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We are proud to launch *Reaching New
Heights: The Campaign for McDaniel College*
with ambitious goals of raising \$50 million
and establishing 2,500 new community
connections and 500 new career connections.



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LETTER FROM THE
President



Dear McDaniel Community,

I am thrilled to introduce this edition of *The Hill* magazine with some important news. We have now officially completed the quiet phase of McDaniel College’s Reaching New Heights comprehensive campaign, having surpassed the 80% fundraising mark, raising over \$40.6 million toward our total \$50 million goal! Thanks to the remarkable generosity of so many, the visible impacts — both on campus and off — are already inspiring.

Your gifts have enabled us to design and build the innovative Learning Commons @ Hoover Library, which centralizes our student-facing academic services into one convenient location. Additionally, construction has begun on state-of-the-art facilities for McDaniel’s new Nursing program, located at Carroll Hospital, as well as faculty offices in Lewis Recitation Hall for our growing Business and Economics program.

The recently completed Richard A. Clower ’50 Track at Gill Stadium and the in-progress renovations to Harvey Stone Park & Pavilion will greatly enhance our outdoor spaces for Environmental Studies majors, track athletes, and the community as a whole.

But the impact of this campaign extends far beyond the enhancement of physical spaces. As you’ll read in these pages, campaign giving has already resulted in the establishment of crucial scholarships that enable more students to experience the life-changing impact of a McDaniel education. My husband, David, and I have joined other major gift donors in supporting experiential learning opportunities for students, resulting in increased access to student-faculty summer research projects, study abroad, internships, and volunteerism.

As we launch into the public phase of our campaign, I am also excited to announce the receipt of the largest gift in the college’s history, made through the estate of Jonas Eshelman ’50. This endowment will enable us to significantly invest in academic excellence — both now and into the future.

Still, there is more transformational work ahead.

Together, we will design more cutting-edge academic spaces to deepen the learning experience for students and make an unforgettable first impression that reflects the innovation and excellence of a McDaniel education. We will establish endowed professorships in emerging growth areas. We will increase funding for facilities and coaching support within our Athletics program. And, just as importantly, we will seek increased unrestricted giving, which allows the college to respond nimbly and effectively to emerging needs and opportunities.

In addition to our philanthropic goals, we will forge 2,500 new community connections and create 500 new career connections by May 31, 2028. These goals are bold, and they should be. This is a defining moment for McDaniel. Our students are full of potential, and our aspirations for them — and for the college — should match that promise.

Thank you for being part of our journey, for believing in our mission, and for your dedication to this very special college on the hill.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia Jasken".

President Julia Jasken

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

“Thanks for the fine [spring 2025] edition of *The Hill*. As a longtime educator in Carroll County, I especially found the series of stories interesting and relevant. Good job, McDaniel, in helping prospective teachers with the education tools that were needed in the past and are needed in the future.

Thanks again for your work in creating an informative, well-structured college magazine. I always look forward to reading it when it arrives.”

— LOUISE HERRERA SCALZI '81, M.L.A. '89



POP QUIZ WINNER!

CONGRATULATIONS TO RAY PICKERSGILL '94, P'25 FOR BEING OUR RANDOMLY SELECTED WINNER OF THE POP QUIZ IN THE SPRING 2025 ISSUE!

Thank you to all who submitted responses:

- Corynne Courpas '76
Marian Scheder Goettee '57, P'84, P'85
Elizabeth Wantz Chaney '04, M.S. '10
Adell Winley P'21
Julia Ryan '22, M.S. '23
Katie Kirschenmann Marr '18, M.S. '20
Ann E. Swope Williams '74
Ashley Baker Lancaster '07
Louise Herrera Scalzi '81, M.L.A. '89
Sara Hegna '20
Tara Matusheski Bridges '00
Annie Ebmeier Schaffner '73
Kathleen Golub P'18
Allie Donnelly Canty '10, M.S. '12

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD
WINNERS CELEBRATED AT
ALUMNI WEEKEND

The McDaniel College Alumni Association honored six alumni who personify the college’s tradition of excellence at the 2025 Alumni Association Awards Celebration over Alumni Weekend.

Pictured below, left to right, with President Julia Jasken (center):

- Patricia S. Dorsey M.Ed. '83, Bailer Award
- Robert W. Butler '57, Professional Achievement Award
- Nupur Parekh Flynn '94, Alum of the Year
- Kittie DeLuca Pain '00, College Service Award
- Jacob Raymond McCurry '09, M.S. '13, Community Service Award
- Alexaundria D. Leonard '17, Young Alumni Award





**PRESIDENT JASKEN AND
2025 GRADUATE HONORED
AT TOP 100 WOMEN AWARDS
CELEBRATION**

President Julia Jasken was named to The Daily Record’s Top 100 Women list for the second time in recognition of her professional accomplishments, community leadership, and mentorship. She was honored during the award’s 30th anniversary celebration alongside Janiah Fields ’25, a Psychology major who was the winner of the 2025 Top 100 Women Scholarship.



**JACK D. ARNAL SELECTED AS
BOEHLKE FELLOW**

Psychology Professor Jack D. Arnal is the 2025 Charles A. Boehlke Jr. Engaged Faculty Fellow. The fellowship is awarded to faculty in recognition of their exceptional commitment to their students, not only in classrooms and research labs but also with career and internship experiences.

Arnal has taught in the Psychology department since 2009. As a cognitive psychologist, his research focuses on human behavior and, particularly, memory processes. He also studies metascience and has involved McDaniel students in several research projects in this area.



**STATE GRANT TO DEVELOP
NEW ACCELERATED
TEACHER TRAINING
PATHWAY AT McDANIEL**

A nearly \$100,000 grant from the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) supports McDaniel’s “Transition to Teach” project, aimed at providing teacher licensure for individuals who already hold a bachelor’s degree, with an emphasis on conditionally licensed teachers and career changers, including displaced federal workers.

The project addresses teacher shortages, while supporting new career paths, and expands McDaniel’s existing initiatives to address Maryland’s growing need for qualified teachers.



**NURSING PROGRAM
RECEIVES TWO FUNDING
AWARDS**

In recognition of her excellence and expertise in nursing education, Nursing Program Director Heather Gable (pictured above) received a \$5,000 Academic Nurse Educator Certification award for achieving the National League for Nursing’s Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) credential.

McDaniel is also one of 13 nursing programs in the state to receive a Competitive Institutional Grant from MHEC, to support professional development opportunities focused on teaching and learning practices, course development and design, and academic collaboration and leadership, for McDaniel’s nurse educators.



RECENT-ALUMNI TRUSTEES JOIN McDANIEL COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Two alums have been appointed as the first recent-alumni trustees on the McDaniel College Board of Trustees. They were selected by current trustees from alumni who graduated in the past 15 years to serve as representatives on the board. The new alumni trustees, who will serve one three-year term, are Lucero Espinal '20 (top) of Westminster, Maryland, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in Spanish and a minor in Education with a PreK-12 specialization, and Tim McLister '13 (above) of Leesburg, Virginia, who holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Economics.

GRANT SUPPORTS NEW CAMPUS SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

McDaniel College received a \$375,000 grant, part of the \$18.75 million awarded to Maryland colleges and universities through the Maryland Higher Education Commission's Campus Safety Grant program. The grant funds on-campus security enhancements at McDaniel, including adding electronic access devices in seven campus buildings and new closed-circuit television security cameras.

TOP MARYLAND TEACHERS HAVE TIES TO McDANIEL

Two of Maryland's top teachers for the 2025-26 school year have ties to McDaniel College's Graduate and Professional Studies programs. Carroll County Teacher of the Year Amy Glascock (below left) achieved National Board Certification through McDaniel's first cohort of a three-semester graduate course sequence and is currently teaching as an online adjunct lecturer in the program, while Calvert County Teacher of the Year William Voshell M.S. '23 (below right) holds a master's degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).



McDANIEL EARNS MILITARY FRIENDLY® SILVER AWARD, NAMED MILITARY SPOUSE FRIENDLY SCHOOL

Once again, McDaniel College has been recognized among the nation's top schools for military and veteran students by earning a Military Friendly® Schools designation with silver status for the 2025-26 academic year. To earn the silver award, McDaniel scored among the top 20% out of more than 1,800 participating schools nationwide. McDaniel has also been selected as a Military Spouse Friendly School for supporting military spouses in pursuing their educational goals.

SENIOR EARNS GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY ABROAD

Hira Khan (pictured at right), who is a Biology major with minors in Chemistry and Arabic, is among 3,500 undergraduate students selected from 17,000 applicants nationwide by the U.S. Department of State to represent the United States as a Gilman Scholar. She is studying in Hong Kong during the fall 2025 semester.

"I decided to study abroad because I want to further develop my intercultural competence and gain new experiences in a different part of the world," Khan says. "In addition to taking science courses, I plan to study Mandarin Chinese while I'm there."



INTRODUCING

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

THE CAMPAIGN for McDANIEL COLLEGE

At McDaniel College, there are no limits to how high we can reach or how expansive our future can be when we work together as a united community.

That's why we are pleased to announce Reaching New Heights: The Campaign for McDaniel College, an ambitious, comprehensive fundraising campaign that will help us continue to change lives as we have since our founding as Western Maryland College in 1867.

Together, we will fulfill our vision of excellence within a culture of genuine care — for our students, for our employees, for our alumni, and for our communities both domestically and abroad.

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When McDaniel College was founded ... we charted new territory ... becoming the first coeducational institution south of the Mason-Dixon Line. It was a bold move at the time. McDaniel College still has, at its heart and in its DNA, that same Western Maryland College trailblazing spirit ... that shapes our present and continues to propel us into the future.”

JULIA JASKEN
PRESIDENT, McDANIEL COLLEGE



\$40.6 MILLION | RAISED AS OF SEPT. 15, 2025

CAMPAIGN GOALS

\$50 MILLION
RAISED

2,500
NEW COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

500
NEW CAREER CONNECTIONS

BY MAY 31, 2028

**ONE
COMMUNITY
WITH
ONE GOAL.**

Our future as an innovative liberal arts college focused on student achievement and professional success lies in us Reaching New Heights — together.

RECORDS WERE MADE TO BE BROKEN

As we embark on the public phase of the Reaching New Heights campaign, we are eager to build on the momentum of a historic year in the college's philanthropic efforts.

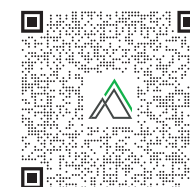
From June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025, the McDaniel College community came together to donate more than \$23 million, the largest amount of money raised in a single year in the college's history.

Because of these commitments made by our donors, the college has already raised more than \$40 million of the \$50 million goal with three years remaining in the campaign.

But the Reaching New Heights campaign is about more than money. It's about community and connections. Every member of the McDaniel College community can make a difference regardless of financial capacity as we strive to forge 2,500 new community connections and create 500 new career connections by May 31, 2028.

Now more than ever, community is at the forefront of McDaniel's mission, and we know that we can only reach new heights together.

WILL YOU JOIN US?



Scan to learn how to help McDaniel College reach new heights.

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Thank you

TO OUR CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES!

The success of Reaching New Heights is not possible without the dedicated work of more than 50 volunteers in the college community who have already been working behind the scenes to help build momentum. Each of these volunteers has worked under the leadership of our campaign co-chairs, Deborah Dale Seidel '84 and Ethan Seidel, to lead our community's climb to new heights.

We are grateful to those who have stepped up to lead these committees, including:

SAM HOPKINS '80, P'20

Academic and Campus Life Campaign Committee Chair

SPLINTER YINGLING '68, P'90, P'92

Athletics Campaign Committee Chair

CHARLIE MOORE '71

Board Giving Committee Chair

MARTY HILL P'93

Leadership Gift Committee Chair

RALPH '84 AND CHAR FRITH '84

National Alumni Committee Co-Chairs

CHRIS '88 AND SUSAN NEWMAN '89, P'24

Parent and Family Committee Co-Chairs

To view the full list of campaign volunteers, go to campaign.mcdaniel.edu.

To hear more from the campaign co-chairs, read the "Keep Climbing" column on page 56.

CREATING SPACES FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

HELPING OUR STUDENTS REACH NEW HEIGHTS ON AND OFF THE HILL

Since 1867, McDaniel College's liberal arts education has emphasized intellectual breadth, cultural understanding, rigorous discovery, and purposeful goal setting for life after college. Maintaining our high standards of academic excellence and innovation requires ongoing investments in faculty, facilities, and student-faculty research.

With the support of our donors through Reaching New Heights: The Campaign for McDaniel College, the college will ensure McDaniel's academic experience continues to evolve to meet the demands of today's best and brightest students.

Modern, purpose-built facilities play a significant role in providing a high-value learning experience that is rich in quality, collaboration, and discovery. The renovations highlighted here represent just the beginning of the new look on the Hill, but the college needs your support to make the rest reality.



A NEW HUB FOR
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
THE LEARNING COMMONS
@ HOOVER LIBRARY

This fall semester, students were welcomed back to the Hill with a new home for student success, academic excellence, and innovation: The Learning Commons @ Hoover Library. The renovations to the library began at the end of the fall 2024 semester with the goal of creating a one-stop shop for all student support needs.

“This innovative hub brings traditional library services together with IT, Student Success and Support, the Writing Center, STEM Center, and Student Accessibility and Support Services in a centralized location,” says Christine Moran, associate vice president of student success. “The convergence of these services provides a thriving ecosystem, streamlining support mechanisms for students, providing a holistic and convenient approach to fostering academic and personal growth, and ultimately equipping students for success.”

These upgraded facilities not only enhance the current student experience but also provide a tangible and compelling

representation of the quality of a McDaniel education to prospective students and families who will carry the college’s reputation for academic excellence and innovation into the future.

“The Learning Commons @ Hoover Library represents McDaniel’s commitment to integrated student support and academic excellence,” says Provost Flavius Lilly. “By uniting our key resources and services in one space, we create a collaborative environment that enhances learning and empowers every student to succeed.”

The \$3.6 million renovation was supported by donors including current McDaniel trustees Charles A. Boehlke Jr. ’78; Marjorie Rankin Kimble M.Ed. ’86 and Jeffrey Kimble M.Ed. ’84; Millard Mazer ’83; and Robert Pick ’92, P’25; along with James Francis ’84 and the late Jean Andrews Richards ’45 and Donald Richards.

STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY AND SUPPORT
SERVICES (SASS)

Student Accessibility and Support Services (SASS) has long been housed in Merritt Hall, but with approximately 30% of McDaniel undergraduate students utilizing SASS accommodations, the office had outgrown its physical space.

SASS works collaboratively with students, faculty, and staff to advance students’ independence, self-advocacy, and full academic potential while enhancing educational outcomes and promoting the recognition of students’ capabilities.

“As the director of SASS since 2014, and a member of the staff since 2011, I’ve witnessed firsthand how our students become self-advocates, scholars, and young professionals, with lasting memories of their home on the Hill,” says Melanie Conley, director of SASS.

Now, students registered with SASS will have easier access to other support services like the Writing Center, STEM Center, librarians, IT, student success coaches, and academic deans, all of whom are frequent collaborators with SASS staff.

“The fresh openness of the new SASS space invites students to take full advantage of all the wonderful supports we offer while creating an accessible college community,” Conley says.

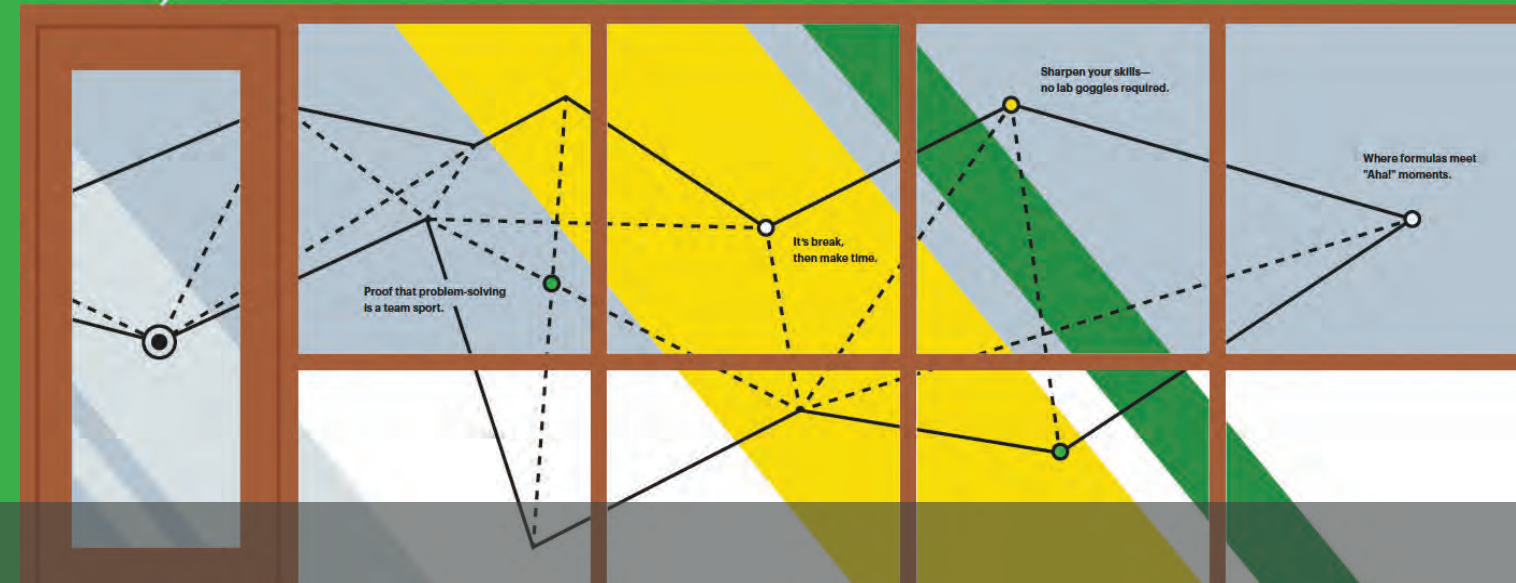
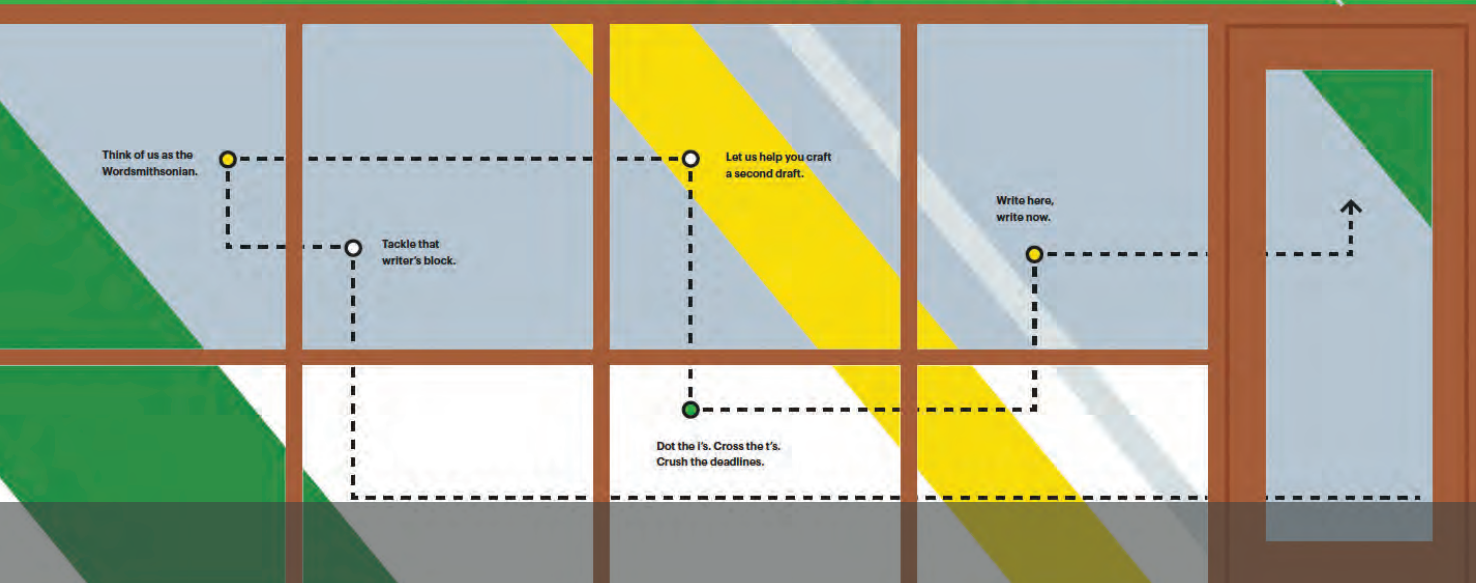
Iris Levandoski ’27, who is a tutor in both the Writing Center and the STEM Center, is eager for this collaboration to improve thanks to a shared physical space. “Last year, the SASS office and the centers began working together to offer tutoring tailored to students with additional learning needs. While students in the SASS program were able to benefit from the new resource, there were still times when communicating objectives, ideas, or progress via email made reaching a common goal a little difficult,” she says. “Having SASS just across the rotunda will allow for students to receive even better academic support because our location will no longer feel like a barrier to success.”

The new SASS computer lab and testing center in the Learning Commons is fully equipped with brand-new computers, private testing pods, and more accessible seating spaces with noise reduction, privacy features, and security for testing integrity.

“We’ve found that the environment makes all the difference in students’ willingness to access their support services,” Conley says. “With an accessible, appealing, and friendly environment, SASS aims to make students of all abilities feel comfortable and welcome.”

Take a peek inside some of the vibrant new spaces in the Learning Commons! Light-filled spaces provide ample opportunity for student collaboration, and the private, accessible SASS computer lab and testing center ensure students with disabilities are set up for success.





While the Learning Commons @ Hoover Library is already open, students will be greeted in the spring with bold new designs as shown in these renderings that highlight the innovative community-centered academic hub on campus. The STEM Center was made possible through the generosity of Robert Pick '92, P'25 and Heather Pick P'25.

WRITING CENTER

Fostering further collaboration among academic support services, the Writing Center has a new home in the Learning Commons @ Hoover Library, with a modernized facility in a central location.

Iris Levandoski '27 is the only dual tutor who works in both the STEM Center and the Writing Center, so her unique perspective on the opportunities provided by both services has her eager for the integration this academic year.

"The McDaniel Plan is designed to combine subjects like math, writing, science, philosophy, and even food studies to give students unique perspectives to the world," Levandoski says. "I was trained as a Writing Center tutor first, and at surface level, it seems really odd to have a Computer Science major for a writing tutor. But I need writing just as much as I need math to be successful."

