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On the cover: Jemar Daniel '07 is a History grad turned entertainment lawyer for ViacomCBS.

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Assistant Professor Jason Scullion's dog, Sam, is always a welcome companion for Environmental Studies students doing work at the McDaniel Environmental Center, formerly known as Singleton-Mathews Farm.

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Spring flowers provided a welcome pop of color on an otherwise empty campus in April.

#### **Dear McDaniel Community**

A few months ago, when I pondered what this Irish descendant might do for St. Patrick's Day 2020, top of my list was not "respond to a global pandemic." Nonetheless, COVID-19 has inextricably changed all our lives.

On March 17, my colleagues and I made the incredibly difficult decision to move McDaniel online for the remainder of the spring semester. In the ensuing days, we canceled all on-campus events through June, including athletics competitions and our 2020 Commencement ceremony. I am so sorry the Class of 2020's final semester on the Hill was abbreviated and that we won't be together on May 23 to graduate them as planned. I will absolutely keep my promise to celebrate this milestone in their lives at some point in the future when it's safe. They've certainly earned it.

Those tough decisions resulted in a significant upheaval of expectations of what McDaniel looks and feels like, but I remind everyone of the message I share at every first-year convocation: A college is not a place. It's not buildings. It's not a curriculum. A college is people.

And you are those people, no matter where you are now. Whether you graduated from Western Maryland College or were set to walk across the stage in May as our newest alumni, you are always McDaniel College.

Based on our regular production schedule, much of *The Hill* was already written by the time COVID-19 became reality, but we knew we couldn't ignore it. So just as we made the decision to move classes online, we also decided to publish this issue online only to focus our budget on supporting our students and their families during these difficult financial times.

Devoting The Hill completely to coronavirus coverage didn't feel right either. So that's why in the following pages you will see a mix of stories about how your Green Terror family has been making a difference and coping with our collective "new normal." We're aware that many of our alumni and friends are on the front lines of the COVID-19 battle all over the world these days. We would have loved to connect with more of you to tell your stories and express our gratitude, but we also know you have more important priorities right now. As the pandemic begins to recede in the months to come, we hope you will reach out to us to share your experiences and reflections on how the McDaniel community has made a difference around the globe.

We need good news now more than ever, so beyond our pandemic coverage, you will also read stories of celebration and accomplishment we were eager to bring you before the novel coronavirus came to light. Let's take time today and every day to remember the good in this world and on our campus, whether your "campus" for the remainder of this spring semester is in Carroll County, Maryland, or Victoria, Australia.

There's a lot we don't know about the future right now. But what I do know is this: No virus will ever diminish the Hill. We will climb higher. We will see farther. We are McDaniel.

And we can't wait to welcome you home again. Stay well. — President Roger Casey

#### A new kind of face time

Students, faculty and staff stay connected during a global pandemic

The week after Spring Break on a college campus usually feels lively and vibrant. After a week of fun, rest and relaxation, the finish line for the semester is in sight. Students share stories of their adventures while walking to class, hug friends they missed and settle back into their routines as life goes back to normal.

But the week after Spring Break 2020 was far from normal. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, McDaniel College moved all instruction online through the remainder of the semester and canceled all on-campus events, including athletics and commencement.

That meant the McDaniel community — so used to face-to-face interaction — turned to alternative means of connection and support. The laughter continued with the help of social media and video chats, giving students, faculty and staff ways to find some sort of normalcy in the unknown.

Here, we highlight just a few of the many examples of how the Green Terror family is finding strength, resilience and a little bit of fun during these trying times.



#### TIKTOK TIMEOUTS

When Assistant Professor Chloe Irla asked her students to share a weekly video report from home, she may not have expected to get to know her students' families so well. But people of all ages are embracing the short-format video social media app TikTok to combat boredom and foster creativity. Sophomore Kaylen Buschhorn (pictured left) shared a sample of the TikTok videos she has been creating with her sister and parents while home in Austin, Texas. Whether performing dance routines with the whole family, showing off the dog's swagger or attempting a whipped cream challenge, TikTok

videos have been bringing much-needed stress relief to those who create and watch them.



#### SKYPE SURPRISES AND SPECIAL DELIVERIES

While events like April's Admitted Student Day and campus visits had to be canceled, the McDaniel Admissions Office was still hard at work preparing for the Class of 2024. Before school closures were announced, staff members had been coordinating with parents and school principals of five incoming freshmen who were up for the **Dorsey Scholars Program. Under the ruse** that the students still needed to answer a few more interview questions about their candidacy via Skype, admissions staff members surprised Daniel Adum (pictured above), Rachel Allen, Haley Arnold, Sergio Martin Garcia and Signé Kula with the news that they have been awarded the highest academic honor at McDaniel, which includes full tuition, room and board for all four years. The five new Dorsey Scholars also received a special delivery of McDaniel swag at their homes to celebrate their accomplishments. We can't wait to welcome them to the Hill this fall!





McDaniel student-athletes turned to TikTok to play games of "quarantine catch" with each other while finishing the semester remotely, and gained some internet fame in the process.



In March, McDaniel Athletics asked members of the Green Terror family to share videos with encouragement, support tips and fun distractions using #GTFam. Knowing how important a team dynamic is for student-athletes, the intention was to foster connection while teams were apart. Some submissions went the sentimental route, including thank you messages to women's basketball seniors from their teammates. Men's Soccer Coach Steve Corrieri encouraged his players to keep up with their soccer drills while Faculty Director of Athlete Engagement Gretchen McKay shared the benefits of yoga for body and mind. But games of "quarantine catch," first shared by the Green Terror softball players on TikTok, really caught on with responses from women's soccer, women's lacrosse, women's basketball, field hockey and volleyball, which were compiled and shared by "Good Morning America." Green Terror cross country and track even decided to put their own spin on the "Full House" television theme, which garnered a response on Twitter by none other than "Full House" star John Stamos. As Uncle Jesse himself would say, "Have mercy!"

#### community connections



#### McDaniel donates supplies to Carroll Hospital to support COVID-19 response

As stories about the shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) at hospitals around the country hit the media, people wondered how to help the medical personnel on the front lines of fighting the novel coronavirus COVID-19. Makers across the country began asking for volunteers to help sew masks and produce face shields, but for Carroll Hospital, relief was just up the Hill.

Jaclyn Graves, director of risk management/environmental health and safety, went to work taking an inventory of the PPE supplies on McDaniel's then-empty campus, including gloves, N95 respirators, safety glasses and goggles, face shields, cleaning supplies and lab coats, aprons and coveralls. With the campus closed to students for the remainder of the spring semester, PPE that would typically be used by the Office of Risk and Safety, the Wellness Center, the Campus Store, Campus Safety, and the departments of Chemistry, Environmental Studies, Psychology and Kinesiology were sent to medical professionals putting themselves at risk every day in the fight against a global pandemic.

Among the haul that Graves drove to Carroll Hospital, McDaniel donated 381 N95 respirators, 63 boxes of gloves and 77 sets of safety goggles and glasses.

DONATIONS AT A GLANCE

MCDANIEL DONATED



381 N95 respirators



63
boxes of gloves



sets of safety goggles and glasses

Above left: Jaclyn Graves with the first delivery of supplies McDaniel donated to Carroll Hospital.

#### **Emergency Relief Fund**

The McDaniel family has a strong history of supporting our own in times of need, and we appreciate that strength and resilience now more than ever. Our students are facing a crisis unknown to any others who have called the Hill their home. As our campus community makes plans to move through this crisis, we are concerned about our students in need.

In response to the urgent call for technology and remote learning resources,
Trustee Victor "Vic" McTeer '69 and
Mercidees "Dee" McTeer generously
offered \$10,000 to the newly created
Emergency Relief Fund in the hopes of
inspiring and challenging other Trustees.
Like all of us on the Hill, Dee and Vic
want to ensure that no student falls
behind in learning because of a lack
of resources.

As of April 20, 128 donors had given more than \$100,000 to the Emergency Relief Fund, which is providing resources students need to finish their semester remotely: laptops for students who do not have one at home, and hotspots for those without internet so they can connect to the classroom and other learning resources they need to complete their spring coursework.

Our green and gold shine brightest when our community comes together in times of need. We are humbled and grateful for those who have come forward with words and gifts of support for our students. If you've already made a gift to support the Emergency Relief Fund, thank you. If you haven't but feel compelled to do so, there's never been a better time: https://bit.ly/2|bmhYM.

#### Making an impact on the front lines

Alumni step up to serve their communities during COVID-19 crisis

In communities all over the world, there is a newfound appreciation for the everyday heroes in our lives. From medical professionals and first responders to grocery workers and farmers, we are seeing people put their own health and safety at risk every day in order to serve others. And that's true among our own alumni, in both routine and unexpected ways.

The Hill was able to catch up briefly with Lauren Wells '19, a laboratory animal technician in Gaithersburg, Md., and Chad Albertson '96, trade marketing manager at Sagamore Spirit in Baltimore, to learn how their organizations are stepping up during the pandemic response.

Wells, whose research organization performs preclinical studies for chemicals and therapeutics, notes that her employer has previously done research on Zika, Ebola and anthrax, so they are no strangers to rapid mobilization of research in response to crises.

"Quickly increasing our capacity for the rapid influx of COVID-19 therapeutic studies has led to around-the-clock commitment and prioritization of studies in order to meet urgent global health needs," Wells says. "Should we postpone an oncology study to make room for more COVID-19 research? These are challenging decisions and they are being made all over the world, not only in drug development but with allocating lifesaving equipment and PPE to patients and staff in hospitals."

While this work is right in Wells' wheelhouse, Albertson may not have thought that his passion for rye whiskey could play a role in a global pandemic. But it turns out distilleries are the perfect place to produce hand sanitizer.

"We'd been monitoring the growing need for a safe and effective hand sanitizer while navigating compliance, production and supply



chain issues around ramping up our capacity," Albertson says. "So, when Johns Hopkins approached us, we were ready to help. The collaboration was underway about an hour after our initial phone call, and within 10 days, we had the first batch shipped to Hopkins."

Sagamore has committed to providing at least 54,000 liters of hand sanitizer to Johns Hopkins Health System and other medical systems in the area.

"There is no higher priority than serving the growing and vital needs of the health professionals who are selflessly giving of themselves for the greater good of all," Albertson says. And he's finding this business shift has been a blessing for his own mental health. "I've been very busy navigating this new landscape so I don't have much time to let fear creep in."

Wells agrees that keeping busy has been a saving grace for her, too. "I have actually found that my professional responsibilities help to alleviate my concerns surrounding the coronavirus," says Wells. "I see the effort and expertise that goes into fighting it every day and that grounds me in these times of uncertainty."

—Lindsay Sherman



Sagamore Spirit, a rye whiskey distillery based in Baltimore, is supplying Johns Hopkins Health System with hand sanitizer. Chad Albertson '96, Sagamore's trade marketing manager, says there is no higher priority to the company at this time.

#### mail

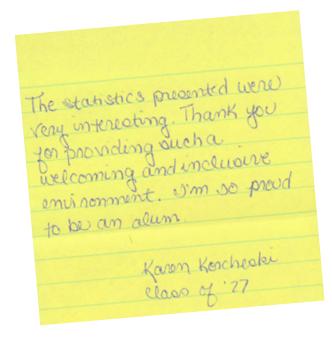
Missives to and from The Hill



#### OPEN-BOOK QUIZ WINNER

In the Autumn 2019 issue, we asked five questions about the Class of 2023. We received 26 correct responses, but David Starr of York, Pa., — father of Nick Starr '22 — won the drawing for a McDaniel College sweatshirt. Congratulations, Dave!

Check out the Campus Landmark Challenge at the back of this issue for your chance to win.



#### **Checking in from the Netherlands**

Hello Hill magazine team,

This edition has reached me in the Netherlands once again. Kudos for that! Best wishes.

Elena "Alyona" Skovorodnikova '16

#### Impressive numbers

The most remarkable [stat from the Open-Book Quiz] to me was #4 [98% of first-year students attended a McDaniel Local session]. Job well done, staff!

Liz Haslbeck '85

#### A long history

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on your new job. In 1965, I worked in the alumni office—my job was to put copies of *The Hill* into envelopes—I would write messages to kids I knew that had graduated before me. *The Hill* has a long history and I am proud to have had a role in it.



#### Let Your Voice Be Heard

The Mail department is your place to sound off about what you read in The Hill.

Letters should include your full name, address and phone number or email address so we can contact you for confirmation. Letters may be edited for length, style, clarity and/or civility.

During the campus closure, we ask that you please send all correspondence via email to ocm@ mcdaniel.edu with "The Hill magazine" as the subject line. Thanks for your understanding!

#### [OVERHEARD AT SMARTTALK]

On Jan. 15, McDaniel welcomed three young alumni back to campus for a special Jan Term SmartTALK. Ashley Brown, D.D.S., 'o6, Rachel Druckenmiller 'o6 and Aaron Slaughter '10 addressed a full house in WMC Alumni Hall. Below are some of the reflections and advice they shared with the audience.



I can still remember the countless ... countless ... did I mention countless hours
I spent in Hoover Library. ... If you can't stay current, you're going to be left behind.

— ASHLEY BROWN 'o 6, dentist at RZ Dental Group



I wanted people from where I come from in West Baltimore to see someone who looks like them doing what I'm doing. ... You can't be scared to fail.

— AARON SLAUGHTER '06, CPA and senior manager at WithumSmith+Brown, PC

I intentionally pursued attending conferences early in my career.

A few years later, I was speaking at those same conferences.





- RACHEL DRUCKENMILLER 'o 6, founder and CEO of Unmuted

News around campus and beyond





The stop at McDaniel included a meet-and-greet session with current Orioles Rio Ruiz and Dwight Smith Jr., and Hall of Famer and Orioles legend Eddie Murray. Fans began lining up at 8 a.m. for the 2 p.m. event in hopes of getting photos and autographs from the players, but were also treated to entertainment from our own Green Terror and the Oriole Bird, as well as McDaniel swag and photo booth fun.







## New majors approved for fall 2020

Nine new undergraduate majors, which were approved by the Board of Trustees in May 2019, have received final approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC). Enrollment for the new majors will begin with the fall 2020 semester. The new majors are: Actuarial Science, American Sign Language, Applied Mathematics, Biochemistry, Biomedical Science, Criminal Justice, Health Sciences, Marketing, and Writing and Publishing.

#### Robyn Allers receives CIC award

Congratulations to Robyn Allers
(far right), special liaison for college
relations, who was honored by the
Council of Independent Colleges (CIC)
for her work on the CIC
Presidents Institute

Presidents Institute
Spouses and Partners
Task Force. Allers has
served as a member
of the task force since
2016 and was honored
alongside representatives from Juniata
College and Ohio
Northern University.



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#### President Casey elected chair of NAICU

President Roger Casey has been elected chair of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), independent higher education's largest policy and advocacy group.

In this role, he leads four new board officers, four national committee chairs and 16 new board members to help set the association's agenda on federal higher education policy, as well as actively encourages support of association priorities and initiatives and oversees the organization's financial administration.



President Roger Casey accepts the NAICU Board Chair gavel from outgoing Chair Jo Allen, president of Meredith College (N.C.).

### McDaniel named a "Best Value College" by The Princeton Review

McDaniel College has been recognized as a "Best Value College" by *The Princeton Review* for offering the best return on investment.

According to *The Princeton Review*, McDaniel is one of the nation's top colleges for students seeking a superb education with great career preparation at an affordable price.

In its website profile on McDaniel, *The Princeton Review* highlights the McDaniel Commitment, which provides mentoring and coaching, as well as guarantees that every student completes at least

two experiential learning opportunities, including service learning, study abroad, student-faculty collaborative research, credit-based internship or independent study, by graduation.

McDaniel is among only 7% of the nation's four-year colleges selected for the list based on survey data covering academics, affordability and career preparation collected from administrators at 656 colleges, as well as students attending the schools. In addition, *The Princeton Review* used data from PayScale.com surveys of alumni about their starting and mid-career salaries and job satisfaction figures.

#### The 2019-2020 Griswold-Zepp Award winners

McDaniel students are known for being ambitious and eager to change the world. With the help of a Griswold-Zepp Award of up to \$3,000 each per project, students can design their own nonprofits and come just a little closer to making their dreams reality.

The Griswold-Zepp Award honors Earl Griswold and Ira Zepp, longtime faculty advisors for SOS/Hinge, a community service and volunteerism group on campus. Students are invited to apply for the Award each fall semester.

The following projects were awarded grants this year:

Young Men of Tomorrow: Seniors Alex Fondersmith and TJ McGuire will be hosting a before-school club at Sandymount Elementary focused on mentoring fourth and fifth grade boys in different aspects of leadership, collaborative and individual success and personal growth.

Green Game Day: Sophomores Sarah Price, Luke LoPresto, Lee Abendschoen and freshman Spencer Schwarzbeck hope to extend the culture of sustainability on campus to home football games and tailgating, by promoting recycling and waste reduction during sporting events.

Hook, Line, & Rise: Sophomore Sam Edmunds would like to provide mental health support for students struggling with the pressures of college life by introducing them to fishing. He will be partnering with a local nonprofit organization started by WMC alum Dave Hanyok '01.

Campus Garden Restoration: Senior Emma Findeisen will lead the student group Green Life to continue building the community garden and community education programs with their garden space, specifically in building a bioswale for the drainage ditch near the garden.

HeadStart Nature Playground: Senior Rachael Fox is partnering with Carroll Community College and Catholic Charities HeadStart to improve the playground and children's spaces at the Westminster HeadStart location. Mud kitchens and wooden xylophones will be installed in the playgrounds, giving children from low-income areas opportunities to build connections with nature.

#### **OUANTIFY**



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Options for participating in service activities on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. First-year students participated in projects including painting a multipurpose room at Union Street United Methodist Church, cleaning the Cold Weather Shelter, preparing and serving meals at the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen, bundling diapers at CarrollBaby and stuffing and sorting plastic eggs for the City of Westminster.



Escape rooms held on campus in Hill Hall between Jan. 13 and Jan. 16. First-year students enrolled in My Design during Jan Term had the opportunity to learn problem-solving and teamwork skills while making new friends.

JumpStart sessions held as part of a series of Jan Term experiences designed to connect participants to friends and rev up their readiness for classes spring semester. The twice-weekly series featured new information each session, with time to review techniques and study tips from previous sessions, on topics such as time management and critical reading and writing skills.

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Alumni participated in video conferencing sessions with first-year Jan Term classes to share how their own liberal arts experiences at McDaniel have led them where they are today in their careers all over the country.

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Jan Term field trip locations in Baltimore sponsored by My Design and the Center for Experience and Opportunity. Students had the opportunity to learn about medical careers at Johns Hopkins, baseball operations with the Baltimore Orioles and international business at the World Trade Center Institute.

## double take

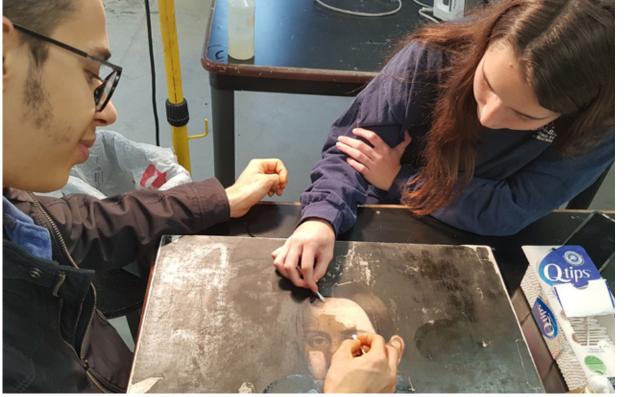
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#### **Hands-on history**

Students in Katya Dovgan's Basics of Art Conservation class had a unique opportunity during the fall 2019 semester. Dovgan, who is a trained art conservator in addition to a senior lecturer of Art and Art History, has been waiting for the right time and the right piece to teach an art conservation class at McDaniel. "The Portrait of the Lady" was donated to her several years ago by a private citizen and provided an experience her diverse group of students — with a mix of majors ranging from Art and Art History to Computer Science, Chemistry and Biology — won't soon forget.

The portrait, signed and dated by a "G. Stewart" in 1882, depicts a modestly dressed young woman, but when the class began working on it, it was dirty and literally torn to pieces with large chunks of canvas missing. Students enjoyed debating who G. Stewart might be and learning about detailed steps they would be taking to restore the piece to its former glory.





Dovgan walked her students through conservation — just like in medicine, "first, do no harm," — followed by structural restoration and technical restoration. Finally, students helped with the last steps of cleaning, painting to fill in the holes, varnishing and touching it up.



The nearly completed piece is something both teacher and students can be proud of. Since the piece was small, not every student could be working on it at the same time, but the cumulative work of the class was worth the wait. Even if the mystery of G. Stewart is never solved, the portrait has been restored to a beautiful piece once again.

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# WHERE LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION MEETS THE LAW

TWO MCDANIEL ALUMS SHARE HOW BROAD BACKGROUNDS

LED THEM TO SUCCESS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

Regardless of whether you feel you are dominant in the "creative" right or the "logical" left, it's hard not to argue that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. This is especially true in a liberal arts education—and, as two McDaniel College alumni found out, in the legal profession.

Upon reviewing Jennifer Wuamett's resume, people may assume she's a very dominant left-brained thinker. She earned her degree in Biology and Chemistry, after all. Then she talks about how she started out minoring in Art, but found she lost some of her creativity when asked to make art on demand, and it becomes clear: there's probably more to her than facts and figures.

On the other side, Jemar Daniel's background shows a passion for his bachelor's degree in History, and he was known on campus for being really into music, especially finding and developing new artists. A creative guy through and through, right? Not so fast. The class that he remembers most fondly from his time on the Hill was a seminar on critical thinking.

There are a lot of differences between Wuamett and Daniel. Wuamett graduated from Western Maryland College in 1987 while Daniel graduated 20 years later from McDaniel College. Wuamett thought she'd go into medicine or genetic research and development, while Daniel had dreams of working in the recording industry. Wuamett is from small-town Ellicott City, Md., while Daniel grew up on Long Island, N.Y.

But their paths have shared a lot of the same stops along the way. They both decided to attend law school after some time off from formal education. They both entered the field at times when representation for people who looked like them in the profession was lacking—Wuamett recalls that by the time she got to law school, enrollment was starting to approach 50% female, while Daniel is still looking forward to the day when African Americans represent more than 5% of attorneys in America. Both Wuamett and Daniel ended up in corporate counsel roles rather than in private practice. And both selected areas of specialization that went back to their roots and passions: Wuamett putting that science background to good use in patent law, Daniel in entertainment law.

Every day, these two attorneys who are changing the face of law use their liberal arts education and prove that it's not all black and white, left brain or right brain. They're analytical and creative, fact-driven and in tune with emotions. Law may seem straightforward—something is either legal or not, right? But that's not always the case, and the work they are doing affects real people, so they must think about things from all angles. And often, the sweet spot is in the gray, in that spot where creativity meets logic and book smarts meet emotional intelligence, where liberal arts education meets the law.

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN Spring 2020

JENNIFER WUAMETT '87

HAS EMBRACED THE ART

— AND THE SCIENCE —

OF DIVERSE EDUCATIONAL

AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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SHE STARTED OUT AS A BIOLOGY MAJOR and an Art minor who at one point aspired to a career in medical illustration. Once she realized she didn't enjoy creating art on demand, she switched to a Chemistry minor, and her career goals shifted. Perhaps she'd try to go into medicine or genetic counseling. She enrolled at University of Maryland for a Ph.D. in Biochemistry, until she realized that while she loved science, she didn't really want to spend her life in a lab environment.

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After a move across the country, getting married and having her first child, the wise words of her mentor from McDaniel College, Chemistry professor Dave Herlocker, came back to her. He had encouraged her to think about law school because her science education could be beneficial in patent law.

And that's how a scientist and artist turned into a lawyer—although she doesn't really call herself primarily a lawyer anymore either.

"Today, I consider myself a businessperson with a science background who practices law for a global technology company," says Jennifer Wuamett '87, executive vice president and general counsel at NXP Semiconductors, a global company headquartered in the Netherlands with offices in Austin, Texas.



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It's a path Wuamett probably wouldn't have laid out even in her wildest dreams, but it's the path that was meant for her a woman who has always been open to the unexpected, who believes in the value of a broad range of experiences and who has never been afraid to take a turn when the road ahead just didn't feel right.

#### TAKING THE LEAP INTO THE CORPORATE WORLD

Wuamett didn't start law school at Arizona State University until five years after graduating with her bachelor's degree. "Most of the students around me were coming right out of college," she recalls. "I treated law school like a job. I went to school all day while my son was in daycare and studied again after he went to bed at night. It was a good disciplinary force to have to use my time so wisely."

In 1993, Wuamett's second year in law school, it was reported by the U.S. Census Bureau that women made up only about one in four lawyers. This was a huge increase from 1960, when women represented fewer than one in 25 lawyers, but there was still work to be done. While Wuamett recalls that her law school class was about 40% women, the profession wasn't caught up to those numbers yet. Even as recently as 2018, only 38% of lawyers were women, according to the Census Bureau.

"A law firm environment is definitely challenging, especially when you have a young family," Wuamett says. "I started at a law firm, and there is definitely a high degree of expectation around the number of hours you're going to work and travel. I thought that being in-house counsel might be more amenable to having small children and would get me the kind of training I was looking for in my field of interest."

In 1997, Wuamett made the leap from a law firm to corporate counsel, joining Motorola as an intellectual property lawyer, getting her foot in the door that would lead to the executive suite in global tech companies.

#### **PUTTING HER SCIENCE DEGREE TO USE**

"I liked technology and I liked science, but problem-solving also really appealed to me," Wuamett says. And that science background



be a role model for other women in the STEM and legal industries.

has come in handy. Wuamett is surrounded by people who she says are smarter than her every day, many of them engineers. While she does not have an engineering background, she finds her science background and lab experience is useful.

"Having studied science, I am not intimidated to try to dig in and understand the technology," Wuamett says. "So much of what I do practicing law in a technology company is understanding the key drivers of the technology. Whether negotiating deals, protecting or enforcing intellectual property rights or managing compliance issues, it's important not to be intimidated by the technology that is at the heart of everything. I don't have to be able to recreate it, but I have to understand it."

While Wuamett is based in Austin, NXP has over 30,000 employees in more than 30 countries. That means Wuamett travels - a

lot – and gets to learn from her international colleagues along the way.

"Many countries outside of the U.S. study a lot more science than we do," Wuamett has observed. "One of the challenges technology companies face is finding engineering talent within the U.S. Technology companies often need to look outside of the U.S. to fill jobs in highly skilled roles. That tells me that we probably aren't putting out enough graduates in the hard sciences to fill those jobs locally."

With the way technology is developing so rapidly these days, the role of the sciences in the world is becoming increasingly important. And it's hard to have that conversation with Wuamett – the only woman on the executive team at her company and not bring up the big pink elephant in the room: the representation of women in STEM-related jobs.

#### **LEADING THE WAY FOR WOMEN IN TECH AND LAW**

In 2016, Girls Who Code reported that 74% of young girls expressed interest in careers in STEM and computer science. But by the time they make decisions about what to study, something changes. Only 18% of undergraduate computer science degrees and just 5% of leadership positions in the technology industry were held by women in 2016.

What happens in that time that makes these girls start weeding themselves out of STEM? Wuamett, who has spent time volunteering with Girlstart in Austin, sees a shift in priorities.

"As young girls get toward middle school, it often becomes not cool to be smart and more important to be pretty and accepted as part of the popular crowd," she says. "We

need more girls getting encouragement to study something challenging and to see why pursuing STEM education is a good idea for their future."

