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**On The Cover:**  
Alum of the Year Marcus “Lee” Primm ’89 has dedicated his life to philanthropy and service to others, and encourages his fellow alumni to do the same on the Hill.

Photograph by Tae Kerney



To celebrate McDaniel's new five-year strategic plan, students were invited to scale a rock wall on campus to symbolize the college's commitment to Reaching New Heights by 2027.

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# mail

Letter from the president



“I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.”

L.M. Montgomery,  
“Anne of Green Gables”



Dear McDaniel Community,

There’s something about the crispness in the air and the brilliant reds and golds of autumn that always bring out the best of the Hill. McDaniel’s fall traditions only add to the special nature of the season, a time to make new memories that inevitably strengthen the connections between students and alumni, and between the college’s past, present, and future.

One of the college’s most enduring and special traditions is Homecoming on the Hill, and this year’s Homecoming felt particularly special as we were able to reinstate the majority of our pre-pandemic activities. Even the rain couldn’t dampen our spirits as we came together to celebrate the Alumni Association Award winners, Sports Hall of Fame inductees, and the 2022 Fellowship of Champions before cheering on our Green Terror at several sporting competitions. Alum of the Year Lee Primm ’89 kicked off the football game with a coin toss that culminated with a Green Terror victory over Dickinson. Alumni, family, and friends from across the years gathered in the decade tents, with many members of our community also stopping by for a hot dog and beverage at the legendary tailgating tent hosted by Don Hobart ’62. Joining our traditions this year were also some new events like the DEI Brunch, which brought together members of the McDaniel community to learn more about the work happening in the DEI Committee of the Alumni Council under the leadership of James A. Felton III ’95, M.S. ’98.

The coming together of the past, present, and future is also at the heart of the college’s new strategic plan, which has been established through a year-long planning process and officially launched this October. Rooted in our history, the plan reaffirms our values as a liberal arts institution committed to changing students’ lives by inspiring them to achieve educational excellence within a supportive, inclusive, and diverse community, while also moving us purposefully into the future to ensure the college’s continued strong value in the marketplace.

I hope you’ll enjoy reading about the plan in this issue. We can’t wait to get started and look forward to many points of alumni engagement throughout the process.

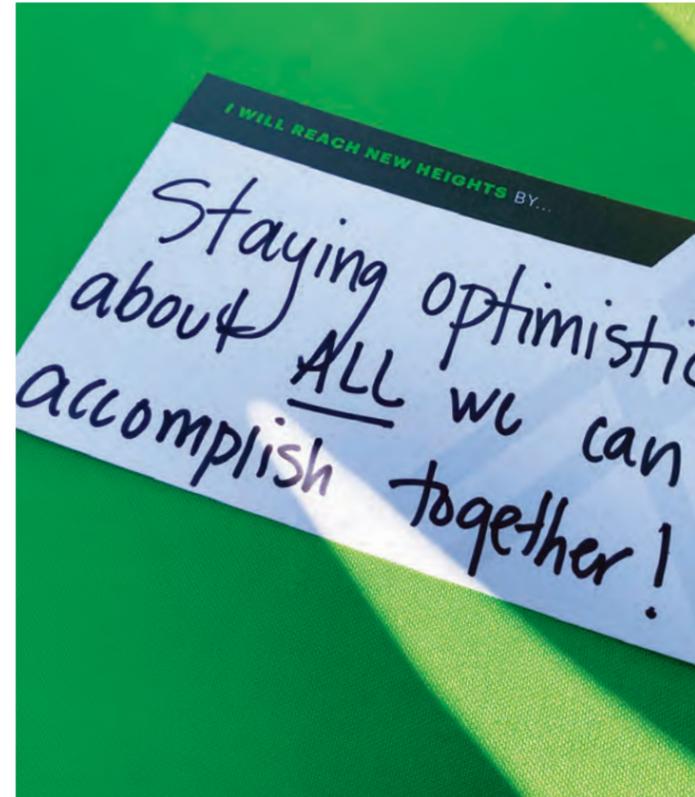
Wishing you the best the season has to offer.

Sincerely,

President Julia Jasken

# mail

Missives to and from The Hill



## Reaching New Heights — together

Later in this issue, you will read more about the new five-year strategic plan for the college. We want to know...

- ▲ How has McDaniel helped you reach new heights in your life, personally, professionally, or both?
- ▲ How will you reach new heights over the next five years?
- ▲ What do “new heights” for McDaniel look like to you?
- ▲ How can you help McDaniel reach new heights?

Send us an email to [ocm@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:ocm@mcdaniel.edu) with the subject line “Reaching New Heights submission” and you may see your submission in a future issue of *The Hill* and receive a special thank you for your contribution.

As we reach new heights together, we hope to inspire others to look up, seek new viewpoints for themselves, and find bold new directions.

## Postcards to the future

The McDaniel College Archives wants to hear from you! Submit a postcard telling us about your time on the Hill. Don’t know what to write? Consider sharing a story, your favorite memory, advice you would give to future Green Terrors, or what you’re most excited for during the coming year. Not much for words? Draw us a picture instead! All postcards will be collected and preserved by the College Archives for future Green Terrors.

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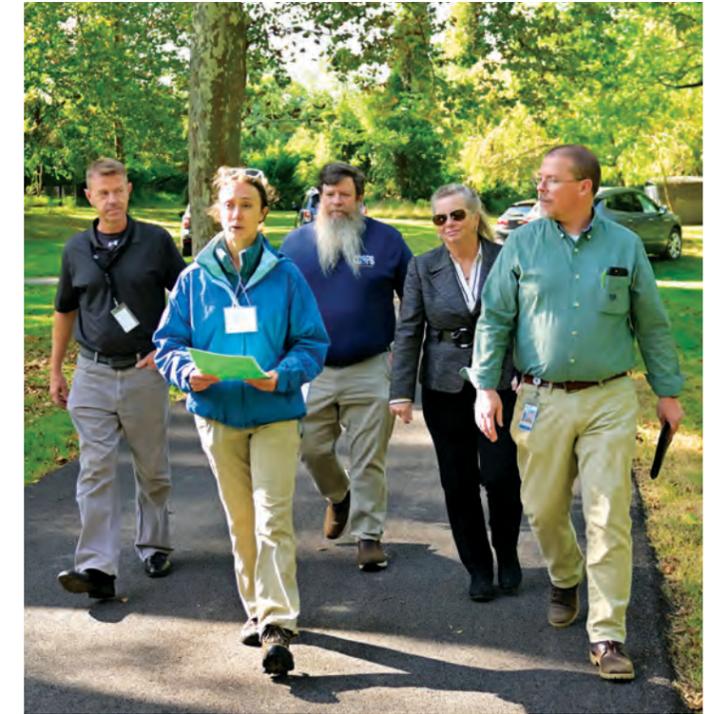
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At the celebration of the new McDaniel Environmental Center, stakeholders and invited guests participated in walking tours of the property to learn about the opportunities students will have for experiential learning.

## McDaniel College introduces new environmental center

Members of the McDaniel College community along with business and community leaders, government officials, and other invited guests gathered on Sept. 29 for the official unveiling of the McDaniel Environmental Center (MEC).

The property, formerly the Singleton-Mathews Farm, is located in New Windsor, Maryland, about 15 minutes from McDaniel's Westminster campus. The MEC consists of 30 acres of forested land, 20 acres of fields, and eight acres of student farming land.

An outdoor learning lab developed by students to engage in hands-on educational opportunities in agriculture, conservation, and environmental sciences, the MEC's 58 acres provide students with opportunities to engage in research and course-based experiences, lab-based experiential learning, community service projects, and independent study work.

President Julia Jasken spoke about the impact the MEC is having not just on McDaniel but also in the larger community, while announcing that the college has received \$2.3 million from the state of Maryland for educational environmental spaces, both at the MEC and on McDaniel's campus. This includes renovations to the campus greenhouse and the transformation of Harvey Stone Pavilion into an outdoor living-learning laboratory.

"I am grateful to have access to a resource like the MEC and professors that care so much about experiential learning," says Jessie Titus '22.

The MEC also features three historic residences, five bodies of water, and a student farming program that includes the 1.5-acre Shaffer Forest Garden, named for former vice president for institutional advancement Vicky Shaffer, who retired in 2021.

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, the Chesapeake Bay Trust, and the Maryland Native Plant Society funded a five-acre Forest Bank, an educational sign tour highlighting the importance of central Maryland's Piedmont region, and wetland restoration sites.

President Jasken also introduced the new bachelor's degree in Food Studies that launched this fall. An interdisciplinary field that examines the relationship between food and the human experience, the program combines coursework from various departments on campus.

In addition to President Jasken, pictured at center above, other speakers at the event included, pictured above from left to right: Sarah Koser from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, who has supported the establishment of the MEC; Environmental Studies faculty members Jason Scullion and Elly Engle; and Jessie Titus '22 of Frederick, Maryland, who majored in Environmental Studies and was involved as a Food Fellow.

## Meeting and event space renamed for the college's eighth president

In October, the former McDaniel Lounge was dedicated as the new Coley Rice Lounge, in honor of the college's eighth president, Joan Develin Coley, and her husband, trustee emeritus M. Lee Rice '48.

Coley was the college's first female president and the first to be promoted from the faculty ranks. With the approval of the Board of Trustees, she led the college through a major repositioning that was launched in 2002 with its name change from Western Maryland College and managed the largest fundraising campaign in the college's history. Rice is a trustee emeritus of the college. He joined the college's Board of Trustees in 1979 and served as chair from 1991 to 1996. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree in 1983 and married Joan Develin Coley in 2006.

Both Coley and Rice have had a long association with the college and continue to be philanthropic supporters of McDaniel as members of the Founders Society, which recognizes donors who annually support the college through gifts of at least \$1,867, and the Legacy Society for planned giving. Their gifts have supported research, scholarships, and a variety of capital projects, including technological and other upgrades to the newly named Coley Rice Lounge.



## President Jasken joins Baltimore's CollegeBound Foundation Board of Directors

McDaniel College President Julia Jasken has been selected to join the Board of Directors of the CollegeBound Foundation in Baltimore, which works exclusively in Baltimore City public schools to encourage and enable students, many of whom are under-resourced and first-generation college students, to pursue a postsecondary education.

The 10th president of McDaniel College, Jasken is a champion of both the liberal arts and McDaniel's student-centered mission. McDaniel is committed to access and affordability and has partnered since 2008 with the CollegeBound Foundation to provide full-tuition scholarships to Baltimore City high school students. Over the years, more than 60 CollegeBound Foundation Scholars have been awarded scholarships from McDaniel that cover all four years of their undergraduate education.

President Jasken also serves as a board member of the Maryland Independent College and University Association, Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, and Chamber Music on the Hill. She is chair of the Fundraising Committee and Executive Committee Board member of the Higher Education Resource Services National Women's Leadership Network.

## McDaniel College announces new associate vice president of student success

This summer, Christine Moran was named the new associate vice president of student success at McDaniel College. Moran brings more than 25 years of experience in education, most recently serving as vice provost of student success and dean of the School of Education at Stevenson University. In the past five years, she was responsible for 31 university-wide initiatives related to student retention and success. She has also been involved in crafting strategic initiatives for student success, program development, and accreditation.

"Her cross-divisional and collaborative approach, along with her strong leadership, is an incredible asset to the McDaniel family, especially our students," says President Julia Jasken.

As associate vice president of student success at McDaniel, Moran works with all areas of academic and campus life to provide cross-divisional support for students. Her responsibilities include developing flexible paths within academic programs to facilitate degree completion, determining ways of enhancing students' sense of belonging and achievement, and maximizing academic support services for all students.

"I am excited to be part of the McDaniel community," says Moran. "In the short time since my arrival, I have witnessed a caring community deeply committed to engaging students and supporting their success."



Moran earned a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education and History from La Salle University, a master's degree in Education from La Salle University, and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Temple University.



## Reading Specialist graduate program receives national recognition

McDaniel College's Reading Specialist: Literacy Leadership master's degree program is among the latest recipients of the International Literacy Association's (ILA) National Recognition—a seal of approval signifying that the program adheres to the highest quality standards and that graduates are well prepared to address today's challenges in literacy instruction.

ILA honors outstanding licensure, certificate, and endorsement programs that prepare reading and literacy specialists and elementary and intermediate classroom teachers in the United States. Universities go through a rigorous review process to ensure strict alignment to the standards and high benchmarks set forth in ILA's Standards for the Preparation of Literacy Professionals.

Lisa Buckler, coordinator of McDaniel's Reading Specialist program, says using ILA's standards strengthened the college's course offerings and resulted in an innovative online program with an authentic practicum experience.

"ILA National Recognition further exemplifies McDaniel College's tradition of excellence in the preparation of contemporary literacy professionals," Buckler says.

## McDaniel continues to receive top national rankings

McDaniel College continues to be recognized among the top colleges and universities in Maryland in national rankings:

- U.S. News & World Report's top-ranked Maryland institution on its "Best Value Schools" list among regional universities in the North for academic quality and affordability.
- One of the best regional universities in the North in U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges" rankings.
- Listed among "America's Top Colleges" by Forbes. The 500 institutions highlighted offer "top academic and career success while minimizing debt for students across America," according to Forbes.
- Included in Washington Monthly's annual College Guide among the best master's universities in the nation. For the 10th consecutive year, McDaniel also made the "Best Bang for the Buck" list, which recognizes schools for "how well they help non-wealthy students attain marketable degrees at affordable prices."
- One of "The Best 388 Colleges" in The Princeton Review's 2023 annual college guide and on its "Best Northeastern" regional colleges list.
- Named a College of Distinction and highlighted for the college's Business, Education, and Career Development programs.
- Once again ranked among Money Magazine's "Best Colleges in America."



## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ART THERAPIST STEPHANIE KURTYKA '11



Art therapy integrates psychotherapy and the art-making process to explore oneself more deeply, process difficult and challenging emotions, and create a metaphor for better communication of struggles, goals, and patterns. “The magic of art therapy comes from the process of creating and is less about the outcome,” says Kurtyka, who majored in Art at McDaniel. “No prior art training is necessary.” Here, she walks us through a day in her life providing individual art therapy to children, teens, and young adults at her private practice in Frederick, Maryland.

### I PREPARE FOR THE DAY AHEAD BY:

My faith is a huge part of my life, so I always say my prayers in the morning to take care of my spiritual health and ensure a productive day. I have to balance both my personal and business lives, so I am constantly adding and subtracting from my to-do list, and I always double check the list before leaving for work.

### I CAN'T LEAVE THE HOUSE WITHOUT:

A chai latte, snacks/food packed, an audiobook ready to go in the car, and a cozy cardigan and/or scarf.

### ON AN AVERAGE DAY, I:

I usually work from noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, providing a mixture of in-person and teletherapy services. I see on average four to six clients each day for 45 to 55 minutes per session. My clients are typically experiencing low self-esteem, grief, life transitions, peer relationship difficulties or other relationship issues, school issues, family conflict, trauma, depression, anxiety, or other mood disorders.

I guide and work with these clients to develop a sense of empowerment through therapy, while utilizing mind-body awareness, self-regulation and relaxation techniques, coping skills, and social skills training to reduce anxiety, process trauma, increase self-esteem,

develop social skills, and provide an opportunity for creative expression.

I am a licensed, registered, and board-certified clinical professional art therapist, as well as a licensed clinical professional counselor. My style of therapy is nondirective and client-centered, so I allow the client to direct their own sessions, as they know themselves best. Each session looks different and incorporates various modalities, while honoring each client's individual strengths and needs.

In addition to facilitating client sessions, I am writing session notes, answering emails, returning phone calls, adjusting clients' schedules, submitting insurance claims, managing all aspects of billing, straightening the office, and cleaning the art supplies.

### WHY I LOVE MY JOB:

Working with this population of children, teens, and young adults is challenging, rewarding, and fun. I enjoy learning about not just the concerns and challenges but also the passions and strengths of the client to better support their innate capacity for healing and growth. Every child, teen, and young adult deserves a safe space to express themselves and expand their understanding of the world around them while their minds are still curious and longing to explore and grow. I believe in the creative process as a powerful tool for facilitating self-expression, self-discovery, and self-fulfillment by integrating one's physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional health.



### I RELAX AFTER WORK BY:

I try to schedule my last client of the day no later than 7 p.m. Before I can leave for the night, I have to write up the progress note for that session, straighten and clean any art supplies, answer emails that I didn't get to earlier, make sure my to-do list is up to date for the next day, and close up the office. I allow myself on the drive home to reflect on my day, if needed. If not, I put on a fun audiobook to clear my mind and relax. When I arrive home, I say hi to my dogs and my family, eat a late, small, healthy dinner while watching a sports game or an episode of the newest Netflix show, and scroll on my phone for a bit.

### MY ADVICE TO THOSE WANTING TO BECOME AN ART THERAPIST:

One of the most challenging parts of being in the mental health field for me has been learning to set boundaries between work and life. This doesn't just refer to not doing any of the administrative tasks (e.g., emails, billing, notes, etc.) outside of work. This also means not taking my clients and their stories “home” with me. It can be difficult to hear clients' stories, witness their hardships, and hold their emotions all day. The mental health system is also not perfect and can become frustrating with how it affects clients. It is very important for those going into the mental health field to do their own inner work and healing. Being a therapy client yourself can be personally insightful and crucial to the work and energy you are able to provide to your clients.



# double take

*Sights worth a second look*

## *Celebrating* **150 YEARS** OF YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In 1872, a long tradition of Green Terrors for Life began with the formation of the Alumni Association. That association continues today and, this year, celebrated 150 years of connecting graduates and former students of Western Maryland College and McDaniel College.

Mary Ward Lewis, Class of 1871, was the first secretary of the Alumni Association. She and her fellow officers, 1871 graduates William P. Wright and Anna R. Yingling, established the tradition of an annual reunion. For the first few years, that was held during Commencement Week and consisted of a business meeting and a banquet.

Through many changes over the past 150 years, the Alumni Association — which at its founding charged a \$2 membership fee but is now free for all — has remained committed to gathering alumni to celebrate, reminisce, volunteer, and serve as mentors on the Hill.



**MARY WARD LEWIS** CLASS OF 1871  
FIRST SECRETARY OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



**LINDSEY BROWNING '10**  
CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



THE COLLEGE'S FIRST GRADUATING CLASS, THE CLASS OF 1871, FORMED THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IN 1872.

THEN



THE 2021-2023 ALUMNI COUNCIL, THE LEADERSHIP BODY OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

NOW



McDANIEL COLLEGE IS

# REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

Board of Trustees endorses new framework to shape the future of the college



## REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

McDANIEL COLLEGE | 2022-2027  
STRATEGIC PLAN

**At its October meeting, McDaniel College's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to endorse a new five-year plan, "Reaching New Heights: McDaniel College Strategic Plan 2022-2027."**

The plan shapes McDaniel's future by guiding the direction, priorities, and investments for the college. Concentrating on values of inclusivity, authenticity, a focus on the individual, lifelong learning, equity, and generosity, the plan will ultimately further position McDaniel as an innovative liberal arts college focused on student achievement and professional success.

The development of the plan, to be implemented through 2027, was led by McDaniel College President Julia Jasken.

Since last fall, a strategic planning steering committee — comprising more than 30 representatives of the administration, faculty, staff, alumni, and undergraduate and graduate student bodies — has been involved in the plan's creation.

Input was sought from the McDaniel community, including family members and community partners, through surveys, small group discussions, and larger open forums.

"It is an ambitious and aspirational plan that I believe will position us well to tackle the challenges that face us over the next several years from a position of strength, both showcasing and further developing the best McDaniel has to offer," Jasken says.

**THE PLAN INCLUDES FOUR KEY INITIATIVES.**



**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE #1  
IMPROVE STUDENT ATTRACTION,  
ACHIEVEMENT, AND OUTCOMES THROUGH:**

- Career and life-readiness
- Retention, persistence, and graduation rates
- Community and student satisfaction
- Holistic wellness



**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE #2  
BECOME AN EMPLOYER OF CHOICE,  
ATTRACTING AND RETAINING TOP-QUALITY  
TALENT, THROUGH:**

- Employee diversity and retention
- Engagement, satisfaction, and connection



**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE #3  
BUILD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS  
THROUGH:**

- Integrated town/gown interaction
- Safety and belonging in Westminster



**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE #4  
ENHANCE REVENUE GENERATION, BUSINESS  
OPERATION, AND GOVERNANCE THROUGH:**

- New program development
- Resource alignment
- Meaningful experiences and deeper connections



**EXAMPLES OF STRATEGIC GOALS  
INCLUDED IN THE PLAN ARE:**

- Building upon the McDaniel Commitment to ensure McDaniel students are career- and life-ready upon graduation
- Looking at compensation and work-life balance, as well as professional development opportunities, for the college's faculty and staff
- Enhancing partnerships with the city of Westminster to further engage McDaniel students and employees
- Exploring potential new programs in Nursing, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Language Pathology, as well as creating more graduate-level programs, such as a master's degree in Computer Science

An important element of each initiative is the integration of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice (DEIJ). The plan was evaluated through the lens of DEIJ, so it is embedded in each initiative and goal. The differing perspectives of our diverse community of students, employees, alumni, and friends were considered to make this plan representative of and an advocate for all members of the college community.

Key performance indicators (KPIs) focused on undergraduate academics, graduate academics, the residential experience, student success, resource management, constituent engagement, employee quality and satisfaction, community partnerships, and DEIJ also play a major role in measuring progress toward attaining the plan's anticipated goals. The college will be seeking support from various stakeholders in achieving these KPIs.

"We can't achieve the goals set out in this plan alone," Jasken says. "This plan belongs to all of us, every member of the McDaniel community."

For more than 150 years, McDaniel College has been positioned at the top of the Hill in Westminster, Maryland. With this new strategic plan, there are no limits to how high we can elevate our community or how expansive our future can be.

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**- PRESIDENT JASKEN**



To learn more about the new five-year plan, including a video message from President Jasken, visit [mcdaniel.edu/ReachingNewHeights](https://mcdaniel.edu/ReachingNewHeights).