With the new Learning Commons @ Hoover Library, Levandoski says, "I am thrilled to have the ability to physically combine the two worlds of critical thinking into one space. Switching from quantitative thinking to qualitative thinking will be as simple as switching to a different tab in my browser."

Writing Center Director Vanessa Flora-Nakoski looks forward to serving students in a more integrated way than they were able to in their previous location in Hill Hall.

"Our hope is that this new hub of services will make it easier for students to quickly and seamlessly get the help they need at all stages of their academic growth, whether that's when they want to get ahead, stay on track, or catch up after a setback," Flora-Nakoski says. "The tutors and I are very excited to have more space and options for fostering our community of McDaniel writers, building on our long-standing tradition of

welcoming, cozy vibes for both academic and creative writers here on campus."

Writing Center Tutor Morgan Holtzman '27 echoes those sentiments: "Our previous location was out of the way for many students, but the library is a central, accessible location for everyone. The new location will enable more students to use our services at the center, and the tutors are looking forward to being able to serve more students in the upgraded space!"

STEM CENTER

Although Trustee Bob Pick '92, P'25 studied History and Political Science on the Hill, he has always made his living in the technology sector, bringing the world of STEM closer to his heart. "I have directly observed the value that a liberal arts education can deliver in an increasingly STEM world," Pick says. "I have been struck by how frustrated some students were in feeling that their academic interests and passions would be a barrier to success in a STEM society. Donating to provide the STEM Center in the new Learning Commons @ Hoover Library is our direct action to alleviate this concern."

Pick says that he and his wife, Heather, were eager to donate to this project because it establishes a visible STEM pillar to the center of campus. "The liberal arts, in many respects, are all about 'and.' It's not one discipline or the other; one culture or another. It's about navigating all," he says. "The STEM Center and Learning Commons underscore that all disciplines, methods, cultures, learning styles, and workways are welcome, available, and supported at McDaniel."

Professionally, Pick has spent more than 11 years at Tokio Marine North America Services, where he currently serves as executive vice president and chief information officer, with responsibilities for technology strategy, delivery, IT, and business operations across the U.S., with more than 1,000 technology staff in the U.S., India, Costa Rica, U.K., and Europe.

In addition to donating to establish the new STEM Center, Pick has also recently engaged with Provost Flavius Lilly and a network of fellow alumni to re-envision the Computer Science curriculum on the Hill.

"Asking alums in a field to provide insight is a great example of the strength and sophistication of our academic programs," Pick says. "There are notable trends in what hiring managers in this industry are seeking: understanding of modern engineering languages and methods; awareness of cybersecurity and cloud technologies; experience and understanding of user experience design; awareness of data architectures and engineering; and recently, experience with classic and generative AI. Turning the curriculum slightly away from math and toward experience with these modern methods and platforms will prepare students for early success in tech."

This innovative emphasis on STEM programs and careers is a cornerstone of the new vision for McDaniel, and the college is grateful to donors like the Picks for making it a reality for students pursuing fields that truly represent the liberal arts and sciences.

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The STEM Center and Learning Commons underscore that all disciplines, methods, cultures, learning styles, and workways are welcome, available, and supported at McDaniel.”

BOB PICK '92, P'25
TRUSTEE



Beginning in fall 2026, McDaniel's Nursing students will have access to Carroll Hospital's state-of-the-art facilities at The Kahlert Foundation Nursing Education Center.



BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE: NURSING, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, AND SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Inherent in our pursuit of academic excellence and innovation is transforming health care education in our region through the development of new Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (M.S.O.T.), and Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (M.S. in S-LP) programs. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated that the growth in these three careers between 2024 and 2034 would range from 5% to 15%, so to support that workforce demand, McDaniel aims to make a lasting impact on the community's health and well-being.

The success of these programs depends not only on hiring top-tier faculty but also a commitment to hands-on, practical learning housed in modern facilities that are equipped with simulation laboratories, state-of-the-art technology, and classrooms designed specifically for health care education to

create an immersive learning environment that mirrors the rigors and realities of the health care field.

Rather than spending tens of millions of dollars on new construction to house these new academic programs, the college is proud to use existing resources and partnerships to maximize our return on investment.

By 2026, the B.S.N. program will be officially based out of Carroll Hospital in The Kahlert Foundation Nursing Education Center, thanks to a landmark partnership between the college and LifeBridge Health and a \$2.5 million grant from The Kahlert Foundation. "While there are numerous examples of medical systems that are affiliated with large universities, it is unique for a college to partner with an existing system in this way," said President Julia Jasken at the announcement of the partnership last October. "We are eager to create a new model

designed to create a long-term solution to address the critical need for nurses."

McDaniel's Nursing students will have access to Carroll Hospital's state-of-the-art facilities, including the Kahlert Foundation Simulation Center, and be provided early and frequent exposure to clinical work within a hospital setting.

Here on the Hill, construction has begun on renovations in Merritt Hall, which will be the new home of the OT, S-LP, and Early Childhood Education programs. The space will be fitted with new simulation labs, classrooms, and even a mock apartment for OT students to learn how to set up patients for independent living.

Stay tuned for progress updates on these exciting new projects in the next issue of *The Hill*!

INVESTING IN McDANIEL'S BUSINESS LEGACY

Renovations to upgrade the Economics and Business Administration Department in Lewis Recitation Hall took place over the summer. Built in 1914, Lewis Recitation Hall was the first building constructed on campus following a plan developed by the Olmsted Brothers landscape architecture firm and is named for President Thomas Hamilton Lewis, who served as the college's president from 1886 to 1920.

"This renovation will provide our faculty and staff with a welcoming, inviting space that will truly showcase our business program and makes an incredible difference for current and future McDaniel students," said Provost Flavius Lilly.

Funding for the over \$600,000 project is entirely supported by donors, including Professor Emeritus of Economics and Business Administration Ethan Seidel and McDaniel Trustee Deborah Dale Seidel '84; James M. Lamont '80 and McDaniel Trustee Karen Bellamy Lamont '81; McDaniel Trustee Walter Olson and Steve Pippin, parents of Timothy Olson '23; Rand Blazer '72; and the late Raymond Albert '62 and Linda Albert.



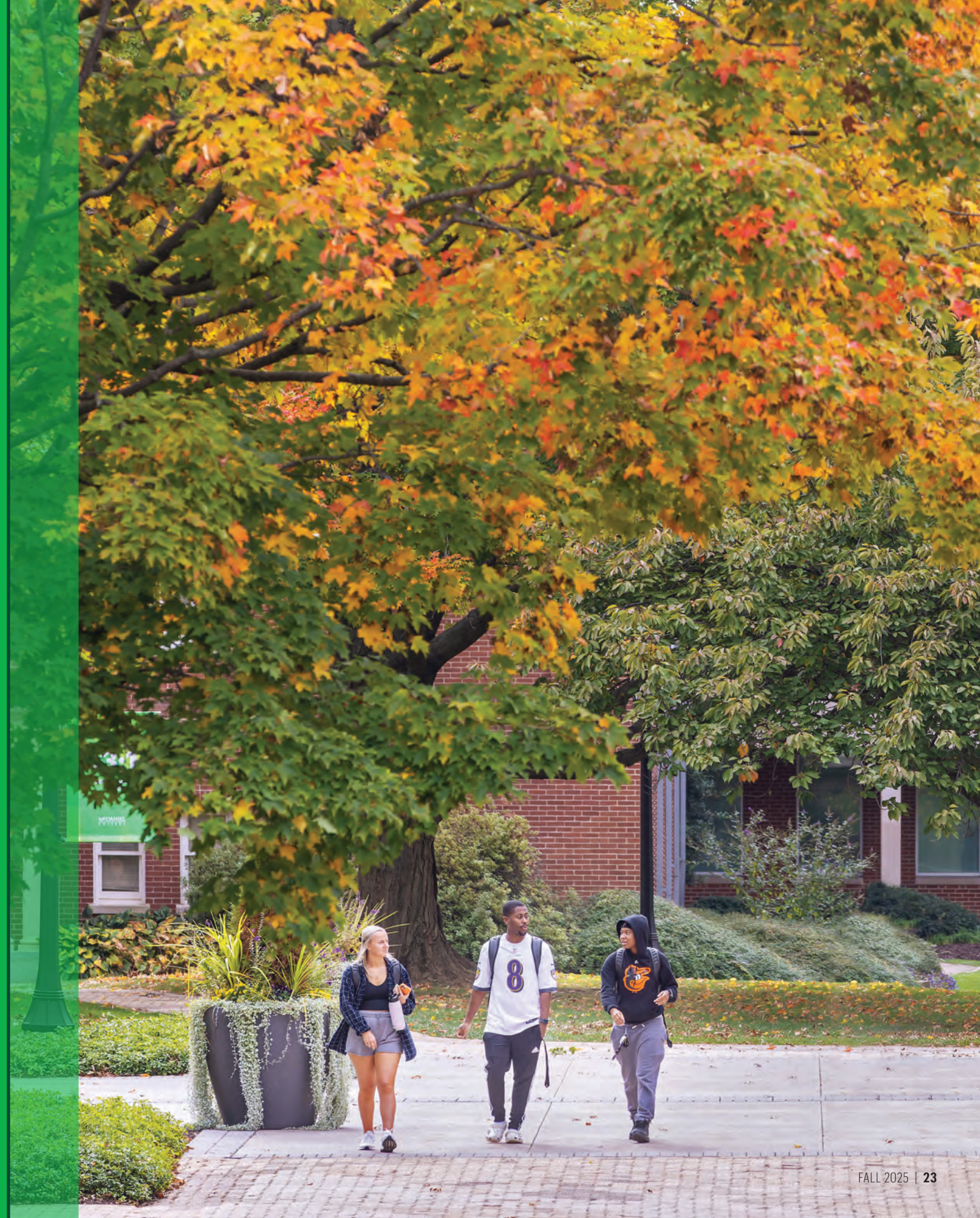
CULTIVATING CAMPUS LIFE AND COMMUNITY BELONGING

CREATING A VIBRANT CAMPUS COMMUNITY WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS

Whether alumni graduated when it was Western Maryland College or McDaniel College, one thing remains true: When asked what they loved about their experience on the Hill, the top answer is always “the people.” That strong sense of community is the beauty of a small, independent liberal arts school.

From the first step on the Hill through graduation and beyond, as our Alma Mater says, “College ties can ne’er be broken.” Through the Reaching New Heights campaign, we aim to provide targeted opportunities to ensure that every student has the resources they need to flourish.

In addition to monetary gifts to support athletics, campus life, and community partnerships, efforts to establish 2,500 new community connections will help McDaniel create a thriving community in which every student and alum feels supported, empowered, and connected.





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If you enjoy something, let it show. It will in turn nourish you as well.”

GORDON SHELTON '68

THE RIPPLE EFFECTS OF CONSISTENT GIVING

HONORING OUR 2025 FOUNDERS AWARD WINNERS

Barbara Payne Shelton '70 and Gordon Shelton '68 were both attending graduate school in the 1970s, living mostly off Barbara's stipend, when they were approached for the first time by staff at McDaniel College about making a gift to the annual fund.

“At the time, we were spending about \$15 per week on groceries, so a \$25 gift was fairly substantial for us at that point in our lives,” Barbara says about the first gift they made to their alma mater. “We haven't missed a year of giving since.”

While they have long since made the transition from annual giving to major gifts, the Sheltons — the recipients of the 2025 Founders Award — are proof that what may seem like small gifts can add up over time.

“We were honored to be recognized as this year's Founders Award winners, but we did think twice about accepting the honor,” Barbara says. “Ultimately, we thought that maybe it would motivate some of our peers and friends to give more to the college.”

And the Sheltons know that while all alumni may not be able to give at the Founders Society level, they reinforce that every gift — of time, talent, or treasure — has the potential to change a student's life.

“You never know when you're going to bump into somebody who might be interested in the college or might have money that they're looking to donate somewhere,” Barbara says. “I can't tell you how often my McDaniel tag on my car has started conversations with prospective students and their families.”

The motivation behind the Sheltons' decades-long giving track record? “If you enjoy something, let it show,” says Gordon. “It will in turn nourish you as well. Barbara and I both have a variety of educational experience, but McDaniel was the best by a mile.”

Both Sheltons say the community they found on the Hill is a major contributor to their continued engagement with the college. Gordon has been a volunteer class reporter for *The Hill* magazine since 1975, and anyone who has read his Class of 1968 column knows the lore of The Crab Guys. Each month, a group of about 10 (or more) classmates from the late 1960s and early 1970s get together to catch up over crabs and Natty Bohs.

“Forming small groups and staying connected with classmates over decades is so special and fun in this community,” Gordon says. “It encourages people to contribute and remember the good stuff.”

As for Barbara, she has been a member of the Round Robins since her first year on the Hill, when she met her lifelong best friends in McDaniel Hall. She was a founding member of the original McDaniel Women's Leadership Network, which has recently been revitalized under President Julia Jasken's leadership, and has served on the college's Board of Trustees since 2009.



Top: At the 2023 Scholarship Luncheon, Barbara Payne Shelton '70 served on a panel alongside scholarship recipients Stephani Portillo '23 and Destiny Edwards '24.

Bottom: Gordon Shelton '68 and Barbara Payne Shelton '70 with President Julia Jasken at the 2023 Scholarship Luncheon.

“One of the things that has always made me want to give back to the college is because it gave so much to me,” she says.

Over six decades, the Sheltons have prioritized philanthropy to the college, but they have diversified their giving to many different causes on the Hill. From the McDaniel Women's Leadership Network Endowed Scholarship Fund to The Shelton Adjunct Faculty Recognition Endowed Fund, one-off gifts to capital projects like the Roj Student Center and the Home on the Hill food pantry, or The Gordon '68 and Barbara Payne '70 Shelton Student Research Fund, their giving has touched students and faculty in myriad ways. But they say the gifts that have meant the most to them have been those designated for scholarships.

“A lot of our friends at the college were on scholarships, myself included, and it made us realize that there were a lot of people who couldn't have the McDaniel opportunity if somebody didn't help them,” Barbara says. “So, giving to the college — and especially to scholarships — is a way to pay it backward and pay it forward at the same time.”

“The future of McDaniel under the Reaching New Heights campaign is going to be bright,” Gordon says. “And we're proud to play a role in that success.”

FOR NINE WOMEN KNOWN AS THE ROUND ROBINS, COLLEGE TIES CAN NE'ER BE BROKEN

Since meeting in McDaniel Hall in 1966, the Round Robins have remained connected through the decades with monthly book club gatherings, weekly Zoom cocktail hours during the COVID-19 pandemic, and annual getaways. In April this year, they gathered once again to honor one of their own after the passing of Patricia Johnson “PJ” Krantz '70.

“We have reached that point in our lives ... and then there were eight,” wrote Barbara Thomas '70.

The legacy of the Robins will continue here on the Hill through a generous bequest, including an endowed scholarship and Round Robins memorabilia to be placed in McDaniel Hall.

In addition, Krantz left an Itzchak Tarkey watercolor painting titled “Café Society” to the college. She was drawn to it because of the number of women in the painting: nine, the number of Round Robins in her friend group, which included Susan Robertson Cline '70, Carol Harris Dietrich '70, Sherry Swope Peck '70, Jane Butterbaugh Shapiro '70, Barbara Payne Shelton '70, Karen Wagner Tegges '70, Barbara Thomas '70, and Sue Morales Yingling '70, M.S. '00.

“Every time I look at the painting, I think of eight wonderful women and cherish our friendship — this picture honors them,” Krantz wrote in her bequest intention in 2015.

“I think a lot of people take for granted the value of what they got at a small college like McDaniel,” says Trustee and Round Robin Barbara Payne Shelton '70. “The lifelong friendships we formed at McDaniel are such a huge part of our lives.”



PEOPLE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER, SAYS NICKI JAMES '26

HOW PHILANTHROPY HAS GUIDED ONE SENIOR'S McDANIEL EXPERIENCE

At just 21 years old, Nicki James '26 has a resume that would rival many mid-career professionals when it comes to community involvement, both here on the Hill and in Westminster and Carroll County as a whole.

"Community engagement is important to me because I believe people are stronger together," James says. "When we actively participate in our communities, from the Hill to Carroll County, we create meaningful connections that foster belonging and improve everyone's quality of life."

The senior who will complete her degree in Social Work in May says that there's something special about knowing you belong somewhere and that others are invested in your success. Read more about her journey in her own words.

Q & A

WHAT ORGANIZATIONS ARE YOU INVOLVED IN HERE AT McDANIEL?

Dorsey Scholar, President's Advisory Council of Students, Honors Program, Student Government Association, Maryland Student Legislature, Honor and Conduct Board, the Center for Experience and Opportunity's International Programs/Study Abroad, Trumpeters, Admissions Student Ambassador, McDaniel Women's Leadership Network, Barbell Club, and Readers' Roundtable.

WHAT ORGANIZATIONS ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH OUTSIDE OF THE COLLEGE?

Rudolph Girls independent bookstore, Carroll County Democrats, The Arc of Carroll County, Carroll County Women's Leadership Conference, Carroll County Arts Council, and Equal Justice Initiative.

HOW HAVE YOU FOUND A SENSE OF COMMUNITY BELONGING HERE ON THE HILL?

It sounds funny to answer a question about community by saying that I found community in showing up alone, but I did. I made it a point to get involved in as many things as I possibly could — even if it meant showing up by myself. And that's where the best part happened. By showing up alone, I met people, tried new things, and found myself in a community based on genuine interest, curiosity, and connection. McDaniel's size makes it the perfect environment to build multiple communities. In a lot of larger schools, community is formed within academic departments and majors. On the Hill, you definitely form a community within your major, but most professors and staff know students by name, even if they're not in their department or major. Whether it's in the new Learning Commons or at an event like Out of Darkness, McDaniel provides the perfectly sized space for small interactions that can turn into strong relationships.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF THE McDANIEL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP NETWORK TO CURRENT McDANIEL STUDENTS?

The greatest benefit of the Women's Leadership Network is the way it has given me support that is specific to the issues women may experience in leadership roles. For example, at the Women's Leadership Network event last fall, we gained practical skills for how to deal with imposter syndrome. In the spring, we learned about the importance of prioritizing our own health.

Opposite page, top: Nicki James '26 addresses attendees of the 2024 Carroll County Women's Conference, which was hosted at McDaniel.

Opposite page, bottom: James served as a student panelist at the 2025 Scholarship Luncheon, sharing her story of how donors made her McDaniel experience possible.



AS A STUDENT, WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF PHILANTHROPY AND DONORS TO THE McDANIEL EXPERIENCE?

I wouldn't be at McDaniel or have had access to any of the opportunities and experiences I have had in college without the generosity of donors, especially through experiential learning grants. Events like the Scholarship Luncheon, Founders Day Reception, and the 1867 Challenge generate awareness of what's possible through philanthropy.

New things pop up on campus all the time, but when students aren't aware that donors are the reason we have things like the Learning Commons @ Hoover Library, or a new track, or renovated offices, we take them for granted.

Last semester, I took a Social Work course where we learned about how nonprofit organizations function. We had the opportunity to hear from Vice President of Institutional Advancement Dave Sears, who explained how much work his staff does to fund everything from summer research to the new BSU Clubroom to scholarships to major renovations. That class opened my eyes to the importance of donors and fundraising.

WHAT DO YOU WISH YOUR PEERS KNEW ABOUT PHILANTHROPY?

I wish my peers had opportunities to learn about philanthropy from the business side of it, as well as the human side of it, because it would open their eyes. I take every chance I can to thank donors, because their generosity has allowed me to attend McDaniel and have life-changing opportunities before I have even graduated. I love being able to show donors that their gifts matter and change lives, and I hope I can make them proud with taking the opportunities they have made possible for me.

CAMPAIGN GOAL: 2,500 NEW COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

The foundation of a liberal arts education at McDaniel is a strong sense of community — from the first step on the Hill through graduation and beyond.

We seek to re-engage our community of alumni, parents, and friends throughout the Reaching New Heights campaign by establishing 2,500 new community connections.

LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED? HERE'S HOW:

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Alumni who are looking to get reconnected with their alma mater can update their contact information with the college to ensure they receive invitations for Homecoming, Alumni Weekend, Green Terror Gatherings, and more, as well as progress updates on the campaign, their copy of *The Hill* magazine, and news about the college.

ATTEND AN EVENT

Opportunities for alumni to reconnect with friends extend beyond Homecoming and Alumni Weekend. Local Green Terror Gatherings are more informal events hosted right in your neighborhoods, and alumni receptions and dinners with college leadership give you greater insight into what's happening on the Hill.

REFER A FUTURE STUDENT

Pass along your love for the Hill by referring a future student. The McDaniel College Future Student Referral Program allows alumni and parents of current students to refer an unlimited number of students to the Hill — and rewards students for the vote of confidence by doubling their Visit Incentive Grant. Go to mcdaniel.edu/refer to learn more.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

Help strengthen the McDaniel network through opportunities like volunteering on your Milestone Reunion Committee, serving as a class reporter, becoming a mentor or guest speaker on campus, or serving on the Alumni Council or Parent & Family Council.

Go to mcdaniel.edu/alumni/connect to get started.

CENTERING ALUMNI IN THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

FOSTERING LIFE-CHANGING RELATIONSHIPS BUILT ON A STRONG ALUMNI NETWORK

A vibrant and engaged alumni network is the backbone of a thriving college community, and that is no exception on the Hill. Whether highlighting the professional success of our alumni in the working world to prospective students and families or connecting current students with mentors in their fields, McDaniel showcases the ever-growing network of over 33,000 alumni as a testament to the value of a liberal arts education.

Joining the McDaniel community means embracing a legacy that has been established over more than 150 years. As we continue to evolve and reach new heights together, we celebrate our past and strengthen the bonds among current students, alumni, and the institution we love.



FINDING FULFILLMENT IN VOLUNTEERISM ON THE HILL

WHY ALUM OF THE YEAR NUPUR PAREKH FLYNN '94 THINKS THE SKY IS THE LIMIT FOR McDANIEL STUDENTS

Entrepreneur, philanthropist, and 2025 Alum of the Year Nupur Parekh Flynn '94 says that generosity is simply a part of her DNA. Whether that's through her service on the McDaniel College Board of Trustees from 2007 until 2011, her work with United Way of Central Maryland, her tenure as a trustee of the Baltimore Museum of Art, her stints coming back to the Hill as a guest lecturer, or serving as a mentor for the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Challenge, Flynn says that giving back in whatever ways she can "is just the most fulfilling part of life."

"McDaniel represents an enormous milestone in my life; college is such a critical pathway into adulthood," Flynn says. "I'm happy to give back to the college because these young people at McDaniel have the most brilliant ideas, and they're so full of life."

Flynn is the founding owner and CEO of Nupur LLC and the inventor of BAGCEIT®, a portable seat for purses and bags of all types designed to keep them off the floor and unsanitary surfaces.