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While the field might start narrowing in middle school, it only gets narrower as time goes on. Girls stop focusing on science, don't declare majors in the field in college, don't pursue careers in STEM, and then when it comes time to pick candidates for senior positions in these companies, there is a relatively smaller pool of women candidates. And if girls don't see women in positions of power in STEM-related jobs women like Wuamett – it's a vicious circle.

Because of that, Wuamett says she feels some responsibility in her role both as general counsel and in the tech industry to be a good role model and mentor to aspiring women leaders.

"Someone once told me that men tend to kill their weak and women tend to kill their strong, and I've seen that play out in my own life," she says. "Women a lot of times put down other women that they might see as a threat, while men will weed out those who can't keep up. I want to bring along more women. I believe it's important to have a more diverse workforce in general, whether that's seen from the perspective of including women, minorities or differences in age."

One of the things that has made Wuamett's career a little easier along the

way is embracing the concept of work-life integration instead of work-life balance. "You may be able to have it all over the span of your career, but you probably can't have it all at one time," Wuamett says. "It's OK to have different priorities at different points in your career. The more women who hear that from people who've been in their career for a long time, maybe the less guilt they'll have."

Wuamett says she has few regrets, though she notes that pursuing a demanding career does take its toll on family and personal time. "Time passes quickly and when you look back, you realize that there are sacrifices you make along the way when you choose to pursue your passions," she says. But that long and winding road got her to where she is today. "I am glad that I took the challenge to study science, even though I didn't stay directly in a science career."

It took a lot of perseverance, a little creativity along the way, and the knowledge that a foundation of broad educational and professional experiences would pay off in the long run.

"I found my way to where I'm supposed to be, and I have had a very fulfilling career as well as a very satisfying personal life," Wuamett says. "And I'll never forget the breadth of education and encouragement on the Hill. At McDaniel, I learned how to continue to pursue my dreams—even if they changed over time." ■

## CHANGING THE FACE — AND VOICE — OF LAW

PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER JASON STUDIOS

JEMAR DANIEL '07 IS A COMPLEX MAN who has always lived in a world of competing interests. When he visited McDaniel as a basketball recruit, it wasn't the court or the locker rooms he was excited by—it was the library. He was a Green Terror basketball player who took the "student" part of being

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a student-athlete very seriously. He was passionate about reading and was rarely seen without a book, which led to good-natured teasing from his friends and teammates. He loved music and sold mix tapes on campus his freshman year, with a dream of working in talent scouting and development at Def Jam Recordings. He earned a degree in History, but loved his classes in philosophy, political science and critical thinking.



When graduation came around, Daniel wasn't sure what he wanted to do, so he took a year off to plan his next steps. "I eventually went to law school—I liked the idea of creating policy and frameworks that help guide society—but I still had hopes that at some point I would get into the music industry," Daniel says. "I thought it was a pipe dream."

#### "I NEVER MET A LAWYER WHO LOOKED LIKE ME."

Daniel realized one thing when he entered law school though: He had never met a lawyer who looked like him. Growing up in a middle-class neighborhood on Long Island, N.Y., that was predominantly African American, West Indian and West African, Daniel recalls that he saw representation in other professions, including medicine and banking.

"Families did well for themselves—our parents worked in medicine and other respected fields, we were solidly middle class—but I never met a lawyer who looked like me until I got to law school," he says. "As a black man, when I walk in a room, the last thing people want to or will think is that I'm a lawyer."

The National Association for Law Placement reports that while minorities made up almost 27% of law school graduates in 2014, they represented less than 14% of attorneys at large law firms nationwide in 2015. Further, the American Bar Association's 2019 Profile of the Legal Profession reports that 85% of lawyers are white, while only 5% are black or African American, 5% are Hispanic and 3% are Asian. The speculation on reasons for the lack of diversity is varied. Certainly, lack of representation can make it difficult for minorities to picture themselves in a profession, but Daniel sees a bigger problem.

"The cost of higher education—and especially the cost of law school—can be a very high barrier for a lot of people, especially those of color," Daniel says. "But college was never an *option* for me; it was a *requirement*. My mother created an environment for my sister and I where we were



encouraged to be curious and seek opportunities to satisfy our curiosity and thirst for intellectual growth and stimulation. I wanted to get out of my comfort zone, and McDaniel is exactly what college looked like in my mind. It was what I wanted from my academic experience."

He continued his academic career at American University's Washington College of Law, and the summer after his first year, Daniel learned that a law degree could be his ticket to any number of dreams, regardless of personal circumstance.

Daniel scored a coveted clerkship with the Honorable Sterling Johnson Jr., a U.S. District Court judge in the Eastern District of New York, and it was the first time that he saw someone who looked like him "in a place where he wasn't supposed to be," Daniel says. "Judge Johnson never let it be an excuse that he was the only black male in his law school class. He still graduated first in his class in 1966."

Judge Johnson also taught him that you can do anything with a law degree—"except practice medicine." He was right. Daniel had been looking into commercial real estate law, but the next summer, he was offered an internship in the business and legal affairs (BALA) department at Black Entertainment Television (BET). What he always thought was a pipe dream was becoming reality—a reality that he's been living for the better part of a decade. Daniel is now vice president and senior counsel at ViacomCBS.

"That summer was the first time I legitimately entertained the thought of being an entertainment lawyer, but if you asked people who knew me as a kid right through college, they'd say it makes perfect sense," Daniel says. "I was dreading doing mergers and acquisitions and litigation, so I was fortunate to be doing something I loved from day one, working in a company that was part of my childhood."

#### TRANSLATING THE LAW

Daniel says that much of his work today is built around being a translator of legalese. Ultimately, he's not trying to impress his colleagues with his legal knowledge; he's trying to make sure that his clients understand exactly what he says. And he believes that his background—and the authenticity he saw in Judge Johnson—gives him an advantage.

"The beauty of being a black attorney in America is I had to learn to speak multiple cultural languages my whole life," Daniel says. "My teammates from McDaniel still joke with me to this day about how I would talk back then. I would be telling a story and include a word that wasn't commonly used but that I felt was necessary to be succinct and effective in my communication, and it was all because I was always reading."

Daniel recalls that he used to want to sound and be smarter than all the people

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Left: Daniel often does a lot of his work—including communicating with clients and colleagues—on the go in Washington, D.C., rather than from ViacomCBS's New York offices.

who thought he didn't belong where he was. He wanted to prove them wrong. But over the years, he's learned that it's not about proving people wrong by elevating himself—it's about meeting people where they are, no matter where they are. The last thing he wants to do is alienate a client by making them feel like they're not smart enough to understand.

"I had a client once ask me to stop talking like a textbook," he says. "The client, as a creative person, communicates differently than I do with my colleagues, and it's important for me to remember my job is to clearly articulate risk and also get the client where they want to go creatively. I love my clients and they are brilliant. I truly believe working with them makes me a better attorney."

He credits much of his communication skill to the liberal arts education he received at McDaniel. "I don't believe that I would be able to communicate as effectively or connect with people who maybe don't look like me or have the same education as me," Daniel says.

"I've learned to really value the ability to put things in my own words. I'm not here to pat myself on the back; I'm here to provide advice to my creative clients."

Over the years, he's learned to show not tell—people the value he brings to the table and how much he loves his job. He was used to it on the basketball court, but he came to realize that the competition in law school was another thing. He admits he wasn't as focused when it came to classes he wasn't interested in, saying, "I struggled with being fully engaged unless something moved me."

The thing that moved him was his internship at BET, where he willingly worked on Saturdays because he loved it so much. Daniel took some time off after taking the bar exam but then decided on a whim to reach out to his contact from the BALA group at BET to see if there were any job openings. He applied and got an interview—and then received an offer for his dream job at the network that same day, working in a newly formed group called standards and practices, a BALA sub-group, where he reported to Stephanie Carver, a mentor and good friend to this day.

"Entertainment law is not an easy field to enter into, but black attorneys are critical in our new cultural landscape," Daniel says. "My liberal arts education really gave me that fuel to get where I am today. It was a transformative experience in every way. When I think about how far I've come — the kid from Elmont, the kid at McDaniel not really knowing what he wanted to do — and where I'm at now ... it's amazing. I'm very blessed." ■

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Advancing the vision



Mark Stuart M.S. '94, left, and his husband, Tim Rupe, have remained loyal supporters of McDaniel College despite living in San Diego, where they had the opportunity to get acquainted with wildlife like this okapi through Stuart's former position at the San Diego Zoo.

#### Giving of time, talent and treasure

Trustee and graduate alumnus Mark Stuart remains dedicated to the Hill 27 years later BY LINDSAY SHERMAN

Mark Stuart M.S. '94 is no stranger to the field of philanthropy. He discovered a passion for development while working for the phonathon on campus at his undergraduate alma mater, Albion College. Calling alumni to ask them to support the annual fund for the school he loved so much seemed totally natural to him. After graduation, he took a full-time job in development at his alma mater and has held positions in higher education and nonprofits, including the San Diego Zoo, ever since. Stuart worked at McDaniel as the director of annual giving from 1990 until

1993 and took advantage of the tuition benefit offered to staff members to get his master's degree.

Although he left the Hill 27 years ago, McDaniel has never been far from Stuart's mind when prioritizing his philanthropic efforts. Now the president and CEO of The San Diego Foundation, Stuart remains connected to McDaniel by serving as a member of the Board of Trustees, funding an endowed internship program, contributing to the Fund for McDaniel and more recently, pledging to support diversity efforts in the new student center.

Stuart talked with *The Hill* about why his graduate alma mater and former employer still mean so much to him, and how all alumni and friends of the college can contribute to the success of McDaniel's students.

Since you didn't attend McDaniel College for undergrad, you didn't get the residential experience that so many of our students cherish. Why does a project like the student center renovation speak so strongly to you? You didn't have to attend McDaniel for four years as an undergraduate to witness its ability to change lives for the better. When I worked with alumni at the college from 1990 to 1993, I heard stories of transformation and remarks like, "I wouldn't be the person or leader I am today without McDaniel/ WMC." For McDaniel to have that capacity moving ahead, it needs a student center that aids in this effort. As young adults and their families consider where to spend their college years, the campus environment and its amenities are so important in the decisionmaking process. While Hoover Library is the academic "heart" of the McDaniel campus, old Decker was not its social "heart." To encourage a vibrant student life experience, Decker needed a bypass or transplant! The plans for the new student center are so exciting for students to have incredible spaces to gather, study together in groups, enjoy coffee or a casual meal and maybe even leave their devices behind in their residence halls!

#### A key part of the student center renovation establishes prominent space for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. What does diversity and inclusion mean to you, and how do you see this project affecting the diversity and inclusion experience at McDaniel?

Our country has never been as diverse as it is today, and it will become even more diverse in the future. This is something to welcome, embrace and cherish. Diversity makes all of us better by bringing together disparate voices, opinions, talents, expertise and perspectives. Much of my work at The San Diego Foundation is focused on supporting our county to become as equitable a place to live, work and enjoy as possible. My best definition of social equity is when all people can thrive and prosper as well as feel like they belong here. I have had a chance to visit with the Diversity and Inclusion staff at McDaniel, and I know the college is in good hands with this team welcoming diversity, and challenging students, faculty and staff to avoid "othering" and embrace "belonging."

What was it about your McDaniel experience as a graduate student and staff member that makes it a priority for you to give back in a variety of ways? My graduate education — which was largely without cost as a staff member — transformed my problem-solving, communications, program design, financial management and leadership skills. I use my McDaniel education every day in my work and volunteer efforts. Serving on the McDaniel Board of Trustees,

supporting an endowed internship program, giving to the new student center and supporting the Fund for McDaniel are how I repay the college for all that it gave me.

#### You and your husband established the Rupe-Stuart Internship Award to support students pursuing summer internships. Why is Tim so invested in McDaniel?

Tim and I had remarkable experiences at our respective graduate schools. His was Shippensburg University and we also have endowed a scholarship there for aspiring college student counselors. Both of our undergraduate institutions — Albion College in Michigan and Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania—are very much like McDaniel. While 2,600 miles separate San Diego and Westminster, supporting McDaniel just feels so right to us.

#### What is the No. 1 way you think alumni and friends can support the success of McDaniel's students? One

just isn't enough—how about my top three? Give your time, talent and treasure to McDaniel. Spend time on campus helping students think about their future. Let them know how the college made a difference in your life. Be an advocate for the college in your community. Share with 16- and 17-year-olds that they don't have to go to Stanford, Johns Hopkins or an Ivy League institution to make a difference in our world. McDaniel alumni have been changing the world in small and big ways for 153 years.

One of my favorite sayings is an African proverb, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." In this challenging world, McDaniel is needed more than ever. While everyone's net worth has suffered mightily this year, we can all give something for the college that changed our lives so that it can keep doing so for others.



The newly renovated Campus Store opened on the lower level of the student center in February.

#### Help welcome our students home in the fall

Want to support the new student center like Mark and Tim? As of late March the construction crew and McDaniel continue to move forward on the renovation so we are prepared to welcome our students home in the fall. To make your gift to keep the project moving forward, please contact Brenda Frazier (410-857-2777 or bsfrazier@ mcdaniel.edu) or Chip Junkin (410-857-2256 or cjunkin@ mcdaniel.edu).

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#### Thank you for showing us so much love!

I Love the Hill Day was a resounding success thanks to the alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents and friends who came together in support of McDaniel. Together, we exceeded our goal of **578 donors**, ensuring we can make a difference in the life of every student at McDaniel.

I met my now-husband there in 2011.

NATALIE PRICE LONGO '15

I was the fourth generation in a row to live on campus ... It felt comforting knowing my blood ran through that campus all during the 1900s.

BETH CLARK ROE '91, M.S. '97

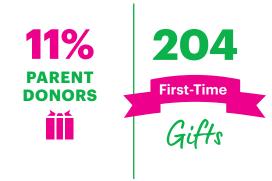
I stepped on campus and instantly felt like a part of the family!

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My research experiences on the Hill defined my career.

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#### 1938

**Alfred Goldberg** reports that he is still here, much to his surprise. He celebrated his 101st birthday on Dec. 23, 2019. Recently, he was happy to visit the college, and he hopes to return in 2023 for the 85th anniversary reunion. He looks forward to seeing all of us then.

Helen Leatherwood Simpson reports that she is now 102 years old and is still healthy and happy. She no longer drives, but her son, John, takes her shopping for food, to church on Sunday and to other events. She enjoys the hourlong weekly exercise class at the Mt. Airy Senior Center, which is just across the street from where she lives in a senior retirement home. She lives alone, cooks her own meals and performs other necessary duties. Her only assistant is a cleaning lady who comes once per month. What keeps her going? A healthy diet, exercise and keeping in touch with our Lord.

Helen Leatherwood Simpson

1938 Class Reporter 616 Pavilion St. Mount Airy, MD 21771

#### 1940

**Dorothy "Dottie" Brown Womble** of Tampa Bay, Fla., would love to hear the Western Maryland College song again. She would love to come back for a reunion, especially to see "old friends." She celebrated her 100th birthday on Oct. 12 and was given a surprise party by her friends.

#### 1941

**Annette Hutchins Wilfong** of Solomons, Md., reports that she is still active at the age of 99.

#### 1942

**Emily Linton Carnochan** is grateful to be able to enjoy her eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and all of her family as she lives at Buckingham's Choice in Adamstown, Md. She recalls good memories of WMC

**Don Griffin** sends greetings to all. Things are going well in Lake City, Iowa. He still gets out to walk when the weather is good. He finds it hard to believe that it's been 78 years since he graduated.

#### 1943

Winifred "Winnie" Wareheim Conner writes that she and her necessary cane still go to church and a few other places. She enjoys watching the birds on their feeders while roses, lilies and Echinacea attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Life is good in Goose Creek, S.C.!

A stay-at-home order couldn't keep the flowers from blooming on campus. The familiar backdrop of Big Baker and updates on the most beautiful time of the year on the Hill lifted the spirits of students, alumni, faculty and staff in April.

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#### alumni updates

Dr. Claramay
"Clara" Garlock
MacNamee '48
did her yearly
trek to Nepal
where they
set up health
camps in the
high Himalayan
villages.

**Walter "Ed" Cushen, Hon. Sc.D.** of Rancho Mirage, Calif., retired from the National Defense University and years of developing tabletop exercises to develop plans for responding to the national strategic challenges and participating in White House exercises. He's enjoying southern California's Coachella Valley's sunny warmth.

**Elizabeth "Libby" Gable Kantruss** of Wenonah, N.J., has always been grateful for the opportunity to attend Western Maryland College. Her classes prepared her well for her career as a registered dietician.

Margaret "Peggy" Wilson Ruppersberger sends greetings from Towson, Md.

Eleanor Healy Taylor of Glyndon, Md., is excited about the birth of her first great-grandchild! She enjoyed the wedding of her cardiologist grandson to another physician, a dermatologist, also of the University of Maryland Medical Center. She is keeping up with another grandson, a Navy lieutenant on an aircraft carrier; two other "grands" working in the Big Apple and another two high school varsities. She continues to sing in the church choir, play piano and read vigorously.

#### 1944

**Genevieve "Gen" Spry McGee** writes that so many years have passed since her years spent at WMC. Those were the war years with a scarcity of men as we became seniors. Over the years, however, long friendships were formed, marriages resulted and classmates returned to campus for reunions and summer get-togethers. She is still in a retirement home in Lewes, Del., and has been there 12 years now. She has been fortunate to have had excellent health (now, it's mainly mobility issues). She went to Nantucket with her daughter and family last October for a week and enjoyed the freedom and the food. "It is good to be close to family where you can visit more often, share food and do things frequently on the spur of the moment. How beautiful Westminster and its environment are today compared to back in the 1940s—unbelievable!"

#### 1946

**Edna "Perk" Haller Beglin** is living in a facility near her daughter in Pittsburgh, Pa. Unfortunately, Perk's dementia has increased, along with significant knee pain, so she is confined to a wheelchair and requires aides 24/7. However, she is in good spirits and still has a sense of humor.

Betty Baker Englar sends greetings to her fellow classmates from Boise, Idaho. If you feel the need to ski come out to Sun Valley, just two hours away. Her great-grandson, Teddy, and new great-granddaughter are the joys of her life. Teddy is in Boise and Ambria is in Syracuse, N.Y. Betty is still exercising, shopping and enjoying assisted living at the age of 94. She is grateful for her

daughter Betsy, granddaughter Megan and grandsonin-law Mathew to be near when she needs them. Betty sends her best to all of the Class of '46.

#### 1947

Nan Austin Doggett and her husband, Carroll Doggett '45, still live at Homewood Retirement Village in Frederick, Md., where they have a nice variety of activities and many friends. Life is good and they move slowly.

#### 1948

**Donald Brohawn** of Tyaskin, Md., writes that he never thought much about how time flies until now ... 72 years since his class left WMC. Nothing much has changed. He's still active, playing the organ in the church, volunteering and plans to return to WMC for his wife's — **Sara Lee Larmore Brohawn '50** — 70th reunion in 2020.

Mary Ruth O'Kelly Elseroad sends greetings to all of her friends who are still with us. She sends her best wishes for good health and happiness. She is blessed to enjoy going to water aerobics and family activities. She celebrated her newest great-granddaughter's first birthday on Dec. 11 and her great-grandson's fourth birthday in April. They live in New York City. Mary Ruth has many happy memories of days on the Hill. She sends love to all from Parkton, Md.

**Dr. Claramay "Clara" Garlock MacNamee** is well and happy in California. Life is busy with trips and volunteering. She did her yearly trek to Nepal where they help set up health camps in the high Himalayan villages. It is gratifying and very spiritual. She sends good vibes to all of her classmates of 1948.

Anna Hess McClean of Oxon Hill, Md., still lives in her home of 50 years near National Harbor with her son, Bill. In October, they visited her sister, Mary Ellen Hess Meyn '51, at her home in Ligonier, Pa. They also visited her roommate and her two sons at Pirates Cove Restaurant in Galesville, Md. She continues to play duplicate bridge on Thursday and Friday mornings, but has retired from directing.

Mary "Binky" Dexter Tompkins recently moved back to the Baltimore area. She's living in a senior facility in Timonium, Md., much closer to her three sons and their kids. In November, her 10th great-grandchild was born. She sends greetings to her college friends.

**Joseph Ward** is still volunteering at the Danbury Railway Museum and sings in the church choir. He regularly lunches with his three girls and drives his '73 Mercedes convertible in good weather.

**Louise Scott Widdup** is still enjoying life at Heron Point Retirement Community in Chestertown, Md. She is active playing bridge, driving, exercising and traveling occasionally. She is grateful for that!

#### 1949

William "Bill" Bayliff and Gail Hanna of LaJolla, Calif., were married on May 16, 2019, in San Diego, Calif. She is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and San Diego State University, and he has two additional degrees from the University of Washington. Each has been widowed once, and neither has any children. They have been discussing trips to take together as well as enjoying "active retirement."

**Helen Lavin Bell** is still working in the art business. Her contemporary work is in a gallery on El Paseo in Palm Desert, Calif. This is a great step. Helen was in the same gallery years ago. She did plein air painting for a while and is now back to modern.

Dr. Peter Callas, M.Ed. '55 of Hagerstown, Md., is spending much time trying to stay healthy, thanks to his wonderful caregivers, medications and exercising. After all, he's looking at 94 years young! He continues to paint landscapes. He's stopped gardening and has limited his travel. He continues to attend numerous meetings regularly, including the American Legion Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW 1936, Korean War Veterans Association and Antietam Chapter 312. Peter volunteers with people with disabilities and those in need with the organization Many Individuals Helping Individuals — MIHI. He's also on the board of directors of the Washington County Commission on Aging, meeting on a monthly basis. He always looks forward to receiving *The Hill*.

**George Coulter** writes that this year has been a harsh one. His wife, Helen, had a bad case of shingles. It's been a bit trying, but there have been good times, too. His bowling is improving. George sends greetings from Rising Sun, Md.

**Donald Egner** of White Marsh, Md., writes that other than losing his wife in 2017 and his eldest son, David, in 2018, he is doing well. He receives great support from family, church, Rotary and friends. He sends best wishes to all of his classmates.

Tom Doolittle Jr. enjoys receiving word in *The Hill* although so few of our time seem to remain—hardly surprising. He remains busy beyond explanation—ineptitude doubtless plays its inevitable role. He plays tennis (poorly) three times a week and gets out for jazz and a few dance steps once a week. He follows national and international affairs and communicates regularly with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren across the breadth of the United States. He lives in great comfort and lounges while being a totally non-productive citizen in Gainesville, Fla.

**George Hankins** is in good health and does some volunteer work and yard work. He sends his best to his classmates from Middle River, Md.

**Jean Sause Heemann** is happy to report that she is in the same house in Towson, Md., built 57 years ago. Her

husband, Ron (a survivor of a Japanese prison camp), died in 2001. Her companion, Bob, died in 2012. Traveling all of the world (six continents) was a big part of her life. She's settled down to the Outer Banks, N.C., and Bethany Beach, Del., with her family. She's belonged to the same church for 92 years and still sings in the choir. Jean enjoys volunteer work at GBMC Hospital in Towson, Md., five days a week. Her evening drink of "bourbon on the rocks" and deep faith in the Lord have certainly led her to a healthy, long life. She sends blessings and hugs to her classmates and friends.

**Betty Glotfelty Hummel** is still living at Panorama, a continuing care community in Lacey, Wash. She is still in good health and still curious! She does lots of reading and has recently realized how profound her experience in Dan Bradley's New Testament class was in shaping her faith. Thank you, WMC!

Mary Anne Thomas Stazesky turned 91 in November and is in good health for her age. She still drives and is actively pricing religious books for the American Association of University Women (AAUW) annual book sale in a local mall. She also catalogs books in her library at the Cokesbury Village CCRC where she and her husband have lived since 2004. She is a part of a group there that visits residents of their health center as individuals. They moved from their cottage to an apartment in the main building last year.

**Janet Raubenheimer Weaver** is doing well at the age of 91. She is still walking, talking, driving and living in the house she and **Doug Weaver** bought in 1960. She cherishes the wonderful memories of being at WMC.

As always, it is a pleasure to be the class secretary for the Honor Class. I truly enjoy writing about your lives, travels and words of wisdom. Thank you for sharing your lives with me year after year.

Rhonda J. Myers '88 3925 Sybil Road Randallstown, MD 21133 rhondaj\_myers@hotmail.com

#### 1955

Ron Jones, M.Ed. '61 writes his wife Suzanne Lussier-Jones '63 is recovering from a knee replacement, which has gone well, just confining. Otherwise, life is good "down here on the farm," which has been in the family since 1933. "Lately, we have added solar panels to the windmill power that we've had for some time. In our case, solar has proven to be far superior. Since its installation, not only does it pay for all our electricity but each quarter we get a 'payback' for energy we have not used! My advice: go solar for the home! On the family front, during the past three years, we've added a granddaughter-in-law, a grandson-in-law, and three great-grandchildren to our brood, with another on the way. Each addition has been a joy.

Helen Lavin
Bell '49 has
some of her
contemporary
artwork in a
gallery in Palm
Desert, Calif.

#### [Departed]

Director Emerita of Alumni Affairs Donna DuVall Sellman '45 passed away on Jan. 7, 2020. She was 94.

Sellman was the dynamic force of the Alumni Office from 1980 until she retired in 2000, rallying graduates to stay connected and support their alma mater. With her superior organizational skills and legendary joie de vivre, she planned and hosted events large and small, from Homecoming and Alumni Weekend to regional gatherings and alumni travel tours. An accomplished athlete and legendary educator and coach, she was

instrumental in taking our Sports Hall of Fame in its infancy to the next level and played a key role in the institution of the Fellowship of Champions.

After graduating from Westminster High School in 1941, Sellman entered then Western Maryland College at 16 years old and majored in Biology and Psychology. Because it was wartime, her class comprised 51 women and just 14 men. No intercollegiate athletics were available to women, so she played all the intramural sports; her expert dueling earned her the title of the college's first fencing champion.

Upon graduation, Sellman was assigned to Westminster High School as Carroll County's first full-time physical education teacher and coach for girls' sports. She served in that role for more than two decades, introducing lifetime sports in the physical education curriculum. She taught archery, badminton, golf, fencing, tennis and table tennis — even marksmanship. (Perhaps it was no coincidence that friends and col-

leagues often described her as "a pistol.") She also coached the girls' interscholastic teams, leading the volleyball, basketball, speedball and fieldball teams to state championships. During summers, Sellman attended graduate school in New York and earned a master's degree from Columbia University in 1950. In 1968, she began applying her formidable leadership skills as assistant principal at Westminster High. She lent her skills to numerous professional organizations, including the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the National Education Association. She was a chapter president of the American Association of University Women, Phi Delta Kappa and Phi Delta Gamma.

Sellman returned to the Hill as alumni director in 1980. She also served on the advisory committee of the Graduate Program for Administrators. Sellman was inducted into the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame in 1997 and the McDaniel College Sports Hall of Fame in 2009.

She was married to World War II veteran Russell Sellman '44 for 58 years until he died in 2006. Together, they enjoyed college activities with their many alumni friends. They are survived by two children, Maura Sellman Sheridan-Walther and R. Thomas Sellman; grandchildren Arwen E. Sheridan-McNamara, Joseph A. Sheridan, Justin T. Sellman, Madison R. Sellman; and great-grandchild Alexander William McNamara.