FULFILLING A  
**FAMILY LEGACY**  
OF PHILANTHROPY & SERVICE

ALUM OF THE YEAR MARCUS "LEE" PRIMM '89 KNOWS THE HILL CAN ONLY CLIMB HIGHER WITH THE HELP OF ALUMNI

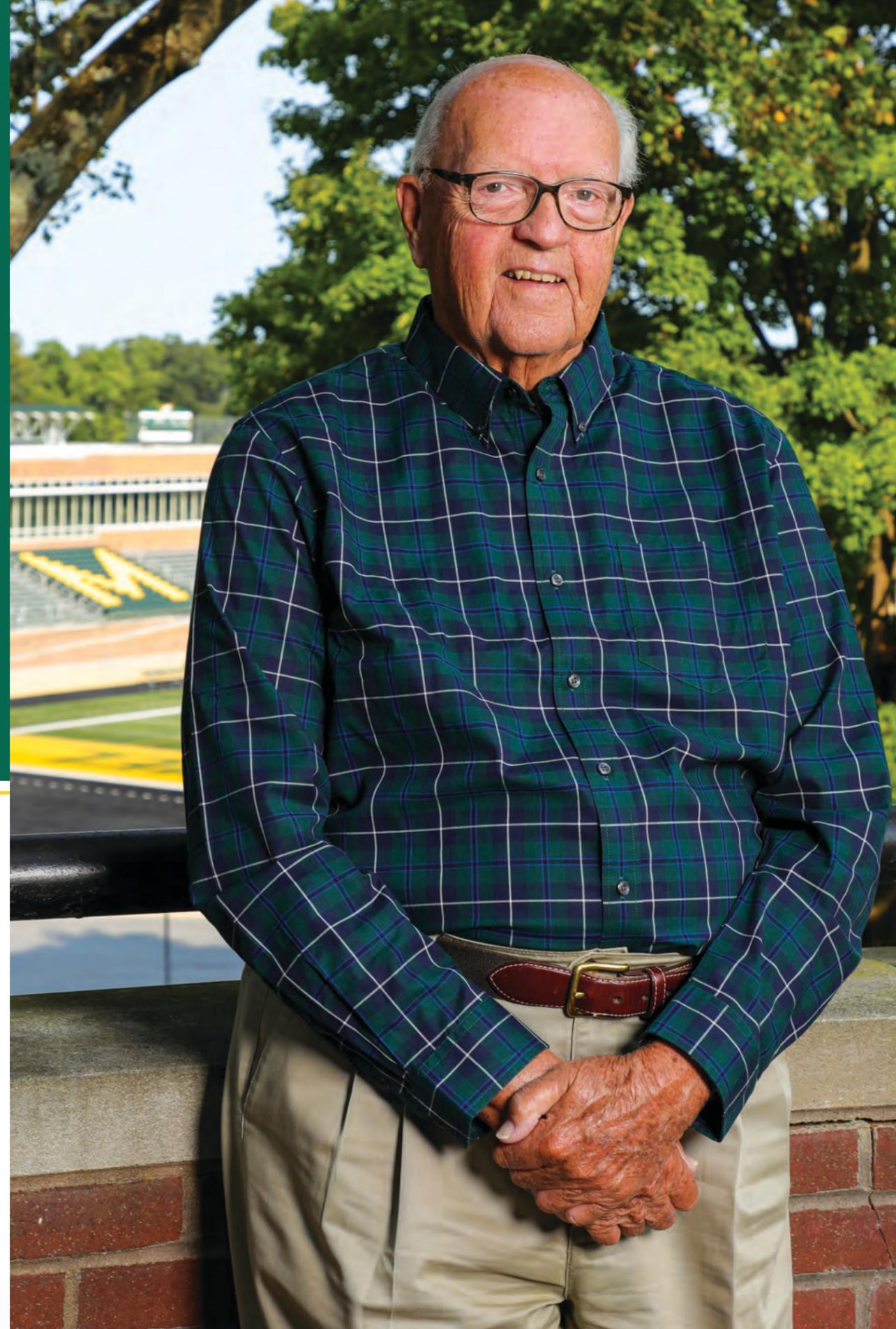
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PHOTOGRAPHY BY TAE KERNEY

**Growing up, Marcus "Lee" Primm '89 remembers that his family didn't have much money, but that his parents were always generous with their time, effort, and energy to the church and the community.**

"I grew up in a household where my mother or father were always running off to a meeting or to serve others' needs," Primm says. "I kind of lost track of that as I started my college career at University of Maryland. But once I joined the military, it started to rekindle that flame."

Primm left UMD just 18 credits shy of graduation to join the Navy and ultimately served in the Vietnam War. What he probably couldn't have predicted is how big of a role a different college — our very own college on the Hill in Westminster, Maryland — would play in his life for decades after his military service ended.

As Alum of the Year for 2022, Primm reflects on a life defined by service — and shares hopes and goals for a more engaged alumni base to ensure the longevity of the institution he and so many others love.



TOP: Portrait of Primm in his Navy uniform, 1964. MIDDLE: Primm about to fly a plane for the first time. BOTTOM: Primm receiving his wings.

“I grew up in a household where my mother or father were always running off to a meeting or to serve others’ needs.”

### EMBRACING THE LIBERAL ARTS

When Primm returned to the States after serving in Vietnam and began his career in banking in Westminster, Maryland, he recalls learning a few lessons about the value of a liberal arts education as it related to hiring strategies.

“Originally, our goal at the bank was to hire the best and brightest from specific programs, accountants primarily,” Primm says. “But we found that folks graduating from then-Western Maryland College with degrees in the more traditional liberal arts programs, such as history or English, were better conditioned to be better employees, citizens, and community members than those who were so focused on just one academic discipline.”

That helps explain why Primm — a nontraditional student who entered WMC in his late 30s already well established in his career — found the educational experience at WMC so much more energizing than his time at University of Maryland.

“Maryland was a very lethargic experience compared to what I later found at McDaniel,” Primm says. “It was not the school it is today. The emphasis at Maryland on what we were going to do on the weekends was greater than the emphasis on what we were going to do in the classroom.”

The first time he entered a classroom on the Hill, he recalls feeling an immense sense of gratification at the conversations he was overhearing. Having nearly two more decades of life experience than his classmates, Primm was thrilled to hear students talking about their GPAs, study groups, class standings, and academic interests.

“Of course, they were also talking about what they were going to do on the weekend, but the emphasis was on where they were academically,” Primm says. “It was refreshing. The depth of my learning experience was much greater because everyone was interested, not just me.”

A learning environment like that made Primm’s completion of his degree more enjoyable and more valuable. “The conversations that ensued on the Hill were probably the greatest part of my education because of the broad spectrum of ideas that were flying around the room,” he says.

And it paid dividends as he progressed in his banking career.

“When I came to McDaniel, I hadn’t had some of the courses I needed to really perpetuate and accelerate my career,” he says.

He specifically recalls his statistics class with retired Professor of Economics and Business Administration Ethan Seidel.

“Ethan Seidel had knowledge of both the business world and the academic world,” Primm says. “Through his class, I learned the tools I needed to investigate and develop or find the products that would satisfy the needs of our customers and the bank.”

Other classes gave him a look at money and banking within the United States, as well as global perspectives on supply and demand and the ways those global factors impact our domestic situation.



Primm receiving his diploma from Western Maryland College.

## MARCUS LEE PRIMM

### RÉSUMÉ AT A GLANCE

#### EDUCATION

University of Maryland  
McDaniel College '89

#### CAREER EXPERIENCE

##### Lieutenant Commander

U.S. Navy (1964-1974)

Decorated Vietnam War veteran

##### Retail Banker; Senior Vice President, Retail Division

BB&T, Mason-Dixon Bancshares, Carroll County Bank and Trust (1974-2002)

##### Development Officer / Director of Special Projects

McDaniel College (2002-2011)

Staff liaison for the Kenneth R. Gill Stadium project, raising more than \$9.5 million, among other major gift officer responsibilities

##### Director of Development and Major Gifts

The ARC of Carroll County (2016-2018)

#### VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

##### McDaniel College

WMC Heritage Society (2014-present)

Alumni Council member (2014-present)

Alumni Association Awards Committee Chair (2015-2021)

##### Carroll Hospital Board of Directors

Member 1998-2009

Chair 2003-2007

Member 2014-present

##### LifeBridge Health Board of Directors

Boys & Girls Club of Westminster

United Way of Carroll County

Boy Scouts of America

Community Foundation of Carroll County

Harold Glen and Audrey G. Benson Trumpower Foundation

#### AWARDS HIGHLIGHTS

2002 Carroll County Good Scout of the Year

2008 Citizen of the Year by Rotary Club of Westminster

2010 Delmarva Foundation Trustee Award

2014 Carroll Hospital Founders Community SPIRIT Award

2014 Community Foundation of Carroll County Philanthropist of the Year – Family Award

2015 McDaniel College Alumni Community Service Award

2019 Volunteer of the Year by The Arc of Carroll County

2022 McDaniel College Alum of the Year

## PHILANTHROPY'S GLOBAL IMPACTS

With a grounding in the liberal arts and a newfound global outlook, his work in the banking industry taught Primm even more about philanthropy and community engagement, building on the foundation his parents had put in place.

“Back in that day, banks were the source of philanthropy, especially in terms of giving time to the community,” Primm says. “I immediately became involved with Carroll Hospital as a committee member, and then got involved at McDaniel through the Carroll County Student Grant Program. Thankfully, my wife, Louna, and I were on the same page. I’ve supported her and she’s supported me.”

Since then, Primm’s thoughts often go to the role of the college not just locally, but globally. “If you look at the position of our domestic education system compared to other countries based on standardized test scores, we should be higher on that list,” he says. “We need to be certain that domestic education programs — particularly higher education — are the absolute best they can be. McDaniel College is perfectly poised to be a part of that network of excellence.”

Having spent decades in banking and community development, Primm knows what it takes for organizations to prosper. He even spent nearly a decade employed at McDaniel as director of special projects, with leadership over the Kenneth R. Gill Stadium project, as well as the Carroll County Student Grant Program.

With that experience, Primm sees four pillars necessary to help propel McDaniel (and on a larger scale, the U.S.) to educational excellence: quality faculty, optimal class sizes, curriculum to meet today’s needs, and an engaged alumni base.

“We are competitive in the first three, but not in the fourth,” Primm says, acknowledging that while the recent curriculum adjustments were controversial, there is no doubt that the new programs added make McDaniel graduates more relevant in today’s working world.

“But we have a virtually untapped alumni base, and all of us need to give the institution every opportunity to sustain itself and to be successful in our lifetimes and into the future,” Primm says. “And I want to be a part of that.”



## A BEACON ON THE HILL

Last year, the WMC Heritage Society set out to accomplish a specific, long-talked-about goal: to brand the City of Westminster’s water tower that sits on the college’s campus.

“Water towers historically have a story to tell. It’s not often that you enter a town with a water supply where the tower isn’t painted with some sort of welcome message,” Lee Primm says. “We are an icon within Westminster, so this was an opportunity for McDaniel to say, ‘Here we are.’”

Primm, along with Corynne Courpas ’76 and led by Trustee Don Rembert ’61, was instrumental in working with the city to make a mark, both in terms of complying with the appropriate regulations and securing funding for the project.

With the athletic “M” logo painted on two sides and the college’s logo and a message reading “Welcome to the Hill” on the other two, there is no longer any doubt about where you are when you’re approaching the college from a variety of directions and entrances.

Primm says that the open invitation and financial support from the city was a truly collaborative experience. The energy that was brought to the project from the WMC Heritage Society, leadership at the college, and the city has increased the college’s visibility in town, reinforced the sense of pride students, faculty, and staff have on campus, and created a beacon home for alumni.

“Now, as alums drive into town for Homecoming or Reunions — or perhaps to bring their children or grandchildren on admissions visits — they can see the tower and know, ‘I’m home,’” Primm says.

To learn more about the water tower project, go to [mcdaniel.edu/magazine](https://mcdaniel.edu/magazine).

## BUILT ON THE BACKS OF ALUMNI

Some might wonder why a nontraditional alumnus who didn't have a residential experience at the college might be so passionate about giving back more than 30 years later.

"It was just the people," he says. "It was that universal 'oomph' that you get from individuals who care a great deal about the college. I wanted to be one of those people."

That dedication to the college led to Primm receiving the Alumni Community Service Award in 2015; chairing the Alumni Association Awards Committee from 2015 to 2021; joining the WMC Heritage Society in 2014; and being named Alum of the Year for 2022. And he wants to see more of his fellow alums become "one of those people."

"Of all the opportunities in our quest to develop sustainability of an organization that we love, development of that alumni base is our greatest opportunity," Primm says. "And we can't do it with staff alone; we need our alumni to step up as volunteers and ambassadors among special interest groups to generate greater involvement."

And in his words, those special interest groups can be "football or flute," whatever it was that made each alum's experience on the Hill special and meaningful to them.

To alumni who are looking to get re-engaged with the college, Primm has simple advice: "Find a reason, find a mentor or a friend, and pursue that desire. Whatever your passion was while you were on the Hill as a student, use that as your reason to come back. You are our greatest assets and tools to ensure the college continues to thrive."

Through it all, Primm says he doesn't have any desire to leave a legacy.

"I just want to be a participant, and I want to contribute whatever I can," he says. "But if there's just one word, it would be philanthropy. Philanthropy brings a whole menu of benefits to the college and the community as a whole."

But Primm's work on the Hill will not soon be forgotten. And the 2022 Alum of the Year is clear about one thing: He's not done yet.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD WINNERS!

In addition to recognizing Lee Primm as our Alum of the Year, we also celebrated the following graduates as our 2022 Alumni Association Award winners:

- Jack Fringer '60, College Service Award
- Don Dea '76, Community Service Award
- Michelle Meredith Shearer '96, Professional Achievement Award
- Dr. Theresa Hess '07, Young Alumni Award

We were also pleased to welcome the following athletes to our 2022 Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame:

- Ardella Campbell Darlington '58
- Joan Wood Peters '60
- Wayne Whitmore '63
- Gary McWilliams '71
- Kari Thompson McBride '98
- Mat Mathias '99
- Michelle Mullin Keller '07
- Jess Rouse Custer '02, M.S. '07
- Brock Glotfelty '11

Additionally, the Alumni Awards Committee was proud to present a special posthumous Lifetime Service Award to Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Otto Guenther '63.



OPPOSITE PAGE: Alumni Association President Lindsey Browning '10 and McDaniel College President Julia Jasken presented Primm with the 2022 Alum of the Year award. TOP LEFT: Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame inductee Wayne Whitmore '63 celebrated with his wife, Claire Fetrow Whitmore '63, and Jan Guenther, wife of the late Otto Guenther '63. BOTTOM LEFT: Young Alumni Award winner Dr. Theresa Hess '07 was joined at the awards banquet by her parents.



## **JAMES MARTIN WANTS YOU TO BE**

# *Fearless*

**IN THE EYES OF RETIRED COLONEL — AND FUTURE  
ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT — JAMES MARTIN '93,  
NO CHALLENGE IS INSURMOUNTABLE.**

**BY CAITLIN WILSON**

PHOTOS BY ARIEL ENID

James Martin '93 has had a few full-circle moments in his life. Becoming the new president-elect of McDaniel's Alumni Council, the leadership body of the Alumni Association, is undoubtedly one of them.

After graduation, Martin took his successes as a student and ROTC cadet into the world, joining the military, earning three master's degrees, and entering the field of executive leadership after retiring as a colonel from the U.S. Army.

He admits that, like many alums, he lost touch with his first alma mater due to the demands of daily life after crossing the graduation stage and receiving his commission from the Green Terror Battalion into the Army.

It was an unexpected phone call in 2018 that pulled him back to the Hill, where it all began. Something he'd tried to do 25 years ago, he was told, had finally come to fruition.

His return to campus for the launch of the Phi Iota chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity rekindled a connection to his first academic home and filled him with the hope of making it a home for others.



**RANGERS, LEAD THE WAY**

When he was 18, Martin wanted to become an accountant or lawyer; joining the Army wasn't on his radar. It was his uncle who convinced him to try the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program.

"My uncle was a Vietnam War veteran, and he always thought I would be a really good soldier," Martin says. "He made a deal with me. He said, 'If you try ROTC for one semester, I promise you, I won't bug you about this again.'"

And after testing out — and thoroughly enjoying — the ROTC rappel tower during his orientation at then-Western Maryland College (WMC), the deal was sealed.

His uncle's prediction came true, and, as Martin says, "The rest is history. I fell in love with ROTC and some of my fondest memories are certainly of being part of the ROTC program."

It was a source of camaraderie and pride. Martin still vividly recalls the early morning training sessions honing his skills alongside his fellow cadets.

He was the only first-year student on the ROTC Ranger Challenge team, which held its own against larger battalions from other schools. Which is no surprise, since McDaniel's ROTC program, founded in 1919, is one of the oldest in the nation.

And the next time Martin participated in the Ranger Challenge, during his senior year, he was leading the team. His dedication to academics and ROTC earned him The Barry A. Winkelman Memorial Leadership Award as a junior and The Michael L. Waghelstein Memorial Award as a senior.

These foundational experiences, and his Political Science degree, correlate closely with his successes as an alum. After he was commissioned into the Army, he graduated from the famously rigorous United States Army Ranger School, an accomplishment due in no small part, he says, to his time as a cadet on the Hill.

**A MISSION FOR BELONGING**

When he wasn't training with ROTC, Martin kept busy as a member of the football team and track team, treasurer for the College Activities Planning Board, a member of the Black Student Union and Trumpeters leadership honor society, and a resident assistant.

His brother, Kevin Richardson '92, unsatisfied with his first choice of undergraduate institution, transferred to WMC when Martin told him about it, and they became roommates on the Hill.

And yet, he was missing a larger kind of brotherhood.

In the brochures, WMC had been the most beautiful place Martin had ever seen, but it wasn't perfect. When he enrolled in 1989, he recalls being one of fewer than 50 Black students on campus, which had very different demographics than his home in Prince George's County, Maryland.

"I was missing my sense of connection, and I often felt out of place," he says. "And so, I had this idea to bring a historically Black fraternity to Western Maryland College."

After doing some research, he had a plan to invigorate the sense of community that Black students felt on campus and link them to a network of professionals who had been putting change into action since 1906.

To set his plan in motion, Martin pledged Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the nation's oldest historically Black fraternity, at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)'s Upsilon Zeta chapter. If seven WMC students joined the fraternity, they could then break away from UMBC to form their own chapter at WMC.

**A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE LEADERS**

But it never happened.

Too few members meant the WMC chapter couldn't launch while Martin was a student, and he accepted that it may never happen at his alma mater.

That is, not until 25 years later, in 2018, when he received a phone call from Alpha Phi Alpha regional leadership inviting him to the ceremony for the long-awaited founding of the Phi Iota chapter at McDaniel. Martin was not going to miss it.

"I drove the 12 hours up from South Carolina and met all the gentlemen that were the chapter founders at McDaniel College," Martin says.

Without realizing it at the time, as the first student to join a member fraternity of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) while a student on the Hill, Martin had laid a foundation for future students to build upon. The college now has four NPHC fraternities and sororities.

Martin stands by the motto that "It's better for someone to tell you no, than to be afraid to try."

It's a lesson he has passed along to his daughters, and he recently watched his eldest win Miss North Carolina 2022, after she was second runner-up in 2021.

"This is the kid that we've always had to tell, 'You have to stand up for yourself,'" he says. Now, her self-confidence has earned her the crown, and she will go on to compete for Miss America in December. Martin is equally proud of his youngest, who entered North Carolina State University this fall as part of the Women in Science and Engineering village.

"It's better to have thrown yourself out there, been vulnerable, and failed, than to stay in a corner and say, 'I'm afraid of being told no. I'm afraid of not being good enough,'" Martin says. "How will you ever find out? There are worse things in life than failing, I promise you."

Although the moment arrived long after his own graduation, he is proud of the Phi Iota chapter founders, and he keeps in touch to mentor them on "all things life," just as he's done for his own children.

Because of his certainty in a right to brotherhood, a circle was completed — his initial attempt led to an eventual success, and a Divine Nine organization found a home at McDaniel. Still, Martin knew that more could be done for students and alumni alike.



**IT'S BETTER FOR SOMEONE TO TELL YOU NO, THAN TO BE AFRAID TO**

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### CREATING A PLACE OF REFUGE

With the founding of an Alpha Phi Alpha chapter at McDaniel College, it was the first time in more than 20 years that Martin had felt drawn to return to campus, having lost his connection while frequently moving with the Army. He understands what it feels like to be missing a strong pull to be involved as an alum, he says, even with fond memories of the Hill.

In his own recollections of the people and places that really made the Hill shine, Political Science Professor Emeritus Charles Neal's office stands out as a refuge. Neal was the first African American professor to be hired on the tenure track at WMC in 1978; he retired in 2014.

"If I was going through a tough time, I'd sit in his office and vent until I felt a little better, and then go back out and face the world," Martin says.

Martin also found a mentor and friend in Corynne Courpas '76, herself a former president of the Alumni Council. Martin worked in her family restaurant, and she was his landlord while he was a student. Her support of Martin continues today, after they met again upon his return to McDaniel.

"His support and input will be invaluable in understanding where we came from and what still needs to be done to make students really feel part of the community," Courpas says.

In 2020, after George Floyd was murdered by a Minneapolis police officer, then-President Roger Casey invited Martin to join the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee—now the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee of the Alumni Council.

At the time, the committee brought together alumni, faculty, and staff to provide input on a number of initiatives for the college to pursue, including the Board of Trustees' resolution on Black Lives Matter and the creation of the associate provost for equity and belonging role.

Martin's legacy on the Hill had prepared him to offer his unique perspective, and he reconnected with his classmates, Patrick Stokes '91 and James A. Felton III '95, M.S. '98, as well as mentor Victor McTeer '69.

When it was proposed that he become the next president of the Alumni Council, Martin was hesitant. But it didn't take long before he realized he was prepared to work with his peers to maintain a lasting alumni community.

"Some persuasive people reached out to me and made their case," Martin says. "Eventually, I said, 'OK, let's do it.' So, here I am."

In 2023, he will begin his tenure as the first Black president of the Alumni Council in the college's history.

### TRAILBLAZING — TOGETHER

With the anticipation of his leadership role on the Alumni Council, Martin has been reflecting on how he was shaped by his undergraduate alma mater. The college experience comes at a formative time, he says, when students grow into themselves by facing challenges and making core memories.

That timing makes it even more crucial to create a place that champions the well-being of every community member. As the McDaniel student population becomes more diverse, this is even more important.

"We want to make sure, if we haven't done it in the past, that everyone can look back on our alma mater and say, 'That's my place,'" Martin says.

He plans to be a listener, someone who creates pathways for everyone to achieve their goals together. Every McDaniel student is a part of the Alumni Association from their first day of their first year, but not all are aware of what that means after graduation.

For alums to rediscover — or strengthen — their connection to the college, Martin says, they need to be valued for their differences.

"Our student body and our alumni come from many backgrounds and perspectives, and we all need a place that we can feel like is our academic home," he says. "That academic home must be a welcoming place where all of us can contribute."

### BRINGING THE LESSON HOME

Martin knows well that if success isn't achieved the first time, there is always a chance to try again, even with a fear of failure. Whether it's descending a rappel tower, launching an organization, or returning to an alma mater to make your voice heard.

