanathan offered, “During his tenure as trustee at Walker’s, Chris has been unstinting with his time and energy, generously offering his expertise wherever needed. He has chaired the Admissions Committee of the Board, served as a member of the search committee for a new head, regularly participated in panels with members of the EWS faculty at national conferences, encouraged the previous and new heads of School at every turn, ensuring they avoid any missteps...We know when Chris is present, all will be handled with meticulous correctness and extraordinary care.”
BOOK AWARDS
THE BRANDEIS BOOK AWARD
Leslie Morales ’18
THE BROWN BOOK AWARD
Margaret (Garet) Wierdsma ’18
THE DARTMOUTH BOOK AWARD
Mariela D’Alessandro ’19
THE HARVARD BOOK AWARD
Xuanzi (Jacqueline) Zhao ’18
THE MOUNT HOLYOKE BOOK AWARD
Jiayi (Jeanine) Wang ’18
THE ST. LAWRENCE BOOK AWARD
Madeleine (Maddie) Ross ’18
THE SMITH BOOK AWARD
Esi Obeng ’18
THE TRINITY BOOK AWARD
Theresa Jo ’18
THE WELLESLEY BOOK AWARD
Haoyue (Kate) Zhang ’18
THE YALE BOOK AWARD
Yining Zhou ’18

DEPARTMENT AWARDS AND PRIZES
THE MARY SCOUTHNER NELSON ENGLISH PRIZE
Idabelle Paterson ’17
THE ETHEL WALKER SCHOOL ESSAY PRIZE
Madeleine Pelletier ’20
Celeste Davis ’19
Ella Gotbaum ’18
Idabelle Paterson ’17
THE CHINESE PRIZE
Emily Cazares ’17
THE LATIN PRIZE
Idabelle Paterson ’17
THE SPANISH PRIZE
Sydney Olstein ’17
THE HISTORY PRIZE
Awele (Nina) Chukwura ’17
THE SCIENCE PRIZE
Wei-jia (Nina) Zhang ’17
THE RPI CERTIFICATE
Jiaying (Victoria) Wang ’18
THE MATHEMATICS PRIZE
Han (Lucy) Yang ’18
THE MUSIC PRIZE
Alora Foster ’17
THE MADELENE SALA CHOIR GIRL
Alana Garcia ’17

SERVICE AWARDS
THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
Cheyenne Watts ’17

Senior Class Gift — The Class of 2017 has made a generous gift of the purchase of a body mic system for Big Ferg to include a transmitter, receiver and microphone for use in plays and musical productions as well for chapel presentations, all-school meetings and guest speakers.
Prizes and Awards During Commencement Weekend 2017

During the Baccalaureate ceremony on Saturday afternoon, members of the Class of 2017 gathered in the chapel with their families, classmates, faculty, staff and special guests to hear Elisa Cardona, director of social justice and inclusion, deliver the keynote address. The gathering was also a time to celebrate a select group of Walker’s women including the announcement of the newest members in The Caroline Walker Honor Society and the awarding of The Amy C. Rehfuss Award.

In forming The Caroline Walker Honor Society, the Class of 1958 defined the four requisite qualities for membership in the Society: kindliness, loyalty, courage and humility. They went on to say that the award is given “[in] recognition to those, who by their warmth of character, add so much to our daily lives.” This year’s recipients are Alana Garcia, Eshita Rahman and Weijia (Nina) Zhang, members of the Class of 2017.

During Commencement, the Prize for Scholarship was presented to Lexi King who was recognized as an exceptional student who has taken a remarkably difficult course load and has excelled in each of her classes.

The Beatrice Hurlburt Memorial Prize was presented to Cheyenne Watts as a girl who possesses the qualities of character, integrity, honor, and unselfishness.

