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On the cover:  
Cleo Braver '78 is an  
environmental lawyer turned  
farmer on the Eastern shore  
of Maryland.

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It may have looked a little different this year, but the tradition of first-year students “ringing in” their McDaniel journey at Old Main Bell continued with proper distancing and sanitation protocols in place.

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## Alumni have mixed reactions to a digital version of The Hill

As we anticipated, many alumni missed receiving the spring issue of *The Hill* in their mailboxes. We know that the online reading experience is very different from a tangible magazine, and please trust this print-loving editor when she says it broke her heart to have to put printing of the magazine on hold. We thank you for your candid feedback, appreciate your patience and understanding of these extraordinary circumstances, and look forward to the day we are able to meet you back in your mailbox.

— Lindsay Sherman, Editor

*“You have removed the one tangible connection to the Hill from us all! Late would have been better than none.”* — Raymond Albert '62

*“I support all magazines be digital in the future, or at least offer alumni the option to subscribe to either a digital or paper copy. I do not need paper magazines and would prefer a digital format for quick reading and environmental consciousness.”* — Suzy Banister '17

*“Well, it’s nice to have it online, but I will miss the paper copy. I like holding reading material [because it’s] easier to pick up and put down, leaving it on the page I need to read next, etc. What about your alumni who aren’t on email/internet? Being a college, you’d think everyone would be, but I’m just concerned about those that aren’t.”* — Myra Wagner '79

*“I have glanced at the magazine and I’m sure it is very well done. I will do my best to read it. However, I must confess, print is my preference. I stare at a screen all day for my job, and more so now in our remote working environment. For recreational reading, I much prefer sitting in a comfortable chair with a book or magazine on my lap rather than a laptop or other hard device. I will gladly read it online if it helps the students, but I secretly hope for a return to a real magazine.”* — Michele Conner '84

*“If your issue is as hard to read as your [email] announcement, I won’t be able to read it online. The only way I got the message is that the email title was ‘issue is online only.’”* — Jane Halil '61

## Congrats to Campus Landmark Challenge Winner, Steven Kelly '73, M.S. '83!

The Green Terror was peeking out from WMC Alumni Hall in the Spring 2020 issue of *The Hill*. Our randomly selected winner, Steven Kelly, predicted a change in his luck:

“Golly! I am now 69 years old and the only thing that I ever won (honest) was a canned ham on a boardwalk in New Jersey ... and I don’t like ham! Perhaps this is a sign of a change in my good fortune? I cannot wait for a cold snap to strut around in my McDaniel hoodie! This is such an unexpected hoot!”



### LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

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

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## DID YOU HEAR THE NEWS?

### McDANIEL RANKS

#1  
BEST Value

For the second year in a row, McDaniel College tops *U.S. News & World Report’s* “Best Value Schools” Regional Universities North ranking.

## Belated congratulations to the Class of 2020!

On May 23, the McDaniel College Class of 2020 “rang out” in their own special way to cap off a senior spring semester they’ll never forget. Each graduate received their own bell to join in a virtual ceremonial bell ringing to symbolize the steps they are taking off the Hill and into their futures. Family and friends cheered the 325 bachelor’s degree and 230 master’s degree candidates from around the world. The Senior Week leading up to Commencement was celebrated with virtual trivia, spirit days, and memories. Nine ROTC cadets were commissioned on May 22, and on May 23, the McDaniel website was taken over by a video slideshow containing a slide to celebrate each graduate. Virtual award ceremonies for academics, activities, and leadership were held throughout the day, and many departments held virtual receptions to give graduates an opportunity to say goodbye to classmates and professors.



As part of the Class of 2020 Celebration in a box, graduates received a commemorative bell and a hat welcoming them to the Alumni Association.



## President Roger N. Casey announces retirement

McDaniel College President Roger N. Casey has announced his retirement. Among the longest-serving college presidents in the State of Maryland, President Casey has served as the college’s ninth president since July 2010. He plans to retire at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year in June 2021.

In an announcement sent to the McDaniel community in September, President Casey said: “Many considerations, both personal and professional, went into this decision for me ... but as I reflect on my tenure as president of McDaniel over the last decade, I am constantly reminded of what drew me here in the first place: the people and the community.”

He added, “I have particularly been reminded of this over the past six months as I have watched our campus community come together in extraordinary ways. The strength of the bonds within this community, despite the current pandemic, despite social distancing, let me know I can step down without worries for our future. We are McDaniel strong.”

The McDaniel College Board of Trustees has formed a transition committee chaired by Bruce H. Preston '75, who has been a member of the board since 1995. This committee will develop the plan for a presidential search and will work closely with McDaniel faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

## Top undergraduate and graduate awards announced

**Nicolette Brookman**, an English major with a Secondary Education minor from Sykesville, Maryland, received both top academic awards — The Argonaut Award for highest GPA of 4.0 in her entire completed course of study and The Edith Farr Ridington Writing Award for the best paper among those submitted by the various departments.

**Veronica Johns** of Baltimore, who earned a bachelor’s in Spanish and master’s in Teaching, was honored with The Mary Ward Lewis Prize, awarded to the most outstanding female graduating senior. **Ravi Patel**, a Political Science and Spanish major from San Diego, Reno, and Mexico City, was awarded The Bates Prize for the most outstanding male graduating senior.

**Sarah Grace Watcher** of Westminster, Maryland, who earned a master’s degree in Reading Specialist: Literacy Leadership, received The Joan Develin Coley Award for Excellence in Education. Watcher also earned her bachelor’s degree in English and Elementary Education from McDaniel in 2015. **Claire Frances Roberts** of Swartz Creek, Michigan, who earned a master’s degree in Deaf Education, was awarded The B. Jill Brooks Hodge Professional Development Award.

## Two alums named associate vice presidents

**Heidi Reigel '97** has been named the associate vice president for alumni and admissions. After graduating as a member of the Green Terror women’s basketball team, Reigel joined the college as an admissions counselor in 1997. She has played an integral role on the college’s enrollment and admissions team, where she has directed the college’s admissions efforts since 2010 and was named dean of admissions in 2019. In her new role, Reigel will oversee the college’s alumni engagement efforts in addition to continuing to provide oversight to admissions. She will focus on expanding the alumni mentorship component of our signature McDaniel Commitment while also working closely with the Alumni Council on its efforts to expand and diversify, particularly as it works to increase representation and engagement of our alumni of color.

**Jennifer Glennon M.S. '04** has been promoted to associate vice president of administration. Glennon has led the Human Resources office since 2014 and earned a master’s degree in Human Resources Development. She has played an instrumental role in coordinating the college’s health and safety response and implementation during COVID-19. She will continue to have oversight of Human Resources, as well as Title IX and General Counsel, and will now supervise Risk Management and Environmental Health and Safety. Glennon continues to play an important role in evaluating and re-configuring the diversity and inclusion training and support search committees receive as part of the hiring process and the development of the college’s Diversity and Inclusion Statement.



## McDaniel creates new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion structure

McDaniel's Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, and staff stand united in the primacy of our efforts to create a more inclusive, equitable, and diverse community for all our community members.

The college's new structure to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) on campus is supported by three different groups, reflecting every level of the organization. These groups were established by the Board of Trustees in July 2020.

- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Taskforce:** Chaired by Trustee Patrick Stokes '91, the Trustee Taskforce consists of Trustees and Visitors to the Board who oversee the entirety of the diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts at the college. Ultimately, the proposed DEI Strategic Plan will be reviewed and approved by this group.
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Group:** Chaired by Janel Cabbage '14, M.S. '16, the Advisory Group consists of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) alumni, staff, and faculty. The Advisory Group has access to college personnel upon request.
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Administrative Team:** Chaired by Provost Julia Jasken, the Administrative Group consists of administrators and faculty. The administrative group oversees the compilation and works with campus constituents on the development of the campus DEI strategic plan.

To read more about the DEI groups, membership, and the DEI charge, go to [www.mcdaniel.edu/dei](http://www.mcdaniel.edu/dei).

## Associate Professor of Sociology Richard Smith '00 honored with Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award

Richard Smith '00, associate professor of Sociology, was named the 2020 Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award honoree. The McDaniel alumnus and faculty member has been applauded for being an outstanding teacher not only to students but to his colleagues and the community as well.

Known among his colleagues in Sociology as a gentle giant who never flinches when confronted with potentially explosive questions or comments, Smith teaches some of the most controversial topics in sociology, including race, ethnicity, and religion.

"Richard is masterful at engaging students in a way that makes them feel comfortable opening up about sensitive, controversial, and difficult topics," says Sara Raley, associate professor of Sociology. "He can simultaneously keep things light enough that folks do not close themselves off from introspection as well as facilitate discussion in a way that fosters deep reflection and growth."

Smith, who earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from Temple University, teaches American Ethnicity, Cultural Anthropology, Sociology of Gender and Historical Significance in American Society. In addition to serving on faculty committees, he is the advisor to the Black Student Union and the Brothers Elite and is a First Generation Student mentor. Recently, he was appointed special advisor to the Provost for Diversity Initiatives.

His students are among his fans, saying, "Each time he steps into the classroom, he demonstrates a mastery of the subject material, care for his students, and profound desire to provide his students with the knowledge and tools to develop a deeper understanding of the world around them."

Professor Ira Zepp mentored Smith during his student days on the Hill, and Smith credits Zepp with teaching him how to use the power of words to address problems.

"His patience, compassion, and willingness to listen took me from where I was to where I needed to be, and has become an integral part of my teaching philosophy," Smith says of Zepp. "He affirmed who I was while inspiring me to believe in the greater potential of myself and others."

"I have done my best to continue in that same mode with all of my students."

## New endowed professors announced

McDaniel College has appointed three faculty members to endowed positions, which they will hold for five years.



### John Desmond Kopp Professorship in the Sciences

#### Awarded to Dana Ferraris, associate professor and chair of the Chemistry Department

Ferraris began teaching at McDaniel in 2015 as a visiting professor before joining the faculty as associate professor in 2017. He has mentored undergraduate students completing student-faculty research and most recently worked with students on research to discover drugs to fight COVID-19. Ferraris also received FDA approval for cedazuridine, the cancer drug he invented more than a decade ago when working in the biotech industry as a synthetic medicinal chemist.

The John Desmond Kopp Professorship in the Sciences was established in 2006 through a \$1.25-million bequest from John Desmond Kopp. A member of the class of 1922, Kopp passed away in 1992 at the age of 91. He worked as an analytical and metallurgical chemist at Scovill Inc., a manufacturing company in Waterbury, Connecticut, for 30 years before retiring in 1962.



### Joan Develin Coley Chair in Creative Expression and the Arts

#### Awarded to Steven Pearson, professor and chair of the Art & Art History Department

Pearson began teaching at McDaniel nearly 16 years ago and was named The Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teacher in 2019. He is also a visual artist and has had numerous solo and group exhibitions. In 2012, he was named a semi-finalist for the Janet and Walter Sondheim Artscape Prize, and he was a semi-finalist for the Bethesda Painting Award in 2013. Pearson has also served as the director of the Esther Prangley Rice Gallery since 2006, organizing exhibitions throughout the academic year that focus on regional and national artists as well as students' works.

Established in 2010, the Joan Develin Coley Chair in Creative Expression and the Arts was created by the Board of Trustees in honor of Joan Develin Coley, who was elected in 2000 as the first female president of McDaniel College and the first president to be promoted from the faculty ranks. This endowed chair, which honors someone who is passionate about creativity in all its forms, includes scholars from areas such as the fine or performing arts, creative writing or poetry, film analysis or music theory, or areas yet to be developed through scholarship research.



### Ethan A. Seidel Chair in Economics and Business Administration

#### Awarded to Kevin McIntyre, professor of Economics and Business Administration and coordinator of the master's degree program in Data Analytics

McIntyre has spent 20 years at McDaniel College and has taught courses ranging from introductory economics to upper-level finance and statistics. He graduated from Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Economics. He earned a master's degree in Economics in 1995 and his doctorate degree in Economics in 1998 at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia. He also attended the London School of Economics and the Institute of European Studies in 1993.

The Ethan A. Seidel Chair in Economics and Business Administration was established in 2008 by current McDaniel College trustee and former board chair Martin K. P. Hill to honor Ethan A. Seidel, professor of Economics and Business Administration. This endowed chair recognizes a tenured member of the Economics and Business Administration Department whose dedication to students and colleagues embodies excellence in teaching and service.

# by the numbers

Return to the Hill

# STUDENTS 1,200+

More than 1,200 freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors were welcomed back to campus for the 2020-2021 academic year, including the largest first-year class in the college's history.



## 6 Socially Distanced Move-in Days

McDaniel's move-in was shifted to a whole new experience for all students, with staggered times that spread out over six days starting Aug. 14, ahead of classes beginning Aug. 20. Students were able to reserve a time to move in through a mobile app that limited the number of students moving in per residence hall and floor.



## 581 First-Year and 60 Transfer Students

The 2020 incoming class is the largest in the college's history with 581 first-year students and 60 transfer students.



# 74%

## MARYLANDERS

Seventy-four percent of the incoming class is from Maryland, and many of those who came from out of state are within driving distance.



# \$2 MILLION INVESTMENT IN HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Return to the Hill Task Force and subcommittees met regularly throughout the summer to develop reopening plans based on guidance from state and county health officials. The college invested about \$2 million in health and safety preparations and worked to de-densify classrooms and other spaces throughout campus.

Outdoor spaces have been constructed and enhanced to encourage students to hang out outside, and thousands of pieces of furniture were removed with the remaining furniture reconfigured in classrooms and public spaces. The college also committed to increasing the frequency of cleaning and sanitization throughout campus and nearly doubled the size of the housekeeping staff.



# 5,000+

**Applicants** The Class of 2024 came from a record-breaking applicant pool of more than 5,000.



## 15 Countries

Fifteen countries outside the U.S. are also represented in the class: Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, India, Mexico, Myanmar, Philippines, South Korea, The Gambia, and Zambia.

# first person

In their own words

As the calendar flipped to January, you couldn't avoid an onslaught of memes and articles about "2020 vision," but it's hard to imagine that anyone could have foreseen the ways that this year has panned out. In a presidential election year with implications for public health, social justice, international relations, and immigration, perhaps we need to be focused on looking to the future rather than seeking that coveted 20/20 hindsight.

So, we asked alumni and faculty members one question as we approach the end of 2020:  
**What makes you optimistic going into 2021?**

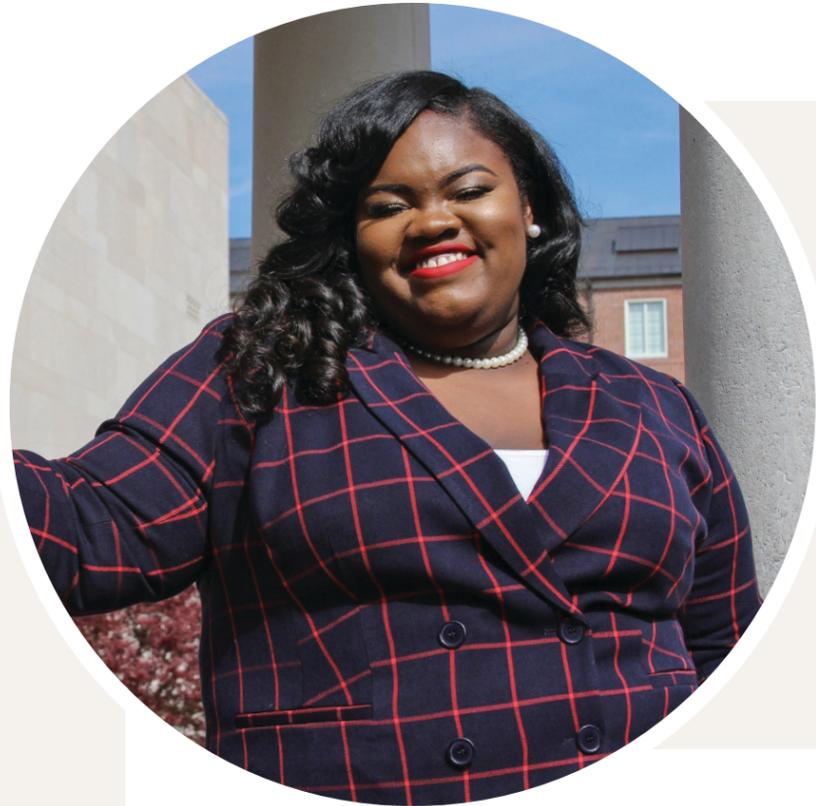


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I hope that all the enthusiasm and the desire to drive positive change is what changes this country for the better. Our generation is so young and at times we feel like people aren't listening, but some are. And those who are very active are doing a lot of great work. Imagine what we're going to be doing 10, 20, or 30 years from now. We can really drive positive change in different parts of our communities and government. Millennials will be leading positive change in the next few years.

— **Jasmin Chavez '19**

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No matter what, I have faith in democracy. There's so much at stake this year, but in two years, we get to elect people to Congress, and Maryland will get the opportunity to elect a new governor. I believe in politics — in electoral politics, specifically — as a pathway to social change. These people have life cycles, so we will see change eventually, because that's the nature of the system. That's what I'm holding on to no matter the result of this year's election.

— **Alexandria Leonard '17**

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“There has been a rediscovery that we have the ability to effect change and we don't have to depend upon a larger-than-life Superman hero at the top of the system. The grassroots component of people working together as individuals to form groups rather than relying on someone we're going to vote for has been very positive. Let's come together as communities. That level of not just political engagement but the rediscovery of the value that we all bring as individuals makes me optimistic.”

— **Francis Grice, Associate Professor of Political Science**



“One of the things that makes me optimistic is the number of people and the broad demographics of people who are paying attention to politics, who are concerned, who are getting involved. Some of the people out in the streets aren't even old enough to vote yet, or weren't old enough in 2016 but are now. I think that the protests and counter-protests of the summer helped inspire more people than ever to vote. Protest is one form of political action but casting a ballot is the way your voice is really heard in our democracy.”

— **Bryn Upton, Professor of History**





## Meet the Dean: Vickie Mazer, Ed.D.

*With program development experience in health care and higher ed, new dean seeks to increase visibility for the “quiet giant” of McDaniel GPS*

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN

It's unlikely that anyone plans to start a new job on a college campus when it's essentially empty. But that's exactly what Vickie Mazer, the new dean of Graduate and Professional Services (GPS), experienced her first day on the job in late June. In addition to the absence of students during the summer, the pandemic also meant most staff members were working remotely — and that the semester ahead would look pretty different.

With all graduate-level instruction for the fall 2020 semester being conducted online, it will be quite a while before Mazer even gets to meet any of the students she's working for. But that didn't change her feelings about this next chapter in her career when asked why she chose McDaniel: “From the time I walked into the room for my interview with the search committee, I felt at home. It's the people, to be honest.”

We sat down — virtually — to get to know Mazer in her own words and learn more about her goals for GPS.

### **Tell us a little about your career prior to joining McDaniel.**

I was the director of community health and wellness for a hospital system in western Maryland, where I also served as director of community relations and public relations for a period of time while there. I moved on to work at Tri-State Community Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center located in Hancock, Maryland. While there, I developed a primary care practice and an OB/GYN practice. Much of my history and background in health care was in program development, which I was able to translate to higher education when I moved to Frostburg State University (FSU) as director of graduate services in 2007.

**Why the switch from health care to higher ed?** I consider myself a lifelong learner. Education has always been very important to me and I believe it's important to our society.

DAVID SINCLAIR '20

The position at FSU as director of graduate services allowed me to grow and use my management and program development skills to advance graduate education, including adding several new programs and implementing online modalities for several others. One of the programs we were able to add before I left was a physician assistant program, which I am very proud of.

### **What do you want undergraduate alumni to know about GPS?**

If they choose McDaniel for their graduate education, they can count on the same quality educational experience they received during undergrad. Our faculty are among the best and most talented in their fields, and our programs are designed to help enhance, advance, or change careers. And many of our programs are offered online so they can always be a Green Terror no matter where they live.

### **What can GPS alumni do to help you and GPS reach your goals?**

Our alumni are the folks with boots on the ground. They are the ones who can help us shape and structure our curriculum to meet the 21st century needs of the workforce. I hope to create alumni advisory groups for our programs to tap their expertise, which can help guide and shape our curriculum. Increased alumni engagement will be very beneficial as we move forward.

### **What are you most excited about in this role?**

I love doing new things, taking on new challenges, and working collaboratively with people to reach a shared vision. In my short time at McDaniel, I've been most impressed by the quality of our faculty, adjuncts, and staff. Every day when I come to work, someone says to me, “Hey, I have an idea,” or “I'd like to talk with you about some thoughts I have.”

We have a lot of opportunity to collaborate not just within our own institution but also with the Westminster community. I'm looking forward to working with partners in the community to expand and develop programs that meet the needs of the region. Visibility is also extremely important to me. I want to do more with letting our own community, both internally and externally, know what good work GPS is doing.

### **What's something that people may be surprised to learn about you?**

Well, I'm only about 5-foot-2-inches tall — and that may be stretching it — but I played basketball at Potomac State College. I also have three grandchildren, a 10-year old grandson and new twin grandbabies. This job locates me between them so I can be a grandmother after hours.

## Kimberly Johnson receives Bailer Award



Kimberly Johnson was the recipient of the 2020 Joseph R. Bailer Award from McDaniel College. The prestigious award, named for one of the college's most highly respected career educators, is presented each year to a McDaniel College master's degree recipient who has made a significant contribution to the field of education.

Johnson of Manchester, Maryland, earned a master's degree in School Librarianship in 2012 and obtained Administrator I Certification in 2019 from McDaniel. She graduated from Messiah College with a bachelor's degree in History and a certification in Social Studies Education in 2005.

A school library media specialist for Carroll County Public Schools, she works at Westminster High School, where she serves as the faculty advisor for the Westminster High School's Book Club. Johnson is involved as the secretary for the Maryland Association of School Librarians (MASL) and serves on the MASL Professional Development Committee. She has presented at the district and state levels on topics ranging from school library makerspaces, the newly adopted National School Library Standards, and diverse literature for young adults.

Johnson was named the Maryland School Librarian of the Year in 2017 and was a finalist for Carroll County Teacher of the Year in 2018 and 2019.

The Joseph R. Bailer Award was established by the family of Dr. Bailer, who died in 1974. Bailer was chair of the Education Department at McDaniel College, then Western Maryland College, and also director of its graduate program from 1949-1971. He was a primary contributor to the growth of the program and influenced the lives of hundreds of graduate students, many of whom have gone on to leadership roles in educational programs both in Maryland and beyond. In the spirit of dedication and professionalism, the Bailer Award is given annually to a graduate of the master's program who has subsequently made a significant contribution to the field of education.



  
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HOW THREE WOMEN AND THE PANDEMIC SHONE  
A NEW LIGHT ON FOOD SYSTEMS IN AMERICA

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN

As the panic at the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic took hold, many Americans couldn't help but think about their most basic needs: food, water, and shelter. In preparation for the possibility of being stuck in their homes for weeks at a time — and for many, the loss of their jobs and incomes as lockdowns shuttered non-essential businesses — consumers were hyper-focused on food. Grocery stores saw hordes of hoarders clearing the shelves of pasta, canned goods, bottled water, meats, and, yes, toilet paper.

To some degree, it made sense. When faced with uncertainty over something as uncontrollable as a new virus that even experienced epidemiologists can barely keep up with, it's comforting to focus on what you can control. If that's stocking your freezer and pantry to keep your family fed, so be it.

Soon, leaders warned of an impending meat shortage due to interruptions to the supply chain as outbreaks in meatpacking plants became rampant. While it's debatable whether that meat shortage ever came to fruition, the influence on food systems is undeniable. This perfect storm led many people to seek alternative sources for their food, from small farm markets, community gardens, and food banks to buying ingredients to cook their own versions of meals from the restaurants they love.

For the most vulnerable populations, it wasn't just a matter of inconvenience but rather a fight for survival. Feeding America estimates that in 2020, an additional 17 million people nationwide will be food insecure — defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy lifestyle — as a result of the pandemic. In fact, 38% of the people served by the Feeding America Network since March 2020 were new to receiving charitable food support.

As the pandemic rolls on, the feeding frenzy on the retail side seems to have settled a little bit, but many people are still struggling to provide for their families. Two alumnae and one faculty member shared their perspectives on the lasting effects on food systems and food security in America that 2020 has brought to light — even though in many cases, the vulnerabilities were pre-existing.



# THE ACCIDENTAL FARMER:

*Cleo Braver '78*

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**CLEO BRAVER '78 IS PROBABLY NOT WHO YOU PICTURE WHEN YOU THINK OF FARMERS ON THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND.**

Braver's time on the Hill was spent studying Economics, but she went on to law school and became an environmental attorney. "I've always been very much motivated by environmental issues," she says.

Especially in Chesapeake Bay country, environmentalists and farmers can often be at odds because of farmers' perceptions that they are over-regulated to reduce pollution flowing into the Bay and others' perceptions that they are under-regulated with respect to certain aspects of their practices. When Braver and her husband, Allie Tyler, bought the 156-acre Cottingham Farm in Easton in 1998, she realized she wasn't going to find anyone willing to farm their land in the way they wanted: a clean growing operation that differed greatly from the predominant ag model of confined animal feeding operations and conventional GMO feed for those animals.



“We realized if we were going to have cleaner agriculture on our own farm, we would have to do it ourselves,” Braver says. “That’s how I became a farmer. Not willingly, and with a very steep learning curve. But I wanted to marry my environmental advocacy with my farming practices.”

One of the first steps Braver and Tyler took was implementing buffer strips around the property. For the first five or six years, they were primarily growing vegetables, and feeling proud of the fact that their buffers, which were installed and maintained by Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage, and winter cover crops would decrease nutrients, sediment, and water flowing into the Chesapeake. And in 2010, Cottingham Farm was certified by the USDA as an organic farm — the first organic vegetable grower in Talbot County.

Braver gained a reputation for her tomatoes and soon her other vegetables. Cottingham Farm did a lot of business for a while in grocery, supplying tomatoes to places like Whole Foods and Mom’s Organic Market.

After learning the benefits of rotating animals and vegetables, Braver and Tyler invested in heritage hogs and have been raising pastured hogs and chickens since 2013. Before the pandemic this year, they were doing a lot of restaurant business, but that is what Braver saw change drastically as food security changed this spring. As grocery stores felt riskier to consumers both in terms of safety and stock availability, many people around the country turned to supporting their local farmers.

“After COVID-19 hit, our business significantly shifted from restaurants and grocery to strictly our on-farm market and other direct-to-consumer retail,” Braver says. “The business on the farm increased tremendously. A lot of people who have lived here for a long time and new customers who sought refuge on the Eastern Shore came to the farm for the first time. That was good to see.”

The smaller operations with control over their safety protocols, the transparency in their food sources and production methods, and the personal touch of small farm markets had a great appeal in a time when leaving the house even to meet essential needs felt unsafe. Braver was happy to be able to



Above: Cottingham Farm’s on-farm market saw a tremendous increase in demand for its organic vegetables, cage-free eggs, and pastured meats this spring as consumers looked for safer alternatives to mainstream food sources. Right: Cleo Braver ’78 is happiest in her crop fields, but says that the gratitude shown by her community this year “makes the hard days melt away.”

serve her community with her organic vegetables, cage-free eggs, and pastured pork.

“My top priority for our farm is to provide my community with organic food year-round,” she says. “It’s been really heartening to hear people’s gratitude. People who came to our farm for the first time this spring and summer said they don’t know why they didn’t come sooner. That makes the hard days melt away for me.”

Ever the activist, Braver knows there is more work to be done, and she hopes to see this focus on local last long after the pandemic is over. “Even more importantly than buying local, there seems to be a growing awareness of the need to know how — and not just where — our food is grown,” she says. “We need to be growing more food here, and insisting that our food is grown without synthetic fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides that impact our waterways, our drinking water, our personal health, and our

public health outcomes and cost.

“There’s a spectacular opportunity for our region to become a great economic powerhouse for aggregating sustainable output from small farms and creating healthier communities.”

Braver believes nothing is more basic than having a roof over your head and having access to clean water, clear air, and clean food. During a pandemic in an election year, that feels more important to her than ever.

“We determine what kind of food system we want,” Braver says. “If we can’t get lawmakers to enact public policy that incentivizes the right things, we can act on our own as consumers and literally change the world, including climate change, by the choices we make.”

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# NEIGHBORS NOURISHING NEIGHBORS:

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

*Elly Engle*



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OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
STUDIES ELLY ENGLE  
NEVER THOUGHT THAT  
SHE MIGHT END UP BEING  
A PROFESSIONAL  
GREENHOUSE MANAGER,  
BUT THAT'S EXACTLY  
WHAT HAPPENED IN  
MARCH THIS YEAR.

She had been teaching a class on sustainable agriculture when the campus was forced to shut down for the semester and resume teaching online only. That meant the plants her students had started from seeds and were intending to nurture over the semester needed a guardian. "I think I grew over 620 plants," she says.

Not wanting those fruits and vegetables to go to waste, she looked for places to distribute them. "I study community garden programs and community food security programs, but it's completely different to study it versus do it," Engle says. "I have taken a lot of the food over to McDaniel's Physical Plant, because those are the folks that didn't get a break when the pandemic hit, and I wanted to support them."

PHOTOS BY ELLY ENGLE

*Right: Assistant Professor Elly Engle shows off a bountiful carrot harvest from the McDaniel Community Garden this spring.*



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*Below: On Aug. 18, 2020, Elly Engle distributed the gardens' largest single harvest, topping 100 pounds of food at drop-off for the McDaniel Grounds Maintenance and Physical Plant teams.*



Engle is a food systems scholar, and she's always been hyper-aware of the issues and insecurities embedded in food systems in America. But the pandemic brought it all to the forefront.

“Any time global society starts to break down, it's basic rights like food, water, and clean air that take some of the biggest hits,” Engle says. “It's been interesting to see not just the effects the pandemic was having on the food systems but also the ways in which the existing insecurities were being highlighted in a way they hadn't been consistently in the past.”

Engle teaches her students about the bifurcated food system in America, with small, local food systems at one end and large food systems at the other. But she points out that it takes both to feed people.

“Anything that was built on the large end



*Left: Elly Engle proudly shows off a box of McDaniel-grown produce, including peppers, tomatoes, and zucchini. Above: Engle harvests green beans.*

of the global food system crumbled at a time when our global economy came to a shuddering halt with this pandemic,” she says. “We have more control, more agency, and more ownership in these smaller, more localized or regionalized food systems.”

And Engle wasn't the only person in Carroll County thinking about the needs of the community and the vulnerabilities of our food systems. Whether it was the producers who didn't have protections in place to keep the supply chain going, the consumers who couldn't access or afford food, or the collapse of the middle infrastructure that connects the two, she and others knew they had to do something at the local level.

“I became an academic not just because I love teaching and love doing research, but

because I love doing community engagement work, and there are some people in Carroll County I'd been talking to long before the pandemic,” Engle says. “Neighbors Nourishing Neighbors was the way we decided to join forces to build a network of growing spaces to serve our communities. It's an initiative we probably would have started a couple years from now in a much more deliberate manner, but the pandemic kicked us into overdrive.”

Neighbors Nourishing Neighbors is working to connect home gardeners and start new community gardens on church and government properties with the goal of distributing the food locally. For Engle's part, she's been managing the McDaniel campus garden and the Union Street garden, which produced more than 658 pounds of fresh produce this summer. Individuals who have home gardens have also contributed their bounty to the organization for distribution around the county. Even if Carroll Countians

don't garden but want to volunteer for the cause, there are ways to get involved, including transporting food from the gardens to distribution partners.

Joining with the community has not only helped serve others but has made Engle hopeful during a trying time. “In any time of crisis, it's really easy to feel hopeless and helpless,” she says. “I think taking that community approach to growing and sharing food gives us a place to feel like we're taking action.”

But the work is just beginning, and Engle sees opportunity for long-lasting change, especially in an election year: “It's going to take open minds among our policymakers to not just consider this in an emergency, but to consider it an opportunity to address insecurities that existed in our system long before this. That's what we need to have a sustainable food system environmentally, economically, and socially.”



# TURNING TO TAKEOUT:

*Kathleen Beyer '98*

PHOTOS BY  
KATHLEEN BEYER



**SINCE 2016, KATHLEEN BEYER '98 HAS BEEN THE MANAGER OF HER COUSIN'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT IN MEDFORD, NEW JERSEY.**

Her cousin, Chef Kevin Maher, trained in Italy for 14 years after graduating from the Culinary Institute of America. ITA101, a 50-seat BYOB restaurant, is the culmination of that hard work.

“The restaurant is more of a dining destination. My cousin changes the menu daily based on whatever is fresh and in season, and he makes fresh pasta daily,” Beyer says. “We used to do tasting menus during the week and regional menus on the weekends that would highlight different regions of Italy.”

So, when restaurants had to shut down as New Jersey's COVID-19 numbers soared and the tri-state area found itself the epicenter of the U.S. outbreak, Beyer and her cousin had to get creative. Since they could no longer open their tables to guests, they figured out how to serve them at their own tables. In short, takeout became the only option to survive — and it started with a very obvious problem to solve.





*ITA101 staff adapted to health and safety requirements, implementing outdoor dining and enforcing the wearing of masks and gloves by staff members at the BYOB Italian restaurant in Medford, New Jersey.*

“We’ve hardly ever done takeout, but we decided to offer a takeout daily menu, which meant we needed to get more containers!” Beyer says. “My cousin’s training helped him come up with a menu that would travel well — and ingredients we could actually get.”

When things got scarce, ITA101 even began selling high-quality flour, bread flour, and yeast to customers who wanted to bake or cook at home and couldn’t find the ingredients at the grocery store.

“We also sold fresh pastas and sauces, loaves of bread, olive oil, half-pan lasagnas, and whole pies for dessert,” Beyer says. Luckily, the community really rallied and showed up to support local businesses. She says some even ordered lasagnas to donate to frontline workers and local police.

As with all industries this year, technology became increasingly important for Beyer, Maher, and ITA101 as people were stuck in their homes more.

“Since we’d never really taken a lot of

to-go orders, we had to rearrange our computer system to input the takeout items,” Beyer says, although she notes they still did not implement online ordering. She says one of the hardest parts was spacing out orders because they could not have customers waiting inside the restaurant or on the street.

“And social media became very important,” she says. “I made sure to post every day, keep things engaging, and let people know the precautions we were taking. We’ve been learning and growing every day since March.”

One of the ways ITA101 kept engaging with its customers was with a cook-at-home challenge. “We made a video of my cousin showing how to prepare one of the most popular dishes, *cacio e pepe*, and had customers who wanted to participate come pick up the ingredients and send photos or videos of their final products,” Beyer says.

“Whichever one looked closest to Chef

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*Above: At the beginning of the pandemic, Chef Kevin Maher had to use his extensive culinary training to determine menu items that would travel well for takeout operations. When ITA101 was able to reopen for outdoor dining, everyone was eager to get back to the fresh-made pasta and rotating daily menus the restaurant is known for.*

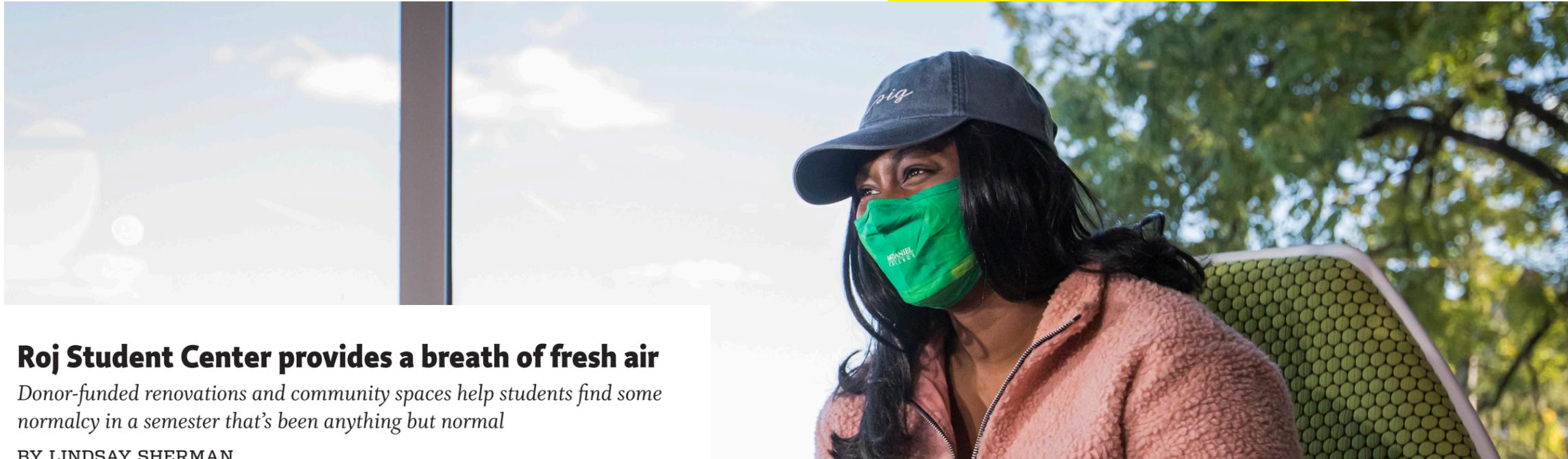
Kevin’s won a \$50 gift card.”

ITA101 has managed to stay afloat, and Beyer and Maher keep coming up with new ideas to continue evolving with the industry in this unconventional time. And it’s made her think twice when planning her own meals. “I know how difficult this time is and how small, local restaurants like us can

struggle just to keep the lights on,” Beyer says. “So, I try to order from different places weekly and tip at least 20% on takeout.”

For Beyer, who was also caring for her mother while she was undergoing treatment for breast cancer during this time, the need to stay on her toes with work served as a welcome distraction.

“I am so grateful to work with my cousin and that we also have very loyal employees that came back and asked how they could help,” she says. “It’s definitely been a massive team effort. I was glad to have the menus to create and the brainstorming of ideas during all of this. It gave me something positive to focus on!”



## Roj Student Center provides a breath of fresh air

Donor-funded renovations and community spaces help students find some normalcy in a semester that's been anything but normal

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN



**In a year that has seemed so dark, the return to the Hill this fall was a beacon of light for many McDaniel students. With its bold new colors, modern design, and wraparound windows, the newly reopened Roj Student Center has been the literal bright spot — and a place with a little taste of normalcy — in an otherwise strange semester.**

“The Roj Student Center is one of the things I was looking forward to most coming back to campus,” says Carly Ludwig, a sophomore from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. “Being able to have this space as a resource where we can gather is really important to maintain that sense of camaraderie on campus since we can’t gather in our rooms.”

In the \$11 million renovation to the old Decker College Center — funded by donors with a lead gift from trustee Mary Lynn Durham ’70 and her husband, Bill Roj ’70 — the transformation to the middle level is the most dramatic for many. This level that used to house the campus store and the Pub is now known as the Vista, named for the wall of windows offering stunning views of Westminster.

“The student center is very dynamic in terms of seating and visual appeal,” says junior Psychology major Elva Joya. “It’s very open, and it’s amazing how much the sunlight is able to come in. That’s really helpful for mental health, which is even more important this year.”

This level was designed to be the heart of the building that now serves as the heart of the campus, with a focus on the student experience above all else. Serving as a hub for students

from day one to Commencement day, it’s obvious it’s already exactly that.

A centralized reception desk helps students find the Office of Student Engagement (OSE), Center for Experience and Opportunity, and Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. In addition to these resources for students to engage with staff members about things like student organizations and internships, the Vista offers spaces for students to study, collaborate on group projects, and hang out with friends.

“As a student, I always try to get out of my room to do homework. I used to go to the Math department, but the Vista is such an open space now and you can look out over Westminster while you’re doing work,” says Greta Ouimette, a senior Math and Computer Science double major from Rockville, Maryland. “I only ever really came to Decker to go to the OSE office or Glar because there weren’t any places to hang out. Now, you can sit anywhere.”

In addition to the new community spaces, the Hilltop Pub has also been completely reinvented, with a new menu including smoothies, rice and grain bowls, salads, wraps, grill items, and some comfort food. Sophomore Keala Travers, a Sociology major from Baltimore County, is a big fan of the new menu. “The Pub has a crab pretzel that I eat almost every day,” she says. “The smoothies are really good, too.”

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KEALA TRAVERS

*Above: Sophomore Keala Travers (left) says she has already made new friends in the Roj Student Center this year, where students have enjoyed the safe, beautiful area to study and relax.*

**WANT TO KEEP THE HEARTBEAT OF CAMPUS GOING STRONG?**

Gifts are still needed to fulfill the fundraising goal of the Roj Student Center and room naming opportunities remain available. To make your gift, please contact Brenda Frazier (410-857-2777 or bsfrazier@mcdaniel.edu) or Chip Junkin (410-857-2256 or cjunkin@mcdaniel.edu).



Travers also says that even though students are all wearing masks, the new Roj Student Center is a welcoming environment that she loves for studying and relaxing in a safe, beautiful space, either alone or with friends.

"I've definitely made new friends here this year," Travers says. "This space is so much more open and you can connect with a lot more people just by being here."

Joya, who is the president of the Hispano-Latinx Alliance (HLA) says that as a first-year student, she found her home and family on campus in HLA, which she discovered at a tabling event outside of Glar. Now, HLA has already put the new Roj Student Center to good use. "When I first walked in, I was awestruck at how open it is," Joya says. "The space is big enough that we are able to be distanced during COVID-19 to still hold special events. Even with lower capacity limits, you still always see students in here using the space."

Whether studying, watching a movie with friends on one of the many TV screens mounted on the walls, meeting with a staff member, grabbing a bite to eat, collaborating on a group project in the Innovation Lab, or enjoying the views of Westminster from the rooftop terrace, it's clear that the heartbeat of McDaniel has been revived — and not a moment too soon.

"If there was ever a year to have major renovations, this was it," Ouimette says. "The renovations brought a light to McDaniel to help students who may be struggling to cope during the pandemic. This will become a new center point for McDaniel."



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CARLY LUDWIG

*Above: Students like sophomore Carly Ludwig are excited about the opportunity to use some of the collaboration spaces for group projects, student organizations, and peer mentoring.*

## GIFT HIGHLIGHTS

### ESTATE & PLANNED GIFTS

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## Endowed funds support the college for generations to come



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To learn more about funds established in the 2019–2020 academic year, go to [www.mcdaniel.edu/alumni/giving/impact-giving/2019-2020-new-funds](http://www.mcdaniel.edu/alumni/giving/impact-giving/2019-2020-new-funds).

## Create a lasting legacy

The Legacy Society recognizes alumni and friends of the college who have included McDaniel in their estate plans through bequest provisions, charitable gift annuities and trusts, gifts of life insurance or retirement plan assets, and retained life estate. Members of the Legacy Society celebrate the lasting impact that planned gifts have on the college's long-term success.

Beginning in fall 2020, members of the Legacy Society will also be recognized on our new Legacy Society Tree in the newly renovated Roj Student Center.

For more information about planned giving opportunities or the Legacy Society, contact Lawrence "Chip" Junkin M.S. '15 at 410-857-2256 or [cjunkin@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:cjunkin@mcdaniel.edu).

## The President's Circle of the Founders Society

In honor of the founding of our college in 1867, the Founders Society recognizes donors who annually support the college through leadership gifts of \$1,867 or greater. Founders Society members are recognized annually through invitations to special events and exclusive communications. The President's Circle of the Founders Society recognizes those whose annual commitment to McDaniel College exceeds \$10,000. Thank you to the following donors who supported McDaniel as part of the President's Circle in the fiscal year 2019–2020.

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AFTER 10 YEARS, THE  
**One Love**  
FOUNDATION STILL HAS  
**one goal**

WHEN SHE LOST HER COLLEGE-AGED DAUGHTER  
TO INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IN 2010,  
SHARON LOVE M.S. '76 CHOSE TO FIGHT BACK.

By Lindsay Sherman

Photos courtesy of the One Love Foundation and Woodberry Forest School

Students from the Woodberry Forest School in Woodberry Forest, Virginia, form the One Love Foundation heart logo.



**T**he news of Yeardeley Love's murder at the hands of her ex-boyfriend in May 2010 shook the University of Virginia, rippled through college campuses around the country, and left the greater Baltimore area remembering a hometown girl.

Her mother, Sharon Love M.S. '76, recalls still being in a state of shock when she and Yeardeley's older sister, Lexie, made a decision that has defined the last 10 years of their lives. "You have a choice. You can either pull the covers over your head and avoid everything, or get up and do something," Love says. "We chose to get up and do something. We wanted to fight back and to never let this happen to anyone else."

That determination led to the creation of the One Love Foundation just five weeks after Yeardeley's death. Yeardeley — who wore the number 1 for the UVA lacrosse team and was weeks away from her college graduation — was known for her kind heart, positive spirit, and sense of humor. She lived and breathed lacrosse and was an inspiration to many younger girls who dreamed of their own collegiate lacrosse careers. This summer, she was memorialized with a statue at the U.S. Lacrosse headquarters in Sparks, Maryland, where her spirit and love for the sport will live on.

That passion for lacrosse helped form the original mission for the One Love Foundation. Founded in Towson, Maryland, the foundation initially focused on inner-city lacrosse teams and helping those student-athletes obtain college scholarships and connecting them with the elderly to teach them computer skills.