All things considered, life has been good to us. Another joy has been continued contact with my valued classmates: Charlie and Ginnie Tull '57 Phipps, Betsy Bowen Rogan and Mike Renko '53, M.Ed. '59. They all have their challenges, just like the rest of us, but how rewarding that we can maintain our longtime friendships from WMC days! We wish all of our classmates the best of days possible."

"My, but the years go fast," writes **Shelley Myers Willen**. "I can't believe how old we are.
My family has also advanced fast. My daughter Lisa is retired from teaching elementary music for 37 years. Sue is retired from an art gallery. Steve has been an attorney-at-law for 28 years. Three of my five grandchildren have

finished college and are fast heading toward careers in their interest fields."

Joan Walter Winkelman says that she and son Don are living in Sterling, Va., and not far from her are son Bill and his wife in Harpers Ferry, W.Va., about 45 minutes away. Grandkids are spread all over the place. She still goes on senior trips, both overnight and day trips. Joan doesn't mind the bus rides. She keeps busy going out to lunch and playing Bingo. She says that she really doesn't like Bingo that much but enjoys getting out of the house and seeing friends.

Charlie and Ginnie Tull '57 Phipps say they are doing pretty well for their ages. No more overseas traveling, but on the plane a lot to

Texas, Michigan and Indiana where their families are now. They still have a daughter and two grandsons in Montana, but their other daughter, her husband and their two sons are in Texas. Charlie and Ron Jones, M.Ed. '61 talk often ... mostly sports!

Barbetha Goeb Miller has lived at Longwood at Oakmont, a retirement community near Pittsburgh, Pa., and near her daughter, Gretchen, since July 2015. There are lots of interesting things to do, such as lectures, continuing education, musical programs and exercise programs to keep one busy. She has also found it great to make new friends and get new ideas and interests, but old friends are great, too. "Mary Jane Munson Lee and I were roommates at WMC and still phone one another frequently. She has just this November moved into a retirement home in Ohio." Last May, Barbetha had to say goodbye to her dear dog, Raleigh, and says her walks are less frequent and less fun.

**Ray Davis** is still enjoying retirement in San Antonio, Texas, and loves going to sporting events to watch his five grandchildren play soccer and swim. He mostly reads, rests and watches sports on television.

John '56 and Suzanne Dorsey Batista continue to live in Dayton, Ohio. "Our travels take us to visit our children, Joy in Delaware, Michael in Maryland and Elizabeth in Columbus, Ohio." They are active in their church and support the knitting ministry.

Jim and Janet Boller Heins are still getting out and keeping active, although at a slower pace. Janet still enjoys playing in a local orchestra, taking lessons in watercolor, singing in a choir and playing handbells as a substitute. Jim also sings and rings the handbells and spends a lot of time doing some serious, heavy work volunteering at the C&O Canal National Historical Park. They both attend a workshop a couple times a year where they carve and paint decoy ducks. "We also throw in an occasional rip now and then. Add to that three times per week exercising at the local pool and we are quite busy. Despite a variety of ailments, life is good!"

Albert Barnes retired 29 years ago as a municipal bond specialist (trading and underwriting). He left New Jersey and is now in Florida full time. Albert and his wife enjoy the weather, and he enjoys playing golf. "Health is OK, but age aches. Hope all is well with all of you."

**Doris Tuckwood Linton** is doing well and enjoying 144 Bay Village Retirement Home and enjoys playing duplicate bridge weekly. She is busy beading and selling mostly Swarovski crystal necklaces. Doris exercises daily and her four children are fine. Her son is the dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University.

Harold "Pete" Posey and his wife, Joan, are doing well in their log home at the foot of Mt. Holly in the South Mountain Range of southeastern Pennsylvania. They have their wood cut and gathered for the winter and

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Pete's love of sports and McDaniel College was quite evident as we were playing against Dickinson College in a key match, which basically determined our seed for Centennial Conference playoffs. He was such a supportive fan from the stands that we didn't feel like he could leave without us finding out more about who he was after the match. Pete very kindly offered his time to talk to the team about his time and memories from McDaniel College.

A couple days after the game at Dickinson, I found out that he donated \$50 to our program, which was incredibly kind of him. His wife, Joan, was dealing with pneumonia at the time, which was why she wasn't at the game. The team sent a card to them after the game.

As a new coach in my first year at McDaniel, hearing Pete speak reminded me about the genuine sense of community and pride McDaniel's alumni feel."

— JENN FELDMAN, head women's volleyball coach, on what it meant to have Harold "Pete" Posey '55 in attendance cheering on the Green Terror at last season's game against Dickinson College.

will be warm! They both have had health issues, but Pete says, "We cannot expect much else at our age." Recently, Pete went to see the Green Terror women's volleyball team play at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., and was the only one in the McDaniel bleachers, but he helped cheer them on to a victory. They were a bright, beautiful group of young women athletes who asked Pete to stay after the game and chat, which was so nice. For a few minutes, it felt to Pete like he was back home at WMC with wonderful friends again. Warm images flooded his mind. Pete sees Ashby Collins '53 at church regularly. Ashby and Doris live in a retirement home and share conversations about their days at WMC.

Mary Lee Younger Schmall's son Craig got married last December. She had bought a dress for the big occasion 30 years ago and finally got the chance to wear it!

Roberta Ramsburg Budd was widowed in 2004 and has remained in Florida, with frequent visits to two daughters and six grandchildren on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She stays busy with gardening, volunteer work and assisting those suffering from the disease of alcoholism. Roberta finds it hard to watch friends her age die while she is still here. "Feel free to reach out to me, classmates!"

Jean Nicodemus Huss writes that life is much the same. She and Ed both have some health issues (including old age), but they are still living on their own. They have been in their Hampstead, Md., home for 42 years, but the house and grounds are too much work. "Thank heavens for a couple of our sons who come on weekends to help." They are both still driving, but mostly local. Jean keeps in touch with Jan Boller Heins and Betsy Myers Bryant, who relays news of Judy Johnson Zerbe, Doris Tuckwood Linton and Gloria Bunting Blades. Greetings to all our classmates!

**Paul Galvin** writes that his family is well, and the number of great-grandchildren is increasing. He is still enjoying retirement but taking fewer trips.

Bert Springstead's wife, Leni, wrote in on his behalf that he is suffering from Alzheimer's disease and is wheelchair-bound in a nursing home. She has an apartment near him, so he gets to be with her each day. Unfortunately, Bert will no longer be able to attend any reunions, but she will tell him about them. Please know that Bert says "hi" to his classmates!

Betsy Myers Bryant writes that the highlight of her summer was a week at the shore in North Carolina with her son Darrell and his family. A special time with grandchildren and the little great-granddaughter. Betsy hears from Home Economics classmates Jean Nicodemus Huss, Doris Tuckwood Linton and her roommate Judy Johnson Zerbe. They keep up on their families and discuss changes at WMC.

Charlie and **Gloria Bunting Blades** are still enjoying senior independent living in Brandermill, Va. Their health is good for old folks, but they seem to spend a lot of time on maintenance and care. They enjoy exercise classes, dinner with different friends, readers

theater, mahjong and bus trips, and Charlie is hunting now. They are thrilled to have two new great-granddaughters.

Jan Spatz James loves living in Arizona with her daughter, son-in-law and 12-year-old granddaughter. Her other daughter and son live in Southern California. Her grandson, his wife and two children also live in Southern California. Yes, Jan is a great-grandmother! She loves being part of the children's lives. It makes her life have meaning!

Marilyn Goldring Rigterink writes they are still enjoying life on the Oregon coast. The Chamber of Commerce prefers the town motto - "The Land of Trees, Cheese and Ocean Breeze." There are more cows than people in the county, and Tillamook ice cream and cheese are sold throughout the country. When you find some, try it! In addition to supporting the local dairy business, they keep busy with church stuff, fishing, YMCA and reading. They now have four great-grandchildren with another one on the way. "The small-world effect is alive and well: I recently found myself sitting next to someone at a play who attended WMC/McDaniel. Don't remember their name, but she was a graduate student and younger than I. (Alas, most people are!) Something to ponder: don't forget that there is a difference between 'senioritis' and 'senior moments." Marilyn states that she still hasn't finished reading "Ulysses," which Dr. Makosky urged us all to do!

Anne-Marie Summers Egan's husband, John, died in May. They had been married for 60 years and had seven kids ages 50 to 60, 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Anne-Marie had 36 family members attend her annual Christmas party.

Pattie Hamersly Church writes, "Sadly, I must tell you that my husband, Tom, died in July 2019. We were married 62 years, but had met when we were 16 years old, so we were friends for 72 years. We have a wonderful, large family, including two great-grandsons. I send my warm greetings to all of my classmates."

I, Nancy McWilliams Griesmyer, M.Ed. '77, have had enough health issues, including a number of falls and breast cancer, that I will be moving to an assisted living facility in Taneytown, Md. My grandson was married in May 2018 and my daughter retired in June 2019. Well wishes to all the classmates of 1955!

Nancy Griesmyer 1955 Class Reporter 709 Longwood Ave. Westminster, MD 21157

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Dotty Holland Baty writes from sunny San Diego that all is well. Dotty and Gary now have two more grandchildren, bringing the total to seven. They are both active in church, and Dotty still loves to quilt. Gary designed and built a hydroponic greenhouse so they can have fresh veggies all year. They are hoping to

#### family

#### WE DID!

Wedding vows exchanged this season:

William "Bill" Bayliff '49 to Gail Hanna on May 16, 2019. They reside in LaJolla, Calif.

Alice Smith '91, M.S. '93 to Dan Hughes on Feb. 19, 2019. They reside in Westminster. Md.

Lauren Engel '03 to Jason Fenwick on Oct. 26, 2019. They reside in Washington, D.C.

Amy Faby '09 to Wasiuzzaman "Wasiu" Chowdhury '09 on May 18, 2019. They reside in Damascus, Md.

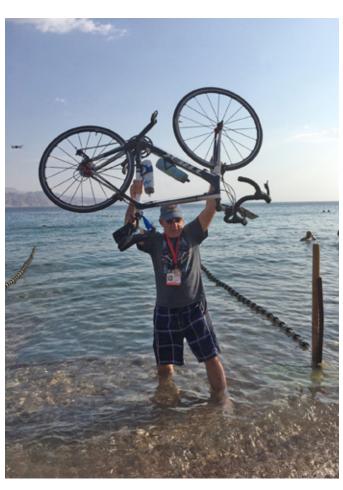
Christin "Christy" Thomas '09 to Sam Adams on June 28, 2019. They reside in Northport, Ala.

Anna Beaudry '13 to William "Skippy" Clary IV '13 on Dec. 7, 2019. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Sarah Brewster '15 to Aaron Roy on June 29, 2019. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Stephanie Sudbrook '09, M.S. '15 to Christopher Cavaliere on Nov. 29, 2019. They reside in Phoenix. Md.

Nolan Rinker '16 to Brittney Evans on Nov. 23, 2019. They reside in Hanover, Pa.



This is me at Eilat on the Red Sea (Jordan is in the background) after cycling there from Jerusalem in November 2019.

In recent years, I have done a 265-mile route between Jerusalem and Eilat, but two tough back surgeries have limited me, so this time I took some shortcuts and only did about 155 miles.

Cycling is the perfect sport for non-athletes like me.

No skill is required; just keep pedaling through the

Negev desert until you hit water ... I was looking for

Moses' footprints, but no luck." — CHUCK BERNSTEIN '61

travel east next year to visit the college campus, friends and family. She would love to see anyone who travels to San Diego.

**Chuck Bernstein** has fulfilled his second term as an Orphans Court Judge (Probate Court) for Baltimore City. He also has a private law practice and a burgeoning mediation practice. He and **Jackie Cook Sanders** have been doing a lot of traveling. They have made

their annual trips to Chautauqua, N.Y., and the Shaw Festival in Canada for the last few years. They also went to Sarasota, Fla., for spring training baseball and operas, topped off with dinners with Tony and Rhea Ireland Wiles and Jay and Ingrid Ewertz Whaley. Last winter, Chuck, Jackie, her daughter and two of her grandchildren went to Iceland. I received a photo of Chuck recently after his annual 255-mile bike trek in Israel.

I talked to **Mike Bird** recently on the phone. He and Ursula are still in Sun Valley, Ariz. Mike continues to play tennis with his new shoulder. He won in the National Senior Games, winning the bronze award and beating his previous records.

**Beth Butler Sansbury** and Dave travel a great deal. Beth has the goal of traveling to a new country each year of her life. She is five years ahead currently. Their most recent trips have been to Ecuador and Panama. In the summer, they took her grandson to Scotland and drove and hiked the grand circular Highland route beginning in Edinburgh and ending in Glasgow. At home, Beth volunteers as a tour guide at Sully Historic House in Fairfax County, Va. She is leading a research effort there to find the descendants of the slaves that worked and lived there. She is using the research skills that she developed over the years as an intelligence analyst at the CIA and as an avid genealogist. Dave volunteers with Traveler's Aid at Dulles Airport. They both enjoy pickleball and yoga in their free time. Their grandchildren range in age from 6 to 17, with college searches soon.

Wayne Conrad and Sue are busy living their lives through their kids and grandkids lives. Linda, their oldest, is with Exelon in Baltimore. She also teaches a course in risk management at the University of Maryland Baltimore campus. Linda's daughter, Katie, is serving as the vice president for consulting and management for Zest in Towson, Md. Linda's son, Alex, began his graduate work at the Swiss Technical Institute in Lausanne, Switzerland, studying artificial intelligence and digital humanism. Wayne and Sue's younger daughter, Sandy, recently opened a wellness center with counseling, massage therapy and yoga. Sue works with state and county committees who look to establish family support centers, which will support the CDC study on lifelong traumatic effects of adverse childhood experiences. Wayne continues to work with the Committee of the Medical Society of New Jersey, New Jersey Peace Action's work in nuclear containment and gun control and with the Planning Board in Stone Harbor. He continues at his 25-year retirement job as a part-time hospice chaplain. They have been traveling to Maine, coastal North Carolina and Boston. They continue their efforts to protect their 100-year-old Sears catalog home against the relentless rising of

Sue Garretson Daniel still is in Murfreesboro,
Tenn., near Nashville. Her knees are bad, so it

is difficult to walk. She is happy to talk with her old WMC friends **Connie Shankle** Houtz and **Ann Vincent Jaeger**.

Al Katz writes to say that they purchased their second home this year, in the Bellevue suburb of Nashville in a 55+ community. They spend four months of the year there. They are near their young grandchildren, Rylee, 5, and Reagan, 3. When in Baltimore, Helen continues to work in the gift shop at Northwest Hospital in Randallstown, Md. Al is still a docent at the Baltimore Zoo. He is very active in the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

Sue Wheeler Goldsborough and Ted are now the second-oldest couple in their neighborhood. They have lived in the same house for 51 years. The oldest of their four grandchildren is a freshman at USC. Ted continues to volunteer at their local historical society and Sue reads with her book club and works in their garden when weather permits. They support and enjoy the Chautauqua Institute each summer. They continue to enjoy the annual block party and time to get together with neighbors.

Jane Ernsberger Halil says that 2019 was a roller coaster. She did get away with American Cruise to Puget Sound and San Juan Islands in April and Pearl Seas' Great Lakes and Georgian Bay in July. She is still nibbling on the fudge she bought in Mackinac Island, Mich. More than half a year has been spent creating a Jane's man's cave on the second floor. Roland's health has been up and down but as of this writing he seems to be on an even keel.

Pat Lakin Lemkuhl, M.Ed. '71 and Taylor are still living on the farm. They are dealing with rentals and mowing lots of grass. They got away for a week at the beach and at the lake with the family this summer. Taylor is having health issues, which restricts much travel. Weekend dinners with family and friends are important. Yvette is in the newspaper business working as an accountant. Her daughter will graduate from Mercyhurst University in May. Hunter graduated from Salisbury University and is an energy broker. Yvette remarried to Hugh O'Neil and has expanded the sibling count to eight. Yvonne and Russ are still engineers, with Raytheon. Their eldest son, Russ, graduated from Auburn in engineering, and Nick is a senior at JMHS Vienna, Va. Jack is a junior. They both are looking at colleges to major in engineering.

Joanne Lamb Hayes continues to write and input the content for a chef to a PBS show. She works on her two books, "Grandma's Wartime Kitchen" and "Grandma's Wartime Baking Book," which were just reprinted. She spends as much time as possible hanging out with her grandchildren, who are now 10, 12 and 13 years old.

John and Diane Kanak '62 Holter are still enjoying life in Tampa, Fla. They stay busy with community activities, family activities and visitors. They extend their congratulations to Don and Judy Ellis'60 Rembert for having the WMC/McDaniel football field dedicated to them.

**Don Linzey** celebrated his 80th birthday with a surprise birthday party planned by his wife, Nita. His sons from Boone, N.C., and Spokane, Wash., his stepson from Boulder, Colo., and his sister and brother-in-law from Baltimore all arrived at their home in Blacksburg, Va., on the same day. Don does not feel 80. He is still cutting and splitting firewood, walking 1 to 2 miles each day with their dog, gardening and is still a faculty member in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation at Virginia Tech. He has two major books in press: "Vertebrate Biology 3rd Edition," a textbook by Johns Hopkins University and "Mammals of Virginia 2nd Edition" by McDonald & Woodward Publishers. Both will be published in 2020. He is also collaborating with a geneticist in their department on food habits. It is a study of the food habits of covotes on the Cherokee Indian Reservation in Cherokee, N.C. Nina and Don like to get away with their rescue dog to their second home in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Don is looking forward to seeing everyone at

Jon Myers wrote on the 22nd day of his 81st year that he takes each day one at a time. He says his wife, **Bev Schott Myers '60**, is still as beautiful as she was when she graduated 60 years ago. They have been married 60 years on New Year's Eve. Jon says it was a great night to elope and not be discovered, and they never told anyone. Their oldest son, Jeff, continues to teach at Manhattan College in New York, while Michael continues to run the family investment business. David, the youngest, continues to make the finest-quality mead produced in the U.S. He lives in Boulder, Colo., and has 37 distributors in 34 states. Jon and Bev's "grand-adults" are now 25 to 30 years old. Bev plays bridge with WMC friends once a month. Jon is on a couple of boards and works out daily. He is in the best physical condition of his life. Jon attended the **Don** and Judy Ellis '60 Rembert dedication and saw Don "Punchy" Leneski, Ken Gill, Allan Dworkin '60. lim McMahan '60 and others.

our 60th reunion

Pat Piro Long reports that there is nothing earth-shattering to report. She is the cornerman for her husband, Nelson, when he works out with Rock Steady Boxing classes for Parkinson's.

**Donald Rice** retired from teaching math at South Hagerstown High School, then spent 14 years teaching at Hagerstown Community College as an adjunct math professor. He was in the military service for two years as an intelligence officer at Fort Bragg, N.C., and Homestead AFB, Fla., and then spent six summers teaching military intelligence courses at Fort Meade. This was a great experience. Don and his wife made two trips to Tampa, Fla., in the last two years to visit their daughter, Robin Rice Berglund'84, and her family before Robin passed away in October 2018. Their twins, Kellan and Kent, are both married and doing well, with five children between them. Don finally gave up his "Antiques Roadshow" joy after 23 years. He was honored with a wonderful retirement gift. Don wishes the best to his classmates and asks that you stop in to see him when you are in Hagerstown, Md.

Nancy Smith Stewart writes from Evergreen, Colo. Lots has happened since Al Stewart died in January 2019 after a lingering illness. She made plans several years ago to move to Colorado after his death to be close to her youngest son and his family. She had been close to her other sons for years. In late June, Nancy moved with her two cats and had a great summer in Colorado. When she wrote, she had 20 inches of snow. She hopes to see Jon and Bev Schott '60 Myers when they summer in Vail and John and Diane Kanak '62 Holter when they visit a son in Denver. She would love to see anyone when they pass through Colorado.

**Vernon "Bob" Rippeon** writes that he has been living for 10 years at Homewood in Frederick, Md. He had a transient ischemic attack on Aug. 4, 2019, and messed up his right hand, but he felt lucky. He is still writing for his monthly paper, Chatter, and going to concerts and on trips.

George Varga, Hon. D. Hum.'92 writes about his quiet life in the leafy suburbs of Boston. They have given up the warmth of Florida to be close to their granddaughters in the Boston area. Maddy is 19 now and an understudy with the Pittsburgh Ballet. Charlotte is 16 going on 25, marching to her own drummer. They took a couple cruises, one to the Baltic and one to the Caribbean, and then went back to Hungary for the wedding of one of his nephews. George went back to college for the 6oth reunion of the soccer team. All but three members attended but they did not schedule a reunion for the 7oth reunion.

Ozzie Stewart writes that thinking of our

days at WMC makes him smile! He's very fortunate to be able to spend his golden years in beautiful Palm Beach, Fla.; Allentown, Pa.; and traveling with Aimee and family. They had just returned from Churchill, Canada, where they observed the polar bears and dog sledding. The whole family shared a villa in Tuscany during the summer. They are hoping to create memories for their seven grandchildren through the experiences they shared in Turks and Caicos and in the U.S. National Parks. Aimee and Ozzie have recently done river cruises to Provence, the Baltic and Eastern Europe. He often gets to reminisce with Richie Klitzberg '63, Howie Wagner '63, Rich Eigen '66 and Stan Makover '65 during breakfasts at BKLYN Bagel in Boyton Beach, Fla. His granddaughter graduated from Michigan last year and his grandson is a junior at Duke, where he is a basketball team manager. If any old friends make it to South Florida, please get in touch with Ozzie.

Carolyn Powell Walkling and Doug still are happy in beautiful, sunny East Bay of San Francisco, Calif., after two earthquakes and a fire 15 minutes away. "Our 55+ retirement community continues to be a great source

of enrichment to our lives. We travel a great deal still ... usually with Overseas Adventure Travels. Last year, we went to Morocco to ride camels for the fourth time, to Korea to live with a Buddhist monk for two days and on to Japan to have lunch with a Sumo wrestler. We hike in these beautiful hills in the East Bay three times a week 3 to 5 miles a day. Life is good. Come see us."

Carolyn Powell Walkling 1961 Class Reporter cpwalkling@gmail.com

#### 1967

Ron Gunderson wins the "Do it Now" award for being the first to reply, almost immediately, to the college's email. He reports that he and wife Cindy are still enjoying retirement in Ellicott City, Md. He states that he is staying active and trying hard to grow old gracefully, most days with some success. He is looking forward to baseball season when the Orioles will surely make a meaningful recovery.

David Christhilf writes that he is still working as an actuary at the District of Columbia Department of Insurance. He is the Casualty Actuarial Society's liaison to the University of Maryland, and he is spending time there trying to talk math students into an actuarial career and maybe internships at the D.C. department. He is happy that his daughter Jennifer graduated from UMBC and is now in Philadelphia working on a GIS project. Last summer, he and his wife, Elena, and daughter, Katya (a junior at UC Irvine), spent a week sightseeing in Italy. He found it to be hot and he gives thanks for Italian ice, Italian food and their efficient train system.

Lee Asadoorian writes that Raleigh is the best city in the Western Hemisphere. He notes that he and his wife, Jane, are going along well running on three of eight cylinders. He has started painting his Christmas cards, but he may switch to pencils this year. He enjoys attending the Carolina Mudcats baseball games in their nice venue. They recently visited Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio to attend daughter Carol's promotion to full colonel. The ceremony took place in the post museum and he enjoyed its exhibits. Son, Lee, missed the event as he was in a triathlon for the Challenged Athlete's Foundation in San Diego.

David Fisher relates that his retirement is still wonderful. He relishes watching the morning traffic reports with a second cup of coffee and a smile on his face, and he relishes the evening traffic reports even more with a martini and an even bigger smile on his face! He writes that he and wife, Terry, commute to Bensalem, Pa., often to visit their daughter and family. The oldest grandson is now a freshman in high school (Yikes!). The other two grandkids are 11 and 9, so they have a few more years until they get to the magical high school age. The Fishers still manage to travel a few times a year, the highlight being the annual "Get the hell out of Baltimore in

#### family

#### ARRIVED Family additions

this season:

Walter Landgraf IV in April 2019 to Walter '03 and Jeannie Bauder '02 Landgraf.

Ryu Asher DeVries on Sept. 3, 2019, to Dan and Amy Conaway '05 DeVries.

Avery Edwards on Aug. 20, 2018, to Jason Edwards '05 and Tara McKinney '09.

Savannah Riley Brown on June 7, 2019, to David '12 and Kara Schultheis '12 Brown.

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developmental disabilities.

George H. Thomas '59 passed away on Dec. 12, 2019, at the age of 83. Born in Minerva, Ohio, on April 27, 1936, he was the son of the late George C. Thomas and Justa (Witherspoon) Thomas. He is survived by Betty (Norris) Thomas, his high school sweetheart and wife of 59 years.

Following his early years in Middle River, Md., he moved to Carroll County where he attended Winfield Elementary School, Mt. Airy High School and Western Maryland College, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Biology. He earned a Ph.D. in Biochemistry at the University of Maryland and served in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps in Landstuhl, Germany, until his discharge at the rank of captain.

Thomas then joined the faculty of The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where he remained for 45 years until retiring as professor of pediatrics, pathology and medicine and as a faculty member of the McKusick-Nathans Institute of Genetic Medicine. During this time, he established and served as director of the Kennedy Krieger Institute's Medical Genetics Laboratory.

In addition to his clinical and teaching duties, he carried out
research in medical genetics resulting in co-authorship of more
than 135 scientific publications. He also served as a board member
on numerous local, state and national organizations concerned with the health and welfare of children with

In recognition of his academic and community accomplishments, Thomas was bestowed the Western Maryland College Trustee Alumni Award in 1995 and was one of the guest speakers at the dedication of the college's newly built science center in 1999. Upon his retirement, he continued to be involved in and supported various efforts to provide and ensure the availability of high-quality health care in the local community.

Throughout his life, Thomas enjoyed continuous coffee, talking and laughing with neighbors, his flower garden, early-morning walks, breakfast with friends and the loving company of his wife and family.

Additionally, he greatly appreciated "unbalanced friends, balanced checkbooks, moonrises over the valley, sunsets behind the mountains, small flowers and large trees." He considered himself to be a soulmate of Charlie Brown from the "Peanuts" comic strip and a son of Carroll County with roots anchored deep in the soil of the family farm located on Nicodemus Road.

Surviving are children Patricia Anne Thomas of Ellicott City, Md.; George Michael Thomas of New Port Richey, Fla.; Karen Thomas Nattans and husband, Jeffrey Nattans, of Phoenix, Md.; and grandson Spencer Thomas Nattans. He is also survived by sister-in-law Dawn Thomas, brother-in-law William Barnes, sister-in-law Connie (Norris) and husband Chuck McInturff, brother-in-law Wallace and wife Debbie Norris, brother-in-law Charles and wife Jenny Norris and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother James M. Thomas, sister Sally Jane Barnes and brother Dennis Thomas.

February" cruise to the Caribbean for three weeks of warm sun during the ugliness of the shortest month. He enjoyed our 50th reunion and says that it was great fun seeing so many people from our days at WMC ... and recognizing most of them!

Chris Connelly Resau writes that she lives a pretty undramatic life. She relates that she and husband, Jim Resau '68, are now mostly living in Towson with many trips to Michigan and Colorado to visit their grandchildren. They enjoy being back in their hometown and seeing their lifetime friends. They had a busy fall traveling to Outer Banks, N.C., and Charleston, S.C.