The Amy C. Rehfuss Award was presented to a girl who is “a versatile and sensitive young woman. Her grace and gentle manner complement her many talents.” This year’s winner is Esi Obeng ’18, incoming head of the Big 7 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Lexi King ’17 and Dean of Studies and Faculty Jill Harrington
Cheyenne Watts ’17 and Dean of Students Lauren Raia Mooney
Esi Obeng ’18 and Head of School Meera Viswanathan
Class of 2017 Matriculations

Brea Austin
Hannah Ayoubi
Anna Barbour
Clara Cano
Emily Cazares
Samantha Chessen
Nina Chukwura
Shae Clarke
Becky Erosa
Shiyi Fei
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Eunice Kim
Lexi King
Maddy Lamagna
Ivy Li
Candy Lin
Catherine Liu
Sydney Longley
Imogen Macleod
Mary McNally
Nat Meguid
Tanner Mitchell

Howard University
American University of Paris
Westmont College
American University
New York University
Elon University
Tufts University
Florida Atlantic University (Gap Year)
Delaware State University
McGill University
Ithaca College
Providence College
University of Connecticut
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Meredith College
University of Maryland
Hobart & William Smith Colleges
The University of Alabama
North Carolina State University
Boston University
Brown University
Quinnipiac University
Art Center College of Design
Wake Forest University
New York University
Saint Michael’s College
University of Glasgow
Siena College
Ithaca College
Howard University

Katie Murphy
Sydney Olstein
Idabelle Paterson
Catherine Pettit
Liza Phillips
Eshita Rahman
Emma Richardson
Palo Rodriguez
Caroline Roncalli
Brianna Silva
Catherine Sun
Dawn Wannasin
Cheyenne Watts
Agnes Xu
Lyrica Yanaway
Nina Zhang

Simmons College
Trinity College
Harvard University (Gap Year)
George Mason University
Nichols College
Mount Holyoke College
Quinnipiac University
Fordham University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Simmons College
Syracuse University
University of Minnesota
Boston University
(Tap Year, St. Felix School UK)
Union College
University of Rochester
(Tap Year, Dollar Academy UK)
Wellesley College

5 are attending women’s colleges, and two are attending HBCUs

4 are doing gap years

46 students are attending college in 15 states, and 3 foreign countries.

Members of the class are pursuing a variety of majors including materials science and engineering, music education, sports management, and industrial design.
On the beautiful early summer evening of June 9, 12 eighth grade girls were celebrated by their family and friends, faculty and Upper School classmates during Walker’s 27th Middle School Promotion ceremony. In her opening remarks, Associate Head of School Amy Wheeler encouraged girls to think about their journey through middle school. “Think back on your time in middle school, whether you began here in sixth grade or not...Close your eyes. Picture yourself in sixth grade: What do you see?” She continued, “How do these compare? What has changed? What has stayed the same? My guess is that whatever you see in yourself, there is no doubt that you have changed and grown. A lot…Only you know if you have reached goals you have set for yourself, personally, academically, athletically, and artistically. This is a time to reflect on what happened to you and in you during middle school. You are about to embark on high school — which is exciting — and a chance to start again in some ways. I hope you will think about what has shaped who you are today and what really matters to you. Bring that with you into high school.”

Each girl’s faculty advisor read a narrative about the time they spent together before awarding the promotion certificate. Awards were distributed and the members of the eighth grade class sang their version of *History* by Liam Payne and Louis Tomlinson.

MEMBERS OF THE EIGHTH GRADE CLASS:
Emma Binzer
Erin Corbett
Claire Garceau
Emily (Em) Jones
Claudia Luciani
Alizeh Mohsin
Hadleigh Morris
Fiona Mucaj
Wairimu (Grace) Mugo
Alyssa (Ally) Nastri
Elisabeth (Lizzy) Strapp
Mackenzie Zeytoonjian

MIDDLE SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS
Grade 6 – Kate Samson
Grade 7 – Hailey Suller
Grade 8 – Wairimu (Grace) Mugo

Associate Head of School Amy Wheeler and Middle School Director Lee-Ann Harris presented the awards to the girls during the Middle School Promotion ceremony.
New Works by Alumnae Authors

Members of the alumnae community are busy publishing books on a variety of topics. Please enjoy this sampling of some of the latest books published by fellow classmates.

**Veda Pendleton McClain ’75** recently published her fourth book titled, *I Mastered Parenting and Here’s What I Did: Parenting Strategies That Work*. Veda writes, “In this book, I share the strategies that I used, mostly as a single mom, in rearing my five (now adult) children successfully.” Veda earned her master’s degree in reading from the University of Central Arkansas and a doctor of philosophy degree in reading education at The University of Georgia. Her Louisville, KY-based consulting business, Veda McClain Consulting, specializes in literacy, education and parenting education products and services.