Texas Woman's University (TWU) is one of more than 500 colleges around the country to form a Team One Love organization on campus. The peer-led organization brings One Love's education to TWU and gives students access to One Love staff mentors and resources.

At the time, Love saw this as the best way they could give back while they awaited the trial for Yeardeley's murder. "We really wanted to avoid the topic of domestic violence during the trial," Love says. "We were afraid that anything we said could and probably would be used against us."

### Shining a New Light on Domestic Violence

In 2012, Yeardeley's ex-boyfriend was convicted and sentenced to 23 years in prison. About a week after the trial's conclusion, Love was approached by a major donor that helped the organization pivot to focus on the education and prevention of intimate partner violence in young people.

With the trial closed, Love and the foundation felt free to focus on the societal issue that led to Yeardeley's murder. "I thought domestic violence was somebody married with kids, no means of income, dependent on her husband, and stuck with an abusive partner," Love says. "To have a college student be victimized by this was totally foreign to me."

The first step in this organizational pivot was a partnership with Dr. Jacqueline Campbell from the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing to develop a danger assessment app. Campbell, who has been conducting advocacy, policy work, and research in the area of relationship violence since 1980, joined the foundation's National Advisory Council in 2012 and the app launched in 2014.

Now headquartered in New York City, One Love has six regional offices, over 40 staff members, and more than 25,000 volunteers. Since 2015, programming has largely been centered on a movie that the foundation developed called "Escalation," the story of two college students involved in an abusive relationship with a tragic ending, which was loosely based on Yeardeley's relationship.

"Once we had the movie, we would get on a plane and go share it with anybody that wanted to see it," Love says. "Our goal was to share it with as many kids as we possibly could."

### Reaching Students Where They Are

High schools and colleges started reaching out to the foundation asking to hold screenings and a discussion with the students after the movie. In March 2015, that brought the foundation right here to the Hill, where Love got her master's degree in Deaf Education in 1976. Love taught hearing impaired students in Baltimore City for 25 years before retiring in 2013 to focus on One Love full time, but her background in education has proven useful in this new calling.

"My teaching background helped me realize how much of an asset relatability is in this work. We didn't want people to run away from this difficult topic, so we had to make it palatable, relatable, and accessible," Love says. "When students start talking after the movie, you realize that everybody sees something different and not everybody agrees with what one person might think is abuse."

"We wanted the foundation to be a positive source of information and inspire positive changes in people's lives. That's what all teachers are trying to do, ultimately, is make a positive change in people's lives."

Now, the One Love Foundation is working on even earlier intervention, presenting their "Couplets" content to middle schoolers. The

Couplets, an animated series of relationship scenarios, are a lighthearted, simplified look at healthy and unhealthy relationships. For example, one couplet says, "I missed you. You were gone for a day or two, and I really missed you. I'm glad you're back," and a sign is held up saying, "That's love." In a similar scene, one says, "I missed you. You've been gone for five minutes. Where were you? Don't leave me like that again." The sign? "That's not love."

### A Desire to Change the Statistics

When Love learned that girls and women aged 16 to 24 experience intimate partner violence at almost triple the rate of the national average, she thought back to whether she had missed any warning signs. But the fact of the matter was that she didn't know about warning signs at the time.

"Abusers don't appear abusive when you first meet them," Love says. "They appear wonderful, like they're madly in love with you. We hope that by making the warning signs obvious, you can catch it in the beginning. If you know the signs early, you can get out early."

Ultimately, One Love hopes to change the statistics, "the way that Mothers Against Drunk Driving did," Love says. They are well on their way, with more than 100 million views on its on-

line content and having reached more than 1.1 million young people with in-person educational workshops in the last five years.

"So many times, we've had students write to us and say that One Love has saved their life. We were there for them at their worst moment and gave them a way out," Love says. "We said from the beginning that if we could save even one life, it would be worth years and years of work." ■

To learn more about the One Love Foundation, the signs of intimate partner violence, and how you can get involved, go to [www.joinonelove.org](http://www.joinonelove.org).

This summer, Yeardeley Reynolds Love was memorialized with this statue at the U.S. Lacrosse headquarters in Sparks, Maryland. "Yeardeley loved lacrosse. She must be thrilled about being remembered there," Love says.



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— Sharon Love M.S. '76



## Healthy or Unhealthy?

Identify each of the descriptors below as a sign of a healthy (H) or unhealthy (U) relationship.

1. Belittling
2. Betrayal
3. Comfortable Pace
4. Deflecting Responsibility
5. Equality
6. Fun
7. Guilt
8. Healthy Conflict
9. Honesty
10. Independence
11. Intensity
12. Isolation
13. Kindness
14. Manipulation
15. Possessiveness
16. Respect
17. Sabotage
18. Taking Responsibility
19. Trust
20. Volatility

### Answers:

- 1) U; 2) U; 3) H; 4) U; 5) H; 6) H; 7) U; 8) H; 9) H; 10) H; 11) U; 12) U; 13) H; 14) U; 15) U; 16) H; 17) U; 18) H; 19) H; 20) U



# How to build resilience

## HOW TO BOUNCE BACK FROM A TOUGH YEAR

*We aren't born with resilience, but we can strengthen it in the face of adversity*

BY RACHEL DRUCKENMILLER '06

If you've asked just about anyone how they were feeling since March, you probably got some version of the word "tired." The combination of the pandemic, working from home, managing childcare, home-schooling, travel restrictions, job losses, racial injustice, and political tension has left many people feeling exhausted — emotionally, mentally, physically, and relationally.

Not knowing when things will stabilize exacerbates the situation and those feelings. But I'm here to tell you: You are not alone.

I know what it's like to feel hopeless, exhausted, and alone; to completely burn out and be so sick and tired that sleep alone won't fix it; to be afraid to open up to anyone for fear of further rejection or judgment.

I know what it's like to launch a business after 13 years of a stable paycheck and have 90% of my work canceled in a matter of days because of a global pandemic. I know what it's like to feel like you're just building some momentum only to get hit by a truck — in my case, literally — and end up with a fractured back.

If you feel any of those things, there is nothing wrong with you. You are having a human response to overwhelming uncertainty, grief, and loss.

But I also know what it feels like to rise up from adversity and end up stronger and wiser than before.

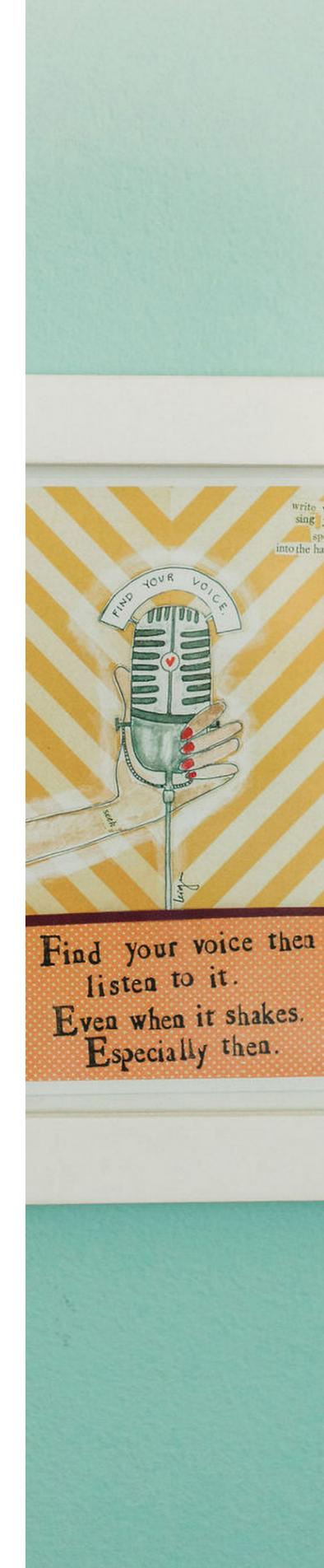
Rising up is part of resilience, which is a set of inner skills, strengths, positive emotions, and determination that we draw upon to bounce back from adversity. Resilience isn't something you either have or don't have; it's a muscle you can strengthen through intentional action. Here are a few steps to start building that muscle in your life.

### 1. Accept what is.

Resisting reality takes a lot of energy. Right now, we may be dwelling on going "back to normal," even though many "normal" things might not have been ideal in the first place. Acceptance doesn't mean we don't want things to change. It just means that we're willing to face and accept reality as it is, preparing a plan of action rather than staying stuck in denial.

When we accept reality instead of resisting it — releasing ourselves from anxiety, fear, and anger — we free up our energy to respond, to think more clearly, and to problem solve. We may not like how much life has changed this year, but resisting reality will prevent us from accessing higher-level thinking.

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creativity, curiosity, and empathy.

Resilience starts with accepting what is, even if we don't like it or agree with it, so we can free up energy to respond.

**REFLECT: What are you currently resisting rather than accepting? What energy could you free up by choosing to let it go?**

## 2. Make meaning of it.

I remember lying on the gurney at the hospital after my car accident this spring feeling sad, angry, and lonely ... but also hopeful. I chose to make meaning out of my situation. I thought about how I'd use what happened to talk about rising up when we get knocked down.

My new motto is: Even though I didn't choose it, I'm going to find a way to use it.

Your brain naturally wants to do the same thing: to make meaning of your life and the world. This may not happen immediately for you. But at some point, we begin to shift our focus and ask ourselves, "What can I learn about myself, others, or the world as a result of this situation?"

I think of all the people I've reached this year doing my work virtually that I might never have connected with had we not been in lockdown. I think of how the timing of my accident was a gift because I was already stuck at home, didn't have to travel, and could still work while I recovered. I think of how sharing what I'm learning on LinkedIn and in podcast interviews has helped other people feel less alone during this time.

Choosing to find meaning in what has happened this year can give you hope. Holding onto a deep belief that there is meaning in what happens in our lives helps us build resilience and persist in the face of adversity and setbacks.

**REFLECT: Think about a time in the past when a difficult situation led to an unforeseen positive outcome. What can you learn from that experience that can help you through this one?**

## 3. Reset your mindset.

To protect us, our brain is naturally on alert, watchful of potentially harmful experiences so we're prepared to respond. If the first thing we do in the morning is check the news to see the latest death toll for COVID-19 or hop onto a social media platform where people are shaming each other, we're probably not going to have the best day. But what we focus on expands, and we have more control over our brain than we think.

If we pause to breathe (four seconds in, hold for seven, exhale for eight), limit our media exposure, remind ourselves of our strengths and values, and intentionally dwell on good happenings, we can start to rewire our brains and become more resilient.

A week or two into COVID-19, I started tracking "bright spots" in my day. I wrote 10 of them in a journal at the end of each day.

Because my brain knew I was accountable for that list each night, I became more attuned to good things that happened during the day. What I focused on naturally expanded. I was primed to notice it.

That consistency in the month leading up to my accident was essential to my emotional recovery. I had retrained my brain to notice goodness even in the midst of difficulty. You can do that, too.

Acknowledging the good doesn't negate what's hard, but it does help us get through challenging circumstances with more confidence, hope, and peace.

**REFLECT: What is one step you can take today to take back control of your brain and to shift your focus?**

## 4. Don't hesitate. Initiate.

The day after my accident, someone offered to set up a meal train for me and my husband. My mobility was limited and I was in a lot of pain, but I started rationalizing why I didn't need help. I thought, "We don't need people to make us meals or send us gift cards. We can afford to do it ourselves, and my husband can just do everything. I don't want to be a burden."

Many people are suffering in silence right now because they're afraid of being a burden or appearing weak. We can't get the help we need if we don't ask for it or accept it when someone offers. Part of resilience is recognizing our own limitations and reaching out for support when we need it. I learned this in my recovery from mono in 2017 and again this year.

When our inner resources are tapped out, reaching out to other people can help us build a foundation of support and resilience, so we can better navigate whatever adversity comes our way next.

**REFLECT: Who is one person you can reach out to about a challenge you are facing right now so you don't have to keep carrying it alone? Now that you have their name in mind, don't hesitate ... initiate! Reach out to them and ask to chat. Taking that first step requires courage, but sharing your burden will make it easier to carry.**

## The year of resilience.

Resilience grows when we accept rather than resist what is and choose to make meaning out of adversity. Resilience is strengthened when we reset our mind to focus on what is good and what is working, celebrating our strength and small wins. Resilience is also about recognizing when we have reached our capacity and need support from others.

I hope this encourages you to show yourself more compassion, to show others more empathy, to focus on bright spots and on what you can control, and to reach out for the support you need.

We are all doing the best we can with what we have in this moment. That is all we can expect of anyone, including ourselves.

**My new motto is:**

*Even though I didn't choose it,  
I'm going to find a way to use it.*

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# alumni updates

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## A Note from the Editor:

When we decided to combine the Summer 2020 and Autumn 2020 issues of *The Hill*, we knew that your favorite part of the magazine—Class Notes—must go on in as normal a fashion as possible. In the following pages, you will see the columns compiled by your loyal and hard-working class reporters for both the Summer and Autumn issues. Some will mention the pandemic, but many will not. However, we wanted to publish the notes in their original forms, knowing that at the time they were written, those were your truths.

I must echo the sentiments of 1980 Class Reporter **Ann Hackman**: “I wrote this letter knowing that trips some of us were anticipating have been canceled, that some of us have seen the weddings of our children postponed, and that those of us with serious and life-limiting medical conditions might be experiencing an even greater level of fear than others. And yet, I also wrote this letter remembering the lifelong connections we made, remembering how very much each of us appreciated our time on the Hill, and remembering the ways in which we changed and grew in those years. . . . I hope that you and your families and loved ones have remained safe. I hope this particularly for those of you with significant health issues. I hope that all of the wonderful things that many of you were planning have now been happily rescheduled. I hope that we can have a reunion this year. Whatever is happening when you read this, I hope you can reflect on all sorts of great memories from your time on the Hill. Take care of yourselves and those you love.”

We appreciate your patience as we work through new production schedules and processes for the future of *The Hill*, and we look forward to reading your next updates, with hopes we will be in far less turbulent times.

## 1950

What a treat to hear from so many of the Class of '50. We are all in our 90s now, yet many of us are still doing very well.

**Suzanne Hall Coons** writes from Westover, Maryland, that she is still living in her home of 67 years. The home was built in 1953 before she and Earl were married in the summer. With God's blessings, they are still there. They are moving slowly but with the help of their son and three grandsons, they are doing well for themselves. They need someone to take them to doctors' appointments, but Suzanne still drives locally. She misses her WMC friends.

**Although the Green Terror may not have been able to welcome you back to campus for Homecoming this year, there was plenty to celebrate this fall, including the launch of the official McDaniel College Instagram account. Until we're able to gather again, be sure to follow @mcdanielcollege for updates on all the happenings on the Hill.**

# alumni updates

**Donald Clarke '50 plays his violin in his church orchestra and continues to promote social justice and racial integration through his church.**

**Ernie Burch Jr.**, still lives in his home in Towson, Maryland, with some help from a home health agency. He and his wife, **Carol Sause Burch '54**, are celebrating 65 years of marriage this year. They are blessed with two wonderful children, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. *Editor's Note: Sadly, before this was published, Alumni Relations received a call from Carol that Ernie passed away, but we still wanted to share his class note.*

**Edith "Edee" Sanner Parlette** is enjoying her three sons, eight grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. **June Graf Hale, M.Ed. '67** lets us know that she has been a resident of Homewood at Plum Creek Retirement since 2005. She and her husband celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary in April. They gave up vacation traveling last year but are still involved in many activities such as bridge, other games, and crafts.

**Donald Clarke** writes from Devon, Pennsylvania, that he is well at 93. He plays his violin in his church orchestra and continues to promote social justice and racial integration through his church. He greatly misses his dear wife of 66 years, **Jean Murray Clarke '47**. Their daughter, **Elizabeth Clarke Werwinski '87**, is a graduate of McDaniel.

Raymond Kirchner emailed that his mother **Virginia Armacost Kirchner** has moved to Ephrata, Pennsylvania.

**Ruth Holland Isear** let me know that after losing her husband, Jerry, 16 years ago, she moved from the Eastern Shore of Maryland to Wilmington, North Carolina. She lives only minutes from her son, Jai, and his wife and three sons. She shares her home with her black lab, Jenni. She still drives to attend her grandsons' football and basketball games and to go to church every Sunday. Ruth still trains and schedules acolytes for all three services and makes soups for sick neighbors. Three years ago, she bought an iPad, and now she is trying to master an iPhone. At 90, the white hair and wrinkles are there, but weight is still 118. Arthritis is ever present but she says, "My God continues to give me a new day, a good attitude, and work here on earth that He needs me to do. For this I am so grateful."

**Peg Ortenzi Brannen** emails that there are not many changes in her life, other than getting older. She continues to love living in the mountains. There is a lot to do in the summer, but it's a bit quieter in the winter, so it's a good time to read. Her son, Ralph Ortenzi, and his wife continue to live in West Palm Beach, Florida. All is well!

**Elayne Close Peabody** writes that she is living in a retirement home where there are many activities. She also belongs to the local Audubon Native Plant Societies.

**Patricia Burgess Mason's** daughter wrote that her mother passed away in 2018. She was living in Mel-

bourne, Florida. Especially close to her heart was her volunteer work with the Brevard Association for the Advancement of the Blind.

**Ed Seemer** says that when you are 93 years old, there is always good news and bad news. He is a great-grandfather of twin boys and has a delightful granddaughter. Both his son and daughter are well and now in their 60s. He lost his beloved wife in 2011. He is sorry that he is not in touch with any of his classmates. Luckily, he can still drive, and he took a 2,300-mile round trip to Naples, Florida. Quoting Bette Davis, he says, "Old age is no place for sissies."

**George Seymour** writes from St. Michaels, Maryland, that he has been retired as director of social work at Eastern Shore Hospital Center since 1987. As natives of St. Michaels, he and his wife, Betty, are still active volunteers for the St. Michaels Museum. They have participated in starting walking tours and getting the local highway designated to honor Talbot County native Frederick Douglass.

**Don Brohawn '48** and **Sara Lee Larmore Brohawn** are still in Tyaskin in Southern Maryland. Not much has changed, Don says, though neither of them is moving fast these days. Sara Lee actively works in their church thrift shop and Circle of Prayer, among other things. Don writes that Sara Lee has no idea how to use a computer, nor does she have any interest in learning. Life on the shore is very pleasant. The always-changing beauty of the Nanticoke River is their view from the front of their house. To quote Don, "Life is good!" Sara Lee added on the card that she is looking forward to our 70th reunion.

**Priscilla Lankford West** and her husband Bill have been married for 67 years and still live in Virginia. She had surgery last fall and while she feels better each month and has seen significant improvement, she will not be able to make the reunion.

I got a nice note from **Charlie Hammer** saying he had a nice chat with **Charlie Kidd**. He sends warmest regards to all.

It has been a real pleasure to hear from so many of you. My life continues to be busy with bridge, various classes including art history and yoga, and trips to acupuncture and a variety of doctors. As I write this, much of "life" is being canceled due to the novel coronavirus. I hope and pray that each of you stay well during this time.

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## 1956

**John Batista** and **Suzanne Dorsey Batista '55** are still at their Dayton, Ohio, home in good health, with travel limited except for the family gathering at Bethany Beach, Delaware. They are proud members of the great-grandparents club and loyal Buckeye and Green Terror fans. Their oldest son, writing under the name John Velosa Batista, just published his first book, "Thorfinn and the Witch's Curse." Their second son and his family live in Sykesville, Maryland, while their daughter and her family are closer to home in Columbus, Ohio. Suzanne remains active in local book clubs and a church knitting group; in his spare time, John is still turning out pen-and-inks and Christmas cards (but as yet has not divulged where I can steal some for myself).

**Marilyn MacLennan Baumeister** reports that, "Widow Baumeister is discovering many unpleasant truths, but the Lord is my shepherd." She entices us back into South Carolina with a vivid description of the sun "about to set across the Pon-Pon, oaks draped in moss standing their centuries-old watch on the bluff," accented by a warm winter and still-green grass, with "deer rejoicing as the moon will be overhead ... to help them find camellias to eat in a few hours. They come like clockwork and a waxing moon is good news for them." I can't begin to match that.

Maybe this reminder of life's beauties can serve as some comfort for **Joanne Siehler Durst's** message in early February: "It is with great sadness that I write that **Dick Durst '55** passed away in January during a transfusion hemorrhage." They would have celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in February. Jo writes that she is "doing OK ... we had a great ride." For now, she plans to divide her time between Canton, Ohio, and Sanibel Island, Florida, "playing tennis three days a week, swimming, practicing yoga, and playing mahjong and canasta. Life is good." Family and WMC classmates remain a real source of strength for her. In a later note, Jo writes of an especially welcome lunch in Florida, joined by **Hugh McIntyre** and his wife, Fran, **Bill** and **Marilyn Coombe Stewart**, and **Brad Jones'** widow, Sandy.

From "across the pond" a chronicle of activity to shame us all: **Kathy Chamberlin Flamanc** is enjoying French life "with a lot of cultural activities: music, museums, patrimony, and the natural wonders of Brittany (or Bretagne, for the purists). Besides, I have easy access to the rest of Europe and, best of all, I can do detailed trips to a small region, like the ones I have planned to southern Italy (Calabria) and Holland for the tulips. I also have to fit in Spanish Catalonia sometime, maybe in the fall." In the meantime, she's learning German.

Back on Taneytown shores, **Fairy Frock Flickinger**, self-declared "older and slower" with "eyes giving me problems," is still the organist at Grace United Church

of Christ. Her husband's health problems limit their activities, but the miracle of the cellphone keeps them in touch with their children and grandchildren.

**Gene Goll** confesses that he is sending his first class note, beginning with a tribute to **Jim Pearce's** late wife, **Betty Nicklas Pearce '57**. "I owe her for being indirectly responsible for my meeting my wife, Mary Beth Sanders. The sparks flew, and still do after 59 years, two children, and four grandchildren." He hopes to be around "should great-grandchildren appear."

**Bob and Lyn Hazelip '59 Green** moved in June 2019 to a retirement community in Williamsburg, Virginia. After 23 years in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, they had grown tired of the long trek up I-95 to visit their son, daughter, and families in Richmond, Virginia. They're now staying active in the local fitness center and appreciating educational opportunities offered nearby at the College of William & Mary.

**Gene** and **Claire Gates Hedgcock** declare themselves "still upright but not running fast enough." Both celebrate 86th birthdays this year. Joining the chorus from a number of others before and after this entry: "Neither of us in good health, but still going."

Frank and **Helen Prettyman Hickam** continue as "snowbirds." While remaining active, Helen is coping with monthly injections to combat macular degeneration, cautioning "that is not as bad as it sounds, since I know there are many things worse." Last June, Frank's great-granddaughter was married near their home in Pennsylvania, featuring a houseful of family. Frank and Helen followed that with a "super good" trip to Ireland.

Another assurance that "life is good" comes from **Ruth Allen Higbee**, who stays busy with the Daughters of the American Revolution, lunches with high school classmates, and a Destroyer Escort Navy group. Her daughter and family live in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where her granddaughter is active in local theatre and her grandson is working to become a CPA.

Crossing the Mississippi on this alphabetical geographic tour, **Dick Hill** is "living well" with his third wife in La Jolla, California. Gone are his days of golf, but he has taken up his "second love," bridge, and become a life master. Dick and Carmen are active travelers, and were planning for a month in Tahiti as this column was being written.

"Still" (as in "still at it") is the operative word in **Kay Holt's** challenge to those of us who are more sedentary: "I'm still traveling, at least until the coronavirus hit, still singing in two choruses, still serving on two boards, and still doing volunteer work for a composer."

Just beyond the mountains heading east, Colorado's **Pegg Janney** assures us, "I'm still here — most of me, anyway. A bit gimpy, a bit grumpy, but by God here." She hoped to win the "curmudgeon-of-the-

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# alumni updates

**St. Petersburg, Florida, provides Jack Morton '56 with ideal weather, sandy beaches, and fresh fish in abundance.**

month ahead at Shady Maples/Sunset Hills/Autumn Days Elder Care, but for ever so long I thought curmudgeon was something one was served at high tea in England. But, as usual, I digress." She declares herself "well-ish," able to manage on her own, "with a little help from the dog. Old age ain't for sissies, but it beats the alternative."

I want to sneak in special appreciation to **Priscilla McCoy LaMar** for the support she continues to give me as class reporter. It surely is no secret that she knows all of us better than some of us admit to knowing ourselves, and she remembers what most of us have forgotten. She begins her latest note "so grateful that many of us reached 85 last year and grateful that I had the privilege of knowing the classmates who are no longer with us." She then shares the experience of her daughter Susan's 60th birthday, with a wish that "the doctor who delivered her and wanted us to let her expire without getting additional medical help could see her now." Later in the month, Susan and her husband, Terry, went on their first cruise to help her dad, **Hugh McIntyre**, celebrate his 85th birthday. Priscilla writes that Susan's life has not been easy, "but she has always remained positive, and we have been fortunate to have outstanding medical personnel; there always seemed to be an advocate for her during the different stages of her life." Priscilla notes that while her son, Dave, has a goal of visiting all 50 states, she is now settling for shorter bus trips, with gratitude for the memories of "only-the-kind-you-read-about" travels she and **Gus LaMar '55** enjoyed.

"Visionary" is how **Mike Leftwich** characterizes his grandson, Jacob, who is about to graduate from high school with the good sense to visit University of North Carolina School of the Arts, where I once reigned. Theatre production is his primary interest, and, highly prejudiced though I am, he could not have chosen a "possible college" more wisely. Nancy and Mike are juggling successful eye surgery (Nancy) and bladder cancer (Mike), feeling "blessed by effective and thoughtful doctors." Mike admits he "feels like Peter Pan — for 55 of the last 64 years, we have lived within 30 miles of WMC. When will I grow up and move on?" **Pat Ellis Marti** confirms that she and Bruce have been happy living in Columbia, Maryland, for 50 years and feel lucky that their children, Suzanne and Chris, are nearby. With a goal of clearing the roads and memories for a 2021 reunion, Pat and Bruce recently traveled with Suzanne and a friend for lunch at Baugher's.

The hint of a reunion back on the campus amazes **Kay Mehl Miller** that "we all are now (dare I say?) elderly. I can say it, but don't own it. Sometimes it owns me, however, as I find I need an afternoon nap more often than not." Kay has been unable to write anything much since she experienced the California wildfires in 2017. "I was traumatized by being evacu-

ated from my home and by the realization of how quickly one can become homeless." I'm waiting for Kay's writing muse to return; she would share what I know would be an incredible narrative. In the interim, we'll have to settle for checking out Amazon for the ones she has written previously.

St. Petersburg, Florida, provides **Jack Morton** with ideal weather, sandy beaches, fresh fish in abundance, and a cautionary alert: "Please stay away; there are too many snowbirds here already." With or without our presence, Jack is "still on the green side of the grass and doing real good for our age," walking his wife's dog twice a day with hopes of being around when the next newsletter is due.

While assuring me "there's no new news, just giving everyone a wave," **Marilee Hodsdon Quesada** states that she and **Charlie Luttrell** are "still here — same place." Her social life consists of doctors' appointments and time with her three children, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren who live close by. She and **Priscilla McCoy LaMar** spend several hours every few weeks discussing the state of their health and the state of the nation, sometimes even getting together at (you guessed it) Baugher's for lunch.

The request for news was waiting for **Lyman "Ly" Seamans** when he returned from a winter trip in his motorhome. After leaving Western Maryland, he attended night school and earned his M.B.A. He's now retired, sings in a local chorus and does a lot of camping and gardening. He was married in 1965, has four grown children and four grandchildren, and "would love to hear from any of our classmates."

Older sailor **Howard Shores** reports that in the past year he has "entered that time of life where I get to experience looking at the world from the ground up." Two falls required hospital stays "for recovery and restoration of my head and handsome being. Other falls have been more merciful: No broken bones. I bounce well." With homes in California and Las Vegas, Howard will probably travel a bit less in the coming year. He sends best wishes and an invitation to "visit, break bread, and bend an elbow or two, remaining committed to wringing out every drop of living that I am allotted."

In her Christmas letter, **Barbie Hoot Stanton** shared the sad news of the death of her husband, **Don Stanton '53, Hon. L.L.D.** His death was preceded by a challenging year with several trips to the hospital when Don had congestive heart failure, pneumonia, and other serious illnesses. With the help of health services, they were able to keep him at home for as long as possible. He died peacefully in his sleep on Oct. 30, 2019. Barbie pays tribute to the support given by their children, and even finds time to joke about trying to catch a squirrel in their kitchen pantry and falling backward, with squirrel, on the kitchen floor. Her conclusion: "Well, we sure have used

the local physical therapy, swim classes, and medical massage services for all of us a lot this year. One thing we were glad to make time for was reflecting on happy memories, with the aid of about 150 family and travel picture albums." Barbie was also honored when the Lake Junaluska Greenhouse was dedicated in her name.

Neither golf courses nor gardens along the East Coast are safe from the combined forces of **Bill** and **Marilyn Coombe Stewart**. While bragging about the recent birth of their second great-grandchild, they continue to come to Venice, Florida, for the winter, leaving Jersey to take care of the snow. Bill keeps his golf game in gear while Marilyn cannot resist gardening, bridge, and book club.

**Nancy Reter Stocksdales**, who still lives near the WMC/McDaniel campus, taught in Baltimore County for 34 years, retiring from teaching to work for Congressman Roscoe Bartlett in 1993. She was on the Republican Central Committee for four years and was elected to Maryland's House of Delegates in 1995, serving for 20 years as a state representative.

To help us end this alphabetical journey, **Les Werner** dusted off his cheerleading and magician's skills to put at least part of the world in perspective. Having lost three good friends in three months, he still feels "the future is positive, still going for 100."

Things Tribby remain "as was," so there's no need to rerun that X-rated thriller. However, since I've been charged with not following my own edicts when demanding class news, here's the latest. Some of you may recall a previous entry when I spoke of our younger son's marriage, which also instantly added his wife's teenaged daughter to the family. She has since married, and she and her husband recently welcomed their own daughter, declaring Sylvia and me great-grandparents. And that, dear Eliana, is how I became your Great Grand PawPaw.

Since our last column, we have been notified of the deaths of **Mary Bond, Doris Makosky Chalfin, Marian Megenhardt Kaufman Dore, Nancy Ripple Fredrick, Brad Jones, Leon "Woody" Leatherwood, Lois Coffman Lundberg, R. Vernon "Skip" Merkle, Charlotte Ridgely Running, June Damon Whritenour, and Janet Reck Wunderlich**. Based on experience attempting to contact members for our 60th reunion, there are probably others. As for those remaining, **Priscilla McCoy LaMar** and I join Alumni Relations staff in reminding all to share future information about the deaths of alumni with the staff (as well as the class reporter, who, in this case, can never be sure he has a memory).

Reminder: 2021 marks our 65th year since graduation. The college has planned Golden Reunion Weekend for April 30-May 2, 2021, so clear your name and calendar accordingly, while shuffle dancing to our 33 rpm lifestyle.

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## 1962

Dear Friends,

Many of you share my amazement that we could be approaching this milestone — turning 80! — in our lives. I'm happy to report that we are still active, still coherent and still having fun. Thanks to all who responded and shared the great things that are going on in your lives.

**Terry Black Chekon** writes that she doesn't remember when we last had a column (thankfully Alumni Relations keeps track of that information for us). Since she last wrote, Terry has had a second hip replacement; she says that's two hips and a knee that are not original, but is happy to report that the remaining knee is still working. Terry shares the sentiment of many of us that she can't believe we are octogenarians and says she tries to think of it as entering another decade.

Still living in a condo in Westminster, Maryland, **Rachel Wentz** writes that she can hear the alma mater from her balcony. Rachel volunteers at the local hospital and visitor center in Westminster, and works part time as a tour guide for Eyre Bus Company. She took a river cruise to Germany and Holland last spring. Rachel wishes all our classmates a happy birthday.

**Betsey Fontaine Plantholt** reports that she and Jim are very well and staying busy in community organizations. She enjoyed getting together with **Ruth Verdone Neumann '63** and **Ginny Warfield Cameron** when they visited Betsey in Florida.

Also wintering in Florida is **Betty Beall Rommel**, who spends the rest of the year in Baltimore. After John died, Betty settled a lawsuit with his business partner and in the settlement, Betty received a skating rink and some rental units in Dundalk. Her daughter is helping her, and Betty says that together they are trying to "Make America Skate Again!"

We have a good representation of WMC people in Carroll Lutheran Village. **Ray Albert**, who moved there in July, says there are at least 32 alumni he sees regularly, including **Jim '59** and **Judy King Cole** and **Lucy Tucker Lotz**. Now that he is living in Westminster again, Ray enjoys seeing his daughter, **Kristin Albert Jones '89**, and his son. He and his wife are getting accustomed to their new schedule and are happy to be able to see and enjoy their grandchildren.

**Bill Deaner** started off his news asking "How did we get this old?" Age isn't slowing Bill down. He does volunteer work through Kiwanis and also at the USO office at the Newport News airport. Last February, Bill broke his ankle while bowling, so he no longer participates in that sport; however,

he plays golf four times a week and he and Suzie are in duplicate bridge groups. Once or twice a month, Bill goes with neighbors to a "Boyz Nite Out." He says it's like a free hall pass they got as kids. The Deaners have three grandchildren living in Oregon and his older son just got engaged to his long-term girlfriend. Bill and Suzie are planning to put their house on the market and move into an independent living facility in Williamsburg, Virginia. Bill looks forward to our next reunion.

More Florida snowbirds, **Barbara Wolozin Craig** and husband, John, enjoy morning exercise classes, line and ballroom dancing, bridge, and lots of good books and crossword puzzles during the winter months. When they return to their home on the Chesapeake Bay, they enjoy what Barbara calls a tranquil and seemingly ordinary life, but one that they greatly appreciate. John dabbles in watercolors and Barbara enjoys flower arranging. All of these activities were interrupted in 2019 when several unexpected events occurred in the Craigs' life. John had a pacemaker procedure and Barbara was hospitalized after being involved in a serious auto accident. With that year in the past, the Craigs are again cheering at their grandchildren's soccer, football, and basketball games.

**Warren Watts** and wife, Maria, send greetings and report that all is well. They continue to care for Maria's parents, ages 89 and 90. Maria and Warren also continue to work on a children's book they're writing. Warren's counseling practice will celebrate its 48th year of providing mental health assistance for all persons regardless of ability to pay. The practice has served over 45,000 people, 15,000 of whom are children and youth. Warren says that they feel very blessed by God for His support of this ministry and for bringing him and Maria together after both of them lost their spouses to cancer.

**Nelson** and **Nancy Turner Berigtold** are dealing with various aging issues, but stay busy with their two daughters and three grandchildren who live nearby. Nancy is involved in church activities and Nelson enjoys shooting at an indoor gun range. Nancy writes that they hope everyone is well and happy.

From South Carolina, **Peggy McIntyre Bowman** writes that she and Bo are well and happy living on the 14th green on Lake Greenwood. Bo lost his college roommate this year and Peggy's college roommate lost her husband, so Peggy said she and Bo are thinking a lot about where they want to live the rest of their lives. The Bowmans are staying busy in their neighborhood and community. They enjoy volunteering and love having visitors.

**Manetta Willett Pusey** is still working part time. She travels to Northern Virginia to see her grandson's sports games, but other than that has not been traveling this year. Manetta's daughters are doing well. Daughter

Rebecca had a good second grade class this year. Daughter Leslie is in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where she is the director of the Office of National Scholarships, where students compete for Rhodes, Fulbright, and other scholarships. As director, Leslie does a great deal of traveling and Manetta bemoans the fact that she barely gets to talk to her. Manetta is active in her church and enjoys playing Bunco and bridge and going to the movies with her friends. She says her life may sound dull, but she is blessed and content.

Several of us now call South Carolina home. **Skip Brown, M.Ed. '71** says he and Nita still go to Disney World four times a year and travel to Myrtle Beach almost weekly from their home in Darlington, South Carolina. The Browns' children and grandchildren visit a lot, and Skip and Nita still play golf at least once a week when it's not too cold.

**Judith Meredith Reichard** is still living in Annapolis, Maryland, at the Heritage Harbor 55-and-above community. She's active in the Encore Choral singing group, which meets at Anne Arundel Community College. Judy says this is a group of seniors she enjoys and they have a lot of fun. She also spends time with her family in the Maryland area and is involved in her local church.

Just finished talking to **Harry Rumberger** on the phone. Harry and I enjoy getting together when he is in Fredericksburg, Virginia, visiting his daughter. Harry reports that he is now 80 and dating, an activity he describes as, "frothy, youthful passion that has migrated to practical discussions of families, health, homes, stock markets and beliefs (after-life and political)." He says this is a very interesting and challenging time in his life. Harry is still living in Dallas.

Amazing how many of us are still "on the go." **Barbara Meineke Schuette** and her husband go to the gym, to aerobics class, to visit their scattered family, on vacations with grandchildren, and to see sights across the pond. They are a bit slower as they move, but like the Energizer Bunny, they keep going. The Schuettes have added two new family members in the last two years and are now great-grandparents. They are blessed with relatively good health both physically and mentally, so they are in the process of looking for a retirement community before they get too old for the move.

Like the majority of us, **Nancy Anthony Schmidt** can't believe that we are turning 80 this year. She says retirement is wonderful and life is good, but she is busier than when she was working. She belongs to a philanthropic sisterhood which provides loans and grants for women returning to school. She is also in a book and bridge club. The grandchild count is at eight, with two new great-granddaughters. Health issues have curtailed Nancy's travels but she states that she has many fond memories.

**Janet Pricer Warman** celebrated her 80th birthday in style. Her two daughters and some

# family

## WE DID!

**Wedding vows exchanged this season:**

**John Hampton III '94** to Courtney Kistler on July 30, 2020. They reside in Dallas, Texas.

**Sara Thomas '04** to Chris Ward on Dec. 29, 2019. They reside in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Kristen Pohl '05** to Michael Chrusniak on July 30, 2020. They reside in Owings Mills, Maryland.

**Kerry Kelleher '06** to Dan Staples on Aug. 24, 2019. They reside in Arnold, Maryland.

**Emily Trainor '08, M.S. '13** to Chris Barr on Oct. 18, 2019. They reside in Westminster, Maryland.

**Lauren Fischetti '11, M.S. '19** to Bobby Jones on March 20, 2020. They reside in Marriottsville, Maryland.

**Kathleen Levendusky '11** to Shawn McDonough on Sept. 20, 2019. They reside in Williamsburg, Virginia.

**Rachel Schlaferman '13** to **Andrew Heimann '12** on Feb. 29, 2020. They reside in Bethesda, Maryland.

**Nicole Murphy '13** to Nicholas Kelleher on Sept. 13, 2020. They reside in Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey.

**Kaitlin Murphy '16** to Justin Howard on Aug. 2, 2020. They reside in Taneytown, Maryland.

**Mackenzie Farley '17** to Josh King on Sept. 18, 2020. They reside in Hampstead, Maryland.

# alumni updates

## Susan Hogan Lomax '62 went on a river cruise through Portugal ending in Madrid.

of her dearest WMC friends gave her an 80th birthday luncheon at her most favorite restaurant on Earth: Baugher's! The WMC friends who celebrated with Janet were: **Lucy Tucker Lotz, Diane Gardner Biddinger, Mary Frances Hohman Quinlan, E.A. Cairns Stonesifer '61, Brenda Stevens Cornwell '61, Hap Kinsley, and Pat Harr Kinsley.** Janet says "Baugher's lives on."

**Ned Cueman** reports from "Dogwood Acres," so named by daughters Carrie and Jennie 47 years ago when Ned and **Trinka McGibbeny Cueman '63, M.Ed. '84** built their home in the woods. They are still happily ensconced there on a high ridge that forms the eastern edge of Pinch Valley and is just two miles from the Hill. The Cuemans continue to make "run-ups" to Bay Head on the Jersey Shore for extended family get-togethers and relaxation during spring through fall, as well as "run-downs" I-95 in November and February to Florida to be with their girls and their families (Carrie on North Hutchinson Island and Jennie in Naples). Ned has not fully retired and still maintains his planning practice started in 1996, after retiring from public service as Carroll County Planning Director in 1995. He also maintains Dogwood Acres under Trinka's direction. A fantastic highlight for Ned this past year at Homecoming was coming out of "retirement" as a former men's soccer manager to help serve as the wingman for **Lloyd Mussleman '60** in planning and celebrating the 60th anniversary of the 1959 Western Maryland College Men's Soccer Team victory over the NCAA Division III defending National Champion Drexel University. Coach **Denny Harmon '57, M.Ed. '61** and manager **Bob Harris '60** and 12 members of the team were able to return for a special daylong reunion including a dinner in the Albrittan Hospitality Suite at Kenneth R. Gill Stadium. Beyond campus, Ned calls attention to another upcoming planned celebration this fall by the Carroll County Commissioners as the county reaches the 75K Acre Milestone (117 sq. mi.) of permanently preserved farmland. A 100,000 acres goal was set in 1980 when the program began, and the county hopes to reach the goal by 2030.

Among our classmates who are still working full time is **Downey Price.** Downey and **Edna Bent Price '63** are working full time in ophthalmology and doing medical mission trips with Benevolent Missions International, a nonprofit which Downey and Edna cofounded with the Rev. B. T. Williamson. They currently do three medical mission trips a year to Belize, where they built a clinic and surgery center; one trip a year to Fiji, where they work in the Sigatoka Hospital; and this year, they are beginning a new medical mission site in Cuenca, Ecuador. The Prices enjoy their three sons and their families, which includes five granddaughters and a grandson. Downey writes that they are glad to be alive, active, and enjoying life.

**Nancy Davis Diebert** says that this year has been a transitional one. She and Bill sold their home in Wheeling, West Virginia, and renovated a condo there to simplify their lives. According to Nancy, it was a very freeing experience. The Dieberts continue to go to Winter Haven, Florida, for three months in the winter. Living there gives Nancy and Bill a good chance to visit relatives in the area and provides a nice change of pace. Nancy and Bill sing in their church choir, play bridge, and enjoy traveling and spending time with friends and relatives.

**Bob Wolf** writes that he is ahead of the game, having had his 80th birthday in February, but tells us that his roommate **Fred Nicoll** beat him by two weeks. Yes, we're all becoming octogenarians. Bob and Sandy celebrated their 58th anniversary in December 2019. They continue to reside in Panorama, a retirement community in Lacey, Washington. Each summer, the Wolfs spend about 10 weeks aboard Wolf Gang II on the waters of Salish Sea in Washington and British Columbia. Bob and Sandy have been doing this for 30-plus years; however, Bob says that boat maintenance is becoming more difficult to complete so no doubt this leisure summer activity is slowly coming to an end. The Wolfs' four grandchildren have all completed college and are gainfully employed. One is working on his Ph.D. at Utah State. Their sons live in Springfield, Virginia. Greg is with UPS and Todd is retired from the U.S. Army and works as a civilian at the Pentagon. Bob and Sandy visit family and friends on the East Coast once or twice a year, and spent 10 days in Puerto Rico last December visiting their granddaughter Courtney, a U.S. Coast Guard officer in San Juan. Bob has stayed in touch with Barbara Bergquist, **Bill Bergquist's** widow, who is doing well with excellent support from her entire family. She always likes to hear about Bill's WMC friends. We remember what a great friend Bob was during Bill's long illness. Just reminds me of the wonderful friendships we made at WMC.

Texans since 1986, **Bill '63** and **Maureen Filbey Sitter** love being outside of San Antonio. Maureen says that they are blessed to have a five-acre homestead that they call "Sitter Sanctuary." The Sitters have been able to host many Christian events and family activities. Bill is actively employed as a C12 associate chairman, facilitating two peer advisory boards of Christian business owners who lead "Greater Business for a Greater Purpose." Maureen and Bill lead a Bible-based financial training ministry. Bill's main sports activity is golf at Randolph Air Force Base. He is thankful to be able to walk 18 holes on a regular basis. Maureen is active in a ladies' Bible study at their church and Bill has been in a Garden Ridge men's Bible study for over 25 years. Maureen states that God has been good to the Sitters and they are truly thankful.

**Jim Waddel** comments that he is amazed at how quickly the seasons pass and here we are again sharing with our classmates in *The Hill*. I share Jim's thoughts. The time does go by at a rapid pace, doesn't it? Jim continues to enjoy summering by a pond in sleepy Laurel, Delaware. He repeats his tradition of returning to Westminster and the Hill a few times a year. He and June stand at the Preacher dorm entrance and he tells her of his adventures. Jim wishes he had kept in touch with more of his friends. He and June like to dine at Baugher's and roam through the produce stands and the downtown sidewalks. In the fall, the Waddels join the migrating flocks of seniors to Fort Myers, Florida. Life is good in Pelican Reserve. Jim had two cruises booked and hoped the pandemic wouldn't spoil their plans. Jim's message to us is, "May the aging Green Terrors of 1962 be unscathed."

**Marlene Zimmerman Petry** continues to sell Avon with her husband's help. She says it keeps the mind and body active and keeps alive her competitive spirit.