Gordon Diggory opines that the policy on reporting something that has not happened is a "media control device" to restrict "fake news!" He states that his grandchildren believe that his retirement days are spent playing golf, watching golf or sleeping, so he relates two golf "happenings" (there's a '60s term). First, he met Allen Wronowski '76, a PGA Professional, at a Folds of Honor (great

organization and cause) Golf Outing. His "foursome" was from "Joisy," and Allen noted that none of us had a "Joisy" accent. Allen is a Marylander and did a semester or two on the Hill. Gordon later recalled that he was featured in an article in our alumni magazine. Gordon told Allen that some WMC classmates noted the absence of a "Joisy' accent, though his former roommate Ron "Gundy" Gunderson contended that his snore had a "Joisy" accent. A few weeks ago, he met a golfer playing a round at Architect's Course in New Jersey. He was a dentist whose practice is on 140 down the road from the Hill. While he did not recall Gundy's name from his UM Dental School days, he did know Mike Kroe and had referred endodontics work to Mike, a "legend" for dentistry in the Westminster area.

Bobbie Vonderheide Eierman tells us that she stays busy keeping up with the grand-children. Granddaughter Molly runs cross-country and track for her high school. Bobbie enjoys watching older grandson, Brody, play soccer. She and her husband travel when they can to New York so they can spend some time with their 2-year-old grandson, Will. They also spent last spring in Fort Worth, Texas, and last summer in Austria and Switzerland celebrating their 51st wedding anniversary. Bobbie is also active in the community with the beading club and photography club. She is working with her sister, Ethel Vonderheide Thomas '58, on their family genealogy.

Dorene Carl Pease says that her husband, Joe's, mental state unfortunately continues to deteriorate. They managed a "see the sibs" trip to Pennsylvania and Maryland in October 2018, and then to Maryland for a family reunion at the end of June 2019. Her children both visited in late August. Son, Eric, will be retiring from the Navy in June 2020. Daughter, Christina, continues to be very busy with her life in NYC. She's currently teaching classes at York College in Queens and at a private high school in Brooklyn, as well as maintaining an office at the American Museum of Natural History on the Upper West Side for her astronomy work. By early November, Dorene had already had four snowfalls, three needing to be shoveled. She says that she is

**Bert Horton** writes that he was widowed at end of 2017. As a single guy, he went on a safari in South Africa in October 2018. Kruger National Park is just tremendous. He remarried in April 2019 to Fave Nowlin from Atlanta. They were married in Okefenokee Swamp in kayaks with the wedding party also in their kayaks looking on. Jim and Jeanne France '69 Hvidding attended the three-day wedding to represent the WMC faction. (Uninvited guests included several large threatening-looking alligators.) The newlyweds honeymooned in Japan and Hawaii, highlighted by a shark cage adventure in Hawaii, a night in a very nice Japanese Ryokan in Kyoto and golfing with a Japanese buddy at his country club near Mt. Fuji. He had great fun seeing old friends at the 75th birthday bash of **Gerald Winegrad '66** in September in Annapolis. "Preacher" parties were always the best and Gerald masterminded another fabulous success. He says that "except for the geezer dance moves, it was 1967 all over again."

Alice Cherbonnier responds that after a ca-

reer that allowed little time for travel, she is now seeing the world with her equally adventuresome life partner. They enjoyed an amazing 67-day trip including South America, Antarctica and the Amazon. They agreed that they don't need to do ziplining again after soaring high above a Costa Rican jungle. Other explorations have included Iceland, Norway, Denmark, Scotland, Ireland, France (including the Atlantic coast where her family is from), Spain, Morocco, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Austria ... well, you get the idea! She writes that everything is so different when you see it firsthand and preconceived notions fall by the wayside. They are also doing trips in the U.S., filling in some travel gaps. She finally got to see the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone in August, including a rousing three-hour raft trip down the Snake River! Most recently, she took a threeweek road trip along the South Atlantic coast and can attest that the sea levels are indeed rising fast. Always very grateful to return home to Baltimore City though - great people, wonderful cultural attractions and beautiful neighborhoods. It's a living classroom of what's good and bad about urban America. She is keeping busy with a good deal of volunteer work, too - "It's great to know that our experience and knowledge can be useful to others, whether we're paid for it or not." Also, she is paying close attention to the national political situation: She is not afraid to "talk politics" — so she says forthrightly that the White House incumbent must go, and she invites classmates of all political persuasions to be in touch for discussion. She hopes that everyone in the Class of 1967 is enjoying life, too!

Charles "Charlie" Miller reflects that it is hard to believe it has been two years since our 50th reunion. What a wonderful time! He writes that he and Michael are doing well. This October, they celebrated their fifth anniversary as a legally married couple in the sight of the law. But this is minor compared to the 36 years of commitment in the sight of God that they celebrated back in May. Charlie has been retired for 14 years, but Michael just retired this past June. They are now getting used to having two people at home all the time. Charlie keeps busy at church serving as the moderator of the Board of Deacons, singing in the choir and leading two adult Bible studies. He loved teaching college math for 36 years, but he loves teaching Bible classes even more. They enjoy traveling, and last summer they drove to five national parks. In summer 2018, they took a cruise to Alaska. While Michael was still working, Charlie also traveled twice to Merida, Mexico, to enjoy the

Mayan ruins and the slow pace in the colonial capital. This past April, he spent time seeing the tulips in the Netherlands. What spectacular colors! Each year, he gets his fall saltwater fix in Ocean City, N.J. He correctly states that they don't have an ocean in Arizona. This was the first time Michael was able to join him. Then they spent a week with Michael's mom in Virginia.

Tom Parks tells us that he and wife Judy Elseroad Parks' 69 are still enjoying their retirement in Annapolis. There are occasional disruptions on Saturday afternoons when Navy has a home football game and two FA-18s fly over the house as the game is about to start. They live up the Severn River about two miles above the Academy. Their four grandchildren continue to get older, too. They are 15, 14, 12 and 11, but always fun to have around. He and Judy drove out to Florence, Ky., this fall to visit the Ark, which is quite a sight due to its massive size (lots of cubits) and detailed construction. It was an interesting trip. They celebrated 51 years of marriage in June and leak forward to many more.

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Barbara Hetrick has "retired" from senior vice president to senior advisor at the Council of Independent Colleges, which means she works about half time and goes into the Dupont Circle office several days a month. She urges classmates to give the Class of '6's suggests giving over three years. When fully endowed, the scholarship will be given to a first-year student with financial need, with preference given to a first-generation college student, and renewed for up to four years.

**David Doss** gives greetings once again from Southwest Florida. He and Gail are often asked their preference for living in Florida or in Tucson, Ariz., with respect to the weather. He says the summers were more comfortable to them in Tucson with the dry (read: oven) heat. However, they like being in the same time zone with sons Glen and Brian and their families living in Annapolis and Miami, respectively. This also makes it easier to coordinate cousin get-togethers at their home, as well as traveling to see them. Both sons, wives and five grandkids are doing well. He and Gail are well and enjoying life here, including being able to take advantage of lastminute cruise specials! They timed their last October trip to Maryland to coincide with the "'60s Bachelor" get-together. He states that it was good to catch up with old (take that any way you want) friends, including fellow classmates Dave Fisher, Paul Behnke and John Carey.

Carolyn Seaman Scott, M.L.A. '76 says that she won't make her remarks too long, as when she worked in the public information office at WMC one of her jobs was to type up the class notes. Then she was envious of the reports of people retiring to Florida or taking trips around the world and bragging about their children and grandchildren. She ponders that perhaps this will get a little long as now it's her turn. She hasn't retired to Florida,

but she does go down for the winter months. She and her sister take the Amtrak Auto Train and she recommends that as an easy, comfortable, quick way to make the trip. While there, they catch up with Suzanne Summit. She hasn't been around the world, but in September she took a small ship cruise from Barcelona to Athens with a couple of good friends. The most interesting sight was passing through the Corinth Canal, a pretty tight squeeze. As for grandchildren, she has eight, the two oldest having left for college this year. She has not been able to recruit any for McDaniel yet, but she hasn't stopped trying.

John "Leaf" Greenleaf responds that he

and wife, Linda, had a good year of vacation travel, visiting with family, building Ancestry.com family trees (some surprises there!) and spoiling grandchildren whenever they got the chance. A real highlight of the year was attending the 75th birthday party for Gerald Winegrad '66 and Bill Falkler '66 informal Preacher Reunion in September in Annapolis, Md. The weekend was filled with good food, great music, lots of "remember when..." and a surprise appearance of the Blues Brothers. There he caught up with Class of '67 Preachers John McCann, Bill Chasey, Bill Rees, Jim Gibson, Jim Hvidding, Bob Bricker, Bert Horton, Ed Kasemeyer and many others from the Classes of '65 through '69. He is looking forward to keeping in better touch with classmates at venues other than funerals. He writes that even if we can't exactly relive the past, it's a lot of fun to try.

John McCann, writing from his place in Maine, says that he is enjoying the new fallen snow and the bitter temperatures. He will be closing in a few days and heading home to N.J. He attended the Bill Falkler '66 and Gerald Winegrad '66 75th birthday party/reunion in September. He states that it is always a great time to hang out with family and friends from Western Maryland. On the home front, he is still driving hearses, helping the athletic department with sporting events at the high school where he taught biology and still helping to deliver fire protection in his community. He started with the Blackwood Fire Company at the age of 15. As he has maintained all the training levels, which includes being air pack qualified, he is still recognized as an active firefighter. His four children are all doing well and happy in their fields of employment. He states that they are happy, healthy and willing to leave him alone unless he asks for assistance.

Jim Gibson writes that it was an up-and-down year for he and Nancy. January 2019 started off with Jim having another back surgery and then Nancy had to have knee replacement surgery in June. Now they're both wearing a lot of metal. Fortunately, it hasn't interfered with their travel plans except for enhanced scrutiny at airport security check points. On the upside, they enjoyed their first Viking ocean cruise in March, sailing from Athens through the Greek islands then up the

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Those who will be missed:

Mr. William R. Wiley Jr. '41 of Timonium, Md., on Nov. 12, 2019.

Mrs. Donna DuVall Sellman '45 of Hockessin, Del., on Jan. 7, 2020.

Mrs. Gale Lodge Thiele '45 of Silver Spring, Md., on Jan. 10, 2020.

Mrs. M. Anita "Neets" Richardson Oswald '45 of Westminster, Md., on Nov. 26, 2019.

Mrs. Ann Leete Hudson '45 of Silver Spring, Md., on Sept. 10, 2019.

Mrs. Dorothy Stewart Grobaker '46 of Saint Michaels, Md., on Aug. 16, 2019.

Mrs. Henrietta Jones Moore '46 of Salisbury, Md., on Dec. 9, 2019.

Ms. Dorothy Payne '47 of York, Pa., on March 14, 2019.

Mrs. Katherine Koester Kirks '47 of Bethany Beach, Del., on Aug. 14, 2019.

Mrs. Patricia Chatterton Knepp '48 of Washington, D.C., on Nov. 1, 2019.

Mr. Stanley Kilkuskie '48 of Harligen, Texas, on March 20,

Dr. William Seibert '49 of Palmyra, Pa., on May 18, 2018.

Mrs. Joan Johnson Barrick '49 of Frederick, Md., on Feb. 1, 2020.

Mrs. Louise Coleman Roberts '49 of Odessa, Del., on Sept. 9, 2019.

Mrs. Nellie Getty Hoke '49 of Westminster, Md., on Jan. 11, 2020.

Mrs. Gay Smith Mullican '49 of Frederick, Md., on Oct. 27, 2019.

Dr. Armand J. Gold, Ph.D. '49 of

Pikesville, Md., on Oct. 18, 2019.

Mrs. Louise Hyder Hole '50 of Catonsville, Md., on Dec. 29, 2020.

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#### An Okefenokee "I Do"

Bert Horton '67 married Faye Nowlin on April 12, 2019, in kayaks on the Okefenokee Swamp on the Florida-Georgia line. About 50 guests took over a lodge for a four-day, three-night event, including the ceremony on the water about three miles out from the lodge. Among the guests were Faye's son, who is in the U.S. Navy and traveled from Guam, and Bert's WMC roommate, Jim Hvidding '67, and his wife, Jeanne Hvidding '69.

Dalmatian coast. Just before Thanksgiving, they left for another Viking river cruise, this time from Paris to the Normandy coast and back to Paris. He really, really enjoyed the **Gerald Winegrad '66** 75th extravaganza in September. He traveled with **Bill Chasey** to Annapolis. He writes that it so great seeing so many old WMCers that he hadn't seen in a long time or even since we graduated, including **Roger Adler '66**, **Bob Bricker**, **Howard Goldberg '68**, **Jim King '69**, **Joe Brock '66** and many more. It's always a treat to see Gerald and **Bill Falkler '66**. He feels that Gerald hasn't lost a beat when it comes to putting on a great event.

Bruce Conway writes that it's been 10 years since he retired and moved to Illinois. He and his wife have been so fortunate to be there and be a part of their grandsons' lives. They are 14 and 10, and he gets to share in their activities and help get them to where they need to be. In June 2017, they went to Hawaii and cruised among the islands. When they were in Hilo, they got to spend a few hours with Bill Weaver. He and Bill were high school classmates as well as college roommates freshman year. It had been 45 years since they had seen each other, and they had a great visit. Sadly, a little over a year later Bill passed away after a short illness. In retrospect, it made the visit even more special to have spent that afternoon with him. May he rest in peace.

Bruce had planned to come to the reunion; however, a family event occurred at the same time. Hopefully, he will be at the next one.

I still enjoy hearing from our classmates and editing their messages as class reporter. Two years ago, our daughter Elizabeth gave birth to our grandson, the red-haired Benjamin Miles Schlackman. It is great watching him develop. Elizabeth is a librarian at Montgomery College and her sister, Susan, is a librarian for the U.S. House of Representatives. Anna and I continue to keep active volunteering and enjoying travel (we have been to about 41 countries). Like **Barbara Hetrick**, I urge our classmates to contribute to our Class of '67 scholarship. Remember the "Golden Years" are golden for our health care providers. Best wishes.

Miles Cole 1967 Class Reporter wmilescole@hotmail.com

#### 1973

Greetings to all Class of 1973 classmates. I hope that this column finds you in good spirits and that you were able to spend time over the holidays with family and friends. We had quite a few people write in, so let's get to it.

Kathy West Bowden writes that "During the 46+ years since our graduation: I was married, worked for the Commerce Department, stayed home for 21 years to raise my children, earned a master's degree, got divorced, worked as a school social worker, got remarried, became a widow and retired from the public school system about two years ago. I credit McDaniel College with helping me find my life's calling: serving God and helping children in school. As we approach our seventh decade, I am thankful for life, my family and friends, old and new. My best to everyone. I live in Herndon, Va., and would love to meet up for coffee."

**Wilson Bowers** and Janette contacted us from Michigan to report that all is going well with family, with three granddaughters in Austria and one in Chicago. He reports that he and Janette are now retired, are downsizing and travel to Europe frequently to visit grandchildren.

Carol Whitmer Empie states that she and husband Steve are doing well and still live in Cockeysville, Md. Steve retired as a commercial architect in 2012, and they finally got around to building the home addition they had talked about for several years. Carol recently retired from a partnership role with Kairos Wealth Advisors in Westminster, In 2014, she and Steve moved Carol's mom back to Maryland to care for her as she was suffering from worsening dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Her mom had lived with them until mid-2017, during which time Steve graciously took care of her and served as her primary caregiver. With her mother now living in a nearby memory care center, Carol and Steve took some time off to travel. They had a chance to visit the Caribbean, Greece, Turkey, Croatia, Montenegro, Italy, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Egypt, Jordan and China. This year will be just as busy, with planned sojourns to Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and Scandinavia. As with all of us approaching retirement age, Carol has had to face some immediate health issues, with potential knee operations in the next year or so. She also reports that the kids are doing well, with daughter Meredith living and working in San Francisco, and daughter Lauren and her husband, Kevin, in Columbia, Md. Steve and Carol are due to become grandparents for the first time in May 2020.

Phil '71 and Gail Chance Enstice write that: "We are busy getting settled into a new (well, new for us) home. Unlike most our age who downsize at this point in our lives, we decided we needed more space for when extended family come. Our older son and his family live in Baltimore, but our younger son and his family live in Nashville, so they stay with us when they come back to Maryland. We have five grandchildren and when the Nashville gang is here, the Baltimore gang wants to stay with us too so that they all get to spend more time together. It's great! We only moved about 10 minutes away from where we lived before, so we still hang out at our same haunts. Phil and I are so glad we made this decision. Since our 45th reunion, Kathy Walter Hobart, M.Ed. '76 has done a great job with trying to keep those connections going. She has organized a number of Phi Alph lunches, which have included Joanne Chatham Lindsay, Robbie Parsons Respess, Lenny Swift Downes, Linda Plowman Getz, Joan D'Andrea Resau, Ginny Haifley McNeil '72, Jeannette Pearson Bair and Annie Ebmeier Schaffner. Kathy is also very active in the Baltimore Running Festival, which is held every October, and she organizes a team that runs to raise money for Parkinson's research. After seeing lim "Bat" Deviese at our reunion, she encouraged him to come up and participate, and he ran the marathon — not too shabby for a guy our age! Gail recently met Linda McWilliams Broderick '72 and Jill Porter for lunch. "I hadn't seen Jill since we graduated, and once we started talking, it seemed like it was just yesterday that we were hanging out in Blanche Ward. Phil and I still keep in regular contact with a number of our WMC cronies. We both have great memories from college and formed some strong friendships while we were there that have lasted all this time." Gail closed with an invitation to all classmates to try to make the 50th reunion at McDaniel in 2023.

Adele Gunn Gill writes: "I reside in Boonsboro, Md., where I am happily retired (mostly) and thrilled not to be driving down 270 every day to work anymore! (I still do a little work for my company, Exeter Government Services, as quality manager and maintaining ISO 9001 compliance.) My husband, Don, and I have lived here for about 30 years. Our kids are grown. Our daughter,

Meredith, and family live in Richmond, Va.; our son, Caleb, and family live in Calvert County. We spend a good deal of time visiting each family. The grandkids are so much fun! Three girls and one boy, ages range from 7 years old to 3 months old. Now that I have free time, I enjoy gym time, gardening, sewing and trying to work on golf! I also joined a weekly ladies mahjong group, which is quite a challenging mental workout! We see **Bob** '74 and Lucinda Newby Noland since they live nearby in Frederick, Md. Happy to keep in touch with these good, longtime friends! On our horizon for 2020 is a two-week-long cruise to Iceland. Anybody want to join us?"

Brenda "BK" Noble Gorman, M.Ed. '81 sent a nice email that mentioned since 2012 that she and her husband, along with their Siamese cats, are annual snowbirds and have been living in Florida during the winter season. Last year, the Gorman family did quite a bit of traveling. BK and her husband spent December 2018 in Southeast Asia. After returning to the U.S., they made the trek back to Florida, planning to stay until April. While there, they enjoyed their 44th wedding anniversary. Ironically, by April 2019, they were no sooner back to Pennsylvania when BK was again on the road to attend to her 50th high school reunion, along with Trish Gellner Bright. That weekend was followed by a cruise out of Southampton, England, to Spain, Portugal, Gibraltar and Italy. Their bucket list goal of last year, however, was a trip in October 2019 to Peru. Among the sites seen were Machu

Picchu and Lake Titicaca.

Since our 45th reunion, **Bob Jacobs** reports being able to attend the first reunion of the '73-'76 Bachelors, along with an online reunion of his 1972 Ranger School class, and on top of that, his 50th high school reunion. "Many 'interesting' looks back in time, and so much to look forward to," he says. "More grandbabies, trips with my wife, Barbara, golfing with friends and good volunteer work around our home in Silver Spring, Md. Individual reunions would be more than welcome! Be well!"

Steve Kelly, M.Ed. '83 and his wife recently retired after more than 30 years (each) in teaching. He writes: "Carol MacDonald Kelly '74 and I, are still residing in the foothills of Maryland in this hamlet called 'Westminster.' Our son, Ryan'o3, and his lovely wife, Alison, also live in Westminster. Carol and I are enjoying helping with childcare for their three children, Quinn, Addie and Brooks. Our daughter, Joanna, resides with us, helps with the childcare, and we three slip away on vacations and cruises when we are able. This past summer, I had a mini reunion with several Rouzer Hall buddies, including Steve Kettells, Tom Patterson, Larry Wild and Jeff Klunk '72 on the Chesapeake Bay for several days. We enjoyed lots of laughs and some great beverages while looking at the bay."

**Steve Kettells** and his wife are still living in St. Petersburg, Fla. He is retired, and she

is still working as a library directory. The grandkids are scattered in different regions, so they are traveling quite a bit to see family in Colorado, Maine and Florida. Like **Steve Kelly**, he enjoyed his time together at the Chesapeake Bay reunion. "After 46 years, it did not take long for the rust to wear off."

Bill and Monika van der Berg McCormick had much news to report: "It was so great to see so many classmates at the 45th reunion last fall. Before you know it, we will be celebrating the big 5-o! We are continuing adjusting to the wonderful world of retirement and maximize time visiting and babysitting eight grandchildren in Georgia and Colorado! We have enjoyed getting together with alumni including Charlie '71 and Carol Hoerichs '70 Moore and our other friends of the Club Bijou, as well as Barbara Smeak Wiggs '72 M.Ed. '78, Karen Georg Sirian '74 and Mike and Deb Barnes **Mahaney**. We swim several mornings a week at the YMCA and have had some great trips around the U.S., including a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands. Grateful for relatively good health and quality time together!"

Bob Repsher, M.L.A. '76 and his wife, Jean, are both fully retired and filling their days with activities that give them pleasure and a sense of accomplishment. Jean is volunteering at her former elementary school helping struggling readers. She is a docent for the Carroll County Historical Society and visits elementary schools teaching local history. She does some tutoring, and she teaches a religious education class. She also works with Dr. Barbara Swartz and McDaniel studentteachers helping them learn how to teach math. Bob volunteers for the Heath Care Ministry at St. John Catholic Church, where he has the pleasure and honor of visiting the sick in the hospital and nursing homes. He finds this to be rewarding and meaningful. This past year, Bob and Jean traveled to Ireland, Scotland and London, and took a cruise up the northeast coast visiting Boston; Portland, Maine; Halifax; St. John's and the Bay of Fundy,'

Just before Thanksgiving, I also received a nice email from Barb Stephens-Rich: "Though officially retired for some years now, I continue serving as pastor to a small but lively United Methodist church in Milan, Ohio (the birthplace of Thomas Edison and 10 miles from my home in Sandusky, Ohio). I came in January 2018 to fill in for six months as their interim and 'got my foot caught in the door' because the folks are so sweet. We are having fun. My big family news of the year was my daughter's wedding on Nov. 10 in Phoenix, Ariz. Apart from a brief but glorious trip to Yosemite National Park in May with my daughter and her now-husband, my year's travel was repeated trips to Arizona for wedding arrangements. I look forward to other destinations in 2020, including a two-week "Switzerland by Rail" trip in September. Life is full and mostly good. My fondest regards to you and all our classmates!'

Dave Romer and wife, Carol, continue to reside in Frederick, Md. They welcomed their seventh grandchild in April 2019 and enjoy having the family within an hour's drive. He enjoyed attending WMC homecoming this year with Al Shafer '72 and keeping in touch with friend and classmate Bill DeWitt '74.

Fred Rudman and Wanda still reside in bu colic Wolfsville, Md. They have five kids and 10 grandkids and were expecting the 11th in February. "I sold my dental practice in 2013 and staved around for about two years to facilitate the transfer of patients. Then I enjoyed retirement for about 20 minutes. An office in Hagerstown asked if I could help them out and I agreed to work three days a week for 12 to 18 months. That was three years ago, and I'm now there five days a week! Wanda and I stay busy gardening and traveling. This year, our home and gardens were part of the Washington County Home and Garden show. We had about 240 guests and with seven other homes helped raise in excess of \$18,000 for the benefit of the Women's Club of Hagerstown. It was so much fun! We remain active in our church and count our blessings each and every day."

Annie Ebmeier Schaffner lives in Vienna,

Va., and both her son and daughter live close by. "I feel really blessed. I am 'Mimi' to five beautiful grandchildren (four girls and a boy between the ages of 1 and 5). I have spent my entire professional life at the National Institutes of Health, with 20 years in the lab and then 20 years in science administration. My current position is an acting director at the National Eye Institute. I keep trying to retire, but something always seems to get in the way! Hopefully, I will make that transition sometime this year. I took up scuba diving late in life, but I love it! I have my advanced open water and nitrox certification. I was diving in Bonaire for two weeks in October and am planning a trip to Palau in January of 2021. Between the big trips, there are several local pools and quarries that are available to maintain skills or get extra training. I especially enjoy underwater photography and I'm looking to upgrade my underwater camera. Our 45th WMC reunion in October 2018 was a lot of fun. There were about 40 people who attended the football game/tailgate and the dinner afterward. I'm hoping our 50th will draw even more alums! Hopefully retirement will mean more time with the grandkids and extended family, travel, diving and volunteer activities!" Among Annie's accomplishments is that she is administrator of a page on Facebook called "Western Maryland/ McDaniel College Class of 1973." Classmates active on FB can find her group at Facebook. com/WMC73. Since our class column in The Hill is published just once every two years, classmates are left waiting for news from our class during the time in between. With the FB page, people can now search for friends, post information on events at the school or find out about local get-togethers in different areas. Thanks to Annie for all of the hard work.

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Mr. William Marks Jr. '52 of Westminster, Md., on Oct. 20, 2019.

Mr. Walter Campbell Jr. '53, M.Ed. '59 of Ocean Pines, Md., on Oct. 13, 2019.

Dr. Donald Stanton '53, LL.D. '81 of Lake Junaluska, N.C., on Oct. 30, 2019.

Mrs. Elsie Maytrott Greenhalgh '53 of Vineland, N.J., on Jan. 29, 2020.

Mr. Jack Urion '53 of Mineral, Va., on Nov. 23, 2019.

Dr. Joan Burrier '54 of Baltimore, Md., on Jan. 2, 2020.

Mrs. Beatrice Ford McGlynn '55 of Parkville, Md., on Aug. 31, 2019.

Mr. Richard Durst '55 of Canton, Ga., on Jan. 31, 2020.

Mr. William Moore '55 of Darien, Conn., on Nov. 8, 2019.

Ms. Doris Makosky Chalfin '56 of Washington, D.C., on Nov. 19, 2010.

Mr. E. Braddock "Brad" Jones III '56 of Haddonfield, N.J., on Nov. 14, 2019.

Ms. Mary Bond '56 of Baltimore, Md., on Nov. 4, 2019.

Mrs. Janet Seymour Berg '56 of St. Michaels, Md., on Feb. 8, 2020.

Mrs. Marian Megenhardt Dore '56 of Berlin, Md., on Nov. 30, 2019.

Mr. Donald Zauche '57 of Westminster, Md., on

Dec. 28, 2019. Mrs. Jean Grenzer Miller '58 of

Baltimore, Md., on March 24, 2019.

Dr. George H. Thomas '59 of Westminster, Md., on Dec. 12, 2019.

Mr. L. Thomas Miller '59 of Westminster, Md., on Nov. 28, 2019.

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Staff Emerita Bernice Talbott Beard '74, M.L.A. '81 passed away on Jan. 18, 2020, at Hospice of St. Francis in Titusville, Florida. She was 92 years old.

A longtime resident of Carroll County, Beard graduated as the first valedictorian from New Windsor High School in 1944. After graduation, she worked for the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company until 1951. In 1974, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude from Western Maryland College and a Master of Liberal Arts degree in 1981. Beard also served as assistant director of admissions at Western Maryland College for 17 years and executive assistant to the president and secretary of the Board of Trustees and College for 10 years. In 1989, she retired after 27 years of dedicated service and was awarded the honor of Staff Emerita.