"Those of us that decide to stay the four years, graduate, and remain connected to the college, we're only going to have one undergraduate alma mater," Martin says.

Growing up, he spent summers with his grandparents in North Carolina. He had always thought about enrolling at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, for his undergraduate degree, but he felt like he couldn't.

"One of the things that I've told my kids over the years is that it was a school that I wanted to attend, but I never applied," Martin says. "There was this perception that it was very difficult for Black kids to do well at Chapel Hill, and I didn't apply because I had some deep-rooted fear."

It was a lesson he didn't want to pass on unfinished. When, years later, he earned his MBA at the University of North Carolina — just like his eventual return to the Hill — it was a full-circle moment.

# THE *legacy* OF AN UNFORGETTABLE TENANT



**BACK IN 1989, CORYNNE COURPAS '76 GOT A CALL FROM THE WMC DEAN ABOUT A STUDENT LOOKING FOR OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING.**

When she met James Martin, the room-seeking student, she says it was a pleasure from the very first day. "James and his father came to the door, and they were two of the most lovely, charming, and wonderful people," Courpas says.

A Westminster native, Courpas has a long history with McDaniel and the local community. When Martin needed a part-time job, he worked at Courpas' family restaurant, the Frisco Family Pub, a 34-year mainstay for local college students.

"I feel incredibly honored if I played just a tiny, tiny part in him succeeding at McDaniel, and that he remembers me after all these years," Courpas says. "I am so impressed by his tremendous success as a human being — and his resume is remarkable, too."

Courpas herself served as Alumni Council president from 2007-09. In that role, she enjoyed learning of the many alumni accomplishments across the nation and meeting many generations of alums, beyond her own fellow free-thinking graduates of the 1970s.

Most Council presidents are locals, she says. While that fact exhibits the strong leadership among local alums, Martin provides a unique chance to have an out-of-state leader.

"It gives us an opportunity to expand outward," Courpas adds, by tying in the perspective of alums who move farther afield.

Another point of pride is the way that Martin can center the experience of alums of color and explore how the Alumni Association can build every alum's sense of belonging on the Hill.

"You need a group of people that embrace you, a group of people that really understand the good parts and the bad parts," Courpas says. In her experience, Green Terror alumni are more than up to that task.

## OPENING DOORS TO EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Current parents Bob '92 and Heather Pick establish endowment for Political Science

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN

Bob Pick '92 admits that when he enrolled at then-Western Maryland College, he was looking to complete his History–Political Science degree as quickly as possible in an effort to get into the workforce and begin making a living. He had enrolled with enough Advanced Placement credits to make him nearly a sophomore, and he maxed out the credits he took each semester. But that did not stop him from fully embracing the liberal arts experience during his three years on the Hill.

Now, the executive vice president and chief information officer at Tokio Marine North America — part of one of the world's largest insurance and financial services companies — he wants to ensure that McDaniel Political Science students for decades to come have access to the real-world experiences they need to succeed.



### CLOSE A DOOR, OPEN A WINDOW

Pick had a bit of a winding journey from the Hill to global tech leader. As he jokingly assured an audience of insurance and technology conference attendees recently in London, “Relax, you’re in the capable hands of a credentialed architectural historian.”

The consummate liberal arts student, Pick studied History and Political Science with a minor in Secondary Education. “I also, effectively, had a minor in Philosophy and Religious Studies because I took so many of Greg Alles’ classes,” he recalls.

Pick also spent a significant amount of time in the Music department, playing trumpet in multiple performance ensembles on campus. “It was the music that really kept me sane and kept me going,” Pick says. “The classes were fine, but the music stuff was fun. I was heartbroken when we shut down the Music department a few years ago. I understand the decision, and obviously I’ve gotten over it, but that was such an important part of my time at McDaniel.”

Initially, Pick wanted to be a high school history teacher. But when it was time for him to do a student teaching practicum, “I realized that I hated children, so it wasn’t going to work out for me,” he says. “That’s when I said, ‘Aha, I’ll be a professor instead.’”

He went on to Cornell University and pursued a master’s degree in Historic Preservation Planning. He completed the master’s and was on his way to a Ph.D. in the History of Urban Design, but then some of the critical thinking skills he learned on the Hill made him reconsider his path.

“I was in the third year of coursework and realized there was no way I could pay my student loans, and I was never going to gain the personal financial stability I wanted pursuing academia,” Pick says. “I had also gotten a window into the politics of it all — writing grants and likely having to put aside my interests to align with those of the grantor — and that really dissuaded me.”

So, twice in less than five years, Pick shut a door on two potential career paths. But he found the window to start him on his new journey—one he was not conventionally qualified for, but he forged ahead.



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# invested

## “ I’m a big believer in learning by doing, because that’s literally how I got into my career. ”

### THE LASTING LESSONS OF THE LIBERAL ARTS

While Pick was at Cornell, the internet was becoming mainstream. His father was a computer programmer, so he had learned the basics of programming already. He then decided to read all the books he could about programming, taught himself how to code, and ended up positioning himself as the technologist in the Department for City and Regional Planning at the university.

“At that time, you could will yourself into being a technologist. I tell our new hires at work that I have all the wrong degrees to be doing anything I’ve done professionally,” Pick says. “But those degrees situated me perfectly to think, process, and research. All of that got me where I am in tech now.”

Pick still has a passion for history, architecture, and historic preservation. So much so that he’s not ruling out getting back into the field in the next phase of his career. Thankfully, his role in a global company means he gets to travel a lot, so it helps keep that passion alive.

“Everywhere I go — particularly in old cities — I look at doors. Doors tell amazing stories,” Pick says. “London has some really wild and interesting doors. I learned in my graduate program how to read a building, how to read a streetscape, figure out what was built first and what was added. I still notice all of that to this day, everywhere I travel.”

Like those lessons, Pick often thinks back on the lessons he learned on the Hill. “Greg Alles’ courses on Indian religion and philosophy helped me 20 years later in my career when I started doing business in India,” he says. “He helped accelerate the friendships and working relationships with my colleagues in India in ways I never could have planned or expected.”

Pick also looks back fondly on the benefits of the small class sizes at McDaniel — which also attracted his daughter,

sophomore Reagan Pick. He had the opportunity to learn from a Fulbright Scholar in a class with 10 to 12 students in it. The smaller classes really facilitated discussion, and even though he was in the Political Science department, there was no hint of what any of the professors’ political beliefs were because they encouraged free thinking and open discussion.

And those are the doors Pick and his wife, Heather, want to open for McDaniel students today and in the future with the Robert ’92 and Heather Pick Endowment for Political Science Fund.

While Heather did not attend WMC, she would drive up to visit him on weekends and they would spend time hanging out in Rouzer Hall, McDaniel Hall, and eventually his off-campus housing, socializing with many of Bob’s friends on campus. The Picks were married in 1995 in Little Baker Chapel by Ira Zepp ’52, Hon. L.H.D. ’15, with Mary Lee Younger Schmall ’55 playing the organ for the ceremony.

“Heather had a great affinity for McDaniel as well, even before Reagan enrolled,” Pick says. “We have no qualms about supporting the Hill now and in the future.”

### THE PATHWAY IS THE PEOPLE

A few years ago, Pick was asked to serve on a panel for parents of admitted students. When one of those parents asked Professor Christianna Leahy and Associate Professor Francis Grice about politics in the classroom, he couldn’t help but speak up. “I was here 33 years ago and actually had Dr. Leahy as a professor,” he told them. “I can tell you, I never knew her own personal politics.”



Bob ’92 and Heather Pick are proud parents of sophomore Reagan Pick (pictured below), and were married in 1995 in Little Baker Chapel.

After that ringing endorsement, Pick and Leahy reunited, and he also became acquainted with Grice. As he learned more about the experiential opportunities available to all students, but of particular interest to those studying Political Science, Pick couldn’t help but be impressed. Hearing about Model UN, Model European Union, Model Arab League, Maryland Student Legislature, and National Security Fellows, he knew that some of that had been available when he was a student, but it has been taken to a whole new level.

“I’m a big believer in learning by doing, because that’s literally how I got into my career,” Pick says. “It’s serendipitous sometimes. You meet someone, you learn something, and five years later, it comes back. This just creates more of that potential.”

While teaching himself code and computer programming is a little different than participating in Model UN, Pick knows that he and his family can help ensure McDaniel students have opportunities available to them.

“Through this endowment, I want to make sure that this enriched experience is continually supported, and every dollar matters,” Pick says. “It’s an investment in a school that I know does good things, and in a Political Science department that I know is not political. I appreciate that as a parent and as a citizen.” The fact that the department is led by Leahy is a bonus.

“I always respected Dr. Leahy as a teacher, and now that we’ve gotten to know each other again, I feel the same way

about her as a person,” Pick says. “Dr. Grice seems to be cut from the same cloth. This fund is going to be led by two people that I am very comfortable supporting in this endeavor.”

To his fellow alumni, Pick encourages them to think about ways they can get involved. “The pathway is the people. The professors and the professional staff that you remember, they’ll remember you,” he says. “That’s one of the benefits of a small place like McDaniel. It’s easy to reconnect and easy to make a little noise. It doesn’t have to be a grand sum.

“Go where your passion is, where you felt the most value-benefit connection during your time on the Hill. That’s where you can make a difference in the future. That’s where you can open doors for others.”



# alumni updates

Association news & class notes



## 1951

**Pat Shear Pylpec** writes, “I am greatly blessed by our Saviour. I read and write poetry and play the piano every day. My son and daughter worship me and tend to all my needs. I am finding places to pass on useful items, including Bruce Missions in Westernport, Maryland, with clothing, supplies, and food. Their paper mill closed, and they are hard up and neglected in the northwest corner of Maryland.”

**Mary Bankert Appler** writes, “After living 30 years at Smith Mountain Lake in Virginia, I’m back in Catonsville, Maryland, where I grew up. Hope all are enjoying retirement and in good health.”

**Dan Honemann** is a former first lieutenant (27th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division, Korea) and a Bronze Star recipient. He also served as assistant U.S. states attorney, District of Maryland; secretary and member of the Maryland State Bar Association’s Board of Governors; member of the American Bar Association’s House of Delegates; and a member of the Merchants Club, Baltimore, Maryland. He was a partner at Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLC, in Baltimore before his retirement. He is one of the authors of the most recent editions of “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” and is a longtime member of the publication’s authorship team. Currently, he is a fellow of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, a fellow of the Maryland Bar Foundation, and a member of the American and Maryland State Bar Associations. And he is very proud of his nephew, **Bruce Preston ’75**, who has been named chair of the McDaniel Board of Trustees.

**Richard “Dick” Leighton** is living in a continuing care facility, The Marshes of Skidaway Island in Savannah, Georgia. He has written a book of poetry titled “Elder Verse,” which was published in 2021.

Sadly, our classmate **Carlton Shea** passed away on Dec. 25, 2021. He is survived by his wife, three children, eight grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

I am fortunate that my two daughters, five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren live within 20 miles of my home near the college. I continue to coordinate the presentation of stories and distribution of books to kindergarten and first grade classrooms in local elementary schools in celebration of Dr. Seuss’ birthday. I stay busy with other GFWC projects, my church, playing bridge, and being a member of a book club.

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**Alumni, family, and friends cheered the Green Terror football team on to victory over Dickinson at the Homecoming game on Oct. 1.**

*All submitted class notes are edited multiple times, first by the designated class reporter, then by the college. Submitted notes may be edited for length, clarity, cultural sensitivity, or any reason deemed reasonable by the class reporter and/or editor.*

**Karin Schade James '57** has joined the pollinator garden group at the local senior center where they have completed tagging monarch butterflies for their migration south.

## 1957

Here we are again, 65 years after that memorable day in 1957 that sent us into the world with our plans for leaving our marks as we ventured forward! We carried with us so many memories of our years on the Hill. Many of you referred to those long-remembered days on campus. It brings to mind a quote from George Eliot: "How unspeakably the lengthening of memories in common endears our old friends." My appreciation goes out to all of you who sent your thoughts to me.

**Marge Pott Ensinger** says in some ways it does not seem so long ago since we graduated, but it is and times have changed drastically: "My head is spinning with our current culture, but the God of the Bible still has complete control over everything and He will bring all to the end that He has planned from the beginning, which will be glorious. Stuart/Doc and I now use rollators to walk our mile, which we try to do daily. We greatly enjoy our relationship with our daughter and her family who live very near us, and our son and family in Tennessee. Traveling days are behind us, but our memories are a blessing. We keep our minds active in our weekly Bible study and enjoy the fellowship of the group. "To whom much has been given, much will be required." Luke 12:48"

**Joan Durno Claybrook** tells us there is not much new in Winchester, Virginia. There are the usual aches and pains, and she is using a walker to get around. Joan will be looking into a new procedure for her ailing back, which she hopes will help with the walking.

**Bob** and **Barb Willis Butler '60** tell us that they are doing OK, despite dealing with multiple medical challenges. They keep busy trying to keep in touch with 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**Charlie '55** and **Ginny Tull Phipps** are doing pretty well for their ages. They moved from their home in 2017 after 46 years. They still miss it, but it was time. Their apartment is in Roland Park, Maryland, very close to their old home, so they still see their former neighbors. Ginny stays busy doing needlepoint, reading, and doing jigsaw puzzles. At Christmas, they travel to Texas to be with their two daughters and four grandsons and they visit nieces and nephews in Michigan and Indiana. They keep in touch with **Ronnie Jones '55, M.Ed. '61** and **Suzanne Lussier-Jones '63, Joanne Siehler Durst '56, Lillian Fowler Benson '57, and Priscilla McCoy LaMar '56.**

**Janet Perkins Zimmerman** says all is well in lower Alabama. The children and grandchildren are thriving, as well as the six great-grands that have joined the family. She is still loving where she lives, despite a hurricane now and then; they don't scare her because she is used to them. Janet remains active in her

church handbell choir and works a few hours each week at Books-a-Million. After spending 30 years as a librarian, "I *have* to have books!" If anyone gets down to the Gulf, give her a holler.

**Bruce Taylor** shared a common memory: "I am at that stage in life where I could best be described as coasting. I'm thinking of that line that goes, 'I'm three quarters home from the start to the end, and I wish I was 18 again and going where I've never been.' My residence in Texas now extends to more than 50 years, longer than I have lived anywhere else. Texas is my home. I wasn't born here, but I got here as fast as I could. However, during quiet moments, my thoughts often take me back to the place where I matriculated as a student more than 60 years ago. From a small island off the coast of New Jersey where I grew up, I made it down to a small college situated in the bucolic rolling hills of Maryland. It was a last-minute opportunity. It was either this college or join the military. I had never seen or heard anything about this college. The same was true of Maryland. A friend of the family drove me down and dropped me off on campus the day before the official registration. I spent my first day and night more or less alone in strange surroundings. The Baltimore Colts were finishing up their practice; I later learned that McKinstry Hall, my assigned dorm, had been lighted with electricity back in 1895. I tried to imagine what it must have been like back then for those students who lived there without electric lighting. Looking around, I was not sure that much had changed. There was one bare incandescent light bulb hanging down from the ceiling in the middle of my room. Had I made a mistake? At the end of my junior year, they tore down old McKinstry and moved us all to a new dorm. I found that I missed McKinstry and all its history. After that first night of restless sleep, I was anxious the next day to meet my roommate and fellow classmates as they arrived. Everything started to look up. Looking back now, I remember the friends I made and all the good times I crammed into those four years at WMC. It was the best of times!"

**Nancy Corday D'Orazio** said she graduated from the University of Delaware and has an M.S. in social work. She was a LCSW at Catholic Charities, retiring in Wilmington, Delaware, and Lewes, Delaware. She and Larry have three children and four lovely grandchildren.

**Bob Truitt** celebrated his 92nd birthday in August!

**Karin Schade James** is generally in good health, but travel is somewhat of a chore. She has joined the pollinator garden group at the local senior center where they have completed tagging monarch butterflies for their eventual migration south. They are also continuing bee and butterfly counts for the state of

Pennsylvania. She still lives in her own home and frequently attends happy hour with good friends.

**Mike Savarese, M.Ed. '69** is still in Pelican Preserve, Florida, enjoying golf, the beach, pool, and gym. For the last five years, he has been in a loving and committed relationship with Daleann, a retired nurse from Baltimore, Institute of Notre Dame, and American University.

**Dave "Beetle" Bailey** celebrated his 66th wedding anniversary to Eileen. They married in his senior year at WMC. He is also in his 66th year as a Methodist preacher. Their ministry to troubled youth, Ranch Hope, just celebrated its 58th anniversary. The year after he graduated, he started a daily radio program that has now been on for 64 years and over 21,000 programs. He surely misses many classmates who were such a blessing. They had the first wrestling team started in 1955, and they did pretty well. He still loves the memories of a great school.

**Herb Sell** wrote a career update for the column, which was forwarded to me by his daughter, Kathy. "In September 1950, I enlisted in the Air Force. I had the occasion to audition with five other jazz pianists, and I was chosen to be the pianist for the Army/Air Force Special Service Department. I was always on detached service with the Army and played for 15 Army and Air Force shows. Can you imagine being the only Air Force person playing the piano with an all-Army orchestra? I met plenty of celebrities. After graduating from WMC in February 1957, I was employed by the Carroll County Board of Education to teach music at Westminster High School. I have great memories with students, teaching them music theory and directing the WHS choir for 35 years. During that time, I also brought to the WHS stage Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Woody Herman, Les Brown and his Band of Renown, Maynard Ferguson, Fred Waring, Jester Hairston, and Dick Hyman, the famous New York Jazz pianist. In 1964, I received my master's in music at University of Maryland. In 1970, I was chosen to direct the Carroll County Choral Society until 2005. This was a great outlet for me to meet the wonderful people of Carroll County. In 1976, the Carroll County Choral Society had the honor of representing the state of Maryland at the bicentennial of our country, held in Philadelphia. In 1990, the Westminster Rotary Club voted me in as an honorary Rotary member, which continues to this day. They also recognized me with a scholarship fund given to the outstanding music student of the year. I have also been a Littlestown Lions Club member for 68 years and have been a church music director for 68 years. It all started at St. Mary's UCC in Silver Run and continues today at Redeemer's UCC in Littlestown, Pennsylvania. Jazz piano is still my passion, and I am

currently playing the piano at Olivia's restaurant near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on Friday evenings and at Antrim 1844 in Taneytown, Maryland, on Saturday evenings. I think I am finally slowing down!"

**Paul Ensor** sends greetings to all of us and realizes, as do many of us, that the time spent at WMC was the foundation of our future outcomes. "Had it not been for God and WMC's responsibility for me meeting the love of my life, **Mary-West Pitts Ensor**, my life today would not have been the same. Mary-West's passing three years ago was a heartbreak. Had it not been for the counseling of Dr. Sturdivant, I probably would have never made it into medical school. Nor would I have been able to meet and keep in my life my longtime dentist **Dr. Jack Goettee, Marian Scheder Goettee**, and their family. The best friends that Mary-West and I ever had are our classmates from 1957 at WMC. College ties shall ne'er be broken!"

**Bob** and **Helen Boardman Radcliffe** are still residing on the coast of North Carolina and have homes in Winston-Salem and the mountains of Virginia. They had a crab feast for the whole family on July 4, celebrating Bob's 87th birthday. Helen is still doing her artwork, is in the pool three times a week, plays mah-jong, and participates in two book clubs. Sadly, Bob lost his brother, **Don Radcliffe '54**, and Helen lost her only sister to COVID-19.

Jack and I are still in New Windsor, Maryland, in our home, although we have added some improvements to ensure better safety and movement throughout the house. We completely renovated the master bathroom, master bedroom, added two chair lifts due to our three levels, and several other aids like canes and walkers! Yes, we are all in that age group, but it is so gratifying to be able to utilize some of these more modern "contraptions," as my dad would have called them! The family of three children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren are all well. We attend functions at the college when feasible and were on campus on Saturday, April 9, 2022, for our class Reunion as well as the inauguration of Dr. Julia Jasken, the 10th president of the college. The Class of 1957 has seen six of the 10 presidents in our lifetime: Drs. Ensor, John, Chambers, Coley, Casey, and now Jasken. It was my honor to be asked to be the representative of our class in the academic procession for the inauguration. They provided me with a cap, gown, and stole for the procession. If you remember, we had to rent our Commencement garb and return it immediately following the ceremony. It was a very impressive program. At the Reunion activities, our class had only three attendees: **Paul Ensor, Jack Goettee**, and me, Marian.

**Herb Sell '57** has been a Littlestown Lions Club member and church music director for 68 years.

**Jerry Siegel '63** continues to teach part time as a professor emeritus at York College, including a special class about classic horror works, "The Literature of Terror."

I do want to express my sincere appreciation to all who sent information for this column, and for all the wonderful personal thank-you notes to me for doing the column. I enjoy keeping up with the class and I am thankful to be able to continue as long as possible.

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## 1963

I might not make my goal of 100% participation but, by golly, I am (with help) going to touch base with everyone. Our 60th Reunion is June 2-4, 2023. Please save the date and come to our award-winning, beautiful campus.

**Peggy Zacharias Cole** and her husband, James, are enjoying retirement. They are looking forward to volunteering with city-related events in Littleton, Colorado. They enjoy many public group activities, especially Littleton's Western Welcome Week and the Police Dunk Tank. Peggy still promotes McDaniel to outstanding high school students.

**Bob Manthey** and Nancy continue volunteering for the local Frederick, Maryland, hospital, and are involved in their church and family activities. "**Joe Downey** and I, roommates with **Otto Guenther**, and our wives had a super visit with Otto in mid-September 2021. Otto's wife, Jan, later said that day was Otto's last good day. On Nov. 15, I joined **Janice Mooney Hobart, M.Ed. '78; Sterling Green**; and our spouses for the uplifting memorial service for Otto, which clearly presented the outstanding life he lived serving God, country, family, and McDaniel. I was so proud of what Otto accomplished and grateful that I shared part of his journey. In April, we attended the inauguration of Julia Jasken as McDaniel's 10th president. We were so impressed with her vision and grasp of what a school needs in order to succeed and felt the Hill will move forward in very capable hands. It was so appropriate at the service that a United States Army 3 Star Flag was placed in the front in honor of Otto, who as chair of the McDaniel Board of Trustees, was instrumental in the selection of Dr. Jasken as president."

**Betty Jacobus Blackburn** is enjoying life in Charlottesville, Virginia. Among her many blessings, son John was married, grandkids are delightful, she is sitting upright, and ready for the next technology challenge. She is thankful for her birthday celebrations with family, friends, and her WMC/McDaniel classmates.