Wonderful to be reminded of practicing plays in the drama lab with Miss Esther Smith. **Lea Hackett Hartman** writes that it seems like yesterday when we were doing that. Lea says that her life is pretty much routine these days. She and Dean have been in their condo for 20 years and are still loving it. The Hartmans are both well and celebrate that they are cancer-free: six years now for Lea and many more for Dean. Daughter Dina was married this year to the love of her life. The reception was a crab feast and barbeque. Lea thinks she had more fun in the preparation than the bride. Daughter Joy is still teaching in Baltimore City at the elementary school Lea attended from kindergarten through second grade. Son Jeremy is working for Salesforce in computer networking. Four grandkids, aged 8 to 26, complete the Hartman family. Lea is still very involved in her church, training lay counselors and working with Operation Christmas Child. Dean spends his time reading, golfing, and learning how to use their new computer. Lea reports that the Hartmans usually go to Florida with **Mary Sue Trotman Mondurf** and husband, Armit, but the Mondurfs were in a bad accident a few months ago and that has slowed them down. Lea echoes many of our thoughts when she writes that they are grateful every day for God's continued blessings in their lives.

Our own Alumni Council member **Nancy Singer O'Malley** has been staying very busy with lots and lots of bridge games with multiple groups and some very shrewd, mature ladies and gentlemen. Nancy loves the game and marvels that her love of it started at WMC. Nancy is president of a local Women's Club and treasurer of the Fort Monroe Casemate Museum foundation. She gives tours there and says she has lots of fun telling the incredible history. Nancy

travels as much as possible, which includes seeing her children and great-grandchildren. She loves her work on the Alumni Council and looks forward to seeing and talking to friends from the Hill.

Here's a blast from the past. I received a very newsy letter from **Bonnie Holman Seabright.** Bonnie attended WMC with us for one year and then transferred to the University of Maryland. At Maryland, Bonnie continued her major in Art and later married Russ Seabright, a Lutheran clergyman. The Seabrights have lived in Ohio and New York and are now retired in Charleston, South Carolina. Bonnie has worked with Lutheran Social Services and with UMCOR with refugee resettlement. Bonnie and Russ have three children and 10 grandchildren and enjoy them very much. Bonnie was stunned to receive a card from the college after all these years, and looks forward to hearing about us, her former classmates. She is thankful for good health and like many of us, shocked to be turning 80.

I received a beautiful photo card from **Don, M.Ed. '70** and **Carol Westerfield Rabush '60, M.Ed. '79.** The Rabushes spent a marvelous vacation in New Zealand visiting a former exchange student. Don says they saw the rugged coastline, all sorts of rock formations, blowholes, and glaciers. They were in the tropical rainforest and witnessed Mother Nature's dazzling displays of beauty and power. They found the New Zealand people to be delightful, especially an older couple they met who ran the olive orchard they visited. I'm sure Don and Carol will have many stories to tell of their wonderful trip. They planned on taking a cruise from Auckland to Sydney, hoping it wasn't spoiled by the coronavirus. Can't wait until the Rabushes return and share their marvelous adventure.

**Courtney Jones McKeldin** writes that her husband Ted retired from the Attorney General's office at the beginning of 2019 and is enjoying retirement after almost 60 years of working in the law. The McKeldins' daughter, Caroline, is working at Keswick's Wise and Well Center and her husband is self-employed. Son, Ted, works in cybersecurity at Fort Meade, Maryland. He is a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps. Granddaughter, Claire, is a sophomore at Princeton and grandson, Charlie, is a junior at Friends School in Baltimore. Courtney is still serving on a few boards, the most important of which is one trying to raise funds for the oldest museum building in the United States, The Peale Center in Baltimore. It used to be known as The Peale Museum, built in 1814, and it will become a cultural center for an array of events including story-telling, exhibits, and art shows.

**Susan Hogan Lomax** has stayed extremely busy this past year. She continues to sing in choruses, church choirs, and musical productions, including one that she starred in, helped

write, and produced. She also has added a fourth dance class—belly dancing—to her classes in tap, ballroom, and line dancing. This past year also found Sue traveling a great deal. She visited friends in Florida, stopping in Charleston, South Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia, and went on a river cruise to Portugal ending in Madrid. Last September, she traveled to Prague, Poland, Budapest, and Vienna. Besides her international travels, Sue continues to drive to Maryland and Virginia to visit her grandchildren. In celebration of her 80th birthday this year, Sue took the whole family to Aruba. Son, Paul, has bought a share in a plane and is loving flying. His children, ages 14 and 17, are interested in flying as well. Daughter, Tricia, is a legal librarian and is busy with three daughters. Sue says that life has been good and she lives her life in gratitude for her many blessings. She looks forward to seeing everyone at our next reunion.

**Jerry Gore** writes that he and **Lori Jones Gore '58** have moved into a Continuing Care Retirement Center in Burlington, North Carolina. He says they are both in good health and staying busy. Lori's landscaping interests have been scaled down to a smaller space for a few vegetables and flowers. Jerry's interests revolve around some village committee work and his lifelong love of history. They both participate in a program called "Life at Elon" at nearby Elon University. Activities on campus keep them academically and culturally interested. The Gores' daughter and her family are close by in Chapel Hill and their son's family resides in Austria. Their grandchildren are in college and high school, with their youngest granddaughter planning to spend a year as an exchange student in Italy.

**Kit Reese Hartzler** and her husband, Dan, are continuing to work full time at their funeral home, just moving along at a slower pace and basically enjoying good health. Right now, the challenges are to serve families and comply with all of the mandated restrictions (some set by the governor of Maryland), so they are scheduling private gatherings, limited to 10 people at any one time. It is difficult for everyone, but they understand the precautions that must be observed.

Like many of you, I find it unbelievable that we could be 80 years old. Weren't we just playing bridge in the grill and sledging down the football field on dining hall trays? Tempus certainly does fugit! Stan and I have been blessed with good health, although we move a little slower and find ourselves thinking a little longer for a word or somebody's name. We have visited our children and grandchildren in Colorado, New Mexico, California, Utah, South Carolina, and Richmond, Virginia. This spring, we were planning a trip to Mexico to visit our daughter who is posted in Monterey with the State Department, but that was before the coronavirus. We took a wonderful river

cruise from Krakow to Berlin last summer. Visiting Auschwitz was amazingly moving, and there was not a dry eye as we imagined the horrors that took place there. Our grandson, who was studying in a chem lab in Braunschweig for the summer, met us in Berlin for a day, which was a great treat since we hadn't seen him for a year. We enjoyed a great visit from **Don Hobart** earlier this year. Don was giving a presentation of his amazing photography for the Torch Club in Fredericksburg, Virginia. We had fun catching up on our families.

At this point in the column it always makes me sad to have to report on the deaths of our classmates. This year, **Joanne Moffat Gill** died after a long illness, and I just learned as I was preparing the column that our dear **Jack Baile, M.Ed. '73** recently passed. Our prayers go out to their families.

So, dear friends, this year is going to be an unforgettable one: leap year, a presidential election, a warmer-than-usual climate, and a global pandemic. All of that and we're becoming octogenarians. What a year! Stay well, and keep those cards and emails coming.

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## 1968

**Will Davis** started his note with, "Yo, Gordo, unlike most of the Class of '68, I presume anyway, I have not retired and am still running my little gift shop, The Lucky Monkey in downtown Bellingham, Washington. Monkey business is good business, or at least in can be, on occasion!" Last June, Will took a cruise with local friends from Montreal to Boston with stops in Quebec City, Halifax, Maine, and a few extra days in Boston. He also spent most of January traveling through Egypt with a small group of Bellinghamsters. "Highlights, of course, included various pyramids, the Sphinx, and amazing tombs and temple ruins in and around Luxor and The Valley of the Kings and Queens. The people were beautiful and friendly, and village life along the Nile is like going back in time." Will also spent six days on a 150-foot dahabiya floating upriver from Luxor to Aswan: "The souk (local market) in Aswan was just teeming with life and, as is the custom, smoked (dried peach) hookah at a common little shesh shop there. While in Aswan we enjoyed time being ferried about in a traditional sailing water taxi, a falucca, a sturdy beamy 30-foot craft that could haul all 14 of us. I asked the captain if I could take the helm for a stretch and permission was granted. Wow, Commodore Davis was back in the saddle and it was really cool. It was my personal highlight. But I'm in de Nile no more. Where did I leave that damn camel?"

From **Wayne Laessig:** "The Class of '68's 50th reunion made me wonder how many

# family

## ARRIVED

### Family additions this season:

**Rhett Joseph-Rose Shackelford** on May 19, 2019, to Amanda Rose '98, M.S. '02 and Kristina Shackelford.

**Charles Joseph Ashley** on Feb. 9, 2020, to Joe and Sarah Voskuhl '04 Ashley.

**Hannah Boardman** on June 21, 2019, to Sam '04, M.L.A. '09 and Kristel Boardman.

**Daniel Kenneth Henkel** in September 2019 to John and Kathy Wilson '04 Henkel.

**Raegan Emory Hylton** on Oct. 30, 2019, to Heather '04, M.A. '18 Sinclair.

**Emersyn Rae Melhorn** on Aug. 28, 2019, to Ryan '04, M.S. '13 and Cristen Callegary '07, M.S. '15 Melhorn.

**Abigail Marie Shreve** on Nov. 4, 2019, to Dorsey and Jessica Stinnette '04 Shreve.

**Andrew Chrismond "Chip" Mitchell IV** on March 14, 2020, to Andrew '06 and Jessica Lepson '06 Mitchell.

**Dylan Edmund Imhoff** on July 14, 2020, to Jared '07 and Andrea Imhoff.

**Annabel Victoria Wagner** on Dec. 20, 2019, to Gregory '07 and Jenessa Kildall Wagner.

**Lillian Davison Barsby** on Feb. 20, 2020, to Leah Marino '09 and Davis Barsby.

**Theodore Abreu** on July 31, 2019, to Arturo '10 and Patty Guzman '10 Abreu.

**McKinley Crowe** on Oct. 1, 2019, to Matt '10 and Julie Bryant '10 Crowe.

**Alexander John McCarthy** in May 2019 to TJ and Lisa Katchan '10 McCarthy.

(Continued)

## Cary Wolfson '68 continues to follow his major passions: music, bicycling, and photography.

other flunkies like me were influenced by the friendships made during time at WMC, like **Ralph “Shtick” Lemmon, John Patrizio** and others. Hope life was as good to them as it was to me. I enjoyed learning that some of the activities I shared with the folks who came were remembered as fondly as I did. Enough maudlin snot. What I’ve been doing: I still volunteer with the California Fish and Game Commission, still help run my Vietnam unit’s AC-119 Gunship Association website and reunions, still hunt and fish (bull elk, nice mulie, lots of specklebelly geese and good salmon the last year), still try to spend as much time as we can in the mountain home in Truckee, California. Still don’t exercise enough, read enough, give my bride of 42 years enough of my time, eat healthy enough (meat, taters, and gravy are the three primary food groups, right?), or visit old friends enough. I still plan to live as long as reasonable, stay happy, do more from the “still don’t” list, see more of the beauty of our country, and make it to a crab bash at your place this year. Even though my mom told me ‘wish in one hand and s–t in the other’ whenever I wished for something, I do wish for a Congress and president who will lead and govern our nation versus their party (dang, what’s that smell in my hand?). Although Gandalf said, “Trust not to hope alone,” I still wish you and yours good health and happiness. The WMC gang seems to help you-uns do that!”

**Dave Frankforter** reports that early last year he was able to reconnect with a number of old friends from his days at WMC when he attended **Hanns** (his old roommate) and **Pat Wilkinson '69 Vandrey's** 50th anniversary gala. There, he saw brother “Gamma Bates” **Dave Hilder '69** and **Doug Smarte '69** (who he had not seen since his own surprise 50th birthday party 23 years earlier) along with fellow “Gamma Bate” **John Haker '69** and “Bachelors” **Gordon Shelton, Rick Boswell** and **Ralph Wilson**, all of whom he had not seen since graduating from WMC. This meeting then led to Dave making a guest appearance at a Baltimore-based meeting of the WMC “Crab Guys,” hosted by class reporter **Gordon Shelton**, at which he had so much fun he has become a regular attendee despite the extended commute from his home in Central Pennsylvania. He says this has allowed him to reconnect with many old friends (too many to name) from WMC (along with some new ones as well). All of which has served as a wonderful reminder to him, and for us all, that the friends we made while at WMC are, in fact, friends for life!

**Steve Jones** reports that 2019 was the year of the ER at his house. Susan’s son, Fred, fell on a slippery trail in June and broke his humerus and damaged his radial nerve, leading to four trips to the ER. The radial nerve usually heals in 90 days, but only recently has Fred gained improved use of his hand. “We are now hopeful that he will recover without

a difficult surgery. I tripped and fell on my front porch in April and took a header into the concrete. Fortunately, a CT scan showed no concussion.” Last November, Susan had some chest pains that took them to the ER again. After multiple tests, it was determined that the pain was caused by arthritis in her back. “We took our second trip to Costa Rica last March, and the highlight for me was visiting three active volcanoes. After the SOS trip to the Philippines after graduation, I became fascinated with volcanoes after we saw Mt. Mayon that had just erupted a month earlier. On our trip to New Zealand a couple of years ago, I took a helicopter ride to White Island, where this volcano erupted last year and killed numerous people. As the years add up, I feel a little more each year that time is moving on, and I want to do as many things as I can.” Steve’s focus the last couple of years has been on keeping physically fit by walking, an average of 5 1/2 miles a day last year. “After the school shooting in Florida two years ago that killed 17, I made a personal commitment that passing gun sense laws would be my cause. I joined Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, now 6 million members strong. I am part of the leadership team here in Louisville, Kentucky. If gun sense laws are an issue for you, look for candidates of distinction endorsed by moms. I am also an advocate for a very small local charity that provides safe water around the world. Last fall, I completed my five years in a clinical trial at the University of Kentucky testing a drug that they hope will prevent Alzheimer’s disease. This drug is so promising that they have offered it to everyone when they finish their personal trial since you do not know if you were getting it in the double-blind study. I am taking advantage of that offer. My study partner is Susan, and she feels that my cognitive abilities have not changed in five years! I still play golf, shooting mostly in the 90s and not in the 80s like when I was younger. A biweekly bridge game with the ROMEO group (Retired Old Men Eating Out) is another great enjoyment for me. I am the youngest in the group at 74! But these guys are all sharp, and excellent bridge players. But the highlight of every year is time with our grandkids. I knew I would always enjoy being a PaPa, but it is way over-the-top enjoyment. It is like growing up again, and seeing the world again through their eyes. Our grandson Max is 16 and was recently recognized as an Eagle Scout. Rachel is 13 and enjoys cooking and soccer. Alexander is 12 and enjoys soccer and baseball. Ellie is 10 and quite an excellent self-taught artist. All are straight-A students. Ellie and Alexander live a 10-minute walk from our house, which is fantastic. PaPa is called the Uber driver, taking them to summer camps, school, and sports activities.”

From **Deborah Gudrian Schwarz**: “As a retired third grade teacher in Bergen County,

New Jersey, I am having the time of my life. Passage into the 70s has been a turn back in time to just having plain old fun: grandbabies, cruises (pre-coronavirus), Zumba and line dancing lessons, a conversational German class, practicing tai chi, as well as playing cards with friends (flashback to days in the WMC Grill between classes) make each moment enjoyable. Special shout-outs to **Gail Gracey Roncevic, Joan Dowell Winship, Carol Hooper**, of course **Timmy and Zimmie Zimmerman Jolly**, and some special others. You know who you are! Holding onto the fond memories.”

On Jan. 6, his 74th birthday, **Rick Matheny** started what was supposed to be a nice, easy interim job as director of health for the Quinpiack Valley Health District for four months. “A piece of cake. Just show up, make sure the work continues to get done, ensure the bills get paid, etc. You know, be the bridge between the old retired director of health (who is younger than I) and the new future of the organization, who is to be on the job by the first week in May.” Rick writes that timing is everything in life, “and I apparently am terrible with timing. Here I am running a health department serving 100,000 people, with staff I am just getting to know, in the midst of the worst pandemic since 1918-19. The hiring process is slowly plodding along, and in the meantime, I’m closing down schools, restaurants, cosmetology, barbers, etc. Not the way I imagined it was going to work out for me. Wish me luck, it’s going to be a bumpy ride.”

**Ralph Wilson** shares his update of moving to an old folks’ home, Pickersgill. “The timing was perfect, and we’re settling in very easily. We’re enjoying two growing grandkids as PaPa & YaYa, enjoying crabs with the Crab Guys as much as possible, and enjoying baseball from the stands. It’s a good game even when you lose.”

**Linda Flinner Collier** writes: “Michael and I are still in Encinitas, California, enjoying the Southern California sun and the ocean view, where we celebrated his 80th birthday in September. Daughter, Lisa, and family are in Fredericksburg, Virginia, so we are bicoastal as much as possible. Lots of travel in the past year: Utah Shakespeare festival (seven plays in four days. I don’t recommend ‘Henry VI,’ parts two and three and ‘Macbeth’ in the same day!); three weeks in southeastern Australia (before the horrible fires) and 10 days in Bali in the fall; August, Christmas, and January trips to D.C., Maryland, and Virginia to visit family and friends, including **Ann Bailer Fisher, M.Ed. '68**; February trip to the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, and to Twentynine Palms, California, for a reunion with Marine friends from the ‘70s and ‘80s; and a family reunion in Missouri. A big highlight was the fabulous David House get-together at **Rebecca Wallace’s** daughter’s home in Portland, Maine, in August, with **Leslie Miller Filmore, Kathy**

**Alexander Giesey**, and **Carol Piezonki Giesey, M.S. '97**. Ate twice at G&M Restaurant for the world’s best crab cakes, on **Cary Wolfson’s** recommendation. Kept in touch with **Don Heath**. In addition to Shakespeare in Utah, we enjoyed the summer season at the Old Globe in San Diego, and the season at the local North Coast Repertory Theatre, where we are among the youngest theatre-goers! Also saw a couple of plays at the Arena Stage with my sister when I happened to be in Washington, D.C., at the right time, and a stunning performance of ‘Dear Evan Hanson’ at the Kennedy Center with our granddaughters, thanks to assistance with ticket purchases from **Jillian Gibson '70**. I’m still taking photos (over 225,000 on my computer), and making cards. Any spare time is spent reading, or watching movies and all the television series I can fit in.”

From **Joan Dowell Winship**: “Jim and I continue to enjoy the flexibility of retirement. We took several international trips last year: London for a meeting, a European cruise with longtime friends, and Japan to visit our son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren in Tokyo. I also continue my volunteer work as chair of the Calvert County Commission for Women, which keeps me busy on issues I care about. I continue to be glad to be back in Maryland and especially enjoy being able to see **Linda Sullivan Schulte, Nini Sloan Gibson**, and **Pam Gebhard Wicklein**. And Jim and I celebrated our 50th anniversary this June! Amazing!”

**Ron Wood** says retirement in Minnesota with Sandy is never dull. They both serve on the Nobles County Historical Society Board, with an exciting conversion of a 1924 Armory into a new 25,000-square-foot museum. “The society also runs a 35-building Pioneer Village. I have reverted back to my youth of cutting grass and repairing buildings during the summer months.” Additionally, Ron serves on the Southwest Minnesota State University Athletic Booster Club board. “It keeps me tied to my higher ed years! Both Sandy and I travel about two months out of the year to ranches in Wyoming, Montana, and Arizona pushing cattle and riding in some of the most beautiful parts of America. Of course, there is always a golf course nearby. All family members are well and Sandy and I just became great-grandparents — did I really say that?”

From **Linda Sullivan Schulte**: “I’ve read that at our age, undertaking mental acuity tests are critical to our health. So, I’m in the process of memorizing (in alphabetical order) all of the Irish whiskey brands currently on the market. It’s exhausting but I’m a hit in a lot of pubs. My English setter, Clancy, and I retired to Delaware in 2016 to watch ocean levels rise and to try and improve my golf game and my ability to consume seafood. I volunteer with a great nonprofit environmental group (Center for Inland Bays) that is working hard to ensure the

health of our waterways and the creatures that live in them (like us retirees).”

**Cary Wolfson** continues to follow his major passions: music, bicycling, and photography. He has been on the faculty of Common Ground on the Hill at McDaniel every summer since 1997, where he’s taught a survey class on the blues, hosted the Blues Night concert and emceed at the annual music festival. “I also taught a class on iPhone photography, which is where I’ve focused most of my artistic energy for the past few years. I teach privately here in Boulder, Colorado, and periodically exhibit my work at local venues.” His syndicated weekly radio show, “Blues From the Red Rooster Lounge,” continues apace, as it has since the mid-’80s. “And I’m still doing a more eclectic bimonthly show, ‘Groovin’ for Geezers,’ for our community station, KGNU. In October 2019, I did a presentation, ‘Jews in Blues and R&B,’ at the Boulder JCC.” He continues to ride his road bike around 3,000 miles per year. The highlight of the past summer was riding in the Tour of the Moon, a 64-mile ride through the eye-popping Colorado National Monument near Grand Junction. “2019 was the year I discovered Mexico. I signed up to take a March photography workshop in Oaxaca and Nancy tagged along. Along with getting some great photos, we ate incredibly well, met some wonderful people, saw a crazy Lucha Libre (masked) wrestling match, and learned quite a bit about mezcal. I had heard wonderful things about Oaxaca’s Day of the Dead celebration, so immediately after returning home I made plans to go back in late October. Despite a colossal airline snafu on the day of my flight, I eventually got there, albeit two days late.” One of his frustrations on the initial trip was the difficulty in communicating with the locals. So, in late March, Cary started taking Spanish lessons locally. “In October, I spent five days in one-on-one lessons at the Spanish Immersion School of Oaxaca. My septuagenarian brain doesn’t retain information like it used to, but although still not fluent, I’m making progress. Hanging out there at the school with the other students and a host family was a blast. I got more awesome photos, and also brought back four bottles of hard-to-find mezcal. On the way back, I stopped for a day in Mexico City and visited the ruins of Templo Mayor, which I had heard about for years from **David Carrasco, Hon. D.H.L. '84**.” In 2018, Cary was interviewed about his life in radio, publishing, and the arts in general for the Carnegie Branch of the Boulder Public Library’s Oral History Program. The audio was recently made available on their web site, <https://tinyurl.com/uf2fxl>.

From **Don Keiffer**: “Mandy and I are hanging in there. I recently celebrated my 39th birthday again on the beach in Mexico (for the 36th time), sipping margaritas under our palapa. Back home, we frequent the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and Baltimore Museum

of Art. Mandy still makes beautiful jewelry and is active in our local garden club. When I am not teaching Vertebrate Anatomy in the fall, for the fun of it, at Loyola University, I am usually in my shop doing woodturning, building furniture, or making toys for children’s charities through my membership in the Maryland Woodpeckers Guild.”

**Rick Gray’s** latest news is a new grandson — Wesley Glenn Reierson — born in Big Sky, Montana. He and Susan spent two months in Big Sky as welcoming grandparents with their daughter, Emily, and son-in-law, Brad. Wesley is their eighth grandchild, which give them many wonderful joys. “Montana is an amazing place, and I encourage all to visit, especially Big Sky and the Galletin River Canyon.”

From **Linda Berry Van Hart**: “After teaching in spring 2019, my niece and I hiked the Scottish Highlands in May and cruised Amsterdam to Budapest in August. Oh, my heart! After teaching at McDaniel Budapest in 2008, it was a pleasure to see how far they have come in cleaning up their act, improving interaction with tourists while maintaining their glorious Baroque-Art Nouveau heritage. The September 2019 Birthday Reunion weekend in Annapolis for Preacher brothers **Gerald Winegrad '66** and **Bill Falkler '66** had folks flying in from all over. Your alumni correspondent **Gordon Shelton** displayed his dancing prowess as the original Bobby of Bobby and the Believers shook the house with their fine soul sound! Dancing with Gordon is a hoot, and also with **Jim '69** and **Amy Lewis King '69, Bob '67** and **Carol Berger '69 Bricker, Earl Dietrich '69, Bert Horton '67** and his new bride, the birthday boys and their families and anyone who could get out of their chairs! **Dick '69** and **Nancy Higdon '69 Morgan** treated us to a wonderful cruise in their yacht over to a clubhouse for a tasty Chesapeake lunch. I am also just back from a lifelong dream trip to Machu Picchu and the Galapagos and have completed my 51st year of teaching. It’s time to hit the studio hard this spring to prepare for all the shows, most notably a duet at NOMA Gallery Frederick’s First Saturday in November called Gauntlet of Fyre.”

**Dave Millhouser** is still doing some freelance writing and underwater photography in the Gloucester, Massachusetts, area, and works with the bus group of the AACA Museum in Hershey, Pennsylvania. “In a shameful plug, one of the buses at the museum was chartered by WMC for athletic trips in the ‘60s. It was kinda fun to sit on it, but I can no longer fit in the parcel rack, where some of us used to sleep on longer trips.”

**MaryAnn Julia Kavetski** and her husband, Nick, celebrated 52 years of marriage this May and have retired in Ft. Myers, Florida. “I keep busy mostly with tutoring as a volunteer at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Adaptive Services and with high school students through New Horizons. Most of

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**Kylee Rae Taylor** on July 14, 2019, to Jeffrey and Whitney Younghans '10 Taylor.

**Sophia Andres** in December 2019 to Ben '11 and Elizabeth “Lizzy” McCaslin '12 Andres.

**Brooks Raymond Duckett** on July 5, 2020, to Michael and Kimberly Acton '11 Duckett.

**Caleb Strosnider** in November 2019 to Stephen and Tori Pickett '11, M.S. '17 Strosnider.

**Silas McDonald** on Nov. 8, 2018, to Shawn and Katie Corson '12, M.S. '13 McDonald.

**William Patrick Bucci** on July 9, 2020 to Michael '15 and Danielle DeColli '14 Bucci.

## Gordon Shelton '68 continues to practice dentistry full time after welcoming a new business partner.

my students are math students (thank you, Dr. Lightner!). I also volunteer as a Guardian ad Litem, meaning I advocate in court for children — usually teenagers — in the foster system. I volunteer with the local humane society and for Pilots International. (No, I'm not an airplane pilot, the name refers to river pilots!) I also take courses at FGCU and continue to study Spanish. Before I retired, I often asked my retired patients what they do to keep busy. The most frequent response was, 'You can't believe how busy I am!' Now I know!"

**Dan Gottlieb's** 2019 was busy with trips to Canada, Ohio, New York, Maryland, Florida, and a hurricane evacuation. He and Lynne are tracking seven kids between them. Greg is in Maryland, and they made a trip through this year to visit family there. Brian is in South Carolina, and they get to see him, Lynn, and their two boys, Lincoln and Briggs, often. Tristan and his family of three live in Rochester, New York, so they made a trip in February to welcome the newest addition, Penelope, their first granddaughter. It snowed every day! Daughter Anna and her husband, Daryl, (both lawyers) are in Cleveland, Ohio, and they made a trip to do BBQ and Bourbon haunts there with them. They also did the Kentucky Bourbon Trail with them. In May, Dan and Lynne traveled to Canada for daughter Katie's graduation from Prince Edward Island University as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, one of many vets in the family. Lynne's family has migrated to Florida, so once a year they make a trip there to visit her mom and sisters, as well as many friends. "We also had to evacuate from Hurricane Dorian, which fortunately was mild for our area." Daughter Caroline has married a Navy man and is now located in Washington while his ship is renovated, then they will go back to San Diego as home port. "We ultimately sold our cabin and 50 acres in upstate New York. It was just too far to visit from South Carolina, and a big tax headache. Lynne misses it greatly since it was part of her family homestead for three generations. We still have fond memories because her son Jack wrote and filmed a movie called 'Solver' with the cabin the central theme in the movie (it's available on Amazon). We also have many 1973 TR 6 road trips here in the low country to enjoy the weather and the scenery. All is well and we enjoy seeing our family as often as possible."

From **Ellen Reinhart Izard**: "We have retired again. Most people head for Florida for the ocean, beaches, and eternal sunshine. Check! But after 15 years in Jacksonville, we have moved back to the mountains of East Tennessee, where Doug and I met and married before heading to D.C. for 'two years.' We fled Northern Virginia after eight years and settled in for 'the rest of the story.' We loved Jacksonville for 15 years and always will, but now we have four seasons, gorgeous views on the top of a ridge, and it feels like

'home.' It's just one of those things you can't explain, but here we are with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park around the corner, and Knoxville and Maryville in sight. Stop by if you're hiking in our direction! Doug is still teaching at Jacksonville University, but online. He loves it, so why stop? I'm sewing flags for veterans in hospice at Blount Memorial Hospital, which has turned out to be much more than I anticipated. The emotional component for them is major, and we're getting local TV coverage. I also am a hospice volunteer. All of our kids are doing fine. Megan, Nick, and their dogs are fighting traffic in Alexandria, Virginia. Shannon, Tim, Delaney, 10, and Mabry James, 8, are thriving in Nashville. Can't ask for more than that. Will always have fond memories of WMC and absolutely loved it there. Sending warm wishes to all of the Crew of '68!"

**Janet Martin Kelly** says she and Bill are alive and well, living the good life, and loving it in Westminster, Maryland. Kids, grandkids, and granddops are keeping them busy.

**Joseph Anthony** is still residing in Easton on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and will remain there "as long as we're not underwater. I finally retired this year as new tax laws and technology finally overmatched my ability and desire to learn. Talk to **John Heritage** occasionally and still trying to horn in on your guys' mountain retreat in the spring so I can entertain you with my humor and educate you with my wisdom. Kids are good, with me visiting Blake at his new job at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. What a place with the hotel shaped like a huge guitar. Daughter, Kate, is putting away the bad guys as assistant district attorney in Anne Arundel County, specializing in gun-related felonies. Josh is in Easton doing data entry at work and whipping my tushy every night at 'Jeopardy!' Hi to all my old compatriots and will see you on campus as soon as they change the name back."

**Sue Faulkner Rea** says, "We're a household of three now: me, my son, Stewart, and my mom, age 95. My son, Morgan, and his wife live nearby. After 46 years of marriage, my Irishman decided to start a new bachelor life in Ecuador. So now I'm his long-distance BFF. I still garden and do intricate needlework. It helps to be nearsighted. I bought a hammered dulcimer, and now I need lessons, if you're reading, **Walt Michael**. Oh, and in 2019 I got two new knees!"

**Tom Fowler** has retired since his last update, but still keeps his hand in the pot as a consultant for his old firm. He and Judy sold their Arnold, Maryland, townhouse and bought a 55-plus in New Port Richey, Florida, close to Tampa and St. Petersburg. It's near Judy's youngest sister, who is handicapped, and her cousin, who is in a mental care facility. Needless to say, she is very busy helping and loving her family. Tom has been

updating their new home and doing some yard work. Judy had one knee replaced in 2016 and the other is on the agenda soon. Tom says he's become quite the gardener at 72. "Judy and I have been helping her middle sister pack up her Beaufort, South Carolina, home, as my brother-in-law, my best friend, passed in 2018. She has a huge home full of antiques, duck decoys, and trains, trains and more trains. If there is anyone interested in old Lionel trains (soup to nuts), call or text me and I can give you itemized lists to view. You can reach me at 443-864-7211 or email [tomfowler14@verizon.net](mailto:tomfowler14@verizon.net)." Daughter, Amy, is in New Hampshire and is no longer coaching field hockey at Dartmouth. She lives with her partner, Emily, and Amy's daughter Payson Kate, a talented 11-year-old gymnast, and Emily's daughters, Evans Marit, a 6-year-old avid skier, and Sutton "Button" Reeve, a blonde, curly-headed, typical 2-year-old. Jennifer and her hubby, Oliver (German born in New York), live in Brooklyn with their daughter Minna Eleanor, 6, who has spoken fluent German since age 4. "We visit both daughters often or they come to our boat still on the Sassafra River in Georgetown, Maryland. We live on the boat from April to the beginning of November, and then head back south for the winter. I enjoy boating and taking care of the boat, Windfall V. It's hard work but also so relaxing when not working. We haven't made any distance cruises lately unless the kids are with us to help. Our boater friends also help on occasion, because Judy, 75, just can't handle first mate duties like she used to."

**Bob Morris** says that last year was a big celebration of a lot of 50th events. "**Barb Linton Morris** and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with a nostalgic trip to the McDaniel campus. It is encouraging to see the school where we first met thriving and serving as a launching pad for a gifted and diverse student body. We are happy to support the school in that mission. From there, our anniversary road trip went to Bethel, New York, and the site of Woodstock, the 1969 celebration of peace, love, and music. It was a beautiful reminder of all that was fantastic, wonderful, and foolish about our generation. Woodstock, me getting drafted, and our wedding are entwined in a story that speaks of those times, but better left to a future reunion. I will say thank you to our departed classmate **Joel Smith**, who was a welcome familiar face I encountered when being processed into the Army, and who helped me make the most of my two years of service. Our celebratory trip then wound through the fall colors of New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and a week in Bar Harbor, Maine. We hiked up four mountains in five days, celebrating each with a big ice cream cone. This year will bring more wanderings, almost certainly including a stop at the campus where our story began. Peace, love, and music still sounds like a pretty good agenda to us."

**Hanns Vandrey** writes that life's still good after all these years! He and **Pat Wilkinson Vandrey '69** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year with their entire wedding party joining in the festivities, including **Dave Hilder '69**, **Doug Smarte '69**, **Dave Frankforter**, **Jobst Vandrey '69**, **Kathy James '69**, and **Marcia Torovsky Brownfield '69**. "Also last year, I bit the bullet and had my bum knee replaced, a procedure that's not recommended for the faint of heart. However, I no longer regret the ordeal since it's allowed me to play painless tennis again. I've given up skiing but still go on ski club trips out west to serve as condo chef and bartender for après-ski socials. We chalked one item off our bucket list last summer with a three-week trip to Australia and New Zealand. Scuba diving at the outer edge of the Great Barrier Reef and up-close-and-personal encounters with breaching humpback whales out of Sydney were absolute highlights of the trip." Their planned excursions in 2020 and 2021 include Utah, Colorado, Italy, and the Czech Republic, among others. "In between trips, I still get together monthly with the Crab Guys and our congenial host, **Gordon Shelton**. In addition to becoming a news 'junkie,' I also enjoy fixing a good meal now and then ("Tube Steak Tuesday"), babysitting and playing with three grandkids, driving exotic cars, following Ballyhoo! vicariously as they tour the U.S., playing family league fantasy football, and rooting for the Ravens and Orioles, regardless of last season's results.

In 2016, **Pat McNally Ellis** retired after 30 years from Villa Julie College, now known as Stevenson University, where she had held various positions as both faculty and administrator. "Since then, I have remained an active volunteer at my church and at Mission of Mercy, a mobile medical clinic treating the uninsured for free. In 2014, I became a Lay Dominican and helped to start a chapter of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic (LFSD) in my parish. Then in October 2019, I was unexpectedly elected president of LFSD Region 5 for a three-year term. We have 15 chapters throughout Maryland, D.C., Delaware, and Virginia with three more in the wings, so I have not had much of a chance to relax yet. On the other hand, I am never bored. I don't see many folks from WMC, but Gordon fills me in when I visit with him every six months."

From **Walt Michael**: "All goes well. Living on Green Street, known by Westminster residents as 'The Inner Beltway.' Still trying to figure out how to graduate from Whimsee as I am now in my 26th year of leading Common Ground on the Hill. (It should be noted that my office is the Dean's Cottage, former residence of Dean Laidlaw.) I'm as busy as a one-armed paperhanger producing two festivals, two concert series, and three weeks of programming Traditions Weeks here on the campus ... a great way to return to the Hill for those of you looking for an excuse.

[www.commongroundonthehill.org](http://www.commongroundonthehill.org). Still enjoying playing music and love to do house concerts. Any takers out there? I'll come to you. I continue to teach undergrad classes about Southern Appalachia (literature, music, and environment) and annually take students to the Common Ground on the Border Jan Term, where we learn about humanitarian aid from the Green Valley Samaritans in Sahuarita, Arizona. When time allows, I drive down to my cottage on the Bay and do a bit of sailing, fishing, and beachcombing. My greatest joy is my 1-year-old granddaughter, Isla. Life is good, and I am lucky."

As of January, **Jim Resau** is "completely retired." He is no longer doing consulting for Michigan State or from his last full-time employer, the Van Andel Institute. "Fifty years ago, I was completing a tour in Vietnam and getting married, so I've enjoyed some 50th celebrations recently. **Chris Connelly Resau '67** and I celebrated our wedding anniversary a year early with a trip to Hawaii with our family. Chris arranged for us to stay on Kauai, an island that still feels like the laid-back Hawaii she knew well when she was stationed there as a VISTA volunteer. Our two grandsons loved the snorkeling, whale watching, and sharing the beach with huge green turtles and monk seals. A memorable vacation. I also enjoyed attending the 50th reunion of my Vietnam Military Advisory Command in Charleston, South Carolina. We shared many laughs about memories that had become funnier in hindsight. My 'future' holds lots of golf time when I'm not hanging out with family and old college friends."

**Terry Walters** has been dealing with Parkinson's disease for the past 10 years and is now taking a workout session three times a week called Rock Steady Boxing. The program is based on the training elements of non-contact boxing. It is restricted to Parkinson's patients. Thankfully, the punching seems to have stalled the progression of the disease. "I have added cardio kickboxing to fill the days that I don't have boxing. Anyone reading this who has Parkinson's or knows someone with it, please Google Rock Steady Boxing. Programs are forming all over the country. I have quit writing and publishing. My typing and handwriting have gone to ... Helsinki, but my four books can still be purchased from Amazon: 'Saddle Up Charlie' (University of Maryland running back), 'The Lost Haven of Sharon Taylor' (Title IX and women's sports), 'The Low Self-Esteem Club' (baseball nicknames), and 'Diamond Redemptions' (a baseball 'what if' book)."

From **Mike Ward**: "So life goes on in Keene, New Hampshire, without a hitch. The parade of Democratic presidential candidates has passed us by and offered several opportunities to listen to the candidates up close. Anne and I continue to maintain an adequately healthy lifestyle. We traveled in

Italy last summer to celebrate our 50th anniversary. I also made a solo trip to Panama to visit with a friend who shared many a Habitat for Humanity trip with me over the years. We visited **Pete '69** and **Betsy Horton '69 Kinner** in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and have shared several visits with **John** and **Sue Mawby Heritage** as well as with **Jim** and **Chris Connelly '67 Resau**. Naturally we see a lot of **Gary '69** and **Jane Butterbaugh '70 Shapiro**, who also live in Keene. We continue to downsize our belongings and look for the ideal and cheap (is there one?) retirement community where we will fade into history. Life is easy in New Hampshire and we relish that compared with the hectic lifestyle in larger communities. It's good to be us."

From **Charlotte Henneman Bennett**: "Mike and I spent January and February in Florida. At least half the time, we had visitors, including **Bob** and **Barbara Linton Morris**. (Bob and Mike went to elementary school together. Bob met Barbara at WMC the summer of 1964. He was in our 1968 wedding. They married in 1969.) Mike's three Wisconsin golf buddies came here, for a change. Mike got two birdies in one game, even though he only gets out two or three times a year. Then we went dancing to the oldies, and I had four built-in partners. I still prefer my regular one. Mike and I met our sons at Alpine Valley, Wisconsin, to camp and attend a Phish concert. We then continued our trip around Lake Superior. We spent the 51st anniversary of our wedding at a blues festival in Fishers, Indiana. That night, our 95-year-old neighbor died. I believe he was born in that house and had relatives who lived in this 1860 house of ours. I think a 20-year-old plans to move into his house with furniture, dishes, and a workshop full of tools, all for less than \$60,000. Dream on, Easterners."

From **Bob Speth**: "My, how quickly things can change. I am no longer riding my bike to work because work is now my home office. And inxay on the visitors, at least for the next three to eight months. I am busier than ever countering false information on the use of antihypertensive drugs that block the angiotensin system: Keep taking your ace inhibitors and angiotensin receptor blockers! Hope you are all safe and well."

From **Harvey Broodno**: "It has come to my attention that *The Hill* has an ongoing disgraceful feature. Under 'Departed,' it is noted: 'Those who will be missed.' Does this mean that there are others who have passed away but are not missed? If so, who determines who will be missed? I demand that this egregious travesty be corrected immediately. If not, I will take this atrocity all the way to the Supreme Court! P.S. Will the Green Terror be missed? Will I be missed? Take it from me, Harv, only time will answer these probing questions."

**Barbara Payne Shelton '70** retired from 30-some years as a college professor of early

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## DEPARTED

### Those who will be missed:

**Mrs. Virginia Helmstetter Goodman '33** of Baltimore, Maryland, on July 6, 2019.

**Mrs. Marguerite Hatch Little '41** of Wilmington, Massachusetts, on June 6, 2020.

**Mrs. Mary "Libbie" Tyson Koether '42** of Glen Burnie, Maryland, on June 18, 2019.

**Mrs. Mary Ellen Wentz Hines '44** of Bowie, Maryland, on Oct. 3, 2019.

**Mrs. Martha Kratz Shuck '45** of Malvern, Pennsylvania, on April 1, 2020.

**Mrs. Anne Winters Tait '45** of Westwood, New Jersey, on Feb. 16, 2020.

**Miss Lucia Venable '45** of Wilmington, Delaware, on May 17, 2020.

**Mrs. Frances Molesworth Bartlett '46** of Westminster, Maryland, on April 17, 2020.

**Mrs. Frances Bartley Cleaver '47** of Frederick, Maryland, on July 11, 2020.

**Mr. Robert Hendrickson '47** of Bethesda, Maryland, on June 22, 2020.

**Mrs. Alice Hitchcock Routsong '47** of Hanover, Pennsylvania, on April 13, 2020.

**Mrs. Mary Dom Brown '48** of Westminster, Maryland, on May 6, 2020.

**Dr. Wayne Cowan '48** of South Hadley, Massachusetts, on Aug. 25, 2020.

**Dr. Walter Cushen '48, Hon. D. Sc. '66** of Rancho Mirage, California, on Jan. 23, 2020.

**Mr. Jerold Mann '48** of South Hadley, Massachusetts, on April 27, 2020.

**Mrs. Jeanne Miller Truitt '48** of Green Valley, Arizona, on June 23, 2020.

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**Nellie Arrington '74 is happily still a realtor based in Howard County, and covering all of central Maryland.**

childhood education at Stevenson University and Towson University. Her celebration was a fantastic trip to Egypt last spring. Barbara has had a wonderful time getting into serious quilting and collecting Featherweight Singer sewing machines. Anyone with one of these wonderful pieces of history and machinery should contact her right away! She is guaranteed to give it a busy and warm home.

I, **Gordon Shelton**, continue to practice dentistry full time, after welcoming a new business partner, replacing my retiring business partner of over 40 years. I really enjoy our staff, our patients and the treatment outcomes, and still have lots of time to go outside and play. Lots of hunting, fishing, and hiking, along with my lifelong passion of target shooting. And the Crab Guys continue to have our monthly gatherings, featuring crabs, shrimp, National Bohemian, and chocolate, as we have for the last 35 years or so. Last year **Jim Resau** and I spent the Groundhog Day weekend in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, attending the pre-dawn festivities in 4-degree warmth. In June 2019, we took the four grandkids and their parents on a Disney Cruise to celebrate Barbara's 70th birthday. This summer, we were planning a Rhine River cruise to commemorate the 50th anniversary of our wedding, which was officiated by Ira Zepp in Little Baker Chapel. Many thanks to all of our classmates for giving us so many experiences, friendships and memories! We're lucky to have all been together for so long. Long may we run!

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## 1974

Hi, everyone! It was great to hear from all of you. Thank you for all of your responses. It was especially wonderful to see so many of you at our 45th Reunion. Here is all of our news!

**Nellie Arrington** is happily still a realtor based in Howard County, and covering all of central Maryland. Some of her clients are her daughters' friends, which is a lot of fun. One daughter lives in Nevada since her Navy officer husband is stationed at Fallon Naval Air Station, while the other remains in Chicago. She misses them, but does get to visit. Nellie and her guy traveled to Paris late last year, and enjoyed a few days in the city before cruising up the Seine. Their timing was pretty good since they were only slightly inconvenienced by the national strike — turned out the lock tenders were included so they missed their tour of Versailles. They'll just have to go back to see it, and more of France. The ship was small, and they really enjoyed the experience, but will probably plan their own trip next time. Nellie did "retire" as community association president after too many terms

of solving problems. Otherwise, she's still swing dancing, gardening and supporting local arts events!

**Roy, M.Ed. '78** and **Barb Anderson, M.Ed. '77 Angleberger** continue to remain busy with grandkids, aging parents, and their semi-retirement jobs. Roy has run the racquetball program at the Frederick YMCA since his retirement from Frederick County Public Schools nearly 15 years ago. Barb is teaching one to two classes a semester at Frederick Community College for the Institute for Learning in Retirement Program. The students are all 55 or older, and the best part is there are no tests, papers, etc. to grade, or meetings to attend!

It has been a challenging three years for **Jeanette Hardy Baldwin**, fighting cancer with two surgeries and three rounds of chemotherapy. **Ron Baldwin** is retired which gives him more schedule flexibility to care for Jeanette. Fortunately, they are relatively close to their grandson, Patrick, who just turned 4. He keeps their spirits up! The Baldwins are planning some trips with their travel trailer, with plenty of time for fishing.

