

The Governor's Academy Alumnus of the Year 2022-23

Presented annually at the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association, which also takes place during Reunion weekend, this award recognizes those alumni who have displayed steadfast loyalty, dedication, and service to the Academy and have shown an unwavering commitment to our school. Candidates for this award are nominated by the Office of Advancement and are presented to the Head of School and President of the Alumni Council for review.

This year's recipient has become a powerful ally of the Academy. His deep commitment to communication with his classmates and curiosity about Academy operations keep him very connected to both Governor's and many members of the class of 1972. As a long-time class secretary, he embraces the role and has a keen connection with his classmates. A man who takes his volunteer work seriously, he became a champion of the Academy. In helping to plan his milestone 50th reunion, he led the charge of communication, bringing back many to campus for Reunion 2022. Many more classmates are connected now through his frequent updates to the class. In his volunteer role, he has been inquisitive about the priorities of the school, and his positivity has been contagious. Jim Pierce '72, classmate and current Chair of the Board of Trustees, said, "George is creative about the way he has engaged our class. His emails are must-reads, humorous, and well written; John Ogden P'76,'78, GP'15,'19 would be proud."

For his strong dedication and commitment to our school and for his enthusiastic efforts to ensure the connection of the Class of 1972 to the Academy in a year like no other, it is my pleasure to present the 2022-2023 Alumnus of the Year award to **George Friemarck** from the Class of 1972.