**Ron Cronise** and Judy are reporting in from New Hope, Pennsylvania. They are living healthful lives and are back to traveling. During his working years, Ron spent a phenomenal amount of time in Europe. Their recent trip to Portugal and Spain was enhanced by his vast knowledge and travel spirit. Their daughter-in-law, who works for Chanel, has been transferred to Paris from New York. The Cronise family will be studying French intensively. Ron continues his volunteer work overseeing investments at the Presbytery of Philadelphia and Judy is a repeat trustee at their church.

Santa Rosa, California, is one beautiful area. I have been writing that for all the years **George Kemmerer** and Jeanette have lived there. Don and I visited several years ago and fell in love with their beautiful home built in 1982. George has just completed a restoration of their deck, which brought us a delightful afternoon as we fed wildlife and told WMC stories. They enjoy having their two children and four grandchildren close by. George stays active in the consolidation of their church and recalls frequently his wonderful roommate **John Warman**, who passed so early.

**King Smith** left our class early to attend dental school. He is in his 53rd year of practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery in Bel Air, Maryland. He might retire in 2023. He helps with a University of Maryland clinic in Westminster. He also does research and developed a bio-active glass material for bone grafting. He and Joyce have two married daughters, five grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. King has received many awards during his career and always gives credit to his outstanding education at McDaniel and his relationship with Dr. Harwell P. Sturdivant.

**Eric "Lanny" Buckner** and his partner, Shelley Mazer, picked up stakes after a lifetime in Baltimore and moved to Dana Point, California. It has great weather and is near Eric's daughter and grandsons. Recently, he and Shelley were in Seattle with Shelley's family and had a joyful time with granddaughter Lucy, who is 6½. They had the pleasure of having lunch with **Susan Snodgrass Case '65, M.Ed. '84** in San Diego and getting caught up on happenings at McDaniel and Westminster.

**Helen Tempel German** celebrated her 80th birthday with her two daughters and two grandchildren in May of 2022 here in Maryland. She is, however, living her dream in Fort Myers, Florida. Her community activities, mahjong, water aerobics, movies, biking, and gatherings with good friends keep her busy. She volunteers at the local library and continues her involvement with MASA, a program sponsored by Johns Hopkins which is an ongoing medical study of aging. Her good news from this study reveals that she is normal for her age in all research categories.

**Susan Rushton Batson** is well and living in Ellicott City, Maryland, maintaining a two-story house and grounds despite having had three joint replacements. Son **Alexander Batson '93** lives nearby with granddaughter Marcella and **Lyndsay Batson '19**, who clerks for a patent attorney in Ellicott City. Susan hasn't traveled recently because of the pandemic but AAUW branch and County Historical Society meetings have resumed. Susan also works at the Historic Ellicott City showhouses. This year's showhouse was an historic estate in Howard county and her son attended the preview party.

Ken and **Jill Fredholm Porter** are still happily living in Manchester, New Hampshire. More importantly, Ken is still able to manage at home with therapies to keep him fairly stable with the challenges of spinocerebellar ataxia that was diagnosed in 2009. This inherited neuromuscular disease affects his speech, balance, and fine motor control as well as muscle loss. They are actively involved with the National Ataxia Foundation for support and knowledge. Since the pandemic began, Jill has been the Zoom master for a weekly Zoom call with the Chandler House ladies, **Peggy Hoey Warfield, Fern Lindsay Weber, Marsha Bendermeyer Irmer, Joan Meyer Goudy, Carolyn "Callie" Webster Molyneaux, Barbara Frick Wickwire, and Della Boyd Hanna**. It has been a wonderful weekly get-together, allowing them to keep up with each other's lives, the 80th birthdays, and offer support to one another when challenging times occur. Jill has also heard from **Jim Brooke, Dave Selikowitz, Richie Klitzberg, and Harvey and Bonnie McClelland Weiskittel**, and others indirectly when her email account was hacked. Not fun, but great to get a heads-up alert from **Pris Ord** via Harvey Weiskittel. She continues to swim, bike, practice yoga, and read.

**Roy and Helen Holmes Terry '64** still reside in Naples, Florida. They are both retired from the Collier County public school system. Roy is presently running for his fourth term on the school board.

**Marian Emery Ward** still lives on the farm in Nova Scotia that she and Ben moved to in 1975. After Ben died, she married Clark Morris, and he moved to Canada from East Orange, New Jersey, to be with her. He was a retired computer programmer. He became a Lion, joined her church, and made himself part of the community. The day before he died in March, he was still introducing her as his bride of 30 years, two months, and nine days. They had a good life together. Since COVID-19 hit in March 2020, Marian has not left Canada. She keeps in touch with daughter Lucy in Halifax and son Benji, who works in Michigan, via Zoom. Her four grandchildren join in from various locations in North America.

This is a quote from our **David Sutton**: "I am still living in the Monterey Bay area in northern California, where I returned six years ago after 17 years living in China. It hasn't been easy to (re)adjust to the reactionary world we are now living in. But I am feeling blessed for the rich abundant life I have lived, beginning with my time at WMC. However, I can't help but feel ashamed at the legacy of fear, corruption, and greed that we are leaving our youth. It is the profound failure of our higher purpose."

**Marsha Bendermeyer Irmer** must be the baby of our class! "I may have the distinction, according to Janice, of being the 'baby' of our class, having just celebrated my 80th on July 7, 2022. I still had to turn that inevitable corner and face up to the crushing realization that I could no longer dance the mashed potatoes to the strains of the Motown favorites I had chosen as the backdrop for my birthday party! Just another 'necessary loss' among many that has challenged the emotional and spiritual landscape for those of our 'dotage' who lived through the pandemic. One of my most significant 'coping mechanisms' for which I am especially grateful, is the blessing of the weekly Tuesday morning '80 and Still Going Strong' WMC Zoom meetings facilitated by **Jill Fredholm Porter**."

We have a brief hello from **Joan Meyer Goudy**. She loves hearing from classmates. Her activities at St. Leo in Baltimore keep her busy. Good health, fond memories of college days, and best wishes to all from Joanie.

In 2019, **Mariam Evans Corbett** moved from the West Coast back to the East Coast and built a house in 2020 during the pandemic in Bethany Beach, Delaware. She and her daughter, Michele, live together and love housing family and friends visiting Delaware. She has 28 relatives in nearby Delaware towns and 30 relatives around Winston-Salem, North Carolina. You might say she has retired back home and loves her new house with a great lake view only one mile from the Atlantic Ocean and beach. Mariam is a new church member of her old church where she attended as a child.

**Jerry Siegel** and Jennifer are still living in York, Pennsylvania. After bouts with COVID-19 earlier this year (despite vaccinations and boosters), they are both well, but staying mostly local except for occasional trips to Baltimore to see Orioles games and a Paul McCartney concert. They stay in touch with friends and family mostly online, including keeping up with former roommate **Jack Day** through Facebook. Jerry continues to teach part time as a professor emeritus at York College — mainly classes in American Literature and a special class about classic horror works, "The Literature of Terror." Since part of his teaching has been remote, he is skilled with Zoom. The Belmont Community Theater of York keeps him busy as well.

**Peggy Zacharias Cole '63** enjoys Littleton, Colorado's Western Welcome Week and Police Dunk Tank events.

[Class Noted]

# Maryland Beta chapter of Phi Delta Theta gathers to cheer on the O's

On a beautiful Thursday afternoon on Aug. 18, a group of Phi Delta Theta alumni gathered for an Orioles baseball game at Camden Yards. Matt Baker '83 says:

"The group met before the game at Pickles Pub across the street from the stadium, where Randy Butzer '82 picked up the bar tab for those in attendance — an auspicious beginning to a great day!

"Brother Butzer also suggested making a Maryland Beta outing to an O's game an annual tradition. We should all assume that he now intends to organize that; so, everybody should be sure to remind him.

"In attendance, but not pictured was Craig Clary '83, who had better seats than the rest of us, which he did not offer to share, and he left the bar a bit early.

"It was an exciting game and the O's seemed to have good momentum at the bottom of the eighth when they scored two runs to bring the score to 3-2. Sadly, the Cubs held on and won the game.

"It wasn't a total tragedy, though, because the group moved to the waterfront deck at Nick's Fish House, where Jamie DeGraff '85 and Carlos Ortega '85 picked up the bar tab. All in all, a very successful day."



Pictured (L-R): Steve Awalt '81, Bill Myers '82, Scott Lohmann '83, Matt Baker '83, Carlos Ortega '85, Jamie DeGraff '85, Bill Jenne '85, and Randy Butzer '82.

The "girls" from McDaniel House got together at the Jersey Shore to celebrate their 80th birthdays in September 2021 and catch up on the last 50-plus years. Janet Walker Gray provided her family's summer home in Bay Head, New Jersey. Claudia Claire Fetrow Whitmore drove from Alabama, while Betty Jean Jacobus Blackburn and Pris Ord arrived from Virginia. Judy Reinhart Lantz; Janice Mooney Hobart, M.Ed. '78; Trinka McGibbeny Cueman, M.Ed. '84; and Becky Wright came from Maryland. The "girls" spent four days touring the North Jersey shore from the Highlands (overlooking NYC), Long Branch, Asbury Park, and even the tents at Ocean Grove. They managed a boat ride on Barnegat Bay and finished up their week with a visit to the Seward Johnson Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton. Everyone was exhausted from so much talking and so many activities but enjoyed a happy, healthy 80th birthday.

It is always a joy to hear from Denise Dehne Shaplow. She and Jay live in Lafayette, Colorado, but winter months find them in Naples, Florida. I'm thinking we should have a practice 60th Reunion this winter in Naples. Roy Terry can be in charge! Denise and Jay have celebrated their 45th anniversary. Both are involved with Boulder Newcomers.

Barbara Frick Wickwire has moved from the Boston area. She lost Lynn Wickwire '61 in May of 2021. Her small family has changed and misses him so. Many of us remember Lynn with his delightful humor and quiet grace. He dealt with Type 1 diabetes for over 75 years. Barbara has moved to Ashaway, Rhode Island. Daughter Beth and son Christopher live close by. Years ago, Lynn and Barbara were featured on "This Old House." The family is now renovating a Greek revival cottage. Maybe we will see them on TV?

Joyce Brown Layman has been living at Oak Crest Village for five years. Joyce lost her husband Allan (Lanny) 2½ years ago.

Only our Naomi "Sam" Saifuku can send a genuine fond aloha. She lives in Chicago with her daughter and family. She has four grandchildren, ages 6 to 14, and is blessed to watch them grow up. According to Sam, Chicago has many advantages as opposed to Hawaii. Travel is easier, Midwesterners are friendly, culture and arts are abundant, and the food scene is famous. But she still returns to her paradise home regularly, always an island girl at heart.

Bonnie Friese Dubel, M.Ed. '78 and her husband, Bruce, continue to celebrate their 80th birthdays. Both are happily retired and in good health. They split their time between Churchville, Maryland, and Ocean City, Maryland. During January and February, they call Jupiter, Florida, home. Bonnie's son Tommy and grandson Logan were at a graduation party that my grandson, Ajaya, also attended. Tommy was able to explain to Ajaya the long connection as classmates

and friends in education that Bonnie and I share. I even replaced Bonnie as a counselor at Westminster High School in 1979.

Wayne and Claudia Claire Fetrow Whitmore stay very busy with travel and lots of activities with their precious granddaughters. They went back to Chautauqua this summer. It was then on to a Road Scholar trip to Utah, with stops at Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park, and on to the North Rim of Grand Canyon with granddaughter Raven. Next is a tour of Scandinavia. Most importantly, I am so proud to tell you that Wayne has been inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame at Homecoming. His outstanding performance as a soccer star was celebrated.

Since our last Reunion, Judy Reinhart Lantz and Richard "Dick" Yobst have been seeing each other. They enjoy going back and forth between Silver Spring and the Eastern Shore. Judy is active in Seekers, one of eight churches that make up Church of the Savior in Washington, D.C. Her activities include stewards, governing body of the church, and children's team.

Downey '62 and Edna Bent Price, although happily retired from their ophthalmology clinical practice in Conroe, Texas, stay busy as ever. They continue the Third World Ophthalmic Missionary work. Many of their trips have been put on hold due to COVID-19 with hopes that 2023 will be safe for their missions. They have three sons who are happily engaged in their lives and careers. Their real happiness comes from the fun of having five granddaughters and one grandson. Edna and Downey are hikers extraordinaire, having covered many national parks.

Jim Brooke sent us a quick note from Rockford, Illinois. Much has been clamped down in his area, but he has remained active in volunteer and service work.

Rich and Judy Callahan Klitzberg were stung by the passing of Les Alperstein. Les and Lois spent time in Florida and there were very pleasant get-togethers with lots of laughs and a bit of golf. Rich and his son, Jamie, along with three partners, took control of a cement company this year with tech that promises to make a dramatic impact on the industry. "This is an investment not a life change," says Rich. "Brooklyn was cement!" Fall in Maine is now a 15-year habit for the Klitzbergs.

Alex, M.Ed. '69 and Jan Engle Ober M.Ed. '73 celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary in June. They keep busy with McDaniel activities, the Westminster community, and friends and family events. Alex Jr. lives in D.C. and daughter Cara Ober M.S. '98 lives in Towson, Maryland, with her husband, Tom Bowen, and their son, Leo. Family highlights for this summer included the annual Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, week and attending the English Premier League soccer game between Everton and Arsenal at M&T Bank Stadium.

Bill and Maureen Filbey Sitter '62 celebrated 60 years of marriage in February. They love living in their log-and-stone home (sanctuary) outside San Antonio. Bill is active as an associate chairman for C12, where he facilitates and coaches multiple boards of Christian CEOs and their key leaders. Their financial freedom ministry is now 25 years old. Bill states that the beginning of 2022 was tough on them physically, but they are feeling much better and are thankful.

Howard Davidov and Maureen have been married for 52 wonderful years. They have a son, a daughter-in-law, and three beautiful granddaughters, who live two miles from their home. Howard is still involved with selecting films for the Baltimore Jewish Film Festival. Since COVID-19, their travel has been limited along with some volunteering. Zoom classes, piano playing, streaming, and physical training keep him busy.

Jackson Day and Fran are enjoying their ninth year at Charlestown Retirement Community in Catonsville, Maryland. In January 2021, Jack took on a half assignment as pastor of St. Joseph UMC in Baltimore City. St. Joseph has a majority LGBT congregation, which Jack thoroughly enjoyed, and all connected grew in hope and understanding. Jack re-retired for the third time in June 2022 and thinks it might stick this time. I'm thinking the Class of 1963 should give an award to the person who has retired the most times!

"Until you mentioned our 60th Reunion, I had not given it a thought! Now where have those years gone since our last reunion?" Ginger Rummery Ward, M.L.A. '80 is expressing the thoughts of many. She has talked recently with Bonnie Shelton Savage, who lives in Delaware. Bonnie loves hanging close to home and is well. Ginger keeps in contact with Stan '62 and Carolyn Emmel Sharkey, who live primarily in Florida but do come to Pennsylvania. Ginger is the organizer of a mini WMC reunion group, including Lucy Tucker Lotz '62, Brenda Stevens Cornwell '61, Chris Reichenbecker Boner '61, and Carolyn Emmel Sharkey. They have lost their dear Nancy Kelley Hoffman. When Marsha Bendermeyer Irmer visits Maryland, she and Ginger always connect. Ginger's roommate, Marianthy Pappadopoulou Koucos, continues to be a loyal friend after all these decades. She calls regularly from Greece, and always shares her positive, warm, and happy memories of WMC. Joe and Ginger continue to be content at Homewood in Frederick, Maryland, where there is daily something(s) to keep them engaged. Their incomparable family is a source of joy, as well as occasional moments of apprehension, as is the way of families.

Life is good for Ruth Verdone Neumann and her husband in Camarillo, California.

## family

### WE DID!

Wedding vows exchanged this season:

Nicole Cristy '10 to Jared McDermott on June 18, 2022. They reside in San Tan Valley, Arizona.

Jimmy Cranwell III '14, M.S. '15 to Meghan McGuinness on Nov. 6, 2021. They reside in Leonardo, New Jersey.

Sarah Sackett '15 to John Zega III in November 2021. They reside in Towson, Maryland.

Megan Jacobs '17, M.S. '19 to Michael Zelinske on June 25, 2022. They reside in Windsor, Pennsylvania.

# alumni updates

**Don '62 and Janice Mooney Hobart '63** have recently traveled to **Hawaii, Portugal, Spain, England, and the African continent.**

Her husband suffered a mild stroke in January 2022. He has largely recovered, which is quite a blessing. They have 15 grandchildren and have stayed busy with events, graduations, and weddings. The family celebrated Ruth in grand style for her 80th. This spring she was treated to a "roots" trip to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She visited college roommate **Mariam Evans Corbett** and visited her childhood homes, schools, and churches in Baltimore. Harpers Ferry, Civil War battlegrounds, and a thorough Washington, D.C., wrap-up made for a forever memorable experience.

**Bill** and **Joan Humphrey MacDonald '66** love living close to their kids and grandkids in Cerro, New Mexico. They live a half mile from the Wild Rivers Recreation Area, which is part of the gorgeous Rio Grande del Norte National Monument. They are volunteers there and enjoy this beautiful small grand canyon. Bill is recovering nicely from an aortic valve replacement.

**David** and **Bobbi Love Drobis '65** are enjoying their time in Naples, Florida, and their summers in Manhattan Beach, California. David is fortunate to be on the board of the two premier arts organizations: Artis-Naples, which is the performing arts center, and Gulfshore Playhouse, which is in the process of building a beautiful new theatre for professional plays and musicals. In California, summers are quieter, mostly with family. "We've adopted in the last year a wonderful poodle bichon rescue, Tito, who keeps us busy. It is a great respite from our previous hectic lives in New York and Connecticut. A great spring family trip to NYC gave us the opportunity to show the grandkids the sights of one of their favorite cities."

**Don '62** and I (**Janice Mooney Hobart, M.Ed. '78**) have stayed mostly healthy since the last column. With some COVID-19 relief, my family took me back to Hawaii in January to celebrate 80. Our daughters, Kim and Dona, were born there and thus we all have a passion for Oahu. The grandkids love Waikiki and were most happy to tag along. Don and I loved Portugal, Spain, and England in the spring. Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee brought us in contact with the happiest, politest, friendliest Brits and tourists we have ever experienced. Our tour of the African continent was extraordinary and Don now has more than 40,000 photos! We both love working the alumni, faculty, and friends tailgating at home football games. Greeting new first-year students as they come to campus and seeing them develop brings joy.

My heart is heavy as I write this paragraph. I had mentioned on a reminder that we have lost awesome classmates, but blessings will prevail as we share memories. The Autumn 2020 issue of *The Hill* was sent online, but a multitude of classmates have stated that they did not read it. In that issue,

we reported that we had lost **Jim Gray**, and his extraordinary memorial service in New Jersey was attended by hundreds of citizens and many classmates from WMC/McDaniel. Later that year, **Dagmar Jones Miller** and **Belinda Adams Eddy** passed. More sadness has followed as we mourn **David Pond**, **Pat Lambert McEllroy**, **Nancy Kelley Hoffman**, **Marty Wirt Davis**, **Otto Guenther**, **Laszlo Zsebedics**, **Les Alperstein**, **Lew Goodley**, and **Bill Myers**. Three of our classmates who have passed left us before graduation. They are **Ann Swomley Harden**, **Linda Insley Hurlock**, and **Dianne Mannion Wepsic**. Much information has been lost during these COVID-19 times, including our stellar classmates who were selected for the Alumni Association Awards. They personify the college's tradition of excellence through outstanding achievements and contributions. **Alex Ober** was the 2020-2021 Alumnus of the Year; **C. Downey Price '62** and **Edna Bent Price** won the Alumni Community Service Award; and **Pris Ord** won the Alumni Service Award.

This year, we celebrated **Otto Guenther**, who was posthumously awarded the Lifetime Service Award, and **Wayne Whitmore**, who was inducted into the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame.

Our Class of 1963 Scholarship continues to open doors of opportunities to McDaniel students. Our most recent recipient, **Hannah Schepers '22**, is off to a physician assistant program. Hannah made the dean's list and was selected for the Green and Gold Honor Roll as All-Centennial Soccer Player of the Year. Please keep in mind that a gift to McDaniel can be made to our scholarship.

As always, thank you for the privilege of writing this column. As we navigate these unprecedented times, let us keep in mind the many blessings bestowed upon us. Stay safe and be well.

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## 1969

The first response for our class news came from **Pat** and **Lisa Renshaw Fleeharty**. Both have continued to deliver food to neighbors and volunteer in their Annapolis community and through the Unitarian Universalist Church. With Annapolis Friends, a Quaker ministry, they are helping sponsor an Afghan refugee family in Maryland. This past summer found the extended family with four grandchildren, between 24 and 14, vacationing at Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia. In August 2022,

Pat went on his annual motorcycle camping trip with one son and several friends.

**Jim Godown** has been commuting an hour each way from his office in order to spend most of the time at their lake home in southwest Missouri. He's still helping people with their Medicare insurance to support their cruising habit. He and his wife, Maggie, just completed a trans-Pacific cruise from Tahiti to Hawaii. He's already looking forward to the next Reunion.

**Linda Osborn White** and her husband, Jay, made Maine their permanent residence six years ago. High points in the last few years for her have been earning a certification of "e-collar dog training from the Monks of New Skete," getting her seventh German shepherd puppy from New Skete after waiting over a year, and finishing a sunken garden in the remains of a stone foundation on their property. She started working for the 2020 Census and didn't stop for 2½ years. A low point for Linda was adjusting to the side effects of her daily oral chemo, which is a lifelong regimen for hemorrhagic essential thrombocytopenia. In the last few years, Linda and Jay both had both knees replaced. In fact, as Jay fills in at the local middle school's special ed department, he went back fall 2021 two weeks after his second replacement. Except for the initial COVID-19 lockdown, they have stayed busy. In July 2022, Jay published his first book of poetry, "Poems of a Gentle Soul." Their sons and families live in Charleston, South Carolina.

**Naomi Scharf Benzil, M.L.A. '77** and her husband, Phil, have settled down in Charlestown Senior Community in Catonsville, Maryland. Phil has an electric scooter that transports him to their local TV station where he does a sports show, which is a dream come true for him. They run a free film lending library and organize domestic and foreign film showings in the community's auditorium. Last spring, Naomi led a Great Decisions discussion group.

After adding a first-floor bedroom and bath to their newly purchased home in the historic district of Cape Charles, Virginia, **Nancy Shirk Campbell** and her domestic partner, William Raivel, moved in full time. They were in the community theatre production of "The Music Man." Most of the cast, including Nancy and William, contracted COVID-19 even though they were vaccinated and boosted. Her case was mild, but he spent three days in the hospital. Last June, they went to Massachusetts to see Will's oldest son and family and then they went on to Keene, New Hampshire. While there they visited with **Mike '68** and **Anne Read Ward**.