Following retirement, she studied oil painting, traveled extensively with her husband by motorhome, wrote four books and numerous articles for magazines and newspapers on recreational vehicle travel and established Arbor House Publishing, which she closed in 2010.

In 2015, she moved to The Great Outdoors (TGO) in Titusville, Fla., to be closer to family. She was an associate member of The Great Outdoors Community Church and a founding member of Just Write, a writers club at TGO. She was always ready to contribute her knowledge and help other writers advance their craft.

Beard was the wife of the late Paul William Beard and daughter of the late Edwin Warfield Talbott and the late Henrietta Snader Talbott Nusbaum. Her late stepfather was Ira Albert Nusbaum. Surviving are a son, Jeffrey Paul Beard; daughter-in-law, Nancy Jean Beard (formerly Donelson); sisters, Alice Galbraith of Waynesboro, Pa., and Jane Taylor of Biglerville, Pa.; and brothers-in-law Charles Galbraith of Waynesboro, Pa., and the Rev. Albert Guyer of Martinsburg, Pa.

Part of the perks of writing for The Hill is the opportunity to hear from long-lost classmates and friends. **Dinah Sunday** wrote in just after Thanksgiving, and she is doing quite well: "How do you know when it's time to retire? When a part-time job begins to feel like a full-time job. I've been with the same company for 31 years — working half time from home since 2005. It's been a dreamy arrangement, and I still enjoy the work (editing reports for a federally funded R&D company), but the lack of control over the workload is getting to me. Most of the time it's feast or famine, and schedules are always shifting. It's hard to make plans because, in essence, I'm on call. So, I'm thinking that 2020 may be my year to flip the switch and enter retirement territory. Scary stuff? You bet. But I've overcome a lot

of fears since becoming a 'widder woman.' I can do this!"

For those who did not know, Dinah lost her husband several years ago and has continued devoting herself to work and other activities since then. Some of us have lost parents, siblings and in-laws, and it leaves emotional scars, making it difficult at times to focus on the things that we consider important, like our children, friends and profession.

Another of our Florida-based alumni, lack Wilhelm, M.L.A. '82 has been retired since February 2018. It took a little getting used to with the lifestyle change, but he's in a rhythm now and going strong. He is still living in beautiful Sarasota, Fla., where he's been for 35 years. "Sue, my wonderful partner and wife of seven years now, are going strong as well. I attended my 50th high school class reunion this past September. Drove up to Lonaconing, Md., from Sarasota, and that was a lllooonnnggg trip. Spent 10 days out on the vacation and had a great time. Some very sad news this year: We lost one of our beautiful Papillon dogs, Kali. She lived to be almost 16 years old. We still have our other baby boy, Izzy. He's now going on 14 himself. We pamper him like crazy and even took him on vacation to Maryland. A big loss was my mother in October. She lived to be 93. We've been doing a lot of remodeling work on the house, which is now 20 years old. Guess we'll stay here a while."

And finally, a very interesting email from **Diane Zeller**. She writes:

"I'm in the process of establishing a community arts and crafts center called Grandma's Attic in Irvington, Md., with tentative plans for an informal sheltered workshop near Catonsville, Md. Volunteers are more than welcome. There's a lot of work to do."

If any of you are interested in helping out, or visiting her shop in Irvington, I have more information.

We have also lost several classmates in the past year: **Arthur "Art" Robitaille**, **Gail Gill Turek** and **Tom Blair**. Please keep their families in prayer.

I moved to the West Coast in the mid-1970s to pursue a teaching career and retired several years ago. I'm about to fulfill a bucket list goal and finish my Ph.D. in History, which I had to put on hold while working and raising a family. While teaching in Arizona and New Mexico, I met my wife in Albuquerque. We have one son, who is working in Kansas and doing well.

On a side note, for those who are teachers, retired or not, or know of someone who is still working in the classroom, I am the chief administrator for a group on Facebook called "Scholarships, Grants and Summer Institutes for Teachers." We are one of the largest nonprofits of our kind that cater to grants and research projects for instructors. Current membership is just about 12,000 members nationwide. If you know of any friends or colleagues who are teachers, and might want to join, let me know. It's a real perk for educators.

Or if you are interested in joining yourself, drop me a line to let me know.

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#### 1979

Greetings from the Class of 1979! The nearly unanimous sentiment among our classmates is that it's not possible that it's been more than 40 years since we graduated. However, stories of retirement and grandchildren prove that it's true. Our class was well-represented at Homecoming 2019. The weather could not have been better as we enjoyed a spectacular fall day tailgating during the game, and nearly 50 members of our class and our spouses attended the post-Homecoming reception held at McDaniel Lounge. I'd like to thank everyone involved in planning the reunion. I think it was a great success, and I know a lot of us are looking forward to attending the 45th and 50th reunions in the years to come.

Chris Holmes and his wife Margaret have lived in the same home in Crofton, Md., for over 30 years. Chris's leadership coaching company keeps growing and his book, "The Art of Coaching Clergy," is an Amazon best-seller. He does training for three denominations while teaching in a seminary and selling his watercolors. Margaret is a trial lawyer for Legal Aid in Annapolis and takes Chris hiking on portions of the Appalachian Trail. "The tires have been rotated, toenails are clipped and life is good!"

Jeff and Bev Miles Gates are splitting time between Cincinnati, Ohio, where their twins still reside, and The Villages, Fla. Bev is retired, but Jeff continues to work remotely in the chemical industry. They love winters in Florida and spend their time playing lots of different racquet/paddle sports. Occasionally they venture out to one of the golf courses. but Bev finds it very tough to hit a ball that's not moving. Bev wrote that it was great to see so many of our classmates at the reunion and noted that some people haven't changed a bit (she's talking about you, Ellen Scroggs Walton, M.Ed. '81!). Bev's USTA 8.0 senior tennis team out of Cincinnati won the National Championship in 2018, making them the 12 best old ladies out of 13,000 that play at that level. "No one was more surprised than us!" Jeff and Bev travel whenever they can, and in 2019, they spent three weeks in England, and Bev spent 10 days hiking in Iceland with girlfriends, which she says was spectacular. Bev and Jeff hope to make the next reunion and see even more classmates.

"We are all good in New England," says Gail Bowman Mathes. Gail and her husband, Tom, started dodging the winter months and spending them in Florida. As Gail explained, "Somehow the winters have gotten longer, colder and less enjoyable, so we go south. Isn't that what people do when they get older? Soon, we will be going to early-bird specials

and driving slow in traffic." Gail and Tom are in Port St. Lucie, Fla., if anyone wants to visit. They went on a European river cruise last year with Pete '77, M.Ed. '80 and Korby Bowman '78 Clark and Robbie '81 and Connie Thompson '81 **Bowman.** The group has another river cruise planned for 2020 if anyone wants to join to see the tulips in Holland and end up in Zurich. Gail and Tom have nine great-nieces and great-nephews (Korby and Pete's grandkids) and like to spend as much time as possible with them. Gail says the kids are so enjoyable and make family gatherings very exciting. Jeff'82 and Debbie Bessman'81 Funk live within a couple of hours of Gail, so Debbie and Gail keep trying to get together, but never manage to work out the logistics. Gail hopes that will change in 2020.

Bill Roelke is still enjoying the hurricane-dodging life after 30 years in Jacksonville, Fla. He continues to practice law when not working on homework with his son, who is in ninth grade, and daughter, in the seventh grade. Bill still manages to squeeze in time to travel, with recent trips to Iceland and China. Bill sends a special shout-out to former roommates Keith Slifer, William "Dix" Dallas and Jim Greenwood for all the fond memories at WMC.

Dori Babyak Chappell, writing from Virginia's Middle Peninsula, says, "It was a blast to be back on campus for our 40th!" Dori started off at lunch with classmates and a few members of the Class of '77, whom she had not seen in more than 40 years. They walked to the impressive new football field and spent the afternoon reminiscing. Dori's day on the Hill even included a visit to Whiteford Hall, where she lived as a freshman. Dori wrote that it was great fun to catch up with old friends and OC gal-pals, meet spouses, take a group picture at McDaniel Lounge, reunite with Cabana Club members and her first roommate, Barb Parsons Davis, M.Ed. '80, and share some laughs trying hard to recall details from Junior Follies. She continued, "I sure would have loved to have seen Karen Simeonides, Esther Siegel Jacobson, Cindy Sprinkle Everly and Kim Smith-Charette. Let's meet under the tent in 2024! And the token drink cozy (courtesy of Sally McCarl Moore) described us to a T: 'Class of '79 and still lookin' fine!' "

Keith and Robin Lee '80 Lawson enjoyed seeing so many good (and not old!) friends at Homecoming and our 40th reunion. They came armed with pictures of their granddaughter, Riley, who was born in June 2018 to their older son, David, and his wife, Christine, and photos of the September 2019 wedding of their younger son, Chris, to Sadie. Keith is still working for the mutual fund industry trade association. In addition to his "regular" stops in Paris, Brussels and London, and less frequent visits to Berlin, Zurich and Luxembourg, in 2019 Keith made his first business trips to Bucharest, Helsinki, Geneva and Zagreb. Robin and Keith spend as much time as possible at their Bethany Beach, Del., house. As season ticket holders for both the Washington

Capitals and Washington Nationals, they thoroughly enjoyed the Caps' 2018 Stanley Cup victory and the Nats' 2019 World Series championship! Keith's philanthropic efforts also continued in 2018 and 2019. The main beneficiary of his generosity is the "Manny Rosenberg Retirement Fund," which Keith supports by placing foolish bets on the Redskins.

Pat McGinnis Vorel said it was great seeing so many people at Homecoming and the reunion. "No one looks their age," she says. She is still teaching special education in Howard County, Md., because she works with a terrific staff. Pat reports that her four children are doing great. Daughters Becca and Mollie live in Arlington, Va., and Seattle, Wash., respectively, and sons Peter and Andy both live and work in Baltimore. Pat would love to see Wendy Powell Smith, Meg Hoyle Tison and Yvette Odell. if she is in town.

John Cochran still lives in Virginia Beach and has been working for the city since his retirement from federal civil service in 2012. He works for the public utilities department and continues to deal with the aftermath of the May 31, 2019, mass shooting, which left 12 people dead and four others wounded. He didn't work in the building at the time, although he used to. He did lose friends and has been involved with the relocation efforts for those displaced. On a more positive note, John enjoys his two grandchildren and playing golf on the weekends. His plan is for the golf course to be his weekday destination beginning in early 2020. John and Ann-Marie celebrated their 30th anniversary in the mountains of Virginia because Hurricane Dorian didn't allow them to travel to Myrtle Beach. He is very active with the Knights of Columbus and is the president of the board for a Knights corporation that provides grants and home loans to organizations that support persons with intellectual disabilities. He also ran the Special Olympics Virginia statewide golf tournament for the 11th straight year. John talks with lav Gardiner from time to time and keeps tabs with a few Facebook friends from the Hill. He was disappointed that he didn't make the 40th reunion and hopes everyone had a great time.

Debbie Eriksen-Boyd was unable to attend the reunion last fall because she had out-of-town guests arriving the same weekend. Because their visit was on the schedule first, and she hadn't seen her friends in years, she had to forgo the reunion. She was sorry that the two events occurred the same weekend and would have certainly attended the reunion if she could have. Debbie retired from the medical social work profession in December 2018. Her husband retired at the same time and they celebrated with a big trip to Captiva, Fla., and Negril, Jamaica, last winter. Now that they are retired, they have even more time to support their six grandchildren. In her "spare" time, Debbie enjoys her weekly volunteer work at North Carroll Community School in Westminster, Md. Additionally,

she hosts a group of 13 women at her house weekly in Littlestown, Pa. Debbie and **Chris Albert Sarigianis** meet monthly for three-hour lunches, usually at Rafael's in Westminster.

In August 2019, **Austin** and **Martha Pratt** '78 Gisriel celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. A major joy in their life is watching their granddaughter, Riley, grow. Austin attended the Big Swing Thing, a weekend of swing dancing, in York, Pa., for the third year in a row last spring, and he recently published "Tll Remember You All," the final book in "The Secret of Their Midnight Tears" trilogy. This series follows the lives of three young men and two young women during World War II. Austin sends best wishes to all our classmates.

Brent "Bo" McWilliams couldn't attend the

reunion, but was on the East Coast the weekend before for his sister's, **Beth McWilliams Tressler '75**, daughter's wedding, which was held in Snow Hill, Md. Bo said he enjoyed seeing the photos of those who attended the reunion. Bo observed, "It seems like as we age, the ladies don't change too much, but the guys become unrecognizable." Bo is retired and living in Scottsdale, Ariz., and has found somebody "just as great as my first wife, Carol." In May 2019, he married Markita Moore, who is, as Bo describes her, "Officially my cougar wife!" Bo says that life is good.

"Life is good here in Frederick, Md., for the most part," wrote Betsy Fogel Morrow. Betsy keeps busy in retirement with friends and family and especially enjoys keeping her 4-year-old grandson three days each week. Betsy said he's always up for adventures and activity, and Betsy calls him "my personal trainer!" Both of Betsy's daughters and a sonin-law are in education, carrying on Betsy's 31-year legacy. Their younger daughter and her boyfriend recently bought a home on the Eastern Shore and love living on the Wye River. "It's great to have both daughters here in Maryland." Betsy's husband, Ken, continues his corporate law practice with Blank Rome in D.C. He is moving toward semi-retirement, a little at a time, and enjoys his hobby of flying, whenever possible. Betsy and Ken had a wonderful trip to the U.K. and truly loved London. Bath and Scotland. The Morrows get together with Terry Mott Potterton and Susan "Speed" Tuley Routson whenever possible. Betsy was sorry to miss our class reunion and hopes that everyone had a great time. Betsy's father lost his battle with Alzheimer's and heart disease the week before the reunion. He was 92 and Betsy said he lived a great life. "It was very hard to say goodbye to such a wonderful guy! Memories of him are cherished and will always make us smile."

Ron and Leslie McDade '8o Bowen attended homecoming and our 40th reunion and Ron reports that it was great to see yours truly (Mark "Manny" Rosenberg), Mike Modica, Scott '8o and Martha Hooper Wheeler, Wayne Birely, Keith and Robin Lee '8o Lawson, Jan Claypoole Neel, Susan "Speed" Tuley Routson, M.S. '88, Randy '77 and Debbie Scalzone Day, Beth Dunn

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Mr. Roy Kennedy Jr. '59 of Charlottesville, Va., on Dec. 12, 2019.

Mrs. Patricia Kurdle Manspeaker '60 of St. Michael's, Md., on Feb. 1, 2020.

Mr. Carl Haines '61 of Westminster, Md., on Dec. 15, 2019.

Mrs. Grace "Ann" Meding Gillespie '62 of Millersville, Md., on Dec. 27, 2019.

Mr. Thomas Michaels Jr. '65 of Naples, Fla., on Dec. 3, 2019.

Mr. Vernon Lanny Harchenhorn '66 of New Windsor, Md., on Jan. 9, 2020.

Mrs. Betty Lilley Hazell '66 of Crownsville, Md., on Feb. 27, 2019.

Mr. Edward Lowry '66 of Oakton, Va., on Dec. 7, 2019.

Mrs. Aldra Lauterbach Sirott '67 of Fairfax, Va., on July 24, 2019.

Mr. Earl Warwick Jr. '69 of Fruitland, Md., on Dec. 8, 2019.

Ms. Susan Bauer '70 of Baltimore, Md., on Nov. 24, 2019.

Mrs. Bernice Talbott Beard '74, M.L.A. '81 of Titusville, Fla., on lan. 18, 2020.

Mr. Gary Paulsgrove '75 of Sykesville, Md., on Nov. 26, 2019.

Ms. Kerri Lawler-Davis M.Ed. '77 of Harpers Ferry, W.Va., on Oct. 8, 2019.

Mrs. Patricia Zimmerma Stumbaugh M.Ed. '79 of Chambersburg, Pa., on Jan. 14, 2020.

Mr. Tivis Buckingham M.L.A. '85 of Westminster, Md., on Nov. 30, 2019.

Mrs. Linda Cooper M.S. '91 of Culver, Ind., on Nov. 11, 2019.

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Former Trustee Frank H. Menaker Jr., passed away on Feb. 18, 2020, at the age of 79.

Menaker joined the McDaniel (formerly Western Maryland)
College Board of Trustees in 1992, serving on the Budget & Finance,
Long Range Planning and Academic Affairs committees. His daughter
Michelle is a 1997 alumna of the college.

A distinguished Washington, D.C.,-based attorney, Menaker retired as senior vice president and general counsel of Lockheed Martin Corporation in 2006. While Menaker served as a Trustee of the College, Lockheed Martin Corporation contributed \$300,000 toward the construction of the Lewis Hall of Science.

Menaker went on to serve as a partner at DLA Piper's Washington, D.C., office, and later joined The McCammon Group in 2010. Menaker's professional activities included serving as president of the Washington Metro Area Corporate Counsel Association, past chair and fellow of the ABA Public Contract Law Section and former chairman of the Working Group of the Defense Industry Initiative. He was an emeritus member of the Association of General Counsel and a lifetime member of the Aerospace General Counsel Association.

A native of Harrisburg, Pa., Menaker graduated from Wilkes College and the Washington College of Law at American University, where he served as a member of the Dean's Advisory Council.

Menaker leaves behind his wife of 39 years, Sharon Lynch Menaker; son David (Dannette); daughters Michelle Goldberg (Ian), Denise Myler (Devin) and Jamie Streit (Jake); and seven grandchildren.

> and many other friends and classmates. Ron admits he must be too old to remember them all! Ron sends "many thanks to Robin Seiland Trenner, M.Ed. '79, Rick Powell and Beth Dunn for putting together such a great evening event!" Ron wrote that life is very great in Bel Air, Md. He and Leslie will celebrate 38 years of marriage, provided that Leslie "keeps me 'til June." Ron and Leslie's three boys are married and well established in their careers. Their daughter will be graduating from University of Maryland in 2020 and will begin physical therapy school at the University of Maryland School of Medicine right after Memorial Day. The Bowens are blessed with three wonderful grandchildren: Brooks, 8; Kylie, 4; and Eloise Kay, who was born the week before our reunion last fall. Leslie is in her 26th year teaching Spanish at Harford Day School, where she also is head of the Modern Language Department, student council sponsor and head cross country coach. Ron is retired after spending time as a business consultant for various franchising companies. Ron has kept busy remodeling two bathrooms and laments that there is always something that needs to

be done. The Bowens are looking forward to the warm weather and spending as much time at the beach as they can.

Our former class reporter, Pat Blades

**Chapman**, reports that she and her husband, Carl, have been married for 31 years and are in their sixth year of retirement. They had a wonderful trip to the national parks in Colorado last September. They continue their quest to visit all the national parks, but the challenge is difficult because new parks are always being added. Their daughter has moved "across the bridge" from the Chapmans' home in Easton, Md., and is teaching in Anne Arundel County, and their son is running his own property management company and lives in Easton with his wife and daughter. Pat and Carl keep their granddaughter, Abbie, while her parents work, and are blessed to be able to do so. Abbie is 2 years old and certainly keeps them on their toes. Pat is active in Character Counts of the Midshore and the local retired school staff association.

Myra Birchard Wagner, M.Ed. '80 wants to publicly thank all who were involved with our 40th reunion. She had a blast catching up with old friends and acquaintances, especially roommate Barb Parsons Davis, M.Ed. '80. Myra wrote that it was fun to see how we've changed, yet not that much, beyond gray hair and maybe more "roundness," and she hopes to see more of you at our 45th or 50th reunion. The only news she had is that she spent all of spring and summer 2019 watching her kitchen get rehabbed, something her woodworker husband never finished because of his illness. She knew her 1926 house would have some issues, but for a while she thought the renovations would never end. Problems included hidden termite damage, cracked toilet (flooding bathroom next to the kitchen and basement), broken boiler valve, finding a sink to fit in a small cabinet ... "Thankfully," she wrote, "it's over. Not exactly what Jim would have done, but no more rusty metal cabinets or plaster walls ready to fall in and (best of all) no more fear that the bathroom floor will cave in!"

Christine Albert Sarigianis is living in Westminster and writes that, unfortunately, three of her four children live far away so she doesn't get to see them as much as she would like. Her vacation budget is allocated to trips to visiting her kids. The fourth child is 22 years old and moved in with Chris temporarily last summer. She would have liked to have him live with her indefinitely, but she realized that he wouldn't feel that he's progressing in life if he moved back in for the long haul. Chris' mother moved in with her in October, meaning that there were three generations under one room for a time. Chris reports that she's not wild about her daily commute to Baltimore, but her nursing job at St. Agnes helps her keep things in perspective because she works with people that suffer from unbelievable hardships and any difficulties she has seem to pale in comparison. She says she gets to work with great people and feels like she's contributing. Plus, it keeps her feeling grateful every day. In the meantime, she's working on a bachelor's degree in nursing. If she doesn't get sidetracked, she'll have her degree by this time next year. She said she was sorry to miss our 40th reunion but had to work that weekend. She added, "I intend, if I am still on this earth, to attend the 50th reunion!"

Margray Ouvn Poulin spent quite a bit of

time over the last few years traveling the country and the world. She and her husband, Bill. have been to Hawaii several times (Margray accompanies Bill when he travels there for business), Atlanta to visit one of their sons and all over the Mid-Atlantic region. In 2018, Margray and Bill traveled to Germany to visit their other son and his wife, who live and work in Jena, which is about halfway between Frankfurt and Berlin. Their trip started in Morocco and, from there, they went to Germany, followed by stops in Italy, Croatia. Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Liechtenstein and the Czech Republic, with a quick visit to Iceland on the way home. Their 2019 European road trip started in Budapest, followed by Vienna, Cesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic, down to Slovenia (Lake Bled and Liubliana) and back up to Budapest. Margray described the trip as "pretty freakin awesome!" Margray and her daughter visited Colorado several times and took a side trip to South Dakota. Despite all of the traveling, Margray still, somehow, finds time to organize events in her community, including a huge party every Halloween, which she reports is a huge hit with the kids in the neighborhood.

James "JD" Douglas, M.S. '91 was able to attend the reunion and wrote that he had a great time. "It was wonderful to see classmates, Bachelor Brothers and friends and to also be on campus with my roommate Tom Fox for the first time since our 25th reunion." JD isn't teaching every day anymore, and he's tutoring and coaching less than the past few years, but he doesn't call it "retirement." He considers it to be a sabbatical. He's hoping to "make one more coaching run in some sport and also maybe try one more part-time teaching gig."

Steve Dyer continues to practice insurance law in Pawley's Island, S.C., just south of Myrtle Beach. He gets together with Mark "Manny" Rosenberg and Eric "Schwartz" Rosenberg '77 several times each month for a round of golf, and I know from personal experience that Steve is on a never-ending quest to "buy a golf game" by snapping up bargain golf clubs on eBay. So far, he hasn't found the club that will return him to his glory days of being a scratch golfer (maybe another putter, Steve?), but the search continues. Steve told me that he's sorry he was unable to attend our 40th reunion and added that it would have been nice to talk to some of the people with whom he went to school.

After a 30-year career at Dunbar Armored, Wayne Birely started a new job in August 2019. He's now working with Heartland Payment Systems as the head of sales in Maryland and Delaware. In October 2019, the night before Homecoming and our 40th reunion, Wayne attended the WMC/McDaniel Sports Hall of Fame Dinner. Joining him were leff Vinson '81, Regan Smith '81, Charlie Brown '81, Rob Bowman '81, Dave Milchling '83, Susan "Speed" Tuley Routson, M.S. '88 and Clarke Tankersley '80, and fellow Hall of Famers Eric Schwaab '82 and John "IP" Patrick '80. Wayne and his fellow HoFers welcomed lacrosse coach Tom Mavity '71. M.Ed. '76 into the Hall. Wayne and the rest of the team are very proud that there are now five members of the '78 and '79 championship teams in the WMC/McDaniel Hall of Fame. Wayne wishes the McDaniel lacrosse team luck in the spring and hopes that the

40-year championship drought is almost over. Rick Powell and his wife, Jayna, continue to enjoy living in Catonsville, Md. Rick just began his 24th year as pastor at Christian Temple and is beginning to see the light at the end of the retirement tunnel. Rick was instrumental in planning our 40th reunion (Thank you, Rick!) and loved catching up with everyone. Rick wrote, "See you all in five years, if not before!"

Scott and Robin Seiland, M.Ed. '79 Trenner had a terrific time at our 40th reunion. (Thank you for all your hard work as co-organizer, Robin!) Robin noted that, while we had 48 friends there, we had way more than that in our class. "We ain't getting any younger, folks! Come back to the Hill and reconnect with old friends and good memories!" The Trenners have two sons, both of whom are married. One of their sons works with Scott and Robin in their Jiffy Lubes. And they have two incredible grandchildren who light up their life. Scott still attends every home Ravens game, driving the Ravenmobile. He can be found in the Ostend Street bridge lot, usually partying with Mike Barry, Rob Bowman '81 and various other Hill friends. Robin is still director of music at her church and involved with her theatre group, Heritage Players, Inc., though her favorite current activity is playing "Gigi" to her grandchildren.

David Range and CI Walter were hoping their son, Ben Walter-Range '10, might get a job in Maryland, which would give them a double reason to attend our 40th reunion - seeing folks and helping him move - but alas, he is still looking for work. CJ wrote, "If anyone needs a newly minted librarian or archivist, they should hire Ben (McDaniel '10 History; Duquesne '12 Public History; Drexel '19 Library & Information Science)!" CJ and David hope he will settle in Maryland, which would prompt them to follow him when they retire. However, retirement seems a long way off because, as CJ wrote, David, in his 15th year of ministry in Miramar, Fla., is having too much fun and fulfillment to contemplate retiring. David and his church are active in

social justice as well as spiritual formation, and David is not ready to leave that behind. CJ is enjoying cooking, sewing and getting healthy during a leave of absence she began in 2018 after 35 years in ministry. They moved to be closer to David's church last year and are enjoying daily walks around the neighborhood lake. They also spend a lot of time FaceTiming with their New Jersey grandchildren, Emily and Sam, and keep in very close contact with their son and daughter-in-law, Micah and Jessica, who work in the space industry.

**Ray Via** sent his update while on a river

cruise in Europe (marking the first time I've received a cellphone photo of a handwritten note, by the way). Ray and his wife, Claudia, were on vacation just before Christmas and had a fabulous time visiting Austria and Germany. Ray continues to practice law at Whiteford, Taylor and Preston, in Washington, D.C. After 35 years, he hopes all that practice pays off and that he gets it right soon. Claudia recently retired after 35 years at the National Security Agency, and they look forward to lots more travel in the future. Ray keeps in touch with Mike Modica, Keith Lawson and Manny Rosenberg and enjoys their occasional get-togethers, at which the tales of their college exploits become more and more exaggerated

A previously scheduled trip to Rotterdam, Holland, kept **Alison Crispell** from attending our 40th reunion last fall. She wrote that things continue to be well "here in the 757." Her husband, David, is still working for CBRE (a commercial real estate services company) and he commutes to the Richmond area four days a week while Alison spends her time horseback riding, gardening and taking care of their five "fur kids." She and David have season tickets to the local minor league hockey team, so a good deal of their spare time from October to April, is spent at the Newport News Admirals hockey games.