The recipient of the 2020 Alumni Community Service Award, Flynn remains committed to giving back — both to her community and to McDaniel students. She was named the college's 2025 Alum of the Year for her commitment to supporting McDaniel's life-changing educational mission and programming.

The most recent opportunity Flynn had to see this firsthand was at the 2025 Innovation and Entrepreneurship Challenge, where she served as the alumni mentor for senior Sana Askari. Askari is a Political Science, Business Administration, and Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies major from Ghazni, Afghanistan. Her pitch was for Esheel, a social enterprise that supports women refugees by providing employment opportunities through their skill in creating hand-embroidered scarves and earrings, using embroidery techniques indigenous to and deeply rooted in Hazara culture.



Flynn recalls being "blown away" by Askari's story, poise, and passion for her work, and was thrilled to see her take home the first-place prize and tie for the People's Choice prize at the competition, "not because of my advice, that's for sure," she says.

Askari would disagree with that sentiment. "My alumni mentor, Nupur, who brings an international perspective, was especially helpful in guiding me through the different aspects and importance of registering Esheel," Askari says. "Her insights not only strengthened my presentation but also provided valuable direction for my work moving forward. She transferred a lot of her business knowledge to me that I will cherish forever."

Flynn and Askari's mentoring meetings were conducted virtually, and while Flynn could not attend the competition in person, she watched the event via livestream. She recalls being impressed by all the students competing for the top prize, marveling that they were "light-years ahead of where I was at that age. I didn't start my own company or invent anything until I was already retired from my career in finance and in my mid-40s. These students are doing it now as young adults."

Flynn credits McDaniel with putting the effort into connecting current students with alumni mentors who can help them find their path, but she emphasizes that in many ways, the alumni stand to gain more than the students from these relationships.

"When I volunteer at McDaniel, I hope I'm engaging to the students, but I know that I am super engaged by them," Flynn says. "I'm the true winner in these interactions, and I'm so excited for those of us who are going to be the recipients of this generation's innovation, ingenuity, and fearlessness that is being fostered at McDaniel."

A winning pair: Nupur Parekh Flynn '94 (opposite) was the recipient of the 2025 Alum of the Year award, while Sana Askari '26 (above) was the first-place winner of the 2025 Innovation and Entrepreneurship Challenge. Askari credits her win to the advice she gained from Flynn as her mentor.

She looks forward to more opportunities to connect with students on the Hill, and encourages her fellow alumni to think about the ways they can give back, whether that is with time, talent, or treasure.

"To help the Reaching New Heights campaign succeed — to help McDaniel succeed — you don't have to know what the operating budget is or what capital projects cost," Flynn says. "You just have to understand how you can connect with your alma mater and how you can touch another person's life by supporting McDaniel."

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NUPUR PAREKH FLYNN '94



FROM REFUGEE TO GREEN TERROR FOR LIFE

SANA ASKARI '26 CREDITS McDANIEL'S ALUMNI WITH UPLIFTING FAMILIES AND GENERATIONS, STARTING WITH HER

Senior Sana Askari's mother was not allowed to get an education, so each day at McDaniel, she is proud to honor her mother's sacrifices by pursuing her own education. Askari grew up as a refugee from Afghanistan with few resources, and today, women in her home country lack access to education beyond sixth grade. Without being named a Dorsey Scholar, Askari may not have been able to change her family's narrative. Thanks to the financial and personal support of alumni and donors, Askari has found a true sense of belonging and started a new chapter for herself, her siblings, and women back home in Afghanistan. She shares her experiences — and the life-changing influence of McDaniel's alumni network — in her own words.

Q & A

HOW HAS PHILANTHROPY MADE YOUR McDANIEL EXPERIENCE POSSIBLE?

I grew up as a refugee with no resources, and today, women in my home country have no access to education beyond sixth grade. If it were not for the generosity of donors, I would not have been able to attend McDaniel and pursue my education. Having witnessed my mother struggle to raise her children as a refugee and seeing other refugee women suffer due to a lack of opportunities, I became determined to change my circumstances and create a path for my younger siblings to pursue education.

What I wish my peers and others better understood is that philanthropy, whether small or large, has the power to change lives. My life is living proof: this scholarship not only transformed my future but also opened doors for my younger sisters to pursue their education. The impact of philanthropy extends beyond individuals; it uplifts families and generations.

ASIDE FROM YOUR MENTORING RELATIONSHIP WITH NUPUR PAREKH FLYNN '94 DURING THE INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP CHALLENGE, WHAT OTHER ALUMNI OR DONORS HAVE YOU INTERACTED WITH?

I had the privilege of meeting my scholarship donor, Mary Lynn Durham '70, who is funding the Dorsey Scholarship. It felt very special to meet the person who is enabling me to get an education, especially during a time when women and girls in my country, Afghanistan, are not only barred from education but also stripped of their basic human rights. Knowing that someone who does not even know me believes in my potential and is supporting my education strengthened my commitment to continue empowering women through my company, Esheel.

HOW HAVE YOU FOUND A SENSE OF BELONGING HERE ON THE HILL?

McDaniel has been my home for the past three years. I arrived on campus with only two suitcases and a dream of pursuing an education. What I have found here is so much more than an education — I have found a true sense of belonging. I am surrounded by a community of people who consistently support me, whether it is staff members like Amanda Gelber or professors who never fail to root for my success. Their encouragement has made me feel seen, valued, and uplifted, and it reminds me every day that I am not alone in this journey.

Opposite top: Sana Askari '26 has embraced opportunities to network with alumni, including at the Homecoming networking brunch hosted by the Alumni Coalition for Belonging and Impact.

Opposite bottom: Askari has become close with Mary Lynn Durham '70, who donates to the Dorsey Scholarship that made Askari's McDaniel education possible.



WHAT IMPACT HAS THE ALUMNI NETWORK HAD ON YOUR EXPERIENCE AS A STUDENT AT McDANIEL SO FAR?

The alumni network has had a tremendous impact on my experience as a McDaniel student. The support I have received extends far beyond what words can fully capture. One special example is my relationship with Alex Ober '63 and his wife, Jan Engle Ober '73, who have truly become like family to me. I first met them at an Alumni Association dinner, and from that moment, we developed a meaningful relationship.

Living alone and far from my family, I often face challenges that go beyond academics, such as moving between dorms and summer housing. Alex and Jan have always been there for me — helping me transport my belongings and making sure I never felt alone. Their kindness and generosity are a reflection of the alumni network's impact, which reaches well beyond professional connections and directly touches students' lives in deeply personal ways.

WHAT DO YOU ENVISION WHEN YOU THINK OF McDANIEL COLLEGE REACHING NEW HEIGHTS AS AN INSTITUTION?

I envision McDaniel as an institution that continues to change lives and open doors for students like me, enabling them to pursue their dreams and make a meaningful impact in their communities. The opportunities McDaniel has given me have not only transformed my own life but also the lives of my younger siblings and the students I have mentored over the past three years — students who have gone on to create positive change in their communities. This is the kind of far-reaching impact I see McDaniel achieving in the future.

CAMPAIGN GOAL: 500 NEW CAREER CONNECTIONS

A McDaniel education is life-changing, and it is our network that provides opportunities for our students to take the next steps off the Hill and into their careers.

During the Reaching New Heights campaign, we seek to increase the career connections for current McDaniel students by identifying more internship, mentorship, and job opportunities within our community.

WANT TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL? HERE'S HOW:

POST A JOB OR INTERNSHIP TO HANDSHAKE

Share your opportunities with McDaniel students and alumni through Handshake, our online database of entry-level, mid-level, and high-level positions. Send us your job, and we'll post it for free to reach our talent immediately. Contact the Center for Experience and Opportunity to get started at ceo@mcddaniel.edu.

ATTEND AN MWLN EVENT

Attend an event hosted by the McDaniel Women's Leadership Network (MWLN), an exclusive group of leaders who have a desire to support students and alumni enriching their own personal and professional networks. Go to mcddaniel.edu/mwln for more information.

VOLUNTEER FOR MY DESIGN

Every Jan Term, first-year students take a course called My Design on the Hill, giving them a better understanding of personal and professional strengths and goals, and the resources and people — like you — who can help them cultivate their potential. Reach out to alumni@mcddaniel.edu to volunteer.

ADD McDANIEL TO YOUR LINKEDIN EDUCATION OR EMPLOYMENT

Are you proud to be a Green Terror? Show it off on your LinkedIn profile and make those networking connections a little easier. Alumni, add McDaniel College as your alma mater in the "Education" section of your profile. Come to work every day on the Hill? Make sure you have your "Employment" experience updated!



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ALUMNI UPDATES

LIFE AFTER COLLEGE



Marion Auld Geyer '50, who has served as a class reporter since 2007, attended Alumni Weekend for her 75th Reunion with her daughter Susan Geyer Emerick '92 and son-in-law Kenneth Emerick '92.

1943

Winifred Wareheim Conner is now a resident in White Oak Manor, a long-term care facility. She uses a wheelchair but is still alert and interested in knowing about the latest happenings.

1949

Helen Lavin Bell enjoyed a regional bridge cruise with her middle daughter, Sharon, and played morning, afternoon, and evening — a total of 492 hands in two weeks! What fun...made some gold points! Her contemporary art is still being shown at A Gallery Fine Art on El Paseo in Palm Desert, California.

1951

Dan Honemann manages to keep busy pursuing his parliamentary law avocation, serving, now as senior member, on the four-member authorship team writing current editions of Robert's Rules of Order, and responding to questions about parliamentary law on the internet. It's interesting to note that **Dan Seabold '88**, another McDaniel grad, is also a member of this team. Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are all doing well.

Dale Townsend is very fortunate to report that he is still healthy and shares his home with his son, Scott. He volunteers once a week at BWI airport as a pathfinder at one of the five information desks, answering whatever questions passers-through may ask. His wife, **Millie Mackubin Townsend '58**, passed away in 2013 and some years after that he reconnected with a lady he had dated a short while in 1954 who now lives in San Diego. They regularly visit back and forth and chat every evening. He feels very lucky to still be alive and active and is saddened to note the passing of so many of his WMC classmates.

1952

Ward Glasby writes that his wife, **Betty Brandenburg Glasby**, passed away at the age of 88 on Nov. 6, 2019, from a stroke and complications. Their son, W. Patten, passed away from a virus on Jan. 6, 2021, at the age of 67. Ward is 95 and works at Glasby Maintenance Supply Company in Anaheim, California, where he's been in the business for 48 years. He's a graduate of Talbot School of Theology with a master's degree and has taught God's word for 65 years. He also hosts a house church in his Chino Hills home every Sunday called Growth in Christ Church (should be quite a league away from any Gamma Beta Chi's frat drinking). He's in good health and very active in marriage and family counseling. He's too busy for golf but was on the WMC golf team 1950-52. He has many fond memories

of WMC, where he married Betty Lou Brandenburg on June 4, 1952. He survived the Korean War and was discharged from the U.S. Army as first lieutenant in 1954.

Roland Fleischer, Hon. D.F.A. '93 entered WMC as an Art major with the intention of becoming a high school art teacher. But with the encouragement and guidance of Visiting Professor Allan MacDonald, his interest shifted to Art History, and he went on to a Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins University and a Fulbright at the University of Amsterdam. His principal interest has been Dutch paintings of the 17th century. He held faculty positions at the University of Miami and The George Washington University before going to The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State), where he enjoyed greater opportunities for research and publications. WMC awarded him an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts (D.F.A.) in 1993. He has never felt more humbled and honored! After he retired as professor emeritus in 1996, he and his Dutch wife, Polly-Anne, spent time in the Florida Keys, but now are happy at home in State College, Pennsylvania, enjoying the warmth and friendliness of a small town and the gorgeous rural surroundings. They live in a very fine retirement community, aptly named The Village at Penn State. Quite unexpectedly, he's made friends with a fellow he competed against when the WMC soccer team played the national championship Penn State team in October 1950. They beat WMC 3-1!

Janet High Lewis is still living independently and driving her car. She got a new Cavalier puppy last year that is keeping her very busy.

1953

Ashby Collins had written that he was living alone in his cottage with care from hospice, family, neighbors, and friends while fighting Stage 3 liver cancer. He ended his note by saying, "Stay positive!" We are sad to report that he passed away on April 5.

Vernon Fox celebrated his 96th birthday with a rescue dog, two cats, and a six-pack of Coors. He has the usual aches and pains but no major health problems. He exercises daily, eats modestly (mostly vegan), and weighs the same as he did in 1953. He does not drive a car, but does drive a tractor or ATV to feed a herd of deer, gaggle of squirrels, and fill bird boxes on the farm. He reads the newspapers and biographies in large print. He has no family or relatives, but the lady from the local health department visits to see if he's behaving himself.

Geneva "Ginny" Laver Huber reports that she lives with her daughter in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. She stays busy knitting and reading with her trusty walker by her side. She loves talking to her good friend **Dee Friedrich Alff**, who she met on the first day of college.

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.

DAVID SINCLAIR '00

For the past 10 years, **Nancy Wagner Phillips** has lived independently at Collington, a continuing care retirement community just outside the Washington, D.C., beltway. The community has 120 acres of woods, trails, and ponds; wildlife; and lots of smart seniors, ranging in age from baby boomers to 105 years old. She enjoys book discussion groups, arranging flowers for the dining room, lectures, parties, concerts, and new friendships with folks who have lived and traveled all over the world. Her mind is still pretty good, but her body is falling apart, and she needs her rollator to get around these days.

Ella Maie “Skip” Edwards Richardson writes that it’s hard to believe that 72 years have passed since she graduated from McDaniel College (WMC)! A lot has happened in those years, including marriage to **Bob Richardson ’50**, two daughters, teaching and living in the states of Maryland, Wyoming, Colorado, and California before moving away in 1962. For the next 21 years they traveled and taught in Indonesia, Peru, and Saudi Arabia. While in Saudi Arabia, she and Bob started a travel group with many tours that included Egypt, Syria, Cyprus, China, and Turkey. Retirement in 1982 from the oil company brought them back to the U.S. in 1983 to live in Cody, Wyoming, where they bought an RV campground/store and later a motel. Yes, life has been busy, exciting, and good to her. She does regret that she hasn’t kept up with her college classmates, but now at 92, her travel days are over. She is enjoying life where her two daughters, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren live with all their varied interests.

Betty Louise Herbert Saltmarsh spent three summers on the Hill as a Methodist youth living in the dorms and singing on grassy hills, riding the Baltimore train to the campus. She graduated high school in February 1950 and started college the second semester of that year. Dean Howery asked, “What is your major?” When Betty didn’t know what that meant, Dean Howery asked if she liked to read. The answer was yes, so she became an English major. She went to summer school for two years and graduated in 3½ years. She met her husband, **Arthur Avery Saltmarsh** from New Bedford, Massachusetts, the first year of summer school. They graduated in June 1953. He was an Economics major and captain of the tennis team. He spent most of his career as a salesman for the United Oil Company in Baltimore. She was an elementary school teacher and librarian. They were married on April 17, 1954, and lived in Pikesville, Sykesville, and Walkersville, Maryland, over the years. Their family included four biological children (two girls and two boys) and two adopted girls from Seoul, South Korea. Art passed away in 1996 at 67 years. In 2021, she relocated from Walkersville, Maryland, to Vero Beach, Florida, to live near her brother and swim in the pool and ocean. After Art died, she spent several years taking trips around the world with **Dorothy Stackhouse** and **Gwen Blohm Tisdale**. Both have since passed. Betty is 94 and has a condo in Frederick, Maryland. She used to travel back and forth, but the past few years, she’s stayed mostly in Vero Beach. Her second-oldest daughter and husband moved to Vero Beach five years ago and

provide assistance to her. One of her adopted daughters lives in Orlando, and most of the rest of the family lives in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. She has 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

John Wilhelm is alive and well at 93. His wife, Ann, is also doing well. They reside in La Plata, Maryland. John was forced into retirement after 57 years by the pandemic in 2020. His son, **Eric Wilhelm ’85**, continued the dental practice. They went to Greece last summer. John putters, tinkers, and gardens. Three stepchildren are in Washington, D.C.

1954

Patricia “Pat” Herman Douglas is a widow living in Bedford Court Retirement Community in Olney, Maryland. Her three sons **James “J.D.” Douglas ’79, M.S. ’91; John Douglas ’85;** and **David Douglas ’87** all graduated from Western Maryland College and so did David’s wife, **Maria Filshie Douglas ’89**. After years of teaching 4-year-olds, she still misses being with small children. Her six granddaughters are all out of college and out in the world. She stays in contact with **Lois Cermak Runnels**, her Phi Alpha sister at WMC, who now lives in Pennsylvania near her daughter. They sang together in WMC choir and for many years in their local church choir. Pat celebrated her 93rd birthday in July.

Arthur Gernand continues his interest in the revival of the American chestnut tree. Although less active with the American Chestnut Cooperators’ Foundation than in the past, he monitors the chestnut trees on the family property near Sabillasville, Maryland.

Ethel Coffman Trevethan is blessed to be living with family. On her 90th birthday, she relished seeing slides of their days in France, Germany, Japan, and the U.S. She writes and reads to escape the chaos!

1956

Eugene “Gene” Goll has lived in Easton, Maryland, for 54 years. He and his wife, Mary-Beth, have slowed down but still enjoy visits from family and friends. Looking back, he realized that McDaniel was a critical influence. Education is change; it made a great difference in Gene’s life. His parents were German immigrants who met in Philadelphia, married, and bought a bakery in Havre de Grace, Maryland, where Gene grew up. Everyone in the family worked; Gene played football in high school. His coach felt Western Maryland would be a good fit. Gene played some — Mary-Beth still wears his football sweater — and completed ROTC. He served two years in South Korea in the demilitarized zone as a platoon leader. He earned a Ph.D. from Penn State and later formed Education News Service, covering preschool through college education in Maryland. Gene retired in 2016.

Bob Green and **Lyn Hazelip Green ’59** live in a retirement community in Williamsburg, Virginia. He can’t believe he’s 90 — until he realizes some tasks that were routine now take a little longer and more concentration. Emphasis has shifted from looking forward to travel to maintaining good balance, not falling, and enjoying the many activities in this area. They are fortunate to have their children’s families in nearby Richmond, Virginia, and see them often.

Priscilla McCoy LaMar decided when she turned 90 that she should look for a retirement community for her coming years. She selected Brightview in Hunt Valley, Maryland. She has been in independent living, and only time will tell if she’s made the right decision. She was happy in the condo purchased 25 years ago that she shared with **Jay “Gus” LaMar ’55**, but felt it was time to move on as Jay passed almost 20 years ago. Help is outstanding and the residents are pleasant. **Charlie Phipps ’55** and **Ginnie Tull Phipps ’57** are also there, so they talk about their years at WMC. She would enjoy hearing from any classmates.

1958

Patricia Krell Yates, (aka Pitty-Pat and Pattie-Poo) writes that there are no big changes in her life (widow, retired social worker, cat lover, resident of downtown D.C. in a senior high-rise, playgoer, etc.) except that she has largely and reluctantly given up travel to wonderful places all over the world, including all parts of India during seven separate trips. One exception to the travel bit: She can easily transport herself back to her college years by closing her eyes and listening to music of the 1950s, when the jukebox was king. She is back in the wonderful grill with its oiled wood floors in the building they called “Old Main.” She and **Tom “Dubes” Davies ’59, Bill Wardlow ’59,** and **Ann “Rusty” Maryanov** are playing bridge, drinking black coffee, and smoking while feeding coins into the jukebox to listen to Della Reese belt out “And That Reminds Me” over and over and over again. Later, they are down the road at Baugher’s Restaurant crammed into a booth feeding yet more coins into a jukebox for “Blueberry Hill,” stamping their feet with Fats Domino while they wolf down burgers or ham salad sandwiches. Oh, so many memories of moments like this — no, no, they can’t take those away from her! But where did they get all those coins? And were they nickels or dimes?

1964

Janet Brozik Biles is enjoying her life at Carroll Lutheran Village, where she has many friends. Janet and her daughter went to Florida in October 2024 for her great-niece’s destination wedding. **Lynda Robson Astle** was gracious enough to let them stay at her vacation home in Palm Coast. She is also in touch with **Lois Schurman Donaldson** and **Linda Fabre Barnes**. Her two grandchildren are in college.

Streett Broadbent is doing great! He keeps busy with family, friends, and especially the Power Squadron. He had open heart surgery (triple bypass) in May 2023, but was bleeding too much internally so they took him back in the next morning, opened him up again to fix that. He’s “ticking” just fine now! He’s been battling prostate cancer since 2009, when he had it removed. In 2017, he underwent 39 radiation treatments, and in 2022 the cancer recurred. He is now on hormone treatments and says, “Ladies, I can now empathize with you,” as he has hot flashes, but “not too bad in the winter.” He gets together with some WMC friends quarterly for lunch.

John Dudley and his wife, Diane, live in St. Petersburg, Florida. They love to travel and have visited each U.S. state, often in a travel trailer. They’ve traveled around the world, most often by trips from tour companies or on cruise ships. John has sung in three barbershop choruses and been to a spring training baseball game in each Florida Grapefruit League site. His shuffleboard team just won first place out of 36 teams. They are healthy and very happy. WMC buddies are invited to visit and chew some fat. Be happy!

Barbara Holland-Eytan writes that not much has changed, but life seems very different. Three years ago, she and Allan added a mini goldendoodle to their family, which brings a new focus. They are still snowbirds, enjoying winter in Boynton Beach, Florida, and summer in Rehoboth, Delaware, but planning takes more time now. They sold the house in Baltimore at the height of COVID-19, so 46 years of accumulation had to go to Rehoboth (you couldn’t donate or sell anything at that time). They continue to deal with the boxes and extra furniture. Life now has less beach walking and more afternoons spent in the dog park. The grandchildren are teenagers, so they very much look forward to whatever time they can share with them. An occasional afternoon at the ballet with her granddaughter or a day with her grandson make for highlights in their week. All in all, life is full and fulfilling and they are enjoying it.

Rita Anne Jones states that nothing much has changed since the last reporting, and she’s still in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Since the church library closed, she’s now volunteering with the Friends at the public library. Rita Anne is still doing Volksmarches, but fewer and slower. She enjoys reading and finding books by old and new authors. She misses family and friends as they disappear from her life.

George “Bud” Knefely is still practicing internal medicine, running, and playing tennis. He is most proud of his Ph.D. chemist daughter who works at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the country’s largest multiprogram science and technology lab. He has two grandchildren: Charlie, a travel baseball player, and Haley, a competitive cheerleader. Unfortunately, his wife of 48 years died, and he misses her dearly! He’s in touch with his dear friend **Barry Lazarus** and his wife, Fran. They mean the world to him.