**Larry "The Cheese" Bocchese** and Bev continue to enjoy their retirement and have added babysitting duties with the birth of their first grandchild, Madeline. Another Bocchese was due in May. Their eldest son, Steven, and his wife, Jill, are enjoying the pleasures of parenthood and looking forward to the second baby. Their other son, Matthew, was married this past August to a wonderful girl, Julia, and is finishing his second year of residency in internal medicine at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia. Larry got to see **Dr. Dick Clower '50** in Philadelphia at an alumni get-together at the Yards Brewery this past year. He says that to all who know him, Dr. Clower looks great and still has that intelligent wit about him.

**Joe '73** and **Mary Connor, M.S. '92 Carter** are still enjoying retirement in Pinehurst, North Carolina, where they have been living since 2009. Mary stopped working at the tennis club after six years and Joe started working at the Pinehurst Resort two years ago. Mary still plays tennis five to six times a week and has now added pickleball to her list of sports and loves it. Joe is enjoying playing golf several times a week. The Carters are involved in their church, so they do try to do things other than just play! Mary and her tennis friends got involved with Habitat for Humanity and other worthy causes in the community to help raise funds several times a year. Mary and Joe see their three daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren many times a year. The family loves visiting the lake to swim and boat. The girls and some of their husbands also play golf and some play pickleball. The grandchildren started tubing this year, but still just love the water. Every year the entire family goes to the Gulf Coast for a week or so for beach time, sun, and sand. This January, Joe and Mary got

together with **Bob '73** and **Donna Herbst Watson**, who live in Ft. Myers, Florida, for a day and enjoyed catching up on their news. Mary still travels to Maryland several times a year. Her father just passed away at 98, but her mother is still living alone in Easton at 95 and doing quite well. So, she gets to see everyone when she heads north into the awful traffic, wondering why their children still live there! Mary says, in summary, Joe and she are enjoying retirement life. God has blessed them with good health and they are very grateful. This March, they celebrated 48 years of marriage.

**Wayne** and **Nancy Fishpough Cassell** still live in Colorado. Nancy spent time traveling back to Maryland over the last year helping out with her mother's care while she was in hospice. Sadly, her mom passed away in October 2019. Nancy's consulting work on a project for the State of Colorado has ended, so she is officially retired! She continues to scrapbook and volunteer as an ambassador for a nonprofit called Albums of Hope. She also is hiking with the local hiking club. Wayne is dealing with some knee issues and hopes to avoid surgery with physical therapy. Both attend Osher Lifelong Learning Institute classes. Wayne taught his Russian Civil War class at the other three campuses. Wayne continues to build models and competes in less popular subjects, but his civilian artillery tractor has won numerous awards including "Best of Automotive" twice. The Cassells took a trip to New Mexico in June 2019, and they explored the area around Ruidoso, including Roswell, Lincoln, Alamogordo Space Museum, petroglyphs and the lava flow, and Carlsbad Caverns.

**Bill Corley** says his doctor told him not to retire, just to slow down. Bill now only defends colleges being sued by student-athletes for brain damage! His 2-year-old granddaughter, June Bug, is a delight (Sheri has six!). They live a block off of the ocean in Atlantic Beach, Florida.

**Anne Stubblefield Dill** says that after nearly 15 years in the godforsaken desert of Arizona, Harry and she were very happy to return to the East with its four seasons, green landscape and trees! They are both fully retired now, living the dream life in a residential airpark in central North Carolina. They fly often to Wisconsin to visit their daughter, Sara, her husband, Michael, (both airline pilots) and their two daughters, Nora and Anna, now 5 and 6. They also get to Richmond, Virginia, regularly to see their son, Ben, and his wife, Liz, (both attorneys) and two more grandchildren, Genevieve, who will be 3 in June, and Rhys (a boy, yay!), who arrived just before Christmas. Ann keeps busy volunteering with their HOA and the never-completed list of projects around the house. They did manage to get away for two weeks and check one item off their bucket list: a small-group guided tour of Italy last spring. It was amazing. Ann says that they are

blessed with good health and good friends, staying active, and really couldn't ask for anything more. She says it was good to see her old buddy **Don Dulaney** at their 45th high school reunion, and she stays in touch with WMC roomies **Liz Barlow Johnston** and **Dinah Sunday '73**.

**Randy Dove** is still doing consulting work for a few organizations, serving on some boards and volunteering for whatever tasks McDaniel asks him to do. Randy and his wife, Nan, continue to sponsor a scholarship at the college and hope that other classmates can do something to support the school as well. He helped out with the class reunion last fall and said it was good catching up with a lot of people, especially **Wray Mowbray '58** and **Dr. Jim Lightner '59** at the reception. On a recent trip to Florida, Randy was able to have lunch with retired Political Science Professor Herb Smith and his wife at Coconut Jack's in Bonita Springs. It was good to discuss the adjustments to retirement and solve all of the country's political ills. This March marked the 33rd edition of the Walker Cup Golf tournament held in Scottsdale, Arizona. The Cup is in honor of classmate and brother **Chet Walker**, who left us way too early. Many find it amazing that the group has kept it going this long, especially now that they are playing much shorter tees and can barely make one round a day. Grads include: **Chip Graber '73**, **Steve Vaughan '76**, **Tom Trezise '75**, **Don Dulaney**, **Mark Higdon '75**, **Larry Schmidt '75**, **John Barnes '77**, **Bruce Anderson '75**, and **David Stout '76**.

**Don Ehman** and his wife, Linda Kinsey, are both retired now. Linda was a partner at Michael Graves Design Group for 30 years and Don was with the New Jersey State Council on the Arts for the last 17 years. They spend summers at the Jersey Shore now with their three grandsons and enjoy visiting cultural sites. Linda is on the board of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance and Young Audiences of New Jersey. Don continues to volunteer with the Cultural Access Network of New Jersey, which provides educational programs on accessibility for arts organizations. Don mentioned that he was saddened to hear of the recent passing of **Tom Blair '73**. He has fond memories of working with Tom on several productions at Alumni Hall.

**Glenn Fell** finally retired in March 2019 from the hospital IT management job he had with a group of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, hospitals for the last 30 years. His wife retired from her middle school counseling job in June, so they are now officially "snowbirds." The Fells spent their first summer up in Hanover, Pennsylvania. They will spend their winters back in Delray Beach, Florida. It works out well, because their daughter and 5-year-old granddaughter live in Hanover, and their son and grandsons (ages 4 and 1) live in Coral Gables, Florida. Glenn volunteers as a "golf ranger" at a golf course in Hanover

and does similar "work" in Florida. He says if you work one shift a week, you can play all the golf you want for about \$5 a round. That makes it affordable to play several times a week. When Glenn is up north, he meets his high school friends at some of the many beautiful courses in Central Maryland. When Glenn gets to do this, his route often takes him past Western Maryland. What's nice about that is that Glenn has only been at the campus about twice in the last 40 years! Beyond that, Glenn and his wife have never really traveled much, so they want to start doing what they have missed out on. Their first trip was planned as an Alaska sea/land cruise in May and hope to do one or two such "adventures" each year while they still can. He says retirement is wonderful!

**Roger Firor** retired from Agilent Technologies in Wilmington, Delaware, a few years ago. His wife, Judy, is officially retired, but continues to consult for AstraZeneca. They spend six months every year at their second home on the South Kohala coast, Big Island, Hawaii. He says it is great living where it's sunny and in the mid-80s almost every day. Hiking, mountain biking, paddleboarding, and ocean kayaking keeps him busy. The summer and fall months are spent at home in Landenberg, Pennsylvania, and working around the family farm near Frederick, Maryland. Their daughter lives in Brooklyn and is operations director for Pipsnacks. Their son, **Connor Firor '15**, works as a geo-scientist in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Michael and **Susan Fowler Hallowell** are still really enjoying retirement life. Michael really gets retirement, and Susan still consults, but she enjoys being her own boss, and picking and choosing her projects and clients. Michael's main job is to develop fabulous vacation agendas on which he diligently delivers, including biking in Poland, Italy, Croatia, and Canada, and hiking in Ireland. Otherwise he travels with Susan on the better business trips and finds local color (or bars). Michael and Susan also enjoy biking and kayaking both at home and on vacations.

**Sandy Johnson Hartsock** says that nine years after the loss of her husband **Jim Hartsock '68**, she can finally say that she has found her way as a widow, single entity and starting to lead a fuller life alone. One thing that really helped her was finding a GriefShare program to attend, where she found that she was not alone in the way she was feeling and dealing with loss. Sandy has been going for over three years and last year became one of the facilitators, which allows her to help others through their grief journey. Her three sons are continuing to be a great support and comfort. Two are married with a total of five grandchildren ranging from 1 to 16 years old, four girls and one boy. For the other son, she thinks in some ways he is married to his job! Sandy has been retired from her 33-year forensic science career for

eight years this July, and her adjunct faculty position for six. She is involved in volunteer work at Johns Hopkins Bayview Community Relations events (especially their blood drives every other month), assisting the Maryland State Police Forensic Science Division with tours of their facilities and career day lectures (for high school and college students, interns and even some dignitaries), and most involved in the last three years with the Harford County Sheriff's Office HOPE group (Heroin Overdose Prevention Effort), where they do events, lectures, fairs, etc. around the county to help educate the public on the seriousness of the opiate epidemic. Besides volunteering, Sandy has been offering Perfectly Posh pampering skin care products to family and friends and occasional vendor events around Baltimore and Harford Counties for almost four years. She has now moved her products into a location in Bel Air, Maryland, where she shares space. It is a gift shop with different home décor items, painted glassware, jewelry, art, and homemade chocolates. Some big changes are coming in 2020 as she plans to become one of the shop owners.

**Toni Carson Hiteshew** is enjoying retirement, spending time with children and grandchildren as well as volunteering in ESL class. She still gets together with **Sue Rudrow Carlson '76**, **Linda Sixx Shields**, **Sharon Wood Schaeffer**, and **Carol Dragich Hiteshew** whenever they can fit dinner in their schedules. She also conference calls with **Darlene Eiford Burhenn** from time to time. Toni took a trip of a lifetime to Saint-Pierre (a French island off the coast of Newfoundland) with her bestie, **Jody Barker Gillespie**, last summer. She is facing the usual aging challenges and losses with grace, an attempt at dignity and a sense of humor. She says all of the above-mentioned ladies have really helped.

**Ed Humphreys** and Jan have decided the time has come for both of them to take a break so they both planned to retire at the beginning of June. Between active duty and time as a DA civilian, Ed will have over 30 years of service with the Army. If you count his time as an Army contractor, it will be over 43 years. No place else on earth for a kid like Ed to find toys like that to play with. He says he believes the time has come to relax a bit and spoil a couple of grandsons.

Since July 2018, **Nora Waugh Jones** has been living in Zambia, Africa, helping Benedict and **Kathleen Crist Schwartz '73** in their ministry of orphan rescue and educating children and youth at the Village of Hope (All Kids Can Learn International, akcli.org). Over the past 14 years Kathleen and Benedict's ministry has grown from a purchase of 230 acres of underdeveloped land in rural Zambia to now housing, raising, and educating 110 Zambian orphans and creating and leading a Christian school for 600 students, preschool through 12th

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**Mrs. Charlotte Goodrich Hoover '49** of Frederick, Maryland, on May 11, 2020.

**Mr. Curtis Laupheimer '49** of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, on April 20, 2020.

**Mrs. Margaret Cook Miller '49** of Annapolis, Maryland, on March 20, 2020.

**Col. (Ret.) Byron Schenn, USMC '49** of Temecula, California, on May 11, 2020.

**Mrs. Anne Shuppert Schwarzkopf '49** of Sarasota, Florida, on Aug. 11, 2020.

**Mr. Ernest Burch Jr., '50** of Towson, Maryland, on April 28, 2020.

**Mr. Ralph Cockey '50** of Salisbury, Maryland, on Sept. 21, 2020.

**Mr. Martin "Russ" Mettee '50** of Lutherville, Maryland, on March 5, 2020.

**Mrs. Alice Yearley Snyder '51** of Baltimore, Maryland, on Sept. 18, 2020.

**Mrs. Josephine Kohner Zukav '51** of Rockville, Maryland, on July 14, 2020.

**Prof. Eugene Mechtly '52** of St. Charles, Missouri, on April 15, 2020.

**Mr. Ernest Green '53** of Annapolis, Maryland, on June 5, 2020.

**Mrs. Virginia Bond Norwood '53** of Frederick, Maryland, on Sept. 27, 2020.

**Mr. Thomas Page '53** of Bowie, Maryland, on June 9, 2020.

**Dr. William Harvey '54** of Sebring, Ohio on April 15, 2020.

**Dr. Donald Haut '54** of Alexandria, Virginia, on March 2, 2020.

**Prof. Jane C. Hutchison '54** of Chevy Chase, Maryland, on July 12, 2020.

**Dr. Rolf Muuss M.Ed. '54** of Towson, Maryland, on July 3, 2020.

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# alumni updates

**George Phillips '74, M.Ed. '85 is back on the Hill working part time as the coordinator of educational leadership interns.**

grade. Multiple businesses employing local residents help create a resource stream to support all of these children. In February, Nora and Kathleen were reunited with **Barb Stephens-Rich '73** in Zambia for two weeks. What a joy-filled reunion!

**Dottie Hitchcock Keene** really enjoyed seeing our classmates at the 45th reunion. She says it was good to hear that some of the attendees have already retired—that will come for her in the next two years. She is having fun with some great contracts right now. She is also traveling a bit more with her trusty husband, John! Their trip to Petra, Jordan, and the Dead Sea was exotic and fabulous. They followed it up by seeing the sights of San Francisco and sunning and swimming on their trip to Maui. They also have made sure to get in a lot of visits to her four siblings and her mother, who is almost 95. Dottie got to see her former WMC roommate, **Roberta Schrom**, recently! Dottie's grandsons, Edward, 9, and Andrew, 7, are engaging conversationalists and boyish balls of energy. Her granddaughter, Lucy, just turned 5 and is a girly girl with a photographic memory, and she now has a baby brother named Teddy who is laid-back, happy, and chubby! Living close to them all is a joy. She loves being a hands-on, snuggly grandmother.

**Dennis Kirkwood** and Jean are doing fine and enjoying four grandchildren — three boys and a little girl to finish the quartet. They have been retired going on 12 years and continue their travels as much as time and budget allow. Most recent trips have been to the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador, Jamaica, Colorado, and Florida. They have scheduled to go to Brazil in 2020, and, for Dennis alone, Antarctica, making it his seventh continent. Dennis still spends some time farming on the family farm and leading birding trips locally. He also helped their church, Bethel Presbyterian, conduct a yearlong celebration of its 250th anniversary in 2019. Dennis also spent some time with his WMC roommate, **Phil Ciborowski**, at his home in Colorado Springs. Phil is winding down his orthodontia practice and was looking forward to his first grandchild this spring.

**Scott Krieger** and his wife, Becky, have now been retired almost three years. Neither one of them miss working, but he still religiously reads The Wall Street Journal every morning. Old habits die hard. They live in the same house they built in Bel Air, Maryland, in 1991 and have been slowly updating it. They lost Becky's mother in May 2019, and Becky continues to struggle with the loss. Scott's brother, Kenneth, was in a serious car accident in August and they are helping him cope in the aftermath. While the Kriegers deal with the everyday aches and pains of aging, their health is holding up pretty well, and their children and grandchildren are prospering. And their beautiful dog, Maggie, turned a healthy 14 in November. Since retiring, the Kriegers have had an opportunity to enjoy much more time with

their grandchildren. They have been trying to go to more live concerts and shows. And they have been taking a lot longer and more exotic trips. This past fall, they spent a month in Australia and New Zealand. During the summer of 2019, after spending a few days in the Netherlands, they took a cruise to the northernmost point of Norway. In 2018, they visited China, the British Isles, Peru, and Ecuador. Scott's niece, Ali Krieger, won another Women's World Cup with the U.S. Women's National Team in July 2019. This was her third World Cup and second win. The Kriegers didn't make it to that one, but they did make it to her 100th cap game celebration in Charlotte, North Carolina, and to her black-tie, celebrity-fueled wedding in Miami. As you all probably know, Ali and the US Women's Soccer team beat Canada 3-0 to win the 2020 Olympic Qualifying tournament in February.

**Louise Mattocks McCrorie** sends greetings from Charlotte, North Carolina! Her biggest news is that after 25 years in IT and almost 20 years as a social worker, she decided she was done with full-time work. Louise retired from Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services on Dec. 31, 2019, to start a new decade and a new life. She is now doing volunteer work with Loaves and Fishes and Charlotte Animal Control. She works lots of hours at Ovens Auditorium as a head usher, or can be found at various venues with the Blumenthal Performing Arts Centers as a house manager and senior usher. **Gary McCrorie's** medical issues seem to be getting resolved, and he is volunteering with Mecklenburg County Board of Elections. Louise had a great visit to Columbia, Maryland, in September to attend granddaughter Olivia Tilly's first birthday party. Gary goes back and forth to Gaithersburg, Maryland, where his 98-year-old mother is now in assisted living. Louise thinks she will outlive us all! She loves spending more time with her doggies and has actually seen her house and neighborhood in the daylight for the first time in years! So little time, so many opportunities! The McCrories hope to get up to Maryland more this year, and now have their passports, so who knows where they will turn up?

As of the first of this year, **Wayne McWilliams** retired from the practice of urology in Hagerstown, Maryland, after 35 1/2 years. Now, Wayne and his wife, **Janice Crews McWilliams '77**, are officially snowbirds and have been enjoying the winter months in Naples, Florida. Janice retired from nursing a few years ago. Wayne's hoping his golf game will now round into shape!

**George Phillips, M.Ed. '85** would like to thank all of the members of our class who attended the reunion last fall. He said it was great to see everyone again and catch up face to face. George is back on the Hill working part time as the coordinator of educational leadership interns. These are graduate stu-

dents in the Educational Leadership program who are completing their practicum before being certified as administrators. McDaniel now has over 100 active interns in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, D.C., and several other states. Due to the online courses, McDaniel now has interns in several foreign countries and distant states. The college is developing a Global Perspective Modified Intern Supervision program that will utilize asynchronous computer interactive programs to conference with remote interns and their mentors. He says that this is really exciting stuff and they hope to utilize this concept to greatly expand McDaniel's graduate programs in education. Finally, if you haven't been back to campus in some time, George feels you really need to come for a visit. The student body is now an extremely diverse group, and they have brought much more energy and activity to our sleepy former college. George also mentioned that he and his wife, **Sara Rothe Phillips, M.Ed. '85**, recently had lunch with **Tim Rowan**, who still has his sharp wit and energy.

As Paul takes on retirement, **Cathy Nelson Price** will be going back to work in some capacity, a dance she is sure all wives of retirees understand. Her newly minted master's in Graduate Liberal Studies will aim her at teaching effective writing skills to motivated adults. On the family front, Cathy and Paul gained a lovely new son-in-law when Caroline married Jim Vogt in Iowa last November. He is an actor and lighting designer; she is a theatre professor at Cornell College, where the school T-shirts say: "The OTHER one." The Prices finally joined the Grandparents Club in early June, when Scott became a father for the first time. For now, they are remaining in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, but could go elsewhere if adventure calls.

**Chip Rouse** continues to teach writing (mostly journalism) at Stevenson University, and she is in her 36th year there! Chip's textbook, "Event Planning: Communicating Theory and Practice" (Kendall Hunt Publishing) is now in its second edition. Chip wrote it with two of her spectacular colleagues. Sadly, in August, Chip's 36-year-old son, Bryan, died after an 18-month battle against colon cancer. He continued to work for 16 of those 18 months, and only stopped when he had to. Dulaney High School, where he worked his whole career, established a yearly scholarship for a senior athlete in his name. This will leave a lasting legacy for all he accomplished. Of course, caretaking and loss have changed her life, but things continue. She sees her college roommate, **Jackie Deakynne Cowan, M.Ed. '79**, and Blanche Ward dorm mate **Nita Conley Korn**, from time to time, and **Linda Loock Schmidt '75** as well. Through all these years, friendships survive.

**Dick Schwanke** departed his job with the federal government at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) after 32 years. The first half of that time was with four organizations,

while the last half was as the environmental programs manager for the Army Research Laboratory at APG. They were mostly good years, with a couple of great ones and 10% bad or ugly ones. Generally, he had decent professional autonomy, meaningful tasks and a productive environment. While he does not attend the American Industrial Hygiene Association meetings anymore, he thinks his fellow members **Dave Ermer** and **Bruce Lippy '73** would be pleased to know that there were zero occupational health and safety deaths on his watch at the lab! Also, the FBI only subpoenaed him once. He gets back to APG each summer to continue work with the Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science (GEMS) program. As Dick has done for four decades, he continues to teach both credit and continuing education courses at Harford Community College. Additionally, he is "on call" with SURVICE Engineering for his environmental, health, and safety expertise. They do not call very much most years, but both the work and pay are superb when they do. The last couple years have not been so great for his wife Alma's health. There have been operations on the heart, foot, and eyes. Next up may be knee(s), but they are trying to avoid those surgeries. Health concerns caused them to cancel last summer's scheduled cruise on the Columbia River. Dick does not pretend to be the great world traveler as are many of our fellow classmates, but once he touches the ground in Oregon that will be the 50th state he's visited. While the bicycle remains his primary, year-round transportation mode, Dick is less than halfway to having pedaled in every state.

After almost 33 years as an OB/GYN, **Laura Stephenson** retired from practice last year. She has been enjoying growing and selling native perennials as well as doing some traveling. Laura and husband, Joe, visited northwest Montana for the third time this past summer, hiking in Glacier National Park. They enjoyed it so much that they have just purchased property in the Bigfork area not far from the park's west entrance. While her husband Joe is not quite ready to give up running their B&B in Pennsylvania, Laura says it is time. Their daughter, Rachel, and her husband are in Florida, where she works rehabilitating sea turtles at the Florida Aquarium. William has moved back from Colorado and now lives near Philadelphia working retail and helping his landlady keep her horse farm operational.

**Bill and Linda McHale '75 Thomas** are still "townies" living in Westminster, Maryland, and enjoying life raising three of their eight children who are still at home (a middle schooler, high schooler, and one who just graduated from high school). They also have seven grandchildren who bless their lives. Bill and Linda enjoyed connecting again with fraternity brothers and many friends from the Hill at his 40th reunion and

football game. Bill says, "We were all easy to find from the smell of Bengay wafting in the air!" It's amazing how quick the bridge of time and distance was made catching up with lots of stories and laughter reminding us all to stay "forever young!"

**Bobby '73** and **Donna Herbst Watson** get to see our campus often, even though they are happily retired in Florida, because their daughter, **Chloe Watson Irla '07**, is an assistant professor in the Art department at McDaniel and now lives just minutes from her office. When the Watsons visited at Christmas, they were amazed to walk on the campus and not see a single person or vehicle. They've been able to visit friends who live in Westminster, like the Keefers and the Thomases. In January, they connected with **Joe '73** and **Mary Connor, M.S. '92 Carter** on Anna Maria Island and planned to host **Tom '72, M.Ed. '77** and **Sandy Gochar '72, M.Ed. '75 Brown**, shortly after. Then they had plans for a visit from **Andy and Cindy O'Neal '76, MLA '80 Keefer** in mid-March. They love the blue skies and sunshine in Florida, and enjoy sharing it with WMC visitors. Much of their time is spent playing golf. Last year, Bob broke his elbow in a biking accident, and while he recovered over the summer they took a Viking River Cruise from Paris to Normandy, a wonderful journey. Next year, they're looking forward to taking another one in Germany. Their granddaughter will start kindergarten in Westminster in the fall, 50 years after we started at WMC. She says, "You just never know what life holds for you, and we've been blessed."

**Ann Swope Williams** and her husband, Don, retired from their full-time jobs on Jan. 11, 2018. They moved to their Lake Hickory cabin the next day. Over the next year, they built their forever home on the same property. Don is enjoying being completely retired while Ann still works part time. Their family means everything to them! While they are scattered from coast to coast, they keep in touch thanks to unlimited talk and text.

I wanted to mention our 45th reunion again. It was a wonderful evening, and it was fun to catch up with so many classmates. I especially wanted to thank everyone on the committee who worked so hard to create a special evening for us all who attended. Thank you to **Darlene Eiford Burhenn, Bill Corley, Jackie Deakynne Cowan, M.Ed. '79, Harriet Lowry Doherty, Randy Dove, Andy Keefer, George Phillips, M.Ed. '85**, and **Bill Thomas**. So many of you who sent a note expressed how much you enjoyed the reunion, how great it was to see so many classmates, and how easy it was to chat, just like it had been yesterday when we were last together. I personally loved how many Math majors were in attendance, and of course that **Dr. Jim Lightner '59** was a part of the evening.

As for me, I'm still working four days a week at my dentist's office, Shires and Schmidt, DDS, in Towson, Maryland, as

the office manager. It gets me up and moving in the morning and keeps me interacting with people and thinking, which is all good stuff! I do get to catch up with some of our classmates in person as they are patients. It's always a joy to see them and their adult children!

I continue to stay busy with my church, Calvary Baptist, in Towson, as are my son, Drew (dad **Rick Wright '77**), and his wife, Becca. They live nearby in Parkville, Maryland. Becca continues to work for Johns Hopkins in the physical therapy department in Lutherville and is working on her associate degree at Community College of Baltimore County. Drew continues to give all kinds of music lessons (voice, guitar, bass, drum, keyboard, composition, theory, and recording) at the Lutherville Rock School as well as coach bands. He is actually director of the Rock School, a dream job for him. The band program has grown from about five bands just a few years ago to 30 now. They are even forming adult bands, so anyone in the area that wants to release their inner rock star, let me know! Drew, Becca, and I are planning to go to Italy, Germany, and Switzerland in September 2020, assuming that the coronavirus doesn't cancel our plans. The highlight of the Collette Tour is attending the passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. Keep your fingers crossed for us!

It is always fabulous to hear from you. I hope all of you have a wonderful and healthy 2020. I'll look forward to hearing from you in the future and seeing you in May 2024!

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## 1980

Dear 1980 Classmates:

As I write this, it is March 25, 2020. The state of Maryland has closed schools and colleges, including ours, as well as bars, restaurants, gyms, and other "nonessential" businesses. We are all over 60, no matter how young we feel and are more likely than our younger colleagues and family to end up with serious respiratory illness in the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of us are retired and can shelter in place. Some of us are working in healthcare and other essential jobs. I wrote this letter knowing that trips some of us were anticipating have been canceled, that some of us have seen the weddings of our children postponed, and that those of us with serious and life-limiting medical conditions might be experiencing an even greater level fear than others. And yet, I also wrote this letter remembering the lifelong connections we made, remembering how very much each of us appreciated our time on the Hill, and remembering the ways in which we changed and grew in those years. I particularly cherish memories of sitting on the wall behind Big Baker watching the sunset. I know that

# family

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**Mr. Weldon Reed '54** of Port Washington, Wisconsin, on May 14, 2020.

**Mrs. Nancy Caskey Voss '54** of Seaford, Delaware, on Oct. 6, 2020

**Mrs. Nancy McWilliams Griesmyer '55, M.Ed. '77** of Westminster, Maryland, on Aug. 31, 2020.

**Mrs. Betty Bixler Koban '55** of Clarksville, New York, on July 1, 2020.

**Mr. Bartholomew Vidi '56** of Gainesville, Florida, on May 24, 2019.

**Mrs. Joan Hutter Weigle '56** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Aug. 2, 2020.

**Mr. Richard Hersh '57** of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, on July 4, 2020.

**Mrs. Lynnda Skinner Kratovil '57** of Grasonville, Maryland, on Aug. 8, 2020.

**Mrs. Joan Halter Mann '57** of Westminster, Maryland, on June 29, 2020.

**Mrs. Elizabeth "Betty" Nicklas Pearce '57** of Rockville, Maryland, in Feb. 2020.

**Mr. Joseph Renaldi '57** of Frackville, Pennsylvania, on Feb. 25, 2020.

**Dr. Aleatha Arbaugh Carlson '58, M.Ed. '67** of Westminster, Maryland, on May 26, 2020.

**Ms. Elaine Pawelek Lehman '58** of Palmyra, Pennsylvania, on Dec. 22, 2019.

**Dr. Fred Stonesifer '58** of Everett, Pennsylvania, on April 26, 2020.

**Mrs. Patricia Cooper McCoy '59** of Forest Hill, Maryland, on April 7, 2020.

**Mr. Eugene Miolen '59** of Columbia, South Carolina, on July 4, 2020.

**Mr. Dovington Carson Deffinbaugh Jr., M.Ed. '60** of Red Lion, Pennsylvania, on July 8, 2020.

**Mr. Paul Zimmerman '60** of New Market, Maryland, on July 12, 2020.

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# alumni updates

## Steve Anuszewski '80 is coaching wrestling at Paulsboro High School in New Jersey.

for others, those best memories of the Hill occurred on a sports field, on a stage, with your Greek brothers or sisters, in the chapel, or in myriad other settings. These are the things that bring us together. And this is the news we have to share:

**Gayle Annis-Forder** writes that she is not yet among the retiree group and is actually not even thinking about it much. She still loves her job, at least on most days. It is challenging for her, as a more progressive person, to be a pastor in the United Methodist Church just now, but Gayle continues to be hopeful that the church will soon come to embody a more loving and inclusive presence in the world. The congregation she serves as pastor in Clarksville, Maryland, is quite open and accepting, but there is a disconnect with some of the official language of the denomination, and that's really tough for Gayle and people she loves. Two things have been life-giving for her in the past year or two in addition to being a pastor. She has been training for and beginning to practice as a coach, and is working toward certification. The person doing the training is a WMC grad, **Chris Holmes '79**, so she says it has been great to spend some time with him. Gayle has also gotten quite involved with the leadership of Courageous Conversations in Howard County, circle conversations hosted by diverse faith communities to talk about race and religious bias. Gayle is delighted to interact with and learn from wonderful people in a variety of faith communities. Gayle received a compliment that touched her deeply at Christmas from one of the women in her congregation. She was smiling about something Gayle was working on with the kids and said: "I love it that you've been doing this a long time and are still trying new things and having fun." When that stops happening, Gayle says, it will be time to hang it up.

**Steve Anuszewski** is coaching wrestling at Paulsboro High School in New Jersey in the winter. He spends summers at the Jersey Shore in Stone Harbor, where he enjoys golf and the beach. He has been working in financial services for 40 years.

**Tom Armbruster** continues to lead inspection teams for the State Department's Office of the Inspector General. So far, Kathy has accompanied Tom to Denmark, but missed Colombia, Mauritania, Chad, Nepal, and Bangladesh. Next time! Tom's book "How to Become an Ambassador: An American Foreign Service Odyssey" should be out this spring.

**Patrice John Baugher** notes that not only is it 40 years since we graduated from the Hill, it is 40 years since she and **Tom Baugher '79** were married there in Baker Chapel. She and Tom are both still living and working in Indiana but planning to retire in the next couple of years. Tom's job at Raytheon has recently led to trips to Washington, Oklahoma, Georgia, New Jersey, and even

back to Maryland, but fortunately no more long-term overseas travel. Together they had a fun-filled vacation in Disney World with their middle son and two grandsons, and are planning a big Baugher family vacation at Emerald Isle, North Carolina, this summer. They were also looking forward to attending the wedding of the son of fellow alum — and Tom's best man — **Bruce England '81** this summer, too.

**Kim Kost Berliant** says that she and her husband, Allan, have been living in New York City for the past 3 1/2 years, and it is a great place to be retired! They live near Lincoln Center, two blocks from Central Park and enjoy both regularly. In July 2019, they became grandparents! So, a move to Raleigh, North Carolina, may be coming soon so they can be near their new grandbaby. "Hope all of the class of '80 is well," she says. "Can't believe it's been 40 years since we graduated!"

**Peter Boettger** writes that after finishing physician assistant training and a couple years of employment at Duke University Medical Center in 1987, he worked 30 years as a PA at East Carolina University (ECU) in Greenville, North Carolina. Along the way, he completed an M.S. in Biology at ECU and retired in 2016. Since that time, he has developed his own business, Machapunga Ecotours, taking folks out on the water for estuarine ecology excursions from Belhaven, North Carolina. He and his wife, Linda, have two sons, Marc and Joey, ages 30 and 32.

**Leslie McDade Bowen** writes that all is well in her home. Her youngest child, Samantha, graduated from the University of Maryland this spring and began physical therapy school there immediately following graduation. Her three sons, Brett, Matt, and Mickey, are all married and happy in their lives. Leslie has three beautiful grandchildren. Leslie is in her 26th year teaching Spanish at Harford Day School in Bel Air, Maryland. Her husband, Ron, is retired and does a lot with their grandchildren. Her mom moved in with Leslie a year ago; time marches on. The Bowens see **Wayne** and **Laura Birely**, **Scott** and **Martha Hooper '79 Wheeler**, **Bill** and **Julia Logan Kearney**, and **Dennis** and **Nancy Bowers Hoy**.

**Alison Ward Burke** is excited that we will be having our 40th reunion. As a member of the reunion planning committee, she welcomes any classmates who would like to join in the planning stages. Alison looks forward to a great turnout to celebrate this milestone and all that we have achieved since our graduation day in May 1980. As for Alison, she is still working in commercial banking in New York City for JPMorgan Chase, managing privately held business relationships. Although she loves her work, she is envisioning the next chapter of life, as both her girls are on their own and live a good distance away in Las Vegas and Seattle. Retirement is several years away, but will involve giving back, traveling with

family, singing with her choral group, and of course, a lot of golf. She keeps in touch with **Beth Robertson '81** and **Janet Butts Anderson** regularly.

**Glen Cameron** finds it hard to believe we graduated 40 years ago! He wanted to say hello to all former classmates, especially his brothers at Alpha Gamma Tau, and his teammates on the gridiron and diamond! Personally, he has been married to his wife, Suzanne, for nearly 37 years now. His daughters live nearby, and he is fortunate to see them and his four grandchildren (all under age 5) often. Professionally, he is still employed by Liberty Mutual Insurance as a litigation and large loss claim representative. He'll be with the company 40 years this October and is seriously considering retirement by the end of 2020. He thinks that he is ready to settle into a less stressful part-time job, do some fishing and simply have the flexibility and time to do some things he and his wife want to do.

**Scott Dahne** and his wife, Natalie Nai-che, have been busy with traveling both domestically and to the islands. They are working about half time, but Scott just got involved in a new venture with his business partner that will keep them busy full time for a few years and involve more international travel and hopefully the chance for some new vacation destinations. One major item Scott wanted to talk about was attending the Founder's Dinner last March at the B&O Museum. Scott caught up with **Sam Hopkins** for the first time since graduation and they had a blast. They sat next to a junior Chemistry major and got to talking about some items she needed for her research. One thing led to another and they decided to establish The Scott Dahne '80 & Natalie Nai-che Chemistry Fund, honoring the professors and education that Scott received during his time at Western Maryland College. This fund will be used to support students majoring in Chemistry or Biochemistry, used at the discretion of the Office of the Provost in collaboration with the Chemistry department chair to purchase needed equipment, including items needed by students involved in research projects, with a maximum of \$250 per student. Anyone else wishing to contribute to the fund will be welcome. A second big item was their trip to Guatemala and Belize in January 2020. They took the trip on the exact dates that Scott went as a Jan Term trip in 1980, 40 years ago. Scott took copies of the pictures from back then and stood in the same spots to retake the new pictures. The changes at the Tikal and Xunantunich ruins were incredible. In 1980 it cost 1 quetzal (about 13 cents) to enter Tikal. This year it cost 150 quetzal (about \$19.61). They also went to Ambergris Caye off Belize and ran into the granddaughter of the hotel proprietor of the Coral Beach Hotel where Scott had stayed in 1980 with the other WMC students and

professors. They went to Sturgis in 2018 for Scott's 60th and then bought a new Harley last year (that makes two in the garage) and spend weekends on the road as often as possible.

**Eric DeGross** has been married to the former Kim Rice (University of Maryland '87 and University of Maryland Law '90) for 19 years in May 2020 and living in Silver Spring, Maryland. He plans to be semi-retired in 2020 after the last 15-plus years with Walmart as an assistant manager. Recently, he has been enjoying watching his eldest daughter, Sienna, finish her high school basketball career, and now it is off to college in the fall. She wants to study Psychology with an emphasis on children and play basketball (Division III). Unfortunately, it will not be McDaniel, which she did consider and where she played tournaments and met Coach **Becky Martin**. Cheyenne still has two more years of high school and travel softball. The spring and summer of 2019 were lots of fun with travel basketball (Atlanta) and softball (Myrtle Beach) tournaments. Eric and Kim even took in two concerts: Hootie and the Blowfish in Columbia, Maryland, and Carlos Santana in Virginia, where they also saw **Scott '79** and **Robin Seiland '79, M.Ed. '79 Trenner**.

So much has happened since **Gail Spunt Garner, M.Ed. '82** retired from teaching five years ago! Of course, she is still teaching! But now it is tutoring. Gail and her husband, John St. Jean, have been spending a lot of time performing this year, about 220 gigs every year. They spend a lot of time in senior living communities in Delaware and Maryland and continue their work with the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Delaware. They also perform at a lot of festivals in Dover, Delaware. Gail is the steering committee chair for a small nonprofit in Delaware called Deaf Outreach Inc., serving residents of central Delaware who are Deaf or hard of hearing. Word of warning: Retirement means you will be busier than ever before, and loving every minute!

**Jim Griesing** wonders: "Has it really been almost 40 years? So many good memories are still fresh and cherished." Jim has been pretty active in this thing called "retirement." So much that he often wonders how he got through the many years of working full time and also trying to enjoy life. Jim lives in Danbury, Connecticut, but spends winter in Vermont where he and his wife, Maggie, are volunteers at a ski resort and they still ski a lot. He loves time spent with his 1-year-old granddaughter. In past year they went to Italy, Croatia, Slovenia, Israel, and Jordan. Jim is still connected to friends from WMC, including **Joe Della Badia '81** and his wife, Rhonda. The "B Section Bomber" annual get-together is always a blast. Jim is saddened by the losses of good friends **Vince McDonald '81** and **Brad Robertson '82**.

**Bill Hamilton** has worked in IT for over 37 years in Hartford, Connecticut, most recently

at Conning Asset Management since 2006. He and his wife, Sue, have been happily married for over 33 years. They have two daughters, Joanna, who married in 2017, and Lydia. Their first grandchild, Joshua Elliott, was born in 2019 and has brought great joy to all. Bill continues to live, serve, and work by his mottos of "live right, don't quit," and "here to help; here to serve."

When **Bob Holcombe** wrote, he was looking forward to the short winter forecast by the federal government in Washington, D.C., but says he will probably not go much past this Christmas before he retires and spends more time with friends and family. His life has taken a turn as he was diagnosed and treated for brain cancer last March. The cancer is GBM-Grade 4, the same disease that John McCain and Ted Kennedy had. Bob said he was feeling fine, and focusing on enjoying those around him. He is still able to walk for exercise daily. His two daughters thankfully live nearby, so he sees them often. He also enjoyed celebrating the sixth birthday of his granddaughter, Jada, in December. Advice from Bob: "Live every day to the fullest! Isn't the name of the gazebo on campus 'Carpe Diem?'"

**Dennis** and **Nancy Bowers Hoy** are still in Martinsville, Virginia. Dennis is still working, and Nancy is still retired, but retirement keeps her busier than ever! She has gotten involved with the local project of dealing with community cats. They are a TNR community, so the cats are trapped, neutered, and released back into their environment. Nancy also continues volunteering at the SPCA's thrift shop in town and enjoys what they do there to help their shelter. Dennis enjoys golf when the weather cooperates. Even though both of their children live away — in Nashville and Orlando — Nancy and Dennis have been able to be together over the holidays and on occasion at other times.

**Nancy Menefee Jackson** and her husband, Gerry, a former longtime sports editor at the Annapolis Capital who is now sports editor at the Baltimore Sun, are still recovering from the shock of losing friends and colleagues in the mass shooting at the Capital. If not for the transfer to the Sun, Gerry would have been in the newsroom. That played a role in Nancy's decision this year to cut back to four days a week in her job as communications manager for two transportation research centers located at Morgan State University. She plans to paint with watercolors, kayak, and work on home improvement projects. Last fall, she had her yard certified as a Chesapeake Bay-friendly yard, complete with two small ponds, but she still has plenty of invasive plants to remove and replace with native varieties. She's lucky that her two daughters live nearby and regularly bring the granddogs to tear through the garden.

**Sue Fowler Katz, M.Ed. '81** has now been back in the DelMarVa area for three

years. It's been great being close to her son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter, who is now 3. She has loved reconnecting with people (still working on that!) from the Hill and beyond. This past year, she and her husband got some U.S. travel in: Orlando; Savannah, Georgia; Charleston, South Carolina; Asheville, North Carolina; and, thanks to **Debbie Bessman Funk**, a chance to celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, where her parents had graciously given them the use of their house for her honeymoon. It was great to hang out with her and her family and her wonderful parents. Sue spent Christmas in Emerald Isle, North Carolina. Sue and her husband have also enjoyed being tourists on the more local excursions in the DMV. They are still not used to seeing the Washington Monument, the Capitol, and the Jefferson Memorial regularly as they go from place to place!

**Phyllis Landry** is thoroughly enjoying retirement, spending her days doing what she loves: walking/hiking, cooking, reading, gardening, spending time with her daughter, and traveling. This past year, she volunteered at a horse rescue farm and fell in love with those magnificent animals. For 2020, she will be working with the Board of Elections and trying not to embarrass herself in a Zumba Gold class. Her husband is not quite ready to retire but is getting close to making the jump. After multiple visits to Oregon and Colorado to find the perfect retirement location, they decided to stay in Maryland and bought a lot on the Eastern Shore. Phyllis will wind up living just a few miles from where she grew up in Chestertown, Maryland. Go figure!

**Robin Lee Lawson** is now officially a gammie! Her sweet granddaughter, Riley Marie, was born in June 2018. **Keith Lawson '79** and Robin are over the moon being first-time grandparents. The toddler is now running (not walking) everywhere! In equally exciting news, in September 2019, their youngest son, Chris, and his fiancée, Sadie, were married in her hometown of Pittsburgh. Yes, their daughter-in-law is a Penguins fan, but they love her just the same! You know it's true love when a Caps fan and a Penguins fan can tolerate each other during hockey season! Keith and Robin traveled to Turks and Caicos, Seattle, and Marco Island in 2019, along with Pittsburgh (of course), and spent time at their beach house in Bethany Beach, Delaware. In addition, they were thrilled to get to see a World Series game at Nationals Park and cheer on the World Series Champions! In the fall of 2019, they came back to WMC for Homecoming and Keith's 40-year reunion. It was nice to see some Phi Alpha sorority sisters, **Leslie McDade Bowen '80**, **Martha Hooper Wheeler '79**, **Jan Claypoole Neel '79**, and **Beth Dunn '79**.

**Rebecca Martin, M.Ed. '81** reports that after 38 years, she officially retired in the

# family

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**Dr. Dianne Bell '61** of Hendersonville, North Carolina, on Dec. 17, 2019.

**Mrs. Barbara Dohler Fleischmann '61** of Timonium, Maryland, on Feb. 22, 2020.

**Mrs. Doris Miles Shilling '61** of Westminster, Maryland, on Feb. 10, 2020.

**Mr. John "Jack" Baile '62** of Manchester, Maryland, on March 10, 2020.

**Mrs. Barbara Yingling Jobson '62** of Berlin, Maryland, on Sept. 3, 2020.

**Mr. David Warner '62, M.L.A. '76** of Manchester, Maryland, on Sept. 3, 2020.

**Mrs. Belinda Adams Eddy '63** of Mount Vernon, New York, on Oct. 2, 2019.

**Mrs. Nancy Kelley Hoffman '63** of Hampstead, Maryland, on Sept. 22, 2020.

**Mrs. Patricia Lambert McElroy '63** of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, on Aug. 24, 2020.

**Ms. Dagmar Joeres Miller '63** of Cockeysville, Maryland, on Sept. 28, 2019.

**Mrs. Karlene Gochenour Rudolph '64** of Conway, South Carolina, on June 9, 2020.

**Mr. J. Maurice Browning '65** of Frederick, Maryland, on Feb. 15, 2020.

**Mrs. Bonnie Bennett Dyer '65** of Dover, Delaware, on March 3, 2020.

**Mr. Michael Elseroad '65** of Littlestown, Pennsylvania, on June 26, 2020.

**Mr. Lester J. "Bo" Knepp Jr. '65** of Weybridge, Vermont, on Sept. 26, 2020.

**Mr. William Merrick Jr., M.Ed. '65** of Timonium, Maryland, on July 21, 2020.

**Mrs. Jean Semmelman M.Ed. '65** of Leader Heights, Pennsylvania, on Sept. 12, 2020.

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## Susan Tucker Taylor '80 is still working as a public health laboratory scientist at the Maryland State Lab.

spring of 2019 from her dream job as the coach of the women's basketball team at McDaniel College/WMC. While continuing to battle health issues, she enjoys precious time with family, friends, and former players. She thanks each of you for your continued prayers and support.