Cheryl Collins Reinecker wrote that it was so good to see so many of our classmates at the reunion! Cheryl wrote that she has always felt a little out of the loop at such events because she left campus to marry David Reinecker '77 after her sophomore year. After getting married, she lived in Westminster and commuted to campus while working, which didn't allow her to develop the relationships many of the rest of us shared. "I think I know more of my husband's classmates than my own. Even so, I love WMC/McDaniel, and I appreciate the warm fellowship shared at every reunion I've attended!" Cheryl retired in June 2019, and she's loving it! Retirement has afforded her more time with her parents, including WMC grad Ashby Collins'53, her three grandchildren, girlfriends (including former WMC roommate Nancy Swisher Reuter), and the opportunity to travel more and devote more time to volunteering at their church. The Reineckers still go to St. Kitts twice a year, but they are expanding their sights to other locales. David continues to farm with their older

son, Andrew Reinecker'o4 and Cheryl, even in retirement, continues to keep the books for their business.

Dave Meyer and his wife, Cindy, are increasingly enjoying travel from their home in Bloomington, Ind. Dave is a part-time instructor at Indiana University and Cindy just retired from the Indiana University Office of Admissions. Altogether they have three children, one grandchild and another grandchild on the way. 2019 was a great year for travel as they ventured to Costa Rica, Australia and Mexico over a six-month period. In order to better manage their CO2 overage from travel, they installed solar panels (enlarged this year) and drive a battery electric car.

Katherine "Licia" Hedian, graduated from Family Medicine Residency in 2017 (at age 60), and is very much enjoying being "an old country doctor" (like Leonard "Bones" McCoy) in rural Virginia. Licia is living in the woods, near her mother, on land that has belonged to some member of her extended family since 1856. She plays violin at their church, founded in the 1700s and located on land that was donated by an ancestor, Benjamin Childress, a Revolutionary War veteran. Licia calls it, "a typical Virginia story!" Licia's kids both work in Richmond, Va., so they are close enough that the family can get together fairly often.

Paul '77 and Beth Lengyel Hewett are in the beginning stages of retirement in that they're talking a lot about it. In 2019, Beth got her National Parks Lifetime Park Pass after turning 62. Last fall, their son, Russell, and his wife, Tara, shared their 22-month-old son, Theo, with Paul and Beth for Thanksgiving. Beth reports that she never knew singing "Wheels on the Bus" could be so much fun. Beth finished her last two academic books as an independent scholar in 2019 and is focusing on bereavement coaching and spiritual advising in 2020. The Hewetts bought a boat last spring, named it Manifest, and, along with Beth's best friend, Sue Pahl Mayhak, are enjoying time on the Chesapeake with

Beth Dunn wrote that she loved seeing such a good turnout of our classmates at the reunion. Beth noted that the two most prevalent questions were, "Are you retired yet?" and "How many grandchildren do you have?" Beth is still enjoying her position as the general manager of a small new home construction company (Smucker Homes, Inc.) on the Eastern Shore, so, retirement plans are not in her near future. "The best part of my job is where I get to live. If you haven't been to Rock Hall, Md., you are missing a little piece of heaven." In her spare time, Beth is the commodore of the Rock Hall Yacht Club, which is located just off the Chester River. She said that it's where she's met so many wonderful people and gets to enjoy phenomenal views of the water. Beth concluded by writing, "The greatest joy of my life is being 'Lita' to my four beautiful, smart, vivacious, sports-loving, spoiled

#### family

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Mr. Carl Snyder '93 of Altoona, Pa., on Jan. 2, 2020.

Mr. Saul Gevarter '01 of Hewlett, N.Y., on May 1, 2019.

Ms. Kimberly Kautz M.L.A. '03 of Martinsburg, W.Va., on April 12, 2019.

Mr. Spencer Wiersberg '17 of Salisbury, Md., on Jan. 12, 2019.



Victim Leadership Award from my victim and survivor peers at the National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children. John's tenure as director of the Office of Victims of Crime in the U.S. Department of Justice helped establish victims as a critical part of the criminal justice system and created many important resources and protections for victims of crimes and their families. It is humbling that my fellow bereaved parents would consider the book I wrote after my son William's murder and the conference workshops I present for victims and the people who work to support them worthy of such recognition." "— BILL JENKINS '79

(at times) grandchildren. Aiden, Ella, Penny and Callie have my heart!! I know many of you can relate to this amazing gift of being a grandparent."

Bill Jenkins regrets that he was unable to attend the 40th reunion. He planned to attend but family matters came up at the last minute and he couldn't make it. Bill continues to work as an associate professor, teaching and designing in the Theatre Arts department at Dominican University in Chicago. He also continues to travel extensively speaking on trauma and victim rights issues to various victim and professional groups, including the Survivors Network for those Abused by Priests (SNAP). In 2019, Bill was awarded the prestigious John W. Gillis Victim Leadership Award by the National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children, in recognition of his work in that field. Bill raised and released over 80 monarch butterflies last summer and now has an extensive native plant and pollinator garden where his yard used to be. "All in all," Bill wrote, "it has been a rewarding and busy year." Bill invites us to follow his exploits on Facebook.

Mike and Missy Bain Lewis are still living in Erwin, Tenn., and, in 2019, they hosted a Bain family reunion. They enjoy their nomadic lifestyle and travel frequently throughout the region. During a trip to Maryland, they visited their son, Billy, and attended the 60th anniversary of Frontier Town, where they both worked while spending their summers in Ocean City, Md. At the Frontier Town anniversary celebration, they reconnected with dear friends, including WMC alumni Helane Riser Rapsas '81 and Bob '77 and Linda Jo Stocksdale **'80 Hulburd**. Mike and Missy's grandchildren live in Nashville, so they travel there often to spoil them. In the fall of 2019, they meandered across Florida and ended up in Gulf Shores, Ala. Although they wanted to attend our 40th reunion, they had already made vacation plans for the same weekend by the time the date for the reunion was announced.

Reporting in from Alexandria, Va., lack and Sue Hinton Kendall wrote that their oldest son was married the same weekend as Homecoming, so Jack and Sue had a good excuse for being no-shows at the reunion. Jack wrote that it was unfortunate that he also missed the induction of Coach Tom Mavity '71, M.Ed. '76 into the WMC Sports Hall of Fame that weekend. Jack and Sue's daughter, son-in-law and two grandkids recently moved three miles away from them, so Sue and Jack are having a great time being grandparents. They also travel frequently to Richmond to visit their youngest. Jack is still working and is now coaching a girls' high school lacrosse team. Jack says that he looks forward to possibly seeing a few alums next year at a McDaniel men's lacrosse game.

Brenda Eccard Dellinger and husband, Bob, continue to live in Boonsboro, Md., and they recently celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary by taking a trip to the Dominican

Hamilton, most recently managing programs for Veterans Affairs, Brenda retired for a month before accepting a new position this past September as CFO for Cedar Ridge Boys Home and School, Inc. Brenda and Bob enjoy spending time with their son, Adam Dellinger '10, who prepares cost proposals for a construction company in Annapolis Junction, Md. Brenda also enjoys spending time with the "Munchkins" from the class of '77 (Nan Hollinger Gangler '77, Terry Holland, Nancy Schwarzkopf Gaffney and Beth Heckert Tevis '77, M.Ed. '84). Brenda and Terry cheered on the Washington Nationals against the Braves and celebrated the World Series win! On a road trip, they traveled from Alexandria, Va., to New Bern, N.C., and then up to Old Lyme, Conn., to visit friends. They also spent time in Rhode Island so Brenda could cross that state off her list of states visited. Brenda met up with the Munchkins again in Yorktown at Christmastime in 2018 and 2019, this past year at the home of Sherry Wensel Bowers '78. The Munchkins (minus Nancy) also trekked to Washington, D.C., this fall to see Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and were excited to hear their theme song, "Oh What a Night!" Jan Wilder '77 was able to join in the fun which commenced with dinner at The Hamilton. Other travels took Brenda to Turks and Caicos; Melbourne Beach, Orlando and Singer Island, Fla.; Nashville, Tenn.; and the Outer Banks, N.C., as well as an additional trip to Newington, Conn. She also attended other concerts including the Outlaws, Blue Oyster Cult, Clare Bowen (from the show "Nashville") and all-time favorite Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band. In December 2019, she traveled back to Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry to see Vince Gill and Amy Grant's

Republic. After 16 years with Booz Allen

really been 40 years since graduation? And time for Tom Baugher '80 and I to celebrate our 40th anniversary, too? Hard to believe we have been away so long from both college and a Maryland home." That's how Patrice John **Baugher** opened her email to me. The Baughers are now Hoosiers living in Ft. Wayne, Ind. All three of their sons are CPAs. Their oldest is in Indianapolis, their middle is in Columbia City, Ind., and their youngest is in Chicago. Both Patrice and Tom continue to work, Tom for Raytheon and Patrice teaching pre-K. They traveled a lot recently, for both work and pleasure. Tom has been to Ft. Lewis, Wash.; Ft. Dix, N.J.; Ft. Sill, Okla.; Ft. Gordon, Ga.; Ft. Bragg, N.C.; and Aberdeen Proving Ground Md. When Tom visited Aberdeen, he was able to get together with Bruce England'81, who was best man at their wedding. Patrice went to Germany to celebrate her stepmother's 80th birthday, and Patrice wrote that it was amazing to spend time in Munich and Berlin with her stepmother and other family members. She and Tom traveled together to Disney World and Indian Rocks Beach, Fla., with their two

"Wow! Where did the years go? Has it

grandsons. Patrice wrote that Indiana is a great state, but they miss the beaches and crabs that they used to enjoy in Maryland.

Jeff Jackson is the owner of Granville Golfland, a driving range and golf club fitting center in central Ohio. Jeff has been recognized by Golf Digest magazine as one of the Top 100 Clubfitters in the country four years in a row and is a multi-time Ping Club-Fitter of the Year. Jeff wrote, "We fit all types of clubs, offer lessons and repairs ... we are your complete game improvement center. We fit WMC graduate and several-time Senior Amateur Player of the Year John "Slug" Armstrong '73, M.Ed. '75!"

From Wendy Gross: "Good Dragons! 40 years!" 2018 and 2019 were full of ups and downs for Wendy. On the positive side, she retired from the National Air and Space Museum store in January of that year, but eight months later her mother died after a short illness, just a month shy of her 90th birthday. The following July, her sister-in-law (her younger brother Brian's wife) passed away from liver cancer. Fortunately, Wendy's father, who is 93 years old, is doing very well. Wendy has tried to continue her mother's legacy in gardening, but "Alas, I find that my mission on earth in this field (no pun intended) is to grow weeds and feed the neighboring deer, which I have done so magnificently." Wendy continued, "I went to WMC's Homecoming in 2019 and hooked up with Nancy 'Moose' McKenzie '78 and Norma 'Cosmo' Edie Campbell '78. Chip '78 and Debbie Lazarz Roberts, our other GDIs (Gamma Delta Iotas) were visiting Australia and New Zealand. I also updated The Dragon's Cave and The Great Dragon looks quite well. I continued to make sculpy dragons, paint, take care of my dad, the cats and keeping my room straight. I have come to the happy conclusion that I have more DVDs, CDs, VHSs, Doctor Who, Dragons, helicopter models, and books than I have clothes ... I consider this good."

Vince Wesley still lives in Catonsville, Md. He's been living in that area for the past 35 years. He and his wife, Valerie, have three wonderful daughters. Their oldest daughter, Caroline, lives in Lynchburg, Va., where she is the head athletic trainer at her alma mater, the University of Lynchburg. Vince is justifiably proud that Caroline was recently inducted into the university's Athletic Hall of Fame. Their twins, Adrienne and Elizabeth, live nearby in Catonsville. Adrienne is a reading specialist in Baltimore County Public Schools and Elizabeth is a pediatric nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital. All three girls are happily married to wonderful spouses. In February 2018, Vince retired after a 35-year career with SunTrust Bank. Vince spent the last 20 years of his career leading SunTrust's Not-For-Profit Banking Group in Washington, D.C., focused on all types and sizes of tax-exempt organizations. Valerie is planning to join Vince in retirement in the near future after working more than 20 years in the University of Maryland health care system. In retirement, Vince is spending more time with his family, and he serves on a few local boards and one national board. In his spare time, he's playing as much golf as he can, tinkering with a few older cars and completing various projects on their 100-year-old home.

"Life in Delaware is great," writes Mary-Louise Jones York, M.Ed. '80. She's been playing lots of golf. One evening during league play, Mary-Louise was paired with another graduate of Western Maryland College, Nancy Banks '58. Small world! Mary Louise and her husband, Tom, were at the 40th reunion.

Bill Charette and Kim Smith-Charette, and their two grown children, William Jr. and Samantha, visited Scotland last summer for a nine-day "bucket list" golf trip. They visited St. Andrews, stayed in a hotel about 100 yards from the R&A Clubhouse, and played the Old Course, where golf has been played for more than 600 years. From there, they went to the highlands, where they stayed in a lovely hotel in Inverness and played Royal Dornoch Golf Club, which is a relative newcomer, having recently celebrated its 400th anniversary. Along the way, they stopped for a tour of the Macallan Distillery to learn how whiskey is made and to sample "a wee dram." After a short stay in Inverness, they traveled south to Edinburgh for a whirlwind tour before heading home. Kim and Bill spend most of their time at their home in Naples, Fla., where they enjoy golf year-round.

Mike Modica, who is still practicing crim-

inal and family law in Delaware, was fortunate to attend an event at McDaniel sponsored by **Chuck Boehlke '78**, a current member of the McDaniel Board of Trustees. Several of Mike's fraternity brothers from Gamma Beta Chi also attended, including Jere Lynch '78, Scott Schneider '78, Bob Le Sueur, Terry Koenig '78 and Jay Cooke '78. Mike reported that Judd Miller '78 was also supposed to attend but he got lost and ended up in Frostburg. President Roger Casey updated the group on the national recognition, as well as the progress being made on a number of fronts, by the school. After the event, President Casey invited the group to watch the football game against Johns Hopkins from the new press box. A few weeks later, Mike participated in a fall golf outing with a number of his Betes brothers, including: Chuck Boehlke '78, Bill Brazis '78, John "JP" Patrick '80, Judd Miller '78, Bob Le Sueur, Gary Walters '77, Jere Lynch '78, Scott Schneider '78, Tom Wiederseim, Randy Cole, Eric Brown, Chris Parr and Mike Goldstein '81. Steve Wheeler '76 even made an appearance. In October, Mike attended the Homecoming game and tailgated with Mark "Manny" Rosenberg, Scott '80 and Martha Hooper Wheeler, Ron and Leslie McDade '80 Bowen and Keith and Robin Lee '80 Lawson, as well as others. Mike was unable or unwilling to stay for the post-game 40th reunion reception and failed to offer a satisfactory excuse for his absence. My guess is that he heard an ambulance and thought he might be able to find a new client. Mike's high hopes for a World Series Championship for his beloved

Phillies were dashed by some off-season free agent signing blunders, but he enjoyed the Washington Nationals championship run vicariously through **Ray Via**. Mike's true joy is spending time with his granddaughters, Grace and Hailey. Mike says that life is good, and he sends best wishes to everyone.

Jay Gardiner recently finished his ninth year as the commissioner of the Southern Athletic Association based in Atlanta. He has three sons, five granddaughters and now four stepchildren. Work obligations caused him to miss the reunion, but he hopes to attend Homecoming next year and looks forward to seeing Jack and Sue Hinton Kendall and John Cochran.

Patricia Koval Whittle and her husband,

Mark, are still living outside Leesburg, Va., and Pat reports that life is good. They are enjoying their farm, although they no longer have horses at their property. The three cats now have the run of the barn. The Whittles didn't give up on the horses, but because caring for them made traveling a little too difficult, they are now boarding them at a nearby stable. Pat and Mark's elder child is gainfully employed as a technical recruiter for a local firm. It's not in his area of interest (game design) but he's employed. He loves being the dungeon master for several Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) games and is about to begin running a D&D game club for youth at the local library. Their younger graduated from UVA in May 2019 with majors in computer science and linguistics. He was fortunate to receive a job offer before the end of school from LMI and is loving it so far. "All children grown, educated and employed. Check, check and triple-check!" Pat's most recent obsession is painting. She has been focusing on drawing and painting for the past three years and has enjoyed showing and selling works in local and regional galleries. Pat says that she paints or draws just about every day. Check out "pwhittleart" on Facebook or Instagram if you are interested in seeing what she's been up to. Mark continues to work as a consultant in the executive realm for various companies. Consulting gives him the flexibility for traveling. The Whittles have been to the U.K. four times in the past couple of years for various family events on Mark's side. A highlight of their last trip was a stay in Whitby, arguably the most picturesque town in the U.K. The ruin of the gothic Whitby Abbey on the clifftop overlooking the town was the inspiration for Bram Stoker's Dracula. Pat said that she was sorry she could not attend the 40th reunion, but she has her eve on the 45th.

Life is pretty good for **Bob "Woof"** and **Mary Thomas Le Sueur**. In the fall of 2019, they visited Yellowstone, which Bob described as "sick," and they visited their son in Boulder, Colo., whom they hope to visit again soon for a few ski trips. Their other kids are in Maryland, and Bob says that it's great to have them in the area. Bob is still a "working stiff" and he started a new job last June with a tech startup

Kim SmithCharette '79
took a nine-day
"bucket list"
golf trip to
Scotland with
her husband
and two grown
children last
summer.

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Michael "Jay"
DeMos '85 and
his company,
Victory-360,
acquired Clapp
Communications
in 2019. He
is now CEO
of Clapp 360
Communications.

based in Salt Lake City. The company is run by "an amazing 30-year-old CEO and no one in the company is over 35, other than me. I can also relate to my new team since they are all very outdoor-oriented and enjoy a cocktail or two." Bob is glad his kids have kept him current with their world. Mary and Bob want more grandchildren, who Bob describes as, "Much cooler than our kids ever were."

Carol James is still living in Severna Park, Md., and practicing law in Howard County. She enjoys mediation as a larger part of her work. Her daughter, Lauren Avery '14, is living in Columbia, Md., and is working for PepsiCo. Her son, Andrew, graduated from Penn State in May 2019 and is working in D.C. at the Government Accountability Office. Carol and family had a great time visiting Andrew at PSU over his time there, but it is a very different experience than WMC, for sure! Football games with over 110,000 people attending, ice hockey games and college and minor league baseball were great experiences! Carol said she will surely miss it, and she's sure Andrew will too. Her visits to Happy Valley, Pa., made her realize that WMC, back in the day, was the best fit for her! Carol continues to volunteer with the Oriole Advocates and, even with the "rebuild process," she enjoys going to games as much as possible at Camden Yards and other cities when the Orioles travel.

As for me, Mark "Manny" Rosenberg, my wife, Carolyn, and I continue to live in Sunset Beach, N.C., which, in our opinion, is the nicest beach on the East Coast. Our sentiments are shared by the folks at National Geographic, which, in 2017, ranked Sunset Beach No. 4 on its list of the "21 Best Beaches in the World." We've now been in the Carolinas full time for nearly 20 years. Our business, Seaside Golf Vacations, which we own with my brother, Eric "Schwartz" Rosenberg '77, is in its 19th year and continues to thrive. The business has afforded me many opportunities to travel and play some outstanding golf courses throughout the U.S., Scotland, Ireland and Northern Ireland. I also had the opportunity to help Kim Smith-Charette plan her family's golf trip to Scotland in 2019. Although Kim and I never got together face-to-face, we talked a few times and exchanged dozens of emails. I play golf regularly with **Steve Dyer** since he lives only about an hour away, and I spent a weekend with fraternity brother and former roommate lim Lamont '80 and his lovely wife, Karen Bellamy Lamont '81, at their beautiful home in Durham, N.C. Carolyn and I get together with the Lamonts when they visit the Myrtle Beach area. In 2018, I attended the combination Gamma Beta Chi/1978 Lacrosse Team Reunion, organized by Wayne Birely, Jack Kendall, John" Patrick '80 and Skip Seidel '78. There was a huge turnout from the 1978 and 1979 championship lacrosse teams and from the Bete fraternity. Wayne, Jack, John and Skip deserve a huge amount of credit and thanks for putting the event together. I hope to see

many of you at the 50th reunion, which will

be here before we know it. Thank you to all who submitted their input to the Class Notes. It's a pleasure to hear from all of you. Until next time...

Mark "Manny" Rosenberg 1979 Class Reporter mark@the-rosenbergs.com

#### 1985

It's a big year for us! Can you believe we'll be celebrating our 35th class reunion this fall at Homecoming? Put Oct. 17 on your calendars and head to Westminster so we can catch up in person instead of via email or *The Hill* magazine. More information will be coming your way once plans for the event have been finalized.

I'm having a hard time believing 35 years have gone by, but then I'm quickly reminded of the truth when I'm reading your emails filled with good news. It seems as if "traying on the hill" has been replaced with talks of retiring (some of you already have) before we're "over the hill." Instead of purchasing a 12-pack at Carriage House Liquors, it's a Pack 'n Play for your grandchild. So, yes, time has flown by very quickly, but it has brought some amazing life experiences to all of us.

The first classmate I heard from was Liz Gates Haslbeck. Liz and her husband, Leo, still live in Derwood, Md., and feel blessed by two big life moments. Daughter Carrie Haslbeck Carey '13 married Graeme Carey '15, and daughter Stephanie is now engaged to her longtime boyfriend RJ. (Yes, Carrie's name is now Carrie Carey.) Liz and Leo bought and fixed up their future retirement home in Chestertown, Md., and did about 30% of the work themselves, primarily repurposing old wood from the 100-year-old house, plus some plain old hard labor/grunt work and some infrastructure work. They worked on it most weekends for 2.5 years, and it was a labor of love. The house nicknamed, "The Mansion" (FYI it's a two-bedroom), now has, for the first time ever, running water and still has a lovely view of the Chester River, very close to where Liz grew up. She said she's itching to retire, but it's still too soon—plus she still loves what she does and doesn't have grandchildren (yet!).

leff and Val Wieder Rickett will be married for 28 years this year and live in Columbia, Md. Val started a new position as a preschool teacher at St. John's Parish Day School in Ellicott City, Md., and enjoys teaching in a school setting again. Jeff still serves as one of the founders, directors and biblical counselors for Heart Song Counseling. Heart Song has 19 counselors serving the Washington, D.C., and Baltimore metro regions, Richmond, Va., Tampa, Fla., and Louisville, Ky. Another hat he wears is that of a pastoral counselor for SENT Network, a church planting organization in the Mid-Atlantic. Since March 2018, Jeff also serves as an interim pastor at Neelsville Presbyterian Church in Germantown, Md. Jeff and Val enjoy visiting their daughter, Amanda, in New Haven, Conn., where she is in her third year at the University of New Haven studying criminal justice, national security and Arabic (and she plays club softball). Samuel, their 21-year-old son, lives at home pursuing his creative spirit in photography and gaming. Jeff and Val see Barb Bailey Collins '81, M.Ed. '84, Carol Francies Carrico '83 and Paul '83 and Nancy Turner '82 Parlette every month playing a card game called 500. Val often walks with Barb, Carol and Nancy around Centennial Lake in Columbia. They send many blessings to our 1985 classmates!

leff and Jeane Hayman continue to enjoy the semi-retired life in the small fishing village of Reedville, Va. Jeff still accepts short-term gigs consulting on cybersecurity matters such as ransomware and doxing defense but spends most of his time traveling and walking the dogs with Jeane. They have finally "cracked the code" on Viking Cruises European river travel and will celebrate their 27th anniversary on the Rhone in France this year. Jeff's parents continue to do well and Jeff and Jeane frequently pass through campus on their way to visit nieces and nephews in Pennsylvania. Jeff mentioned he recently got to see many of our classmates at Duane Gamble's promotion to a three-star general at the Pentagon and then again when Duane spoke on campus last April.

"I can't believe how fast time flies by; I still think that we are in college," wrote Lucrezia **"Lu" Di Fiore Krolikowski**. She said how much she enjoyed returning for our last reunion and getting to see everyone. She and Dan Krolikowski '84 are doing well, and when she emailed me, they were in Florida in St. Pete Beach on vacation for a little R&R. Lu and her sister have a condo there, so they escape from New Jersey and head there for warm, sunny weather. Last May, they went to Italy to visit some of her family and to see the sites. Neither she nor Dan has any plans to retire anytime soon. In fact, Lucrezia has been working for the State of New Jersey for more than 30 years. She works in the Office of Licensing as a licensing inspector and is part of a team that licenses group homes and community care homes for the developmentally disabled. Their children are adults and on their own; their son is 30 and is engaged and their daughter is 28. "Both are hardworking professionals and are the light of our lives." (Spoken like a very proud mom.)

Monica Brunson has two businesses, including Berries by Quicha, which she owns with her cousin LaQuicha Brown. They make amazing gourmet chocolate-covered strawberries. They have been in business for six years with two locations. She also owns The Brunson Healthcare Consultants Group, which is a full-service assisted living placement and senior care consulting firm. Those doors opened seven years ago. Monica said, "Being an entrepreneur is both stressful and absolutely rewarding. Life has been a roller-coaster of events for me. I have not married.

have no children and I still live in Baltimore. I became a licensed Minister of the Gospel of Christ in 2018, and I have experienced some losses like most people. All in all, I am blessed and highly favored."

"Weekend Warrior" is what **Diane Culver Borucki** calls herself since she and husband
Dave try to enjoy life in Bethany Beach, Del.,
every chance they get. Last summer, they
enjoyed a trip to Bermuda with friends and
family to celebrate anniversaries and graduations. **Lisa Turner Horn** and her husband were
included in that trip. Di said, "It's always the
best when I can spend some time catching up
with the Phi Alph/WMC gals of '85. Those are
the best moments and memories!"

It's been awhile since I've heard from Michael "Jay" DeMos, but he reached out and said two cool things happened in 2019 for him. His company, Victory-360, acquired Clapp Communications, and he is now CEO of Clapp 360 Communications. Personally, he won the 2019 ECEA series Enduro motorcycle championship in the A55 class. The East Coast Enduro Association (ECEA) holds a 16-race series of extended cross-country, off-road courses that are physically demanding and technically difficult.

Vicky Eliades is going on her fourth year with Optum, a subsidiary of UnitedHealthcare (both of which comprise United Heath Group). She had worked for 21 years with Quest Diagnostics before the company restructured and downsized. Vicky plans to retire at Optum.

Joe and Ronna Lolli Cobuzio recently met up with Glen '84 and Sue Richardson '86 Yurcisin for dinner in Lambertville, N.J., and had a great visit. Joe keeps in touch with **Rick Donley** '84 as well. Ronna and Laura McKay Lewis have started chatting through Instagram. Joe is still working like crazy as managing partner for TMW&B and keeping everyone in line. Son, Joey, got his Master of Science in Juris Prudence at Seton Hall University School of Law and is now currently attending New England Law in Boston for his J.D. Ronna said it's a great town to visit, so she and Joe go up as often as they can. In October 2018, their daughter, Alyssa, had a beautiful wedding in Disney World, and she and her husband, Zack, just welcomed a baby girl in November 2019 (Gianna Elise Myers). Joe and Ronna are loving every minute of being grandparents!

Clif Martin continues as the CEO and president of the Housing Commission and Corporation of Anne Arundel County, rounding out his 28th year there. He and his husband finally married this past summer in Las Vegas on their 20th anniversary of commitment. Clif is in the planning stages for retirement, which he is hoping will occur in 2022. Occasionally, he's in contact with Gary Tolin '86 and Tim Pyle' 86, M.S. '89.