Diane Simpson Krell is enjoying condo living in Solomons Island, Maryland, near her daughter, son-in-law, grandson, and granddaughter. She’s very proud of her daughter, who is

a principal urban planner for Calvert County, Maryland. Her activities include walks around her home's marina setting, singing in community choir, and participating in their local book club. She stays in touch with **Kay Wilson Groninger '65** and **Bob Kruhm**. Kay lost her husband of 60 years a few years ago, but her daughter and husband are doing well. Bob and his wife are living with their daughter in North Carolina, and Bob golfs all the time!

Barry Lazarus has lived and played in Colorado for the past 28 years. He and Fran continue to enjoy the outdoor life, including pickleball, biking, some skiing, and lots of walking. Fortunately, their health remains vigorous except for a few glitches here and there along the way. Travel remains front and center; they have visited more than 115 countries, including a cruise of Western Africa to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Both of their children and all four grandkids live abroad. Visiting their grandchildren in Copenhagen, Denmark; Bangkok, Thailand; and Luxembourg remains a priority.

Lois Chilcoat Meszaros, M.Ed. '72 enjoyed the beautiful scenery and weather on Kauai, Hawaii, in February. She works two days a week in her clinical practice in Severna Park, Maryland. She's on the executive council of AARP Maryland, and they are working on legislation involving mental health, scams, nursing home reform, and lowering drug prices, among other issues that impact older adults. She also volunteers with Partners in Care, an organization that helps older adults stay in their own homes. She has been able to do a lot of traveling, which she enjoys. Lois lives in Severna Park on Cattail Creek, where she watches the herons, eagles, geese, and ducks that come to visit. She is in good health and loving life.

Doris Miller Nickoles writes that things are proceeding in Ashton, Maryland, but much more slowly. They are still in the house that they have lived in for over 50 years. They have wonderful neighbors including wandering deer, foxes, geese, and many other birds. Doris and **Ken Nickoles '60** have been married 60 years, which she thinks is totally amazing. Now, their schedule is filled with medical appointments, not travel locations. They are blessed to have their family within 20 minutes of them.

Sue Ann Allport Tabler, M.Ed.'69 reports that it was such a joy to attend her 60th Reunion last year. Kudos to the planning committee for a job well done! She traveled to Florida this year, as well as to Belgium and the Netherlands to view the beautiful tulips in bloom. She is looking forward to spending more time with her daughter, Deborah Mathews, who retired from the Howard County Public School System after 35 years teaching elementary students.

Joe Wenderoth and Cassie are still traveling, but now a little less far and wide. They joined a social dance group to meet some more folks and go to regular dance events. Their oldest just retired from teaching at University of California, Davis. His retirement makes them feel older though! At least he relocated to the Crystal Coast of North Carolina so they

can now just drive there to visit. The 60th Reunion gathering in 2024 at **Carole Richardson Baile's** house was a great chance to catch up with classmates in a relaxed setting.

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1970

As always, our dear **Nancy Hoskins Ferencz, M.Ed. '76** was the first to respond, saying that she and Bill managed to avoid COVID-19 and various strains of flu, but not cancer. Nancy was diagnosed with stage 4 Hodgkin's lymphoma in March 2023. She was treated with chemotherapy for eight months and had to cease treatment early due to developing a severe systemic rash. One oncologist said she was "cancer-free" at that time, but another would not say those words. It has returned, and she is awaiting insurance approval of four new heavy-duty drugs to be followed by a "risky" stem cell transplant once initial remission is achieved. Doctors have warned her that the procedure is very tough, but they're praying for the best. In the meantime, they entertained both Bill's family and hers on two separate occasions over the holidays, including their four great-granddaughters! For those of you who knew Nancy's siblings, they are all doing very well! A few of you will remember Nancy's freshman-year roommate **Anne Zahn Newell**. She passed away Oct. 13, 2024, of pulmonary fibrosis in Oregon. Anne only attended WMC our freshman year and completed her undergraduate and graduate work in California, where she had successful careers in both the education and computer industries. Nancy sees her sophomore roomie, **Karen Telan**, twice a year.

Tom Van Sickle is alive and well in Sonoma, California: "My retired wife, Robin; kids; and grandkids are all doing well." Tom is semi-retired but still doing some marine surveying " 'cause I'm still having fun playing with other people's boats." His own fleet has grown to four antique woodies and two other wooden boats he built during the pandemic. "I'm the last wooden boat surveyor in the San Francisco Bay Area and mentoring my replacement — and willing to take on another if someone is interested." He still gets back east each summer to play with his sailboat on Lake George, New York, and has also taken up photography again.

Mike "Zippy" Elliot checks in: "Dearest Calpurnia ... (oh, boy — now there's a memory!) I'm remarried (#3). Many times over the past three years, I've helped friends celebrate their 50th anniversaries (**JC Allen** and **Patti Wade Allen '72**; **John Seaman, M.Ed. '76** and **Vivian Higdon Seaman '72**; **Bill Griffith** and Marilyn.). Back in the day, I thought I'd be in that club too, but it didn't work out. I see those people every summer in Rehoboth, Delaware. Between my three wives and numerous girlfriends, I'm the only one introducing fresh blood into the mix. I've become a Delaware person. There are other areas in the state I'd love to visit, but I suspect some would be hazardous to my health.

IN MEMORIAM

TRUSTEE EMERITUS M. LEE RICE '48, HON. SC.D. '83

Trustee Emeritus and former Board Chair M. Lee Rice '48, Hon. Sc.D. '83 of Westminster, Maryland, died on June 11, at the age of 99. For over 40 years, he dedicated himself to supporting the mission of the college with generosity and compassion.

After serving as an electronic technician in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Rice earned a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Physics on the Hill. The college later honored him with an Honorary Doctor of Science in 1983.

He engaged in graduate studies in mathematics and operations research at the University of Maryland, College Park, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School from 1948-54.

A scientist-turned-executive professional, Rice holds many patents, including the co-invention of the solid propellant rocket system for the Polaris missile and a meteorological sounding rocket, now displayed at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum.

He started out in 1950 at Atlantic Research Corporation as a mathematician, became a rocket scientist, and ended his tenure there as president. In 1960, he earned a National Capital Award for Outstanding Young Applied Scientist of the Year.

Rice went on to serve as vice president and later president of the Ogden Corporation and transitioned to president and CEO of Ogden Transportation Corporation. In 1980, he earned a Maritime Award from The Marine Society of the City of New York. After retiring in 1983, Rice was president of the Shipbuilders Council of America for three years and developed his own consulting firm. His last professional role was as president of Green Sea Ventures.

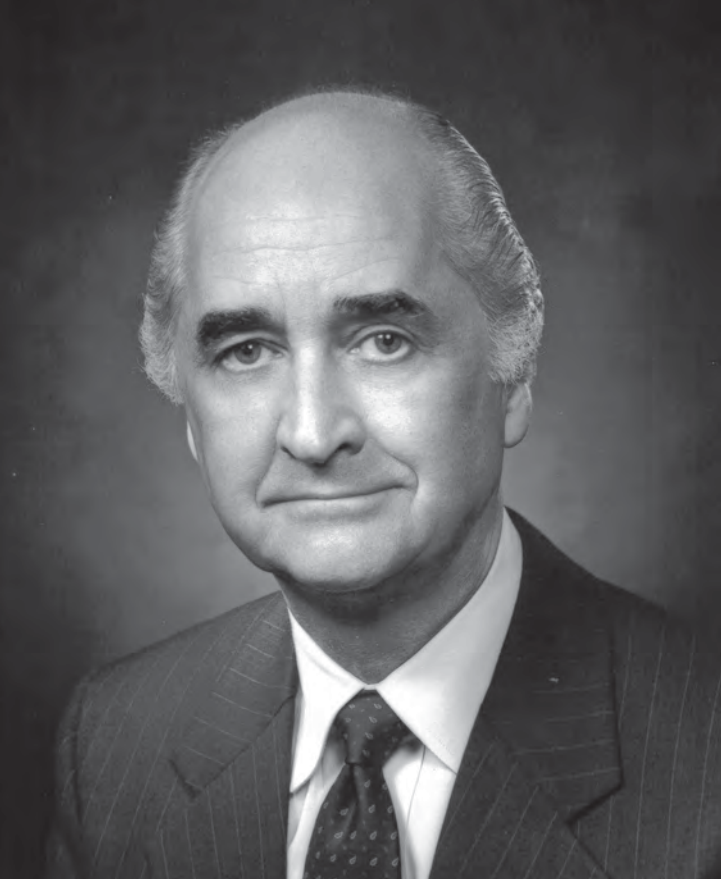
Across nearly three decades, Rice served on over 10 alumni committees at the college. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1980-2005, chairing the board from 1991-96, and continued to serve as a trustee emeritus after 2005, including chairing the largest and most successful capital campaign in the college's history.

In 1996, Rice supported restorations to Peterson Hall and named the Esther Pranglely Rice Gallery after his late first wife. Along with his second wife and McDaniel President Emerita Joan Develin Coley, he supported the renovation of Coley Rice Lounge in 2022. His most recent contribution, in 2025, was to the Education Department in honor of Professor Emeritus Skip Fennell.

For his volunteerism, philanthropy, and love for the college, he earned four alumni awards: the Meritorious Service Award in 1998, Alumnus of the Year in 2000, a Trustee Alumni Award in 2004, and the 2024 Founders Award.

Rice was born July 16, 1925, in Washington, D.C., and grew up on a farm in Montgomery County, Maryland. He was a keen photographer and built his own photography studio, which he donated to McDaniel College.

He was predeceased by his first wife Esther Pranglely Rice, sister Ann Rice Jett '44, cousin W. Kelley Rice '49, and his cousin's wife, Eileen Weeks Rice '49. He is survived by his wife Joan Develin Coley; his four children, Joseph Rice, Helen Rice Summers, Stephen Rice, and Lawrence Rice; as well as his stepson, David K. Coley. He leaves 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.





Current McDaniel College Trustee Keith Lawson '79 and Robin Lee Lawson '80 (left) met up with Trustee Emeritus Ken Gill '61 and his wife, Karen, at Churchill Downs during the Kentucky Derby weekend. Gill's horse, Bless the Broken, competed in the Kentucky Oaks race and placed third.

Believe it or not, I've been a teacher for the past three years. My wife, who is much younger, much smarter, and a much more dedicated educator, turned me into her assistant principal, who asked if she knew anyone with an English degree. The county was short 350 teachers; they were so desperate, even I looked good! Finally, I've become a movie screenwriter. I have a Hollywood literary agent, and she's actively shopping two scripts, a crime/thriller ("In Self-Defense?") and a college-based romantic drama where the campus bears an eerie resemblance to WMC 1967-70. I'd reveal the title, but it would give away the entire story. Wait until it hits Netflix."

We heard from **Randy Blume**, but sadly, he passed away in April after submitting his class note. At the time, he said that they had not had much travel this year except for a bucket list trip to the Galápagos Islands, which he highly recommended. He said that he saw **Dan Patrick** with some regularity. He also shared gratitude for his wife, **Lynn Gallant-Blume '71**, who was "a great help when I need assistance. We've been through the 'good times' and now 'the bad times.' Couldn't have a better wife." We send our love to Lynn.

Keith Porter and **Chelle Catington Porter '72** have been living in Raleigh, North Carolina, for the past 20 years and love it! Keith finally retired and is enjoying life. He had knee and hip replacements within a 15-month span and is now doing well. They have five grandkids ranging from 16 to 5 years old. Keith has lunch with **Tom Mavity '71, M.Ed. '76** and **Ginny Golden Blake '72** when he visits Delaware.

Ed Cline and **Susan Robertson Cline** celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in May. They had a big wedding the weekend before graduation with Dean **Ira Zepp '52, Hon. L.H.D. '15** officiating. Ed was the deputy director of the Maryland Stadium Authority, overseeing the operations of Oriole Park at Camden Yards and M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore until his

retirement. Susan taught advanced placement calculus at Hereford High School in Baltimore County. Ed spends enjoyable time on the golf course with his Westminster, Maryland, friends. Due to a 2001 spinal fusion surgery, Susan is limited to activities at home, crocheting four afghans for family members last winter. There are 14 in their immediate family, so there's never a lack of activity with them. They're really enjoying their retirement years with six wonderful grandchildren ages 10 to 17. They have lived in their house for 32 years, and it's still the place where the family gravitates for major holidays. "It's been fun growing old together!"

John Mosca sends greetings from St. Petersburg, Florida: "Golden years my butt. Last year, I was hospitalized three times, and at the same time, our beautiful St. Pete waterfront home was devastated by two hurricanes within two weeks! We were homeless for four-and-a-half months and lost one car and one boat. We are finally back in our home. I still ride my Harley with my great American Legion Riders friends."

Vicki Zoeller Timmons has been retired for several years and is living quietly in Gastonia, North Carolina. It is about a half hour west of Charlotte, North Carolina. She sold her house last spring and says that downsizing was hard but freeing. "I love my apartment. It was a good move."

Lynne Price, M.L.A. '76 is still enjoying retirement, although she is not really enjoying the best of health. She suffers from spinal stenosis, spondylitis, and two herniated discs. All this causes pain, and as a result, she also has very bad sciatica. Years of receiving cortisone shots in the back have offered limited relief. She and her significant other, Alain, took two cruises in 2024, both on the Queen Mary 2: a short cruise from New York to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Boston in June and July, and then they decided to spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays cruising in the Caribbean. "As much as I was looking forward to this trip, I really didn't enjoy it. I love being at

home for the holidays, and besides, I missed my 102-year-old mom! And she missed me, too! Thank goodness for good satellite phone service!" Lynne also shares that "**Penny Williams Cipolone** and I are kindred spirits, as we both taught Latin for many years. Penny had a hip replacement and has since suffered falls at her home. She is now in a rehab facility, getting herself stronger and learning to walk without falling. She says she feels like that TV commercial: A Place for Mom! However, she is very anxious to get home." Lynne enjoys being a part of St. Mary's Chapter at her parish church, serving on the local hospital's development committee, and she also served on our 55th Reunion committee.

Sue Costill Smith wrote: "Fifty-five years ago, we graduated from WMC in turbulent times, many of us with the aim of becoming what Mr. Rogers' mother called 'the helpers.' We wanted job security, a safe place to raise and educate our children, an opportunity to live in a way that supported those less fortunate in our community. The music of our day was mostly filled with idealism, yearning for peace and love. Just my reflections on days long gone and my sadness over the developments of recent months. I want these same things for my children and grandchildren, who are all happy, healthy, and doing well, as are **Bob Smith '71, M.Ed. '81** and I."

Will Werley reports that during winter weekends they tramp the woods around Baltimore's reservoirs, perhaps to locate a geocache. On summer weekends, they bike rail trails and towpaths in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Weekday mornings, Will walks to Gramercy Mansion to punch in for a couple of hours. Daphne raises flowers in pots and feeds hummingbirds their syrup. She rides her horse as often as possible. They are surrounded by books and records at home, and Will writes letters, puzzles out crosswords, and watches TV with his cats.

Judith "Jann" Smith Fees retired after 35 years of teaching high school French to care for her ailing husband. After he died in 2012, she traveled a bit, the highlight of which was a 2019 bicycle tour in Provence, France. She sends greetings to **Karen Wagner Tegges**, who was her roommate in Aix-en-Provence during our junior year, 1968-69. Jann also wanted to thank **Judith "Judy" Harper**, who inspired her to learn the mysteries of knitting, which has been a lifelong pursuit and a lucrative hobby. **Danielle Greenip Barry** and Jann have kept in touch and meet for lunch occasionally. "After all, we are both Jersey girls," she says. During the COVID-19 shutdown, her high school boyfriend "looked me up. We renewed our friendship and eventually moved in together in 2020. We live in an over-55 community in a cute little house on a cute little lake with my stash of yarn. I am so grateful for the amazing education, people, and places that have enriched my life. Who could ask for anything more?"

Frank "Sully" Sullivan retired as the director of the Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency in 2013 but continued to teach at Anne Arundel Community College until 2016. He serves as a board member for four social service organizations. His primary hobby is beekeeping. He says that the Phi Delta Theta brothers meet regularly, and it is great to have these contacts all these years later.

Bill Roj, Hon. LL.D. '21 and **Mary Lynn Durham, Hon. LL.D. '21** now have five grandchildren, ages 1 to 11. They do "Spy Camp" with them for a few days each summer. Their little spies are now entering the advanced training phase, with the

older ones insisting they continue hosting this annual event. In February, Bill and Mary Lynn took a tour of South India, featuring indigenous art and architecture from 300 CE through 1300. The trip was many years in the planning, and one important stop was Osmania University in Hyderabad, where Bill spent his junior year in college. They were welcomed into a political science classroom, where the students asked what it was like there 55 years ago when Bill was a student. They also enjoyed answering their questions about college in the United States as well as the contemporary student experience here at McDaniel.

Danielle Greenip Barry retired in January after 33 years at Raritan Valley Community College. She was granted adjunct emerita status, with some perks, like one freebie class per semester! "Teaching theatre has been a joy, and I think I did God's work per student, with classes and directing 38 shows. In any case, that's where God clearly placed me, so I embraced it!" She is still living in Bridgewater, New Jersey, with two daughters and one grandchild (13) nearby. Her work with her church, local theatre groups, and local protests keeps her very busy.

John Kintzing's highlight was going to the 2024 White House Christmas bash last year and meeting the president and the first lady, courtesy of his daughter, Dr. Meredith Kintzing. He was her guest; she worked on a committee with the first lady at the college where they were co-workers. John's annual fishing trip to Pennsylvania meant he could not attend our Reunion due to the conflict in dates. His family is doing well in Southeastern Virginia, and he and his wife, **Meg Swain Kintzing**, will celebrate 50 years of marriage next year.

Ed Smith '71 and **Wilma VanHart Smith** are living in the same house in Atlanta, where they have been for 39 years. They have two sons and their families in the area and a daughter and her family in Little Rock, Arkansas. They have seven grandchildren ranging in ages from 22 to 1. They stay in close touch with **Sue Costill Smith** and **Robert "Bob" Smith '71, M.Ed. '81** and with **Jan McDougal Schroeder '68** and **Fred Schroeder '69**. "I feel so blessed to have made those strong relationships at WMC," Wilma said. "We travel. I play tennis. Ed hopes to get back to playing golf after his hip surgery."

David Moore said he was trying to think, "What can I write about? What can I tell them?" The plain facts are that they have been well with no big life crises — "and we're not looking for any, either!" He says that each week, he and his siblings play and sing for the residents in a local retirement community, which is "fun for them and us, too!" Every now and then, **Joe Powell '71** and David correspond. Last summer, they got together to catch up and play music, which is always great fun! David is still subbing for nearby church organists when the need arises, which he enjoys and it keeps his skills sharp! "So, that's about it. Not a very high-spirited life, but for me, that's just fine!"

Alice Berning Franks celebrated 50 years of federal government service in July 2024. She continues to manage mouse breeding colonies at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Running remains her passion, and she is often at the local races on weekends but also belongs to a Sunday morning track group and is an active member of the Montgomery County Road Runners Club.

Patricia Collins Begley and Michael are still in Columbia, Maryland, in the house they designed to be able to age gracefully in: "So glad for the elevator!" They spend much of their

time traveling and recently returned from a 33-day cruise to Hawaii and French Polynesia, which means they missed the February snow and cold weather while relaxing in the South Pacific.

Sue Seibert Bentham is approaching a brand-new phase of life. Sadly, her dear husband of almost 55 years, **Jack Bentham '67**, passed away in March after a long decline and lengthy illness. "A new star has been added to the heavens, and I am thankful to have shared this life with him. Our two sons, friends, and family are a great support to me now."

It's been a big year for **Doug Smarte '69** and **Lynn Coleman Smarte, M.Ed. '73**. After 46 years in their single-family home in Arlington, Virginia, they downsized and moved three miles to a condominium in the City of Falls Church, Virginia. It's a very small city, but for the first time they can walk to restaurants, a farmers market, library, grocery stores, parks, and lots of small retail businesses. They spend as much time as possible with son Chris' family — including their 4-year-old granddaughter — in Charlottesville, Virginia. Their daughter, Thuy, has started a catering business and gave them a wonderful 50th anniversary party. She is now bringing them delicious meals every week. "We're forgetting how to cook!" They're both very involved at Foundry United Methodist Church, and love getting to spend time with dear friends like **Barb Thomas, Debbie Clark**, and **Linda Sullivan Shulte '68**.

John Heisler and **Sandy Gomane Heisler '71** moved to Eastampton, New Jersey, to bring them closer to their children and five grandchildren. "It's taking a while for us to get used to living in a 55-and-over community, but the trade-off is that we can be around for all the grandkids' special events." Sadly, in February **Butch Johnson** passed away. He was a close friend for more than 60 years, and they always enjoyed reminiscing about their WMC years. **Marshall Adams '71** and John kept in touch with Butch, and are going to miss him a lot.

I received an email from **Donald Walker's** son letting us know that his father passed away in November 2024. He had been injured in a car accident in 1983, which left him quadriplegic. We were lucky to have him for another 41 wonderful years, largely due to the care he received from his wife, Dawn Walker.

Carol Harris Dietrich and **Earl Dietrich '68** wrote: "Our life has changed so much since our last Reunion. In November 2021, we sold our home of 33 years in Eldersburg, Maryland, and moved to a multi-family home in Westminster, Maryland. We now live with our daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter. We moved from a large, four-bedroom house to what amounts to a one-bedroom condo with a deck. Those of you who have downsized over the last several years will understand that it is a gargantuan undertaking. However, after 3½ years, we are so happy to have made the move. Our home is lovely; quite an oasis, as a matter of fact. To be around our only granddaughter, who is now 4, is a blessing. We have acclimated well to our smaller space, and my daughter makes dinner for the family every night. I lost my dad in March 2024. He was 95 and up until the end of 2023, lived independently. Our son Aric continues to work at The Walters Art Museum in Baltimore and bought a condo nearby a few years ago. He visits, and I started volunteering there twice a month. In April, we traveled to Mexico with our Preacher couples for a week in the sun. We have been doing this since 2015 with **Nancy Higdon Morgan '69** and **Dick Morgan '69**, Mary and **Rick**

Coburn '69, **Amy Lewis King '69** and **Jim King '69**, and Linda and **Jeff Willis '69**. Six of us spent the month of February in Islamorada (Coburns and Kings), renting a house together, and I'm pleased to say, got along very well. It's nice to be in the Florida sunshine and get away from the cold weather. Last June, with the Coburns, we took a 10-day Norwegian cruise from Athens to Venice. We hadn't been on a cruise for many years, and I was anxious about the size of the ship, but all was organized and we didn't spend much time standing in lines. We saw quite a bit in the days we were in Greece, Croatia, and Venice. Earl and I try to stay active and fit. He continues to go to the gym four or five times a week. I belong to Merritt in Eldersburg and after many years formed some nice friendships there. I'm proud to say I socialize with my 'gym tribe' outside of our workouts. We are in touch with my Round Robins on a regular basis and now live closer to **Sue Morales Yingling, M.S. '00** and **Splinter Yingling '68**. It is so hard to believe we have known each other for almost 60 years and how we treasure these friendships! We were all together in April for a celebration of life for our dear PJ, **Patricia Johnson Krantz**, who passed away in February. All of the Robins including **Sue Morales Yingling, M.S. '00**, **Sherry Swope Peck**, **Karen Wagner Tegges**, **Barbara Thomas**, **Barbara Payne Shelton**, and **Jane Butterbaugh Shapiro** were in attendance as we said our final farewells."