**Carol Armacost Carter** describes the "ups" of living under COVID-19 as being able to enjoy the al fresco restaurants, hearing the birds sing, and not having to patrol sea turtle nesting on Anna Maria Island,

Florida, when the island didn't have its normal 50,000 visitors per week. She was elected vice-mayor in the town of 960 voters. She and her husband, Bob, are traveling to Strasbourg, France, where her "Arbogast ancestor" migrated from Neiderbronnles-Bains from then-Germany in the 1750s. According to Carol, her family name in German meant "unwanted guest," which might have led Peter Arbogast to settle in Baltimore County, Maryland.

After 24 years with the Army and another 21 working for the DA, **John Haker** and his wife, Bonnie, retired to Delta, Pennsylvania, but after a few short months he started substitute teaching at Harford Technical High School in Bel Air, Maryland. He's been doing that for the last six years. Sometimes it's a challenge, John adds, teaching a class that's half English speakers and the other a collection of English language learners with Spanish, Arabic, French, and Chinese as their primary languages. He's been umpiring high school softball for 30 years and plans to continue.

In their new digs on Mount Hope Bay, Tiverton, Rhode Island, **Jim** and **Amy Lewis King** keep busy. Jim plays bridge and poker, and enjoys fishing. Amy hikes, power walks, and helps plan their community's social activities. A high point for them was seeing their grandchildren again after the lockdown and realizing how much they had grown. They have stayed in touch with many of Jim's "Preacher buddies."

**Dick** and **Nancy Higdon Morgan** keep busy boating in the summer. She does water aerobics, and he trains with the Annapolis Striders for races and triathlons. "Ups" include having seven grandchildren, 15 and under, living nearby. In November 2021, they had a family trip to Jamaica to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at the Iberostar Rose Hall resort. The grandkids loved the unlimited frozen drinks. Unfortunately, their 14-year-old grandson tested positive on his departure COVID-19 test, so he and his mother had to quarantine an additional 10 days at the resort. While the staff was very accommodating while guarding their doors 24/7, the two were overjoyed to get home. In summer 2022, there was a mini-WMC reunion at their house. In September, they again met up with **Earl** and **Carol Harris Deitrich**, **Joe Kerner** and Donna, **Pete Markey** and Carol, **Rick Coburn** and Mary in Aruba, with **Jeff Willis** and Linda, and **Jim** and **Amy Lewis King** joining them.

**Ann Schwartzman Rader** was able to fly to Atlanta to visit with her sister's family this spring. Not only has she done online one-on-one conversations with a variety of English language learners but she also tutored an adult through her final B.A. course in intermediate Spanish. Two of her first students attended WMC and she reconnected with them through Facebook.

**David Mowry '76** retired as P.A. Ann watched online as **Rhonda Dahl Buchanan '76** gave a talk on translation experiences shortly before Rhonda retired as a professor of Spanish and head of Latin American Studies at the University of Louisville. Ann treasures the gifts of translated works her former student inscribed to her. In addition to knitting, Ann has taken up weaving. She's back doing ballet thanks to a hip replacement. Both have contributed to keeping her active with her granddaughters and keeping a prolific vegetable garden. She's also the designated brew crew for her husband, who has become a serious home brewer.

**Gary Shapiro** is involved with 100 Nights, the local homeless shelter and community kitchen, and he's on the board of his synagogue. He and **Jane Butterbaugh Shapiro '70** try to keep up with snow removal, repairing washouts, plus lawn, flower beds, and vegetable garden duty. He cuts, splits, hauls, stacks, and burns four to five cords of wood yearly. This past summer they spent two weeks in Norway and a week on the coast of Maine.

In June 2022, **Mike '68** and **Anne Read Ward** got together with **Pete** and **Betsy Horton Kinner**, **Nancy Shirk Campbell** and her partner Will, and **Gary** and **Jane Butterbaugh Shapiro '70**. They enjoyed the Art Walk festivities in downtown Keene, New Hampshire. Mike chairs a Monday morning guys' coffee group that **Gary Shapiro** attends.

**Carol Deluca Council** and her husband, Tommy, have downsized their beach home in Morehead City, North Carolina. She says beach life matches her energy level more often than she'd like to admit.

The only exciting event at the Morsteins' happened as this column was being compiled. A tree fell, but just floated barely above a van parked beneath it. The two-story-plus oak failed to flatten the car because its upper branches caught in the canopy of surrounding trees. The 20-inch trunk missed the van by an inch and a half! Bill reversed the van out to a safer spot.

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## 1975

Hello, fellow kids, and those of you who have grown up by now. First thing's first, **Bruce Preston** is now the chair of the Board of Trustees of McDaniel College. What a tremendous job he has done for many years working for the college. He continues a family legacy by serving in this capacity. All the brothers of Alpha Gamma Tau, and our entire class is proud of you, Bruce, and grateful for your many efforts, in so many ways. (Anyone having Polaroids of the par-

ty that Bruce threw the weekend after he moved out of our section and into the "new apartments," please send me scans. I've been trying to get a small campus building named after me, and that might be all the leverage I would need, from what little I can recall about it.)

**Joan Bailey-Wilson** and **Alec Wilson** are doing very well. Alec has retired from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and is now a scientist emeritus there. It's been a wild couple of years, but fortunately, as a computational biologist, the daily routines were pretty easy for Joan and her staff at NIH to telework. "I will retire in September and also take the scientist emeritus route, i.e., work for free! We are very happy that our daughter, Lauren, presented us with a wonderful grandson, Nathan Alexander Lyle, on Oct. 14, 2021. Grandparenting is so much fun! Once I retire, we hope to travel more, especially to visit Nate more often in North Carolina."

**Karen Arndt Fisher** writes, "Well, I remember the saying, 'May you live in interesting times,' but really, I thought we had all accomplished that by the time we were 21. Never saw a pandemic coming." Karen and Dennis have managed to remain healthy. In the past year, they traveled to Zion National Park; Key West, Florida; and Cape Cod, Massachusetts. "Dennis is a Newtown Township, Pennsylvania, supervisor, which is really no way to spend retirement. We both volunteer at the local food bank twice a week and are busy there as many of the volunteers had to leave when COVID-19 hit, due to pre-existing health conditions. The good news is that we stayed healthy enough to help out." Karen went to the delayed 45th Reunion last year, "which was a soggy affair, but McDaniel did a good job of greeting the alumni. Hope for better things for the 50th!"

**Julie Rodgers Boyle** retired from teaching this year. She had spent the last 12 years of her career in Annapolis, Maryland, at St. Mary's Elementary School, teaching kindergarten. "I am still euphorically married — 46 years now — to my high school sweetheart, John Boyle, who was so supportive through the last two years teaching during the pandemic. Now, we hope to rest, read, and do some traveling with dear friends." Yearly, Julie reconnects with **Carol MacDonald Kelly '74**, **Debi Moore Slider '76**, **Daryl Wilgar Koroluk**, and **Susan Domeier Meredith** at their Fairy Tale Cottage in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for a Sigma Sigma Tau reunion, full of laughter, tears, and memories. "It is the best, being with these favorite friends who knew me when!"

**Johan van der Jagt**, Ph.D., retired in August 2021 from being a professor at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and now lives in Elmira, New York. He says the timing of his retirement was

# family

## ARRIVED

**Family additions this season:**

**Zora Jean Iizuka** on May 24, 2021, to **Megan Simmons-Iizuka '05** and **Kai Iizuka**.

**William Thomas V** in March 2021, to **Billy Thomas IV '06** and **Sarah Byron Thomas '11**.

**Ryan Scott Koleszar** on Feb. 11, 2022, to **Scott '07** and **Lauren Schwartzbart Koleszar '11**.

**Daniel Andrew Ehret** on May 6, 2022, to **Andrew** and **Britnie Greene Ehret '07**.

**Anthony Joseph Pasquarella V** on June 13, 2022, to **Anthony** and **Christina Hinkle Pasquarella '09**.

**Eleanor James Yeo** on June 2, 2022, to **Will Yeo '10, M.S. '13** and **Sarah Kass-Yeo '11**.

**Tanner Coates** in April 2021, to **Chris** and **Kate Zimmer Coates '11**.

**Willa Lynn Duckett** on Nov. 30, 2021, to **Mike** and **Kim Acton Duckett '11**.

**Jett Barron Safren** in July 2022, to **Meagan Elfert '11, M.S. '13** and **Hannah Safren**.

**Alden Rocco Junta** on Sept. 8, 2022, to **Anthony** and **Allison Short Junta '12**.

**Phoebe Snack** on June 3, 2022, to **Jonathan '15** and **Rachel Guthall Snack '17**.

[Class Noted]

# B. Sharise Moore sells two picture books to HarperCollins



**B. Sharise Moore, who specialized in Writing for Children and Young Adults while pursuing her master's degree from McDaniel's Innovations in Teaching and Learning (formerly Curriculum and Instruction) graduate program, says she has known since the second grade that she wanted to be a writer when she became frustrated by a lack of characters that looked like her. Her most recent book, "Fatimah's Fantastic City," tells the story of a creative and expressive girl who, overwhelmed by the blight and neglect in her neighborhood, reimagines her city as an artistic hub of safety, opportunity, and change. Trudi Hemans will illustrate, and publication is planned for fall 2025. "The workshops in McDaniel's Writing for Children and Young Adults certificate program prepared me for a lot of what I'm facing, from the accolades to the rejections, which do not stop simply because I have an agent," Moore says. "This program has truly been the gift that keeps on giving." Moore released her debut fantasy novel "Dr. Marvellus Djinn's Odd Scholars" in May 2021.**

fortunate because at the end of September 2021, his sister came down with a severe case of COVID-19. She was on a ventilator for more than six weeks and almost died three times. Johan was able to take over the homeschooling of her two children. "Now, I am returning to my major interest of researching and publishing."

**Donna "Suzi" Windemuth** is happily retired from her CPA tax accountant post with PKF O'Connor Davies in New York City. "We bought a beachfront condo in Ocean City, Maryland, and spend six months here and six months in NYC. (In

fact, our OC place is just a few blocks from the one **Jack Tracey's** family has ... memories!) We made it through the past several years COVID-free, as serious as it was in the city. When things resolved somewhat up there, we had our NYC kitchen fully renovated. Now, I have my dream kitchen and the time to take my cooking to a new level! Swimming and exercising keep all in balance and that makes my internist happy!"

**Karen Gilbert Korbonits** says that after a long expanse of going nowhere, she and **Dave Korbonits '74** took a Viking riverboat

up the Rhine River this spring. It was their fifth booking of it as the first four times the trip was canceled due to COVID-19. They also took a trip to Maine with family in June. However, their most exciting news was that their daughter, Amy, had a baby boy. He joins two sisters, who are 3 and 2 years old. "They live nearby, and we love spending time trying to keep up with the little tykes. Thank goodness we are still able to claim being under 70 years old!"

From the "Two Peas in a Pod" department, **Robin Armstrong Townsend, M.S. '98** and **Linda Kephart, M.S. '90**, have offices just around the corner from each other on the Hill. ("We are the operational definition of 'full circle!'") Robin oversees the undergraduate Education program, and under her leadership, it has grown tremendously now that Elementary Ed is a major. She stays very busy managing her horse farm in Keymar, Maryland. Linda teaches in the Kinesiology and Education departments, happy to be back in front of students after years as a PE supervisor. "Several years ago, I started competing in powerlifting, after years of training. I currently have five national records for the squat, deadlift, and total lift in my weight class and age group!" (Reporter's note: Northwood High School, baby. Represent!)

And from the girl around the corner, **Robin Armstrong Townsend, M.S. '98** is in her ninth year at McDaniel, after retiring from Carroll County Public Schools in 2014, and now serves as the coordinator of the Teacher Preparation program, working with aspiring teacher candidates. "People are always asking, 'When are you really going to retire?' and my answer is, 'I can't retire; I own horses!'" **Linda Kephart, M.S. '90**, lecturer in Kinesiology/Education, is here at McDaniel, so we spend a lot of time reminiscing about our days on the Hill. She is an amazing powerlifter and holds several national records. Right before COVID-19 hit, she was invited to go to the World Bench Press Championships in Czechoslovakia (I think), but the competition was canceled. Come see us, you Sweet '75ers. We are right back where we all started!"

**Jane Massey Licata** ended up with a Ph.D. and a law degree and has been practicing as well as teaching law for the past few decades at Rutgers University and Drexel University. She also has a boutique FDA and IP law practice, which works with universities and companies on biotechnology, natural products, and medical products. "We have always had remote work as an option because we needed flexibility to raise our families aka Mothers of Invention. My four children are grown, and the grandchildren count is rising with a fifth this year. COVID-19 challenged all of our scientific and legal skills, but because we have been so engaged in helping our clients with intellectual property and regu-

latory issues, and lawyers were deemed to be 'essential' in New Jersey from the beginning of the pandemic, we have been able to engage with incredible researchers and companies as medicine and many other aspects of technology have moved at warp speed. It is hard to believe how quickly time has passed from studying biology and chemistry at WMC. I am very thankful every day for the interdisciplinary and creative problem-solving skills learned on the Hill, that I then went on to explore at the University of Hawaii and Rutgers. I have been fortunate to have a happy place in Hawaii, and also at the edge of the Pine Barrens in New Jersey, so I can stay close to the ocean and the wild places."

**Karin Beam** says, "The golden years are shinier lately, with ... my frequent flying ongoing." Karin spends months on the water in Delaware with the heron and extended family/friends, then goes back to Northern California to the garden, hiking, and gatherings outside in this special light. She has been mostly retired now for 3½ years, but still doing mediations via Zoom when the case is interesting and is consulting with next-generation trial lawyers. "I am also finally in the studio recording music and taking time to work on the book(s) that have been on the back burner for years. Fabric art, painting, photography — there will never be enough time. I am rescheduling trips to Wales and Paris — again — and sang at Carnegie Hall in the spring. The best update, though, is that my son, Gus, and his wife, Lane, have made me Eleanor's Gram, and that time is most precious."

**Richard Tucker** retired in fall 2016 and keeps in touch a bit with several Houston WMC alum, such as **Carl** and **Linda Rickell Stiegler '78**, **Peter Barr**, and **Felix Licefi**. "I usually see the Stieglers at free concerts at the Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park by the zoo. The last one was America, and the two surviving members rocked much harder than I expected. Of course, their bandmates were young pros." Richard is blessed to have his wife, two kids, and three grandkids all alive and well in Houston. During COVID-19, he finished putting a recording studio together in Webster, Texas, a mile from the NASA Space Center. "I spend a lot of time there and am looking forward to getting Felix to cut a few tracks with me. My studio dog, Max (a Jack Russell terrier/wiener dog mix), likes to sleep in the bass drum. Two of my fellow WMC rock band members have passed, may they RIP (or jam in heaven!): singer/sax man **Dave "Brown Sugar" Hay '76** and guitarist **Hank Mills**. I am not in touch with our female 'I will cover Led Zep' singer, **Victoria "Vicki" Creveling Mariano '76**, or superb drummer **Wayne Good**, but had the best of times playing with each of them."

**Cathy Gough Campbell** was at the beach for the summer when she wrote, but she and Ron live in Manassas, Virginia, most of the time with summers on Fenwick Island, Delaware. They have two kids, Jaime and Brad, and they have given them four beautiful grandchildren, three girls and a boy. "We traveled to Hawaii in February; it is truly paradise. We visited Hawaii, Oahu, and Maui, and had an unbelievable time. Last summer, we met **Larry** and **Linda Loock Schmidt** and **Jackie Deakayne Cowan '74, M.Ed. '79** and **Bruce Cowan '79** for a great dinner in Bethany Beach, Delaware. We are both now retired: **Ron Campbell '74** from the Fairfax County Health Department and me from Manassas City Public Schools. We have a Caribbean cruise booked for next February. Our health is relatively good, so we keep going along. We got to see so many friends at the Bachelors reunion a couple of years ago; it was a lot of fun!"

**Janet Zimmerman** and **Bob Wolfing '73** have been in Ocean Pines, Maryland, full time for a little over three years. They bought and rehabbed a house, which was way more involved than they realized it would be, but it has a great view of Ocean City, Assawoman Bay, and Manklin Creek. "It brought us a lot of peace during the long months of staying at home, and one of my favorite things about the location is the bird stand in the bay, where resident ospreys nest and raise their young. It's fun to watch the parents feed them and teach them to fly. When the ospreys fly south, cormorants, great blue heron, and bald eagles visit. You'd think we had become birders, but much to the dismay of my siblings, we mostly enjoy 'our birds.'" Babysitting for the grandchildren occupies many of their days. They watch Emily's two daughters, usually once a week, as they are close by. "The days revolve around their schedules and ours." They go to Southern New Jersey to stay with Jessica's three children, usually once a month for long weekends to lend a hand there. "It's great fun to spend our days playing with the little ones. They are rapidly growing up right before our eyes." Janet and Bob have picked up pickleball, "a fun, fast game that is easy to learn, but hard to become proficient at." They've met lots of nice people and enjoy getting out to play.

**Julia Kunkel Morrison** retired to the mountains four years ago and John recently retired, finally. He has been working with his ocean color satellite since they left Wilmington, North Carolina. "Now, maybe he will travel with me. Our first retirement trip was to Belize, and we have a bucket list that includes Greece, the Canadian Railway, and maybe a safari. Life under COVID-19 in the mountains was a lonely two years, but we made it through." Julia is enjoying the lake, the mountains, gardening, and working on the Flowering Bridge, an old bridge that was taken out of commission and is now a beautiful garden. "I am painting and enjoy gardening and am glad for each day," Julia says.

**Karen Farina Kehm** and **Joel Kehm '74** are trying to get back into travel. They took a cruise around the Caribbean in February and were getting ready to head out on an Alaskan cruise. "In May, I took a trip to Peru with my two daughters and my granddaughter. We hiked Machu Picchu, Humantay Lake, and Rainbow Mountain before spending four wonderful days in Cusco. Highly recommend Peru as a place to put on your bucket list. Just remember that the altitude is challenging, especially in Cusco. Being a Denver resident helps a little!" Karen was having cataract surgery in August ("I know, I'm way too young for that!") and was looking forward to having clear vision again. "I am still Jazzercising four times a week, will return to line dance and tapping in the fall, after cataract surgery. I'm also practicing French on Duolingo and learning Spanish ... well, trying to learn is probably more accurate!"

**Joseph** and **Becky Horsey Carrico** visited their son and his family in Melbourne, Australia, in January 2020, where he teaches at Monash University. They enjoyed their journeys throughout the area before traveling home with a long layover in Dubai, which gave them an opportunity to have a quick city tour and ascend Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building. In February 2020, Joe had a bitersweet trip to Key West, Florida, to spend a week with his brother, **Tom Carrico '73**, and his wife, Debbie, on their sailboat. Tom began his 11-year battle with cancer in 2009. He returned to Annapolis, Maryland, in March for continued treatment, then passed away in July 2020. "With all the unusual things transpiring due to COVID-19, we also had two new granddaughters born, one in June 2020 in Easton, Maryland, and the other in June 2021 in Northern Virginia. So, we had both good and bad things occur during the pandemic." Joe is still working: 44 tax seasons and counting! Becky "retired" from grandchild childcare, but still fills in on a regular basis. They split time between Easton and their condo in North Ocean City. "Our son arrived for a four-week visit in June 2022. He was accompanied by COVID-19, which then infected Kevin, Teddy, and Joe. They all quarantined together (dubbed "The Ocean City Corona House") amidst a scheduled vacation week in a separate rented Ocean City condo. Vaccinations were instrumental in everyone having only mild symptoms. No one else was infected and a good time was had by all." They see fellow classmates at various social events throughout the Annapolis and Eastern Shore area, including annual crab feasts that have been occurring over the last 20 years or so in Kent Island and Annapolis. Joe and **Larry Matthews** have Ravens season tickets together. They traveled to Las Vegas in September 2021 to see the Ravens start the season against the Raiders in their new stadium, and took in a few sites and shows during the extended stay.

# family

## DEPARTED

### Those who will be missed:

**Janice Ward Mays '47** of Hanover, Pennsylvania, on Aug. 4, 2022.

**Sarah Gordy Clarke '48** of Pocomoke City, Maryland, on Dec. 20, 2021.

**Frederick Eckhardt '48, Hon. D.Div. '65** of Westminster, Maryland, on June 28, 2022.

**Jean Dingus Jenkins '49** of Easton, Maryland, on Aug. 11, 2022.

**Dr. Charles Hamner Jr. '50** of Mercer Island, Washington, on July 9, 2022.

**Elizabeth Thomas Nichols '51** of Asheville, North Carolina, on Jan. 25, 2021.

**Richard Cohen '51** of Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, on Nov. 16, 2021.

**Carlton Shea '51** of Naugatuck, Connecticut, on Dec. 25, 2021.

**Dr. Truman "Fred" Keefer '51** of Fort Pierce, Florida, on April 10, 2022.

**Murray Hopkins '52** of Edgewood, Maryland, on April 17, 2022.

**H. Kenneth Shook '52** of Westminster, Maryland, on Aug. 17, 2022.

**The Rev. Robert Steelman '54** of Ocean City, New Jersey, on May 15, 2022.

**Judith Johnson Zerbe '55** of Arlington, Virginia, on Dec. 10, 2021.

**Marilee Hodsdon Quesada '56** of Boyds, Maryland, on Nov. 4, 2021.

**Donald Wallace '56** of Fairfax, Virginia, on April 12, 2022.

**F. Elliott Burch Jr. '56** of Mechanicsville, Maryland, on July 22, 2022.

**Charles Luttrell '56** of Frederick, Maryland, on Aug. 4, 2022.

**Mary Doub Thompson '57** of Augusta, Georgia, on June 20, 2022.

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# alumni updates

**Stephen Mosberg '75 had to give up recreational caving, but still teaches cave rescue classes.**

**Beth McWilliams Tressler** and Sam are still running a dairy farm. She was in Dallas for two weeks this summer for the birth of a granddaughter, and did the same last October in Berlin, Maryland, for the birth of a grandson. “Now we have two granddaughters and two grandsons. Our kids are spread all over — two live in Dallas, one in NYC, one in Berlin, Maryland, and one in Baltimore. I enjoy visiting them. Even with COVID-19, the girls, two grandkids, and I enjoyed a trip to Hawaii.”

**Craig Stone** is proud to announce the graduation of his son, Craig Jr., with high honors in computer engineering and a mathematics minor from University of Maryland, Baltimore County. He’s already started working in secret cybersecurity and reverse cyber-engineering, with graduate studies beginning this fall. “I’m still plugging away in dentistry, took a second job, and am working toward the thought of retirement in a couple years ... or not.”