www.vedamcclain.com
$20.00 Paperback
ISBN 978-1517030551

**Mary Derbyshire Petty’s ’79** book, *Agility at Any Age: Discover the Secret to Balance, Mobility, and Confidence*, launched on May 2! Mary writes “The book is about using the Alexander Technique and movement sequences to help people move better and move more. The book is interactive and has 40 instructional videos that you can access with your phone, iPad or computer. The technology is simple to use and adds this amazing dimension to the book.”

www.mderbyshire.com
$14.99 Paperback
(Kindle version also available)
ISBN 978-1540811196
Nancy (Nan) Alexander Doyal’s ‘81 new book, Dig Where You Are, is about “seven remarkable men and women who have solved some of the biggest challenges facing our societies today. From the slums of Mumbai, the villages of Tibet and northeast Thailand, the inner cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco, and a ghetto outside Stockholm, Dig Where You Are tells of an artist, a surgeon, a teacher, a criminologist, an economist, a community organizer and a general physician each of whom saw a way beyond suffering and injustice, took responsibility for the well-being of others and ended up transforming lives and communities across the world. Who are they and how did they do it?”

“These are the stories of everyday people armed with a belief in the potential of others, a passion to change things for the better and a healthy dose of grit and persistence. Their lives are an inspiration for anyone who wants to make a difference but is not sure how to start. They remind us that it is small groups of committed and caring people—not large institutions and governments—who really change the world.”

www.digwhereyouare.com

$15.99 Paperback
ISBN 978-0997320305

Sarah Prager’s ‘04 book, Queer, There, and Everywhere, is a first of its kind book on LGBTQ history. The book, published by Harper, launched on May 23! In the book, Sarah delves deep into the lives of 23 people who fought, created, and loved on their own terms. From high-profile figures like Abraham Lincoln and Eleanor Roosevelt to the trailblazing gender-ambiguous Queen of Sweden and a bisexual blues singer who didn’t make it into your history books, these astonishing true stories uncover a rich queer heritage that encompasses every culture, in every era. According to Sarah, “World history has been made by countless lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals — and you’ve never heard of many of them.” This book is for anyone who wants the real story of the queer rights movement.

www.sarahprager.com/queerthere

$12.34 Hardcover (Kindle version also available)
ISBN 978-0062474315

Gwendolyn (Wendy) Walker’s ’85 latest book, Emma in the Night, will be released in hardcover on August 8, 2017. Wendy’s latest thriller is about teenage sisters, Cass and Emma, who disappear from their affluent, suburban home. Three years later, with just the clothes on her back and no evidence of where she’s been, Cass returns — without her sister. She talks of kidnapping and isolation, and a mysterious island where the two were held. But her story has holes — and it’s up to forensic psychologist Dr. Abby Winter to find the missing sister, Emma, and uncover what really happened in their tortured past. The truth will shock even Cass herself — a tale of fear, family and what it will take to survive her own past.

www.wendywalkerbooks.com

$17.70 Hardcover (available August 8, 2017)
ISBN 978-1427289308

Natalie Moore’s (aka Myrthia Moore Rivero ’79) new book, It’s a Match! The Guide to Finding Lasting Love, combines her professional expertise with her own personal experience in finding, getting and keeping a higher-level match. In comments “From the Author” on amazon.com, Natalie writes “My goal in writing this book was to help the average person have a much greater chance at finding a lasting love. I wanted to offer them skills and techniques that I teach clients and would take countless hours of therapy…The book will help them determine via my ‘4 Levels of Love’ model whether they have a relationship that can last for a lifetime. My scoring system takes the concept beyond the arena of theory.”

Natalie is an experienced relationship coach with a master’s degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Miami. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Harvard University and is a founding fellow of the Harvard Institute of Coaching.

www.nataliemoore.net

Paperback
ISBN 978-0996532006
Immerse Yourself This Summer!

Alumnae share their favorite book recommendations

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Class correspondent Susie Kleinhans Gilbertson writes, “I’ve been in a book club for many years and despite the fact that we’re shrinking in numbers, it is great fun. A perfect birthday or graduation present could be a five-volume package of favorites hopefully left behind for you to peruse in their absence.”

Casino Royale by Ian Fleming
Play It As It Lays by Joan Didion
The Portrait of a Lady by Henry James
The Six: Lives of the Mitford Sisters by Laura Thompson
A Movable Feast by Ernest Hemingway
The Billion Dollar Spy: A True Story of Cold War Espionage and Betrayal by David E. Hoffman
Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man’s Fight for Justice by Bill Browder

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Barbara Mayer Marks recommends two books which she says are heart-wrenching: The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah and The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman

Glenn Shannon recommends all of the Elena Ferrante’s novels beginning with My Brilliant Friend.