**Jenifer Ulrey Ray** is in her seventh year of retirement from Cincinnati Public Schools. She absolutely loves being retired. She is active with the Cincinnati Cycling Club and especially enjoys riding different routes of 20 to 40 miles every Tuesday with a casual group of riders. She still enjoys sailing at Cowan Lake but hopes to get more canoeing in this season than sailing. Jenifer and her husband both enjoy hiking, so they get outdoors quite a bit. She also plays violin with the Xavier University Chamber Orchestra as a community member. It is fun being around the college students. They are so full of energy. Three and a half years ago, Jenifer's parents moved to Cincinnati from Maryland. Jenifer gets to see them several times a week and enjoys doing things with them like going to the symphony several times a year.

**Ginger Wilson Remian** and her husband are still both working in the commercial real estate industry in the D.C. area. They recently bought a waterfront home in Delmar, Maryland, where they can fish and kayak from their own docks, and look forward to getting one step closer to retirement. Their son, Jake, 33, will be getting married in the Blue Ridge Mountains this September. Ginger and daughter, Katie, 30, were planning a two-week trip to Italy, Croatia, Turkey, and Greece. They also enjoy spending time with the four granddogs.

**Jim Slack** continues to practice ophthalmology in Fairfax, Virginia, for Kaiser Permanente. His daughter will be graduating from Johns Hopkins University this spring, while his son is still finding his way in California.

**Sue Robinson Tandy-Songer** is enjoying her retirement and seems to be busier than ever! She volunteers once a week in a friend's kindergarten class. She loves spending time with the kids and doing the fun parts of teaching. Sue recently began volunteering at the local hospital as a cuddler for babies. These sweet little ones are often born addicted and need all the loving they can get. It's a wonderful way to spend a few hours a week. She still makes pies once a week for a local restaurant and has become known as "the pie lady" by many folks. Her sewing business, Sue Sews, keeps her busy especially during prom and wedding seasons. About a year ago she was able to connect with her freshman roommate, **Ann Harrison Weiford, M.Ed. '81**. They enjoyed a delightful lunch as they caught up with each other. It was the first time since leaving WMC that they had connected. Sue is in frequent contact with **Sally Stanfield '78** and got to introduce

her to the beauty of the Maine coast last summer at the end of Sue's week vacation in York, Maine. Sue and her husband are able to travel quite regularly and when she wrote, they had just returned from a week on Saint Kitts.

**Susan Tucker Taylor** is still working as a public health laboratory scientist at the Maryland State Lab. This is her 40th year working for the state. A few years ago, the lab moved into a new, state-of-the-art building in Baltimore City near Johns Hopkins Hospital. Susan is looking forward to retirement, but currently has no date in mind. She will know when the time is right. Her daughter, **Emily Taylor '07**, is the director of enrichment programs at the Columbia Academy in Columbia, Maryland, and her son, Zachary, is a systems engineer at Northrop Grumman. He is finishing up his master's degree at George Mason University. She still gets together a few times a year with her WMC friends **Peggy Gibson Klein, Kimberly Baugher, Robin Oroian Davis '79, Judy Byrd Fox '78, M.Ed. '79, Johna Ruffo '78, and Cynthia Longley Kehr '77**.

**Susan Thornton** is still the artistic director for Other Voices Theatre ([othervoices theatre.org](http://othervoices theatre.org)) at Performing Arts Factory in Frederick, Maryland. She is still teaching acting classes and directing musical theatre workshops for ages 5-17 at Dance Unlimited, and she directs the shows at Middletown High School.

In sad news, the alumni office informed me of the death of **Mary Jane Curtis Cheeks, M.L.A. '83, M.S. '87** in December 2018. She was an administrative consultant and mental health counselor in Baltimore for many years.

I was also informed of the death of **Stephen Francis Evans Sr.**, in February 2019. Steve was president of a National Phi Delta Theta fraternity and attended WMC on a three-year full ROTC scholarship. He served in the Army for four years and returned to the Eastern Shore. He worked in the automotive industry and was very active with local sports, coaching children of all ages and working for 33 years as an umpire for Little League, Pony League, and Colt League baseball. He stopped working as an umpire only when worsening symptoms of multiple sclerosis forced him to do so. He is survived by his wife, Minnie, and his two children, as well as his close friends from the Hill.

My husband, **Mike Cantrell**, and I, **Ann Hackman**, continue in our current positions. Mike is a managing attorney with McCabe, Weisberg & Conway LLC, a firm which represents mortgage banking companies. I am the division director for the Division of Community Psychiatry at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore. I do a considerable amount of teaching; my clinical work involves going to all sorts of communities in Baltimore in my trusty Mini Cooper to deliver psychiatric service to people with major mental illness who do not do well in traditional services. It

is a complicated time. Mike and I have two wonderful and amazing daughters and spent time last summer exploring Kenya and Tanzania. I am glad we got the chance to do this with our children and in part with my mother, **Mary Hawkins Hackman '52**.

I know how far in advance these letters get submitted, and I hope that you are reading this in better times than the moment in which I am writing this. I hope that you and your families and loved ones have remained safe. I hope this particularly for those of you with significant health issues. I hope that all of the wonderful things that many of you were planning have now been happily rescheduled. I hope that we can have a reunion this year. Whatever is happening when you read this, I hope you can reflect on all sorts of great memories from your time on the Hill. Take care of yourselves and those you love.

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## 1986

Thank you to everyone who sent me their updates. It is always so good to hear from my fellow classmates regarding their lives, families, work accomplishments, vacations, pending retirements, and more. On the other hand, it is always sad to hear of the loss of one of our classmates. I received an email from Tim Odell, husband of **Pamela Dachtile Odell**, who stated that Pam passed away from a sudden heart attack on Sept. 26, 2018. She is survived by her husband as well as her son, Timothy, and daughter, **Anna Odell '21**. Anna is double majoring in English and Theatre Arts and minoring in Education. Let's keep the Odell family in our thoughts and prayers.

**Doug and Kathy Eichelberger '85 Barna**, who have been living in Mt. Airy, Maryland, for 20 years, are now officially empty nesters with the recent college graduation of their fourth child. While Doug works for Lilly, selling medicines for diabetes, Kathy is the minister of spiritual formation at their local United Methodist Church. Doug reports that they look forward to moving south to warmer climates to be closer to their kids (who have all relocated to the Carolinas) and their granddaughter, who will be turning 4.

Another empty nester is **Angie Tissue Cartron**, who along with her husband, Pete, resides in Laurel, Maryland. Angie is teaching eighth-grade math at Severn River Middle School. Their son, Alex, has one more year of medical school at Maryland and is hoping for a residency in dermatology, and their daughter, Jenna, is in her second year at Johns Hopkins, studying material science engineering.

**Jerry Donald, M.S. '91** has now been teaching for 32 years, with 31 of those in Frederick County (Maryland) Public Schools.

Additionally, he is in his second term on the Frederick County Council. Jerry, who has been married for 28 years, has three daughters, two of whom are out of college and one who will be a sophomore this fall. A few times a year, the Donalds get together with **Dave '87** and **Sharon Pierce '88, M.S. '92 Reith**.

**Karen Buttling Donegan** had a busy year, writing that they celebrated the college graduation of their youngest, Brian, in May 2019, then a few months later she and husband, Peter, celebrated their 30th anniversary with a two-week trip to Ireland and Scotland, and then later that summer went on an Alaskan cruise with their kids and Peter's family. Karen is still teaching first grade with **Lauren Pearl Anagnos, M.S. '93** and adds that they both are very lucky to have each other at this point in their careers, as they both love teaching and rarely get through a day without making each other laugh until they cry.

Living on the lake in Alpharetta, Georgia, and loving life is **Beth Erb Follett**, who also reports that she is a stay-at-home mom to Nicholas, 15. Husband, Pete, works for Progressive Services (lumber manufacturing) based out of Oregon, and they love to travel and love to see anyone who travels near their area. Unfortunately, Beth writes that she lost both her parents in the last few years and is busy settling the rest of her father's estate. Beth adds that her three brothers and their families are all doing well and that she is able to visit them often in the Washington, D.C., and Virginia area. Beth, who loves keeping up with so many classmates on Facebook, just returned from a fun girls' weekend in Ocean City, Maryland, with **Sheri Bialczak Miller-Leonetti**.

Speaking of **Sheri Bialczak Miller-Leonetti**, she writes that she enjoys working at C.F. Interiors, an interior design firm in Baltimore. She still gets together with **Sarah Burton Boling** and **Pam Bruffey Aiello '87**, and keeps in touch with **Heather Rembert Fahmy '85**.

**Jane Manlove Garrett** is inching closer to joining her husband in retirement. While the Garretts still do lots of traveling, Jane says that they tend to stick close to home since their parents are older and need a little assistance now and then. She adds that she also spends lots of time helping her brother out on the family farm and loves every minute of it. "Perryville is not a big town, but I do miss the peace and quiet when I was living on the farm," she writes.

**Barbara Neckere Holmes** is loving life in Vienna, Virginia, despite having total knee replacement in December 2019. Two of her kids have graduated from college, and her youngest is a junior at Virginia Tech. Barbara, who is the chief audit executive for the Thrift Saving Plan, loves to travel with her family, having gone to Alaska last year and planning on Greece this summer.

**Joan Lemeshow Horton** writes that she went back to work for her old boss at Bank

of America in January 2019 as an assistant vice president in field engagement and loves it. Husband, Mike, is doing great and is still at Willis Towers Watson as a senior actuarial consultant. Joan was thrilled to report that daughter, Sarah, is finally back in the U.S. She is working for Uber Corporate in San Francisco, but was previously working in their Latin American office in Mexico City. Son, Jack, is a senior software engineer at Microsoft in Redmond, Washington, and lives with his girlfriend, Emily, and their two dogs. With both kids on the West Coast, Joan and Mike thought it made sense to buy a "retirement" house with amazing views of the mountains in Scottsdale, Arizona. They try to get there every six to eight weeks for a few weeks at a time. With that purchase, the Hortons will be downsizing their home in New Jersey. Joan adds that she started playing tennis a few years ago and absolutely loves it. "It beats going to the gym," she jokes.

**Stewart** and **Jeanene Owens Johnston** are doing well and just counting the days until retirement! Stew, who has been with MBNA/Bank of America for 24 years, is definitely ready for whatever is next — biking and working outside, adds Jeanene. Jeanene continues to work in recruitment, having moved from corporate to nonprofit. The Johnstons' big news is that they gained a son-in-law in 2019, and daughter, Taylor, is now gainfully employed and a homeowner! Son, Griffin, is a sophomore at University of Delaware and hopes to enter the police academy upon graduation. Stew and Jeanene celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a two-week trip through the Florida Keys in September 2018 — their first vacation alone in 26 years, quips Jeanene. The couple also had a long-overdue weekend visit in Bethany Beach, Delaware, with **Phil '85** and **Sarah Burton Boling** last fall, and had dinner with **George '85** and **Robin Adams Brenton** as well. "It was so wonderful and the years disappeared," adds Jeanene.

"I am also lucky to be healthy and have the ability to continue competing my horse," writes **Wendy Bartko Libert**, who is still working as a senior facilities manager for the American Institutes for Research in Crystal City, Virginia. She also reports that 2019 brought a first for her when she got to compete against her daughter, Brittany. "We are both crazy competitive so it can get interesting, but the travel and time we have spent together is fantastic," Wendy explains. A beach weekend with **Angie Tissue Cartron** and **Liz Lambert** was a highlight of last summer. Wendy also adds that for all the negatives associated with social media, she thoroughly enjoys reading all the posts from WMC alumni.

Life in Adamstown, Maryland, is grand, writes **Lori Gladhill Mark**. After working in the banking and payments industries for longer than she cares to admit, Lori is now retired and loving it. Between travels and

spending time with friends and family, Lori adds that she is enjoying living life on her own schedule for a change. Her daughters are thriving and are still nearby, which she loves. With an undergraduate degree from McDaniel, daughter **Sarah Mark '19** is now attending Georgetown University in an accelerated master's program for Health Systems Administration. Lori also claims she gets a kick out of seeing everyone's Facebook updates of grandchildren and adventure.

All is well in Titusville, New Jersey, with **Colin McCollough**, who reports that he still manages to see his Phi Delt brothers "**Smilin' Dave Oravec**," **John "Moleby" Rosenquist**, **Jonathan "Jonny" Rose**, and **Chris "Santa" Ford '85** at least once a year for his annual summer Floatdown Party. Colin adds that he gets to ski with Jonny and Chris, too. His two boys, ages 26 and 23, are killing it as a sustainable farm manager and a wind turbine technician. Otherwise, Colin states he is relatively healthy, and he enjoys reading about other alumni happenings.

I agree with **Mike McInerney**, who can't believe it has been 34 years since graduation. Seems like yesterday! Mike updates us that he finally retired from the U.S. Army Special Forces as a colonel after 33 years on active duty, reserves, and in the National Guard, saying it was an interesting ride with many deployments overseas to Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia and Europe. He also retired from the government, where he was an FBI Special Agent for seven years in Washington, D.C., and in the CIA working covert operations overseas until he retired in 2016. Mike writes that while his career has been interesting, it has taken a toll on his two marriages, which did not result in any children. Mike is, however, the proud uncle of eight nephews, one niece, and the world's best dog ... none of which he has to put through college, he jokes. He retired to North Carolina to the golf capital of the South, and he also purchased 50 acres of land, which keeps him busy as a conservationist and tree farmer. Mike sends a shout-out to all the former Bachelors, ROTC cadets, and his buddy, **Ben Franklin '85**. WMC forever! Great memories and great times.

Another classmate enjoying an empty nest is **Linda Strandberg Morrison**, who writes that she and husband, Don, are still residing in Reisterstown, Maryland, while their youngest is a freshman at University of Maryland, and their oldest just graduated from Massachusetts College of Art. Linda adds that they also enjoy their Outer Banks, North Carolina, vacation every summer.

Sending greetings from Cairo, Egypt, is **Nairy Ohanian**. She is now in her fourth year as a chaplain and counselor for the international community there, as well as some of the refugee community. Nairy reports that life is never dull along the Nile or in this region. When not counseling, she enjoys fitness, painting watercolor, and learning

# family

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**Dr. John Wood Jr., '65** of Lewes, Delaware, on Dec. 22, 2019.

**Ms. Sylvia Simpfendorfer Ishmael '67** of New York, New York, on Nov. 26, 2019.

**Mr. James Nelson '67** of Gretna, Virginia, on March 15, 2020.

**Mrs. Sylvia Houston Bortner '68** of Railroad, Pennsylvania, on June 1, 2020.

**Mrs. Doris Lentz Emenheiser M.Ed. '69** of Dallastown, Pennsylvania, on Aug. 26, 2020.

**The Rev. William Hill '69** of Havre de Grace, Maryland, on March 28, 2020.

**Mr. Thomas G. Bennett III '70** of Arnold, Maryland, on July 11, 2020.

**Mrs. Donna Littleton Johnstone '72** of Mt. Holly Springs, Pennsylvania, on June 19, 2020.

**Mr. Thomas Carrico Jr., '73** of Arnold, Maryland, on July 12, 2020.

**Mrs. Clary Moore Jackson '73** of Salisbury, Maryland, on April 3, 2020.

**Mrs. Kathryn "Paulette" Counihan Morrissey '73** of Cumberland, Maryland, on June 26, 2020.

**Mr. Edward Hallock M.Ed. '75** of Frederick, Maryland, on June 13, 2020.

**Mr. John Miller Jr., M.Ed. '75** of Hanover, Pennsylvania, on Aug. 16, 2020.

**Mrs. Carol Hooper Jones M.Ed. '76** of Frederick, Maryland, on May 21, 2020.

**Mr. Michael Demuth '77** of Henderson, Nevada, on May 21, 2020.

**Ms. Leslie Hamilton Freas '78** of Mount Laurel, New Jersey, on August 22, 2020.

**Mrs. Alice Nelson Foglesong M.Ed. '79** of Horner, West Virginia, in February 2020.

**Mrs. Laurel McIntire Penn '79** of New Windsor, Maryland, on April 3, 2020.

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**Dwain Woodley '86** is the chief deputy district attorney in San Diego.

Arabic for fun. Silver Spring, Maryland, is still her home base at Christmas and for summers. "Always grateful to God for this life," she reflects.

"Greetings from the shore," writes **Heather Price!** She's been living and working on the Eastern Shore as the Caroline County Attorney the past seven years. Although she is an empty nester now, it seems her life is still jam-packed. When not at work, Heather serves as the president of the board of directors for Mid-Shore Pro Bono, an organization committed to providing legal services to those in need for several counties on the shore. She is also busy as the president of the County Bar Association. Heather, of course, spends any available time with her children, both of whom have spread their wings successfully in Baltimore. Daughter, Madeline, is working at the Johns Hopkins Alzheimer's Research Center doing neuropsychology testing while finishing her master's degree in organizational and industrial psychology. Her son, Harrison, is working in commercial and residential real estate. They both enjoy their young adult lives in Charm City. Any other free time is spent dabbling in art classes doing mosaics and watercolors, kayaking, and birding, when weather permits. Fergie, Heather's sweet dog, is her faithful sidekick and enjoys life on the shore, too, chasing deer, wild turkeys, and squirrels to her heart's content.

The Pyle household is still going strong, write **Tim, M.S. '89** and **Linda Bancroft Pyle.** Their boys are now 24 years old and mostly doing their own thing, just in time for our parents to need more help, adds Linda. While Linda has been the part-time treasurer of Catonsville United Methodist Church for 10 years now and has helped many other churches in the area with her consulting business, Counting Your Blessings, for eight years, Tim has enjoyed leading the Sunday Contemporary Evening Service for 15 years. Tim invites classmates to stop by Sundays at 7 p.m., and say hi. Tim also started a new position on March 1 as the executive director of two small nonprofits and is enjoying his new responsibilities.

**Susan Scharf** writes that she is now in her 19th year as a school psychologist for Baltimore City and that she is also part of a private practice in Ellicott City, Maryland, that specializes in executive functioning. Her oldest daughter, Briana, after enjoying the excitement of her soccer team becoming the U.S. Youth Soccer U-18 National Champions, went on to play soccer her freshman year at Gettysburg College. Her youngest daughter, Rachel, will be attending Washington College in the fall, after graduating a year early from high school. Susan and husband, Larry, spend their summers enjoying a bit of R&R at their place in Ocean View, Delaware.

"I am engaged!" writes **Wendy Zerwitz Schenker**, but quickly adds that no official date is set as both she and her fiancé, Ken,

have a lot of other big events going on this year as well as selling both of their houses. Wendy conveys that they are downsizing but looking to stay in Baltimore County. Wendy is proud to report, since our last class update, that her son, Robbie, graduated law school and passed the bar exam. He works for the House of Ruth.

Congratulations also to **Andrew** and **Abbie Hume Stump**, whose son, Drew, got married last fall in Louisville, Kentucky. "It was a wonderful day, and we were so blessed that all of our families were able to make the trip to celebrate Drew and McKenzie," writes Abbie. The Stumps get into Philadelphia frequently to try new restaurants and enjoy time together as daughter, Holly, works and lives there. Both Abbie and Andrew are still working in West Chester, Pennsylvania, about one block from each other, and are hoping to do more traveling this year. They both would love to catch up with their WMC friends.

"I'm still living near Ellicott City with my husband, Kevin, and two daughters, Caroline, 17, and Kate, 13," writes **Lisa Abbey Wilking**, who is now an independent contractor doing accounting work for several small clients. Lisa adds that she loves having the ability to make her own schedule and work from home. Both her girls attend Notre Dame Prep, so they spend a lot of time traveling back and forth to Towson. As for her spare time, Lisa says most of it is spent watching Kate play lacrosse, basketball, and soccer. And, in addition to their own two dogs, the Wilkings also foster puppies, which, Lisa says, is both rewarding and exhausting. The college search is on for Caroline, and they've begun visiting a few, adding that McDaniel/WMC is on the list.

**Dwain Woodley** reports that he is chief deputy district attorney in San Diego. He gets a chance every fall to get back to the East Coast to see his son play football at Columbia University in New York City. Dwain adds that he misses his friends from WMC/McDaniel College.

As for me, **Maureen Carroll Martin**, I don't have too much new to report. I am in my 18th year of working full time for Association Research Inc. in Gaithersburg, Maryland. After 35 years in radio, my husband, John, is now unemployed as the station for which he worked for most of those years was sold in 2019. My older daughter, Molly, is finally getting her health back after a few years of dealing with a chronic illness. (If anyone else has a child with dysautonomia or POTS, please feel free to reach out to me.) My younger daughter, Annie, will begin her senior year at American University in D.C. as a Public Relations and Strategic Communications major with a History minor. She lives in Tenleytown and loves being in the city.

As always, feel free to send me address changes, status updates, or any other news at any time. And come join our Class of 1986 Facebook group and share some memories.

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## 1992

**Rick Callan** is living in Eldersburg, Maryland, and has been working as an insurance underwriter/broker for the past 15 years. He has two children in college (University of Maryland and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania) and one in high school. Rick and his wife, Amy, just celebrated 25 years of marriage and vacationed in Jamaica. He enjoys racquetball and fishing and would like to say hi to all the Sig Eps.

**Kristine Meislohn Camburn** shared that things have been wonderful for her and her family. Their daughter, **Colleen Camburn '23**, just completed her freshman year at McDaniel College and is playing on the softball team! "What an amazing feeling it was moving her onto the campus we used to live on and listening to her stories of events on the Hill. It really brought back memories!" Their son, Josh, is a sophomore in high school and already looking into colleges. Her husband continues to work for the New Jersey Carpenter's Union, and she is still teaching in Brick, New Jersey. She hopes everyone is well!

Tony and **Ali Quigley Cleveland** just celebrated 23 years of marriage in October. They are slowly becoming empty nesters as their daughter is a sophomore at Pitt, their oldest son graduated high school in June, and their youngest will be a sophomore in high school. Ali is the community development coordinator for West Whiteland Township, and they are coming up on their 20th year in Downingtown, Pennsylvania. Ali and Tony enjoy spending time at their house in Ocean City, New Jersey, spending time in the Outer Banks, North Carolina, and adjusting to a calmer life without so many of the kids' activities and events.

**Gina Gargeu** is still living in the Canton area of Baltimore and engaged to Jim Yannatelli. She continues to operate her Century21 Real Estate Brokerage and the Downtown Dog Resort. Gina recently bought a retirement home on the water in Salisbury, Maryland, to be closer to family and has started dividing her time between both cities. She says it's hard to believe so much time has gone by since college, she misses everyone and looks forward to attending Homecoming this year.

All is well in Rockville for the Goyné family. **Brett** and **Steph Lee '95 Goyné** are finishing their 23rd year of teaching. Both their children, Stella and Brady, will be at Richard Montgomery High School next year. Brady is on both the football and baseball teams. Stella is going to join the cheerleaders and participate on the track team next year. The Goyné family still runs into fellow

Green Terrors **Jim Webster, Clark** and **Shana Burdick '95 Hospelhorn, Pete '94** and **Carolyn Kelsey '95 Briskman**, and **Julie Lucas '95** often.

**Stephen Harlan** reports that he and his family went skiing and snowboarding in the Poconos often this past winter, which was a nice break between coaching town recreation soccer, baseball, and softball. Over the past year, the Harlan family met up with alumni at the Army ROTC Centennial gala, kids' birthday parties, and Scout events in central New Jersey and at the annual "I Love the Hill NYC" event. Stephen celebrated 10 years as a civilian federal employee with the Department of the Army as a military historian, his dream "forever" job. He also received exciting news for his Army Reserve career when he was selected as brigade commander of the 210th Regional Support Group in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, beginning in April 2020. Needless to say, his wife and kids are thrilled for periodic trips to support his command there. He wishes his fellow Green Terror alumni a successful and healthy 2020.

On Jan. 1, 2020, **Philip Heavner** began a new position as the system chief of pediatrics at the Guthrie Clinic based in Sayre, Pennsylvania. His wife, **Marielle Ainsworth '94**, continues in her position at The Farmers' Museum and Fenimore Art Museum in Cooperstown, New York, as well as serving on the Cooperstown Central School Board of Education. Their three kids, Nathan, Brendan, and Margaret, keep busy with the Otsego Composite Mountain Biking Team. The family visits relatives in Maryland and New Jersey as often as they can.

**Claudia Henemyre** is a colonel in the U.S. Army. She served as the commander of the Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratory at Fort Meade, Maryland, from 2016 to 2019. This past summer, the Army moved her to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where she presently serves on the board of directors for the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital as the director for education, training, and research. Claudia graduated from the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, in 2018, and got the opportunity to catch up with fellow former Green Terror Battalion cadet, now Colonel **Stephen Harlan**, who was an instructor at the college. She shared that it's hard to believe her son, Nathan, is a senior in high school. Claudia and her college roommate, **Leslie Mullendore Chaney**, continue to go on trips together. They met up at the Hill in April 2019 for the 100th anniversary banquet of the Army ROTC program where they celebrated with **Stephen Harlan, John Olsch** and former Professor of Military Science and alum Lt. Col. (Retired) **John Haker '69.**

**Jonelle Leith Jozwiak** and her family are well and still living in Baytown, Texas, where the winter there is like spring on the Hill. She shared, "The azaleas are in full bloom! The citrus trees are in bud as well and smell fragrant! I just saw a few houses covered in ice in Hamburg, New York, where **Mark Jozwiak '90** used to recruit for St. Lawrence

# Mobilize and stabilize: Keeping four businesses running during a shutdown

**"I own about four different businesses: The Downtown Dog Resort, Swan Harbor Animal Hospital, Century21 Downtown, and a portfolio of rental properties. [The pandemic] was definitely a learning experience for me. Everything happened so fast during the first couple of weeks and each business had its own set of challenges ... to be dealt with differently.**

**Once it became apparent we were headed for a shutdown, I found myself working day and night, completely immersed in planning the next course of action. I had to mobilize my staff and make sure they had the equipment they needed to work at home, get PPE, set up procedures to keep the ones who had to be on-site safe, and set up an internal server network so we could store data digitally.**

**I was applying for all of the grants and loans I could find to cover expenses while business was done. I knew this would be crucial to do right away since many of the programs had limited funds. In addition to this, a huge priority was keeping everyone working together as a team and in a good mental state. It is easy for people to fall into depression from the isolation and I didn't want that to happen to my team."**

— **Gina Gargeu '92**



University. We don't really miss that super cold weather!" Their son, Wesley, is in his junior year of high school and daughter, Emily, is in eighth grade. Wesley doesn't know what he wants to do yet except fish and play basketball. Emily, on the other hand, is set on being an athletic trainer. She has been helping her dad at games for two years and now that there is an athletic trainer at the school, she has helped her all year. She is also playing tennis. Mark is still teaching tech apps and coaching football, basketball, girls' soccer, and track and field. Of course, it is shot and discuss. "Mark and I met officially in the discus circle on the Hill and he asked me out at a track meet at Messiah College! What fond memories. I wish I could have made it back for the ROTC reunion. I really wanted to make the Army a career as a physical therapist! MS got in the way and is getting a little rambunctious for me right now. I just need to slow down a little, if anyone who remembers me thinks I can. Hope to make it back for the 30th!"

**Tracy Eagan McGill**, her husband, Don, and two boys, Peter and Ben, have been living in Duxbury, Massachusetts, for over 10 years and are starting to look at colleges for their older son, who is a junior this

year. Tracy regularly keeps in touch with many of her Phi Sig sisters and recently saw **Heather Richardson** when her son toured UMass Amherst.

**Andrew Krevolin** turned 50 on Feb. 2, and spent the weekend in Locust Grove, Georgia, seeing the groundhog. Andrew shared that, "General Beauregard Lee saw his shadow." Andrew is still a physical therapist living in Natchez, Mississippi, with his wife of 15 years, Sarah, his son, Jack, and his mother, who recently moved in with them. Their son is a freshman in high school and recently started high school baseball practice. The family keeps busy with their dog, cats, and travel baseball.

**Valerie Funk McAuley** wrote to us from Florida, where she was with her 13-year-old daughter's cheer team at a national cheer competition. She is still uber-busy working in private practice as a PCP in Exton, Pennsylvania, where she has been happily married to Paul McAuley for 22 years, with three children: Ryan, 16, Kyle, 15, and Catherine, 13. Ryan is amazing with computers and has had the highest certificates score the school has ever seen. Kyle is loving Downingtown STEM Academy and his mountain bike team, and Catherine is working hard with voice

# alumni updates

**Julie Dietzel-Glair '98 still lives on a boat in Baltimore.**

lessons and in all-star cheer. This summer, they plan to take a short road trip from Las Vegas to the Grand Canyon and back. Valerie was also hoping to catch up with **Kim Bergen, Coleen Klasmeier Lawson, and Tricia Duffy Murray '93** over the summer as well.

**Tom Quirk** runs Retirement & Investment Group and currently ranks in the top two percent of financial advisors nationwide. He has worked in the investment and financial planning field for 25 years now. He and his staff of five invest close to \$300 million in client assets. Tom also continues to serve on the Baltimore County Council, having just recently rotated off of chairmanship. He chairs the Spending Affordability Committee for the county. Tom and his family live in Oella, Maryland. Tom also teaches retirement classes for the State of Maryland program. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family, hiking in the Patapsco Valley State Park and reading about the markets. He keeps in touch with **Niccolo Amodeo** and **Brett Cohen**, along with several professors, most of whom are retired now.

**Doug Rettberg** has been working as a fitness specialist with Elevation Corporate Health since May 1, 2018, both as a personal trainer and group exercise class instructor. He is also working part time as a guitar instructor for Coffey Music in Westminster and started a classic rock band in 2016 called Best Regards Band.

**Mark Titus** writes, “The time period from Thanksgiving week 2018 through now has been quite the roller coaster ride for my family. It started on Thanksgiving weekend 2018 when my entire family, including my wife and I, were on a family reunion trip in Puerto Rico! Then in mid-January 2019, my father learned that his rare and aggressive cancer, liposarcoma, had come back with a vengeance. To see how incredibly fast moving the cancer was, and how rapidly it was affecting my father was depressing. On March 2, 2019 my entire family visited my father in the hospital the entire afternoon into early evening. We all said our goodbyes not knowing that it would be our final good-byes. Then at 1:10 a.m. on March 3, I got the phone call from my sister telling me that my father had passed away. On June 29, 2019, Roz and I went to Westminster to have the entree and cake tasting at Best Western, and we looked inside of Little Baker Chapel. My mother and Roz’s mother joined us for this happy time. On July 18, 2019, my mother suffered a severe brain aneurysm, never recovered, and was not responsive after the aneurysm. We kept my mother on life support overnight and on afternoon of July 19 took her off of life support. A month later, I had surgery, and was at home for two weeks recuperating. I then returned to work and worked on finishing up wedding plans and details. On Oct. 19, 2019, I got married on campus! The wedding ceremony was in Little Baker Chapel and the reception was

at Best Western. Ever since then, I have been helping my siblings going through my parents’ house, getting rid of a bunch of stuff, and marking items for the upcoming estate sale. On a happier note, as I’m typing this, Roz and I are on our honeymoon trip in Madrid, Spain, and the second part of the honeymoon trip we will be in Seville, Spain. I am looking forward to a better year, and I have been working with **Maureen Carroll Martin '86** as co-coordinators of the Montgomery County, Maryland alumni chapter.”

After graduating from then-Western Maryland College, **Denise Smolen Vause** spent a few years as a research assistant at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. She shared that it was truly a dream job but the six-hour daily commute was too much, so she took a job that was much closer to home with the American Physiological Society in Bethesda, Maryland. When their daughter was ready to begin studies at the University of Florida, they headed south to Tampa to be a little closer. Denise received her M.B.A. from the University of South Florida and went to work at a super unique startup company as their seventh employee. Here, she spent the next 10 years and eventually worked “remotely” from back in Maryland! The big change came when she swapped a private sector business operations hat with one running a small subcontracting company so the owners could return to the technical work they loved, and eventually as a contractor herself to the Department of Defense. She and her husband have been commuting to work together for about the past five years now and plan to continue doing so until retirement in a few years.

**Jessica Barlow Howell, M.S. '99** and her husband, **Rob Howell '91**, live in Ashburn, Virginia, with their daughters, Hailey, 15, and Hannah, 13. Hailey plays basketball and lacrosse, and Hannah acts, sings, and dances. Jessica is a reading teacher in Fairfax County Public Schools and Rob has been working for the government since he retired as a colonel from the Army in 2017.

**Sarah Biggs Warner** is living in Westminster, Maryland, with her two daughters, Emma and Abby. Life is busy with a high schooler and college student! Sarah currently teaches second grade in Eldersburg, Maryland. This is her 23rd year in the public school system and every day is an adventure. She still gets together often with **Jessica Barlow Howell, M.S. '99, Erin Thompson Strovel '93, Katie Shepherd Dredger '93, and Wendy Gayo Pardoe '93**, including their annual holiday dinner with all of their families.

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## 1998

**Kathleen Beyer** lives in New Jersey and for four years has been managing an Italian restaurant in Medford, New Jersey, that is owned by her cousin, who spent 14 years living in Italy. The restaurant’s menu changes daily. Kathleen would love for her McDaniel College friends to visit her at the restaurant if they are ever in Medford. When Kathleen is not working, she also enjoys catching up with her McDaniel College friends. Earlier this year Kathleen and **Amy Eagan '01** spent 12 days in Malibu, California. While there, they saw the Kobe Bryant tribute, went to a Lakers game, and enjoyed the sun, food, and wine. In February, Kathleen met **Faith Walker Wildesen '97, Amy Fox-O’Connell '99, Tara Kelly '99, Amy Eagan '01, and Liz Johnson Rohme '99** for a girls’ night.

**Michelle Crow Feracci** and her family live in Lutherville, Maryland. She and her husband, **Nick Feracci '99**, have been married for 16 years. Michelle is working as the business services supervisor for Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Michelle and Nick’s 15-year-old daughter, Madison, attends Notre Dame Prep, and their 13-year-old son, Dominic, attends Loyola Blakefield. Both Madison and Dominic are on the swim teams of their schools. In addition to swimming for their school teams, Madison and Dominic keep the family busy with their year-round swim team schedule. Michelle and Nick cheered on Madison and Dominic at the Maryland State Championship in March 2020 and traveled to Ft. Meyers, Florida, during Spring Break 2020 to take the kids to a meet there. Dominic also enjoys playing travel baseball with Nick as his coach. Michelle enjoys keeping in touch with Omega sorority sisters **Laurie Giorno Mace, Sarah Sheckells '97, Cindy Slaughter '96, Jen Doetsch Yeager '97, and Shana Burdick Hospelhorn '95**.

**Laurie Giorno Mace** is in her 21st year of teaching elementary school in Fallston, Maryland, at Youth’s Benefit Elementary. In addition to teaching, this is her second year as assistant varsity women’s basketball coach at Fallston High School. Her oldest daughter, Adrianna, is a junior and has started her college search. McDaniel College is definitely on Adrianna’s list of prospective schools, as she really enjoyed her tour earlier this year! Laurie’s youngest daughter, Sophia, has one more year of middle school, and then the girls will be together for one year of high school. Both girls are very active playing multiple sports, so Laurie and her husband, Drew, are busy cheering them on at all their games. Laurie enjoys getting together often with **Sarah Sheckells '97, Toni Randle-Cook '97, and Jen Doetsch Yeager '97** for girls’ nights and weekend trips!

**Julie Dietzel-Glair** still lives on a boat in Baltimore and has done so for seven years! Julie has a busy race schedule that started with a midnight race in New York City’s

Central Park on New Year’s Eve 2019. In January 2020, Julie had a reunion with **Jen Belbot Cox, Renee Dutil Zubic, Heather Wittenberg Sellers** and **Linda Walton Jones**. The group was excited to reunite and enjoyed dinner in a private room at Volt restaurant in Frederick, Maryland.

**Valerie Aberts Estes, M.S. '06** and her husband, **Rick Estes**, are doing well. They purchased a liquor store—Piper’s, in Manchester, Maryland—in November 2019. Valerie and Rick are excited about their new business venture!

**Chris Kulp** still lives near Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and teaches at Lycoming College. He recently got to visit McDaniel College with **Sonia Stoy Chapin '97, Liz Kress '97, and Micah Humbert '96**. The alumni were excited to tour some of the new facilities at McDaniel. In May 2020, Chris and Dr. Vasilis Pagonis, a McDaniel College Physics professor, submitted to their editor a physics textbook they co-authored. The subject is “Classical Mechanics,” and it focuses on describing the motion of objects (from as simple as the motion of falling bodies to more complicated, like rocket trajectories and planetary orbits). The team hopes the textbook will be in print this year.

**Missi Mangold Hayes** and her husband, **Brian Hayes '99**, live in Wahiawa, Hawaii, where Brian is stationed with the U.S. Army on Schofield Barracks. Brian took command of Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 25th Infantry Division in June 2018 and was scheduled to leave command in June 2020. Their next duty station will be in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In January, the couple celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary! Missi, Brian, and their son, Timothy, 11, enjoy learning about Hawaiian culture, hunting for sea glass, and going hiking and island hopping. Missi volunteers with the command’s Soldier and Family Readiness Group, and she is on the executive board of the Hui o Na Wahine Spouses Club. The couple often catches up with former ROTC Professor of Military Science Karen Helmeyer, who is retired on the Hawaiian island of Oahu. Missi and Brian look forward to moving back to the East Coast to be closer to their families. They also are eager to explore the southern half of the Atlantic Coast.

**Chryssa Moyer** and her family have re-adjusted to life in Pennsylvania after the family’s yearlong living experiment in southern Germany. There are aspects of living in Germany that the family does not miss, but many that they do. Chryssa’s children became conversationally fluent in German, more so than Chryssa and her husband, Justin, did. The family learned many lessons about cultural understanding and that some stereotypes about some countries are, indeed, true. The family used their time in Germany to travel to nine different countries! They are hoping to return to Germany in the near future to visit with the many friends that

they made. To celebrate the family’s return to the United States, the family welcomed König Carlos—a Chihuahua-schnauzer mix—into the family. Chryssa is an Art History adjunct for a local community college. Despite her busy schedule, Chryssa still maintains strong ties to her McDaniel College friends. Chryssa and her family went skiing in Utah last year with **Erin von Tobel-Gesser** and her family. Chryssa also keeps in touch with **Meredith Bowen, Danielle Dickerson, and Jeannine Dabb**.

**Amanda Rose, M.S. '02** and her wife, Kristina Shackelford, welcomed their child, Rhett Joseph-Rose Shackelford, into the world on May 19, 2019. The family is doing wonderfully!

**Jonathon Shacat** works as a manager on a medical writing and editing team at the Food and Drug Administration. His Peace Corps memoir, “The Toughest Job I Ever Loved,” is available on Amazon and continues to be very popular! Jonathan is in the process of writing a novel.

In January 2019, **Ray Walker** started a new career as a lead associate at Booz Allen Hamilton. Ray married Andrew Morgan on Feb. 8, 2020, which is the anniversary of the day they met four years ago. The couple resides in downtown Silver Spring, Maryland.

This year, **Marlene Wagner Stanton, M.S. '05** began her 20th year of teaching. She has taken a break from teaching physical education and is currently teaching health education at Queen Anne’s County High School. Marlene graduated from that high school so she is even more excited to be teaching there. Marlene is enjoying the change in pace that comes with teaching high school students after teaching middle school students for almost 15 years. In addition, after 11 years of coaching high school swimming, Marlene decided to step down so that she can spend more time with her three sons, who are 13, 10, and 8. Marlene enjoys supporting and cheering the boys on in after-school activities and sports. Despite her busy schedule, Marlene and her family have found time to visit **Kim Tower Kostelis '99** and her family at Kim’s home in Vermont several times over the past few years. The families enjoyed skiing in the winter and doing other outdoor activities in the summer. Marlene reports that life keeps her quite busy, but she is very happy and reminded frequently that time does fly!

**Kim Walter Eckley** still lives in Winchester, Virginia. However, she moved her family from their 1800s farmhouse in the mountains to the suburbs following the sudden death of her husband in 2016. Her children, Jonathan, 11, and Genevieve, 9, love being able to play with friends outside. Kim loves being 15 minutes from everything in town. Kim works for the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a project manager and as a contracting officer’s representative. Kim still participates in competition

chili cook-offs and loves attending concerts. She has seen at least one show every month since September 2017!

As for me, I still am an associate general counsel at the Central Intelligence Agency. After over 10 years of providing legal guidance on counterterrorism operations in Afghanistan and Pakistan, I rotated to a new assignment in July 2019 and now provide legal guidance on operations related to Iran. When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my sister, **Dr. Danielle Grandrimo '96**, who has returned to New Jersey to live closer to our family. I also enjoy spending time with fellow McDaniel College women’s soccer alumni **Jessica Mongrain** and **Natalie Hannibal Gieski '99, M.S. '02**. In addition, I enjoy playing recreational league soccer several times per week.

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## 2004

**Christine Mayne Crowell** and **Scots Crowell '05** have been enjoying a busy and fun life with their three children: Payton, 10, Kellan, 8, and Taylor, 4. Christine is the clinical director of the New Jersey division of Continuum Behavioral Health (an ABA company), and Scots is working with a solar company called SunUpZeroDown. They traveled to Mykonos, Greece, with **Nick Alevrogiannis '06** for the baptism of his daughter last year and enjoy their busy sports schedules and celebrating the accomplishments of their children.

**Justin Simon** and his wife, Kayla, continue to reside in Timonium, Maryland. They welcomed their first child, Joel Taylor, in December 2018. In addition to co-managing a growing family, Justin continues to own and operate a growing company, Driven Media Group. Justin says he is always looking to interview and hire McDaniel grads!

**John, M.S. '13** and **Krysti Durcholz, M.S. '11 Knauth** reside in Westminster with their three children: Hope, 7, Alia, 5, and Luke, 2. John is still teaching physical education at East Middle School and earned his certification in administration from McDaniel in fall 2019. After a year of staying home with the kiddos, Krysti returned to full-time teaching for Carroll County Public Schools in fall 2019 and is currently teaching eighth grade English language arts at Mount Airy Middle School. The couple celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on June 18.

**Kathy Wilson Henkel** and her husband, John, are pleased to announce that their son, Daniel Kenneth, was born in September 2019. “He is certainly our bundle of joy and we are so in love with him!” she says. They still reside in Glen Burnie, Maryland, with John working for the Anne Arundel County Fire Department as a radio technician. Kathy works in Columbia, Maryland,

# family

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**Mr. David Denton Jr., '80** of Charlotte, North Carolina, on July 24, 2020.

**Mr. Robert Holcombe '80** of Stafford, Virginia, on Sept. 7, 2020.

**Mrs. Katherine Perrine Schneider M.Ed. '80** of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on Oct. 17, 2019.

**Sr. Maria Wrubel, RSM M.Ed. '81** of Dallas, Pennsylvania, on July 27, 2019.

**Mr. Allan Layman Jr., M.L.A. '83** of Parkville, Maryland, on Dec. 19, 2019.

**Mrs. Elizabeth White Hall M.Ed. '84** of East Berlin, Pennsylvania, on May 2, 2020.

**Mr. Allan Bernardini '85** of Ocean City, New Jersey, on July 1, 2020.

**Mr. Jeffrey Fignar '85, M.S. '90** of Hagerstown, Maryland, on April 4, 2020.

**Ms. Renee Thomson-Hohl M.Ed. '85** of Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, on Aug. 31, 2020.

**Mrs. Pamela Dachille Odell '86** of Abingdon, Maryland, on Sept. 26, 2018.

**Mr. John “Kip” Heinzmann Jr., '88** of Atlanta, Georgia, on July 24, 2020.

**Mr. Paul Helman M.S. '88, M.S. '90** of Greencastle, Pennsylvania, on Dec. 19, 2019.

**Mrs. Barbara Rice Mackley M.S. '89** of Hanover, Pennsylvania, on Aug. 2020.

**Mrs. Gail Hahn Meckley '91** of East Berlin, Pennsylvania, on March 21, 2020.

**Mrs. Alice Stokes Carpenter M.S. '95** of Westminster, Maryland, on Sept. 27, 2020.

**Mr. Christian J. Gagnon '20** of Bowie, Maryland, on June 27, 2020.

**Bethany Fisher '04** has been managing the environmental health and safety for the student center renovations at McDaniel.

as an assistant controller for an affordable housing company, Enterprise Community Investment, where she celebrated 15 years of employment last year.

**Sam Boardman, M.L.A. '09** and his wife, Kristel, were married in 2003 in Newport, Rhode Island, in front of a handful of McDaniel alums, with **John Luster '03** serving as an usher in the wedding party. On June 21, 2019, the couple welcomed their daughter, Hannah. The Boardmans live in Dedham, Massachusetts, with their daughter and energetic chocolate Labradoodle, Griswold. Sam works at Pollard Middle School in Needham, Massachusetts.

**John Reagan** graduated with his Master of Business Administration in health care management in April 2019. He is a practice administrator for New York Orthopedics, overseeing 90 employees. He moved back to his hometown of Colts Neck, New Jersey, to raise his beautiful family. John and his wife, Sharon, have three very active sons: Jake, 5, Julian, 3, and JT, 1. When John's not on a 5:30 a.m. bus to Manhattan, he is running on the weekends at the Jersey Shore. He hopes to make it to the McDaniel 20-year reunion.

