

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement award is given to an individual who has achieved notable successes and extraordinary distinction during the course of their four years at Kearsarge. This award is given in recognition of these accomplishments.

Patrick Seward

How do I summarize your accomplishments in one award?

It has been an absolute joy to watch you perform over the years. You began a performing arts journey at the early age of five with piano lessons and continued on this path throughout elementary, middle and high school. During this time you performed as Nick Bottom in the 5th grade production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. You performed for the middle school drama club all three years; having leading roles in *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. This is where I first saw you and was immediately drawn to your command of the stage and how comfortable you were in front of an audience. You have been a Junior Intern at the New London Barn Playhouse for six years dazzling audience goers with your roles as Mr. Mayor in *Seussical*, Grandpa Potts in *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, and Beast in *Beauty in the Beast*. You strive for excellence in singing and have had vocal coaching for four (4) years.

While at Kearsarge:

You continued to work and grow in all areas of the performing arts to include, chorus, band, and theatre. You have played the French horn and participated in the marching band, the Jazz band, and most recently the Senior Jazz band. You were selected to lead the men's choir during your junior and senior years and became an amazing role model for others. Your vocal talents have been honored by the State of New Hampshire when you were selected as a member of the New Hampshire All State Chorus for three consecutive years, New Hampshire All State Chamber Men's Choir for two years for which you were awarded top score for your group, and you have been a two-year selectee to the New Hampshire All State Jazz Chorus. These were and are well deserved accomplishments that demonstrate how much your musical talents are valued by all. As an actor and theatrical performer you have always stood out to me. Each year you continued to "pull me into" the various parts and characters as they played on stage. You always have this natural ability to define and develop a character through your commanding stage presence and your incredible singing voice. Your comedic timing in the production of "Altar Egos" as the faithful Lew Frobisher – giving out marriage advice to your son was extremely entertaining. Then came *Mary Poppins*. You were the absolute perfect Mr. Banks; distant, stern, and unyielding until you transformed into an accepting and caring father and husband. I always remember it was your transformation on the park bench (to be forever known as "Patrick's bench") where everyone was with you. If you looked closely or maybe not so closely, you could see me tear up. Your voice, tone, and inflection gave way to so many emotions. Your portrayal of Gomez in *The Addams Family* was impeccable. The doting husband and loving father – oh so "trapped" in the changing world. Each character you played coming alive through every song and scene. We then see you as Harold Hill. You swindled a whole Iowa town, met up with an old friend, created a dance committee and singing quartet, put together a marching band and fell in love. This can be said with one word: awesome. You leave me with awe and wonder. What a great ride you have had - I am very grateful you allowed me to tag along.

Thanks for sharing your talents, passion, and heart with us these last four years. Best wishes as you continue your musical path to Syracuse in New York. They are very lucky to have you.

This award is to recognize your many memorable performances, your personal integrity, superior ability, constant effort, excellent courage and dedication. The Lifetime Achievement KAG is awarded to honor extraordinary distinction in achievement, outstanding service, and exceptional contributions to the Kearsarge Regional Actors Guild. YOU truly will be missed by all!