And now for my news ... so much has changed since our last column, but I'll just share the recent stuff. Travel continues to be my passion, so recent trips have included a road trip from South Carolina to Montreal, Canada, and back visiting with 42 friends and family, annual Round Robin getaways, Greece with **Jane Butterbaugh Shapiro**, and hiking in Iceland with Backroads. This year, after the program finally reopened after COVID-19, I led my 21st Global Village volunteer team with Habitat for Humanity to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. I followed that up with a tour that included Angkor Wat, Cambodia; Bangkok, Thailand; Luang Prabang, Laos; and Hanoi, Vietnam.

I continue to enjoy serving as an elder at my church and have been a McDaniel trustee for the past 20 years. Golf is an occasional joy — very occasional. I had a walk-on role in "Calendar Girls," played the emcee in "The Last Comedienne" at the May River Theatre in Bluffton, South Carolina, and played Elmira Gulch in a local production here on Callawassie Island. Loads of fun!

I'll add a tiny bit to Carol's recounting of PJ's celebration of life. We all first gathered in Baltimore to see **Sherry Swope Peck** in "Love, Loss, and What I Wore," which was a fabulous production. The next day was the celebration, during which we each shared memories, concluding with the lyrics from Maroon 5's "Memories." We then checked into an overnight rental in Edgewater, Maryland, so that we could be together, eat crabcakes, and continue sharing memories that evening. We have reached that point in our lives ... and then there were eight.

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As we approach our 50th Reunion this coming spring, it's appropriate that almost 50 of you responded. It's been such a delight for me,

catching up on what you’ve been doing, so without further ado here is your class news!

Kathy Clevenger Jones, M.Ed. ’77 retired after 40 years of teaching Deaf and hard of hearing students on the Eastern Shore and is busier than ever. She acts and directs at several local community theatres and serves as chair of the board of directors at Church Hill Theatre. Recently, she produced an original script, “The Last Time,” at Chesapeake College that was written in honor of her friends who are caregivers, with some of the proceeds benefiting hospice. When not at the theatre, she is playing and singing classic rock, with frequent trips to Florida to perform with a friend there. She and her husband, Bruce, enjoy traveling, especially road trips!

Kathy Hamilton Trezise and Tom Trezise ’75 moved to Ponte Vedra, Florida, in 2022. They were happy to reconnect with **Debbie Cogan Gingrich**, who not only also lives in Ponte Vedra but is a member of their new church! Kathy is still enjoying her work as a financial organizer for overwhelmed entrepreneurs. Her company, Absolutely Organized, recently celebrated 25 years in business. Kathy’s work is entirely remote now, which gives her time to enjoy the active lifestyle of their 55-plus community. Tom published his first novel, “Former Things Forgotten,” and is working on the sequel.

Bob Toner is enjoying retirement in South Boston, Virginia, near his daughter, son-in-law, and two grandsons. He just completed remodeling his basement into a semi-man cave. Bob hosted a 90th birthday party for his mom in November 2024. His daughter is running for election as commonwealth attorney in November 2025. Bob’s son is looking forward to getting married soon to his fiancée. Bob has lunch at least twice a year with his old WMC roommate **Bob Kehler**, who works as a physician assistant not far from McDaniel.

Bob and **Dell Wogsland Elias** are still loving life at Lake Tahoe, Nevada! Winters are gorgeous with lots of fresh snow, but summers are Dell’s favorite. Hiking and the beach are always a draw outdoors to enjoy Tahoe’s beauty. The big 70 was initially going to be a quiet celebration, but the family got involved to throw Dell a big theme party. What a blast! Imagine cornhole altered with toilet seats for the targets! Totally recommended as a fun party idea! The family is all doing great, though Dell and Bob often say that aging is NOT for sissies!

Jeff Heinbaugh and **Cathy Clayton Heinbaugh ’77** report they are doing well. Jeff retired in 2019 so he and Cathy could spend more time with family, travel more, and participate in mission work with their church. They did that for about six months, then COVID-19 hit, which greatly curtailed those activities. It didn’t keep them from buying a house in Tennessee outside Chattanooga to be near grandchildren and making it their primary residence. They are keeping the house in Maryland as a second home to visit relatives and friends. They now have three grandchildren; Evie and Calvin are 4, and Vivian is 2. Two of the grandchildren are in Tennessee and the other is in Williamsburg, Virginia. They keep in touch with **David Mowry** and his wife, Theresa, and visit them when they are in Maryland. Jeff enjoys doing some part-time IT consulting to stay abreast of the latest technology trends. In 2024, Jeff and Cathy went on a Mediterranean cruise with longtime friends to celebrate Jeff’s 70th birthday. They stopped in

at Montenegro, Croatia, and Malta. It is a great learning experience to see the world from a different perspective. They are looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th Reunion.

Skip Chambers is still enjoying retirement from teaching and coaching basketball after 35 years. He is especially happy to have his wife, Karla, home now that she has retired and keeps him busy with a honey-do list. Their three children and spouses live close by, or no more than an hour away, for everyone to get together for family meals and find a babysitter when needed. They have eight grandchildren, ranging in age from 3 months to 14 years. That certainly keeps them busy between sports and family vacations. Skip and Karla still enjoy weekend getaways to concerts, Orioles games, and any beach vacation that they can fit in their busy schedule. He stays in touch with Karla’s brother, **Dave Cole ’74, Craig Silbert ’75, and Joe Tyssowski, M.Ed. ’79.**

Don Haskin and Peggy Harding Haskin are enjoying their semi-retirement. Peggy runs an online business and Don still teaches continuing education classes for electricians and serves on county and state electrical boards. In July, they celebrated 49 years of marriage. They are grateful that their sons’ families (with their four grandchildren) live fairly close and are able to spend a good bit of time with them. They provided day care for three of their grandchildren until they started school, and they miss them now that they are not around every day. Don and Peggy have always loved traveling and continue to do so. They have a camper van and travel around the U.S. as much as possible. In recent years, they have traveled to Michigan’s Upper Peninsula; Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks; Branson, Missouri; the Florida Keys; and Disney World. They also enjoy cruising and have taken several trips. They took a camping trip to the Grand Canyon and other national parks out west this spring and a cruise to Norway and Iceland this summer. They were excited that their children and grandchildren accompanied them on the cruise.

After over 33 years of service, **Brian Twillman** retired from serving as the organization development specialist and training coordinator at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). At this retirement party, many people thanked him for all he has done to enhance the workplace and work culture within EPA. While EPA has the second-highest credentialed and educated workforce in the federal government, what was lacking was the ability of people to develop and utilize their emotional intelligence skills. Brian was the founder of the award-winning EPA Leaders and Learners Mentoring Program in 2011. The program is now in the 12th round with over 500 participants from all locations across the country. It has been called the best-run career and leadership development program in the agency. Brian is grateful for his education at McDaniel, where he graduated with a degree in Sociology and Political Science before going on to Johns Hopkins University where he graduated with a master’s degree in Applied Behavioral Science.

Steve Vandegrift has lived in Austin, Texas, for more than 30 years, and is trying to figure out whether to retire. He sits on four corporate boards and runs a company he and a partner bought in Arkansas that builds mobile apps for high school athletic departments. He went

fishing in the Amazon in Brazil this past spring and also went to Paris with his wife to celebrate their 70th birthdays. Besides weekly tennis and pickleball matches, he has added padel tennis, which has a new club in Austin. He finally retired from playing soccer last year, as he can no longer keep up with the 50-year-olds.

Linda Ackley Ricks can’t believe it’s been almost 50 years since we graduated! She and her husband, Robert, continue to live in Ocean Pines, Maryland. Linda has been retired from teaching for almost 10 years and enjoys playing pickleball, golf, and mah-jongg, as well as being a member of a book club. She and Robert spend a lot of time on the Western Shore as their daughter **Lindsay Ricks Beil ’06, M.S. ’08** lives in Mount Airy, Maryland. She is a college and career counselor for Howard County Public Schools. They are slowly checking things off their bucket list. They took a Danube River cruise in 2023 and last year took an amazing trip to Alaska. During a trip to Western Maryland, Linda was able to catch up with **Barbara Vose Armstrong** in Frostburg, Maryland.

David Cooney and Robin Stifler Cooney ’77 continue to enjoy retirement in Frederick, Maryland, with enriching activities and travel. David spends a lot of time at his desk writing everything from essays to novels, and spends time outdoors on daily walks and in the air flying. Their most recent international travels have included Ireland, Italy, Tanzania, the United Arab Emirates, and India. India was extra special as they traveled with their daughter, Indian son-in-law, and grandkids, and saw the country from a unique perspective.

Brian Bodt remains in Woodbridge, Connecticut, with his wife, Carol Galloway. Brian serves Woodbury United Methodist Church and Greenfield Hill Congregational Church in retirement. He writes religious columns for the New Haven Register newspaper and had a week of devotionals published in “The Upper Room Disciplines” in 2025. He and Carol have four sons (two in Connecticut) and three grandchildren (all in Connecticut). For fun they bike, ski, and play with big and small trains.

David White and Deb Hosey White live in historic downtown Annapolis, Maryland. Deb’s latest book, “The Scottish Ruin Keeper,” has been published. It’s historical fiction set in 1800s Elgin, Scotland. David and Deb continue to travel frequently.

Mary Coker Bucy celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary with her husband, Andy, in 2024 with a trip to Maine and Prince Edward Island, Canada. They live on Lake Hickory in the Piedmont region of North Carolina. After 42 years of teaching high school mathematics, Mary is enjoying her retirement, actively involved in two quilt guilds, two book clubs, and is also learning to weave.

For the first time ever in *The Hill*, we hear from Joe! **Joe Tyssowski, M.Ed. ’79** married **Kris Chromy Tyssowski ’80** long ago, and they have two great kids. Joe taught for four years and then was a lawyer for 40 years. Now, he is basically retired but volunteers in a kindergarten class twice a week. Last year, he was an election judge. He loves to garden, ride his bike, travel, and go for walks. He joined a choir this year even though he has never learned to read music and has never really sung before.

Ann Jones writes that she and her husband, Don Koch, expect to spend the next four years alternating between hiding under the covers and

attending protest marches. On the home front, she remains humble by trying to strap one of her four grandchildren into their car seat. Last year, she completed a remodel of an old house at the family farm that had been vacant since 1970. Her daughter and family now live there, part of the 10th generation on the farm. When not hiding under the covers, marching, fixing old houses, or wrangling wee ones, she still works close to full time with Baltimore County nonprofits to preserve the farms and forests in the area.

Corynne Courpas sends greetings from Westminster, Maryland, where she strives to keep her 50-year-old home and 70-year-old body plugging along. She retired in late 2020 with big plans to travel more and is happy to report that she’s enjoyed quite a few trips since COVID-19 vaccines became available. Trips have included two with McDaniel — Spain and Morocco — and most recently a culinary trip to Italy. Seeing the world through the eyes of students makes it so much more meaningful. A South African safari and a Courpas cousins trip to Greece are other highlights. The cousins retraced their heritage back to their grandparents’ little town of Kymi. Retirement has also provided more time for community service. Corynne loves her work with The Arc of Carroll County. They hope to break ground on two new group homes this spring. Of course, 2024 was full of politics. She was elected to be a delegate to the Democratic Convention and had an amazing week in Chicago. She returned home to set up a local headquarters. Carroll County is still “deep red,” but performed second-best in the state in moving to “purple.” Among her longtime political cronies is **Bob Kresslein ’77**. When at the convention they still (try to) party like it’s the 1970s. Corynne continues to volunteer at McDaniel as chair of the WMC Heritage Society and as a member of the McDaniel Women’s Leadership Network, where she reconnected with great college friend **Julie Saulnier**. They recently shared lunch with **Ann Bosse**. Ann brought them up to date with several other classmates. Corynne is hopeful that our 50th Reunion will bring more friends back to the Hill.

Ginny Ace Miller checked in from Florida, where she has lived for the past 12 years. She is totally enjoying the sunshine and outdoor lifestyle. Two new grandsons have joined the family since the last class news: Liam in July 2022 and Jack in October 2023. Ginny has served on the Board of Trustees at the college since 2018 and visits the college periodically. So many great things are happening on campus, and she says it is a privilege to be a part of it. It’s hard to fathom we are looking at a 50th Reunion next year and most of us have reached the 70-year-old mark. She keeps in touch with **Eileen McCauley Hirsch** and has enjoyed a few visits with her when she has been in Florida. Fortunately, good health has allowed her and Dennis to do some traveling, and they are looking forward to taking a cruise to the Caribbean and visiting Aruba, where they honeymooned in 1979. She hopes to see some classmates on the Hill in 2026.

Bee Price Kade and John have lived in Dennis, Massachusetts, on Cape Cod for 16 years, enjoying lots of sun and golf! Bee retired in 2020 after 44 years at Delta Airlines. She keeps in touch with several friends and sees them every couple of months. John “practiced” retirement long enough to get so good at it that he only does family tax returns now. Bee and John bought a small condo in Deerfield Beach,

Florida, where they’d rented for 10 years or so. They spend most of December, January, and February there, coming back to the Cape for holidays. Bee and John were happy to have all three kids, their daughter-in-law Samantha, and their new grandson Graham Robert home for Christmas 2024!

It finally happened: **Greg Sherry** retired at the ripe old age of 70! He is in relaxation mode reading, working in the yard, transporting grandchildren, and enjoying sports events. **Peggy Powell Sherry** paints with her plein air painting group and enjoys doing creative projects with their four grandchildren. Greg and Peggy are still in Somerset, Kentucky, with their daughter and her family nearby. Their son and his family are in Franklin, Tennessee, with a lake house on Smith Lake, Alabama.

Jean Campbell DiBlasio can’t believe that we are soon approaching a 50th Reunion — will anyone recognize each other? — and that she has celebrated 46 years of marriage to her WMC best friend, **Fred DiBlasio ’75!** She and Fred, who is not yet retired, take several trips per year, most recently to Siesta Key, Florida, and Deep Creek, Maryland. They find scenic spots to hike and bike together. She enjoys spending time with her nine grandkids, ages 4 to 13, in activities that include sports games, art, music, boating, crabbing, fishing, Play-Doh, dollies, baking, and so much more. Her hobby is photography, capturing birds around the creek, landscapes, and the occasional grandchild if they sit still long enough. Family, friends, enjoying their home and activities on the water, and her involvement with church and relationship with God are the joys of her life.

Steve Wingate and his wife, Gayle, went on a long camping trip through the Appalachian Mountains last spring and saw some amazing scenery. They have a couple of grandsons that they like to watch playing baseball. Steve has been teaching a Bible study at the jail in Westminster, Maryland, and at Grace Bible Church in Manchester, Maryland. He also does some guest preaching. By the grace of God, he published his first book, “The Simple Bible Commentary on the New Testament,” through Amazon.com’s Kindle Direct Publishing. They still like to walk around the McDaniel campus, down to “our tree,” the amazing giant ash tree on the golf course, and get ice cream at Hoffman’s.

Another first-time responder, **Donna Culotta-Kehler, M.Ed. ’81** sends greetings from South Carolina! She has been a resident of South Carolina since 2016, when she sold her home in Maryland. While her primary home is in Florence, South Carolina, she is also lucky enough to have a condo in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. It’s only 1½ hours between the two places. She has been happily retired for a while and travels as much as possible. At last count, she has been to 36 countries and all 50 states! She sees **Stacey Capelle Mathis** numerous times a year and **Sallie Remson Whitney** mostly when back in Maryland — although Sallie did come visit her in South Carolina in 2024! Overall, she still is relatively healthy and extremely grateful for that.

Sherry Martin White and her husband, Joe, have been enjoying the peace and beauty of their vacation place in Maine, where they were lucky to reconnect with some friends from WMC. **Mary Coker Bucy** and her husband met with Sherry for lunch on their way home from Canada. Sherry and Mary caught up with **Barbara Cain Emorine** on the phone. Later that

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLYWEDS!

Mike Elliott ’70 to Rose Jasper on Feb. 10, 2021. They reside in Annapolis, Maryland.

Martin Camper ’07 to Jerry Schearer on July 13, 2024. They reside in Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

Caitlin Humphries to **Joseph Browning ’11** on June 14, 2024. They reside in Baltimore.

Chels Watkins ’12 to Carmen Sobczak on March 24, 2022. They reside in the Bay Area, California.

Danielle Sirk ’12 to Samuel Rogers on March 2, 2024. They reside in Baltimore.

Steph Perez ’15 to **Kyle Dunn ’15** on Oct. 26, 2024. They reside in Crofton, Maryland.

Tonae’ Hamilton Hur ’17 to Alex Hur on May 31, 2024. They reside in Elkridge, Maryland.

Michaela Stitely ’17, M.S. ’22 to Grant Freter on June 23, 2024. They reside in Westminster, Maryland.

Kayla Hamilton ’18 to Chris Lyons on Aug. 9, 2024. They reside in Hamilton, New Jersey.

Madison Bodnar ’18, M.S. ’21 to **Liam St. John ’18** on Oct. 31, 2024. They reside in California.

Alex Tolle ’18 to **Ben Michaels ’19** on March 29, 2025. They reside in Charleston, South Carolina.

Emma Jeffs ’20 to **Nikolas Cogelja ’19** on Dec. 28, 2024. They reside in Columbia, Maryland.





After serving nearly 11 years as an administrative law judge, **Chuck McLean '94** was appointed as a commissioner to the Public Service Commission by Maryland Gov. **Wes Moore** for a five-year term that began on July 1.

week, **Eileen McCauley Hirsch** came up from New Jersey to spend a few days. They went kayaking and hiking and spent a lot of time reminiscing and catching up. Sherry enjoys taking wildlife photos and is volunteering at Rowan University's fossil museum.

Sue Ogilvie Luchey retired from her full-time gig at the University of Delaware, and she and Dennis are now living the good life at the beach in Delaware. Always needing to be busy, Sue is working part time consulting on leadership and organizational development, contracting with educational institutions and nonprofits. That keeps her just busy enough to leave time for their new grandson Elliott, pickleball, volunteering with an animal rescue, and travel. Sue and Dennis have an upcoming cruise and trip to France planned with **Leta Ritchie Strain, M.Ed. '77** and **Gary Strain; Pete Clark '77, M.Ed. '80** and **Korby Bowman Clark '78**; and **Pete Blauvelt '77** and his wife, Gail. They also enjoy visiting their daughters in Chicago and Denver and have discovered a love for hiking mountains in Aspen, where they were joined by **Sue Snyder LaHatte '77, M.L.A. '82** and her husband, Bernie, and **Stephi Lambert '73** and her husband, Mitch. Last summer, Sue attended a get-together at the beach planned by **Bruzz Truitt** with some alumni of Gamma Beta Chi. It was great fun to see Bruzz, **Stephen Wheeler, Frank Wagner '74, Dave Volrath '74** and **Pat Eyre Volrath '74, Ron Staines, Rick Spink '74, Vernon Mummert '75, M.Ed. '77**, and a few others.

From Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, **Jeff Leed** writes that it's been almost five years since he sold his 27-year-old environmental consulting business, Leed Environmental Inc., to Montrose Environmental, and that he is continuing to work full time (actually more than full-time) for Montrose. He is continuing to try to figure out his future plans and schedule, but at least for now, he continues to work on many challenging Superfund site assessments and remedial projects and is speaking frequently about his lead-related work at Association of Battery Recyclers meetings throughout the United States.

Bernie Gallagher, M.L.A. '79 continues to enjoy playing golf in a couple of leagues, but

he's still not getting any better. He has returned to taking an annual trip to Cooperstown, New York, for the Baseball Hall of Fame and to visit grad school there. The five-minute walk to watch the Fredericksburg Nationals defend their league championship is a convenient perk. Local trips to Civil War battlefields and living in a colonial town keep the history bug alive as the nation prepares for its 250th anniversary.

Angelo "Don" Dea and his wife are now living in Santa Monica, California. They went out there in the summer of 2021 to help their daughter Erin with her first child, Naomi, for a few months. Then, their son Alex moved there from San Francisco and married his wife, Emily, one year later in Santa Monica. A few months have now turned into 3½ years. So, what was going to be an extended vacation has now become their home. They gave up snow and the beautiful seasons of spring, summer, and fall for year-round great weather and living just half a mile away from two of their grandchildren. They've embraced the California lifestyle, staying close to family while taking on new professional and personal adventures. Cathy and Don are enjoying the privilege of being active grandparents, from school drop-offs to bedtime stories. Beyond family, Don's professional journey in retirement continues to evolve. He started an artificial intelligence application development company and recently led the launch of GigShark.io, the first AI-driven platform focused on gig workers. This project represents an exciting step forward in the gig economy, competing with major platforms like Upwork and Freelancer. Meanwhile, his firm, UranX Group, is actively engaged in strategic negotiations with multiple cybersecurity firms, looking for growth opportunities in a rapidly changing landscape. In addition to business endeavors, Don remains deeply engaged in nonprofit work, serving as chair emeritus of Excelsior University and continuing his leadership role with America's VetDogs and the Guide Dog Foundation. He has also found profound meaning in serving as a eucharistic minister and lector at St. Monica Church. Don and Cathy have balanced work and service with leisure, enjoying local adventures in Malibu, Ojai, Topanga Canyon, and San Diego.

They have also traveled to Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver and Banff in Canada. Living a mile from the ocean allows them to embrace the beauty of California while staying close to family and community. Reflecting on his time at McDaniel (Western Maryland College), Don is grateful for the foundation it provided him. It shaped his lifelong commitment to leadership, service, personal growth, and friendships, including his Delta Pi Alpha brothers.

David and **Diane Johnson Cash** continue to fill their retirement years with family, friends, volunteering, church, and travel. The past two years have seen them in western Canada, Quebec City, Greenland, and England, with road trips to Mississippi, Arkansas, and the Midwest. Diane was especially happy to resume her mission trips to Guatemala this year to help build additional classrooms at a rural elementary school. The grandkids, now 13, 12, and 11, are all local and continue to be a delight. Diane devotes mornings to pickleball and exercise classes, then volunteers at the county animal shelter two to three afternoons a week. David continues to create beautiful wood furniture for family and friends, calling on Diane occasionally to assist in assembly and transport. They both truly appreciate this stage of life with the flexibility to schedule their days as they wish.