**Karin Kauffman Geraci** earned a master's in Visual Impairment from University of Kentucky in May. **Lee Geraci** is an acute care surgeon in Northern Kentucky and also has the role of physician director of the surgical division. The couple has three wonderful kids and are enjoying exploring their new hometown.

**Christina Bandula Storie, M.S. '10** completed her 16th year of working for Carroll County Public Schools and is now in her fourth school placement as an elementary reading specialist. Christina has been happily married to **Adam Storie '06** for 12 years, and there is never a dull moment for them as they raise their three children. Her family now lives in the Finksburg, Maryland, area, and they are all enjoying their new country views! She loves catching up with new and old friends and is thankful for all the blessings that she has in her life.

In the past year, **Christopher Drupieski's** job as an associate professor of mathematics at DePaul University in Chicago has continued to take him to exciting locations for mathematics conferences, including Honolulu, Hawaii, (which he says was a pleasant reprieve from Chicago's gray winter skies), and the Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach in Germany's Black Forest.

**Lyndsay Bare Kuzmak** is still a full partner in a family and cosmetic dentistry practice in downtown Westminster. She recently served as the president of the Carroll County Dental Society (CCDS), a delegate in the Maryland State Dental Association (MSDA) House of Delegates, and is currently serving a three-year term as the trustee for the CCDS to the MSDA. She has volunteered her dental services in Mission of Mercy events and has also traveled to local elementary

schools teaching kids about oral health. She and her husband, Steve, also a dentist, still live in Finksburg, Maryland, with their four children: Gabby, 7, Jonathan, 5, Caroline, 3, and Christopher, 3.

**Kate Hartman Zedalis**, her husband, Brian, and their three kids, Samantha, William, and Andrew, have settled into their new house they purchased in 2018 in Grasonville, Maryland. Kate is a Spanish teacher at Matapeake Middle School, and Brian works as an inside sales representative at Choptank Transport. The family enjoys watching the siblings play in local rec sports, running around with neighborhood friends, having campfires and playing "Don't Break the Ice (Human Version)" with couch cushions and pillows. Kate has enjoyed coaching her daughter's field hockey team the past three seasons, and continues gardening "to keep her thumb at a minimal shade of chartreuse." She sends her love and warm wishes to **Christina Bandula Storie, M.S. '10**, **Krissy Jorda Smith**, **Jessica Zimmerman Tosti**, and **Katie Hancock**.

**Jessica Stinnette Shreve** and her husband welcomed their second child, Abigail Marie, on Nov. 4, 2019. Big brother Alex is now 2. She is in the process of moving her family back to the area from West Virginia to York County, Pennsylvania, and will be continuing as a family medicine physician in the York County area.

**Sara Thomas** married Chris Ward on Dec. 29, 2019, at the Down Town Club in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They explored the islands of Bora Bora and Moorea for their honeymoon in January. Sara and Chris reside in Philadelphia, where Chris works as a pediatric anesthesiologist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Sara has spent the last eight years working for Visa as a senior account executive for quick-service restaurants, following previous roles at MBNA, Bank of America, Bill Me Later, and PayPal.

While she graduated from McDaniel with a bachelor's in Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice, **Hermelinda "Linda" Nonalaya May** reports that she never worked in that field since her professional interest was in business and finance. She worked in the workers' compensation and commercial insurance field for a while and earned a Master of Business Administration in international business from Loyola University. She entered the finance field a few years ago as a financial analyst. "I am doing very well professionally and personally," she says. "I travel around the world and enjoy learning about different cultures. I guess that's due to my Sociology background." She traveled to England this year and has her sights set on Greece as well. She enjoys gardening and says that she can be found outside during the spring and summer months taking care of flowers, berries, and fruit trees. "Life is good," she says. "I have nice memories from my time at McDaniel. Greetings to the Class

of 2004, especially to my former professors and classmates."

**Heather Sinclair, M.A. '18** is in her 15th year at T. Rowe Price, where she is currently a senior auditor. She gave birth to daughter, Raegan Emory Hylton, on Oct. 30, 2019. She keeps in touch with her Phi Sig sorority sisters and follows the Green Terror softball team. She reports that she still enjoys softball in her work league each season and even played while pregnant last summer. Heather is an avid gardener and is loving her new life as a mommy to her precious baby girl. She resides in Finksburg, Maryland.

**Ryan Melhorn, M.S. '13** and his wife, **Cristen Callegary '07, M.S. '15 Melhorn**, welcomed their first child, Emersyn Rae Melhorn, on Aug. 28, 2019. He reports that their 8-year-old golden retriever has taken a liking to her and is her protector. Ryan continues to support Phi Delta Theta fraternity by mentoring the current members and speaking at their induction ceremonies.

**Beth Harper** married Andy Craig in 2016 and the couple currently resides in Catonsville, Maryland, with two cats, named She-Ra and Irie, and a dog named Milo. (Fun fact: Beth and Andy met through a mutual friend, **Jason Hikel '03**.) They welcomed daughter, Anya Harper Craig, into the world in July 2018. Beth is working as an email developer at T. Rowe Price while also pursuing freelance graphic design opportunities. She continues to play music with her band, Barnyard Sharks, as well as the occasional piano performance opportunities that come her way.

**Bethany Fisher** spent more than a decade as a compliance officer and industrial hygienist for Maryland Occupational Safety and Health. Three years ago, she left the civil servant realm and took a position with one of the largest general contractors in the U.S. She is currently an environmental, health, and safety area manager. She reports that the position has brought her full circle at McDaniel; she is managing the environmental health and safety for the Decker Center renovations at McDaniel. "Being able to work for one of the greatest construction firms in the world and see my alma mater continually improve is pretty cool," she says.

**Sarah Voskuhl Ashley** and her husband, Joe, welcomed their first baby, Charles Joseph, into the world on Feb. 9, 2020.

**Mike Southers, M.S. '13** reports he is still in private practice for providing counseling services in Frederick, Maryland, and is also an adjunct for Hood College's graduate program for counseling. He co-presented at the 2018 American of Academy of Psychotherapists Institute and Conference and also leads trainings for therapists. In 2017, he went back to Budapest for the fourth time in his life and rented an apartment for two weeks to wander about. "I also got a cracked tooth while there that cost me less than \$250 to get extracted," he says.

## How technology helped a therapist's business — and clients — thrive during the pandemic

By Lindsay Sherman



When Mike Southers '04, M.S. '13 started reading about the novel coronavirus in early 2020, he didn't think it would be so bad. But as his clients started talking about it in their therapy sessions in March, he had to learn to cope with the anxiety of the situation right along with them.

"I wanted to commit to my clients by saying, 'We don't know what's going to happen, but I am going to make every effort to be available to you. This is us being human together,'" he says. "I think that's very important in therapy."

Southers, who has had a private counseling practice since 2014, was keeping a close eye on the announcements from Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, unsure whether he'd be permitted to continue seeing clients in person. Soon, he transitioned all of his clients to teletherapy, which required a hefty investment in his business.

"I had to buy a lot of new technology," Southers says. "I wasn't sure at first if I'd be able to go into the office, so I bought a new desktop computer and webcam for home just in case. Then I hired a friend who had been furloughed to help me with medical billing, so I had to buy him a laptop to use."

Like many whose work lives have gone completely virtual, Southers found himself getting drained rather quickly with the increased screen time. His solution? "I bought a 50-inch TV for my office that I hooked my laptop up to," Southers says. "Now, I can see my client's faces nearly life-size and it helps with the sound, too. I'm not feeling as exhausted anymore."

Southers says that each client has had a different reaction to switching to teletherapy from in-person sessions. "There are some people who definitely want to be back in the room with me," he says. "But others are actually opening up more since there's more physical distance and are really thriving in this digital environment."

Although he already had a full client roster before the pandemic, Southers says he's seen an increase in new patient inquiries as more people identify and want to cope with anxiety, depression, and relationship issues that quarantine and isolation may have brought to light. While he can't take on new clients at this time, he encourages anyone who is considering starting therapy to take the leap.

"Therapy can be so beneficial even outside of the context of a pandemic," he says. "It can not only treat symptoms but also help you reach goals you never thought you might be able to before. But personal support can be really helpful as well, and isolating — not just physically, but emotionally — from those you love can be really detrimental and painful during this time. It's really important to find people we can rely on — and let them know they can rely on you, too."

# alumni updates

**Lauren Laker '10** has been a packaging designer for Under Armour for the last five years.

**Julia Keene Wilkinson** still lives in Massachusetts with her husband and two sons, Eddie, 9, and Andrew, 7. She continues to work as a genetic counselor and is now with a testing company called Invitae. She got to spend time last summer with her college roommate, **Lindsey Lord**, and Phi Mu sister **Allison Smith '06, M.S. '08**, on trips to New England. Julia also enjoyed celebrating 15 years since graduation and seeing old friends at McDaniel's Homecoming last fall. Her mother, **Dorothy "Dottie" Hitchcock Keene '74**, joined her to celebrate her 45th class reunion and many years spent having fun on the Hill. Julia's grandmother, Professor Emeritus Julia Hitchcock, is still living in Cross Keys Village outside of Hanover, Pennsylvania, and enjoys hosting the family whenever they are in town to visit the college.

**Katie Tomarelli** reports that after 10 years working as a registered nurse, she earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice in 2019 and is working as a psychiatric nurse practitioner for locum tenens assignments. She is also fortunate in her various travels to visit a yoga ashram in Kerala, India, and to visit Green Terror swimming teammate **Erich Bass** in Hanover, Germany, and **Lena Parenyak** in Denver, Colorado.

As for me, **Katie Champion Riley**, I've been working for the American Occupational Therapy Association in Bethesda, Maryland, for the past eight years. After working strictly in media relations, I was promoted last year to assistant director of communications and media, and I am enjoying the demands of my new role. My husband, Rick, and I are kept busy coaching basketball, baseball and softball for our two kids, Rickey, 10, and McKenna, 7. I recently checked off a big item on my bucket list: I ran my first half marathon. And with that complete, I'm looking forward to hanging up the running shoes (for just a little bit) and exploring Maryland by bike.

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## 2010

Howdy, fellow Green Terrors! Your faithful class reporter is back, and after another three years, it's time to see what our classmates are up to! Sure, we have social media, but nothing beats being able to see it in our favorite magazine, right? Let's get to it.

**Kristen McGeeney** started grad school this past summer, going for her master's degree in public health at Johns Hopkins University. She was recognized for the incredible work that she's done in her role as a project manager at the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and we could not be prouder of her. The past fall, Kristen married her sweetheart, fellow McDaniel alum **Josh Bronson '01**.

On a similar life track, **Lindsey Browning** is still working in health policy through the National Association of Medicaid Directors, where she helps to support state Medicaid programs to ensure that some of the vulnerable populations in our country have access to health care. This past fall, Lindsey also said "I do" to her now wife, **Carolyn Bradley Browning '12**, at their adventurous wedding on the Napali Coast of Kauai, Hawaii, overlooking the ocean and the mountains. She mentions that "hiking in with flower arrangements and carrying our suit and dress was quite the endeavor," and this reporter is certainly impressed! In case she didn't have enough adventure in her life, Lindsey has also taken up Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and sometimes competes. But don't go searching for her on ESPN just yet: "While I'm not particularly good at it, I find some weird enjoyment out of getting crushed repeatedly."

**Jess Schisler Beall** earned her Master of Social Work back in 2011 and has since been working in child welfare with the Frederick County Department of Social Services. She and her husband, Brad, built a house on her family's farm, and moved in this year.

For your stationery needs, **Ashleigh Smith Pritchard** started her own greeting card line, and the website made its debut very recently! (charmcat.net) This reporter is quite impressed with the cards and encourages all alums to give Ashleigh's business a look if you're interested in supporting small business. In other big news for Ashleigh, husband **Adam Pritchard '09** began a new job as assistant curator of paleontology at the Virginia Museum of Natural History, which led to the two moving to southwest Virginia where they bought a house. Congrats, you two!

Joining in on moves to the south, **Jess Peyton Scott** reports in from her new home in Raleigh, North Carolina. She married husband, Rick, in 2017, and in 2018, she accepted a job at Brown Advisory in Raleigh. Later in the year, she earned her Certified Financial Planner designation. And as if marriage, a new job, and a big move weren't enough, Jess and Rick welcomed baby Banks Roderick Scott just last year. Will Banks become a Green Terror as well? Tune in 18 years from now to find out here!

Our class also includes some pretty big honors for alums, as **Amelia Reiniger Mar-kosian** was named Kent County Teacher of the Year for 2018–2019. Congrats, Amelia! She also graduated with her master's in School Leadership from Wilmington University just last year, further cementing her rock-star status as one of the state's best teachers.

Moving out of state seems to be the trend for our class, but for **Stacey Kight Skadberg**, that move took her north. Stacey got married in Shelburne, Vermont, in 2017, and in 2018, she gave birth to her son, Jacob. Her husband took off work for a bit to stay home with Jacob, allowing Stacey to return to her work as a

senior adjuster at Vermont Mutual Insurance Co., where she also oversees the interns. It seems that Stacey has really taken to life in Vermont! She writes, "It's really beautiful. And life is a little slower. And smaller. You bump into neighbors at the co-op and co-workers at the farmers market."

We also have plenty of fellow alums who have earned master's degrees, and **Allie Donnelly, M.S. '12** joins the ranks with her master's in School Counseling, straight from the Hill! Since 2013, she has worked as an elementary school counselor in New Jersey, all while completing yet another master's in Educational Leadership. Major props to you, Allie!

Also continuing in the noble profession of school counseling, **Frannia Bryant, M.S. '14** has found work as a middle school counselor – at the school she attended – and continues to promote McDaniel to her students. Never too early to start planting those Green Terror seeds! Frannia still keeps in contact with many fellow alums, including **Lyndley O'Dell '09, M.S. '12**, and hangs out often with them.

**Lauren Laker** continues to work with Under Armour in Baltimore, where she has been for six years, working as a packaging designer for the last five. In 2016, she bought a home in the Locust Point neighborhood of the city, allowing her to walk to work and the store, among many other places. In her spare time (aside from having misadventures with fellow Omega sister **Liz Walther '09**), she runs her own gold foil art business, where she creates prints, cards, and gift tags right from her kitchen. This past Christmas, her cards were even featured at J.Crew! This reporter is very impressed with Lauren's work and encourages all alums to check it out online by following @LucyLake on social media.

**Whitney Youngmans Taylor** has remained busy as a physical education teacher for the past six years in Cranford, New Jersey. In 2016, she married Jeff Taylor and the two bought a house in Matawan, New Jersey, shortly thereafter. In 2019, they welcomed their baby girl, Kylee Rae Taylor, on their third anniversary. Congrats to the family!

**Marzak Ahmed** continues to work with the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), this time as a representative for its Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition program, where he helps primary-care site practices with NCQA recognition. Just last fall, Marzak embarked on his first international trip, where he explored many sites in Italy, including Rome, Pompeii, Sorrento, and Assisi. He now hopes to expand his international experiences with more trips in the future. In his spare time, you can find Marzak still volunteering at the Smithsonian Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., and he says that visitors are always welcome!

Continuing on the master's train, we have **Liz Brown Westerhoff**, who completed her Master of Arts with certificates in Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism through Ball State University in August 2019. She trav-

eled to the campus in Muncie, Indiana, for graduation and celebrated with best friend and fellow McDaniel alum **Lauren Wallace** (and the reporter is relieved to hear that this legendary pair are still good friends). In the same month, Liz sat for the boards to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and officially passed in September. Since the certification, Liz has taken on greater responsibility at her job, where she now supervises the applied behavior analysis therapy that is provided to clients in their homes. Liz writes, "The past few years have been dedicated to my career and furthering my education. I am so grateful to be able to work with so many amazing individuals to improve their quality of life, and it has been a pleasure watching them grow!" She currently lives in Denville, New Jersey, with her husband, Gary, and their cat, Brûlée.

**David Grimes** has worked at Hagerstown Community College since 2012 as a math learning support specialist in the campus tutoring center. Later this year, he will also complete another chapter of his education with his Master of Science in Mathematical Sciences from the University of West Florida.

Writing in for a true McDaniel couple, **Matt** and **Julia Bryant Crowe** are in great spirits at their newly purchased home in Parkville, Maryland. Matt still works in sales at Agora Financial, and Julia is now in her ninth year of teaching, currently at Owings Mills High School. In 2019, they welcomed their baby girl, McKinley, to the family, and this reporter is glad to have access to some of the cutest baby pics through social media. Congratulations to the Crowe family!

**Lisa Katchan McCarthy** has been a pharmacist for Kaiser Permanente for the past three years and recently was promoted as a pharmacy supervisor at the Abingdon Medical Center. Last May, Lisa and husband, TJ, welcomed their baby boy, Alexander John McCarthy.

This reporter was also pleased to hear from fellow Phi Kap, **Joe Drzonsc**, as he writes from his home in Southern California. Joe spent five years with Gavin de Becker & Associates, the world's leading personal security firm, where he provided protection for many influential figures from across the globe. He then took a position as director of operations in the firm's aviation division at Los Angeles International Airport. The many people Joe has personally helped secure transport for have included Japanese Emperor Naruhito, Princess Mako of Akishino, and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair. We hope to welcome Joe back to the Hill so we can hear some of these stories!

Still enjoying the beach life is **Marina Feeser**, who is living on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Currently, you can find her working as a graphic designer for Salisbury University, where she can put her artistic talents to great use. On the side, she has really gone deeper with her passion for protecting our beaches

and oceans by becoming involved with her local chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. Marina has been involved with Surfrider's beach cleanup program and youth outreach and engagement. More recently, she led a group that included many high school students to a lobbying day on Capitol Hill, where they asked Maryland congressmen for their support of bills that offer protections of the ocean at the federal level. She describes the day as "empowering," and this reporter gives Marina major props for helping to protect our most valuable resources! Otherwise, Marina continues to enjoy life with Kenzie, her 12-year-old Australian shepherd/corgi rescue, who joins her on hikes, beach days, and paddleboarding adventures all around the shore.

Reporting in for another McDaniel couple is **Jodi Feehan Webb**, who resides in Columbia, Maryland, with husband, **Gordon Webb**. The two have been married since 2013, which included a surprise honeymoon to Aruba. Both currently work for the Department of Defense, and their work has continued to lead the pair to many new milestones, with Jodi's work taking them on a trip to Hawaii, and Gordon successfully completing his M.B.A. in 2015. In 2018, the family grew with the addition of Mason Jack Webb. The family continues to be in great spirits and had the chance to cheer on Gordon as he completed his first half marathon only months after Mason's birth. Cheers to the Webbs!

**Emily Hajjar** is celebrating 12 years with Creosote Affects as creative director and brand strategist, and her work has allowed her to travel frequently and speak at national conferences in education. More recently, Emily took a trip with several other fellow alums, including **Casey Taub**, **Roxanne Fleischer Wood**, **M.L.A. '12**, **Jodi Feehan Webb**, **Lisa Katchan McCarthy**, and **Emily Peoples '11**. Emily lives in Thurmont, Maryland, and still enjoys going on runs with Roxanne on weekends. Speaking of **Roxanne Fleischer Wood**, **M.L.A. '12**, she and husband, Mark, welcomed baby boy, Asa Jacob, last year, who joins big brothers Jesse and Samson. Congrats to the growing Wood family!

Putting his degree to great use, **Josh Vyskocil, M.S. '15** continues to teach music, specifically for grades K–6 at St. John the Baptist School in New Freedom, Pennsylvania, and grades K–8 for Resurrection Catholic School and Sacred Heart School, both in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. And if that wasn't enough teaching, he also serves as a percussion instructor for the marching band of Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown, Pennsylvania. When not working, Josh spends his spare time — you guessed it — involved with more music, performing in such ensembles as the Lyric Band of Hanover, the Hanover Lancers Alumni Drum and Bugle Corps, the Hanover Symphony Orchestra, the Littlestown Area Municipal

Band, and the Gettysburg Civic Chorus, and even as a cantor at St. Joseph Church in Hanover, Pennsylvania. Much credit is due for staying true to his passion in music!

I think three McDaniel couples in this column officially makes it a trend for our class, and here we have **Naomi Raphael Adams**, who writes in for her and husband, **Keith Adams**. The two reside in Baltimore, along with their toddler daughter, Bina, and family dog, Milo. Naomi is a social worker and therapist at an elementary and middle school in West Baltimore, while Keith currently works as a high school music teacher for Sandy Spring Friends School in Sandy Spring, Maryland. While times may change, traditions certainly do not, and Naomi and Keith still enjoy playing music together and late-night snacks.

Now becoming our fourth McDaniel couple, **Patty Guzman Abreu** writes in for her and husband, **Arturo Abreu**, from their newly purchased home in Rockville, Maryland. They've traveled extensively in the last three years, including to the Philippines to see Patty's family, the Bahamas, and Dubai, where they were able to ascend the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building. Last year, the pair welcomed their baby boy, Theodore, who joins older (feline) brother, Milo. And yes, this reporter still reminisces on their epic Miami wedding quite frequently.

**Eric Lemmon** writes in for the first time, with many updates since graduation. In 2014, he married college sweetheart, **Laura Abbasi-Lemmon '12** (and this author enjoyed their wedding celebration along with many other fellow Phi Kap brothers). 2016 then proved to be a big year, as he not only graduated from medical school but also moved back to Baltimore for his residency in internal medicine and pediatrics. In 2018, the two welcomed baby boy, Noah, to the family, and just this year, Eric accepted his first job as an attending physician at University of Maryland Medical Center. Major props to Eric for his accomplishments!

**Brandon Senter** has kept busy in the politics field since graduating from the Hill, including working on campaigns throughout Virginia and serving as the Chief Election Officer of Precinct 23 in Arlington County. He also briefly worked for a nonprofit on K Street in Washington, D.C. Brandon currently resides in his new town of Towson, Maryland, with his Siberian long-haired cat, Maria.

**Ellen Larson** happily writes that not much has changed since her last notes. She still lives in Flagstaff, Arizona, with her lovely wife, Rachel, and continues her work as a wildland firefighter for the U.S. Forest Service, traveling around the western United States every year to help control fires. Luckily, she still found time to return east for an annual pilgrimage to see her family in Hanover, Pennsylvania, and this reporter hopes she will come back soon!

**Eric Lemmon '10** is an attending physician at University of Maryland Medical Center.



## Not all fire is bad

“As a wildland firefighter for the U.S. Forest Service, I get to travel all over the country for work. Our changing climate plays an increasingly important role, as we see fire seasons last longer and get more destructive each year. While the news mostly highlights the devastating wildfires in California, most of the Western states experience large wildfires at some point between May and September. However, not all fire is bad. In fact, it plays an important role in the health of most western forests. We spend a lot of time doing prescribed fire, in addition to fighting wildfires.”

— Ellen Larson '10

Angela Baldwin also writes in for the first time, with many updates since she crossed the stage in Gill. Shortly after graduation, Angela started work with Frederick County Public Libraries as a shelver. Currently, she holds the title of library associate, generalist, which means, “I do a little of everything—all types of programs, working the service desk, etc.” She also works part time as a file clerk for the Frederick County Human Resources Department. Angela currently resides in an apartment in downtown Frederick, and she writes that she is enjoying city living.

After a bit of gentle prodding in person, this reporter also managed to get news from Katie Ridgway, who also writes in for the first time. In 2013, she earned her Master of Arts in Teaching from Towson University, and shortly thereafter, worked four years as a sixth and eighth grade English teacher at Arbutus Middle School in Baltimore County. While teaching, Katie was pursuing a second master's degree and earned her M.A. in English Literature from Notre Dame of Maryland University in 2017. Her studies have allowed her opportunities to present at multiple conferences, including the International Conference on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 2016 and 2017, and the Medieval Studies Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, in 2018. In the summer of 2018, Katie returned to the Hill where she accepted a position as an admissions counselor, and this reporter has been pleased to cross paths with her at various admissions events.

And now for yours truly, what have I been up to? As it turns out, a lot in three years! I enjoyed my time in North Carolina and even got to welcome many McDaniel visitors, including Carly Dubick Ballard '11, Anna Fine '13, and Kristen Houpt Heim '12. In 2018, I took a chance and made another move, this time back up north. I accepted a job in the admissions office of Juniata Col-

lege in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, where I continue to recruit students for another wonderful small, liberal arts college, with a focus on recruiting out of state. Juniata has been a special place, and I am lucky to have a couple of other fellow alums across campus: Ben Grant '13, M.S. '15 in athletics and Blair Taylor Cutright '07, M.S. '09 in academic support. I made the decision to live in State College, only steps away from Penn State's campus, and living in central Pennsylvania has truly been an adventure. Otherwise, I still manage to stay connected to my friends, and in the past year alone have even been a bridesman for a couple more McDaniel weddings—first for Amy Faby Chowdhury '09 at her wedding to Wasii Chowdhury '09, and then for Amanda Brady's wedding to her husband, James. I'm still taking visitors and had the honor of welcoming Amanda Gushard-Edwards '09 as my first official McDaniel guest, and will even allow anyone needing a place to stay for a Penn State game the use of my apartment (just ask Becky Allen Wallace '04, M.S. '06, who took me up on that very offer!). It's weird for me to think about 10 years in admissions, which means we're now approaching our 10th reunion... who let that happen?! But I encourage all of you to stay in contact with the great friends we made on the Hill. If you ever find yourself in Happy Valley, please shoot me a message!

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### 2016

Bradley and Shannon McClellan Brooks live near State College, Pennsylvania, with their dog, Harlow. She's named after the Harlow Pool at McDaniel where Brad and

Shannon met and swam together! Brad is the head coach of men's and women's swimming at Penn State Altoona. Shannon is in graduate school at the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, where she is pursuing a Ph.D. in English with a specialization in rhetoric and composition.

Allison Karloff graduated in December 2019 with a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy from Towson University, passed her certification boards in February 2020, became a licensed occupational therapist (OTR/L), and just recently began working at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in acute care rehab on the PCU/CICU (progressive care unit/cardiac intensive care unit).

After graduation in May 2016, Youmna Benmaymoun worked at the UN International Organization for Migration as a project assistant on promoting mental health services for migrants in Morocco, then with Care International as a project manager on promoting accountability in the educational sector. She went back to school after being awarded a Fulbright scholarship to study clinical psychology at Columbia University in New York City. She was writing her final thesis from Paris since she was done with classes and about to start an internship with an NGO that offers guidance and psychosocial support to stranded young people who have different types of drug addictions.

We are still looking for a new class reporter for your 2016 class. This is a great way to volunteer for your alma mater, not to mention a great way to stay in touch with your classmates. Please email Alumni Relations at [alumni@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:alumni@mcdaniel.edu) or call 410-857-2296 for more information.

## Congratulations to the 2020 Alumni Association Award winners

On Oct. 17, 2020, nine alumni were honored virtually as part of the 2020 Homecoming at Home celebrations.

**Alumnus of the Year:**  
Alexander Ober '63, M.Ed. '69

**College Service Award:**  
Priscilla Ord '63

**Young Alumni of the Year:**  
Aaron Slaughter '10

**College Service Award:**  
James Wilberger '72

**Alumni Community Service Award:**  
C. Downey Price '62 and Edna Bent Price '63

**College Service Award:**  
Gregory Shockley '83

**Alumni Community Service Award:**  
Nupur Parekh Flynn '94

**Professional Achievement Award:**  
David Carrasco '67, Hon. D.H.L.

## Congratulations to the 2020 Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

On Oct. 17, 2020, nine alumni were inducted into the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame virtually as part of the 2020 Homecoming at Home celebrations.

Virginia Wilson Shockley '27

Hazel Gompf Coleman '38

Jean Luckabaugh '58

Sandra Roeder '65

Thomas Lapato '99

David Hose '02, M.S. '04

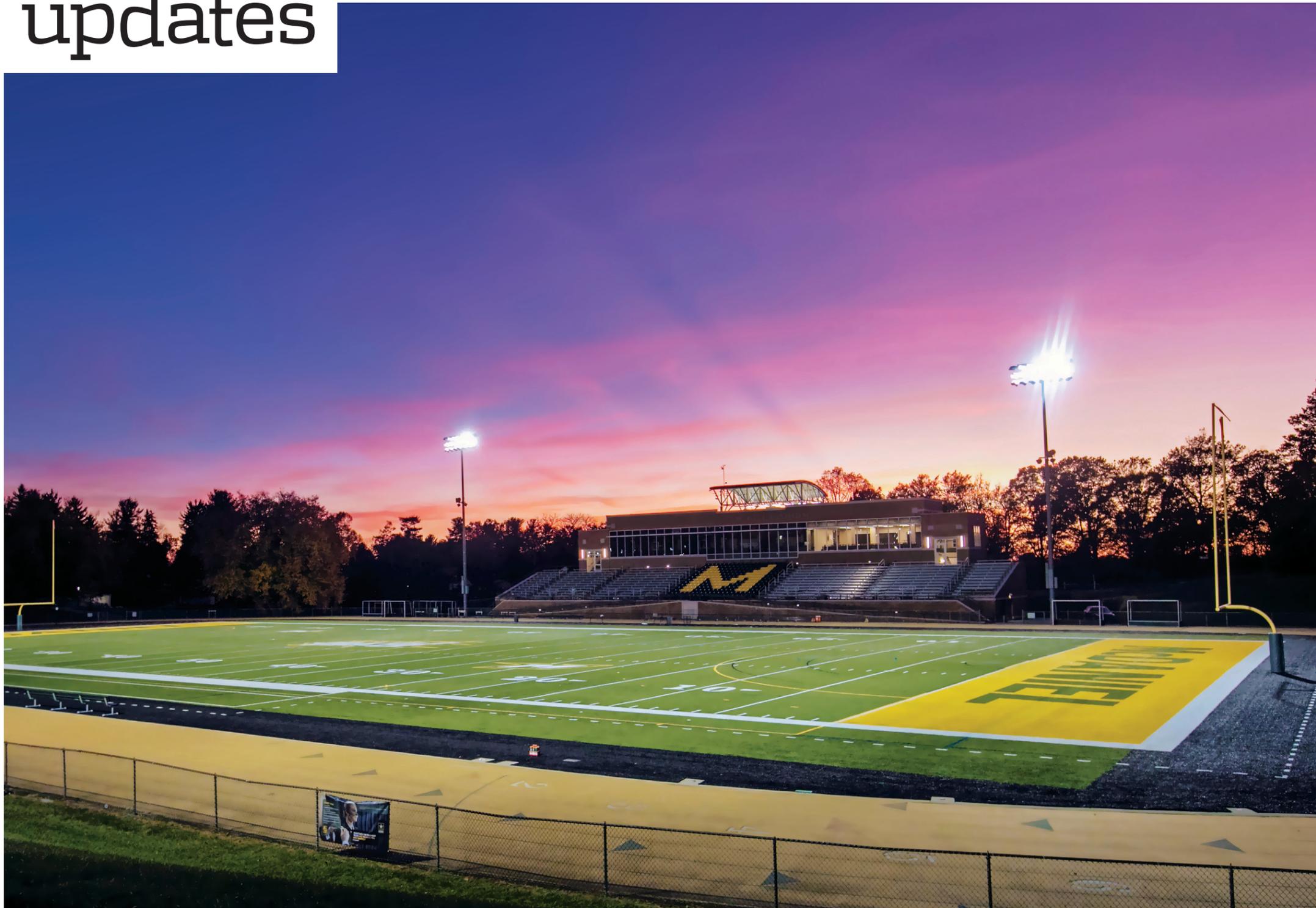
Andrew Reinecker '04

Thomas Kane '05

Diana Rosemier Humphrey '08

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## 1945

This year — 2020 — is one for the books! Those of us who are still around from the Class of '45 are most grateful that COVID-19 has not caught up with us yet! Since March, here in Clarksville, Tennessee, and around the globe, our lives have changed drastically as the “new normal” has taken over our daily life.

Sadly, since our last column, we have lost a few classmates. **Mary Spaulding Pfefferkorn** and **Donna DuVall Sellman** both passed in 2019. We also lost **Ann Leete Hudson** and **Gale Lodge Thiele**. I hope I haven't missed anyone else.

As of January 2019, I am living with my daughter and son-in-law in Clarksville. I had previously been living with my son, George, in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Though now separated by so many miles, I am able to keep in close touch with his family and also with my younger son, Mike, and his wife. I'm blessed with good health, but my mobility is limited. After a hip fracture last year, I rely on a walker to get around. I keep busy reading and still love to write! I thank God every day for a sound mind.

My roommate at WMC, **Luciene Ramsburg Pfefferkorn**, has been a resident of Brightview South River, a senior living facility in Edgewater, Maryland. As is the case with most facilities these days, she is isolated from visitors. As she stated to me recently, “Roomie, we are few and far between — survivors and grateful for saying so!” Amen to that, Luciene!

Another classmate responded to our request for an update. **Carroll Doggett** and his wife, **Nan '47**, are living at Homewood in Frederick, Maryland. He proudly reminded me that he is 97 years young, and he and Nan celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on May 30. God bless them!

I also heard from **Marion “Suzy” Maddox Suhorsky** and her husband, Joe. They are still residents of Durham Regent in Durham, North Carolina. They continue to enjoy their daughter's garden outside their apartment. They are also up-to-date with the current electronic gadgets! Joe enjoys reading from his Kindle and Suzy likes her “talking” books. They have celebrated 67 years of marriage. Suzy was happy to report that they have been properly checked for COVID-19.

As my 95 years have shaped me into a responsible citizen of these United States, I continue to remember the many generous blessings bestowed upon me. Let us all keep our country and our world in our

**More than 1,000 alumni from the 1960s through 2020, undaunted by the pandemic, traveled thousands of miles through cyberspace for Homecoming 2020. Alumni tested their memories with Pub trivia, celebrated alumni award and Sports Hall of Fame winners, discovered what's new at McDaniel, and learned how to make their alma mater's now signature cocktails, West on RT 140 and The Green Terror.**

**Dick Leighton '51** is the co-author of a book of poetry titled "80 Poems by Two Octogenarians."

prayers this election year. May God bless us all! This could be my last report for the Class of '45 — if not, see you in two more years!

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## 1951

**Richard "Dick" Cohen** enjoys riding with his wife to Joe's Farm Market where, with mask in place, he sits and talks to Joe. Short auto trips to neighboring points of interest break some of the boredom. Extensive reading time is a boon, "hopefully not wearing out my eyes." He is grateful for telephone conversations but says none of us has much of interest to discuss. Dick is sure all are hoping for a rapid cure for this virus.

Like many others, **Dale Townsend's** activities of volunteering at BWI, Antietam Battlefield, and Shepherd's Spring Retreat Center have been canceled. Therefore, his house and yard have gotten more attention.

**Marty Buchman Brauning** reported that her husband of 66 years, Gary, died last year. "Although it has been hard, my time with family and friends has helped me through it." She is so pleased that all four of their children have chosen to build residences on the family farm that allows them to spend good times together.

Along with Dr. Frank Carlton, **Dick Leighton** is the co-author of a book of poetry titled "80 Poems by Two Octogenarians." The book is in the final stages of publication and should soon be available from Amazon and Barnes & Noble. On Aug. 20, his first great-grandchild was born, a girl named Layla. As of Sept. 1, with his partner, Dr. Sylvia Fields, he will be moving to the continuing care facility The Marshes, in Savannah, Georgia. "I continue to play tennis and swim laps and have recently taken up pickle ball. Life is good, despite the pandemic," he says.

**Paul Schatzberg** turned 92 last May, is in reasonably good condition, and very grateful for it. "My wife, **Tobalee Isaacs Schatzberg '52**, is also well and will turn 89 this month. Son, Eric, is head of the College of Sociology and History at Georgia Tech University in Atlanta. Daughter, Janet, is the director of physical therapy at an assisted living community. Both are very busy with their responsibilities, and everything is complicated by the pandemic. We have six grandchildren and four great-grand-

children. Our grandchildren are geographically dispersed. Grandson Simon has been living in Mexico City. He is fluent in Spanish and translates articles and teaches English. He's been accepted at New York University graduate school for the fall semester. Granddaughter Serena turns 40 in December and is a data analyzer and coordinator for a pediatric hospital in Virginia. As for me, I'm teaching two courses at Anne Arundel Community College this fall, but by Zoom, a new experience for me. Best wishes to all."

**Beverly Milstead Carow** majored in music and made it her lifelong career. She gave piano instruction for almost 70 years and organ instruction for 40 years. She was an organist and choir director for 40 years in the Maryland and District of Columbia areas. The highlight of her career was when she gave a lecture and performed a recital of some of the works of J. S. Bach on the organ at Prince George's Community College in Largo, Maryland, which was televised in the D.C. area. All of this came to an end when she developed macular degeneration and lost much of her eyesight. She is thankful for the many years that she enjoyed making music.

I welcomed my fifth great-granddaughter in February. Fortunately, all my family lives reasonably close so I am able to visit them in driveways and on patios. I remain co-chair of the Dr. Seuss reading project with the Woman's Club of Westminster and other community organizations. Last year, stories were read to 2,200 pre-K, kindergarten, and first grade children in 13 schools. Each child received a new book courtesy of Penguin Random House and the Woman's Club.

Thanks for staying in touch. Stay well.  
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## 1957

There is an old adage that states: "Memories are the threads that hold together the patchwork of friendship." Each of us has a block in that patchwork quilt, and our memories of those college years stitch us together. Each block, like each life, is different in size, shape, and design, but those joining memory threads continue to hold us together. How fortunate we are — 63 years later — to be able to share with some and hold the memories of those who are no longer with us. It is always sad to report the list

of the more recent losses — those since my last column in 2018 — but these are the ones that have been reported to me: **Ron Strauss, Al Miller, M.Ed. '61, Stanley Wolleck M.Ed. '57, Abbie Wainwright, Mary-West Pitts Ensor, Anne Gettings DeCoursey, Don Tankersley, Janet Thompson Manuel, Arnold "Skip" Amass, Donald Zauche, Joan Halter Mann, Dick Hersh, Brant Vitek, Joseph Renaldi, and Lynnda Skinner Kratovil.**

This has been a difficult time for all of us with what I call "Corona Chaos." It has created a new world of quarantine, lockdown, and isolation — all marked by social distancing, mask-wearing, long-distance learning, virtual medical appointments, Zoom meetings, and bans on group gatherings and indoor dining. This has never been our life! Such new terms to enter the dictionary! ("Zoom" always meant bringing that photo in closer so our older eyes could really see it; what a new perspective.) As a crossword puzzle fan, I often find the word "ennui" used as an answer to the clue given. It is a French word (pronounced "ahn-wee") that describes our new life these days. The dictionary definition is "a feeling of utter weariness and discontent resulting from satiety or lack of interest; boredom." But we all need to comply as thousands continue to be infected and at the time of writing, more than 100,000 have died in the U.S. This chaotic time has also impacted our Class Notes system for *The Hill* with changed deadlines and delayed mail service. We are not receiving mail that should be coming, and I did not receive even one postcard response. Through all of this, I have been delighted to receive the number of responses that I am able to report.

Now to the news: **Anna Jarrell** did not have her usual Camp Strawdeman this year, of course, but she did go down to check on things. She said she has found lots of things to do at home and hopes all are well. She is still hoping for our annual lunch date — that hasn't happened for the past two years. **Anna, Mary-West Pitts Ensor, Mary Ellen Weber Mehring, Mary Jane Thorney Wilson,** and I had an annual lunch date in a mutually agreed-upon place, but we, unfortunately, are now just three instead of five.

**Dave Bailey** just celebrated 56 years for Ranch Hope, the home that Dave and his wife opened in 1964 for troubled teens. Dave says to check the website if you get a chance. He also started his 63rd year on the radio every day. This started the year following graduation from WMC. The college gave him a \$500 scholarship in 1955 that made it possible for him to go to college and later enter

the ministry. He had great professors and academic programs and still has memories of the frat football championship and wrestling at 130 on the first wrestling team.

**Bob and Barbara Willis '60 Butler** are doing well. They stay at home and keep busy. The far-flung families are frequently in touch, but they miss the personal contacts. They now have six great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters who are constant delights via Facebook technology. They are still antiques lovers and attend many local auctions and shows. They anxiously await the return of times when they can gather with family and friends. They wish best of luck and health to all our classmates.

**Marge Pott Ensinger** looks forward to reading about our classmates. She says, "What a world, and we are 85!" She shares a quote from an unnamed author: "We are all in the same storm, but we are not all in the same boat." During this "fierce storm," Marge relates that their boat has been pretty good. "We give thanks to the Lord for that!" They have a personal Bible study based on the parable of the wheat and the tares and Genesis 3:15. Their family life is focused on their daughter, Dorie, who lives 15 minutes away with her husband and three children, ages 19, 15, and 10, and on their son, Bill, in Tennessee with his wife and six children, ages 10, 8, 7, 4, and 1. Their deep religious faith holds them all together. One other great interest is family genealogy, and she said her parents and her husband's parents left them a wealth of information, so Marge stays busy sorting it all out. They grocery shop very early every other Thursday morning, and their daughter does the shopping on alternate weeks. All COVID-19 protocols are strictly followed. They have been able to do some social distancing in Dorie's backyard this summer, and they have done TV and Zoom church and Bible study.

I did receive a note from a friend of **Dot Clarke** who said that Dot has been living in a Silver Spring center for the past three years. Dot was one of our music majors.

**Janet Perkins Zimmerman** cannot imagine that our graduation was 63 years ago! So many changes. She is well and still loving the Deep South in Lower Alabama. It is always hot and humid, of course, but she doesn't have to shovel snow! Even though the pandemic has put a real kink in life, she still works a few hours a week at Books-a-Million. She has to have her books! And it gets her out and about. She, too, misses the kids and grandkids, but "safety first" is the motto. Her prayer is that this too will pass and we can soon get back to hugging those we love. She sends best wishes to all and reminds us to wash those hands and wear those masks!

**Dave Bailey '57** celebrated 56 years for Ranch Hope, the home he and his wife opened for troubled teens in 1964.

# alumni updates

**Lillian Fowler Benson '57** took a trip to Europe with her daughter and son-in-law after **Frank Benson '56** died.

**Joan Durno Claybrook** has had a quiet life with her husband, John, in their retirement home in Winchester, Virginia. The administration keeps very close watch on their comings and goings in order to keep the virus away from that very vulnerable community. John had his pacemaker replaced, so they were under two 14-day quarantines for that. Joan sold her vacation home in West Virginia, so she is now real estate free! They optimistically signed up for a cruise with American Cruise Lines in April; they seriously doubt that they will be able to go, but there is always hope!

**Earle** and **Sarah Price Finley** are, like the rest of us, living a very changed lifestyle these days. They have learned about Zooming and FaceTime. One high point of the year was the marriage of their grandson, Cameron Finley, a recent engineering graduate. They also celebrated the birth of their first great-grandchild. Sarah says they are blessed to continue enjoying life and are grateful to have all four married children and their families in the Raleigh area. They wish you well!

**Byron Hollinger** lives in Carroll Lutheran Village retirement community in Westminster, Maryland, and his one main comment was, "Are you kidding? 'News' with COVID dancing around?" He is enjoying his secluded life, and no news is good news right now!

**Bob** and **Helen Boardman Radcliffe** are doing well. They have not had family together since March, which meant spending birthdays and their 63rd wedding anniversary without celebration, but walking on the beach has been a lifesaver.

**Jeanie Goode Stahl** and Bob have a stay-at-home policy for them at Willow Valley in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. They have been kept safe, healthy, and entertained daily. They had to cancel two weeklong trips to Orlando, Florida, and postponed a two-week trip down the Rhine River. Hopefully, by next May, a vaccine will be available and they can take that trip. They keep busy with puzzles, games, technology, and those long-awaited "put-off" projects. The family connections are by phone with no real visits since late 2019.

**Del, M.Ed. '70** and **Barbara Moreau '60 Kohl** are safe, well, and still smiling! (I think that was my request on my original message, so I am happy that it was followed!) No news from Seaford, Delaware, but they say God bless to all.

**Bruce Taylor** says it is really difficult to keep smiling during these troubling times. His wife, and very best friend, began the inexorable journey that Alzheimer's takes us on to separate us from all our memories of who we were and what we have accomplished. Judy spent many years as the mother of two boys and a successful elementary school teacher and principal. That is now all gone. She entered her present facility over two years ago. Bruce's routine was to go every afternoon and stay to feed her dinner and say goodnight when the aides came to put her to bed. That all ended in the first week in March when all

family members were banned from entering the facility. Judy tested positive for COVID-19, but was asymptomatic. Later retesting proved negative, and she was listed as recovered. However, Bruce has been informed that she is not doing well and was placed under hospice care. Their 57th anniversary on Aug. 3 was the first that they were not together. Their youngest son, Kyle, and his wife both retired from the Air Force after 23 years of service. After two years of RV moving around the Western states, they are building a home near Texas City, not far from Galveston. Their oldest son, Kirk, runs a light aircraft repair facility and member flying club at a small airport in southeast Houston, about 40 miles from Bruce. He also has a contract with one of the school districts to teach a private pilot course at one of the high schools. A number of the students completed flight training at his airport. He has succeeded in persuading his younger brother to go to work for him, despite being told by that brother that he could not afford him! Bruce lives alone in their home of 44 years, except for a demanding cat that he named Trouble. He came walking out of the woods and headed straight for Bruce. Bruce already had a female cat so this was going to result in trouble. They couldn't stand each other, so a few months later the older cat went out one night and disappeared. Bruce thinks it was a "hit job" that Trouble arranged. Anyway, Trouble keeps a close watch on him.

