

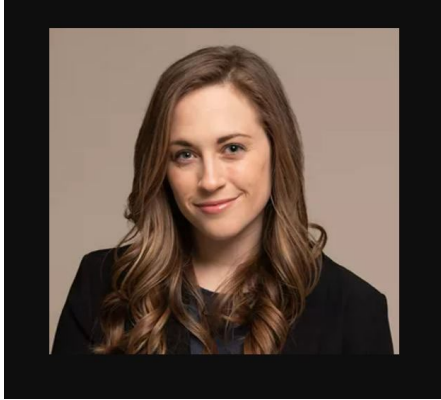


James D. "Jamie" Marks '79 (he/him)

After graduating from Andover ('79), Yale ('83) and Columbia Law School ('86), Jamie started practicing securities law—but feared in those days that law firms generally didn't welcome openly gay partners. He soon hung out his shingle as a solo practitioner and took a series of cases as a volunteer lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union, while also consulting in what was then called "new media". HIV/AIDS was exploding by that time, and Jamie in 1995 founded what was to become a world leader in the distribution of HIV/AIDS information, TheBody.com. He sold it just before the 2008 crash, spinning off another company with patents that he sold in 2012. Jamie's current endeavor is The Constellation Project, a nonprofit created in 2019, dedicated to finding underserved families with LGBTQ children or LGBTQ parents, and linking them to support services and researchers. It is housed at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health.

In conjunction with Richard Rath '72 and Dorsey Green AA '67, and inspired by the Gay/Straight Alliance formed at Andover in 1989, Jamie co-founded a group of LGBTQ Phillips and Abbot alums in 1992. They published a directory, and raised over \$100,000 to increase Rath's fund that supported student education about sexual orientation and gender identity. They further encouraged PA to lead the way with providing domestic partner benefits and committed same-sex partner co-residency with house counselors, prior to the legalization of marriage in Massachusetts in 2004.

Now with twins aged 20, Jamie and his partner, Mark Scott, planned their children's birth through surrogacy. They live in New York City.



Avery W. Stone '10:

Avery took advantage of every possible opportunity for growth on her pathway to becoming an Andover alum. A three-season athlete, Avery played field, ice hockey, and lacrosse, serving as captain for two seasons on the varsity field hockey team, and for one season on the ice hockey team. A dedicated scholar and community member, Avery received the Wells Prize at the end of 9th grade and the Ayers Prize as a senior. In addition to being recognized as a highly respected community member, Avery was also a member of Azure, PA's all-female a cappella group.

Moving on to Amherst College after her time on the Hill, Avery excelled academically and athletically, where she majored in English Language and Literature, played varsity Ice Hockey, and became a co-leader of the Amherst College Pride Alliance, Amherst College's first LGBT organization.

Avery has built a career as a journalist and editor. Over more than eight years living and working in New York, Avery has spent time writing and editing for magazines, newspapers, and websites with local, national, and global reach, including The Cut (New York Magazine), ELLE, GQ, Bustle, VICE, Byrdie, Eater, Travel + Leisure, Fortune, SELF, USA Today Sports, HuffPost, and more. In her current full-time role, Avery is a Commerce Editorial Director at Dotdash Meredith. Avery lives in Brooklyn, New York.