Liz Creagh Martin finished up a satisfying career in education in 2022 in Richmond, Virginia. She and her husband, Arthur, sold most of their stuff and bought a little house in Pueblo, Colorado, where they are closer to her son, Joe. Liz loves retirement and spends her time sewing, baking, growing vegetables, volunteering at the local historical society, and participating in the life of the Orthodox Church.

Emily Ulmer Michelsen and her husband have been traveling to many countries since retirement in 2017: Germany, France, Spain, Czech Republic, Wales, England, Italy, Slovenia, Austria, Hungary, New Zealand, Ecuador, and Switzerland. But they started a new adventure on Dec. 11, 2024. Her son, Alex, and his wife, Halley, had twins and moved to Annapolis, Maryland. They have been very busy being grandparents and enjoying watching them grow but still find time to get out on bikes and ride locally. They hope to start traveling again in the fall.

Laura Hayner Barnes and **Ken Barnes** are entering their fifth year living in Keswick, Virginia (right by Charlottesville). They report that living in the shadow of the Blue Ridge Mountains surrounded by wineries is not tough to take. Their three kids and six grandkids, ages 5 months to 11 years old, are an hour away in Richmond, Virginia, so frequent visits are easy and a source of great fun. Ken golfs regularly, dabbles in pickleball, still plays guitar, volunteers with First Tee and walks their 15-year-old Lab, Lucy, a lot. Laura is a "gym rat," walks 15 miles a week, babysits small people to whom she is "Nana" or "Grandma B," and is very active in their church. Post-COVID overseas travel included Scotland, Spain, and Portugal. A late February trip to Sedona, Arizona, was spectacular. Wine get-togethers with brother **Rick Barnes '77** and his wife, **Kim Hockenbery Barnes '77**, who live on the same cul-de-sac, are a favorite activity. Laura visits her mother in Howard County every month and still feels a pang when she sees the "Welcome to Maryland" sign.

Julie Saulnier's eighth decade on the planet is going well so far. She skied with her replacement knees in Vermont a couple of

days this past spring, left the slopes intact, and had fun if she kept to easier slopes. She also keeps active with swimming, yoga, walking, and the occasional bike ride or tennis game. But the truly rejuvenating event of her 70s was the birth of her first grandchild: granddaughter Lyra Jean. Lyra is thriving and being with her is pure joy. Babysitting Lyra a few times per week, volunteering, singing with a choir, seeing friends and some arts performances, and reconnecting with alumni keep her busy. She still has many destinations on her travel bucket list when she can tear herself away from Lyra.

Jim and **Sandy Owens Sneed** have lived in Atlanta (Vinings) for 20 years. Georgia was the last stop in Jim's banking career. Retired now, he's an amateur artist, gardener, and professional sports fan. Sandy has "retired" from full-time mom to long-distance mom to their three daughters. She enjoys Jim's retirement most days and community volunteer work.

Rob Platky and Robin have finally made good on their plans to downsize. Last summer, they sold their Takoma Park, Maryland, home of almost 46 years and moved to a duplex in Leisure World, a 55-plus community in Aspen Hill, Maryland. In addition to taking this opportunity to thin out their household possessions, they now live only 10 minutes from their son and his family, including three of their five grandsons. Their daughter and her family still live in Louisville, Kentucky. Rob volunteers on a regular basis in the College and Career Center at his alma mater, Montgomery Blair High School, and serves as an election judge and AP exam proctor. Rob and Robin get down to their beach home in Ocean View, Delaware, as often as their schedules allow. They keep in touch with **Tony Sager '77** and **Sue Fairchild Sager '79, M.Ed. '85** and were able to meet them for dinner recently. Rob took up playing the ukulele last year and currently plays with three different groups in the area.

Judy Warfield Price is enjoying the newfound freedom of — the previously dreaded word — retirement. After spending a good part of her professional life involved in preservation and environmental endeavors, she now likes to focus on those in need through her involvement in Rotary International. Her Centreville, Maryland, club just completed a project drilling wells to bring clean water to 22 remote villages in Northern Ghana. Weekly rehearsals singing alto in her local Queen Anne's Chorale are also a joy, and they went to France this past June to sing in a 300-member All-American Community Chorus, performing at celebrations in Paris and Normandy honoring the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII. Traveling with her husband, Robert, to visit her sons and stepchildren from New Orleans and Seattle to Minnesota and Wisconsin have kept her on the go. A few months ago, she had a great get-together with **Bob Seitz '74**, and she stays in touch with **Linda Ackley Ricks** and **Ann Jones**.

Jo Miner Trepagnier sends news for the first time in 40 years (still on postcards back then). She and her husband, Trip, upon retirement, moved to New Orleans, following a five-year plan to enjoy the "Me Years," incredible music, delicious food, and festivals. Jo is a tour guide in the French Quarter, and she meets fun people who always say yes to life's offerings. The summers are miserable, so they travel to cooler places and spots around the world that they can explore while healthy. One new grandchild may bring them back to the Mid-Atlantic states.

Ginny Merryman still lives in Upperco, Maryland. She is still practicing obstetrics and gynecology in Towson, Maryland, but will be slowing down in one year to practice gynecology only. Her son John will be joining her practice soon. Her other son, Thomas, lives on the family farm and is gearing up to transition part of the farm to organic practices. She is now working between her vacations and travels often.

Leslie Long and Joe Mancuso have been married for 45 years. They have lived in Boston; Los Angeles; Austin, Texas; and Arlington, Virginia. As a book conservator at the Library of Congress, Leslie has been repairing broken books for 24 years, and for most of those years has taught many new staff, interns, and volunteers to do the work she loves. She lectures and writes about 19th century book design. Joe works for Alden of Washington, D.C., a company that manufactures bench-made men's shoes. Their travels have taken them to Italy and Scotland, but they are homebodies most of the time. Leslie sings in the Library of Congress Chorale and Joe has been an actor in theatres in every city they have lived in. Together, they have produced seven successful puppet plays for the Young Readers Center at the Library of Congress. They have been in touch through the years mostly with **Sharon Wood Schaeffer '74, Linda Sixx Shields '74, Sherry Martin White,** and Andy and **Mary Coker Bucky**.

Susan Blackman retired in August 2024, and has been taking classes in printmaking, drawing, poetry, short story writing, and ceramics. She also enjoys going to plays, concerts, and museums. She's in a training program to become a docent at the Carnegie Museum of Art. At her synagogue, Susan leads the Pride Tribe, the LGBTQ+ group; does social justice work; and had a singing role in the spring Purim Spiel. She says, "It feels like college! Except I don't have to take calculus at 8 a.m." She is also thrilled to have a grandson, who she visits in Brooklyn (along with his parents).

Barbara Vose Armstrong and her husband **John "Slug" Armstrong '73, M.Ed. '75** are now official snowbirds. They purchased a condo in the community of Verandah, in Fort Myers, Florida. Slug was able to spend six months there, while Barb, still working in the family insurance agency in Frostburg, Maryland, joined him January through March. Their son, J.C., and daughter, Rachel, joined them for a week in March for several rounds of golf. Family gatherings are often held at the farm of Slug's sister, **Robin Armstrong Townsend '75, M.S. '98**, in Keymar, Maryland, just south of Taneytown. Barb was pleasantly surprised last summer by a visit from classmate **Linda Ackley Ricks**, who was riding the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad.

Bruzz Truitt writes that he is (mostly) retired; lives in Salisbury, Maryland; spends as much time as possible at his condo in Ocean City, Maryland; and either plays or coaches tennis 365 days a year. A recent highlight was he and his wife, Debbie, celebrating his 71st birthday at an Eagles concert at the Sphere in Las Vegas. He remains in close contact with roommates **Craig Hughes** and **Rich Gotchel '77**, plus several other WMC alumni. He and **Stephen "Steve" Wheeler** and **Ron Staines** have enjoyed getting together to fish off Oxford; meet for social events in Easton, Maryland; discuss current events; and offer advice on how the Orioles, Ravens, and Terps could be better served. They also attended an Orioles playoff game at Camden Yards last

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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY, FUTURE GREEN TERRORS!

Caden Thomas in June 2024 to **William Thomas '06** and **Sarah Byron Thomas '11**.

Paisley Ann Scott on Dec. 19, 2024, to **Jessica Peyton Scott '10** and Rick Scott.

Finn Watkins in April 2024 to **Chels Watkins '12**.

Bryn Browning in June 2024 to **Carolyn Bradley '12** and **Lindsey Browning '10**.

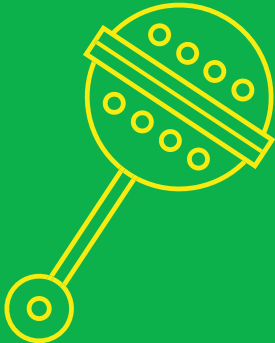
Sloane Margaret McCourt on March 4, 2025, to **Lauren Strumsky McCourt '12** and Ryan McCourt.

Arlo Ronan Junta on March 17, 2025, to **Allison Short Junta '12** and Anthony Junta.

Kirsten Mia Marr in January 2024 to **Nathan Marr '17** and **Katie Kirschenmann Marr '18**.

Lyla Joy Over in July 2024 to **Nick Over '18** and **Becca Sykes Over '18**.

Amelia Jane Hildebrand in August 2024 to **Emily Caudell Hildebrand '18, M.S. '19**.





Recent graduate **Sadie Bowman '25** paid tribute to her family’s legacy on the Hill with her mortarboard: her cousin **Jack Bayne '22**; her aunt (and Jack’s mom) **Abbi Wicklein-Bayne '94**; and her grandparents, **Pamela Wicklein '68** and **Jarrett Wicklein '65**.

year. Several GBX brothers have now relocated to the Eastern Shore, and Bruzz organized a small reunion last August at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, which included **Steve Wheeler, Ron Staines, Sue Ogilvie Luchey, Dave Volrath '74, Pat Eyre Volrath '75, Bill Fries '74, Rick Spink '74, Bob Noland '74, Frank Wagner '74, and Vernon Mummert '75, M.Ed. '77**. Bruzz also wanted to extend a heartfelt “thank you” to **Greg Shockley '83**, who generously hosts the Lower Shore’s annual alumni gathering at his establishment (Shenanigan’s) on the boardwalk in Ocean City, Maryland, every fall. Last year’s event was the largest attended on record and as always, the evening became a unique opportunity to reacquaint ourselves with those with whom we share a special bond.

Christiann Dykstra earned a master’s degree in Library and Information Science from the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. She is now retired from a career in public library services. Christiann worked in Texas and then in North Carolina as a children’s librarian and a reference librarian. She and her husband, Tommy, live in rural northwest Tennessee. Christiann enjoys flower gardening and feeding a wide variety of songbirds that frequent her yard. She and Tommy like to travel and camp.

Eileen McCauley Hirsch writes that she is enjoying retirement, spending her time traveling and volunteering. Her church activities take up a significant portion of her day, but she also has had time to catch up with **Ginny Ace Miller** in Florida, and **Sherry Martin White** in her rustic cabin in Maine. She feels blessed to be in touch with her WMC/McDaniel friends! She travels to Costa Rica on a mission trip every other year to help those living in migrant camps, providing them with food, clothing, and other personal necessities. Other than Florida and Maine, Eileen has traveled much of the country; her sister is an avid baseball fan and has a goal of visiting all the Major League Baseball parks. At last tally, nine left to go, with Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and maybe Toronto in 2025. She checked a cruise through the Panama Canal off her bucket list in October 2024.

Rev. Elsie May McKenney is a retired United Methodist minister and a retired U.S. Navy

chaplain. In retirement, she has been an active disabilities family coach and public policy advocate. She lives with her daughter, Emily, in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

Rhonda Dahl Buchanan sends news from Louisville, Kentucky, that she and **Bob Buchanan '73** celebrated their 50th anniversary this year. They were married by Dean **Ira Zepp '52, Hon. L.H.D. '15** in Little Baker Chapel on June 7, 1975. They built a new house last year and would love to extend a warm welcome to classmates planning a trip to Bourbon Country. Bob is still teaching chemistry at the University of Louisville (UofL), and Rhonda retired in 2022, after teaching Spanish for 40 years at UofL. Now she can dedicate her time to translating Latin American and Spanish authors. She writes that she’s still running races and trains for them with her yellow Labrador retriever, Jake, a certified therapy dog who often appears on her Facebook page.

Patrick Stevens was, as of spring 2025, still active as curator of the Fiske Icelandic Collection in the Cornell University Library, and serving simultaneously as bibliographer for Jewish Studies.

Dale and I continue to enjoy retirement in Florida. After a 2023 knee replacement (original torn ACL from an intramural basketball injury sophomore year plus subsequent damage), I have been able to continue playing tennis, but now pain-free. We live a mile from the beach and love to sit at the oceanside in the late afternoons with friends — and red wine. We have six grandchildren age 7 and under. Our oldest child, **Matt Gingrich '07**, is a physical therapist in Raleigh, North Carolina, and our two younger sons, Dana and Trevor, are Army officers at the Pentagon, so no one lives close by. We travel frequently to see them, as well as in the U.S. and beyond. We hope to make it north for the 50th Reunion and look forward to meeting up with all of you.

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As I read the news sent to me by our classmates, I was moved by the depth of friendship and connection to community. Please note that our college is trying to create summer Reunion events that increase the time for reconnecting. This could become a great community-building effort. We could organize and show up in large numbers, take over the golf course at night, and hold sunrise services with permission — and promise to not get involved with any upperclassmen who are burning furniture in the quad or relocating every plant in all the common areas as a joke! I truly miss all your spunk and count our college years as some of the best fun I’ve ever had!

Nancy Held expressed gratitude for “WMC’s enduring friendships.” She is still frequently in touch with **Jayne Kernan Lacy, Beth Green Jarkowiec, M.Ed. '83, Nan Sadler Neely, and Cyndy Church Clatterbuck, M.S. '86**. Nancy is retiring in two years but will continue to freelance. She is enjoying family and friends, the great outdoors, hiking, and gardening. She especially loves being Great-Aunt Nancy!

Catherine Basti DiVello and her husband, **Doug DiVello**, have moved from their mountainside home in Vermont to the suburbs of southeast Massachusetts to be closer to their newly engaged youngest daughter (and the beach). Their oldest daughter was married in 2024 and resides in Arizona. Cathy and Doug made the best of throwing an “out West” wedding by touring the Grand Canyon and Sedona’s red rocks. Doug retired from his role of hospital CEO after a 40-year career, and Cathy is still working part time in data analysis.

Pam Damon Kenworthy was planning to see **Claire Morris North** and **Nancy Zuidema Radcliffe** this summer, and hoping to catch up with **Kathi Hill '80** at the beach. Pam is living in Bernardsville, New Jersey, and shared that divorce began a new adventure as a single person. She is working full time, until retirement in 2027, in corporate governance for a telecommunications association and is busy running board of directors meetings. Pam is off to California three to four times per year to visit her son, who happily works for Apple, and his family, including three grandchildren.

Jim Dawson was inducted into the McDaniel College Athletics Hall of Fame, which gave him and **Barbie Peterson Dawson** a great weekend of fun visiting with teammates **Scott Peters '80, John Sieler '84, and Doug Pinto '83**, and coaches **Alex Ober '63, M.Ed. '69** and **Nicholas Zoulis M.Ed. '78**. Jim is in his 42nd year of teaching physical education, and Barbie has retired from teaching. They live in Boca Raton, Florida, and are blessed with two adult daughters nearby. Their son lives in Tampa, Florida. They have five grandchildren, two of whom are champion basketball players! Barbie spent much of last year in Maryland helping and honoring her mother, who passed away in January.

Greg Peterson and his wife, Tara, moved back to Maryland in 2019 and are loving Hagerstown! They keep in touch with **Rick Koplowitz '83** and **Steve Ports '83**. Greg has retired; Tara is still teaching but plans to retire soon. They became first-time grandparents in February to a grandson from daughter Janie and her husband Pavle. They are traveling a lot to California to see them!

Emajane Hahn Baker '47 of Frederick, Maryland, on Jan. 24, 2025.

Peggy Furniss Mitchell '47 of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, on April 7, 2025.

Wallace Raubenheimer '47 of San Ramon, California, on March 29, 2025.

Phyllis Houck Smith '48 of Walkersville, Maryland, on June 8, 2025.

M. Lee Rice '48, Hon. Sc.D. '83 of Westminster, Maryland, on June 11, 2025.

Gladys Turner Bodnar '49 of Bettendorf, Iowa, on Dec. 14, 2024.

Homer Campbell '50 of Newnan, Georgia, on Sept. 20, 2024.

Joanne Koehler Hoover '50 of Morris Plains, New Jersey, on April 6, 2024.

Virginia “Ginny” Armacost Kirchner '50 of Ephrata, Pennsylvania, in March 2023.

Edith Sanner Parlette '50 of Clarksville, Maryland, on Nov. 14, 2024.

G. Elayne Close Peabody '50 of Sarasota, Florida, on July 20, 2024.

Dr. Charles Shook '50 of Bradenton, Florida, on Nov. 27, 2024.

Bruce Smith '50 of Stamford, Connecticut, on Aug. 18, 2024.

Elwood “Woody” Wallich '50 of Ellicott City, Maryland, on April 5, 2023.

Pauline Downing Walston '50 of Salisbury, Maryland, on Aug. 18, 2024.

Mary Bankert Appler '51 of Catonsville, Maryland, on Oct. 10, 2024.

John Babb '51 of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, on Nov. 2, 2024.

Martha Buchman Brauning '51 of Finksburg, Maryland, on March 14, 2025.

Rita Gattens Culhane '51 of Palm Harbor, Florida, on Aug. 17, 2023.

Sonya Wine Dyer '51 of Charlottesville, Virginia, on Nov. 13, 2024.

REMEMBERING THESE DEARLY DEPARTED MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Peggy Brown Ecker '51 of Columbia, Maryland, on May 16, 2025.

Ashby Collins '53 of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on April 5, 2025.

Daniel MacLea Jr. '53 of Naples, Florida, on Jan. 31, 2025.

Evelyn Karin Nowack '53 of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, on Feb. 23, 2025.

Ella “Skip” Edwards Richardson '53 of Cody, Wyoming, on June 1, 2025.

Warren Bimestefer '55 of Reisterstown, Maryland, on March 21, 2025.

Paul Galvin '55 of Manassas, Virginia, on March 1, 2024.

Jean Nicodemus Huss '55 of Hampstead, Maryland, on May 17, 2025.

Betsy Bowen Rogan '55 of Berlin, Maryland, on Feb. 10, 2025.

Mary Lee Younger Schmall '55 of Westminister, Maryland, on March 6, 2025.

Dr. Henry Taitt '55 of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, on June 17, 2024.

Helen Prettyman Hickam '56 of Dade City, Florida, on Sept. 16, 2023.

Capt. Howard Shores '56 of Las Vegas, Nevada, on Oct. 29, 2024.

William Stein '56 of Cabin John, Maryland, on Nov. 20, 2024.

Dr. William “Bill” Tribby '56 of Winston Salem, North Carolina, on Jan. 18, 2025.

Judge Jack Turney '56 of Oakland, Maryland, on April 23, 2025.

Darryl Martin '57 of Clarkston, Michigan, on Feb. 14, 2025.

Jack Hoff '58 of The Villages, Florida, on May 20, 2025.

Dale Leckrone M.Ed. '58 of York, Pennsylvania, on May 8, 2023.

Dr. Ronald Toomey M.Ed. '58 of Mount Wolf, Pennsylvania, on May 30, 2024.

Dr. William Bahn M.Ed. '59 of Venice, Florida, on Nov. 11, 2024.

Thomas Davies Jr. '59 of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, on June 28, 2024.

Maryl Heinle '59 of Deerfield Beach, Florida, on Sept. 9, 2024.

Richard Humbert '59 of Westminster, Maryland, on March 19, 2025.

Dr. Manfred Joeres '59 of Olympia, Washington, on Dec. 3, 2024.

Millicent “Milly” Beutel Vaughn '59 of Raleigh, North Carolina, on March 2, 2025.

Allen Wortz '59 of Appleton, Wisconsin, in 2025.

Beverley “Bev” Hill '60, M.Ed. '68 of Salisbury, Maryland, on Jan. 3, 2025.

Dr. Richard Petre M.Ed. '60 of Frederick, Maryland, on April 16, 2025.

Margaret “Marie” Maltese Rohleder '60 of Macungie, Pennsylvania, on May 14, 2025.

Sandra Eastwood Smith '60 of Vienna, Virginia, on Nov. 20, 2024.

The Rev. Maurice Arsenault '61 of Westminister, Maryland, on Jan. 11, 2025.

Kenneth McCauley '61 of Nokesville, Virginia, on April 4, 2024.

Phillip Stansfield '61 of Glenville, Pennsylvania, on Jan. 8, 2025.

Elizabeth Cairns Stonesifer '61 of Rockville, Maryland, on March 9, 2025.

Darlene Heffner Bowles '63 of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, in May 2025.

Carolyn Breckenridge Choate '63 of Manchester, New Hampshire, on May 17, 2025.

Jean Reid Fisher '63 of Crisfield, Maryland, on April 30, 2025.

Barbara Woodruff Radziemski '65 of Tucson, Arizona, on June 29, 2023.

Barry Rohrbaugh M.Ed. '65 of York, Pennsylvania, on April 14, 2025.

Irene Megill Finnegan '66 of Spring Lake, New Jersey, in Dec. 2024.

Charles Kable III '66 of Herndon, Virginia, on March 3, 2025.

Mary Price Krogh '66 of San Diego, California, on Jan. 23, 2023.

Alice Brooks Bailer '67 of Archibald, Pennsylvania, on Feb. 22, 2025.

Dr. Jack E. Betham '67 of Grantbury, Texas, on March 24, 2025.

Thomas “Bruce” Robinson Jr. M.Ed. '67 of Westminister, Maryland, on Sept. 9, 2024.

Ellen Reinhart Izard '68 of Walland, Tennessee, on Aug. 6, 2024.

Brian Brunoske '69 of Saint Augustine, Florida, on April 26, 2025.

Dr. Joan Paine Porter '69 of Knoxville, Maryland, on March 19, 2025.

Randall “Randy” Blume '70 of Berlin, New Jersey, on April 9, 2025.

Charles “Butch” Johnson '70 of Clarksboro, New Jersey, on Feb. 7, 2025.

Patricia Johnson Krantz '70 of Davidsonville, Maryland, on Feb. 15, 2025.