**Lillian Fowler Benson** took a trip to Europe with her daughter, Kathy, and her husband, Mike, after **Frank Benson '56** died. Lillian hurt her left arm in Germany. When she came back to the U.S., she sold her house, her arm got better, and she moved into Brightview Towson, an assisted-living facility. She loves it there, where everyone is so kind and helpful.

**Charlie '55** and **Ginnie Tull Phipps** are also complaining about the mail service—or lack thereof. They are doing fine during "this mess." Friends and neighbors have been wonderful to them by doing shopping whenever they need anything. They have really stayed in since Feb. 26, when they arrived home from Texas. They had been there for two months with their daughter, Laura, and her family. Now, Ginnie and Charlie go out very little. They do keep busy with jigsaw puzzles going all the time, reading, and Ginnie does needlepoint. Charlie does lots of crossword puzzles, some social distancing, and walking when the weather permits. Ginnie talks to **Lillian Fowler Benson** often and says she is doing fine but bored like all of us. Their four grandsons are all grown up now and have jobs, for which they are grateful. They spend Christmas with both daughters and grandsons and usually get together at the beach in the summer, but not this year. One family is in Texas, and the other is in Montana. Ginnie sends her best to everyone.

**Paul Ensor** says, "At 85, my memory is declining! But when your life was mainly determined by the college years attended,

WMC comes to the memorable forefront! From overseeing the requirements and supporting acceptance to medical school and providing the opportunity to find the 'love of your life' for 62 years, **Mary-West Pitts Ensor**. Those were all attributed to the enabling professors and continuous prayers to God! Equally important was the finding of lifelong friends like Dr. **John** and **Marian Scheder Goettee**. Marian made me a recent birthday card! She said, 'We've shared more laughs and life events than any of us could count. You're more than our friend; you're family!' It was a joy to celebrate that card, as well as to be present for their 62nd wedding anniversary. (Note from your class reporter: That anniversary was celebrated with just the three of us for a late lunch at The Carriage House Inn in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and we also celebrated a late birthday for Paul, no fancy group parties.) So, to all 'old' WMC friends—and new McDaniel friends—thank you for 'prior friendships' and welcome to new 'family relationships.' All thanks to Aunt Marian, as she has always been called by our children and grandchildren."

Now I guess it is my time to add my reflections. Well, just like the rest of you, we have been homebound and bored of isolation but grateful to have remained well. We still live in our home and are surrounded by three acres of ground that includes many trees. Some house projects have been completed, but there are still many to be done. Anyone with a house knows about that. Our vegetable garden has shrunk to a few tomato plants this year. Any more would be too much constant work for two older seniors! Jack does the mowing on his John Deere, and we both attempt to trim and weed as much as possible. We have hired contractors to do many of the tasks that used to be doable, like roof work, high areas to be painted, etc. We miss our church groups, my book club of 20 years, my Bible study group, choir, and the Strawbridge Shrine work. I continue to read and knit, in addition to those crossword puzzles and an occasional jigsaw puzzle. Jack has read more books recently than he ever did before! I have phone conversations with **Mary Jane Thorney Wilson** frequently.

We have one granddaughter and one great-grandson who live several miles from us, and they come to swim in our pool. Even the 5 year old knows about the "social distancing" and the elbow bumps instead of hugs and kisses! He also knows where Memom's ice cream is in the freezer! The rest of our family is scattered across the country. One daughter does live in Westminster, Maryland, but spends much time in Florida. Her daughter is the one who is close to us, with Emerson, and her son is in California. Our other daughter is in Yorktown, Virginia, with her family, which includes three granddaughters, one grandson, and one great-granddaughter. Our son is in New Mexico with his family, which includes three grandsons. So that makes a total of nine grands and one great-grand,

and we only get to see two of them. Modern technology does help, but it never takes the place of a person-to-person visit. The last time we visited with our New Mexico family was Thanksgiving 2019. **Paul Ensor** drove us to Texas to his son's family home, and our New Mexico family drove there and we all had a wonderful reunion. We have done this a number of times over the years, but it will not be done this year! We have been unable to do an actual visit to Virginia for several years. Our travel days are behind us because of age factors and the virus, of course. But, Paul loves to drive and actually took the three of us to the Finger Lakes region of New York state last October and to the Florida Keys to visit his daughter and son-in-law at the end of February. This is a true friend and he, along with **Mary-West**, have been exactly that for these many years. We do miss having her with us now. He offers to take us anywhere we need or would like to go, but we have put holds on that for now.

We have been able to meet up with Paul for a late lunch in Emmitsburg several times, and this gives all three of us the chance to get out. It is so good to chat and eat great food that I don't have to cook. That was a long reflection, but we are so grateful to be able to correspond with all of you this way. I do enjoy compiling this bit of updated information for our great classmates. At this point in time, the email system appears to be the most efficient way of reaching me. If you have some favorite memories of our days on the Hill, please send them to me!

Friendship: The older it grows, the stronger it is! I wish good health, happiness, and peace for all of you. Maybe we will have pulled out of this present state of "ennui" by the time you read this column. Always keep smiling and singing!

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## 1963

I am joining Jimmy Fallon and writing some thank-you notes tonight. Thank you COVID-19 for keeping my classmates at home with nothing better to do than sit down and send updates for this column. It has been the best response ever. Our last column was in 2018, so life was normal for a year and then it hit us. Our Rev. **Marsha Bendermeyer Irmer** spoke the words of Rumi, a Sufi mystic, at our 55th Reunion Remembrance Service: "We are all just walking each other home." Those words were inspiring then, and even more so today.

**Marsha Gellar Berman** and husband, Perry, still live in Elkridge, Maryland. "We've been hibernating like most others and are still healthy. We cook more, play bridge online, read books, do puzzles, etc. We even take walks together, though Perry walks many

miles a day on his own or with friends. It's been possible to see some of our kids and grandkids, but no hugging! I really miss that. My daughter has a pool, which is perfect for keeping some social distancing and still being able to frolic in the pool together. We're thankful for all the good shows on TV. We go through one series, and then start another. **Marsha Hoover Silverman** and I stay in touch and even get together in San Francisco every other year."

**Bill Sitter** is officially in our class, but as we all know he is truly a 1962er. He and **Maureen Filbey Sitter '62** have been Texans for a long time. They reside in San Antonio. "June 30 marked my 80th birthday, and our special July 4 celebration of my eight decades and Independence Day had to be canceled as we had a pretty large group invited. Maureen and I watched the area fireworks from our log cabin home's deck. I am very active leading two C12 Peer Advisory Boards of Christian Business and Ministry Leaders. This entails facilitating two groups totaling 23 men and women and providing life coaching for all 13 of my CEOs. Golf is my main hobby, and I am blessed to walk a lot of 18-hole rounds each month. Not very accomplished, but lots of fun and great exercise in the Texas summer heat. Maureen enjoys her quiet time and ladies Bible studies, and we get out for selected shopping. Exciting news is that the pandemic has led to a lot of comfort with Zoom virtual meetings, and that is taking our financial training ministry to a whole new level as we plan for a much broader audience reach with virtual courses. Our daughter, Cassidy, and her husband plan to come here, from California, for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our son, Chris, lives very close by and is focused on teaching tennis. We see him a lot. God bless to all our Class of '62 and '63 WMC friends."

**Ruth Verdone Neumann** and her husband Jim have lived happily in California for 50 years now. Their four married children and their families all live within 150 miles of them, which has made holidays a great time to gather the grandkids (final count 15), girlfriends and boyfriends, extended family, and occasional strangers. "Until this year, our Camarillo Fourth of July drew over 300 to our daughter's neighborhood block party. Since 2016, we've traveled in the U.S., the Maritime Provinces in Canada, and France, but our Scandinavia/Baltic trip for May 2020 was canceled along with three high school graduations and one college graduation for our grandchildren. We skipped a grandson's wedding this June because of its size. The highlight of 2020 (and the last time we saw our entire family) was an early 80th birthday party for Jim in February. Like most of you, we have done lots of decluttering, jigsaw puzzles, reading, videos, note writing, phone calls, Zoom meetings, and very small group get-togethers. We are thankful for health, homes, food, and jobs—and technology!"

**Marian Emery Ward** is one of our out-of-country classmates in Bridgetown, Nova Scotia. "Since I last communicated with you, my husband, Clark Morris, has survived non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He is in good spirits. His activities are somewhat curtailed as he now needs a walker to get around. Nova Scotia shut down in mid-March with the edict to 'stay the blazes home.' I felt fortunate that we have a big piece of property so I could go out for walks when folks were not supposed to leave their properties. We had hoped to go to Michigan to witness our granddaughter, Allegra, graduate from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and later to witness her sister, Aria, graduate from high school in Jackson, Michigan. Instead, Aria sets up weekly Zoom meetings for the family, which we really enjoy. My daughter, Lucy, lives in Nova Scotia, but we see her on Zoom, not in person. I have used some of the time to dig deeper into my family's genealogy and have discovered some interesting stories. We are still involved in church. The services are prerecorded and my husband uploads the videos to our website. He also makes DVDs, which I deliver to some who do not have computers. For us, computers have been wonderful for helping us stay connected and informed."

**Joyce Brown Layman** has sad news. "Our move to a large retirement facility near Baltimore 3 1/2 years ago was a good one. Sadly, my husband, **Allan (Lanny) Layman M.L.A. '83**, died of Alzheimer's in December 2019. The care and support here during a difficult time was a true blessing, as is the love of family and friends now. All are doing OK as we deal with this strange world of 2020." Joyce had been with us for three years and then left to marry. She later graduated in 1984.

**Peggy Zacharias Cole** is always hoping to find some alums around Littleton, Colorado. She has not been successful but has great news of **Annalise Bell '21**, who is graduating this spring, is connected to Peggy's family, and lives in Highlands Ranch, not too far away. Peggy and her husband are staying close to home but have enjoyed getting out into the foothills of Denver and enjoying Rocky Mountain scenery. How terrific that must be! Peggy has had a bad fall requiring surgery and is the proud owner of some metal in her foot, which will be a trigger for metal detectors forever. She says, "I've been using a spreadsheet on my laptop to record the worldwide and U.S. numbers of cases and deaths of COVID-19 and calculate the fatality rate. Things are improving, but I fear the unrestrained gatherings occurring now around the country are going to lead to another surge." She wishes everyone the very best.

This is a lovely message from **Marsha Hoover Silverman**: "First, I'd like to offer my condolences to anyone who lost a loved one to COVID-19. These are extremely sad

**Marsha Gellar Berman '63** and **Marsha Hoover Silverman '63** get together in San Francisco every other year.

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**Trustee Emerita Nancy Caskey Voss '54 passed away on Oct. 6, 2020. She was 87.**

Voss graduated from the college in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in Home Economics. As a student, she was a member of Sigma Sigma Tau and the field hockey team. Voss went on to become a kindergarten teacher in Caroline County, where she served for 23 years. In 1974, she returned to the college as an Alumni Visitor to the Board of Trustees for three years, and in 1981, she was elected as a voting member.

Voss was an invaluable member of many committees throughout the years, including the Enrollment Management and Marketing Committee, Student Affairs Committee, Academic Affairs Committee, Long Range Planning Committee, Executive Committee, her Alumni Class Reunion Committee, the Annual Fund Committee, the Alumni Council, and also served as her class reporter. Additionally, she served as co-chair with her late husband, Jim Voss '53, for the "Defining Moment" campaign on the Eastern Shore.

During her 32 years of service as a voting board member, Voss served as a strong advocate for our students. As chair of the Student Affairs Committee for several years, she welcomed students to share their concerns and praised them for their involvement in strengthening the campus community. She also loved celebrating their successes and could always be counted on to attend Commencement and urge other board members to do the same. Voss was a trusted advisor to fellow trustees and campus administrators, and a passionate advocate for her alma mater.

In 2013, she received the status of Trustee Emerita in recognition of her incredible service to the Board of Trustees and the college. She has also been honored with the Merit Service Award (1979) and named Alum of the Year (2004). However, one of her greatest honors was watching two of her children, Martha Smith '82 and Martin Voss '84, and a granddaughter, Caroline Panzer '08, graduate from the college she so deeply loved.

times. Hopefully, by the time our Class Notes are published, our country—and the world—will be a better place. The past 10 months have been eventful for me. For the first time, I felt old. In September 2019 I had a hip replacement. That went well and by the spring I was back to all my activities, doing gardening and playing tennis as usual. Except I was doing too much and developed bursitis in my replacement hip. I had to stop my activities and do exercises and by the time the bursitis was gone, COVID-19 was here and we were sheltering in place. Massachusetts was hit hard by the virus in the spring. Fortunately, no one we were close to suffered from the virus. In June, I got sick and was in the hospital for five days with viral

meningitis, but had fully recovered two weeks later. I am lucky to be feeling well again. The past months have made me appreciate how fortunate I am but also have made me realize that 78 is old. Because of the virus, we have not been able to see our family as planned. No annual summer trips to see our daughter and husband in San Francisco and our son in Berlin. As luck would have it, they each had planned separate visits here in the spring so we would have seen them an extra time, but that didn't happen. We don't know when we will see them again. I'm sure we all can relate to these inconveniences. Think of all the work we got done by staying home. Everyone I know got rid of tons of old paperwork and clothes, and our yard has never looked better."

Joe Downey and wife Pat have made some life changes: "Our big news is that Pat and I sold our house last September and moved to the new Primrose Retirement Community in our hometown of Midland, Michigan. We are in one of their two-bedroom, two-bathroom independent living units, and we love it. No more yard work or home upkeep. This move involved a major downsizing to a much smaller home. Fortunately, our children and grandchildren took a lot of our excess goods and furniture, and we donated the rest of it to Habitat for Humanity and Salvation Army. We returned to our new home in Midland from our winter in Vero Beach, Florida, a month earlier than usual due to the coronavirus outbreak. Except for occasional trips to the grocery store and pharmacy, we observed the lock-in for two months. Our county has not been seriously affected, so we are getting out more now as things open up. Fortunately our entire family has remained healthy and our only 'casualty' was that our granddaughter in Nashville lost her corporate job with Bridgestone Tire due to the coronavirus. She is in the process of interviewing for other jobs. I have had recent communication with my two roomies, Otto Guenther and Bob Manthey, and they are doing well. Congratulations to Otto on his new position as chairman of the board of trustees."

Ed and Mary Crawford Clawsey live not too far from Westminster in Roland Park North. Before COVID-19 set in, Mary called and gave me an update on their white stone house built in 1800, their country home in the city. She also noted that Ed has had an amazing professional life and is an avid runner and walker, even after heart surgery. She, too, is a runner and has retired from teaching world literature but remains an expert on Buddhism. They are enjoying retirement and each other's company in that lovely home, catching up on reading, watching the deer in their side yard, and being very grateful for free long distance.

Jackson Day has finally re-retired: "I've been happily cocooning with Fran at Charles-

town retirement community in Catonsville, Maryland, since the world shut down. I 're-retired' from the pastorate at Providence United Methodist Church in Towson on June 30 after leading the congregation through an intensive study of what the virus involved and what could and could not be done safely. I recently had the pleasure of lunch—outdoors, socially distanced—with Al Katz '61, who brought along his Pi Alpha Alpha paddle for show and tell. We are missing visits with the grandchildren, who are now in New Jersey, Florida, and Wisconsin."

King Smith, while not officially in our class, feels a part of us: "Unfortunately, when I entered WMC in 1959, I was only able to spend two years, having been accepted to the University of Maryland School of Dentistry in 1961. Jonathan Myers '61 dropped out and went on to greater things, and I took his place. It was a hard decision to leave WMC, but the right one. I have been blessed to maintain so many friends from college and miss so many who have unfortunately passed on. As of 2020, I have had my dental degree for 55 years and have maintained my oral and maxillofacial surgery practice in Bel Air, Maryland, for 50 years. Besides seeing patients, I was a faculty member at the Johns Hopkins Hospital for 40 years and a University of Maryland Dental School faculty staff member the last 10 years. I also spent 17 years in pain research as well as two years lecturing at multiple dental schools and in China three times on bone grafting. It has been interesting. Joyce and I have been married for 53 years. We met in the operating room at Johns Hopkins. We have two daughters, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. It is amazing and somewhat sad that the years pass so quickly."

Rich and Judy Callahan Klitzberg are walled away in Boca Raton, Florida, unable to come north because their daughter, Dana, her husband, Mike, and 16-month-old Noah, all left New York City four months ago in fear of COVID-19 and took up residence in the Klitzberg house in Princeton, New Jersey, which is somewhat larger than their apartment, in which one cannot turn around without hitting a neighbor. Noah has begun to walk, and Mike's personal training business has gone virtual. Dana has developed some trade with local families who know her culinary prowess. Oldest son, Rob, has a growing business that was always the selling of very high-end merchandise globally via places like The RealReal. Youngest son, Jamie, works with Rich managing a fabulous fund that almost never declines in value (full disclosure: the Hobarts are investors), and Jamie's three sons keep Rich and Judy hopping. The family is all well and just returned from a brief respite on the Gulf Coast. Rich emails and lunches with Lois and Les Alperstein, as well as Howie Wagner, Ozzie Stewart '61, Rich Eigen '66, and others who visit or live in South Florida.

In addition, Rich remains active running the Florida Society For Middle East Studies, the largest such group in America, and serves the college via our endowment fund.

"What can I say? Thinking of everyone and hoping they are well. Miss G-ray." Thus begins the toughest part for me to report. Janet Walker Gray lost Jim Gray on July 24, 2020. In a local news article from the News Transcript, Mark Rosman reported on Jim's memorial: "More laughter than tears at service for former mayor." Indeed it was a tribute like no other. Hundreds of folks whose lives were touched by Jim came to Manalapan to pay respects and tell funny stories about him. Janet resides in Point Pleasant, New Jersey, close to the family summer home in Bay Head. Weekends are the highlight when children Jay, Tim and Anabelle, and Thomas and Charlotte enjoy the shore together.

Since the last column we have lost Dagmar Joeres Miller and Belinda Adams Eddy. Dagmar had retired from Pikesville High School where she taught English. Her brother, Manfred Joeres '59, was a WMC graduate as well. Belinda had been a resident of Mount Vernon, New York.

Peggy Reynolds sends best wishes to all classmates. She lives in Silver Spring, Maryland, and remains very active in the Chapel at Leisure World and the garden/environmental club. Daughter Laura lives close by, and daughter Sarah lives in Arizona. She very wisely spends January in Arizona. She is blessed to have six grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Bob and Sally DeRan Grace always send an update from the north. Life in Vermont suits them well. They are wearing their masks, reading their books, watching their shows. Bob continues improving his golf game with a hole in one last year and shooting his age, 79, this spring.

Ellen Wheedleton Bell is another faithful contributor: "My husband, Jerry, and I live quietly on the Eastern Shore in Easton. We stay close to home now since mobility is an issue for him. Life is very enjoyable in the 'Land of Pleasant Living,' despite the changes imposed upon us by the pandemic. We stay in touch with our large, far-flung family, up close and personal through the wonders of technology, and we look forward to the time when their visits to us will again be possible. I continue to plan my next trip to Paris, when I can once again happily walk those familiar streets and boulevards. I'm blessed with good health, and I wish the same for others."

Ed Shilling, M.Ed. '66 has sad news as his wife, Dory Miles Shilling '62, passed on Feb. 10, 2020.

Roy Terry has become a true Floridian, no snowbird status for him. "Helen Holmes Terry '64 and I have lived in Naples, Florida, for 42 years. We both worked in the Collier County school system during that time. Helen was a guidance counselor

retiring in 2007, and I was a teacher, coach, and high school principal. After retiring in 2009, I ran for school board and have two more years remaining on my third term. Helen and I have been pretty much closed up since the pandemic hit in March. Our two children—Roy, a Methodist minister, and Kathy, a virtual instructor for Western Governors University—along with our four grandchildren also live here, so it gives us some relief from being locked in the house. We are all well and look forward to relief from the pandemic. Stay safe."

Bob Manthey and wife, Nancy, are looking for the new normal like all of us.

"With the graduation of a grandchild from college and a second not far behind, I wonder where all the years have gone. Remembering college days at WMC does not seem that long ago. The calendar says otherwise. Like everyone, we are cautiously sheltering in place to avoid COVID-19. Fortunately, Homewood, the retirement community where we live, put rigid restrictions in place and kept the virus isolated in the health care area. The campus has been virus-free for over five weeks and is working hard to keep it that way. Nancy and I are grateful we are able to keep going and look for the day when the new normal arrives, whatever form that may take. Our best wishes to all." Jerry Siegel and wife, Jennifer, are staying safe in their bubble in York, Pennsylvania. "I continue to teach literature courses at York College—and I'm trying to learn, with a bit of trepidation, how to teach remotely. We were in Ocean City in November for the wedding of our granddaughter, Victoria, to Victor Dunkle. They're living near us here in the York area. In September, I had a 60th high school reunion in Baltimore, where we had a chance to talk with Jack Day and Harvey and Bonnie McClelland Weiskittel. Not much travel recently, of course, but we did take a trip last summer to Skopje, North Macedonia, and (briefly) to London. I was on leave this past spring semester to do some international travel, but COVID-19 changed our plans. What was supposed to be a stop in Florida followed by a conference ended up, due to self-quarantine and travel cancellations, being almost a month in Orlando. Not a bad place to be with 80-degree March weather. I finally gave in to progress this past year and traded in my flip phone for a smartphone and joined Facebook. I can be reached there as the Jerry Siegel in York, Pennsylvania."

Betty Jacobus Blackburn says, "Seems like a runaway train to me. The social creature I am makes this like being tied to a tree. Help! Son, John, watches me and caught me going into the grocery store. He had my list, but I needed one more thing. Charlottesville is very compliant. Wearing masks, last to open restaurants and beauty shops, no tattoo parlor either. Lots of testing but terrible result timing. I love where I live and don't want anyone to die from COVID, so

I will wear my mask. I will wash my hands and every surface. I had 11 ladies for 'white time' in my neighborhood, in my backyard. Bring your own chair, your own wine, and your own food. We separated by 8 feet and spent two hours talking. I enjoy painting garden flowers, postcard size, and sending them to friends. My love to '63 classmates."

Howard Davidov is missing his volunteer activities. "We have three beautiful granddaughters, ages 3, 10, and 12, as well as a wonderful son and daughter-in-law. Maureen and I enjoy traveling and have been to Alaska along with a few WMC alumni. We also spent several days touring Athens and then cruised to several of the Greek islands as well as Ephesus. We've also cruised to many of the Caribbean islands. For our 50th wedding anniversary, we spent two incredible weeks in Israel. I am still involved with helping to select films for the Baltimore Jewish Film Festival. The festival was virtual this year and was a rousing success. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has curtailed traveling and my usual volunteer positions at several museums in Baltimore. We have been hunkered down since March. Hopefully, by 2022, there will be a proven vaccine and treatment, and we can all get back to our usual productive lives. Stay well." For classmates in the Baltimore area, I can highly recommend the Jewish Film Festival. Don and I have enjoyed attending at the Gordon Center and now virtually. Along with Eric "Lanny" Buckner and Shelley Mazer, this committee has presented outstanding films.

And speaking about Lanny Buckner and Shelley Mazer, we are among their family and friends who are quite devastated that they are making a trial move to Dana Point, California, to be close to family on that coast. Lanny says he will miss his East Coast friends, but it seems that this new adventure will be a plus for California and minus for Maryland.

Alex, M.Ed. '69 and Jan Engle M.Ed. '73 Ober send our greetings from cozy Westminster, Maryland. We keep busy with lots of walking, reading, and online communications. Alex is working on a presentation on the 1936 Olympics for a continuing education group while Jan is wrapping up her work for McDaniel's Education Department. A current highlight is a weekly rotating back porch happy hour that includes some WMC alums. Last August, we spent several beautiful days with Dick Yobst and Judy Reinhart Lantz at Richard's waterfront home near Crisfield, Maryland. Another highlight for us has been our relationship as host parents for a 2020 McDaniel grad from Wangaratta, Australia, Liv Storer '20. Liv has been an outstanding student-athlete, playing four years of women's basketball and winning academic awards as an English and Sociology dual major. We were privileged to host Liv's parents, Andrew and Trish, for a visit this past winter. Our daughter, Cara Ober '98, who tested positive for COVID-19 in March, is doing well now and has written several

**Lanny Buckner '63 is making a trial move to Dana Point, California, to be close to family on the West Coast.**

**Judy Reinhart Lantz '63 and Dick Yobst '63 began a relationship at their 55th Reunion that has grown ever since.**

articles about her illness and recovery for Baltimore area publications. Our son, Alex Jr., still resides in Washington, D.C. We look forward to seeing our friends again on the Hill when this pandemic is behind us. In the meantime, stay safe."

**Charlie and Mara Dilson '65 Walter** are part of our circle of trust: "Our news for the column is brief. I was thinking about making up stuff to say, but Mara wouldn't let me. We're staying safe and sound in Forest Hill, Maryland, with visitors confined to our 'conversation area' on our deck outside our front windows using cellphones. What a blessing to remember our lovely Caribbean cruise at the end of January, before we had ever heard of COVID-19. We love seeing longtime friends **Don '62 and Janice Mooney, M.Ed. '78 Hobart; Susan Snodgrass Case '65, M.Ed. '84;** and the Westminster gang, and hearing from WMC friends far and wide."

**Jim Brooke** always has a good one-liner: "As for myself, there's not much to report. I'm staying active in volunteer activities and social work. Grateful that I've hung around long enough to watch my sons join AARP!"

**Jill Fredholm Porter** and husband, Ken, are among our classmates retired in New England. "What a trying time for everyone these past months. I had two vacation/respite trips planned that I had to cancel, and Ken and I have been home other than my grocery store excursions during all of this. On the plus side, I have gotten into Zoom and am hosting a weekly Zoom call with the Chandler House Ladies **Peggy Hoey Warfield, Barbara Frick Wickwire, Carolyn "Callie" Webster Molyneux, Fern Lindsay Weber, Joan Meyer Goudy, Marsha Bendermeyer Irmer,** and our adopted housemate, **Della Boyd Hanna.** Needless to say, I mourn the loss of my roommate, **Dagmar Joeres Miller,** last year. We are enjoying these weekly catch-up times and plan to keep them up even when we are able to get out more. The time flies by when we are gathered as though we are all together and not off in several different states. Otherwise, I have been out in the garden tending to weeds and planting zinnia seeds for a border along our driveway. Swimming is out as the pool is closed, but that has given me more time to get out on my bicycle riding in the area where we live. As long as the bears and moose stay in the woods all is well. I pray all of our classmates are well and managing in this time when many of our states have begun to open up to some degree and haircuts have become available while the social distancing continues."

**Ron Cronise** and his wife, Judy, are in New Hope, Pennsylvania. "I wish I had something noteworthy to tell you, but Judy and I have been self-quarantined since early March with all of our 2020 travel canceled. We have mastered the new skills of produce-by-mail, curbside everything, Zoom, and fully electronic banking. We occasionally have a visit from one of our kids. Three of the four are within

driving distance, but only when the weather is good so we can be distanced outside."

**Wayne and Claudia Fetrow Whitmore** are still based in Huntsville, Alabama. "Last fall, we celebrated our 55th anniversary by taking a European river cruise and ended up in Budapest, where we visited the McDaniel campus. Now our traveling is limited to Publix and Kroger. We had the Easter egg hunt over Memorial Day weekend, when our daughter, Christine, could join us. That's when our 9-year-old granddaughter, Raven, told me our garage was a mess and she would help organize it for us, so she did. We had numerous sessions. How can I go through a pandemic and say, 'No, I didn't clean out the garage because I was too busy going nowhere and doing nothing.' Now Jessica, 8, is earning money by doing yard work with me. We get to see the girls outdoors, bike riding, practicing basketball, and picnics. Church is still online, we get takeout, join a few friends outdoors. Claire has made several hundred masks, most donated to medical personnel along with family and friends. Stay safe, everyone, be vigilant, and wear your mask." As you might imagine Claudia Claire is also quilting and taking her artistic, creative spirit to another level. Cannot wait for the next reunion to see her new items. That whole organizing pictures and scrapbooking is not my gig. In between projects she is reading the "Outlander" books. Don and I loved the series on TV.

**Harvey and Bonnie McClelland Weiskittel** are fine health-wise. "We have avoided the COVID-19 that has taken so many lives in New Jersey and across the nation. That means we have been very careful when traveling between Cinnaminson, New Jersey, where our home is located, and Long Beach Island, New Jersey, where our getaway house is located. We travel back and forth at least once a week. Harvey fishes in the ocean in North Beach. And I mean fishing, not so much catching. This year, we traveled to see our sons, one in North Carolina and one in South Carolina. Our grandchildren live in South Carolina, which is much too far for many visits. We belong to the Methodist Church in Moorestown, New Jersey, for winter worship services and worship at a summer church on Long Beach Island for summer services. Harvey serves on the administrative board for the summer church. Harvey also serves on his Kenwood High School reunion committee, which requires us to travel to Maryland several times a year. Our lives are busy taking care of three houses: my old homestead in White Horse, just outside of Trenton, New Jersey, where I grew up; our residence in Cinnaminson; and our treasure in North Beach, on Long Beach Island."

**Peggy Hoy Warfield** is loving this new world of technology: "My 19-year-old granddaughter, Maddie, lives five miles from me. If I need help hanging a picture or digging a hole in the garden, or answering a computer

question, all I have to do is text, email, or ask Alexa to call her mobile, and within minutes my helper is helping. If I want to talk and see my Greenville, South Carolina, grandkids—Emerson, 5, and Oakes, 2—I use FaceTime and there they are pushing each other aside to talk to Grammy. When they visited last summer and Emerson jumped in my arms for hugs and kisses, she felt my cheeks and said, 'Grammy, your cheeks are so soft!' She was used to kissing me on the glass screen of the iPhone, iPad, or computer!" Peggy is one of those Chandler House Girls Zooming on Tuesdays.

**Robert "Bob" Kleine** missed the 55th, reunion but hopes to make the 60th. "Judy and I are both well. Just starting to get almost back to normal activities after three months of lockdown. Judy finished her term as state president of the Michigan League of Women Voters last June but remains active in league affairs. I am keeping busy, as every time I retire someone offers me a job. I am currently the chief financial advisor for Oakland County. Prior to the pandemic, I was driving to Oakland County (about 85 miles) about twice a week. I have been working from home the past three months on a part-time basis. From September 2017 to June 2019, I was the interim director of the Michigan State University Center for State and Local Government Finance and Policy. I am also a partner in a consulting firm, Great Lakes Economic Consulting. We were doing a lot of traveling prior to the pandemic. Last September, we took a cruise from Boston to Montreal. We were able to visit two of our grandkids in Boston—Lark, 5, and Birch, 2—and our granddaughter Isabelle who attends McGill University in Montreal. In January, we went to Tucson, Arizona, with friends. We hoped to go to Sedona in September with friends. Every year in August, we take our kids and grandkids to Crystal Mountain in Northern Michigan for a week. We have five kids and nine grandkids, and all are doing well. Last year, my son, Andrew, left his job as budget director of Baltimore after 10 years and is now the chief administrative officer for Montgomery County. He lives in Silver Spring, Maryland. My daughter, Amy, works for the Weinberg Foundation in Baltimore and lives in Catonsville, Maryland."

The 55th reunion was especially memorable for two of our classmates. By chance, **Judy Reinhart Lantz** and **Dick Yobst** began a relationship that has grown since then. They visit between their homes in Silver Spring and the Eastern Shore, enjoying them both.

**Robert "Bob" Berrett** has sad news. Bob has lost his wife last year after a long battle with ovarian cancer. Her ashes will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Griffith "Moonie" Harrison** is still enjoying life in Huntingtown, Maryland, on the Chesapeake Bay. "Our four sons and eight grandkids are scattered across the East Coast in Mobile, Alabama; Charlotte,

North Carolina; Leesburg, Virginia; and Chancellorsville, Virginia. Thankfully, we both are in good health and I am looking forward to turning 60 next year, hearing that the new 60 is 80!"

I gave **Ginger Rummery Ward, M.L.A. '80** a shout-out for a **Marianthy Pappadopoulou Koucos** update. "Just this evening, Joe and I enjoyed her very delectable recipe for stuffed tomatoes. If that doesn't bring back memories of summer in Greece, nothing will. They are, as with most tomato-based dishes, even better the next day. So, we have something terrific to anticipate tomorrow. Perfect antidote to quarantining! Marianthy and I spoke a few weeks ago and her big news is that her son, George, is now the father of twin boys. Marianthy and Stathis' other two grandchildren are now young adults, so this is a special blessing. 'Babies are God's opinion that the world should go on.' I don't remember what wise person said it, but I have always loved that quote. Things here at Homewood are the same as everywhere else, I suppose. Our life has not changed drastically due to the pandemic, but we do miss seeing family regularly and sweet opportunities to be with them at the beach. Take today as an example of our 'active' corona life: a trip to the recycle center (since recycling pickups have ceased) and a stop at the library, where the very nice young woman hand-delivered my requested book as we rolled up to the pickup zone, and I dropped a completed book in the returns slot. A while back, I found some old aida cloth (from 40 or so years ago) and embroidery thread that had been my mom's (who was a skilled needle-woman) and produced an 'I love you' sampler for each of our four granddaughters. I estimate that each one required roughly 100 hours to complete. Gardening, puzzling, and communicating also provide satisfying days. We recently had a visit from our oldest grandchild, Alec, and his girlfriend, who now live in Chicago. It was wonderful to see them, for who knows when we might have that treat again in the future? In July, a group of WMC buddies had a Zoom meeting in lieu of our annual lunch meeting. It was nice to see everyone, but just not the same!"

I hope one of these days we can get **David "Dave" Sutton** to visit this coast. The last time he was in Westminster was 1990, when he came from Stanford to give the keynote address for Earth Day festivities. "It was a great time. My environmental concerns haven't changed much from the 30-year retrospective 'Lessons From the Movement' talk I gave at that event, only now it's grown to 50 years of lessons we seem incapable of learning. I had a brief upsurge of activity while in China for that 17-year period where I tried once again to spread the word. There, I resurrected and updated many of my earlier writings for a number of international, bilingual publications many of which are archived on [www.leminginchina.com](http://www.leminginchina.com).

It's quite disheartening to see what we have become here in the U.S. So much of it could have been avoided by heeding the decades of warnings. I am still trying to do what I can, but not encouraged. Just doing my best to maintain an even keel in the midst of these rocky waters. One of my fun projects is fixing up my bamboo tricycle that I brought back from China for excursions along the Monterey coast. You can see it on the website under 'My Albums,' named 'Treecycle' and 'Treecycle 2,' 'Solar Cycle.'"

**David Selikowitz** has been grounded—but in Paris. Just imagine having food delivered from your favorite restaurant or deli! **Glenn Hanna** has recently visited him and **Bob Basye '66** joined him on a trip planned by David to Berlin for the 30th anniversary of the falling of the wall. He was in country at the time of **Jim Gray's** memorial service and was amazed at the outpouring of support for **Janet Walker Gray** and her family. **Dick Yobst** and **Judy Reinhart Lantz** were able to pick him up at the airport. Western Maryland College friends **Susan Snodgrass Case '65, M.Ed.'84; Raymond '59 and Arlene MacVicker '61 Wright; Becky Wright; Pris Ord; Ron Cronise** and wife Judy; **Ned '62 and Trinka McGibbeny Cuman, M.Ed. '84;** and **Don '62 and Janice Mooney Hobart, M.Ed. '78** were sharing stories and celebrating Jim's life. Hearts were lightened while we shared memories. **Janet (Mame) Walker Gray** was able to celebrate David's birthday with him in Florida.

**Pris Ord** has a beautiful home on Glebe Creek on the Northern Neck of Virginia. When all her academic conferences were canceled, Pris spent the greater portion of this year sheltering in place and observing life along the tidal creek on which she lives in Lottsburg, Virginia. This included not only the comings and goings of bald eagles, great blue herons, and an osprey and his mate, but also the daily visits of a mallard couple and their brood. Although she reports she became quite tired of her own company, she was able to keep herself occupied by tending the flower beds that completely encompass the house and watching the birds at her backyard feeders. For something else to do, after planting zinnias in mid-summer to have colorful flowers where the daffodils reside in the spring, she took to studying and cataloging the various butterflies that were attracted to them. I have appreciated her extensive research and sharing of many websites and virtual activities.

**Sue Rushton Batson** still resides in Ellicott City, Maryland. She is doing well but has had two reverse shoulder replacements. Just before COVID-19 set in, she and a friend did a Hawaiian Islands cruise. Her husband has been gone 15 years, but she has been able to maintain her home. Two of her favorite pastimes are the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and working on the Symphony Decorator Showhouse. She keeps in touch

with **Mary Lee Nuttle James, M.S. '93; Ethel Sellman;** and **Marsha Hoover Silverman.** Son, **Alex Batson '93,** and granddaughters, **Lyndsay Batson '19** and Marcella, live close to her. They are a three-generation WMC/McDaniel family.

With four great-grandchildren in Philadelphia, **Stan '62** and **Carolyn Emmel Sharkey** might be convinced to leave Florida and come back to Pennsylvania. They had a recent trip to visit their family in Philly and had a marvelous time. They live in Estero, Florida, and are enjoying a vast circle of friends who are formerly Midwesterners and genuine, friendly folks, according to Carolyn. Stan plays in the 90-piece Bonita Springs band, which we have had the pleasure to experience. Carolyn is worried that his large, heavy tuba will ruin his back, but so far, so good. Talk of past travels, especially Machu Picchu and Israel, help pass the time. She is Zooming with **Ginger Rummery Ward, M.L.A. '80** and some other college friends.

**Otto Guenther** and wife, Jan, are loving being grandparents. "We watch from the sidelines at how great our kids are as parents. All six grandchildren are doing well. The latest highlight is Ryan, 18, who has just gone off to Virginia Tech to major in engineering. Next is Sammy, she is starting kindergarten in Aurora, Colorado. Shelby, now in her 20s has had training in dog grooming and is working with those new skills. We remained in our Sarasota, Florida, home longer this year before heading back to Virginia. We departed in late June due to COVID-19. We admit that house is super, and it is great living in a one-floor home. Very gentle on the knees and legs." Otto was asked to chair the Board of Trustees and started as chairman on June 1, 2019. He has thoroughly enjoyed every opportunity to give back to WMC/McDaniel. He was also asked to give the keynote speech for 100th Anniversary of ROTC at our college. Jan has truly become an adopted alumna. One piece of recent news from the Guenthers is that Otto was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in August. He has had true faith in God all his life and knows the journey he is facing is in His hands. He also feels blessed to have a great team of doctors in the renowned pancreatic center at Johns Hopkins guiding the way forward. The Guenthers are very grateful whenever in Westminster to be invited by the Hobarts to stay in their "Guenther Suite." "We wish each and every classmate all the very best—and stay safe."

Before I sign off, as a class we are honored not only to have classmate **Otto Guenther** as the chair of the McDaniel Board of Trustees but **Alex Ober, M.Ed. '69** as the 2020-2021 McDaniel Alumnus of the year. In addition, the class of 1963 has Alumni Community Service Award winner **Edna Bent Price** and Alumni College Service Award winner **Priscilla Ord.** I also bring you news of our Class of 1963 scholarship recipient, **Hannah**

**Otto Guenther '63 was named chair of the McDaniel College Board of Trustees on June 1, 2019.**

## Pat Fleearty '69 took his annual motorcycle camping trip in summer 2019.

**Schepers '22.** She is from Port Deposit, Maryland, and a Kinesiology major. Please keep in mind that a gift to the college can be made to our scholarship. We can open doors of opportunity for McDaniel students who more than ever need our support. Please keep this in mind to honor friends and family.

**Don '62** and I, as many of you, had a zinger of a trip planned. We were headed to Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand in February. Our physician, early on, predicted the pandemic, and the rest is history. In 2019, Don planned a photographic journey of the West featuring some parks we had missed. At each location, we had a photo guide, who, with their insider perspective, led us to spectacular, unique photo opportunities. Sometime midway, we found ourselves, "Standing on the corner in Winslow, Arizona." As always, thank you for the privilege of writing this column. As we navigate these unprecedented times, let us keep in mind the many blessings bestowed upon us. Slowing down and putting our lives in a holding pattern has helped us see more clearly. Let us keep in our thoughts and prayers those who are fighting illness and give thanks for those restored to good health. Never before have these words had such passion and clear meaning: Stay safe and be well.

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## 1969

First to respond was **Bill Dudley**. In fall 2019, he and his wife, Lois, entertained **Pete and Betsy Horton Kinner, John '68** and **Sue Mawby Heritage, Jim Godown** and his wife, Maggie, and **Mike '68** and **Anne Read Ward** at their home in Cape May, New Jersey. The only trip they managed to have was to Naples, Florida, last February. As of Aug. 1, the beach and boardwalk in Cape May was open. While restaurants had outdoor seating, the Dudleys hadn't tried going out. Instead, Jim has done some fishing off his boat and tennis, finding clay courts are kinder on his legs. The last week in July, they celebrated their 49th anniversary at the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, Vermont, which they've been doing for the last 15 years. Jim added he hopes to see more family and friends when everyone feels more comfortable traveling and socializing.

**Pat Petry Vasco** has done a lot of reading, and she and her husband planted a vegetable garden. Since there was rain when they needed it, they have a bumper crop of broccoli, zucchini, and squash. They donate a part of it to the local food bank.

In Malaysia, the pandemic is now called RMCO for "recovering from lockdown."

**Richard Fuller** retired to Penang about a year and a half ago. He lives in a "guesthouse," which has the advantages of a serviced room in a "retirement home." He returned to Penang after spending time visiting the islands off the east coast of Malaysia on March 21 to be met by the lockdown. He's spent his time since walking an average of three kilometers a day in order to buy his one hot meal a day. There's no cooker in his residence so produce and fruit kept him happy. Besides, he says wine is relatively cheap! The phone and internet kept him in touch with friends in Penang and around the world. In May, he started meeting folks in small groups at restaurants. He was able to cycle long distances like 50 kilometers again. As of late June, many restaurants had reopened. When interstate travel was allowed, he visited the Perhentian Islands.

**Pete and Betsy Horton Kinner** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June without the family gathering in Maine. They were able to take a January Caribbean cruise. After 10 days in Samibel, Florida, they had to cancel the rest of their stay to get home. While they have been unable to visit with their son's family in North Carolina, they have shared outdoor meals with their daughter's family. Pete continues on the board of directors for Great Bay Stewards, protecting the environment of the Great Bay in New Hampshire. Both stay "very active" with the North Church of Portsmouth.

**Jim Godown** and his wife are enjoying a staycation at their lake house since their granddaughter, an ICU nurse at the local hospital caring for serious COVID-19 patients, is living at their primary residence. Last summer, they really enjoyed the 50th reunion and then they traveled the East Coast. Before travel shutdown, they spent three weeks in Mexico and another three weeks skiing in Colorado. In March, their son, Michael, opened "a New York-style pizza restaurant with 40 beers on tap." Its carry-out business has been doing very well. Jim continues working as an independent insurance agent "to pay for all the vacations."

**Ernest "Ernie" Myers** is still operating a mixed-animal veterinary practice in Rome, Georgia. He keeps in touch with **Pete Markey**.

Shortly after the WMC notice arrived, **Linda Osborn White** watched a local show highlighting a restaurant in Portland, Maine, called Petite Jacqueline. A 1940 wedding picture of Jacqueline was shown. The owner had named the restaurant after her grandmother who had passed away in 2017 at the age of 96. It was the picture of Monsieur and Madame Derasse. Linda says, "There was no mistaking that face that I saw in French class every day for four years." Restaurateur Michelle Corey's father is **Alain Derasse '67**. Linda remembers Madame Derasse as a fantastic cook who introduced her to fondue. Linda and Jay had their 52nd anniversary last June. Living in Charleston, South Carolina, with

their families, Linda's sons each have their own businesses. She has worked for the last two years for the U.S. Census while doing a "Flea Market Flip" at her booth in a local store. While Jay retired in 2016, he is now a middle school special education teacher and is an enumerator for the census.

**Pat Fleearty** was able to watch one of his granddaughters graduate from high school in Virginia and celebrate his grandson's graduation from West Virginia University. Last January, they gathered for their annual solstice celebration. July saw them enjoying their cabins in the woods at Douthat State Park, Virginia. Last summer, Pat did his annual biker motorcycle camping trip. At their Unitarian Universalist church, **Lisa Renshaw Fleearty** participates in the choir and is a lay minister. Pat is involved with mentoring, the local NAACP, and Anne Arundel Connecting Together (ACT).

A few weeks shy of their 38th anniversary, **Debby Owen English** lost her husband in October 2019. She's in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where they moved six years ago for their retirement. She wrote that life alone during the pandemic has been hard.