Alan and Sandy Brant Alvey '87 celebrated Sandy's retirement from the U.S. Army on May 23 at the Defense Intelligence Agency in Charlottesville, Va., and with an Old

Guard ceremony at Fort Myers on June 28. Needless to say, a whole lot of planning this past year went into those events. They also celebrated the birth of their first grandchild, Elaina Grace Alvey, on Oct. 12, 2018. So, it wasn't hard for them to shift their efforts from serving their country to serving their expanding family. Additionally, Alan spent six months in Kuwait from December 2017 through June 2018, his third deployment to the region since the Gulf War. Alan and Sandy continue to work at the Defense Intelligence Agency in Charlottesville, Va., and have had trips to the U.K., Greece, Kuwait, Vail, Salt Lake City, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Cuba, Galapagos, Netherlands, Belgium and Poland. By the time this is published, they will have also spent time in Scotland. They are consumed by travel, taking care of three estates and spending time with family and friends, including caring for their 91-yearold mother who is only four miles from their Virginia house now and not five hours away from their Berlin, Md., home. They still travel the I-95 corridor on the weekends to visit their daughter who lives in Alexandria, Va., and works for an environmental law firm on DuPont Circle. Their son Douglas is a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps stationed at Quantico, Va., with his wife and children, and their son Gregory is helping with the ex-

"I went to my 25th year of medical school reunion at University of Maryland Baltimore this summer and I can't believe the time went by so fast," wrote **Deb Ratzburg Hopkins**. Deb also passed her third certification exam for the American Board of Emergency Medicine this year. She said her degree at WMC was in Political Science, but she can still remember Dr. Paquin telling her she should go into Biology! Deb traveled twice to the Arctic Circle last year and saw Alaska and Norway while reconnecting with friends she made through the years. She also visited her daughters in Sweden and Colorado, and she enjoys camping with her Akita.

pansion of their Virginia home.

Tracey Serratelli Swenson and family have officially moved from New Jersey to Park City, Utah, and they are loving the active and adventurous lifestyle out there. Tracey was excited to tell us that she's the "fun over 50" supervisor at their local recreation center and she loves her job! She leads mountain bike, road bike and fat tire rides; hikes; snow shoeing; and is the cross country and skate ski instructor. Plus, in the winter months she works part time for the ski mountain. Her latest obsession is pickleball, and they've just started a pickleball club in Park City. She's been playing and instructing almost every day! I don't think the girl sleeps!! Tracey's exact words were, "Soooo many activities to do and not enough time for all of them!" Her twin girls are now 13 and thriving in sports as well as academics. Tayte is a superstar swimmer on the swim team and Karly is a superstar volleyball player. Mom is so proud of both of them! Her

husband does the hard work by commuting back and forth to New Jersey for their business, but they feel they are getting the best of both worlds by staying in Park City for the school year and spending their summers traveling the East Coast. Tracey said it's always a pleasure keeping in touch with all of the Omegas and Phi Alphs (Sue Stevenson, Lisa Wyble Arens, Deirdre O'Neill and Lisa Turner Horn) via Facebook!

Jen MacLea Arrogancia is still working at Bryn Mawr School as the Upper School mathematics chair. Jen and her daughter, Christina, had a wonderful trip to Cape Town, South Africa, escorting one of Bryn Mawr's exchange students to her host family and then traveling. Jen sees Gail Sadler Jones quite often.

After being with the Music for Healing & Transition Program for over 20 years as advisor administrator, instructor and vice president of the board of directors, Kris Nystrom Snyder finally retired. Kris is focusing on her therapeutic music work through Homeland Hospice in Harrisburg, Pa., and working at Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster. She's also continuing to teach the Celtic harp in her home studio and has 18 students. Kris and her husband, Brandt, celebrated 28 years of marriage and they are still working on renovations to their home, which was built in 1884. They've been there 27 years and she said somehow, she doesn't think they will ever be truly finished. They traveled to Seattle to see friends this past October and they keep busy by staying in touch with WMC friends as well as their 20-something nieces and nephews.

I heard from **Gail Sadler Jones** and she said, "Life in the Jones household has been awe-some! We have four kids, three who are married and out of college, and a grandson due to arrive in January. Our youngest is finishing his last year at Rhodes in Memphis. My WMC degree and certification as a teacher have served me well. After a short time teaching, I went on to get my master's degree in reading and have had a tutoring practice as a reading specialist ever since. I am grateful for the opportunity to have impacted countless lives. I anticipate scaling back in the years ahead to make room for our new grandson and future grandbabies."

We have another retiree in the class: Lee Ann Ware Peck wrote that her big news was she retired at the end of the 2018 school year. She misses the kids and her colleagues but doesn't miss the constant grading! She now works part time in Maryland and Pennsylvania as both a coach and a guide for WW (formerly Weight Watchers) and it keeps her accountable for staying healthy and provides some extra money for travel. Lee Ann and George **Peck '86** have enjoyed being able to travel up and down the East Coast from Myrtle Beach to Maine in the last year, and they love seeing their kids as much as possible. Lee Ann keeps in touch regularly with Michele Everett Seibel and Mary Alice Eckenrode Hallman and enjoys keeping up with WMC friends via soAlan '85 and Sandy Brant Alvey '87 celebrated Sandy's retirement from the U.S. Army last year.

#### alumni updates

Ben Franklin '85
went back to
work in the
optometry clinic
at Lackland Air
Force Base's
Wilford Hall
Ambulatory
Surgical Center
after retiring
from active duty
in 2017.

Ed and Elizabeth Hedges Ripley are still living in Wasilla, Alaska. Ed retired after almost 30 years of teaching, last serving as principal of AK Middle College. Elizabeth is in her 12th year serving as CEO of the Mat-Su Health Foundation, which continues to challenge and energize her. Their daughter, Emily, came back to her home state to serve as an associate pastor in Anchorage, and their son, Noah, continues to run and sell cross-country products across the Pacific Northwest. Elizabeth stated it's been fun watching them make the transition from students to professionals. Ed and Elizabeth garden, fish, travel, still sing in choir together and love to entertain. If Alaska is on your bucket list, look them up before or when you come. They will share a yummy locally sourced meal and take you to Hatcher's Pass, their favorite playground for hiking and skiing.

their favorite playground for hiking and skiing.

Andy '84 and Anne Mercer Bowes aren't spending as much time at home in Maine as they used to. For the past year, Anne has been providing daycare for their grandson and eagerly awaiting the birth of twin grandsons! In her spare time, Anne does "odd jobs" like substitute teaching and continues as their church clerk. She also continues to enjoy playing handbells and dabbles with both the mountain and hammered dulcimer.

**Melissa Renehan Cahill** checked in and said life is good! She's the group exercise coordinator and an instructor at the Towson Y and loves it. She has three grown children and one is engaged.

"It's hard to believe we graduated almost 35 years ago!" wrote **Lisa Turner Horn**. "Of course, I enjoy spending time with my purple cow besties and getting together as often as we can. My husband, Ed, and I have been fortunate to have traveled quite a bit in the past couple of years, often with **Diane Culver Borucki** and her husband. Europe in 2017 included Oktoberfest in Munich, London, Venice, Paris and Salzburg, and we went to Bermuda last summer. We also spent a week in Portland, Ore., and lots of beach time. Not quite empty nesters, life is good.

The Franklins are healthy and doing well in the Lone Star state, writes Ben Franklin. As you may recall, Ben finally retired from active duty in 2017. He got bored really quick and went back to work. He says, "The pay being my wife's cabana boy was lousy." Ben's wife, Tina, is now a realtor in San Antonio and her business is slowly growing. She knows where all the good land is located and when it is time to retire, retire, retire, they will have their real retirement home and land finalized there in Texas. Ben went back to work at the new Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center at Lackland AFB within one of the optometry clinics. Serving as a staff optometrist and clinical educator for the many optometric interns and ophthalmic technicians training within the clinic. Also, he utilized some excellent VA educational benefits upon retiring and went back to graduate school to get a master's degree in public health. He's in his last class now

and might enter the world of academia. Ben still enjoys working and the intellectual challenge of optometric medicine. He said being around all the young military members helps motivate him to still stay physically fit and mentally sharp. If he has any educational benefits leftover, he might use them to renew his helicopter skills to fly hunters around Texas to help eradicate feral hogs. Some days he misses military flying but said all of that is for the youngins now. Ben extends his best to all class members of 1985 and ROTC graduates from WMC.

Karen Gallagher Ames has been loving her

new role as "Mimi" to grandson Camden. She and her husband, Al, have begun the college search for their youngest daughter, Riley, who is busy with all things high school. They've enjoyed vacations with family and friends to Sicily and Maine, as well as spending time at their beach house in Delaware. Karen and Al recently took a cruise with Jeff and Lisa Wyble Arens, Scott and Debbie Reda Brown, and Ed and Kristin Lathroum Lister. There may have been some Phi Alph memories recreated on that trip! The girls also continue to regularly get together with Diane Culver Borucki, Susan Cooke Meurer, Lisa Turner Horn and Laurie Chance, and recently welcomed Kim Groover Hughes back from Florida for a visit to Maryland.

Greetings from **Bill Kreller** who is currently working as the textbook manager at Loyola University, where he is constantly perplexed by the current college generation. His cancer seems to have been defeated, thanks to some great doctors and the wonders of radiation. Bill enjoys keeping tabs on old friends, such as **Steve Brady**, and fellow Elderdicians.

Shelley Jones is in her 14th year at Montgomery College in Takoma Park, Md., teaching Spanish and co-leading the virtual exchange program with their international partners in El Salvador, Ethiopia and India. Recent travel has included a trip to visit friends in Israel and professional and pleasure trips to Spain and El Salvador with colleagues and family. She has an adorable and active 5-year-old collie mix with whom she loves to explore new hiking spots. Shelley said she's fortunate to see Paul Ruther '83 around the neighborhood fairly often, as well as visit Lee Ann Ware Peck and Deb Tyler as often as she can.

Lisa Miller McDowell reached out and said this last year has been quite eventful. She lost her dad in the spring of 2019, but she counts herself lucky to have had him as long as she did and that his mind was sharp right to the end. A month after his death, her daughter, Caitlin Kelleher, gave birth to Lisa's grandson, Luke. They live close by and Lisa cherishes her time with him. As if that wasn't enough change, her husband, George, decided to take a job in Tampa for the next five years. Lisa said she doesn't do well with change, so in order to keep her sanity, she returned to her teaching job in Severna Park in September. Then she made the decision that after 34 years

of teaching in Anne Arundel County Public Schools, she'd retire at the end of the year. She's looking forward to splitting her time between Maryland and Florida, spending more quality time with family and maybe starting a second career—but only part time, of course!

Debbie Reda Brown shared news that in September 2018, her daughter, Fallon, got married in Chincoteague and lots of the '85 Phi Alphs were in attendance. (I can confirm it was definitely a fun wedding!) Debbie, Karen Gallagher Ames, Lisa Wyble Arens and Kristin "Lolly" Lathroum Lister (along with their husbands) all went on a cruise together and there were definitely memories and stories made on that trip.

Lisa Grason Becker has her very own Green Terror since her daughter, Autumn Becker '22, is a sophomore at McDaniel. Autumn is an honors student and declared a Psychology major with a focus on Criminology. As Lisa put it, she's a "CSI chica!" Lisa is so excited her daughter is a legacy student, has made incredible friends and was able to study in Budapest last spring semester. Her eldest son is working hard to graduate from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, while her youngest is in fifth grade and gets to ski for free throughout the West. It's a special program that most ski areas honor, and he's a "little ski-crazy dude," said Lisa. Through Montana State University, Lisa is now a Master Gardener. She said she loves to grow beautiful things, and she loves to run. In addition, she's looking forward to lots of skiing this winter because they only have two seasons there: August and winter! They are celebrating 20 years of building their life and family in Montana. Lisa said they live in a timeless, gorgeous place and they enjoy every moment. "Our door is open ... come visit us in Montana!"

"Our household is lively with kids and grandkids," writes Beth Chapman Zimmer. "Our three children all live locally, so we are fortunate to be able to see them often. Our daughter Sarah and her husband, Deshon. have two children, Amelia, 4, and William, 2. Our daughter Kate Zimmer Coates '11 and her husband, Chris, have two boys, Carter, 3, and Tucker, 1. Our son, Corey, is engaged and we couldn't be happier! His fiancée, Hannah, is a wonderful addition to our family! Tom Zimmer '84 and I absolutely love being grandparents! We both started new jobs in July 2018 and as we begin to reach our retirement age, it has been a welcome change. Tom is in his second year as principal at Worcester Technical High School. He is amazed daily at the kids and teachers with their talent and enthusiasm. I am in my second year as a bookkeeper at Berlin Intermediate School. We are finally on the same work schedule!"

Caroline Benson Tringali checks in and states, "I cannot believe we are racing toward our 35th reunion!" Since her last update, Caroline reports much has happened in her world. In 2015, she and her husband, Brian, moved around the corner just as their daughter

started high school. It was a great decision as they were able to host lots of fun gatherings, from team dinners to post-football game fire pits. Daughter, Grace, is now part of the University of Virginia Class of 2023, and in a twist of fate, she will graduate from college exactly 100 years after her great-grandmother, Caroline Foutz Benson '23, graduated from WMC. Caroline said she hasn't had time to get used to the empty nest yet as her father and McDaniel trustee, George R. Benson Jr., died in late September after a long illness. She's had to trade life as a full-time mom for life as a full-time estate administrator. When things eventually slow down, she's looking forward to having more time to travel and explore her creative interests of writing and photography. In the meantime, she's enjoying a weekly worldwide photography challenge called 52Frames. Caroline said to please reach out if you are in

the Alexandria, Va., area!
Port St. Lucie, Fla., is where you'll find Jon Ferber and his wife, Steph. Jon said they decided to move 20 years early to enjoy the weather and beach before they wouldn't be physically able to do so. His son, Daniel, graduated from Towson University last spring and is employed at Jellyfish in Baltimore. Jon says life is great and he's hoping to make it back to Maryland for our 35th in the fall.

As for me, things are still the same and sometimes that's good! I'm still in the mortgage business, still living in Crofton, Md., and I still get to hang out with the best bunch of girlfriends (lifelong friendships I made at WMC).

Thanks to all of you that responded to my "need for news" and if we didn't hear from you this time around, please think about contributing the next time. Please remember to keep me or the alumni office updated on any change of addresses, phone numbers or email addresses. Don't forget to put Homecoming on your calendar in ink ... 35 years is something to celebrate!

See you at the reunion!

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#### 1991

Holly Phipps Adams lives in Timonium, Md. with her husband of 14 years, Rob, and 9-yearold daughter, Rayne. They have two rescue greyhounds from the tracks (Nuke and Ewing), one rescue Shih Tzu (Puffy), one rescue Bengal cat (Maca) and two hermit crabs. A full house indeed! Holly's stepson, Justin, has been married to her daughter-inlaw, Allegra, for just over a year. Holly currently serves as the VP, Human Resources, for LifeBridge Health (specifically for Carroll and Levindale hospitals) and is responsible for engagement, culture and leadership development for LifeBridge overall. She serves on two boards: Greyhound Pet Adoption, Maryland, and the Chesapeake Human Resources Foundation. While work and home life keeps her family busy, they spend down time at the beach and boating.

Nona Green Bowers is still living in Alexandria, Va., with her husband, Ray, and her 11-year-old son, Jayden. She has been working as a school social worker for Fairfax County Public Schools for 13 years now. She spent a fabulous weekend this September on Anna Maria Island, Fla., with dearest WMC friends Norris "Dewey" Garrison '92, Melanie Tull Conley, M.S. '06, Melanie D'Amore Phillips, Janet Alcorn Yankosky '92, Julie Byrd Dixon '92 and Carolyn Moller.

Kim Hildebrand Cardoso has officially lived in California for half her life. She has been working for the same community health clinic for 14 years, the last four years as the associate medical director of sexual and reproductive health. She loves her work and paints when she can. Her 10th grade daughter loves math and is rowing with one of only three public high school crew teams west of the Mississippi. Her seventh grade son is busy with competitive soccer and video games. They still travel to Brazil to check up on her husband's family. When home in Oakland, Calif., they pretend they are country folk with two dogs, five chickens and nine fruit trees.

**John Cionfolo** is still teaching high school English in Knoxville, Tenn. He just celebrated 23 years of marriage to his wife Julie. He has become a huge ACC fan as his older daughter is at Duke University and his younger daughter is attending Wake Forest University. He still keeps in contact with **Brian Hughes**, who is now in Raleigh, N.C.

Tare Prugh Evans lives in Walkersville, Md. Her oldest daughter, Emily Evans '20, is a senior at McDaniel, and she can't believe that she is graduating this year. She absolutely loves it there. Emily studied abroad in Budapest last spring, so Tara had an awesome time visiting her there for a week! Tara's younger daughter, Natalie, is taking classes at Frederick Community College and will be transferring to a university/college in two years. Tara is still teaching sixth grade science at Rocky Hill Middle School in Montgomery County and is in her 24th year of teaching!

Sara Hallberg made a career change in March 2018. She works at St. Rose Convent, which is the Mother house for the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA). She is their liturgist, so she coordinates all the masses, prayer services, special events and funerals for the sisters. She lives in La Crescent, Minn., but works in La Crosse, Wisc., where the convent is located.

Mark Hammaren is now out of the hospital after recovering from 13 snake bites while performing a snake dance ritual for some visiting students from a local Scared Straight program. When he is not in the hospital, he enjoys watching the weather, vacuuming his car and needlepoint. He sends a special tic toc out to all the members of his Alpha Gamma Tau fraternity

Mark Heffner is in his 28th year of teaching math in Carroll County and 28th year of marriage to Kimberle. Their son, Brett, is 21 and is living the dream in California, while daughter Caroline is a sophomore at Wingate University and plays lacrosse. Their other daughter, Katelyn, is a junior at Winters Mill High School and plays soccer, basketball and lacrosse. Mark sees old Bachelor friends Greg Long, Steven Vozella and Paul Lomax pretty regularly. He still attends football and basketball games at the Hill.

John and Lisa Cantlie '90 Hummell are living in Huntsville, Ala. John just retired from the FBI after being a special agent for 22 years. Their daughter Madelyn, 25, lives and works in downtown Nashville. Their 22-year-old son, Jack, just graduated from The University of Alabama and their daughter Susannah, 17, is a senior at James Clemens High School in Madison, Ala. They say hi to all their Sig Ep and Phi Mu brothers and sisters!

**Kathryn Kent** and her husband, Chad Westphal, moved to Travelers Rest, S.C., three years ago, and made more big changes this year as they turned 50. In April, they traded in their tiny Volkswagen for a new Lincoln Navigator so that they would be ready to tow their new Oliver travel trailer, which they picked up in September. They have taken practice trips with it in Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina in preparation for longer trips when they retire at the end of the year.

Dave Kleb, M.S. '95 is still living in Eldersburg, Md., with Julie, his wife of 25 years. This is their second year as empty nesters and they are having fun reconnecting. Their son is a senior at the University of Maryland and their daughter is a sophomore at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania. Dave is in his 22nd year of work for the Republic National Distributing Company, which is based out of Jessup, Md. They are a distributor of alcoholic beverages. Dave still keeps in touch with Dave Weaver and Jim Secker.

Matt Levy made a big work move just over a year ago as, after 26 years, he left Delaware Valley University to become the assistant athletic director at Penn State Abington, one of the branch campuses for Penn State University. Matt says it has been a great move and it opened up more free time to spend with his wife, Becky; stepdaughter, Molly, 28; and daughter, Carly, 16. Matt and his wife are also celebrating their 20th anniversary!

Michael Looney says life is great! The big news for him is that his son, William Looney '23, is a legacy! He is a field goal kicker on the football team. Mike is happily an empty nester!

**Kevin Mayer** lives in Clipper Mill in Baltimore City with his wife of 25 years, Katherine. They have two boys—Michael, 24, a graduate of Georgetown University working in New York City in the banking industry, and Matthew, 21, a sophomore at United States Naval Academy. Both followed in their father's footsteps and played lacrosse in college. Kevin is currently CEO of Larson O'Brien, leading

Sara Hallberg '91 is now the liturgist at St.
Rose Convent in La Crosse, Wisc.



#### Flynn receives Sadie Award

The Children's Guild Alliance, a nonprofit organization serving children, families and child-serving organizations, honored Nupur Parekh Flynn '94 and her husband, Guy E. Flynn, at the organization's Kids First Celebration, an evening commemorating a legacy of innovation and transformation, in March.

The Flynns received the 2020 Sadie Awards for their leadership in innovation and philanthropy. The Sadie Award recognizes people who embody the organization's spirit and vision of making the seemingly impossible possible.

Nupur Parekh Flynn is one of the foremost women in the Baltimore area whose skills in board leadership have gained respect throughout the region. She is currently a trustee of LifeBridge Health, a trustee of the Baltimore Museum of Art and a trustee of the Open Society Institute-Baltimore and actively involved with the United Way of Central Maryland. Flynn's career in business and government included serving as a managing director for marketing and public relations at Brown Capital Management from 2004 to 2019. Previously, she served as a political appointee at the U.S. Agency for International Development and as a marketing executive at DLA Piper.

Guy E. Flynn practices law at DLA Piper, one of the world's

largest law firms, where he serves as chairman of the firm's Maryland real estate practice and partner-incharge of the firm's Baltimore office. Flynn serves as a trustee and board president-elect of The Walters Art Museum, a trustee and executive committee member of the Baltimore Community Foundation, a trustee of the Living Classrooms Foundation, a director of Maryland Legal Aid, a governor of The Center Club and a member of the Baltimore City Ethics Board. Global, national, regional and industry publications have recognized him as a top lawyer.

The Kids First Celebration commemorated The Children's Guild Alliance's heritage of innovation and transformation and launched Kids First, the organization's campaign to transform the way America cares for and educates its children. Through the Kids First campaign, The Children's Guild Alliance will work nationally to create the cultural awareness, teacher preparation and political will to put kids first.

a firm that provides marketing and business consulting services in the building products industry. He is also executive director of Rock Lacrosse Club, a nonprofit lacrosse club head-quartered in Brooklandville, Md.

Beth Clark Roe, M.S. '97 is in her 28th year of teaching elementary school for Calvert County Public Schools in southern Maryland. She and Jeff parted ways in the summer of 2018 several months after her father died and her mom went into assisted living at a very young age. It's been quite a whirlwind of changes for Beth, but she is adjusting and finding strength with lifelong friends beside her. It has been an adventure, a novel she couldn't have written herself. The year of 50 has been one of reflection and curiosity about a new future. Beth couldn't

get outside enough this past summer between the beach, daily walks and kayaking her creek before the busy school demands stormed in with a blizzard of responsibilities that never end. She hopes everyone is happy, healthy and considering attending the upcoming 30th reunion. Hello to Omega alums and Ines Perez, Joyce Resetar Abbott, Lisa Allwine Anderson and Kelly Freeman Reh M.S. '96.

Mike Sabo is busy as always. He still lives in Westminster but works mostly in Atlanta as a film and TV prop master, where his latest shows have been "Ozark" and "Watchmen." Even with a busy schedule, he always finds time to get together with his fellow Bachelors and WMC friends. They have an annual golf outing at the beach. Attendees are Mike,

Charlie Rembert, Greg Long, Ron Chanski '92, Clark Hospelhorn, Jerry St John '06, Joey Furnari '92 and Jamie Wiles '92.

Sharon Landis Saks continues to practice as an RN and recently switched jobs to become a Certified School Nurse, right now at the elementary level. It is like running her own mini ER. It is a step down in pay but step up in quality of life and she's on the downslide to retirement! Sharon's kids are in high school and she still does CrossFit, as she has for the last 10 years. Sharon keeps in touch with Alisa Rock, Mary O'Connor Bruns and Joslyn Martin Stewart, M.S. '92 through Facebook mostly. She hopes everyone is doing well and enjoying turning 50!!

Stacy Hermann Sauerhoff and husband, Rob, moved to Washington County on their farm with all of their animals. They are enjoying their community which includes Harpers Ferry and the Appalachian trail. Their grandsons moved back home from Seattle and they love hanging out with them.

Alice Smith Hughes, M.S. '93 was married on February 19, 2019, in Treasure Island, Fla., to Dan Hughes. She is still living in Westminster a few miles from the Hill with Dan and her stepson, Ryan. She is in her 29th year with Carroll County Public Schools working at Century High School as academic facilitator. She had a wonderful girls' weekend in May in Rhode Island with high school friends including Diane Palmer Sullivan.

Greg Street says it was a busy year for Riot Games, where Greg was recently promoted to vice president of intellectual property and entertainment. The company announced several new games and its first animated TV series in October, followed by record-breaking viewership for the League of Legends world finals in Paris in November. Wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Zoë, were very patient about all of the international travel that was required for Greg. Zoë is finishing her last year of high school and considering college options. Having lived most of her life in California, she would like to try the East Coast.

Skip Tyson lives in Wilmington, N.C., and is sad that he never really makes it back to the Hill! He loves the Hill and after watching his kids attend big old universities, it reminds him how cozy and special WMC/McDaniel was.

Kevin Wright retired Aug. 31, 2019, after a 25-year law enforcement career. Kris, Connor and Kevin still live in Wake Forest, N.C. Connor has two years of high school left, and they are busy with his high school swim meets and occasional water polo games. Kevin is trying to figure out what is next for him and says he will probably get into the craft beer industry. Once Connor decides on a college, he and Kris plan on heading to the coast. Ray and Bethant Van Ness '92 Carbone celebrated Kevin's retirement with him in Raleigh. He has also been up to Baltimore a few times and hung out with Jim Mitchell '90.

Elise Rosen Woods and her family enjoyed traveling to Italy this past summer. Andrew

will graduate from the University of Delaware in May and will begin the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at UD in June. Austin is completing his junior year of high school and is looking forward to traveling to Pigeon Forge, Tenn., in April with the Patterson Mill High School Marching Band! Please keep your notes coming!

Elise Rosen Woods 1991 Class Reporter woods1491@yahoo.com

#### 1997

Tim "Bender" D'Angelo left education after 17 years and has been working for himself in home renovations for the past four years. He specializes in older homes — anything from 1850-1940 - and truly loves bringing these homes back to life for a modern family. His 11-year-old son keeps him busy coaching his baseball, basketball and lacrosse teams. Tim shares he has no idea what he is doing with lax. His 5-year-old daughter is just beginning to get busy and loves the adventure sports of rock climbing and ninja warrior! She will definitely be the cause of his early heart attack! Tim still lives in Moorestown, N.J., with his wife of 18 years and would really like to reconnect with fellow WMC alumni who may be in the area.

Tiffany Urbansky-Maloney and her husband celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary this past August. They took an Alaskan cruise to celebrate. They also spent two weeks in the Pacific Northwest visiting Seattle, Vancouver and Alaska. The sights were amazing, and she recommends everyone visit that part of the country. Tiffany continues to work as a school psychologist in a small school district in central Massachusetts. After several years working part time, she is back to full time. Finally, Tiffany added an Old English sheepdog to her family last July. Sounds like Toby is crazy, but she and her family enjoy having him around; their cats probably have a different opinion about that.

On Nov. 28, 2019, Jason Chessman proposed to Julie Sanders, at the same Thanksgiving Day football game they went to 26 years ago for a first date. She said yes! No date for the wedding has been set. They currently reside together in Clayton, N.J.

Amy Rice Mirra recently started back to work full time at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics where she previously worked 14 years ago before her oldest child was born. She is thankful she was able to be at home for so many years with her children and have opportunities such as volunteering in the classrooms of their schools each year. Life is certainly busier managing a work life and then the evening and weekend life with kids' sports and other activities, but Amy is enjoying it all.