Donald Walker '70 of Hillsborough, North Carolina, on Nov. 6, 2024.

Burton Shellhammer M.Ed. '71 of York, Pennsylvania, on Nov. 1, 2023.

Dr. J. Richard “Rick” Carpenter Jr. M.Ed. '72 of Westminister, Maryland, on Jan. 3, 2025.

Gary Fuhrman '72 of York, Pennsylvania, on April 15, 2025.

Sharon Martin Johnston '73 of Sykesville, Maryland, on Feb. 25, 2025.

Shirley Cheeks Kirkwood '74 of Bridgewater, Virginia, on March 7, 2025.

Robert L. Davis '75 of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, on March 6, 2025.

Linna Purdue McIntyre M.Ed. '75 of Port Saint Lucie, Florida, on May 25, 2024.

Gloria Wojick White M.Ed. '75 of Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, on March 21, 2025.

James Lipan M.Ed. '76 of Frederick, Maryland, on Jan. 29, 2025.

Karen DuBois Oller '76 of Hagerstown, Maryland, on March 21, 2025.

Ruth Johnson Sabey M.Ed. '76 of York, Pennsylvania, on April 28, 2025.

Dr. Kenneth Lowey '79 of Westwood, Massachusetts, on Jan. 1, 2025.

Frederick Dayton, II M.Ed. '81 of Walkersville, Maryland, on April 5, 2025.

Frank Parish '81 of Lusby, Maryland, on Sept. 19, 2024.

Lauril Hill '82 of North Palm Beach, Florida, on Dec. 11, 2024.

Dennis DeMatte Jr. '87 of Vineland, New Jersey, on March 28, 2025.

Colin Fraser '92 of Spring Grove, Pennsylvania, on Jan. 6, 2025.

Danny Woolmaker M.S. '94 of Anniston, Alabama, on May 7, 2025.

Wendy Pahl Benz '95 of Concord, North Carolina, on Oct. 16, 2024.

Richard “Tommy” Eyler '04 of Union Bridge, Maryland, on April 13, 2025.

Benjamin Keating '10 of Longmont, Colorado, on Feb. 28, 2025.

Sebastian “Sebby” Breton '26 of Potomac, Maryland, on March 29, 2025.

IN MEMORIAM

PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF ART WASYL PALIJCZUK

Professor Emeritus of Art Wasył Palijczuk of Philadelphia died on May 1 at the age of 90. He taught on the Hill for 38 years, from 1967 until his retirement in 2003, though he continued to teach part time until 2005.

His long legacy of artistic influence and mentorship benefited many artists over the years, and he shared his fascination with life and art with all who met him. He never wanted to be only an artist, because he cherished how teaching brought variety to his life.

On the Hill, he taught painting, drawing, printmaking, and sculpture, and was chair of the Art Department for 18 years. He led January Term courses on the Ukrainian Experience, Experimental Art, Furniture Refinishing, and a study abroad trip to Egypt.

His impact remains visible on campus today. Most notably, he sculpted the eight-ton granite sculpture in the Benson Sculpture Garden of the Hoover Library patio, and created “The Welcome,” a 10-foot steel sculpture that invites visitors onto campus by WMC Alumni Hall.

He established The M. Louise Shipley Art Award of Excellence in 1973 to recognize outstanding graduating senior Art majors, and he also established the Wasył Palijczuk Art Award in 1995 to recognize exceptional junior Art majors.

His artwork appears in over 500 private and public collections. Inspired by nature, he used photography, paint, wood, stone, steel, bronze, and found objects in his art.

Off campus, he judged countless local art shows and taught at various institutions, including the Baltimore Museum of Art, Jewish Community Center of Baltimore, and Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA).

He graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park (UMD), with a Bachelor of Arts in Art and Education. He was the first person to graduate from UMD with a Master of Arts in Sculpture. He later earned a Master of Fine Arts with a fellowship from MICA’s Rinehart School of Sculpture.

Palijczuk was born in 1934 in Dzhuriv, Ukraine, and endured the upheaval of World War II. Living in impoverished conditions, he learned to draw using mud and charcoal. He moved to the United States at the age of 15 and graduated from Baltimore City College High School with honors. He served for four years as head technical illustrator in the U.S. Air Force’s intelligence division.

His lifelong love for art propelled him into professorship on the Hill. After filling in for a professor on sabbatical, he was so loved by students that they created a petition with over 300 signatures asking the college to keep him on. He was quickly hired as gallery director, full-time instructor, and department chair.

He was predeceased by his wife Oksana Palijczuk and is survived by his daughters Ksenia Scorsolini and Natalka Palijczuk, and grandchildren Sophia and Mateo Scorsolini.



Tamarie Watson, M.Ed. ’83 lives in Ellicott City, Maryland, and is happy to be traveling the world again. She went on a river cruise this summer on the Seine, from Paris to Normandy. She is really enjoying retirement!

Claire Morris North keeps up with **Nancy Zuidema Radcliffe** and **Pam Damon Kenworthy**! Claire and her husband, Michael, took an amazing trip to Finland in January 2024. They went ice fishing, dogsledding, and snowshoeing through an Estonian bog, all at zero degrees and below. They say it was like being in a snow globe the whole time. They finished up spending the night in an ice hotel in Lapland, which made for a fun, memorable trip. Meanwhile, their son is finishing his family medicine residency in Charleston, South Carolina, so they end up down there periodically.

Joe Impallaria recently skied with **Dennis Yancheski** at the Breckenridge Resort in Colorado. Joe is still chief of acquisition and fiscal law at U.S. Space Force, Space Operations Command in Colorado Springs. His son Joseph — along with his daughter-in-law, Masha, and granddaughter, Eva — live in Omaha, Nebraska. Joe’s other son, Dominic, and Joe’s daughter, Marlena, live in Colorado Springs.

Checka Leinwell has lived in South Dakota for the past 10 years. After retiring from 42 years in higher education, she is enjoying new changes and adventures by completing her bucket list. She says, “Life is good on The Great Plains with dogs, hobbies, family, and friends!” She went on a two-week cruise around the Hawaiian Islands and loved it! She is now planning trips to Norway, the British Isles, Alaska, Yellowstone, and the Grand Tetons. Checka warmed my heart by sharing an insight similar to my own grandmother’s wisdom: “Sometimes I look in the mirror and wonder who that old lady is looking back at me, when most of the time I still feel like the same girl who lived on Whiteford second.” When I was about 20, my 87-year-old grandmother told me that an 18-year-old lived inside her old body and that folks should never forget that people with gray hair and wrinkles wanted love, fun, and friends till the end of time.

Again, I’ll urge you to stay connected, have fun, and pursue your dreams. Love comes more than once — even more than twice, as my current husband, Tim Goertemiller, and I know. We are still running our environmental and marine contracting company Living Ecosystems, developing our retirement plan of being subsistence farmers, raising four adopted children from protective services who love our hogs, goats, sheep, and chickens. I traded adjunct teaching of political science and sociology to college kids for part-time teaching of political science to middle schoolers, who are way more enthusiastic. This year, my class founded a student government association for the private school and held elections! I’m tempted to say life is getting harder not easier — more muddy, more drama, more loss, some tragedies — but we are living faithfully and surviving happily. Loving most of it and ignoring the rest!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in 2027!
Jenny O’Neill
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Mary-Martha Peel Bahn and her husband are still living in the Netherlands and enjoy traveling around Europe as much as possible. In the past year, she checked off a few bucket list destinations with visits to Pompeii and Mont Saint-Michel. They really enjoy hiking in the Alps and are on a quest to hike the Alps in every country they can. So far, they have hiked in parts of the Austrian and Italian Alps. Their eldest daughter is now married, and the youngest is in her final year of college at Oregon State University.

Mark Buckley is still living in Germany and working as a defense contractor. His son, **Jack Buckley ’23**, is now a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and serving in Germany. His daughter, Clare, is a college junior in Maryland.

After 33 years in Alaska, **Gary Goldberg** and his family moved to the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. He retired in December 2022 after more than 34 years of combined military and civilian federal service. His son attends the University of Texas, where he is finishing up his undergraduate work in Psychology. Gary had a wonderful trip to London and the island of Sardinia in 2023, where he enjoyed the Mediterranean Sea and began to research the purchase of a small villa. His wife left the teaching profession when they departed Alaska, and she is now a training developer and instructor for a statewide bank in Texas. They have three cats and a dog in the house. He also cares for seven outdoor cats that were born in the wild, though they’re not so feral anymore. In their spare time, Gary and his wife enjoy trips to nearby South Padre Island National Seashore. Gary is still working out, flying remote-controlled airplanes, and hoping to make it back to the Hill for a class Reunion someday.

Kathy Little, M.S. ’91 was recently named manager of the senior independent living community where she has worked as the assistant manager for the past eight years. In her new role, she has more administrative duties as the community offers low-income housing and social events to seniors and individuals with disabilities. In her free time, she enjoys a round of golf or a bike ride. She also volunteers at her high school alma mater, announcing fall and spring sports for Delone Catholic Broadcast Network, the school’s YouTube channel.

Tara Stevenson McEvoy sadly reported that her daughter Amelia, 20, passed away in January 2025 in a car accident. The family misses her more than words can say. Her children Sophia, 20; Olivia, 23; and Josiah, 15, all currently live at home. Her oldest daughter, Madeline, and her husband, Eric, had a baby in August 2024, and Tara and her husband enjoy being grandparents to Hazel Rose. The new parents moved from Philadelphia to York, Pennsylvania, to be closer to family. Daughter Anna also lives close by. Tara still homeschools the youngest, and she works part time as a registered nurse at a rehabilitation hospital. Most of her free time is spent hanging out with the kids!

Heather Hastings McLaughlin is enjoying retired life in Wyoming. She spends every day riding horseback, hiking, and/or snowshoeing no matter how harsh the weather may be. Last year, she rode over 1,000 miles and hiked almost the same. She stayed close to home and did a few horse camping trips in the Black Hills and one camp trip in Colorado. During the winter, she reports that she can literally go a week without seeing another human other than her husband. On Sundays, they attend church where they serve on the church’s safety team.

Rhonda Myers is still enjoying her position at Johns Hopkins University, and reports that her little family is doing well. She had a wonderful time in Raleigh, North Carolina, where she attended her first OnStage conference for card makers. It’s a wonderful hobby that she loves. She stays in touch with many classmates on social media and they occasionally meet up in person. Rhonda is also still writing the Honor Class notes for classes that don’t have a class reporter.

Wendi McQueeney Nolder and **Douglas Nolder ’87, M.S. ’89** have lived in Palm Bay, Florida, for 28 years and have much to celebrate. They celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary, their daughter Chelsea’s wedding to Wesley, and welcomed their first grandchild, Farah (child of son Austin and his wife, Ariel). Wendi celebrates 26 years in education — 11 as a teacher and 15 as an elementary school principal. Doug continues to work for Allied Universal as the national director for cruise operations. When not working, Wendi and Doug enjoy traveling and cruising, and Wendi loves to spend time at Disney. Wendi appreciates being able to keep up with her sorority sisters on social media and seeing their many adventures and milestones.

Suzanne Davie Peters, M.S. ’95 continues to work for Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) and lives in Westminster, Maryland, with **Jim Peters M.S. ’92**. They have been in their home for 35 years! After 17 years as a school counselor, Suzanne is now in her third year as a pupil personnel worker. She enjoys supporting students, families, and staff. Jim retired from CCPS in 2021 after 42 years in education! He is keeping busy with many projects and holding down the home front. Their oldest, Emily, was married in 2020 and gave them the first grandchild, a girl, in 2023. Emily’s family lives in the Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania, but Suzanne and Jim see them often. Their son Sam teaches music in Carroll County. He and his wife bought a house in Union Bridge in 2023 and had a little boy in September 2024. They very much enjoy the grandparent gig!! Their youngest, Zachary, recently moved to Harrisonburg, Virginia, with his girlfriend. They love the area. Suzanne loves seeing all her Phi Sig/Thirsty Thursday girls, including **Gina Graham Moltz, Robyn Catano Dailey, Cherie Thompson Conrad, Roxanne Benjovsky McClanahan**, and many others each month. Suzanne and Jim have also started to travel more, taking trips to Europe, Canada, and many places in the U.S. She’s not sure how they got to this stage in life so quickly, but they are enjoying it.

Sharon Pierce Reith, M.S. ’92 and **David Reith ’87** sold their home in Virginia and downsized to a house in New Market, Maryland, to be closer to their aging parents. They spent the past year remodeling the entire home and are ready to enjoy it this year! While both are “retired,” they seem to be busy all the time with their parents. They have, however, managed to take a few trips, including to Greece and Iceland. They are also interim care providers for an adoption agency and love it when they have a newborn in the house. Sharon is also volunteering at the school where she first started teaching in 1988, which is really fun. They enjoy hanging out with **Jerry Donald ’86, M.S. ’91** and his wife, Bev.

Jonathan Slade is wrapping up his 21st year teaching full time at McDaniel as a professor of Communication & Cinema. In spring 2024, he was awarded a semester sabbatical to start work on a new documentary called “Small Town Press” that features interviews with editors and publishers of local newspapers across Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, and Maine, and examines how they are managing to survive in an increasingly challenging media landscape.



Sara Gruber Long '99, Roxann Ingram Todt '00, Elton Keith Knupp '00, and Faye Ingram Hillman '00 enjoyed a February cruise to the Bahamas.

In summer 2024, he and his wife, Novia, took an amazing road trip from Maryland all the way to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, to tent camp on Lake Manitoba, attend a CFL Blue Bombers game, and enjoy the Winnipeg Folk Festival — more than 5,000 miles round trip all on electrons! Slade continues to write and publish the Mason-Dixon Surveyor, his free, hyperlocal community newspaper in Lineboro, Maryland, and regularly recruits McDaniel students, faculty, and alumni to submit op-eds and guest commentaries for it, including **Lloyd Hart**.

Susan Bruder Snow and John have been living in Leesburg, Virginia, for over 18 years now. They live a little outside of town where it's a wonderful combination of convenience and country and they love it! (Cows and horses are across the road and Safeway is a couple of minutes away.) And, yes, her husband's name is John Snow. "You wouldn't believe the comments we get just ordering Chinese food!" Their son and daughter are both married and live fairly close, so she gets to see her three grandkids (and counting) — stairs at 4, 3, and 2 years old — frequently. Spoiling them is her joy and main focus in life. Susan has been working as a government contractor for over 22 years now and her husband has been retired for over a decade. She's recently taken up marquetry (wood inlay) and is in the process of setting up a shop in the basement — apparently, her scroll saw is not allowed to touch the woodworking tools her husband has in his separate workshop. She has also been taking other woodworking and glassblowing classes at the Marc Adams School of Woodworking in Indiana. Have to keep those creative juices flowing! And when she's not doing all of that, she's in the garden playing in the dirt — fighting off Japanese beetles on the roses and tending her grandmother's fig plant.

Denny Snyder, M.S. '96 still lives in Westminster, Maryland, and recently retired from Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) after 34 years of teaching and coaching. He now works part time at a golf course and enjoys playing

pickleball and golf. His wife, **Missi Snyder M.S. '94**, retired this year from CCPS after 36 years of teaching. She now works part time at McDaniel College in as a professional development school liaison. They enjoy traveling around the country and recently traveled to Ocala, Florida, with **Jeff Cantrell** and his wife, Susan. They are looking forward to their upcoming trip to Alaska.

Jeff Stempler is living in Poolesville, Maryland, enjoying his career as a loan officer in the mortgage business while also enjoying his second home in Dewey Beach, Delaware. His daughter, Madeline, graduated from Towson University last spring and has joined the workforce while his son Max is a junior at James Madison University and his twin brother Sam is at Coastal Carolina University. He sees fraternity brother **Jeff Cantrell** frequently.

Things are going well for **Laurie Levin Tuzynski** and John. They moved to Port Saint Lucie, Florida, in October 2022 into a 55-plus community; and, then she retired on Dec. 31, 2022. They love their new life, and she doesn't miss working one bit. They have met a lot of great new friends. They get together occasionally with **Jon Ferber '85** and his wife, Steph, who live in their community. When not socializing with friends, Laurie plays pickleball, canasta, or does workout classes at the athletic center. She says that you can't beat the weather there in the winter months. She also keeps in touch with **Kathy Murphy Yingling**.

As for us, your longtime class reporters: **Tracy Buckman Dunne** is working hard and playing hard these days. Professionally, she is president and principal broker for a successful real estate brokerage of over 500 agents, and her husband, **Matt Dunne '87**, is chief operating officer of Music and Event Management, which books the talent and manages the operation of five concert venues throughout southwest Ohio. When they are not working, they are skiing Park City, Utah; relaxing at their favorite lake in southern Kentucky; exploring the Bourbon Trail; enjoying time with family and friends in Maryland,

North Carolina, and Hawaii; or relaxing with **David Douglas '87** and **Maria Filshie Douglas '89** in Aruba.

Susan Scalley Herrold is still hanging around Annapolis, Maryland. In 2023, after 22 years in human resources for Anne Arundel County, she took a new role as central services director for the county. It has been a very interesting and challenging transition but she is loving it. In their spare time, she and her husband, Bruce, love playing golf and traveling. Their daughters, Holly and Kinsey, are now close by so they get to spend time with their seven grandchildren.

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1994

Rolando "Ro" Welch and **Kristen Purcaro Welch** celebrated 25 years of marriage in September with a trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico. Kristen has been with the CIA for 25 years and is currently the director of the Counternarcotics Center. Ro is still a probation supervisor with the Department of Juvenile Justice in Alexandria, Virginia, going on 28 years. Their daughter is at Lafayette College studying Environmental Science, and studied abroad during the spring semester in Florence, Italy, spending weekends exploring Europe. Their son, Alexander, had a great year as an all-county and all-state soccer and basketball player at Sherwood High School and plans to continue his basketball career in college.

Trevor Sellers and **Tamitha Moore Sellers** celebrated 30 years of marriage in November and moved four years ago to the mountains of North Carolina. Trevor retired from active duty in the U.S. Army after 26 years of service and is now working for the U.S. Forest Service. Tamitha completed her 30th year teaching in 2024-25 and was named the Exceptional Children's Teacher of the Year for Cherokee County, North Carolina, in November. For the past few years, they have enjoyed traveling to McDaniel to tailgate and watch their daughter cheer on the Green Terror. Both of their children live in North Carolina as well.

Abbi Wicklein-Bayne has been working in various capacities with the National Park Service for 15 years. The past three years have been spent at the Harpers Ferry Interpretive Design Center as the project manager for the Northeast and National Capital Regions. She works with national parks throughout the area on media projects such as films, exhibits, and outdoor signage. It has been fun spending time on the Hill during the spring watching her niece, **Sadie Bowman '25**, play lacrosse and her son **Jack Bayne '22** on the field as an assistant coach for McDaniel baseball. Her son Brady is in the Class of 2025 at Shepherd University. Abbi and her husband, Scott, continue to live in Towson, Maryland, near her parents, **Jarrett Wicklein '65** and **Pamela Gebhard Wicklein '68**.

Brett Young lives in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife, **Melissa Slaughter '95**, and their kids. Brett is the creative director of Imagine8 Design and hosts a podcast about cocktails and comics called The Fantastic Pour on the Fire and Water Podcast Network. Brett is an original member of the Double Deuce fantasy football league, which is about to

enter its 20th season. The league includes **Ray Pickersgill, John Hampton, John "J" Black, Chuck McLean, Marc Gettemy, Jeremy Kenney '93, Ed Buzzi '93, Jeff McAndrew '92, Brian Gallizzo '95, Gavin Scattergood '96, and Eric Reeves '95**.

Joanne Johnson Engler's family continues to grow. Having been a nontraditional student, she is in a different phase of life than some Class of 1994 classmates. She and her husband, Jim, celebrated 40 years of marriage and have five grandchildren now, who they see often. Over the past several years, they have traveled to both Germany and Greece. They have also traveled up and down the East Coast and took a cruise to Alaska. Joanne is still working at Special Olympics Maryland, and Jim is now partially retired. She enjoys singing at church, knitting sweaters for the grandkids, and crocheting for fun.

Chris "Cutty" Cutler is enjoying the single life after a fantastic 20 years of marriage. Retired from the Army, he is now a contractor at the Pentagon living in Logan Circle in Washington, D.C. He and his two boys are always on the go with snowboard trips to Salt Lake City, Steamboat Springs, and Lake Tahoe. Soon, he will be opening a day care center in Charleston, South Carolina.

John Hampton was involved in an accident at work that resulted in almost a year of surgeries and rehab for him. He is now looking at retiring from the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department after 25 years, but will continue to work part time at the local college Fire Academy. His two oldest children are now college graduates: Justin from Oklahoma State and Jessica from the University of South Carolina. The youngest, Haylee (2), continues to be the hurricane she is. He and his wife, Courtney, are taking life in stride, and taking it all in as they have been shown once again that life is short and can change in a heartbeat. He stays in touch with some Sig Ep Brothers like **Ray Pickersgill, Brett Young, Chuck McLean, Marc Gettemy, J. Black, Ed Buzzi '93, Jeremy Kenney '93, and Brian Galizzo '95**.

John "J" Black is in his 25th year of practicing employment law in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and recently moved his practice to the Quatrini Law Group. His wife, Meghan, is a deputy district attorney for Allegheny County and is also in her 25th year of law practice. They spend their free time traveling to watch their sons play baseball. Their oldest son, Mark, graduated last spring from Gardner-Webb University where he played baseball and participated last summer in the MLB Draft League. Mark is currently completing his M.B.A. and playing at Seton Hill University. Zach is a sophomore at Mercyhurst University and is a member of the baseball team. Max is a junior in high school and a baseball player like his older brothers.

Sherry Albright Clower, M.S. '99 still lives a few miles from the Hill with hubby **Richard Clower '50**. She is in her 25th year as a physical education teacher in Carroll County Public Schools. She is grateful to work alongside her best friend and fellow alum **Denise Spangler St. Rose '95** at Spring Garden Elementary. She continues to train and coach some classes at Coppermine Evolve at Four Seasons. Living in the middle of the woods, she often skips her gym workout to split firewood with a maul. She recently reconnected with **Shannon Franklin Sheckels '93** when she sought physical therapy for an ailing elbow from too much woodworking. Sherry was proud to learn that the new track at McDaniel will be named in honor of her husband, former athletic director, coach, and professor **Richard Clower '50**.

After serving almost 11 years as an administrative law judge at the Maryland Public Service

Commission (PSC), **Chuck McLean** was appointed as a commissioner to the PSC by Gov. Wes Moore and was recently confirmed by the Maryland Senate. His five-year term began on July 1, 2025.