**Jackie Andrews Grace** and **Jerry Grace** have just moved for the 15th and last time to their new home, which they call “Godsong Keep,” between Hanover, Pennsylvania, and Littlestown, Pennsylvania. “Before COVID-19 hit, we bought three acres of partially wooded land and had a modern English cottage style house built during the pandemic. It was quite an interesting challenge to keep the old brain active. We still haven’t unpacked all the boxes and are busy managing the woods and planting gardens, but we’re enjoying living at The Keep. The word ‘keep’ signifies the last bastion of defense in a castle where the family would go for safekeeping. It also means a preserve, and we are trying to make our little piece of earth a preserve for the abundant area wildlife. It has been a fitting retirement for Jerry, who had planned to be a forest ranger during college but ended up being called into the ministry, where he served for over 30 years in the United Methodist Church.”

**Debi Lanus Cameron** and Mike have been back-up babysitters for their 2-year-old granddaughter, and they took a bucket list trip last year to Hawaii and were awed by volcanoes and beautiful beaches. “I think this is a place we will go back to. We also spend a lot of time in Ocean City, Maryland, at our townhouse. It is great to catch up with classmates, including **Larry and Linda Loock Schmidt**, **Felix and Sherri Sheckler Licefi**, **Mark and Patty Higdon**, **Bruce Anderson**, **Randy '74** and **Nan Dove**, and **Chip '73** and **Norma Hamilton Graber '74**. It’s a fun place to have cocktails on the beach and play golf.” Debi asks for the help of all classmates regarding our 50th Reunion in 2025. The committee includes Debi, **Larry and Linda Loock Schmidt**; **Karen Arndt Fisher**; **Ned Aull, M.Ed. '80**; and **Felix Licefi**, but this is going to be a very full weekend of events and they need all the help they can get. Please contact Debi at [cameron8414@verizon.net](mailto:cameron8414@verizon.net) to pitch in.



Linda Loock Schmidt '75 and Larry “Hondo” Schmidt '75 had the opportunity to stop at the McDaniel Europe campus in Budapest while on a Danube River Cruise with Chip '73 and Norma Hamilton Graber '74.

**Julie Mullen Johnson, M.Ed. '76** has found purpose in continued work as director of her college’s federal GEAR UP grant. “COVID-19 impacts encouraged us to surpass many unexpected and challenging situations ... but the importance of teamwork is more cherished now than ever. (Got that early on with our class at WMC.) Family is all good and sons are entering the careers of their true passion, which is very cool and fun to watch.”

**Larry “Hondo” Schmidt** continues to practice land use law, albeit at a reduced volume in his role as senior counsel to the law firm that he established in 2004. **Linda Loock Schmidt** is long retired from her job as a kindergarten teacher for Baltimore County Public Schools. They recently downsized from their home of 30-plus years to a condo in Timonium, Maryland. They also have a second home in Ocean City, Maryland, that they try to get to as much as possible, and particularly enjoy visits at the beach from their three daughters and their husbands, six grandchildren, three granddogs, and two grand-cats. “With COVID-19 restrictions abated, we’ve been able to resume our passion of travel. Over the past year, we’ve been to Hawaii; California wine country; Hilton Head, South Carolina; and Florida, with sightseeing and golfing occupying much of the travel itinerary. One of the two travel highlights of the past year was the resumption of the 30-plus-year annual Phi Delt golf trip to Arizona, including **Chip Graber '73**, **Randy Dove '74**, **Mark Higdon**, **Don DuLaney '74**, **John Barnes '77**, **Dave Deitrick '78**, **Bruce Anderson**, and **Steve Vaughan '76**. Because longtime participant **Tom Trezise** was sidelined and couldn’t make the trip, we invited a capable substitute and Bachelor alum **Felix Licefi**. We’ve reconnected with Felix through the Class of '75 Reunion Committee, and because he summers in the Ocean City area, too, and is an avid golfer.” Another trip of note was a 12-day river cruise up the Danube River in May 2022 with **Chip '73** and **Norma Hamilton Graber '74**. “A highlight of the trip was a

stop in Budapest, where we visited the McDaniel campus. Of course, photos were taken of us standing beneath the campus sign for inclusion in our photo book. We also visited Prague, Vienna, Bratislava, and a number of other wonderful locations in that part of the world. We’re hoping to continue our travel schedule in the years ahead as long as our knees and money hold out!”

**Norman Downs** accomplished his life-long dream and moved to the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland. Three years ago, he sold his home in Baltimore and relocated to a beautiful home, for a great price, in Worcester County. It is 100% rural, but he is 14 miles from Ocean City, 6 miles from Berlin, and just 25 miles from Salisbury. “Besides being a beach bum, my hobbies include supporting the local Catholic church, my local recovery club, firearms, yard and house chores, reading books on theology and English culture, architecture and religion. I am still unmarried and live a life of total abstinence from all past vices. I am also a stalwart conservative libertarian and devout Catholic. Quite frankly, my health hasn’t been the greatest. I had a heart attack in February 2020 and was shocked back to life 20 times. I am now being kept alive on a pacemaker/defibrillator and had several problems over the past year and a half. After five surgeries to correct complications, I am stable and very active now. I must be tough because people tell me they can’t believe I had surgery at all.”

**Roberta Tall Morton** is still in Columbus, Ohio, but now about 10 minutes from her old home of 30-plus years. “We can now comfortably live on one floor, but still have space for guests and grandchildren. In fact, our biggest adventure so far was that our California grandchildren arrived the day we moved and spent our first week in the new house with us. Our son stayed briefly and helped everyone get settled in, then left for an anniversary trip with his wife. Our two daughters have also visited to help us get situated. Meanwhile, we continue with church involvement, volunteer work and, of course, the never-ending doctor appointments!”

**Anne Maharay Bryant** is continuing to enjoy retirement from Montgomery County Public Schools, blessed with grandchildren, time with friends, volunteer work with Hospice of Frederick County, Maryland, travel and hobbies. She’s been taking courses in watercolor since retirement.

**Steve Brownley, M.Ed. '79** is “an old, retired guy that does old, retired guy things, surrounded by loved ones as leaves drift down into the pool.”

**Bruce Moler** continued to enjoy semi-retirement with his wife, Donna, in the wine region of Loudoun County, Virginia. “I finally made a final, no-kidding declaration to end the fourth career of consulting and training those up-and-coming project managers at the Department of Homeland Security by the end of this year.” They enjoyed river cruising this past May in Europe with **Steve, M.Ed. '79** and **Gretchen Godsey Brownley '77, M.Ed. '87** and Steve’s younger brother, Ron, and his wife. Bruce is looking forward to the next Alpha Gamma Tau gathering of old bros at classmate **Larry Matthews’** house this coming October in Annapolis, Maryland. “Big congrats to **Bruce Preston**, my football and lacrosse teammate and a beloved frat brother who has recently taken over as chair of McDaniel’s Board of Trustees. Way to go, Lance! And by the way, Tracer has been writing asking about ‘party pictures’? Hmmm.”

**Jay Markanich** is doing well in Bristow, Virginia. “Nine grandchildren, and likely counting. That happens; I’ve seen the bumper stickers. Still working, hoping to never retire, and loving what I do. However, I am leaving body parts here and there for replacement. Apparently, I’m bad to the bone ... b-b-b-bad. And yes, I am still a fan of the Senators and Redskins, but not the Nationals or Commanders. It is what it is.”

**Nancy Eichelman Handy** and her husband, John, are still enjoying retired life in Oakton, Virginia. They have one daughter living close by in Arlington, Virginia, the other lives in Sacramento, California. “Our retirement plan was to head west for visits on a regular basis, but the pandemic put a crimp in those plans, hoping to start traveling again soon. I was recently diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. Treatment is going well, and side effects aren’t too bad. We are keeping a positive attitude.”

**Felix Licefi** and **Sherri Sheckler Licefi '78** are still splitting time between Houston and Fenwick Island, Delaware, and enjoy the road trips when they travel between homes. This past spring, they spent a day in Helen, Georgia, which is a Bavarian village in the mountains, north of Atlanta. They especially enjoyed the mountain coaster. “Tell the brothers of AGT that when they’re down at the ocean to be sure to look us up; we’ll be in Fenwick each summer.”

**Curt Mattingly** and **Nancy Dean Mattingly '77** celebrated their 45th anniversary this

July. They still live in Fairfax, Virginia, near George Mason University. They have two grandchildren, ages 5 and 4, who live nearby in Great Falls, Virginia, and they are fortunate enough to see them regularly. “Nancy and I are in good health, and she is very busy supporting vets who visit D.C., Honor Flight Chicago, as well as working with the ‘care team’ at our church. I started a ‘brew ministry’ at our church about six years ago, which has been lots of fun. It is called the LutheranBrewCrew on Facebook and Instagram, although I do a poor job of keeping it up to date. We were brewing regularly until COVID-19 (usual story), but are now gearing back up. We have two main brew events. In the spring, we did a work share with a local brewery, Fairwinds, and brewed 300 gallons in a weekend. Usually, we brew in 10-gallon batches, and even with 10 brew kettles it takes our crew a long weekend. I have been out to see **Ned Aull, M.Ed. '80** and his wife **Chrissy Moore Aull '80**, who live near Centreville, Maryland. Ned is doing well and has come to visit when we make/bottle beer. Three years ago, he was pressed into service as a beer judge at our first competition. Lately, we have been brewing barrel-aged beers and are currently aging 50-plus gallons of a Scottish Wee Heavy in a bourbon barrel, which should be ready this fall. I’m sure Ned will make another appearance (slight jab; I almost have to insist he come to help). Our beers have been rated on Untapped. The last barrel beer was an imperial stout named Santa’s Sleigh Ride at more than 15% ABV. I still have some on tap if anyone drops by.”

**Thomas Trezise** and **Kathy Hamilton Trezise '76** passed their 46th anniversary. “Dean Zepp seemed to know how to tie a knot.” (Reporter’s note: Same with us. Zepped in the summer of '76.) “We will be in our new home in Nocatee, Florida — situated between St. Augustine and Jacksonville — by the time this goes to press. Ten months under construction and three months overdue, but we are now just minutes from the beach in a new Del Webb community.” Kathy continues as a professional organizer through her business, Absolutely Organized. Tom retired as an insurance industry attorney in 2020. He is taking expert witness engagements and just finished his first novel, “Former Things Forgotten.” He will soon be starting the process of finding an agent and publisher. “Kathy and I also will be launching a nonprofit, tentatively named The Everyday Kingdom, to help people learn to experience the purpose, peace, and joy available through Christ in their everyday lives.”

**Richard Loper** fully retired from his part-time job as lacrosse coach in Howard County, Maryland. “Now we’re camping, canoeing, biking, babysitting for five of the 10 grandchildren four days a week, and writing. Check out ‘And Justice for All,’ my

attempt at deciphering the current state of our nation. If you are in the Westminster, Maryland area, I’ll gladly give out free copies. As for interactions with elderly classmates, I frequently impose on **John Schutt '76**, who had the good fortune of marrying my sister, **Sharon Loper Schutt '79**, to proofread and edit various books before publication. And while not yet “elderly,” there is our daughter **Jen Bruce-Maskeroni '04, M.S. '06**; her husband **Dave Maskeroni '04**; and our son, **Ian Loper '05**, parents of five of the aforementioned grandchildren.”

**Stephen Mosberg** says, “Oh, my. Has it really been (almost) 50 years since we left the Hill? Still in West (By God) Virginia, married (finally), retired (finally). I moved to a little spot in the country where I raise my wife’s chickens, tend her bees, and sit on the porch watching the grass get too long. I had to give up recreational caving — my bones wouldn’t take it — but I still help teach cave rescue classes. We tool about for a couple of weeks every year in our little RV, and I have shown her some of the U.S. Life is good and hoping I (and everyone else) will be around in three years for the 50th Reunion. I’d like to come back and see what has changed.”

**Bob Cullison, M.S. '97** reflects, “It’s funny how you stop identifying yourself by your school, or your career, as we enter that phase of life known as senior citizenry.” Bob is enjoying a second retirement. After leaving New Hampshire at the start of the pandemic, he and Susan came back closer to home and moved to Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, about an hour northwest of Western Maryland College.

“We live on the sixth fairway of the Founder’s Course in a golf community called Penn National. Back when we moved to New Hampshire in 2012, both of my children added a grandchild each within the following year. My daughter went on to add another, our fourth, a few years later. With our daughter’s family residing in Frederick, Maryland, and our son’s family in Newtown, Pennsylvania, we tired of the long drives to visit family and made our move to be closer to all.” During two years of COVID-19, they did a lot of house remodeling and painting and acquired two puppies, an English setter and a Jack Russell terrier. Bob has also started doing some watercolors and acrylics, something he hasn’t had a chance to do in nearly 30 years. “Once the quarantine was lifted, we were able to get out more and explore our new community to finally meet some of our more-distant neighbors.” They’ve also spent time golfing and kayaking, and were planning a trip to Scotland this summer, with their son and daughter in-law. “The retirement I was so looking forward to was severely ‘pandemicked,’ but now with a return to normalcy we are hoping to spend more time traveling and visiting friends that we have missed over the past couple of years.”

# family

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**Gail Mercey Getz '58** of McAlisterville, Pennsylvania, on June 20, 2022.

**Joan Schaefer Weyrich '59** of Timonium, Maryland, on July 20, 2022.

**Joseph Bender '60** of Spring Church, Pennsylvania, on Dec. 18, 2021.

**Kinneth Johnson '61** of Baltimore, Maryland, on Jan. 31, 2021.

**Robert Vaughan '62** of Berlin, Maryland, on Dec. 2, 2021.

**Wilford Wrightson, III '64** of Tucker, Georgia, on Dec. 9, 2021.

**T. Stanley Sunderland '64** of Lawrenceville, Georgia, on May 31, 2022.

**Karl Schuele Jr. '65** of Beaufort, North Carolina, on Dec. 22, 2021.

**Douglas Carter '65** of Long Valley, New Jersey, on June 29, 2022.

**W. Scott Joyner '66** of Flower Mound, Texas, on May 5, 2022.

**Nancy Brown Uram '67** of Lincoln, Virginia, on July 19, 2022.

**Albertine Baker M.Ed. '68** of Frederick, Maryland, on Dec. 20, 2021.

**Charles Bittinger '70** of Hanover, Pennsylvania, on April 5, 2022.

**James Leverton Jr. '71** of Cockeysville, Maryland, on July 21, 2022.

**Kenneth Dapp M.Ed. '71** of Mechanicburg, Pennsylvania, on Nov. 8, 2021.

**William Bond '73** of McSherrystown, Pennsylvania, on Feb. 16, 2022.

**Jill Porter '73** of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, on June 11, 2022.

**Thomas Bastean Jr. M.Ed. '75** of Columbia, Missouri, on Aug. 21, 2022.

**Trina Gelfond M.Ed. '76** of Parkville, Maryland, on May 26, 2022.

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# alumni updates

**Andy Clarkson '81** completed a one-year certification in music theory and composition at Berklee College of Music, creating 70 compositions during the online program.

**Mark Metzger** writes, "Life continues to evolve for the Metzger clan, as our girls further define their young adulthood. JoHanna Chardonay is 28, teaching biology, and coaching soccer and basketball. She's a proud homeowner and using her former All-American status in basketball to teach other young ladies the game. **Emily Irene Metzger '20**, 24, is a detective for the Walgreen's chain, using her McDaniel degree to further analyze her parents and the world around her. My beautiful wife, Janine, is on the cusp of retiring from teaching art and music, but I keep telling her she's too young to retire. As for me, I refuse to retire from doing something I love, as acting director for the Opici Wine Group. I still manage to fit plenty of days in at our shore house in Beach Haven, New Jersey. We've lifted our travel ban and are back to visiting wineries around the world. We got a new pup this year, a gorgeous and frisky yellow lab named Pearl."

**Bruce Anderson** moved to West Ocean City, Maryland, upon retiring from the practice of law in 2020. He still sits part time as a U.S. magistrate judge. His partner, Gail Dooley, set about remaking the backyard into a garden oasis, with a fire pit and porch to enjoy the warmer months. "I have pretty much slowed down my triathlon schedule and been severely struck by the golf bug. I continue to play golf with other Phi Deltis in Scottsdale, Arizona, for the coveted Walker Cup, which I managed to win this past year." He also traveled to Utah and visited all five national parks there during the pandemic by renting a camper to enjoy exploring and hiking. Gail recently bought a place in St. Petersburg, Florida, where they hope to stay warm in the winter. "Lots of travel is planned for the future. More than anything, I have maintained my health and am grateful for family and close friends."

Well, fabulous classmates, frat brothers, frenemies, fellow thespians and footballers, fondly missed, and twice-kissed girlfriends, all y'all: I've saved the last slot for myself. My kids are a groove, crushing it out west near the City of Angels and the two grandsons are just terrific. Mrs. Tracey, **Janis Thompson Tracey '77**, is a remarkable baker, cook, gardener, grandmother, and still is the best body boarder on the Isle of Palms. Her cadre of gal pals call her "Queen of the Waves." She has created such a wonderful home here on this island. I retired for good from worrying if Suzy would sell a bunch of sweaters on Saturdays back on May 4, 2020, and am living life as a writer and artist now. Write to me. I'll tell you all about it. My book of poetry, "Poempendium," came out in March, and is available on Amazon. I also have lots of art to see on Instagram @jtracer100. I wish I knew exactly what to say about our time together up on that Hill that could somehow best convey how fortunate we were to have

been together in that time and space. Because we were, and oh, so very. Would any of us wish to have been born into living a life during a more astounding segment of history? Blessed, lucky beyond belief, surrounded by change and wonderment. I was thinking the other day about the volume of informational impacts that mount upon us now, daily, hourly, and how we must discern that path to become a better person amidst all the temptation and distraction and societal idiocy. I'll state that perhaps the two biggest influences on the American scene in our lifetimes have been named James: James Maury Henson explained the truest truth I know: "Life's like a movie, write your own ending. Keep believing, keep pretending. We've done just what we set out to do. Thanks to the lovers, the dreamers, and you." And it was James Joseph Brown who told us how to do what we set out to do: Just "Get Up." Peace. Be careful. Stay well. Love you.

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## 1981

**Mary Morningstar** is still working as an environmental attorney for Lockheed Martin, where she has been since 1990, which was the same year she married her husband, Wilder Leavitt. Her real passion, however, is hiking and climbing and they have been fortunate to travel to great places to do so. Their most "exotic" experience was in October 2019, when they completed a 23-day trek to Everest Base Camp; it was truly the experience of a lifetime. Mary and Wilder have also been lucky to see **Jane Cavanaugh** and her husband, Mike Gaffney; **Bill Coolahan '80**; **Berit Killingstad '82, M.Ed. '84**; **Linda MacKenzie Verhoeff**; **Della Butler Hager**; and **Laura Angel-Hanratty** and **Dennis Hanratty '80**. **Linda Garcia Grogan** and her husband, Tim Grogan, also join in the festivities.

**Owen Rouse** shares that COVID-19 may have paused some businesses and had others move to remote work, but the commercial real estate business is alive and well in the halls of MacKenzie Commercial Real Estate's five offices. Owen now has 39 years in the commercial real estate industry and is beginning his third year at the helm of their investment practice, representing buyers and sellers of commercial properties. Happiness is a 3-mile commute from his home in Ruxton, Maryland, with his wife, Anne. He sees some McDaniel license plates around the beltway and the opportunity to hear music creates a crossroads for impromptu alumni intersections. "Thanks **George Kleb '82** and **Charlie Brown** for the paparazzi at the Reisterstown Festival! The memories of frat parties cranking Little

Feat echoed as I watched the reconstituted band light up DAR Constitution Hall this spring. Hard to believe it's 41 years out from May '81. Seems like a lot of weddings, some funerals, graduations, grandkids, bucket list vacations, and a slow return to pre-COVID life."

Since retiring as an athletic administrator for Carroll County Public Schools in 2017, **Craig Walker** has taken on a new responsibility as vice president of a security agency in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, providing school security officers for a number of school systems as well as securing their extracurricular events after school hours in the south-central Pennsylvania area. He gets the opportunity to catch up with **Jim Selfridge** and **Rob Bowman** on local golf courses for some fun times involving laughter and beverages.

**Carla Fifer Staub** writes: "I've had a stellar year. On Jan. 18, I was ambulated to Gettysburg hospital where I 'died' in the cath lab. Was shocked and attended and sent by helicopter to York Hospital, where I hemorrhaged before they could do anything. However, the great docs decided not to do bypass surgery. Instead, they fixed my widower with three stents in an eight-hour surgery and before discharge gave me two more in right heart. I know how lucky I was. Doing well for it all thanks to science and the team. Did spend another eight days in hospital end of April with fever and low salt in blood. Again, great care. Hats off to all of the healthcare providers out there. For those that remember, I was 38 when you were 20, so in December, I'll be 82. We've been at Brethren home for four years. We are in a large independent-living first-floor apartment and really love it. Haven't seen anyone in years, but loved Western Maryland and all of you. I didn't retire until I was 78, right before COVID-19. I loved social work and private practice for 40 years."

**Mike Turner** has been living in Chino Hills, California, since 1990 and working in the Southern California aerospace industry since 1983, splitting time between Northrop Grumman and Tecolote Research. He has had the great privilege of supporting several important Air Force and Space Force programs during his career: B-2 Bomber, 747 Commercial, F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, and Global Positioning System (GPS). Mike has two children, Devin, 33, and Alexandria, 31, as well as two grandchildren, Kaden, 11, and Aubrey, 9. "It has been quite a while since I have visited the Hill, but hope to return soon to be able to catch up with friends and to see what is new at McDaniel in person."

**Jill Kortvelesy Mennicken** retired in 2022, after spending 37 years in the staffing business. She lives with her life partner, Chip, on Eastern Long Island, New York.

They spend the winters in the Carolinas and Florida living on a boat. They enjoy the adventure, as well as meeting up with old friends and making new ones. Jill has enjoyed getting back involved with McDaniel over the past five years or so. She presents empowerment workshops to students on campus and via Zoom. She has also enjoyed being involved as a McDaniel trustee over the past year. Jill is very excited about our leadership and the wonderful opportunities that McDaniel provides for our students and alumni, and looks forward to reconnecting with old friends.

After graduating from WMC, **John Kebler** went to Nashville, where he earned an M.B.A. degree at Vanderbilt University. After that, he worked a few years as operations and sales manager for a lumber company in rural Virginia. John returned to the Washington, D.C., area and has been working in this area ever since. He has worked in Bowie, Maryland, since 1995 as controller for an office products company. He married in 1990 and has lived in Bethesda, Maryland, since that time. His wife teaches preschoolers at a nursery school in Bethesda. They have four children, three living. One son was born with unattached bowels, remained hospitalized for almost a year while they waited for the possibility of a liver/bowel transplant, but sadly died without receiving the transplant just before his first birthday in 2003. John's two older sons are married and live in Frederick, Maryland, and Melbourne, Florida. His daughter is a junior in high school and looking at colleges. McDaniel is on her list, and they recently visited during the junior day in April. "It was nice to see the major upgrades to the campus and also to sense that the close-knit feel of the campus/student body remains the same."