Now in her 12th year of owning Tender Loving Care Animal Hospital in Martinsville, Ind., Susanna Kuespert Aldridge is happy to report that she has hired an associate veterinarian, which will allow her a little more time away from work. She plans to do a little traveling, visiting family and friends, and pursue hobbies in addition to working. Last year, she visited Cathy Pech Kipler while vacationing in Niagara Falls. She also visited with Carolyn **Arney**, who comforted her and attended her mother's funeral in October. Susanna also spoke with Julie Kissel Remo '96 at that time; connecting with friends is the silver lining that comes with sorrow. Finally, Susanna shared that her kids are doing "teenager things." Her son (11th grade) is learning to drive, and they are doing college visits. Her daughter (eighth grade) is busy with theater, choir and Girl Scouts, all of which takes an active "Mom presence," which she wouldn't trade for the world.

Since his retirement from active duty in the U.S. Army in 2016, **John Green** has gained employment as the deputy chief of logistics for the Veterans Affairs (VA) Maryland Health Care System. He spends his free time on the family farm, volunteering with the Boy Scouts, USCG Auxiliary and Maryland Defense Force, and helping form the Green Terror Battalion Alumni Association. John is supported by his wife, daughter, son, mom and sister.

Stephen Hallowell and Eric Laurence recently rented a small recording space in Western Pennsylvania to record a holiday tunes whistling record. The idea and their shared passion for whistling began in Rouzer Hall, and they're both thrilled this lifelong goal has now been achieved. Fellow classmates Kevin Bernhardt, Brett Edwards, Dan "Duke" Deluca, Kevin Koretzki and Jay Junkin '98 joined to supply backing vocals and instruments. They look forward to sharing the holiday cheer with all.

Spending quality time with family and

friends is still the most important thing to Philip Simmerer. He has been married to his amazing wife, Kim, since 2003. He shares that his kids are his everything. His son, Cameron, is 15, and daughter, Emmalyn, is 12. Still in the insurance business and working on growing his agency, Simmerer Insurance is in its 17th year. Along the way, the business transitioned from starting as an exclusive insurance agency with only one carrier option to now being an independent insurance agency providing coverage with dozens of different carriers. There are currently five locations serving several states with 18 staff members. The company uses a consultative approach while providing local professional service for most types of business and all types of personal insurance. They are always in search of new people to help with their insurance needs and new talent to hire. For leisure, Phil still enjoys a few hours of AM pick-up basketball a couple days a week, riding dirt bikes and ATVs, skiing, travel and adventure, working around the homestead and taking care of all his family's rescue animals.

Living in Collingswood, N.J., with his longtime girlfriend, Cindy, and their dog, Mia Bella, **Michael D'Antonio** is doing marketing consulting and recruiting for advertising



agencies. He just finished up a seven-year stint as an adjunct professor at Temple University's School of Communication teaching digital marketing. Michael still hangs and keeps in touch with his WMC boys Chip Dickey, Mike Caldwell, M.S. '05, Matt Roff, Dwight Smith '96, Ross Hollebon and Brian Wyant.

With over 20 years of service within the Johns Hopkins University (JHU) community, Jen Doetsch Yeager recently shifted to a new role a year ago as director of constituent engagement for the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences within JHU. Jen and her husband, Dan, are very busy with all of the activities and social fun that goes along with having twin 10-year-old girls. When able to find time in between, Jen still enjoys playing violin for the Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra and spending time with dear WMC alumni friends on impromptu get-togethers, in and around the new neighborhood, and on annual girls' trips. The family recently moved to their new home in Severna Park, Md.

Quinn Salamandra lives in Arnold, Md., with his wife Lori and two kids, Noelle, 11, and Ryan, 8. Quinn and Shane Ireland are co-founders of Annapolis-based Corporate Brokers, a national IT staffing firm that recently won Glassdoor Employees' Choice Award and Baltimore Business Journal's Best Places to Work.

It is nice to hear from our classmates, and I sincerely hope everyone is seeing clearly in 2020 so far. As for me, I'm still living in Monkton, Md., with my husband and children, and jobwise, I work in human resources. My youngest is 3 years old and attends school in Sparks, Md. My oldest is a middle schooler attending a school in Towson, Md. My favorite thing is to watch her on the basketball court she is small but fast! In the spare time that I find, I participate in events for the Family Tree of Maryland, serving as one of its board members. Running and a strong yoga practice are also part of life's routine right now. I catch up with our fellow classmates here and there, and it is nice to hear from folks and see friends! Please reach out to me even before our next

Jamin
Bartolomeo '03
began training
for and
competing in
triathlons to
honor his father,
who passed
away in 2018.



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Fur and Feather began in February 2017. It actually blossomed into a business idea out of rejection. I had illustrated a **Belgian Malinois with my iPad and Apple** Pencil. which is what I use to create all my illustrations, at my day job at Higher Information Group for a K9 training client. Despite liking the illustration, they argued that it was not what they were seeking for their logo and promptly disappeared without additional feedback or paying for the time I had invested. But I was super proud of the illustration, so I posted it on my social media and the rest became history. Friends and family began reaching out and the word was beginning to spread.

Just as suddenly as everything began, I received an offer from the Humane Society of Harrisburg to be a vendor at their annual

event in May 2017. They were a client at HIG and were doing a walk-through in the building and saw the illustrations in my cubicle. With this event around the corner, this led to a rapid development of my vision and brand name. Since that point, I have illustrated hundreds of pets from all over the country and around the world, all of which I owe to the power of Instagram.

Most of the projects I have worked on are custom illustration orders. However, I have partnered with the Humane Society of Harrisburg in donating designs for their T-shirts for their Pittie Party in 2017 and 2018, as well as the 5K for the Animals in 2018. I have also donated auction prizes and gift certificates to the several events and fundraisers for organizations, including the West Hanover Fire Department, the Old Soul Animal Rescue in Arizona and Miffy's Animal Rescue.

In terms of goals moving forward, I want to start working on growing my following even more on Instagram and generate more custom portrait leads as well. I also plan on starting a blog on the website where I can tell the stories of the pets I illustrate, as well as tips and tricks for running a small business or caring for pets. My ultimate goal is for Fur and Feather to be more of a self-generating flow of income. While the custom portrait aspect is the defining marker of Fur and Feather (because, as we know, everyone loves their pets), I want to establish a shop on my website where there is more generic pet-oriented merchandise like T-shirts, mugs, phone cases, posters, stickers, etc., for those people who don't want to order a custom illustration but who simply love my art and want specific pet breeds." — STEPH PEREZ '15

class column. I would love to hear from you and can keep your update for next time.

Be well this year! Cheers, Sarah Sheckells 1997 Class Reporter saraheshecks@gmail.com

#### 2003

Hello, Class of 2003! 2020 marks our 21st anniversary since we started at WMC! Can you believe it? Do you remember what classes you were taking 21 years ago when you first stepped on campus? Were you still in a triple room like me? Do you remember who your peer advisor was? Do you still keep in touch with your old roommates? Do you remember when only 80 students could log on to the internet at one time and there were 1,600 of us? Well, since our time on the Hill, we've all seen a lot of change in our lives.

Lauren Engel Fenwick married Jason Fenwick of St. Louis, Mo., in Baltimore, Md., on Oct. 26, 2019. Dorrien Engel '06 was the maid of honor and Julie Snoops Wedel, Alli Kiniry, Farzin Farzad '05, Kristin Lagana '04 and Marge Engel '65 were all in attendance. Lauren works as a financial management specialist in the Office of the Chief Information Officer for the Peace Corps and lives in D.C. with her husband and stepson Sam.

Staci George Gower lives in Kunkletown, Pa., with husband, Matt, and kids, Molly, 6, and Jaxon, 2. As the Christian Education Coordinator for St. Matthew's UCC, she plans events, teaches Sunday school, coordinates a team of volunteers and works with amazing kids and teens. She is also a freelance reporter/photographer for the Times News in Lehighton, Pa. She runs 5Ks and 8Ks throughout the year and takes an occasional Zumba class. She also volunteers with Molly's kindergarten class.

Allison "Alli" Kiniry celebrated six years of living in Seattle this past summer. During her time in the Pacific Northwest, Alli has been traveling the beautiful landscape, visiting national parks, and loving the outdoors. Alli is happily employed working in human resources at REI, where her passion for the outdoors aligns with her professional career of working with and helping people.

Major Walter "Rick" Landgraf III, U.S. Army, and wife, Jeannie Bauder Landgraf '02, relocated from Cambridge, England, to Southern California in July 2019. Rick is serving as an Army research fellow at the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica. Together with their 4-year-old daughter Layla, Rick and Jeannie celebrated the birth of their son, Walter IV, in April 2019.

Since 2015, **Matt Mauriello** has been the principal at Western Heights Middle School in Hagerstown, Md., an arts integration magnet school. Overall, this is his 13th school year as an administrator and 17th in education. He credits his great preparation at WMC to the success that he has had in his career as

an educator. Aside from being a principal, Matt stays active in the community, playing live music about 30 times per year with his band, Staff Infection (composed of all educators). Additionally, he coaches his son's travel football team, the Pony Jr. Trojans and baseball team, the 11u Renegades. His children Amelya, 15; Sofie, 13; and Kameron, 11, are doing well in school and athletics, making Matt an extremely proud father.

Matt Miller currently lives in Westminster, Md., with his wife, Emily, and their two children, Scott, 3, and Sara, 2. Matt has worked at Winters Mill High School since 2003, teaching English and coaching myriad sports, including football, wrestling and tennis. He just finished his seventh year as the head football coach there and his 17th overall with the program.

Betsy Moore Mongan and husband, John, have been busy with their (hopefully future) Green Terrors: Abby, 12; Audrey, 9; Zach, 7; Addison, 3; and Mia, 1. Their time is mostly devoted to a range of activities, including cross country, track, football, basketball, baseball, choir, piano, chorus, various clubs and school activities. They've treasured, for the past four summers, some beach vacation time with "Aunt" Amal Khalaf Lamb and many great times with an overabundance of laughing!

Megan Moulding-Stadnisky and husband, Andy, have two beautiful children, Blaine Christopher, 4, and Harper Amelia, 1. Megan is still working at the Georgia Division of Aging Services, putting her master's degree in gerontology to work by bringing evidencebased health and wellness programs to older adults, persons with disabilities and caregivers. We are clearly all getting older so if you have any questions about this process, hit her up! Megan and her family enjoyed their first trip home to Maryland last summer, spending time with fellow sorority sisters Rachelle Giguere Ramirez, Leah Kable, M.S. '07 and Rebecca Harmon Shilts! Megan notes how awesome it is to stay connected with WMC folks on social media and hopes to make it to a Homecoming or a Wine Fest soon.

Monica Davis Lennon is currently working as a freelance graphic designer and living in Northern Virginia with her husband, Nick. Their two energetic boys, Emmett, 5, and Milo, 2, keep them busy and on their toes! Earlier this year, Monica had a fun girls' trip to visit fellow alum Anna Woods Norvez in New York.

Kelsey Reichard lives in Chambersburg, Pa., with her significant other, three stepchildren and four animals. Kelsey teaches ESL to high school students in Chambersburg and teaches a variety of group fitness classes at local gyms. She is currently in grad school, working on a second master's degree, this time in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). She spends her precious free time reading, watching Netflix, getting together with friends and family and going out dancing. Kelsey stays in regular contact with Tim Saul, Stacey Roach and Megan Jordan '04.

Wes Winters, M.S. '15 is currently in his third year at Francis Scott Key High School in Union Bridge, Md., as an assistant principal. He has been an assistant principal for five years and still resides in Hanover, Pa., with his wife, Kristy, and their two daughters, Lilah, 7, and Lydia, 5. Wes works with Davey Blake '04 at FSK and spends a lot of time with Steve Colasuonno '06, M.S. '12.

**Courtney Jones Wisk** is working as an athletic trainer in Wicomico County, Md., at Mardela Middle and High School. When not being paid to sit on the sidelines at school sporting events, she can usually be found sitting on the sidelines of her 8- and 11-year-old kids' sporting events!

As for me, I'm still living in Burtonsville, Md., and working at Montgomery College, where I have been employed for the past 15 years. Since earning my doctorate in education in 2015, I have served as the dean of students, a position I still enjoy today. Daily I work with Tim Kirkner '84, M.S. '90, Anne Davis Schleicher '97 and Terré Thomas '07. We regularly get together and talk about the good times we had on the Hill. To commemorate my father, who enjoyed triathlons and passed away in 2018, I recently completed my first triathlon and am now preparing for my second as well as a SwimRun event in Hagerstown, Md. This past summer, I welcomed a new addition to the Bartolomeo household, Molly, a 5-year-old terrier mutt mix, who I adopted from a D.C. rescue organization. She is awesome, but we're still working on potty training! When not working, I'm often hanging out with Kelly Norris '01, Brian Martinenza '04 and Chad Lattman '09.

I hope that everyone from the Class of 2003 is doing well, and I look forward to hearing from more of you in our next update! If you have any news to share or exciting happenings in your life, feel free to share them via email. Have a great 2020!

Jamin Bartolomeo Class of 2003 Reporter jkbarto@gmail.com

#### 2009

Justin Reitz, M.S. '14 is living in Owings Mills, Md., where he is keeping busy working as a paraeducator at Golden Ring Middle School, a barista at Starbucks and an assistant baseball coach at Johns Hopkins.

Lauren Hild Anderson, M.S.'11 and her husband, Clay, still reside locally in Eldersburg with their son, Brayden, who is now 4 years old. Lauren began a new position as director of admissions at The Legacy School in Eldersburg and volunteers as her husband's Navy Command Ombudsman. They recently completed a large home renovation, including the kitchen, and are enjoying a simple yet busy life with family and close friends. When not working or volunteering, Lauren enjoys giving back to McDaniel by serving as one of the reunion committee members and with her

sisters as a Phi Mu Phi Alpha chapter advisor. She loves spending time with her close friends from the Hill, especially Elanore Hume Walsh, M.S. '13, Rachael Stecyk, Annatasia Zenner, Kate Goeddel '10 and Ashleigh Smith Pritchard '10.

Laura Davis McNulty is working as an editor at FINRA, editing testing, continuing education and other communications materials for the financial industry. She lives in Germantown, Md., with her husband, Mike McNulty'10, their 2-year-old daughter, Hayley, and two cats.

After spending three years teaching psychology at University of Wisconsin Platteville, **Julie Hill** moved back to the East Coast for a position as an assistant professor of psychology at La Salle University in Philadelphia. Living on the East Coast has also allowed her to become more involved with the Jersey Surf Drum and Bugle Corps, a nonprofit music education organization. She is currently serving as the chairperson of the board of directors. Julie is enjoying living closer to family and was finally able to attend a McDaniel Homecoming.

After holding faculty positions at Bates College, Bowdoin College and the Yale School of Music, Christy Thomas Adams accepted a tenure-track position in musicology at the University of Alabama School of Music in the fall of 2019. She and her husband, Sam, (yes, like the beer) got married in Portland, Maine, before moving south for Christy's job. Their cat, Jezebel, said she was fine with the move as long as there would be plenty of cat food. Though life in Alabama involves some adjustment from life in the Northeast, they are settling in well and Christy is delighted with her new position and her new colleagues, even as she is immensely disappointed by McDaniel's recent decision to dismantle the music department and no longer offer degrees in music.

**Leah Marino** is happy to report that she got married in Cape May, N.J., to Davis Barsby on Oct. 6, 2018. They were expecting their first daughter in February 2020.

Jonathan Zimmerman, M.S. '12 is wrapping up his seventh year as a school counselor at South Western High School in Hanover, Pa., while residing in Gettysburg. He continues to enjoy spending time with family and friends, especially fly fishing and exploring the outdoors.

**Siri Hiltz** got married to Gordon Stratton in 2017 with **Laura Descher** as their officiant.

**Tara McKinney** is living in Middletown, Del., with her husband, **Jason Edwards '05**, and 1-year-old daughter Avery Edwards, who was born Aug. 20, 2018.

Kristen Simmler Trom and her husband, Andrew, live in South Jersey in her hometown of Mullica Hill. They are both physicians with a local hospital system. They have three children ages 1, 3 and 6, as well as two puppies. "I miss McDaniel and wish I could have gotten back for homecoming!"

In August, **Amanda Caroe Hill** finished her Ph.D. in Social Work from Widener University

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#### Writing her own dream at Disney

Paola Villegas '15 was recently accepted as one of 13 screenwriters for the 2020 Walt Disney Television Writing Program. Two years after graduating from McDaniel, Villegas decided to pursue a career as a screenwriter instead of the medical career she had intended as Biology major with minors in Chemistry and Psychology.

Her decision was inspired by the screenwriting class she took her junior year taught by Associate Professor of Cinema Richard Brett. "All of this started in his classroom and with his encouragement that I had talent for screenwriting," Villegas says.

She applied to the screenwriting program at the American Film Institute in Los Angeles and moved out there in 2017, graduating in 2019 with a Master of Fine Arts in screenwriting. She went on to work as the writer's assistant on Neflix's "Narcos."

She applied to the Walt Disney Television Writing Program—including a personal essay and two original pilot scripts—and was invited for a round of interviews at the Disney studio lot in

"I received the news that I has been chosen for the program around Christmas," Villegas says. "The program is designed to bring emerging writers with unique voices together and funnel them through to launch careers as successful television writers."

**Burbank**, Calif.

The 13 writers in the program will receive advanced professional development before they receive staff assignments on Walt Disney Television shows, which now includes ABC, FX, Hulu and 20th Century Fox. The program has launched the careers of many writers, including Maria Jacquemetton ("Mad Men"), Jane Espenson ("Once Upon a Time"), Saladin K. Patterson ("Psych"), Bryan Oh ("Chicago Fire"), George Mastras ("Breaking Bad") and Veena Sud ("The Killing").

and accepted a tenure-track position at Salisbury University.

**Bianca Rieti** got engaged in April 2019 to Drew Weishaar. Other than planning the wedding, everything is the same! She is still residing in Morgantown, Pa., and working at The Vanguard School as a guidance counselor.

James W. Eaton Jr., M.S. '12 earned a doctorate in curriculum, instruction, and assessment in 2015. His studies focused on instructional time devoted to social studies in Anne Arundel County middle schools. His work has been cited in several educational publications, including a citation from the International Baccalaureate. In addition to teaching seventh grade world history at Old Mill Middle North in Anne Arundel County, he is an

adjunct lecturer in the Communication department here on the Hill, teaching COMM 2205: Public Speaking. He spends quality time with fellow 2009 alums **Bradley Eyler**, **Zachary Croft** and **Ryan Barnett**. He resides in Annapolis with his wife, Meghan.

Justin Daniels is living in Talbot County, Md., and has just passed 10 years in the insurance business and has insurance office locations in Easton, Md., and Owings Mills, Md. He passes by the Hill often in his business travels and does make the occasional stop in there to see what's new from time to time. Since he played football there, he can appreciate the renovations that have been made to the athletic fields and facilities.

Kate Maloney 2009 Class Reporter maloney.katem@gmail.com

#### 2015

Margaret Bollwerk recently earned her master's degree in library and information science from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. She's also the proud aunt to 1-year-old George.

Sarah Brewster is a middle school physical education and health teacher in Baltimore County. She got married over the summer and earned her master's in special education in December.

Christy Clark has found incredible fulfillment as an ESOL teacher for Carroll County Public Schools, where she's taught elementary, middle and high school students for several years now. She loves that she's making a difference in the lives of immigrants in our country. She recently bought her first house as a single mom, and her two kids are now 12 and 10.

Antonia "Toni" Francis moved to South Carolina in 2016 and graduated from Charleston School of Law in 2019. When she's not working, she enjoys taking her camera on road trips around the historic South.

Erin Giles Benevento remains a friendly face on the Hill, where she was promoted to director of the First Year Experience over the summer. She's also a board member of Habitat for Humanity of Carroll County. Calvin Benevento was promoted last spring to senior fund accountant at Greenspring Associates in Owings Mille Md

**Trevor Hammond** moved to Denver last year, where he's working for a property management company and loving the great outdoors and all that Colorado has to offer. In 2018, he became a proud uncle to niece Luna Joan.

Kelly Hawk Snyder is a sub-acute rehab social worker at Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster, Md., and she volunteers as a field instructor for McDaniel's Social Work Department. She lives in Littlestown, Pa., with her husband, Kevin, and their 1-year-old son Noah

Cody and Sarah Hull Nadeau have been busy! After getting engaged in June 2018, they married in June 2019. In September, they bought their first home, located on a quiet street just outside of downtown Hagerstown, Md., and adopted a beautiful Maine Coon tabby named Boba Fett two days after moving in. Sarah was promoted to a new position at Washington County Free Library in June 2018 and is now in the library's administration department as the community partnerships and adult programming librarian. Cody was also promoted and is now a trainer at FedEx Ground.

The sky is no limit for **Julia Jacobs!** After a brief stint of full-time travel in 2018, she realized her dream of becoming a pilot and spent several months in flight school. She now works as a flight instructor in Easton, Md., teaching others to fly.

**William Kealey** is attending grad school for applied computer science and expects to earn his master's degree in May.

In August 2019, **Evan King** began a master's program in urban planning at UNC Chapel

Steph Perez has worn many hats at Higher Information Group, in Harrisburg, Pa., where she's worked since shortly after graduation. Through on-the-job training, she's worked her way to a graphic and web designer position, but she also manages design work for two local restaurants and has done event marketing for the Art Association of Harrisburg's annual Bal Masque. In her free time, Steph keeps busy with a couple of side hustles. In 2017, she began freelancing with Barbizon USA and Barbizon PA as a photographer and web designer, and she founded her own pet illustration business, Fur and Feather. Steph volunteers at her church weekly and helps coach girls' volleyball. She and Codi McMaster '14 play in a men's basketball league. Steph has dated fellow alum **Kyle Dunn** for the past few years. She lives with her family and their three pets.

**Zach Royal** recently moved from Rockaway, N.J., to Nottingham, Md., leaving his job in the pharmaceutical industry to pursue a career with a vertical farming startup, which he described to me in a text as "hydroponics + robots."

**Darius Sanders** is a licensed clinical social worker at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore. He also works part time at a private practice. Darius is a junior board member and volunteer mentor for Next One Up, a foundation that empowers young men in Baltimore City middle and high schools to thrive as student-athletes. Darius recently bought his first home.

Kurt Udseth, M.S. '19 completed officer training with the Maryland National Guard in 2018. In October 2019, Kurt, his wife and their three children moved to Fort Rucker, Ala., so he can attend rotary wing training to fly Black Hawk helicopters. Kurt plans to return to the Hill after a year in Alabama, where McDaniel is holding the full-time fitness center manager position he began in 2018. During his most recent stint on the Hill, he worked with the college's softball, track and field and men's soccer teams as a strength and conditioning coach.



Due to health concerns surrounding COVID-19, Golden Reunion Weekend 2020 originally scheduled for May 1-3, 2020, was canceled. All events will take place next year at Golden Reunion Weekend 2021, which is scheduled for April 30 through May 2, 2021.

All alums from class years ending in a 0, 1, 5 or 6 who graduated in 1971 or earlier will be celebrating reunions this weekend. We hope you'll join us for this fantastic celebration that will bring even more alumni together on the Hill!

If you are a member of one of these classes and would like to help plan your reunion, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at alumni@mcdaniel.edu or 410-857-2296.

In October, he completed the requirements for his M.S. in Kinesiology from McDaniel.

Sarah Watcher teaches fifth grade English and history at Elmer Wolfe Elementary School, where she is in her fourth year of teaching. For three years in a row, she's been nominated for Carroll County Public Schools' Outstanding Teacher Award, and she recently finished McDaniel's Reading Specialist master's degree program. Sarah still loves reading and spends a lot of time with children's literature.

Emma Wingerd is loving working in her hometown of Pittsburgh as a physician assistant in hospitalist medicine at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. On her weeks off, she lives in Nashville, Tenn., with Kaitlyn Stepler, who is pursuing her Ph.D. in Chemistry at Vanderbilt University. In their spare time, Emma and Kaitlyn enjoy cooking,

watching movies and having outdoor adventures with their dog Scout — who's known as Jean Louise when she misbehaves!

Amelia Zecker completed General Assembly's Software Engineering Immersive coding bootcamp last June and started a job as a junior software engineer in August. She splits her time between New York and Boston.

In January, I celebrated four years of living in Silver Spring, Md., and I continue to enjoy all the fun things the D.C. area has to offer. Most recently, I joined a winter LGBTQ Skee-Ball league! I've been a federal contractor with a small strategic communications firm since May 2017. In January, I began supporting the U.S. Department of Energy as an internal communications specialist, and before that, I supported the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). I'm an active volunteer in the Women in Their 20s and 30s group

at the DC Center for the LGBT Community and I still volunteer with Tagg Magazine.

It's sometimes hard to believe we're approaching five years since our class graduated, and it's fantastic to hear about all we've accomplished since we "rang out" with Old Main Bell. I hope to see many of you at our fifth reunion at Homecoming on Oct. 17. As always, please reach out to me with marriage and birth announcements so we can publish them in *The Hill*!

Best wishes, Annie Brown 2015 Class Reporter anniebrown225@gmail.com Zach Royal '15 recently left his job in the pharmaceutical industry to pursue a career with a vertical farming startup.

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Desi Sweeney is a senior English major from Knoxville, Md. She met her fiancé, Ben Stapleton, when they both transferred to McDaniel and became involved in FCA. While they were sad to miss out on their last semester of college, they look forward to reuniting with their McDaniel family at their wedding in October. You can learn more about the family Desi and Ben found on the Hill by watching their video.

#### A bittersweet ending come too soon

BY DESI SWEENEY '20

Based on how the news was unfolding approaching spring break, I figured that we might not be back on the Hill for a while. It took a little time to digest, though; it is difficult not getting closure with a place that has completely transformed your life.

I wish I had known going into the press box for our last Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meeting that it was going to be my last time. The press box holds a dear place in my heart because it is where I really got to know my fiancé, Ben Stapleton '20, during our FCA meetings every week. Ben and I also got engaged on the 50-yard line of the football field at Homecoming, so many laughs, tears and memories are in that corner of campus, and it hurts not getting to say goodbye.

Maybe even harder has been not getting to say bye to all the people that we became so close with on the Hill: the football guys that I shared tables with at Glar; the girls' lacrosse team, which I have been named an honorary member of; and the teachers who have invested so much in getting to know me as a person and not just a student, which has always been something so important and precious to me.

But I feel lucky knowing that the Hill will always be a part of our story, and that we have so many people that we will still talk to even if we aren't all on our little campus having every meal together. What it comes down to is this: We didn't just make friends at college. We made a McDaniel family of our own. Whether we are looking back at pictures and videos of our best friends in Glar or North Village or getting engaged on the field, having our regular "family dinners" or fun nights in the press box, we will always have McDaniel with us.

Ben and I were talking the other day about how fortunate we are to have good homes to be at during the COVID-19 crisis, to be five minutes away from each other and to have exciting things to look forward to after graduation. Even though I was looking forward to walking across that stage with Ben and his brother, Jake (they were so excited to do that together), I am grateful that there are many more milestones to come. Walking across the stage is only one memory, and it could never amount to all the memories and all the people we met along the way.

Campus Landmark Challenge The Green Terror was Prize: spotted on campus on a Everyone who answers correctly beautiful day at the beginning will be entered into a drawing for of the spring semester. Do a McDaniel College sweatshirt. you know which building Submit: he's peeking out of here? During the campus closure, we ask that you please send all submissions via email to ocm@mcdaniel.edu with "Campus Hint: He may have been Landmark Challenge" as the subject line. practicing his lines for the Thanks for your understanding! Student-Directed Play Festival. Deadline: Friday, June 12, 2020

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