I, **Ray Pickersgill**, am in the twilight of my teaching career at my alma mater Sachem High School with two years to go until retirement. I enjoy coaching my youngest son, Ryan, in both wrestling and football and feel blessed that I was able to coach both of my sons in high school. My older son, Jack, transferred to SUNY Cortland this past fall and is excelling both as a Physical Education major and member of the wrestling team. **Kate Pickersgill '25**, my oldest child, joined the ranks of alumni this May as she graduated with majors in History and Writing & Publishing. Four years flew by and she greatly enjoyed her time on the Hill. She found out what a special place McDaniel can be and is thankful for her experiences there. Kate is participating in the Disney College Program with hopes to eventually work for the Disney Corporation. My wife, Elizabeth, and I continue to travel in our spare time and spend time visiting places that we are looking to possibly retire to.

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2000

Ginger Bandeen shares that Mission Driven Data, the company she founded, continues to thrive. The organization now supports over 60 mental health agencies nationwide, helping them harness the power of data to enhance services and expand their impact. Ginger feels fortunate to work alongside a passionate team committed to creating positive change. On the home front, her son now lives nearby in Portland, Oregon, and she loves hosting her nieces for summer city adventures. She occasionally crosses paths with fellow McDaniel alums, which is always a fun and nostalgic surprise.

Eric Barry checks in from Los Angeles, where he and his wife, Kareem, have recently resettled after a relaxing cruise from Miami to the Bahamas. Eric is marking his eighth year as a segment producer on MTV's "Ridiculousness," hosted by Rob Dyrdek. The show made headlines recently when Devo frontman Mark Mothersbaugh revealed he earns about a million dollars annually from their song "Uncontrollable Urge" being featured on the show. Eric also took a trip down memory lane when his character Fidget from "Cecil B. Demented" was featured in the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures' yearlong John Waters exhibit — complete with a life-size mannequin and props!

Stacy Dobres writes from Rockville, Maryland, where she's celebrating her 25th year as a school counselor in Montgomery County Public Schools. Life is full and joyful with her 4-year-old, and she enjoys spending time with **Colleen Shannon Mdingi**, who lives just a short drive away.

Elizabeth Price Glover recently celebrated her 25th year of teaching in Worcester County, Maryland. Outside of her career, she treasures spending time with her two sons, Mason and Cooper, who keep her life full of energy and excitement. Mason, 17, graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in May and enrolled at University of Maryland, Baltimore County in the fall to pursue a degree in Psychology. Cooper, 15, is a sophomore at Decatur and has a passion

for football. Liz was especially proud to be in the stands at the Naval Academy when Cooper's team clinched the Maryland State Championship.

Emily Murphy Hollins, M.S. '09 has now visited over 50 countries! She led a student trip to Malaysia in 2023 and continues to enjoy her work as registrar at Shenandoah University. Emily and her husband reside in Virginia. She caught up with **Kate Hampson** during a trip to England last fall and enjoyed reconnecting with **Jen McCabe '99, Nic Johnson, and Brian Hornbecker '99** stateside.

Kittie DeLuca Pain and Jameson Pain '99 were thrilled to celebrate the July 2024 wedding of **Martin Camper-Schearer '07**. It was a joyful day shared with family, friends, and even Dr. Mary Bendel-Simso and **Bill Spence '83**. Kittie is in her second year of an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration, balancing coursework with life as a mom to 7-year-old Brodie. With over two decades in higher ed under her belt, she felt it was time for the next academic step. She frequently connects with McDaniel friends at Homecoming and Potomac River getaways, including **Rob Taber, Nathaniel "Nate" Winegar '97, Jeremy Oster '96, Andrea Williams Alcombright, and Jackie Leazer Englebrake '01**. Kittie was also the recipient of the 2025 Alumni College Service Award!

Anthony "Tony/Wally" Santillo recently celebrated six years of marriage with his wife, Ambry, in February 2025. Together, they've explored incredible destinations like Turks and Caicos, Antigua, the Bahamas, and California's Monterey Peninsula. Tony is entering his 18th season as head golf professional at Spring Brook Country Club in Morristown, New Jersey, and marking 31 years in the profession overall.

Jodi Reese Vallaster shares that, after three years, her position at the Department of Education was unfortunately eliminated — but she's viewing it as an opportunity to find her next adventure. These days, she's fully immersed in her secondary role as her daughter's chauffeur, roadie, and cheer squad — supporting softball games, marching band, and everything in between. She and her family still find time to connect with **Veronica Esteves Dietz and Erin Garoutte Thomas, M.S. '09** whenever possible.

Tim Walker had an exciting literary milestone in 2023: his story "Bidding War" was featured in the official anthology for the Bouchercon World Mystery Convention in San Diego, California. The anthology, featuring bestsellers like Ann Cleeves and C. J. Box, went on to win an Anthony Award.

Lynnell McLean Williams and her husband, Donell, are celebrating 14 years of marriage and raising their amazing 12-year-old daughter, Alyse, in Baltimore City. Lynnell is a school social worker with Baltimore City Public Schools and is passionate about making a difference in students' lives. Her family also shares food content on Instagram (@thosewilliams.), highlighting Baltimore's rich culinary scene through weekly restaurant visits.

Kristi Thayer Yowell and her husband, Chris, are officially empty nesters, with their youngest now attending Loyola University Maryland. Kristi was recently selected to serve on the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources' Navigators initiative, mentoring new chief human resources officers in higher ed. She's also on the 25th Reunion Committee and was looking forward to reconnecting with many of you this summer!

Elton Keith Knupp, your class reporter and a proud member of the 25th Reunion Committee, shares that she and her family have called Wakefield, Massachusetts, home for the

past five years. Life is moving fast with daughters Haley (16) and Allie (14), who are thriving — Haley on the ice rink and flag football field, and Allie in the dance studio and on theatre stages. Elton channeled her lifelong love of theatre into founding Children's Playhouse of Wakefield, where she teaches and produces shows with elementary-age students. She also serves as director of the local middle school theatre program. Recently, Elton and her husband, Brian, attended a dinner event in Boston with members of McDaniel College's advancement team, where she had a great time connecting with both older and younger alumni living in the area. In February, Elton enjoyed a cruise to the Bahamas with **Faye Ingram Hillman, Roxann Ingram Todt, and Sara Gruber Long '99**. They soaked up the sun, caught up on life, and sang their hearts out at the piano bar — proving you can take the theatre kid out of the theatre, but ... well, you know the rest!

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2006

Jodi Hunter Harclerode, M.S. '09 recently celebrated 14 years of wedded bliss with **Eric Harclerode '05** with a family vacation in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They live in Bel Air, Maryland, with their two children Kaelyn, 12, and Carson, 9. Jodi works at Harford Community College (HCC) in the Education Department, where she has enjoyed getting back in touch with fellow HCC employee and Phi Sig alum **Emily Kirchner Greene '04**.

Marcia “Marcie” Robusto Walls married her husband, Michael Walls, on May 8, 2021, in Baltimore. This year, Marcie left her full-time job to become a freelance video editor. She recently completed a stint on season six of “Iron Resurrection,” a TV series for MotorTrend.

Kenton Dunson is happy to report wedding bells: He got married on June 16, 2025.

William “Billy” Thomas and Sarah Byron Thomas '11, along with big brother V, welcomed the newest little Green Terror, Caden, in June 2024. They reside in Olney, Maryland, where Billy recently accepted a new position as a tax principal at accounting firm Thompson Greenspon.

Teammates for the long haul: **Sabrina Putro Swann** and **Joe Palkovic** competed together for four years on the McDaniel College indoor and outdoor track and field teams. Today, they continue to support each other, both working for the City of Frederick Police Department (FPD) in Maryland. Sabrina has worked in the FPD Crime Scene Unit since 2015, and as the unit supervisor since 2019. Joe has been a sworn police officer since 2007 and was promoted to sergeant in 2021. He currently supervises the Special Investigations Unit, working closely with Sabrina and her team on a daily basis.

Marci Ryan Siebeking and **Mark Siebeking** moved to Apex, North Carolina, last summer, with their sons, Jackson, 9, and Ben, 7, who keep them busy with their soccer, basketball, and flag football schedules. They enjoy bringing their boys back to Maryland, visiting Mark's family in Westminster and summer vacations in Ocean City. They took their first international family trip

in January to Cancun, Mexico, and look forward to more stamps on their passports soon.

Dave Murray, M.S. '10 continues his work as a special education teacher at Brunswick High School in Frederick, Maryland. He also owns his own personal training/coaching business. He and his wife have three wonderful kids, ages 11, 8, and 4, who keep them even busier.

Kate Martin Curtin is still working at Salisbury University, where she took on a new role as director of enrollment marketing in July 2024.

Ricci Reber went on to earn an M.B.A. from Mount St. Mary's University and a Ph.D. in Economics from American University. After 14 years as an economist in government and academia, he is now a portfolio manager and chief economist for an investment firm in Towson, Maryland. He lives in the Roland Park suburb of Baltimore with his wife, two kids, and two rescue dogs. He and his family enjoy spending summers fishing and golfing on Cape Cod.

After continuing her education at McDaniel, earning a master's degree in Deaf Education in 2009, **Jenna Hubble Kuschmider, M.S. '09** taught for 12 years before accepting a position as the math and science curriculum and instruction specialist at the Maryland School for the Deaf four years ago. She works alongside her husband of 10 years, Chester. They have two children, Kylie, 6, and Carter, 4, who also love math and are passionate about learning.

Jessica Nave-Blodgett continues to reside in Phoenix, Arizona, where she works as a managing scientist at Exponent, Inc., an engineering and scientific consulting firm, currently serving as a human factors consultant. While she continues to spend her free time hiking and mountaineering, her past two years have been focused on competing in spring triathlons and half marathons. When she isn't working or running, Jessica enjoys traveling — she has now visited 44 of 50 states — photography, letter writing, and growing various houseplants. She also has two sweet sibling cats, Rhodri and Cerys.

After six years as a stay-at-home mom and teaching music at a local private school, **Tara Callegary Winner** is excited to return to work at Lonza Walkersville, where she previously worked for seven years and was recognized as a top sales specialist in North America. She resides with her husband and their five wonderful (and busy) children in Hanover, Pennsylvania.

Kelly Friedman Cummings and **Andy Cummings '07** still live in New York City with their two children. She has been enjoying some time off to soak in every moment she can with 5-year-old Quinn and 2-year-old Oliver. She is grateful for the opportunity to dedicate this time to her family but looks forward to eventually returning to teaching high school English.

As for **Drew Mitchell** and I, we are still in colorful Colorado (Colorado Springs), where Drew serves as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, and I continue to run Lepson Research Group, a custom marketing research firm, and serve on various boards for local and military nonprofits. We love spending time adventuring through Colorado, biking, hiking, and skiing with our two children Juliet, 8, and Chip, 5. Our door is always open if you make your way to Colorado. We'd love to see some East Coast faces.

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2012

Since our last update, **Megan Shenton** got married in January 2025, and she and her partner have been settling into their new place in Del Ray, Virginia.

Danielle Sirk Rogers also got married since our last update — on March 2, 2024, to Samuel Rogers.

Chels Watkins has been busy since graduation! They moved to the Bay Area, California, in 2013, graduated from Northwestern University with an M.S. in Learning and Organizational Change in 2022, and got married to their wife, Carmen, in March 2022. They had a baby named Finn in April 2024, and Chels is now working as an organizational designer at Udemey.

We have welcomed some more future Green Terrors within the last year or so! **Stephanie “Stef” Thomson Waters** and her husband, Randy, welcomed their sweet little girl, Jordan, on Aug. 13, 2024. **Lauren Strumsky McCourt** and her husband, Ryan, welcomed daughter, Sloane Margaret, on March 4, 2025, and became a family of four! Lauren is currently a high school health and physical education teacher at Camp Hill School District. She resides in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, with her husband, daughter, and son, Rory.

Emily Hannah Davis earned an M.A. in Teaching at San Diego State University in May 2024.

Lauren Miller graduated with an M.S. in Library Science from Clarion University in 2017! Lauren is so excited to share that she is an employee ambassador for Penguin Random House, which means she gets to talk about her awesome job and all their fabulous publications all over social media. You can find her posts under the handle @forfictionsake on most major platforms! She is also currently working on her business degree with a concentration in marketing through a program sponsored by Penguin Random House.

Jessica Fry accepted a position as the staff museum curator of the Midwest Regional Office of the National Park Service in December 2023 and now lives in Omaha, Nebraska, with her two cats. The job regularly has her traveling across the Midwest.

Steve French, M.S. '14 and **Sara Krome French, M.S. '15**, are enjoying raising their kids, Henry, 7, and Charlotte, 4, along with two goldendoodles! Steve is in his 11th year of teaching health at Taneytown Elementary School and coaching boys tennis at Francis Scott Key High School. Sara is on a break from teaching to be home with the kids, but she is enjoying subbing twice a week at her son's school.

Mitch Belella and **Carissa Grove Belella** have both accepted promotions since they last checked in. Mitch was promoted to vice president of Wealth Enhancement Group located in Hagerstown, Maryland, and Carissa was promoted at the Department of Veterans Affairs as a training specialist. They live in Hagerstown with their four children.

Even though it's where **Paul Donoghue '11** grew up, we don't get to Hagerstown, Maryland, as often as we'd like. But it was lovely to see Mitch and Carissa when they visited Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, in fall 2024! Paul is still senior manager for enrollment operations at Western Governors University and a part-time trainer at Prime Intensity Training. I accepted a promotion in September 2024 as a senior specialist technical consultant in the Mobility Center of Excellence

with AT&T. We are still living in “Conshy” with our dogs, Ted and Rocky, and we love walking along the Schuylkill River Trail, to the library, and to all our favorite restaurants in town.

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2018

Alexandra Stitely, M.S. '19 is currently in her seventh year of teaching. She teaches sixth grade English Language Arts at West Middle School in Westminster, Maryland. Alex is continuing to take graduate classes at McDaniel and is pursuing National Board Certification. She is still living in Westminster, and recently adopted a golden retriever. She celebrated her sister's (**Michaela Stitely Freter '17, M.S. '22**) wedding in Negril, Jamaica, in the summer of 2024 with **Samantha Stitely Janiga '15, M.S. '18; Jana Ferraro '17; and Dan Gebhart '17, '19**.

After graduation, **Mable Buchanan Palmer** worked as an editor, then earned a Master of Arts in Teaching and taught middle school. She lived in Baltimore for a while, working, writing, and puppeteering, then met her husband, Theron, while Lindy Hop dancing. They got married in April 2024 and moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, in September 2024. Mable is now teaching creative writing, literature electives, and composition at a local college.

Julia Halberstam has been working at Mothers Against Drunk Driving for the Underage Drinking Prevention Program. She earned a master's degree in Forensic Investigation and is now back in school to obtain a nursing degree to become a forensic nurse. She is still active in CrossFit, competing in Jupiter, Florida, and Las Vegas, Nevada.

Benjamin Agee and **Lucy Bainbridge Agee, M.S. '24** still live in Glen Burnie, Maryland. In December, Lucy graduated from McDaniel's master's program in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages and is now working as an English language development teacher in Glen Burnie. Ben is currently in graduate school at Johns Hopkins University for a master's degree in Computer Science.

Alex Tolle Michaels and **Ben Michaels '19** got married March 29, 2025, in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. They celebrated with many Phi Alpha Mu sisters and McDaniel alumni. **Stephanie Golub** and **Kendall Harnsberger '19** were bridesmaids. Alex currently serves as the assistant director of donor relations at the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina. Ben accepted a new role with Deluxe Corporation, and they will be relocating to the Minneapolis, Minnesota, area.

Sarah Rasch has been a special education teacher for five years. She is currently living in Baltimore City. She was looking forward to a monthlong summer trip to Hawaii.

Emily Caudell Hildebrand, M.S. '19 had a baby, Amelia Jane, in August 2024. She has also accepted a promotion as of this school year and is now a special education department chair in Frederick County (Maryland) Public Schools.

Kayla Hamilton Lyons is in her seventh year of teaching sixth grade English Language Arts. She married Chris Lyons in 2023. She earned a graduate degree in educational curriculum writing

and anticipated finishing her English as a Second Language certification in August.

Upon graduation, **Jacklyn Goldsmith** started working in the psychology field for a nonprofit organization called Gateway Homes Inc., from July 2018 to February 2024. She served as a recovery support specialist for adults diagnosed with severe mental illnesses residing in mental health group homes. She also worked part time as a recovery support specialist at Recovery Centers of America Capital Region in Waldorf, Maryland, and as a substitute relief mental health counselor at the Fairfax County-Falls Church Community Services Board. Since 2022, she has been a behavioral health specialist for the Fairfax County-Falls Church Community Services Board; she works in the Residential Intensive Care Program. In 2022, she also moved from Germantown, Maryland, to Alexandria, Virginia. She landed a second job within the county government, where she serves as a substitute mental health clinician at the Wellness Circle Crisis Stabilization Unit of Fairfax County.

Becca Sykes Over and **Nick Over** welcomed their first baby, a girl named Lyla Joy, in July 2024.

Drew Scott recently got married.

After graduating from graduate school, **Mark Gales** has been working as a social worker.

Katie Kirschenmann Marr and **Nathan Marr '17** had their first child in January 2024. They moved to Connecticut for Nathan's new Division I football job and are fortunate enough to live by the beach.

Madison Bodnar, M.S. '21 and **Liam St. John** got married on Oct. 31, 2024, and moved to California on Feb. 13, 2025.

Abigail Rose-Craver had a great time back on the Hill for Homecoming 2024. A highlight was catching up with **Cathy Orzolek-Kronner '86** under the alumni tent. And, of course, they had to stop at Baugher's after the game. In May 2024, she had the honor of being a bridesmaid for former roommate **Tonae' Hamilton Hur '17** when Tonae' got married on the Eastern Shore. **Yessica Rodriguez '19** and **SoYoung Jeon '20** were also in the wedding party, and they got to see their North Village roommate **Kristian Popov '17, M.S. '21**. Just weeks before Tonae's wedding, Tonae' and Abigail attended SoYoung's wedding along with a bunch of former ACC members! In December, Abigail got to attend the National Association of Independent Schools People of Color Conference in Denver. She stayed a couple extra days and had the chance for a super-quick visit with another North Village roommate **Jamil Elfahdi '17** and **Lizzie DeRycke '17** at Jamil's family's cafe, Cafe Miriam. This summer, Abigail was excited to have Tonae' serve as one of her bridesmaids at her three-year anniversary party. Since Abigail and her husband were saving for a house, they only had a “micro-wedding” back in 2022. Tonae' and Yessica were there. Now that they have the house, they're ready to fully celebrate!

Erin Holtz works for the St. Johns County Public Schools as an exceptional student education paraprofessional. She works with Board Certified Behavior Analysts and uses her behavioral technician certification at the school when she works with students with challenging behaviors. Erin has a new addition to the family: Linus, a basset hound. She still lives in St. Augustine, Florida, and does house- and pet-sitting through Rover.

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Samantha Stitely Janiga '15, M.S. '18; Michaela Stitely Freter '17, M.S. '22; and Alexandra Stitely '18, M.S. '19 in Negril, Jamaica, for Michaela's wedding in summer 2024.

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Danny Adum is currently attending Howard University College of Dentistry to pursue his Doctor of Dental Surgery. He misses McDaniel College dearly. He says, “Shoutout to Dr. Susan Parrish, Dr. Dana Ferraris, Dr. Steve McCole, and Ben Smith for preparing me for this rigorous workload.”

Ariana Stormont started working full time as a tax accountant. She has also passed all four parts of the uniform CPA examination.

Jeremy Volker has been attending University of Maryland, Baltimore County to obtain a master's degree in Applied Sociology since graduating from McDaniel. He works as a teaching assistant at the university. In other exciting life updates, Jeremy had the privilege of attending the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in January, where his hair and makeup design for McDaniel's production of “Eurydice” won the regional first place National Randy Lutz Allied Design and Technology Award. His work was then displayed at the United States Institute for Theatre Technology National Expo. Jeremy has also started a makeup and hair business, where he has been given opportunities to do bridal makeup and more stage makeup!

After graduating from McDaniel College as a Cinema major, **Santino DeFilippo** went on to attend Sacred Heart University's Film and Television master's program. Recently, he shot a 12-minute short film titled “Countdown to Extinction” with fellow alums **Jordan Greene** and **Danielle Carter '25**.

As for me, **Claire Olson**, after graduation, I moved to Columbia, Maryland, to start my audit career at Withum Smith-Brown. I completed my first busy season in audit within the firm's multiemployer and labor union niche. In my spare time, I have been volunteering at the local Boys and Girls Club. Additionally, I have volunteered at McDaniel a few times since graduating, helping students and serving on the National Alumni Committee.

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DEBBIE DALE SEIDEL '84 AND ETHAN SEIDEL are the co-chairs of Reaching New Heights: The Campaign for McDaniel College. Debbie has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 2023 and was president of the Alumni Council from 2017-19. She was honored with the College Service Award in 2024. Ethan began working at McDaniel in 1969 as a professor and administrator before retiring in August 2021 as Professor Emeritus of Economics and Business Administration.

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS TOGETHER

BY DEBBIE DALE SEIDEL '84 & ETHAN SEIDEL

We have both been connected to McDaniel College for decades — Ethan beginning in 1969 and Debbie in 1980. Throughout this time, we have seen McDaniel grow and evolve in so many ways.

Yet at its core, the essence that is McDaniel remains unchanged: The one constant over the decades has been the focus on our students.

As co-chairs of Reaching New Heights: The Campaign for McDaniel College, we are asking you to join us in helping to provide new generations of students with even more opportunities to succeed.

Over the years, we have had the great fortune to interact with McDaniel students in a multitude of settings — as advisors to student organizations, sororities, and fraternities; as coaches; as participants in the college band; and as career advisors, mentors, teachers, and more. We have learned firsthand how special McDaniel students are and how much higher our students can climb with the right support.

The impact we each have when we invest in the college goes far beyond providing a particular building, classroom, or laboratory. These gifts of time and treasure make the entire enterprise possible. Tuition alone cannot provide all the resources needed to deliver a top-quality, accessible education.

Your philanthropy and volunteerism are essential for McDaniel College to continue to thrive and be recognized for the variety and excellence of its programs and its ability to change the lives of its students — whether through experiential learning, supporting our distinguished faculty and staff, academic support services, intercollegiate athletics, or the vibrant extracurricular programming that makes students’ time on the Hill so special.

Each of us can do so many things during this campaign to support McDaniel. Whether that’s through philanthropy or volunteerism, we ask our community of alumni and friends to re-engage with McDaniel and provide the critical support needed for the college to reach new heights together.

So many of our memories on the Hill revolve around the time we spent and the people we met here. The Alma Mater says it, but it’s true: “College ties can ne’er be broken.”

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