Betty Richards Tripp recommends Brussels to Beirut to Bali: The 1958 World Travels of Four Girls in a Second-Hand Chevy by Dana Matthaei Kent

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Peg Peck Blosser The Watchmaker of Filigree Street by Natasha Pulley

Missy Turnbull Geddes Purity by Jonathan Franzen

Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell by Janet Wallach

red notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man’s Fight for Justice by Bill Browder

“A” Massie Hill The Wright Brothers by David McCullough

The Last Partnerships: Inside the Great Wall Street Money Dynasties by Charles R. Geisst

Prague Winter by Madeleine Albright

Gigi Pearson Smithers The Future of Freedom: Illiberal Democracy at Home and Abroad by Charles R. Geisst


A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

1978
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Libby Swearengen Cerullo recommends Kafka on the Shore by Haruki Murakami (Utterly surprising; about philosophy, individuality, mythology. A gem of post-modern fiction — yeah, I had to look that up :-) Dreams of Trespass: Tales of a Harem Girlhood by Fatima Mernissi (A charming and fascinating memoir of a woman who was raised in a harem in Morocco in the 40s and 50s.)

M Tisin by Pati Smith (I read this second book first and was glad I did; poetic, post-everything, personal.)

= class correspondent
Rising, The Last Stormlord, Stormlord—a trilogy by Glenda Larke—on my most recent trip to Aruba some real “beach reading” while harrowing and amazing! Louise Penny’s Chief Inspector Gamache series—a wonderfully well-written series of murder mysteries featuring really interesting characters and compelling stories. Start at the beginning with Still Life and go from there.

Boys in the Trees: A Memoir by Carly Simon. What a life she has led!

Shoe Dog: A Memoir by the Creator of Nike by Phil Knight

The Teenage Brain: A Neuroscientist’s Survival Guide to Raising Adolescents and Young Adults by Frances E. Jensen, MD with Amy Ellis Nutt

Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy by Amy Grant and Sheryl Sandberg

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Mary Derbyshire (from the author herself)

Agility at Any Age: Discover the Secret to Balance, Mobility, and Confidence by Mary Derbyshire

Nila Hollfelder Gray

The Gilded Years by Karin Tanabe

Arabella Wattles Teal

The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

Nancy Mack von Euler

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond

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I have spent a bit of time reading some real “beach reading” while on my most recent trip to Aruba—a trilogy by Glenda Larke—The Last Stormlord, Stormlord Rising, and Stormlord’s Exile.

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The Secret History of Wonder Woman by Jill Lepore

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande

Where’d You Go, Bernadette? by Maria Semple

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

The Life We Bury by Allen Eskens

The Pecan Man by Cassie Dandridge Selleck

Ella Ross ’15 shares a warm summer day with Hartford public school girls in the Horizons at The Ethel Walker School program. The mission of the Horizons program is to minimize summer learning loss by offering underserved girls in first through fourth grade from three Hartford public schools an academically-oriented, free six-week program. The girls are working in our classrooms and swimming in the new pool in the Centennial Center. This summer they also visited with LEGO designers in Enfield, took in a Hartford Yard Goats minor league baseball game and had a cooking demonstration and delicious lunch with Carla Squatrito, founder of Carla’s Pasta of South Windsor. Read more about Horizons at www.ethelwalker.org/horizons. #sixweeksofhappiness
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*Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty

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*West with the Night* by Beryl Markham

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*Charlotte Hughes*

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*Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri

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*Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin

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**2017**
Katherine McGee
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*The Mothers* by Brit Bennett

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Samantha Sorbaro
Shoe Dog: A Memoir by the Creator of Nike by Phil Knight

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Save these Dates!

**September 7, 2017** — Classes begin for the 2017-2018 school year

**September 28 and 29, 2017** — Board of Trustees Meeting

**October 9, 2017** — Admissions Open House

**October 14, 2017** — Join us to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Simsbury campus.

**October 20 and 21, 2017** — Family Weekend

**November 9, 2017** — Admissions Open House

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**December 4, 2017** — Admissions Open House

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**April 13, 2018** — Grandparent’s and Friend’s Day

**April 27 and 29, 2018** — Board of Trustees Meeting

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**June 10, 2018** — Commencement