**Scott Kallins** shared that after receiving Phillis's card and thinking of all the news that he could report, the very first thing was one of sadness in reporting the death of his great friend **Anthony Tangires**. That news was a real, startling, and meaningful event that foreshadowed what we should all anticipate but never want to hear of. Although he saw him infrequently, the smile, the look, and the warmth always projected the sense that you were meaningful and important to him. Scott will miss Anthony. Scott was happy to see several of his Bete frat brothers in the last year including **Hunter Steadley**, **Jeff Rosenberg**, **Chris Imbach '84**, **John Montanye '84**, **Wade Heck**, **Ron Bowen '79**, **George Boinis**, **Vince DiRienzo '83**, **Wayne Birely '79**, **Mike Goldstein** and **Rick Morani**, as well as other lacrosse teammates like **Jeff Vinson**, **Charlie Brown**, **Jack Kendall '79**, and **Ed Ginsberg '78**. This summer, Scott also went to a Rays baseball game with **Steve Asroff** and

**Tom Knieriem '82**! Scott has pretty much retired, although he is completing a master's in elder law ("for the fun of it") and still coaches lacrosse with **Steve Asroff**. Ski trips dominate his planning, and he was off again to Argentina in August for a couple of tucks down the blues. "If anyone needs an elder law consultation, I can usually be reached on a snowy peak somewhere or floating off of Egmont Key in the Gulf of Mexico."

**Janet Carr Short** still loves the retired life. She volunteers every weekday morning walking dogs at a local shelter. During tax season, she volunteers one day a week in Westminster, Maryland, as an income tax return preparer. Routine chores still interrupt the joys of life, but they are much more bearable now that she is no longer employed. Her husband, **Ken Short**, is still enjoying working as an architectural historian for Howard County. He's allowed to work from home two days a week, and he tries to schedule field work on the other days to minimize his time in the office. He's at least giving thought to retirement, but he hasn't settled on a timeline yet. Both daughters live near them, so they're able to see them often. The pandemic resulted in them celebrating three weddings in a two-year period. Younger daughter, Monica, married in October 2019. Older daughter, **Allison Short '12**, married in their backyard in October 2020 with just the bridal party and immediate family attending, and then held the big celebration in October 2021. They are grateful to have added two wonderful sons-in-law to their family. Janet and the girls take ballet, jazz, and tap together one night each week during the school year and perform in recitals in May. It's an enjoyable way to stay active and spend time with her daughters. All six of them traveled together to Scotland this spring for almost three weeks. It was a trip to honor the memory of Janet's mom, who always claimed she was Scotch-Irish. They still have some heritage countries to visit, but Janet and Ken knocked one off the list when they went to the Netherlands in 2019. They've completed a fair amount of international travel over the years, but the list of interesting countries to visit seems to keep growing.

After 35 years working for Westinghouse/Northrop Grumman, **Jeff Vinson** is enjoying retirement and living in Ocean City, Maryland. **Ann Sowers Zimmerman** is still living in York, Pennsylvania, and continues to do billing for her husband's chiropractic office while enjoying exploring sites around central Pennsylvania. **Deanna "Dee" Taylor, M.S. '91** and her husband, Tom King, continue urban farming in their Salt Lake City, Utah, property as well as their work in the community on food sovereignty and other social justice

projects. Their most recent project for the past three years is with a grassroots collaborative in the creation of a free community garden and orchard on public land in Salt Lake. Dee continues her employment at the Utah State Board of Education as a secondary transition specialist and supports school districts in improving their practices to increase post-school outcomes for students with disabilities. Dee and Tom enjoy traveling to Frederick, Maryland, twice a year to visit family and friends. They also enjoy other travels, which usually involve camping and hiking. They enjoy spending family time with their three children and six grandchildren who are growing too fast, including one who has achieved the magic age of driving!

Just one big update from **Jane Garrity Plantholt, M.Ed. '82**: retirement! After teaching physical education for 39 years, Jane retired at the end of the school year. She loved every minute of her career, the kids, and her teaching partners, but the pandemic with virtual teaching and its aftermath wore her down. She is looking forward to improving her golf game and some pickleball. Bill and Jane are celebrating their 38th anniversary this year and loving being grandparents to Camden and Teddy. They are still in Jarrettsville, Maryland, but travel to Syracuse, New York, to see their son's family when possible. Luckily their daughter is local, and she stays busy babysitting as much as possible.

**Bernie and Nancy Marlowe Merritt, M.S. '02** are full time in Fenwick Island, Delaware. Bernie continues to work from home with his company. Nancy is working part time in a small gift shop. Their daughters are well, with one in San Francisco and one in Baltimore, and they have a grand-puppy that they adore.

**Andy Clarkson** reports that they are all good in Charlotte, North Carolina. He got engaged to longtime girlfriend, now fiancée, Tara Greenberg in December. He just completed a one-year certification program in music theory and composition with the Berklee College of Music online. He created 70 compositions during the program. Tara and Andy also just signed a contract for their new house.

**Jay and Trish Griffiths Holtzman** are both doing well. Trish enjoyed her summer after another year teaching elementary school music in Baltimore County. "I am happy all the time now that I have retired after 39 years with the federal government," Jay says. "We are very proud of our kids, Jonathan and Allison, and of our cats, Tony and Charley O."

Pat and **Anita Smith Mason** are enjoying regular family Zoom gatherings. Their tennis business is busy once again. It is a joy to teach young people!

# family

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**Kimm Cooper M.Ed. '76** of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, on June 10, 2022.

**Joyce Thomas M.Ed. '77** of New Windsor, Maryland, on Aug. 18, 2022.

**JoAnn Bosnick M.Ed. '80** of Montgomery Village, Maryland, on May 15, 2022.

**Melissa Doyle '81** of Hagerstown, Maryland, on July 2, 2021.

**Leona Harris M.Ed. '84** of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on Nov. 7, 2021.

**Mildred Doehrer M.S. '86** of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on Aug. 20, 2022.

**Ann Cummins M.S. '88** of Williamsport, Maryland, on March 28, 2022.

**Gordon David Green M.S. '88** of St. Thomas, Pennsylvania, on Aug. 18, 2022.

**James McManus M.S. '89** of Mount Airy, Maryland, on Jan. 13, 2022.

**Mercedes Aguinaldo M.S. '91** of Leonardtown, Maryland, on Dec. 2, 2021.

**Jennifer Justh Chitwood '93** of Medford, Oregon, on Aug. 5, 2022.

**Jennifer Preston '96** of Baltimore, Maryland, on July 10, 2022.

**David Martin M.S. '97** of Frederick, Maryland, on July 27, 2022.

**Sheila Peksenak M.S. '98** of Shiloh, Georgia, on Jan. 4, 2022.

**Blondell Barnes M.S. '00** of Waldorf, Maryland, on Oct. 5, 2021.

**Maureen "Molly" Hambleton '08** of Aurora, Colorado, on Oct. 2, 2021.

**Alicia "A" Better Kresack '11** of Charlotte, North Carolina, on June 9, 2022.

[Class Noted]

# James Reddan '99 conducts at Carnegie Hall

In May 2022, Reddan had the honor of working with Kyle Engler and conducting the McDaniel College Choir, the Western Oregon Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, and others from around the country during his debut concert at New York's historic Carnegie Hall. "It was so great to have this opportunity to again conduct the choir from my alma mater!" he says.



Steve and Wendy Protzman Klohr live in Skillman, New Jersey, where they enjoy being near Philadelphia, New York City, and the beach. Steve recently retired as a senior director from Bristol Myers Squibb, where he worked in pharmaceutical R&D for 34 years and contributed to seven cancer and antiviral drugs on the market. He is now consulting part time. Wendy is no longer teaching elementary school full time but is a part-time substitute teacher. She recently stepped down as the children's ministry director at a Princeton church after many years. They enjoy cycling, hiking, kayaking, and family trips together. A visit

to Yellowstone in the winter a few years ago with Steve's parents (Ed Klohr '51 and Louise) was a highlight, as well as a trip to Italy with friends just before the pandemic, where they enjoyed a hot air balloon ride over Sienna along with the wonderful food and wine of Tuscany.

Regan Smith states he is still alive and well in Ocean City, Maryland. He is still working as an attorney, and Julie still has the Angler restaurant, marina, boats, and apartments. They have a 1-year-old grandson who they see several days a week as he lives just around the creek from them. Hoping everyone will stop in and visit when they are in town.

Craig and Sherry Bennett Rae '82, are enjoying North Carolina and living close to their three children and five grandchildren. Their medical equipment business continues to grow, and their son Chris is pretty much running the show these days. Craig is still playing lots of golf and they enjoy trips to the beach with the family.

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## 1987

Holly Morgan Frye was appointed vice president for student affairs and director of community relations at Shepherd University in 2021. She says, "To be honest, when I was a student at WMC, I didn't know what student affairs did!" In February 2020, she added the role of chair of the university's campus health task force to help navigate the campus through the pandemic. What a wild, wild ride! Her youngest son graduated from Shepherd in May while her middle son toured Europe, followed by a West Coast tour with his band, Korine. Facebook has helped her to keep in touch with the Delta Sigma Kappa sisters.

Lynn Fangmeyer Lang has had a very sad year. Her husband of nearly 25 years, Paul, died in August 2021 after rotator cuff surgery. She is broken-hearted, but his memorial had some WMC friends in attendance: Leigh Filer Fangmeyer '88, Lisa Lertora Schuler '86, and Chris Ginther. She visited with Holly Morgan Frye and her mom in the fall to look at the changing leaves that Paul loved. Lynn is thankful that her grown children live with her. Matt is a research fellow for the FDA working on phage therapies, and Maggie graduated from Caltech as a physics major and is starting a new job as a teacher at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic High School in Olney, Maryland. Lynn kept teaching PreK-8th grade religion in person throughout the pandemic at St. John's Episcopal School in Olney, Maryland. They still have their feisty girl pup, Violet, but their elegant old Maltese, Ali, decided he'd rather be with Paul in heaven last December at nearly 19 years old. Lynn and her brothers are helping their dad care for their mom who is forgetful, but relatively happy so long as Dad and Lynn are nearby. They have planned a road trip to Dad's childhood home in Illinois. Lynn still lives in the house Paul bought for them which is 2 miles from Lynn's parents.

Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Sandra Brant Alvey is keeping busy with work and many volunteer jobs. She is working at the Army's National Ground Intelligence Center in Charlottesville, Virginia, on a Joint Duty Assignment from the Defense Intelligence Agency. She spends her free time these days serving as chair of

The Armed Forces Retirement Home. She is also currently a member-at-large on the McDaniel College Alumni Council and member of the McDaniel College Sports Hall of Fame committee. She is a member of the Board of Directors for The Flag and General Officers' Network as well as a member of the Programs Committee and Speaker's Bureau. She is a member of the Council for a Strong America: Mission Readiness and also serves on its Speaker's Bureau promoting child nutrition and early education legislation. Sandy and her husband, Alan Alvey '85, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on May 17. Her next planned globe-trotting adventure is to Antarctica in January 2023.

Murray "Buddy" and Molly Hanson Parker '90 celebrated 27 years of marriage in 2021. Molly continues to work in a custom framing shop, and their three children are now young adults. Buddy enjoyed a football game this past fall in Carlisle with their daughter Ellie, who is a junior at Dickinson College, when the Green Terror played Dickinson. Unfortunately, Dickinson won! As for Buddy, he recently retired from Baltimore County Public Schools as a high school principal on January 1, 2022. He is looking forward to new adventures with Molly and extends a big shout-out to his brothers in Alpha Gamma Tau and the rest of the class.

Susan Pinto Keen and her husband are empty nesters and both caring for their moms who each have some health issues. Susan is still with the same public accounting firm that she has been with for 34 years now. She and her husband celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary. All of their kids are out on their own now and all doing great. Two of them live close by and one is a couple of hours away in Baltimore, so they can't complain since they get to see them all often. They were so happy to finally get to do tons of traveling in 2021 with some of their kids able to join them, including trips to Hawaii, Georgia, Texas, and Hilton Head, South Carolina, for Karen Kinningham and Norm Yarbrough's wedding. They got to spend several days together there with Laurie Vozzella-Bell and Dave Bell, Eric and Kim O'Dea Landgraf, Ed and Julie Bugg Maher, and Ferren DeMore Bolesta. It was like a sorority reunion. We also had a great time at our Phi Alpha sorority reunion at McDaniel this year. Susan has twin daughters who graduated from McDaniel in 2018. They have been back for some of their alumni soccer games and have been lucky enough to maintain some friendships with some of the soccer parents from their team over the years.

Bev Kreidler Shaner, M.S. '89 is still working part time as an administrative assistant for a psychologist. It keeps her just busy enough and allows time for more fun things like travel. In pre-pandemic 2019, she and Chuck journeyed to Belgium and

the Netherlands for a river cruise. By far the biggest highlight was Keukenhof Gardens where they saw 8 million tulips, daffodils, and other bulbs spread over 70 acres. "Our timing was just right and everything was at peak bloom the day we were there. Spectacular!" Bev and Chuck got back into travel mode in November 2021. They drove to Auburn, Alabama, for their nephew's wedding and made many stops along the way. They are looking forward to another river cruise in December touring Austria and Germany and visiting the many Christmas markets there. On a sad note, their Westie, Cody, was diagnosed with cancer in December 2019, and they had to say goodbye to him in April 2020, right at the beginning of the pandemic. Due to a shortage of Westie puppies and everyone else clamoring for one during lockdown, they had to wait almost a year before welcoming Scooby into their home in March 2021.

Michele Lawyer Gribben is still teaching at McDaniel in the math department. This school year begins her 25th year. Both of her kids are married but no grandkids yet.

Jennifer Brashears Wuamett is still living in Austin, Texas, with her husband Paul and labradoodle, Lucky. The kids are all out of the house now and doing well, and fortunately close enough to visit regularly and spend time at Lake LBJ together. Jennifer is working as general counsel and chief sustainability officer for NXP, a global semiconductor company headquartered in the Netherlands. She and the family happily celebrated the marriage of her oldest son in Jamaica in May. She and Paul look forward to getting out of the Texas heat soon to spend some time in Colorado seeking cooler temperatures.

Don Parker-Burgard is still working at Fine Gardening magazine, but the big news for him is that after 19 years of living in a single-family house on a 1-acre lot in Monroe, Connecticut, he sold his house and moved to a rental apartment in Norwalk. He loves living in a small city with sidewalks everywhere and easy access to restaurants, parks, and the train into New York City. Don still keeps in touch with Jim Chung and Ron Kyle '85.

Lynn Habicht, M.S. '91 is teaching math at Carroll Community College. She and her wife, Karen, recently celebrated nine years of marriage. They live in Westminster, Maryland, with several fur babies. They love to travel, with Karen planning their trips. Recently, they've been to Costa Rica and next they will cruise out of Boston to New England and Canada.

Amy Ratcliffe writes that in mid-June, she moved from Lafayette, Indiana, to Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, to be closer to her brother and his family. Even though she has never lived in Pennsylvania before, coming back to the East Coast after 22 years away (11 in Florida and 11 in Indiana) feels

like coming home. Her mother (85 and healthy) now lives with her. Amy is still working from home as editor/project manager for the International Journal of Central Banking, a job she's held since 2005.

Margaret Miller loves her career as a consultant in human resources and organizational effectiveness. Recently, she volunteered to review and give feedback on current McDaniel students' resumes. She makes time to connect with family and friends, travel and capture beautiful scenery, and to create and collect art. She and her husband, Rob, live in Millersville, Maryland, and celebrated their 20-year wedding anniversary in June. She recently spoke to Cindy Boyer Thompson, she met Karen Rex Lambert in New Jersey for dinner before Christmas, and she keeps in touch with some alumni who include her freshman-year roommate, Melissa Morreels Kalian, Elaine Pappas, Roxanne Benjovsky McClanahan '89, Sue Bloom (former Art Department chair), Susan Lauzau '86, TraceyAnn Tokar Smith '88, Julie-Ann Elliott, and a few others.

Lois Mapes Davis has decided after 31 years to retire from teaching middle school special education. She is going to work part time in a little shop in Berlin, Maryland, and enjoy her time off trying to start a business with her lotion bars and bath products. She is looking forward to doing some traveling with friends and family. She enjoyed running into Mary Beth Angus Carmichael and Theresa Gutierrez Battaglia '88 this past year. Her son turned 30 this year and is managing a hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. She and Steve are considering downsizing and looking at their options.

Steve and Lucy Purcell Lutche '88 made it back to WMC last fall for her Reunion. They hope to attend Homecoming this fall, although timing may be difficult as their daughter, Brigitte, will be getting married in October! Their son graduated college this year, so they are tuition-free for the first time in a very long time! They still reside in Fallston, Maryland, and work in Bel Air, Maryland, and went from being empty nesters several times to currently having a full house of five to six adults, and two dogs. They are trying to get to the beach as much as possible and have been really fortunate in being able to continue to see our normal WMCers from Steve's and Lucy's classes.

Nicolle Gaines Surratte, M.S. '88 expanded her company, NspireD, LLC. She graduated from the Institute for Integrative Nutrition and started A Health Coach for Me. As a certified health coach, Nicolle helps women make transformational health changes. June was a month of celebrations for Nicolle. In addition to celebrating her 11th "cancer-versary" as a breast cancer "thrivor," Nicolle spent two weeks in London to celebrate the 30th birthday of

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her daughter, Nicalia, who is pursuing a master's degree in virtual and augmented reality from Goldsmiths, University of London. Nicolle's 32-year-old son, Jerry III, was there to mark this milestone too. He is a professional storyteller and corporate training facilitator who lives abroad.

**Eric** and **Kim O'Dea Landgraf** shared just before COVID-19 hit, Kim changed jobs and is back in Haddon Township's school system as the principal's secretary. She made the change so she could enjoy working with the kids on a daily basis. Eric just finished his 35th year in the insurance industry, with the last 21 years at Calhoun Agency in Haddonfield, New Jersey. They are getting close to being empty nesters as three of the four kids are out on their own. They are fortunate to see many WMC alums, like Bob and **Ferren DeMore Bolesta**; **Norm Dahl, M.S. '89** and Maria; **Margo Engel Burns** and Steve; **Larry Smith** and Linda; **Joe Callahan**; and a host of other friends. Just recently, Eric's fraternity got back on track with their annual luau in Ocean City, Maryland.

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First, I want to thank **Karen Rex Lambert** for being our class reporter since our graduation. I still live in Westminster, Maryland, where I currently live with my elderly parents. My mother has dementia and requires daily care. I volunteer in several capacities for McDaniel College and for a summer program, Common Ground on the Hill. In 2020, I finished a second master's degree in ministry. I now work for St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Westminster. I am very involved in social justice issues and politics. I interact with many WMC and McDaniel graduates from many years through my local activism and volunteerism. Since I worked in the alumni office, I made many friends from the classes of the 1940s through 2020s. I see **Lynn Habicht, M.S. '91** regularly and I've been back in touch with my Blanche Ward Hall neighbors **Susan Scharf '86**, **TraceyAnn Tokar Smith '88**, and **Charlene Ballard VanDusen '86**. I also keep up with **Maureen Carroll Martin '86**, who kindly included me in a dinner with other members of her class. I share correspondence with **Robin Garland Bair '84**, who has stage-four lung cancer, which I've had a best friend and a sister-in-law die from. We relate about the cancer and our spirituality. I have family in many great vacation spots around the world, so I mainly vacation with them.

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## 1993

**Erica Guenther McAndrew, M.S. '13** is entering her 28th year of teaching at Spring Garden Elementary School where she teaches first grade. She enjoys teaching this age group and they certainly keep her on her toes. She and her husband, **Jeff McAndrew '92**, are celebrating their 10-year wedding anniversary. Her daughter, Payton, is a junior at University of Maryland, pursuing a nursing degree. Her other daughter, Makenna, keeps busy with 4-H and running a nonprofit called Peace, Love, Dolls. The girls keep them busy and as a family they enjoy all things Disney!

**Christine Keiner** celebrated her 20th year as a professor of science, technology, and environmental studies at Rochester Institute of Technology.

**Seth Obetz** discovered the CEO of his 74-year-old family business had committed a multimillion-dollar fraud. Though the CEO is now in federal prison, it ultimately bankrupted the company and caused terrible pain for many employees, customers, and vendors. While it was a brutal ordeal, there are many beautiful parts to their recovery and Seth wants to thank his many friends, fraternity brothers, and even those he did not know from WMC who reached out and supported them. The relationships built in college and the lessons learned in the classrooms and on the athletic fields helped him persevere. The family is writing a book about the experience titled, "What If You Lost Everything?" which helped them realize the moral of the story is that they didn't lose anything that mattered: They kept their friendships, family, and love.

**Coleen Klasmeier** still practices law, leading the FDA practice at the Washington, D.C., office of Sidley Austin LLP. She lives in the Woodley Park neighborhood with her 7-year-old daughter, who goes to the Montessori school in their same block. She stays in touch with **Tricia Duffy Murray**, **Valerie Funk McAuley '92**, and **Kim Bergen Sullivan '92**.

**Katie Shepherd Dredger** continues to work at James Madison University as a department head in the College of Education. She loves living in Harrisonburg, Virginia, with her husband and daughters, and staying in touch with her Omega sisters. She texts **Jessica Barlow Howell '92, M.S. '99**, **Sarah Biggs Henderson '92**, **Erin Thompson Strovel**, and **Wendy Gayo Pardoe** regularly to share parenting/life laughs and advice. She was thrilled to recently catch up with **Kerri Wagner Rapp '94** as she was passing through with two of her amazing children! Now that she's a parent of a college kid, she values all she learned and gained at WMC/McDaniel!

**Tammy Powers Schwaab** works as a full professor of nursing and clinical simulation specialist at Carroll Community College

in Westminster, Maryland. She recently completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Duquesne University. She is celebrating her 25th wedding anniversary to her husband **Marc Schwaab '94**. They were married in beautiful Little Baker Chapel.

**Skip** and **Emily Oland Squires '94** still live in Ellicott City, Maryland, and celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in June. Their eldest son started his junior year at Franklin & Marshall College and their youngest son is a first-year student at Key School this year. They look forward to seeing friends **Jennifer Disney**, **Maura Ziolkowski '94**, **Jonathan Boehman '94**, and many others in person again soon.

**Grant Disharoon, M.S. '11** is starting his 17th year of teaching and his seventh year in Bridgewater, Virginia. He is moving to Rockingham Academy to teach high school math in an alternative education setting. Living in the valley provides so much to do, including mountain and road biking, yoga, and fishing. This year, he will celebrate his 25th wedding anniversary to **Leona Sevick '92**. His son, Elijah, will graduate from Mount St. Mary's University and his daughter, Jane, will graduate from Turner Ashby High School in 2023. He has been enjoying spending time in the Chesapeake area of Virginia, the Outer Banks in North Carolina, and Costa Rica!

**Mary McGuirk Drawbaugh** resides in Lovettsville, Virginia, with her husband and three children. This past year she started her own law firm, McGuirk Drawbaugh LLC, and continues to practice criminal defense and family law. This year, her son Brady will graduate from Mount St. Mary's University, her daughter Kate will be a sophomore at Ole Miss (Hotty Toddy!), and her youngest, McKenna, will start high school. Mary keeps busy watching her kids' sporting events, traveling, and volunteering.

**Wendy Gayo Pardoe** celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary in April with her husband Brian. Their son, **Max Pardoe '22**, recently graduated from McDaniel with a degree in Political Science and is taking the LSAT with plans to attend law school. Their daughter, Riley, is a junior at the University of Dayton. Wendy is a senior manager of learning and development at T. Rowe Price, where she recently celebrated her 26th work anniversary. Wendy remains close with sorority sisters **Erin Thompson Strovel**, **Katie Shepherd Dredger**, **Jessica Barlow Howell '92, M.S. '99**, and **Sarah Biggs Henderson '92**.

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## 1999

**Nick Gough** is back on the Hill! After retiring from Howard County (Maryland) Public Schools, Nick was hired last summer by McDaniel's Education Department as a professional development liaison! It feels so good to be "home" again! Nick lives with his wife, Barb, six minutes from campus, with their dog, bearded dragon, and chickens. Both kids, Evan and **Molly Gough '20**, have flown the coop and are both happily employed. Evan recently got married, so Nick is officially feeling old!

**James Reddan** just finished his fourth year as director of choral activities and music education at Western Oregon University and was recently tenured and promoted to associate professor and chair of the Department of Music. He keeps in touch with many of the music faculty including Kyle Engler and Margie Boudreaux. In May 2022, James had the honor of working with Kyle Engler and conducting the McDaniel College Choir, the Western Oregon Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, and others from around the country during his debut concert at New York's historic Carnegie Hall. "It was so great to have this opportunity to again conduct the choir from my alma mater!" he says. He tries to get back to campus when he can. James is absolutely loving Oregon, where he and his husband Jason just bought their first house and spend lots of time hiking with their dogs, Seamus and Tobi.

**Paul** and **Jaime Walker Luse** still live in Glenelg, Maryland, with their two boys, Brady and Henry, and their 17-year-old yorkie-poo, Vinnie. Jaime continues to practice law as a partner at Tydings & Rosenberg LLP in Baltimore, although she is working remotely more than she is in the office. Paul still works at Aon and is currently a global chief information officer. Since the pandemic, his work travel has cut back significantly, and they enjoy more family dinners and movie/game/Jackbox nights with their sons. Jaime and Paul are both involved in their local community, with Jaime serving on the board of nonprofit Camp Attaway, and Paul serving on the board of their church. Their family enjoyed a fantastic trip to Disney World in late 2021 and relaxing trips to Isla Mujeres, Cancun, and Ocean City, Maryland, in 2022. Jaime and Paul were happy to catch up with Jaime's roommate, **Nicole Mechaly Weersing**, and her three daughters this summer when she visited from South Carolina.

**Art** and **Julia Motorina Vinokour '00** took a very memorable vacation in Iceland ("5 stars, highly recommended"). The Vinokours continue to enjoy peaceful life in suburban Connecticut with their two daughters and two dogs, while also doing what they can to support friends and families impacted by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

**Ryan Keough** returned to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and his job of resident

stage manager at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre in April 2021. He has greatly enjoyed being back at it, especially doing the shows "Mamma Mia!", "Rock of Ages," and most recently, "The Little Mermaid." Ryan also enjoys visiting his sister **Julie Keough-Mishler '02**, along with her husband Jacob and new baby daughter, Amelia Joy, in Williamsburg, Virginia.

**Grant Rice** has been working for the past decade as the co-principal of DR Theatrical Management in New York City overseeing Broadway, off-Broadway, and touring productions. Although the pandemic slowed down the entertainment industry, theatres are back open with patrons and tourists filling Times Square once more! Grant and his wife, Katharine, along with their two children relocated to Dallas, and Grant commutes to NYC as needed.

## 2005

**Bonnie Yates, M.S. '10 Henry** loves living in Catonsville, Maryland, with her husband and two young daughters. She says she has the best job in the world as an elementary school library teacher. She sends lots of love to the Class of 2005 and all of her great professors on the Hill!

**Sean Miller** just started his 16th year at T. Rowe Price working as a senior technology project manager. In April, the brothers of Phi Delta Theta celebrated their 50th chapter anniversary and capped it off with a party at **Edward Gruss '04's** house with **Kevin Sayer '00**, **Chris Englebrake '02**, **Chris Taugher '02**, **Chris Kinda '03**, **Neil Hammer '03**, **Thad Gruss '04**, **Brendan Smith '04**, **Garey Pritchett '04**, **Scott Mahoney '04**, **Ryan Melhorn '04, M.S. '13**, **Andy So**, **Tyler Graham '06**, **Mike Valentino '07**, **RJ Seabeck '07**, **Steve Jordan '06**, and **Joe Barndt '08**. He still lives in Timonium, Maryland, with his wife Amy, 5-year-old daughter Sloane, and 3-year-old son Graham.

**Jobi Larrick Duke, M.S. '08** has been married to her high school sweetheart, Ben Duke, for 14 years. They have three boys and live in Fort Collins, Colorado. They just built a new home to give their boys a place to ride four-wheelers and explore. They love to travel and camp as much as they can.

**David "Wiggy" Wigtil** currently lives in Washington, D.C., and works as a contract specialist for the Mission Installation and Contracting Command (department of the Army). He got a used bicycle back in April and greatly enjoys riding it when the weather is nice. In addition, he's addicted to Duolingo (he's learning German). Lastly, he enjoys going to Nationals games, attending various social events, and lounging by the pool in his apartment complex.

**Angie Schmidt Damaska** is married to Jimi Damaska with two adorable little girls,

## [Class Noted]

# Engaged alumni, engaged students

Each semester and during the summer, multiple alumni volunteers return to the Hill to serve current McDaniel students.

Below is just a sample of those dedicated alums from this issue's class notes:

- **Jill Kortvelesy Mennicken '81** has been presenting empowerment workshops to McDaniel students.
- **Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Sandra Brant Alvey '87** is a member-at-large on the Alumni Council and a member of the Sports Hall of Fame committee.
- **Margaret Miller '87** has been reviewing McDaniel student resumes.
- **Laura Russell '87, M.S. '99** volunteers at McDaniel and for Common Ground on the Hill.

Your commitment to your alma mater makes a huge difference in the lives of students who will be Green Terrors for Life. Thank you for all you do!

To learn more about how you, too, can get involved on the Hill, contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at [alumni@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:alumni@mcdaniel.edu).

Addy and Ella. Their fur baby is named Wrangler, and they are all loving life!

**Jessica Watson** celebrates her 12th year as CEO of Points North, a creative agency based in downtown Baltimore. Additionally, she is the co-founder of Gratify, an app that helps ambitious leaders ensure their teammates feel valued at work. In her spare time, she volunteers with Volunteering Untapped and takes theater classes with Baltimore Improv Group. Jessica just got back from a trip to Iceland where she climbed waterfalls and dined on a glacier. She's planning a trip to Argentina for 2023.

**Kennedra Tucker** is currently serving the teachers and students of the United States military as a civilian K-12 health and physical education instructional systems specialist in the Department of Defense Education Activity. She is celebrating her recent engagement to her fiancé and plans to complete her Ed.D. in School System Leadership at the University of Maryland, College Park in 2023.

**Tyler Fogarty** and his wife, Elea, have been married 15 years and have three

# alumni updates

**Leon Mach '05** is an associate professor of Environmental Policy at School for Field Studies in Bocas del Toro, Panama.

children (11, 9, and 7 years old). They live in Westminster, Maryland, and are within walking distance of the college. They enjoy going to Orioles games regularly. Tyler has been working at T. Rowe Price for 12 years. He and his family enjoyed taking part in the inauguration party for President Julia Jasken in April.

**Heather Kirkwood Yeung** lives in Columbia, Maryland, with her husband, Dillon, and their two children, Robbie, 8, and Jack, 6. She continues to work as a business lawyer and commercial litigator, help keep up the family farm in Harford County, and stay in touch with WMC classmates from the Honors Program. She's excited to travel again—Vermont for **Katharine Strong '04, M.S. '06's** wedding, Rio de Janeiro, and Puerto Rico are next on the list!

After having four kids and getting stuck at home during the pandemic, **Erin Shinholt Kleopa** spent time getting into gardening and racing. So far, flower and berry gardening has transformed their yard into the Corona Garden; vegetables are next. Getting back into fitness has been fun, and races have kept her motivated. It started with a 5K and quickly elevated into multiple Spartan races and recently a triathlon. This summer, she and her family visited the other half of their family in Cyprus after a multi-year delay to finally introduce their youngest, who was born in 2018.

**Leon Mach** is an associate professor of Environmental Policy at School for Field Studies in Bocas del Toro, Panama. He received a Fulbright Scholar Award to research surf tourism in Sri Lanka during the 2021-2022 cycle. Likewise, he's also been working to establish sustainable surf tourism initiatives in El Salvador as part of a USAID-funded program. Leon co-founded the study abroad organization SeaState, and is a board member for Foster the Earth, an organization that provides transformative backpacking experiences for vulnerable youth in the United States.

**Walt Zalis** has lived in Locust Point, a neighborhood on the water in south Baltimore, since 2016 with his wife Abby and 4-year-old Wilhelmina, and the family recently welcomed Nova Lily. He's continuing to work as a strategic planning consultant in energy/sustainability and security, and supports a local nonprofit called Thread.

**Bill Knouse** is still enjoying life in Raleigh, North Carolina, with his wife, Jessica, and son, Ellis, who turned 6 this year. He's now been with Hillrom for nine years and is currently working as an engineering project manager for medical devices, which he loves. He's continuing to work from home. This summer, Bill and his family spent two weeks traveling around Iceland seeing volcanoes, icebergs, geothermal pools, and geysers. It was truly an experience from another world!

**Helene Ver Eecke** eloped in 2022 with Gage Smith. They live with their dogs in Denver, Colorado, and wherever their RV adventures take them. Her microbiology professorship and beverage consulting company are still going very well.

**Jessica LaFortune Silina** is currently living and working in Estonia. She welcomed a baby girl in March 2020, of all times! Since returning from maternity leave last year, Jessica is working as a team manager in IT.

**Megan Simmons-lizuka** and her husband, Kai Lizuka, welcomed their daughter Zora Jean, on May 24, 2021. Zora, named after Black Harlem renaissance writer Zora Neale Hurston, is the perfect combination of mom and dad, and they are so joyful and blessed.

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## 2011

When we last checked in with **Steven Carney, M.S. '22**, he had just purchased an 1870s farmhouse and was enjoying working at McDaniel. This year, he celebrated his five-year anniversary of working as a research analyst on the Hill and has the pleasure of working alongside some really great people. He is still living in that 1870s farmhouse — and still fixing it up. With the completion of one project comes the beginning of another. Hey, great things take time! In his free time, Steven is still involved with historical preservation. He has accomplished restoration and preservation work on several historical battlefields and continues to plan historical events and give historical demos and presentations. In August 2022, he completed a Master of Public Administration. By far, the greatest news on his end is on August 22, 2021, in Leesburg, Virginia, Steven and his girlfriend, Meghan Kaylor, became engaged! They got married on Oct. 29 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

**Jill Wooten** decided to leave her corporate job with a builder in new home sales after a wildly successful career of almost a decade. She is now working for independent clients in the Anne Arundel County, Maryland, real estate market. Jill moved to Annapolis, Maryland, over two years ago, where she resides with her partner and her big doggos.

Representing the green and gold in Florida is **Rich Gumpert**. He graduated from Widener University Delaware Law School in 2014 and is currently working at FineMark National Bank & Trust in Fort Myers, Florida, in anti-money laundering. He and his wife reside in Bonita Springs, Florida.

**Jacquelynn Williar-Voland** is enjoying her teaching career, having shifted from ELA (English) to physical education in the fall of 2019 but still working with middle

school students. This is her 11th year in the classroom! Her husband, **Dave Voland '12**, is still enjoying his career with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, and they love to spend their free time with their children Catelynn, 3, and James, 1½, and their two rescue dogs, Hank and Scout. Jacqui and Dave have taken their first few family vacations after COVID put everything on pause for a while and have found that both children love the beach like they do!

Next door to the beach lives **Kate Zimmer Coates**, who is in her 11th year of teaching at Berlin Intermediate School, just a few miles away from Ocean City, Maryland. She and her husband, Chris, just welcomed their third son, Tanner, last April. He joins his older brothers, Carter, 6, and Tucker, 4.

Another beach lover from our class is **Meagan Elfert, M.S. '13**. She currently lives in Wilmington, North Carolina, with her wife, Hannah, and they love going to the beach on the weekends or catching a sports game at University of North Carolina Wilmington. Meagan and Hannah welcomed their second baby, Jett Barron Safren, in July of this year, and they have a 2-year-old daughter named June. In 2013, Meagan received her M.S. from McDaniel, and she is graduating in May 2023 with an M.B.A. from Colorado State University.

Through a fairly indirect route, **Atlee Baker** graduated from medical school in 2019. He went to Ross University School of Medicine and spent the first two years of medical school on the island of Dominica in the West Indies. His third year was spent at Cleveland Clinic Florida in Miami and his fourth year in the Baltimore/D.C. area. Atlee matched into an internal medicine residency program in Shreveport, Louisiana, and is completing his third and final year. He also completed an M.P.H. program during residency, was chosen as a chief resident for his third year of residency, and is currently applying to nephrology fellowship programs!

Another recent graduate of medical school is **Kasey Ball Stoutin**, who graduated in 2019 from the University of Alabama. She and her husband, **Daylen Stoutin**, were married a month after their graduation from McDaniel, and recently moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, for Kasey's internal medicine residency at the University of Utah, which she completed in June. She is now a faculty member at the University of Utah. During her medical education, Kasey and Daylen welcomed two beautiful children into the world.

After completing the Conservatory Program at The Second City in Chicago, **Julia Williams** is currently earning her master's in Library and Information Science from the University of Maryland, College Park. She is also playing Lady Jane Boleyn, Viscountess Rochford, at the Maryland Renaissance Festival in the fall. She is living near Frederick, Maryland.

With the effects of the pandemic making healthcare extremely overwhelming, **Alison**

**Rose** decided to embark on an adventure and become a traveling hand therapist. Not only has it been helpful to reduce the workload, but it's been great for enhancing her blog, BMore Rosie! Alison has been on great adventures so far with her first stop in Washington state. She even had the rare sighting of a fellow McDaniel alum, **Ben Faber**, when snowshoeing at Mount Rainier! It was a great reminder of what a small world it is, and how close-knit the McDaniel community is 10-plus years out from graduation!

Another classmate making big moves in the field of medicine is **Stephanie Kurtyka**. She is in her second year of owning her own mental health private practice, Sunflower Healing Art Therapy, LLC, in Frederick, Maryland. She is both a licensed art therapist and professional counselor working with teens and young adults. She took a monthlong trip of a lifetime to Egypt and Jordan this year, photographing the pyramids from a camel, climbing Mount Sinai, lounging at the Red Sea, skipping rocks in the Dead Sea, entering tombs in Luxor, viewing mummies, eating lots of falafel, reading hieroglyphics, meandering through the cliffs of Petra, and filling a sketchbook with watercolor wonders of the ancient world.

Since graduating from McDaniel, **Liesl Parrish Eveler** has been traveling the world with her husband, who is on active duty in the Navy. They just got back from a tour in Sicily where Liesl was able to use her Psychology degree to work in the Red Cross office on base. It was challenging but rewarding because she was able to meet so many people and help with emergencies. Liesl and her husband have now settled in Norfolk, Virginia, for his next tour and will see what all that brings! So far, in Norfolk she's been working with animal rescues as she was part of the CCI club that raised service dogs while in college. She said that it's amazing to see some of the dogs that have graduated being full working dogs here as CCI helps wounded military members!

Also living it up in Virginia is **Kathleen Levendusky McDonough**, who recently commemorated 10 years of working for Colonial Williamsburg — and that milestone brought a slight change in her career. Although she's still working in costume for ghost tours and other programs some evenings, Kathleen has recently made the switch to work as an administrative specialist for the Department of Historic Interpretation. Her responsibilities include scheduling over 125 staff members, coordinating meetings, and — as she and her co-workers like to joke — “other duties as assigned.” Kathleen is enjoying this other side of Colonial Williamsburg so far. She and her husband, Shawn, still live in Tidewater, Virginia, with their two fur children, Sirius and Regulus.

On a very sad note, Kathleen and her friend group recently lost fellow alum

**Alicia “A” Better Kresack** to Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. Out of the storm of their loss comes a rainbow: Kathleen and her friends were planning to reunite this fall at Homecoming to honor A. Many of them haven't been back to the Hill since graduation 11 years ago, and she believes it will certainly be a welcome sight to see everyone, and to repeat many of those traditions in memory of our dear friend. Rest in peace, dear A.

As for me, **Annie Armiger**, I have been working as a production manager at WBAL-TV since June 2021. My job entails managing all logistics of commercial production for the station. I get to work with many local Baltimore and Maryland businesses that we have all grown up with, so that is a very rewarding part of the job. I am currently living in Timonium, Maryland. My best wishes to our class of 2011 for health and happiness!

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In June, **Jim Heilman** became a Ph.D. candidate in Kinesiology at University of Maryland. He got engaged earlier this year and lives in Baltimore.

After graduation **Jon DeFeo** got a job with Merrill Lynch/Bank of America, where he earned his Series 7 and Series 66 Investment Licenses. Jon worked his way up to become an assistant vice president and financial advisor. He spent five years with Merrill assisting clients in achieving their financial goals and also earned his Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor license last year. Recently, he left Merrill to take on a financial planning role at Red Oak Financial Group. It was always his dream to work for a smaller, family-oriented financial firm. Now, Jon is studying for his Certified Financial Planner license. He married his high school sweetheart in January 2018, and they bought their first home in April 2019.

**Haley Jacobs** is currently working as a physician assistant, specializing in pediatric orthopedic surgery for University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore.

I, **Kailey Rhone**, recently moved to New Hampshire with my fiancé. I celebrated five years working as an editor for the same academic publisher I interned at while at McDaniel. In addition, I work as a volunteer social media coordinator for a local nonprofit concerned with gender inclusivity in the workplace, and I now run a book review channel called Pressed Pages. I've been fortunate to write film reviews and blurbs for Willow and Thatch, one of which landed on the back of the DVD!

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## A multifaceted leap from the stage to entrepreneurship

BY JES OSROW '10

### I'VE ALWAYS NEEDED TO MAKE MY OWN PATH.

It's part of who I am and part of my road to entrepreneurship. When I was choosing between colleges, admissions counselor Gina Rende King '01 offered me the opportunity to sit in on a class at McDaniel before I was actually a student. While I learned how to paint a backdrop to look like marble in a technical theatre class, I simply knew that this was the right community for me.

I was a rare triple major in college: Fine Arts, Spanish, and Theatre Management. My mother's friends thought she was crazy for letting me go to a liberal arts school. To them, it wasn't that I was majoring in a field that wouldn't lead to a traditional, lucrative, or prestigious career. To them, I was majoring in *three* useless fields.

They couldn't see the lessons I would learn. How I learned to speak up for myself in designing my Theatre Management major. How studying abroad in Ecuador helped connect culture and heritage to the present day. Or how building a 4-by-7 canvas stretcher taught me my personal limits. The relationships I would build with three departments and multiple professors. The time management it would take to succeed with a heavy schedule while following multiple passions. That I needed my degree and college experience to be multifaceted, because that's what I was.

After college, I found work in New York City while following my dream of stage management. Just like my time at McDaniel, my path wandered. Starting as an executive assistant to the CEO of an

arts nonprofit, and then working with one of the "Real Housewives of New York," and eventually landing in tech as an HR professional. In school I learned to be a doer, not someone who waits around to be told what to do. I learned that "done is better than perfect." That is what I have done throughout my career.

The most valuable tool in my journey is my stage manager skills. If a stage manager doesn't get the job done, the show doesn't exist. But the work of a stage manager consists of a thousand hidden tasks. For an audience member, you'll never think of the stage manager unless something has gone wrong. In my 10-year career in HR, it's the same. Instead of demanding directors, you're accountable to your manager. Instead of a cast of actors, you support a team of employees. In HR, I found that my stage management background allowed me to flourish.

Now, as I make another career transition to running my own business in Spain, I think about my time on the Hill and all that I learned. I use the skills, the flexibility, and the tenacity I learned at McDaniel every day in my career. McDaniel cultivated my passions where many other schools would have dismissed them. My professors pushed me to do more, go further, push boundaries. I believe that McDaniel is the only place where that would have been possible.

In a sense, you could say I've been a student with McDaniel since I was 17, trying to paint a backdrop to look at least somewhat like marble, all the way until today.



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## LOOKING BACK, *planning ahead*

Bob '73 and Donna Herbst Watson '74 have called many places home, but they have never forgotten their roots in Westminster, Maryland, where they met and fell in love at then-Western Maryland College.

Nearly 50 years later, the former students are often found right back where it all began, whether attending Homecoming or supporting Green Terror athletics as spectators and members of the Green and Gold Club. A football and lacrosse alum, Bob served on the committee that spearheaded the construction of Rembert Field and Kenneth R. Gill Stadium and was a member of the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame committee.

In retirement, the Watsons enjoy golfing, family time — including with their daughter, Chloe Watson Irla '07, associate professor of Art — and coming back to campus to meet and cheer on today's students. If they aren't at one of the fields on campus, odds are good they will be reminiscing while sitting on the bench that they donated behind Baker Memorial Chapel, overlooking the stadium. On reflecting about their careers and their time on the Hill, Donna noted, "You just never know what life holds for you, and we've been blessed."

With that blessing, the Watsons felt it was important to find a way to give back in a lasting and memorable way. They have recently joined the Legacy Society to be able to make a deferred gift to the college for its greatest needs. "It's a great way to celebrate our time on the Hill while providing opportunities for students now and in the future," Bob says.

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