According to **Ellen Von Dehsen Elmes** it took COVID-19 and stay-at-home restrictions to let her contribute to the class notes. First, she shared the loss of 96-year-old Anna Bailey from McDowell County, West Virginia. She was a friend to many Student Opportunities Service volunteers in the late '60s. She and **Don Elmes** are staying safe on their mountaintop in southwest Virginia, unable to visit their grandchildren in St. Louis. They had their 51st anniversary while "trying to make sense of our nation and world." Don with his lifelong to-do list has a thriving vegetable garden. Ellen had a commissioned mural on fabric panels that she started in March and finished in July, which is destined for a Johnson City, Tennessee, "mural reveal." It honors the centennial ratification of the 19th Amendment depicting the history of the women's right to vote beginning with the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848 through the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The change on campus after 50 years really impressed **Howard Russock**. The reunion enabled him to talk to some classmates he hadn't seen in 50 years. In December 2019, Howard and his wife, Christine, went to Puerto Rico on vacation. Although officially retired, he teaches one course a semester and "had to scramble to teach the last half of the spring semester online." He felt that as of his submission, "living in Connecticut" seemed to be "a virtual sanctuary" from problems happening elsewhere.

**Mike '68** and **Anne Read Ward** have been social distancing since March 12. With a few groups "cautiously meeting" at a local park and other outdoor venues, they have seen **Gary Shapiro**. Anne has been painting, helped coordinate a local arts event having to

accommodate social distancing requirements, and sold a painting! She keeps up with WMC roommate **Linda Phelps** via text and email. They also exchange books they've read by mail. There was a Zoom meeting between them and **Nancy Shirk Campbell, Jeanne Ristig Moussouros, Linda Pritchard Greene, Little Wade Lionberger, Lynne Carothers,** and **Nancy Higdon Morgan**.

As a married returning student with three daughters, **Naomi Scharf Benzil, M.L.A. '77** didn't get to know many of her classmates. After living in Westminster for 43 years, she and her husband, Phil, moved to Pikesville, Maryland. Then they divided the year between Maryland and Hollywood, Florida. In 2019, they moved to Charlestown senior living community in Catonsville, Maryland, as Phil uses a walker and an electric scooter. She leads Great Decisions, a foreign policy study group that she had enjoyed wherever they have lived. There's also a garden plot she has worked on that has been bountiful.

The first week in March, they came back from Panama after visiting their daughter and son-in-law and "promptly went into lockdown." In June, their daughters surprised them with a Zoom meeting with almost 80 participants to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. It was "a positive outcome in these difficult times."

**Pat Wilkinson Vandrey** had a grandchild a week during the sequestration. The three grandchildren kept life interesting. Her ski club and garden club meet through Zoom. The extra time and the exchange of ideas plus help from grandsons have made the gardens look great. Virtual bridge with her regular duplicate bridge partner is another saving grace. In March, she and **Hanns Vandrey '68** returned from skiing in Utah on a plane "nobody wanted to be on." She is "eternally grateful" to Dean Laidlaw for introducing skiing as a physical education course. In summer 2019, they were in Australia and New Zealand, snorkeling the Great Barrier reef, riding camels in the desert in Uluru, whale watching in Sydney, and skiing in New Zealand. Eldest son, Ryan, was the catalyst for the trip. He and his family went to Sydney while he did a sabbatical at the University of Sydney. Ryan just received a promotion to professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Johns Hopkins University. Son Scott loves being on stage as a member of ska band Ballyhoo! The band continues to do virtual concerts online. The Vandreys had a big party for their 50th anniversary last year. "Amazingly," the entire wedding party was able to attend, including **Katherine James; Marcia Torovosky Brownfield; Dave and Stacey Evans Hilder; Doug and Lynne Smarte; Dave and Stacey Hilder; Doug and Lynne Coleman '70, M.Ed. '73 Smarte; David Frankforter '68; and Jobst Vandrey**. Hahn's fellow crab guys **Gordon Shelton '68, Ralph Wilson '68, John Haker, Rick Boswell '68,** and **Dave Fisher '67** were also there. They

danced to their favorite old song, "We Gotta Get Out of This Place."

From Chestertown, Maryland, **Wendy Cronin** offered a course via Washington College Academy for Lifelong Learning titled "Dangerous Infections and How They Get the Upper Hand" to be held in the spring semester of 2020. Fifty students signed up. "Then, a completely unanticipated dangerous infection got the upper hand and my class was canceled in March." The course is rescheduled for this fall online with SARS-CoV2 added to the syllabus.

**Ann Schwartzman Rader** is recovering from hip surgery. Her husband "has the difficult task" of making sure she "behaves."

In February 2020, **Carol Berger Bricker** and husband, **Bob Bricker '67**, drove their Ford truck to Colorado. The skiing was wonderful. Before they left, they were able to view some practice runs for the Burton U.S. Open. When they returned to Pennsylvania, the pandemic closed them in. They have been able to enjoy the summer on the Chesapeake Bay with visits from their children. Carol continues as a virtual online docent for the Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

With seven grandchildren under 13 nearby, **Dick** and **Nancy Higdon Morgan** survived through social distancing and Zoom. In July, they were able to get the entire family of 15 together for a week at a secluded beach house in Garden City, South Carolina. All of them were tested for the virus prior to the trip. In January 2019 in Aruba, the Morgans met up with **Earl and Carol Harris '70 Dietrich, Jim and Amy Lewis King, Joe** and **Donna Kerner**, **Pete** and **Carol Markey**, and **Rick** and **Mary Coburn**. They keep in touch through Zoom with all of them and **Jeff** and **Linda Willis**. **Gerald Winegrad '66** lives nearby in Annapolis, Maryland. When his grandkids from Florida visit, he brings them over to "Uncle Dick's Adventure Park," where they can ride the zipline, paddleboard, and go kayaking. Dick thanks the reunion committee for their efforts. He added that the staff at McDaniel was extremely supportive.

**Chris Geis Kraus** and husband, Andy, have "been sheltering in place since March." Their son, Arthur, came home from Chicago and is living with them. There's no acting work for him during this pandemic, and he found driving for Lyft "too risky in the D.C. area." Arthur does the needed errands. Andy's music work disappeared just as he finished accompanying the Washington Latin High School performance of "Legally Blonde." He does music lessons on Zoom and has a series of musical pieces called "Respite" on Facebook. Andy is currently working on a concerto by Otar Gordeli, a Soviet-era Georgian composer. Chris has recovered from pneumonia that she had in March. She is a lay minister at Unity in Frederick, Maryland. She leads Facebook live meditations twice a week, does the Sunday message monthly, and

co-teaches a class with her minister. When the weather isn't so hot, she's out gardening in their square-foot garden beds. With the tomatoes overflowing, she discovered a nest of baby rabbits in one of them.

The lockdown made Bill and I cook again. We eventually saw empty spaces in our freezer. I had rotator cuff surgery in mid-May, and I was a sight with a blocky splint on my left arm while using a cane with my right. As restrictions closed in, our son Mike left for the foothills of Colorado for the summer. Son Rob and his wife worked from home while the grandchildren did their lessons online. We've had them over for dinner with takeout from our favorite restaurants. As soon as restaurants opened for outside dining, we went to support our local eateries.

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## 1975

**Bruce Moler** and his lovely wife, Donna, continue to survive these crazy times living in the beautiful wine region of Leesburg in northwest Virginia. It is an area long known for lush rolling hills and horse farms, now punctuated by a growing number of cloud data centers, wineries, breweries, and distilleries. Vineyards and data centers seem to be very compatible partners. With all the proper precautions, they've been able to enjoy kids, grandkids, family, and friends. Bruce states that all of us have come to realize how much Zoom, Skype, and the internet rule our lives. He tells us that classmates **Steve Brownley, M.Ed. '79, Stuart Lehman, Jim Day, Joe Carrico, Larry Matthews, and Steven Campbell, M.Ed. '83** were on hand for an October 2019 reunion of Alpha Gamma Tau brothers from the years surrounding the Class of 1975. He was glad to see they weren't the only old guys where time may have taken away their physical luster but not their inner brotherly spirit. He further reports that "very old-timers" — Class of '73 alums **Jeff Abbott '73, Greg Hare '73, Bob Jacobs '73, Nelson Shaffer '73,** and even **John Verderosa '73, M.Ed. '86** — were carefully seated quietly at the edge of activities and respectfully served punch by the younger brothers. Bruce says, "For sure, when and if we can all put this pandemic into the history books to get back to something that resembles the old normal, Donna and I invite you out to the house on the hill to enjoy the local beverages and amazing sunsets. Warmest regards to my '75 classmates!"

**Michele Swain Corley** still lives in Jacksonville, Florida. She retired last summer from teaching elementary school art and is so very grateful not to have to deal with virtual teaching. She spends most of her

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# alumni updates

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time with family caring for her grandbaby, which is a total joy, relishes time at the beach, and church activities. Lots of blessings! Michele writes, "Had a fun beach week at Frisco, North Carolina, with my sister **Meg Swain Kintzing M.Ed. '75**, and the rest of the Kintzing in-laws, **John Kintzing '70** and **Jay Kintzing '73** and their families — while social distancing, of course! Love getting reconnected with **Debbie Melvin Farrell** and **Page Thompson Anderson** on Facebook. Stay safe everyone, and I hope y'all are cherishing the little things in life, especially in this year of 2020."

**Mark Colangelo** writes: "Dear classmates, it has indeed been such a long while, and I have not been back up to the Hill for around 20 years. My family has been doing well through the pandemic. My wife, Colleen, and I live in Haymarket, Virginia. Two of our daughters live in Northern Virginia, with our "middle" daughter in Raleigh, North Carolina. The really exciting news is our oldest daughter, Erin, is expecting, and we will be first-time grandparents in December. We celebrated 40 years of marriage by taking a cruise in 2018 to Alaska, which was very enjoyable and highly recommended. Both of us are still working, and fortunate to be able to work from home. We shall be looking to downsize our house and start to make plans to go part-time and/or eventually retire in the near future. I send hopes that each of my classmates, family members, and friends are all doing well. I have such fond college memories, thanks to all of you."

**Nancy Wilhide Warner** retired in her early 40s from a career in IT. She lived on a traveling sailboat for five years in the early 2000s, and for the past 15 years has been enjoying life with her husband in beautiful, arts-filled St. Petersburg, Florida. She says, "No kids, just a couple of Jack Russell terriers."

**Bill Powell** and his wife, Denise, have been retired for two years. "We have recently traveled to the Virgin Islands, Olympic National Park, Florida, and went to Acadia National Park last February (no one was there in the winter). Our kids have all come back home to Maine to raise their families, and this past winter there were three more grandchildren added to the Powell clan. Needless to say, we have been doing a lot of babysitting, and loving it — most of the time. **Dennis Kirkwood '74** visited us last summer, and we caught up with each other's family news. Take care everyone!"

**David '74 and Pat "Poodie" Eyre Volrath** are enjoying life each day in Ocean Pines, Maryland, and while living on the water can present some challenges, they seem to have weathered them well. "We are proud grandparents of four grandchildren with another one on the way in December. They are all very busy with their lives. One son lives in Maryland and the other in California. We recently spent a week with family in the Outer Banks. COVID-19 put the kibosh on

travel, so scuba trips to the Caribbean are delayed, although we remain in touch with the many friends we've made through our years of diving and hope to be back under the water soon. In the meantime, we keep busy golfing, boating, swimming, and going to the beach since we are both still beach bums at heart. We are blessed each day for our health, our happiness, and the friendships we have made in Ocean Pines. We think back on WMC frequently and hope everyone will continue to stay safe during these difficult times."

**Hannah Nitshe Kaithern** says, "Life is very calm and quiet around here. I've hired myself out, through my LLC, as a glazier and finish painter for a historic restoration firm in South Jersey. Been working on the windows of historic buildings in and around the Delaware Valley, most notably in Philadelphia where it all started. It's fascinating and rewarding work, and I even had the opportunity to work on Independence Hall! I'm not stopping anytime soon. Summer in farm country is the best. The lizard in me loves the heat, and having two delightful grandchildren around is certainly the icing on the cake!"

**Karen Gilbert Korbonits** writes: "I've been retired for a few years now and am definitely enjoying that. **Dave Korbonits '74** and I have a 1-year-old granddaughter and there is another due in November. We love being grandparents! We had several fun trips planned for this year, now rescheduled for next year when hopefully the world will have recovered! Hoping that maybe we will get to the McDaniel Budapest campus next year. Had a visit last year from **Roberta Tall Morton**, and that was very fun. Sadly, this year most of our volunteer activities have been put on hold."

Ladies and gentlemen, may I present **July Guilliams-Tapia**: "Where to begin? I don't think I've ever sent in news for *The Hill*. I am now finally retired and no longer have the excuse of being too busy to respond. I do enjoy reading my classmates' news, so here goes. Forty-five years is a very long time period to summarize, so I'll just mention some highlights. After graduation, I lived in Nice, France, for a year as a student, then got a master's in international relations at the University of Kentucky, where I met my husband, who is from Chile. Subsequently, he and I pursued further graduate studies in public policy in Michigan and both ended up getting jobs at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), a congressional agency based in Washington, D.C., starting on the same day. We also both retired from GAO on the same day last November, after working there for 34 years! During this time, we moved to Rockville, Maryland, and had two wonderful kids — a son who lives in Denver and a daughter who lives in D.C. Fortunately, we were able to fit in trips to the south of France and Chile in the past

year before the pandemic started. I also had a fun girls' weekend with old WMC friends **Beth Steinmetz Warren** and **Peggy Powell Sherry '76** in Nashville, Tennessee, last fall. Our son was married on July 31 this year. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we could not be there but participated via Zoom. Can't wait for the pandemic to be over, so we can pursue our dreams of visiting him and his bride, as well as traveling throughout Europe and South America. In the meantime, I'm doing lots of Zooming with family and friends (including Beth and Peggy), pursuing household projects, and getting into creative writing. Hmm 45 years! Oh, dear classmates, I send all the best to you."

**Janice Cornell Barber** writes, "While 1975 seems so very far away, the inner me does not feel that old! (Tell that to the outer me!) The biggest news since our last letter: I retired from the University of Maryland last July after 37 years. There are many who have worked at College Park that long or longer, but very few who were privileged to have spent their entire university career in the same department. When I was hired by the department of animal sciences as an account clerk in 1982, I thought I had hit the jackpot. On the day I retired as a business manager, I still felt the same way. In the past two years, my husband, Jack, and I made several trips to western parts of America, visiting nine national parks, two of them twice. All trips planned for this year are postponed, but we hope to get back to traveling soon. Since we were stuck at home anyway, we decided to renovate our original 1954 kitchen. We are feeling well and certainly hope you all are as well."

**Jackie Andrews Grace** and Jerry will be married 45 years this November, and it's been quite a ride. Jerry retired in 2016 after 30-plus years as a United Methodist pastor. During 2008–2010, they moved to Cornwall, in the southwest of England, where he served 14 churches on the Bodmin, Wadebridge, and Padstow Circuit of the British Methodist Church. They lived in a three-story, granite Victorian manse in the market town of Wadebridge and made many lovely friends there. "Cornwall juts out into the Atlantic Ocean on one side and into the English Channel on the other, so we were never far from the sea. In fact, one of the churches overlooking Polzeath Beach serves as a mission to surfers and skateboarders. Cornwall is the 'Florida of Great Britain,' with a mild climate and gorgeous beaches, although it rarely gets hot there. We miss it. Living there changed us profoundly. I had stopped teaching special education at Bel Air High School in 2002 after several bouts with a rare cancer, which still keeps coming to visit me, so I had become a full-time preacher's wife until Jerry retired. I recently compiled and edited my Uncle Howard's WWII letters, which will soon be published by Politics and Prose, an indie

bookstore in D.C. The book is called 'I Saw Our Moon Last Night.' It is great original source material, as well as a poignant love story. Politics and Prose will sell it on their website. I had planned to do book talks, but ... COVID-19. We've purchased three acres of mostly wooded land near Littlestown, Pennsylvania, where we plan to build a multigenerational house with separate quarters for my mother and our adult son. My mother has dementia, and our son will live with us to help take care of her — and us when we need help. We've had a few health issues come our way in the past few years, yet all in all we're doing well and hunkering down as much as possible to stay safe from the virus. We currently live in Bowie, Maryland, not far from Annapolis, but are looking forward to getting back to country life. Jerry's hobbies are baking homemade artisan bread, walking, and photography. During the lockdown, he began experimenting with sourdough bread and made his own sourdough starter while home to tend it. He also writes a daily devotional on his Facebook page. I keep busy cooking, gardening, and rubber stamping. Some of my stamp art has been published in RubberStampMadness magazine. One was featured on the 2018 holiday cover, and I actually got paid for that! Two years ago, we brought home Barnaby, a blue (gray) British shorthair kitten who brings us so much joy and laughter. He follows us everywhere and is quite a clever companion. He's our baby. So, that's life in the Grace household. We often say that we are glad we traveled a lot when we were younger, because we have wonderful memories to talk about. We are happy homebodies, life is good, and we feel blessed. Stay safe and well."

**Stuart Lehman** and **Martha Shuart '77 Lehman** have each retired from full-time environmental and special education jobs and now focus on their four young grandkids. The challenge is that their daughter Ashley lives in Alaska, and Amanda lives in Maine. They're not exactly right around the corner but are great vacation destinations. This delightful duo still lives in Annapolis, Maryland, spending spare time visiting and video chatting with their daughters and growing families. Stu paints with a group of local artists in Galesville, and Martha stays busy assisting her 90-year-old dad. They especially love sailing together in the bay during these crazy times, making social distancing easier and fun. Both look forward to reconnecting with friends and McDaniel alumni in the area.

Maybe Martha and Stu will run into these two sailors while docking at some bayside marina, as **Page Thompson Anderson** writes: "Happily still living in my hometown of Annapolis, and I retired last summer, so life has slowed down, although I think that's mostly due to COVID-19. My husband, Eric, and I have always been sailors of the Chesapeake.

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**Laurel "Laurie" McIntire Penn**, staff emerita, passed away on Friday, April 3, 2020 at her home in New Windsor, Maryland, surrounded by her family. She was 61 years old and had been battling breast cancer. Penn, a Westminster native, began her career at the college in 1994 serving as the assistant equipment manager in the Athletics Department. In 2004, she transitioned to the Copy Center working as a support services clerk, where she remained until she retired in 2018 as the Copy Center work leader.

This fall, we decided to make a change and found an old 1986 Chesapeake Bay deadrise workboat that we converted to a picnic boat! Although Eric is still working, we spend lots of time cruising the bay with our family, including our 10 grandchildren! My oldest son has given us six of them! I love every minute of being a grandma. They all live in Maryland, with the farthest away being in Bel Air. The rest are within five miles. Life is wonderful! **Debbie Melvin Farrell** is still my very best friend, although she's now in South Carolina. I miss her so much. Lately, it's been nice to catch up with **Jack Tracey**, and I enjoy seeing his art on Facebook. I would love to reminisce with all of my buddies from the class of '75, so please find me on Facebook. Can you believe it has been 45 years? Oh my, such fond memories."

"Hello to all my classmates from **Bob Cullison, M.S. '97**! After 44 years in public education, including the past eight in New Hampshire, I have retired completely. No full, part, or consultative time — just blissful full retirement! My wife, Susan, and I have relocated to Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, to be closer to family, friends, and the area where I spent 59 years of my life in the Baltimore-Westminster area. It's good to be closer to home! We are only about a one-hour drive to WMC, so I'm looking forward to reestablishing relationships and going back to favorite eateries and recreational places as soon as possible. Hope all are staying well, and I'll see you at the next reunion."

**Sharon Hobbs Fisher** has been retired from teaching for five years, and yet, it seems, once a teacher, always a teacher. "With schools closed, I had three grandchildren who needed help navigating distance learning and corresponding homework assignments, so I ended up teaching three to five hours every day. Looks like I will be doing even more this fall, since their schoolwork will be more comprehensive. What happens when the parents work, and there is no one to stay with the kids? Also, I have been increasingly in touch with my creative side and have branched out with my artwork, selling it

at Eastpoint Mall. Nothing else too new or exciting to report. Best wishes to everyone!"

**Rita Berry Horner** lives in an old house in east Catonsville, Maryland, with her biology lecturer husband, Robert. As often as they can, they enjoy seeing their six children, who live in different parts of the U.S. Successfully raising a crew of that size, while balancing school and other activities, kept Rita quite busy throughout her adult life. She particularly enjoys music, playing handbells, and singing in the choir. Rita longs for simpler times and to again spending time volunteering at their church in Baltimore. Looking forward to a return soon to more regular activities, she says hello to one and all.

**Craig Stone** writes: "My son, Craig, is a rising junior at University of Maryland Baltimore County studying computer engineering. I'll brag: He aced everything in his sophomore year, so we all know he's smarter than I ever was. He's champing at the bit to return to campus life, and dad's happy about that too. The virus has made strange bedfellows of us all. I've only had work available at my dental practice three of the first six months this year, but the business is still open. With prayers, I'd like to retire in five years. Regardless, I'm happy for the break, and should retirement come early, so be it. I've wanted to start traveling again for years now. Cruises are closed, so maybe a Eurail Pass and perhaps I can backpack through parts of Europe. Best wishes, and take care of yourselves."

**Joan Bailey-Wilson** writes: "**Alexander 'Alec' Wilson** and I are both doing well. We're still working at the National Human Genome Research Institute and currently teleworking due to COVID-19. Fortunately, as computational biologists, we can do all of our work remotely, unlike our lab-based colleagues. Alec is planning to retire this September and has lots of plans, learning to play the cello among them. He jokes about getting his rock band back together! I probably will not retire for another year or two. I am still enjoying science and my trainees, although I would gladly get rid of

**Jackie Andrews Grace '75** has had some of her stamp art featured in RubberStampMadness Magazine

## Bob Davis '75 served as South Carolina commissioner of banking from 2016-2019.

all the administrative duties! We had several great trips planned this year, but all is now on hold until there is better treatment and prevention for this pandemic. We hope that all of our classmates, their families, and friends come through this difficult time safely.”

**Johan van der Jagt, M.Ed. '78** writes, “Hello to you all. I will be starting my 12th year as professor at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania this fall, complete with its challenges due to the pandemic. In 2017, I bought a house in Elmira, New York, closer to family, and for eventual retirement. I travel to it on alternate weekends when teaching.”

**Felix Licefi** has filled us in on the latest from Delaware, and also deep in the latest from Texas: “Mon cherie, **Sherri Sheckler Licefi '78**, and I are doing fine, splitting our time between Houston, Texas, and Fenwick Island, Delaware. We spent the rest of the summer in Delaware, then headed to the late September wedding in Pittsburgh of our oldest son, Nick, to Breanne, a beautiful lady that we all adore. The youngest boy is working in the IT department for Amazon, making sure that you all are getting your online orders on time! After the wedding, we will head back to Houston for the winter, to hunker down with takeout Texas BBQ and Cajun gumbo. Sherri and I are enjoying retirement, and we do some volunteer work for McDaniel. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 45th reunion. Best to one and all, says Senior Cat.”

**Ron '74** and **Cathy Gough Campbell** spent the summer in Fenwick Island, Delaware, social distancing on the beach, which really isn't that hard. “If we want to eat out, we opt for carry-out. We welcomed our fourth grandchild, the first grandson, Connor William, on May 18. He certainly is a cutie! He joins big sis, Anabelle, and two cousins, Mackenzie and Finley. Last October, we went to the Bachelors reunion and had a blast. Saw old friends like **Jim Day**, **Larry Matthews**, **Billy Swift '74**, **Joe Carrico**, **Stuart Lehman**, and **Steven 'Turtle' Campbell, M.Ed. '83**, to name a few. There were four classes represented, and the entire event was so much fun. On Aug. 9, we celebrated our 45th anniversary. Whew! Where does the time go?”

Let me just say this: While I like hearing from every single one of you, I love getting the handwritten letters from Seaford, Delaware, and Ms. **Holly Purpur**, one of the dearest girls in our class. Her penmanship is exquisite, while her thoughtfulness in asking about fellow classmates, her positivity in recalling various uplifting incidents that she experienced during our class's time on campus from the fall of 1971 until graduation, along with the tender details she provides about her life and times are really quite something. She shares that her beloved mother passed away at home in May just two months shy of her 91st birthday, with Holly and sister, Tam, close at hand. They were a close trio, always. Holly intends to

move out of the big house in Seaford once the estate matters get settled to return to her hometown of Laurel, and then reside with her cousin Julie's family in the house right next door to where she grew up. She proudly speaks of the many accomplishments of her sister, her cousins, nieces and their families, and of interesting activities near home and in the U.K. She notes that the weather in Delaware all summer long was particularly torrid. Holly's health has been at times somewhat fragile over the years, but she is doing quite well these days. Her love of the great books continues and her collection of those grows; she especially enjoys classics by Charles Dickens. Lately, she is rereading her Bible, straight from beginning to end—accompanied by her big old tomcat, Nicholas, always. In addition to her literary affections, she is a student of gemstones, a collector of jewelry, and pursues expanding her broad base of knowledge of our U.S. presidents. She sends special hellos to our classmates **Bob Dowd**, **Steve Brownley, M.Ed. '79**, and **Michael Bricker '74** of Alpha Gamma Tau, and especially to two women we were all pretty fond of, **Karen Farina Kehm** and **Paula Kinney**.

This issue's Brevity Award goes to **Sam** and **Beth McWilliams Tressler**: “Best wishes to you guys. We're just doing our thing on the dairy farm trying to keep people healthy with milk. Have kids and grandkids in Dallas and OC, so Beth travels a bit.”

Here is what is new with **Bob Davis**: “After a three-year retirement from a career in finance and practicing law, I was appointed in 2016 to be the South Carolina commissioner of banking by then-Governor Nikki Haley. My wife and I closed our house in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, which sits across the river from beautiful Charleston, and we moved up to the state capital of Columbia. We lived there until I completed the appointment in 2019, then moved back to our Charleston area house. Soon thereafter, we set out on a trip in our motor home that covered Route 66 all the way to its end at the Santa Monica Pier in California. We were on the road a total of three months. During this quarantine, I have been playing guitar every Saturday evening from the front balcony of my home, which overlooks a small park in l'On, a really charming little neighborhood. I get a crowd of 40 or more people every weekend.”

Since 2016, **Suzi “Woogie” Windemuth** has been very happily retired from her CPA career in tax accounting. “We bought an oceanfront condo in Ocean City, Maryland, and now split our time between there and our condo in Manhattan, New York. COVID-19 changed our plans this year, so we stayed in New York and decided to renovate our kitchen. It was pretty challenging during the pandemic as everything takes longer! We have truly enjoyed slowing down and reconnecting with friends and family all across the country. I guess that's fairly true

for most folks. Hoping you all stay well and stay safe.”

**Debi Lanus Cameron** sends us this: “As with everyone, we have had a strange 2020 so far. With the pandemic slowing the pace of life so much, Mike and I have learned how to keep in contact with folks using Zoom. As we move into more normalcy, we will still use this new tool. Mike and I have experienced Zoom happy hours with **Larry ‘Hondo’** and **Linda Look Schmidt**, **Randy Dove** and his wife, **Nan**, **Chip '73** and **Norman Hamilton '74 Graber**, and **Mark Higdon** and his wife, **Patty**. I sent out an email to all the Delts from our class and invited them to a Zoom cocktail hour in mid-July. So, fun to be 'screen meeting' with sorority sisters who are living as far away as the West Coast. As I write this, we had confirmed **Sharon Crane Siegel**; **Julie Mullen Johnson, M.Ed. '76**; **Jackie Deakayne Cowen '74, M.Ed. '79**; **Chip Rouse**; **Kathy Blazek Wright '74**; **Linda Look Schmidt**; and **Karen Arndt Fisher** to join in. I'm hoping to enlarge the group for another event in the near future, so if folks are interested, they can email me at cameron8414@verizon.net. As strange as things have gotten, we were able to meet our first granddaughter, **Delaney**, via Zoom. She is beautiful, and we can't wait to spend more time with her. Mike and I took the summer to catch up with folks here in Ocean City. It's great to get outside and socially distance with friends: **Tom** and **Kathy Hamilton Trezise '76**, **John Barnes '77** and his wife, **Mary**, **Randy Dove** and his wife, **Nan**, **Mark Higdon** and his wife, **Patty**, as well as **Larry ‘Hondo’** and **Linda Look Schmidt**. I am working with **Ned Aull, M.Ed. '80**, the **Schmidts**, **Karen Arndt Fisher**, and **Felix Licefi** to plan our 45th reunion, whenever it can happen. Everybody please watch for some emails for updates with details.”

Some pearls of wisdom arrived from **Mark Metzger**: “Classmates! We live in crazy times, watching out for our health and safety while sifting through reams of misinformation, maneuvering through a world subjected to a media that resembles a train wreck. Here is my missive. The Metzger family has just concluded an era of presence on the Hill as our youngest daughter, **Emily Metzger '20**, graduated from McDaniel this spring. Yes, as part of the Class of 2020 that was deprived of ‘walking,’ deprived of that glorious senior spring of a college student when the campus shut down in March due to the pandemic. However, she acquitted herself quite well, graduating with a dual major in Sociology and Psychology and as co-captain of the women's basketball team, having served as a starter for most of three seasons. Moreover, Emily got to play for legendary Coach **Becky Martin** before she retired, a terrific coach who took her teams to France and Portugal every four years. I got to join the girls on their last trip in June 2017 as a chaperone, my own swan song as a Green Terror participant. Our older daughter, **JoHanna**, is now fully ensconced in

her teaching job at her alma mater of Seneca High School, teaching biology and coaching both women's soccer and basketball. She received her master's at Catholic University. My terrific wife of 29 years, **Janine**, continues to teach art and music in elementary school and sets a great example for our daughters. Meanwhile, I continue to work for the Opici Wine Group as sales director and educator, having survived 30 years as a restaurant owner. As a board member of the New Jersey Restaurant Association, I took part in crafting a recovery plan for the New Jersey restaurant industry for the Governor's pandemic protocol. These days you can find us on the beach on Long Beach Island, having purchased a summer home in 2018. Ahhhh, the Jersey Shore is again my home.”

**Karen Arndt Fisher** says this is the best of times and the worst of times! “To be retired is the best! To have no place to travel in the pandemic is the worst. I have no cute (or awful) grandchildren, so we can dispense with that. Our son, **Matt**, is teaching eighth grade civics in Leesburg, Virginia, and making the necessary adjustments for distance learning. Our daughter is working at a nursing home, so we are well acquainted with COVID-19. She lives in fear of infecting us and, surprisingly, does not want to be responsible for our demise. Because of COVID-19, **Dennis** and I are now volunteering at a Philadelphia food bank two days a week since we are some of the few volunteers with no underlying health conditions. **Dennis** ran for office and won the race for Newtown Township Supervisor, which has kept him busy since his retirement. Not to be outdone by trying something new, I decided I would take yoga teacher training. I have graduated and can now teach yoga classes, but nearly killed myself in the process. We are looking forward to Hawaii for our 45th wedding anniversary next year (or whenever it becomes smart to travel). And certainly, we look forward to our 45th reunion!”

**Randall Richards** writes: “Well, as I write this, today is my 67th birthday. The big news is that I'm still alive and able to get up every morning to enjoy the day. Nothing much has changed since the last time I submitted a note. I still live in Kenansville, North Carolina, and work as a staff physician for Goshen Medical Center doing internal medicine primary care. The recent pandemic has made doctoring a little more interesting (translation: chaotic). In order to keep safe and decrease the risk of COVID-19 transmission, we've been doing drive-up medicine, seeing patients in their cars, which has given me a little more opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors and get more exercise. Although I have the intention to make contact and keep in touch with old WMC friends, there never seems to be enough time. So, I'd like to say hi to all of my old friends. I really enjoyed my time on the Hill and think of you often. Hope everyone is well.”

**Julie Mullen Johnson, M.Ed. '76** is the director of the GEAR UP partnership and says hello! “Sharing love and a positive sense of humor in this unique, challenging, and very far from dull global event! I, too, have been impacted by the current situation. The college and school district closed March 16, which had a huge impact on services to parents and students involved in the GEAR UP grants. Sounds simple, but it actually affected our providing services for thousands! Moving forward, we are expanding creativity with collaboration to ensure students and parents are fully supported with persistence and resiliency. The home front is all good, and I am thrilled to announce that I now have the largest office in my entire career! This one comes with incredible views, marginal commuting time, a relaxed dress code, and the ability to attend multiple meetings at a time. Working remotely has its benefits! Who would have ever thought our world would change this quick? No grandkids, but my two sons are spreading their wings and I enjoy seeing it all. Looking forward to the Zoom meeting that DL set up with our sisters from WMC. My best to you, dear classmates, and to your loved ones. And, to our class secretary, **Jack Tracey**, I greatly appreciate your dedication, commitment, and volunteer service all these years. You are a treasure! (Reporter's note: I must have unsuccessfully asked Julie to go out 16 times during our first two years at school. Then, I was annoying; now, I'm a treasure.)

Sad note for friends of Mr. **Edward Hallock M.Ed. '75** of Frederick, Maryland. We send condolences upon learning of his passing on June 13, 2020.

“Glad the alumni office sent out a second request and extended the deadline to submit news to the class column, because I certainly didn't meet the first one,” writes **Linda Spence Guess**. “One day just flows into another and another—that's what happens when a virus wipes out your calendar! At least I know what day it is, but the weeks pretty much blur together these days. Well, since we last corresponded, several big things have happened in my life. Last May, I retired from teaching, although I will continue to substitute teach. In August 2019, I remarried to another widowed person who had lost their beloved spouse of many years to cancer. It was the only wedding I have ever attended that when the bride and groom entered the church, the guests stood up and applauded/cheered. It was nice to have such support from family and friends! My grandchild count is up to four, ages 1 to 8, and Dennis has three that are teens. We got to see them each, except for one in 2020 BC (Before Coronavirus), but as they all live out of state, we haven't seen them recently. Thank goodness for technology in these days and times, but I so miss traveling and the hugs. When the virus situation gets under control, we plan to say goodbye to South Carolina for

a while and hit the road! And that's about it from me. Hope life is treating you each well. P.S. No, I didn't legally change my last name when I remarried. Too much work!”

**Jim Day** checks in: “We are surviving the pandemic quite well but are definitely making some changes. **Adrienne** is still working, God bless her, (somebody's got to bring in some money) but undertakes that now three days a week from home. Our son, **Michael**, thanks to COVID-19, had a small family wedding on Fishers Island, New York, in July. Daughter **Erin** is pregnant with her second child. She lives 30 minutes away, but because of this virus, treats us as if we had been bitten by zombies: ‘Visit at a distance, don't pick up the grandson, mask up, wash hands.’ Hm, personal hygiene was never my strong suit. Our youngest daughter, **Alyssa**, is going into the belly of the beast. We are driving her to Houston for a four-year Ph.D. program in neuropsychology. Ack, four years in Houston! Right now, such a hotbed. As for me, sigh. Can't go to bars. Can't go to protests. All my friends have abandoned me. They say it's because of COVID-19, but I'm not sure. **Stu** and **Martha Shuart '77 Lehman** are hard to catch up with. **Craze** and **Skillet (Joe Carrico and Tom Rhodes)** won't come across the bridge. The two I am stuck with are **Euell** and **Scruzz (Bill Gibbons and Larry Mathews)**, and I tell them we can't get together because of COVID-19. Please don't tell them any different. Well, that's life in Galesville, Maryland. Considering the state of the world in 2020, we are pretty lucky people and doing quite well. Take care and be safe. – Zero”

**Bruce J. Walz** retired this past January after 32 years on the faculty of the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), spending 40 years within the University System of Maryland. He remains affiliated with UMBC, serving as professor emeritus in the department of emergency health services, where he served with distinction for 21 years as department chair. Bruce has placed many great 2020 retirement plans on hold, including travel adventures for landscape and wildlife photography. He still resides in Mount Airy, Maryland, with his English springer spaniel, **Bentley**. Dr. Walz reminds us to please stay safe!

**Steve Brownley**, once named freshman boy of the month in October 1971 by Dean **Laidlaw's** office, has a new abode on Uniontown Road. This Westminsterian is loving retirement and now gets to spend time poolside with five of his seven beautiful grandchildren on a regular basis, along with his exceptionally elegant wife, **Gretchen Godsey Brownley '77**. He is an avid bicyclist, still listens to all sorts of jazz music, and keeps up from time to time with other elderly brothers of Alpha Gamma Tau. Steve is perhaps the finest guy any of you ever got to know during our days on campus. I was lucky enough to have made my decision to go

## Karen Arndt Fisher '75 has completed yoga teacher training and is looking forward to a trip to Hawaii to celebrate her 45th wedding anniversary.

# alumni updates

**Larry “Hondo” Schmidt ’75 is now a senior partner in his law firm.**

to college wherever he was going. He sends shout-outs to all the Silver Spring Northwood Indians that were WMC attendees.

On behalf of **Joe and Becky Horsey Carrico**, Joe writes: “I am still working and just completed my 42nd tax season and plan to continue for a few more. In June, we welcomed our first granddaughter to complement our two grandsons. Becky enjoys helping to care for our two local grandchildren, Evan and Paige. Teddy is 6 years old and lives in Melbourne, Australia. In the last two years, we have visited our son and his family in Australia. He is a professor at Monash University in Melbourne. I made a solo journey to Sydney in January 2019. This year, both of us visited Melbourne in January, with a half-day layover to allow for enough time for some sightseeing in Dubai. (Reporter’s note: It may have been that while in Dubai, Joe got the idea that I was smart enough to convert the apparent Norwegian PDF format that he used to send in his class notes into usable regular text type, which I could then easily copy [not] to finish this column; it took me less time to take my Earth Science exam in 1973.) In September of 2018, we joined several AGT Class of ’75 alumni for a trip to Maine as guests of **Bob and Lynn Rothacker ’81 Dowd**. Activities included hiking, trivia, exploration, dining, and drinking. Indeed, a good time was had by all. We visit and socialize from time to time with Annapolis-based alums for occasional festivities and crab feasts, often getting together with **Larry Matthews** for Ravens games. Larry, my brother, and I shared four seats. I am sad to report that my brother, **Tom Carrico ’73**, passed away in July 2020 after an 11-year battle with cancer. In October 2019, I attended an Alpha Gamma Tau reunion in Williamsport, Maryland. It was good to get together with many fraternity brothers from WMC of ’73 through ’76. I am glad to report that almost everyone looked exactly the same and has maintained their same weight from when they graduated, with the notable exception of brother **John ‘Pinhead’ Verderosa ’73, M.Ed. ’86** who, due to extensive physical training and plastic surgeries, now resembles a young Clive Owen.”

From **Debbie Melvin Farrell**: “Well here goes! Life has changed for Mike and me in many ways since our last alumni news posting. In April of 2018, we bought a house in Pawley’s Island on the South Carolina coast. Mike retired in November of that year, and I retired from the Anne Arundel County Public Library in December. We permanently moved south Jan. 25, 2019. It was exciting and bittersweet for us. Our twin girls, now 26, still live in Maryland, and it was hard moving away from them, and all of our close friends, especially my oldest and dearest, **Page Thompson Anderson**. We love our new home, located on the 17th hole at Litchfield Country Club. We did a lot of remodeling when we moved in and tackled landscaping

around the house. Southern landscaping is quite different from up north, so it has been a learning curve. We spend a lot of time playing golf, going to the beach, and entertaining visitors from Annapolis. Our family has been down several times, and we have enjoyed every visit. Of course, that all came to a screeching halt this past February when COVID-19 hit our shore. Once again, life changed for us. As my father, 95, and stepmother, 81, live right around the corner from us, it has become a main focus to keep them safe. No more casual dining out, multiple trips to the grocery store, Home Depot, the local nursery, and so much more that we took for granted. We were faced with trying to find toilet paper, paper towels, and hand sanitizer (like everyone else) all the while worrying about our daughters in Maryland. One good thing is that we’re able to continue playing golf — hallelujah! It has been our main source of exercise, albeit a bit different, now either walking the course in the early days or riding only one to a cart. At least we have that outlet. As you know, even the beaches were closed to us. Our numbers had remained low in comparison to the rest of the country and then when the summer hit, oh, boy! Now South Carolina is a hotbed, but here in Pawley’s Island our numbers are still quite low in comparison to Myrtle Beach, just 20 miles north of us. All in all, we have fared quite well. Our outdoor space looks spectacular, my house is as clean as a whistle most days, I’ve read a ton of books, we have Zoomed more than I ever thought possible, and my golf game — well, that’s another story, but I did get my second hole in one back in March! My best to all. Stay safe, and wear a mask!”

“All is well here in my new home in West Ocean City,” **Bruce Anderson** writes. “I retired from my law practice this spring and now sit as a part-time U.S. magistrate judge, except that the virus shut down my courtrooms. I still train for triathlons, although they too are canceled this year. I have qualified for Olympic distance triathlons at both the national and world level for my age group. My life is exciting, yet peaceful. Grandchildren Duncan, 9, and Winnie, 6, are great, living in Nashville with daughter, Erin, and hubby, Jerry. Duncan is all boy, playing with friends and riding his bike, while Winnie is the diva of the home. I did manage to quarantine for a few days, but quickly realized that Home Depot is my favorite spot to shop, especially when you move into a new home. I have played golf with **Mark Higdon** and **Larry Schmidt** a couple of times. I have been spending time on Cape Cod as well, as I have met a wonderful lady, Gail. We each enjoy triathlons and the great outdoors. Hope all is well with everyone.”

**Karin Beam** checks in from Delaware, her 2020 East Coast locality where she keeps up with and looks after her parents these days. Her legal career out in Santa Rosa,

California, has wound down dramatically, yet she still has responsibilities to see to on either side of the bench. The adjustment to being a bicoastal woman has been somewhat unsettling, but she manages to chill through gardening, artwork, fabric design creations, and playing daily Scrabble games against her original housemates. There is plenty to occupy her sparse spare time. Her son, Gus, is doing well out west, and she sends best wishes to each of us.

Here’s an update from **Larry “Hondo” and Linda Lock Schmidt**: “As I write this, we are awaiting the birth of grandchild number six, a boy to our youngest daughter. After having three daughters, the grandsons will now outnumber the granddaughters, four to two. Linda has been retired from her job as a kindergarten teacher for several years. This past Jan. 1, I took senior status as a partner at my law firm, so still working, just not as much, while trying to slow down and enjoy life. Like everyone else, I am now working remotely due to coronavirus and trying to be careful. Multiple trips have been canceled, but we are spending more time at our beach house in Ocean City, Maryland. Linda and I still play golf and try to keep in touch with friends and dear classmates, as we chase after the g-kids. Stay well, everyone.”

**Becki Bloyer Masters** writes, “I wish I had something clever to send in, but alas, with the pandemic raging, our travel plans got trashed. I go to work and try to avoid getting sick, keep busy doing projects at home that needed attention, keep my fingers crossed that my kid in San Francisco stays healthy (so far so good), worry about my 96-year-old dad (declining), and generally keep hoping for the best in this crazy world in which we live! I am thankful my husband and I still have jobs and that we have remained healthy, so life is good! We have been in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, for five years now and continue to enjoy our friends and neighbors (at a distance of course). Hope you and yours are well. Take care!”

**Jay Markanich** writes, “Just a note to say we are doing fine, still in Virginia, and would love to retire but, frankly, I like doing what I’m doing too much right now. Health-wise, we are very well. Even still, my wife should probably trade me in for a newer model with more bells and whistles. We have eight grandchildren now, with three residing nearby with whom we have lots of interaction. The oldest is 9 and the youngest is 18 months. Grandchildren open up a whole new world, at least for us. Maybe by the next time our class is featured in *The Hill* we will be located elsewhere, but who knows? Thankfully our house is paid off, so if we move and sell it, we’ll just start off fresh in a new home! Hope you’re all well.”

From **Fred DiBlasio**: “It is with much gratitude that we thank **Jack Tracey** for keeping the banner flying high for 1975 WMC alumni. He was/is such a cheerful and

personally friendly person as I got to know him especially on the stage of the ‘Junior Follies’ and on the football field. However, I greatly appreciated him when I had no money and nowhere to go on one Thanksgiving holiday, Jack invited me to come to Ocean City, Maryland, with his family. We decided to camp out on the beach, and in the morning woke to water all around us, but somehow the incoming waves had come up in such a way that left us perfectly dry. It was memorable. These days, **Jean Campbell DiBlasio ’76** and I, having been best friends and still dating after 44 years plus, haven’t minded being quarantined together. We live in a beautiful spot to still enjoy activities. We try to fit in ‘safe’ visits with the family and grandkids, including identical twins who we still cannot tell apart after three years. We are expecting grandchild number nine in December! Many of our friends, including Jean, are retired. So far, I am just ‘tired’ and still waiting for the ‘re’ part. However, after 35 years, the University of Maryland School of Social Work and students still tolerate me, so no plans yet to retire. Wishing happiness to you all.”

**Larry Matthews** writes: “An event that was 45 years in the making took place Oct. 19, 2019. After nearly a year of intensive communications between **John Verderosa ’73, M.Ed. ’86; Bill Swift ’74; Dave Cole ’74; Gary Strain ’76**; and myself, an Alpha Gamma Tau reunion of four classes occurred at the Red Men Lodge in Williamsport, Maryland. It was difficult to track down some people, but we managed to collect almost 100% of phone numbers and emails. Attending from the class of ’75 were **Steve Brownley, M.Ed. ’79, Joe Carrico, Larry Matthews, Steven Campbell, M.Ed. ’83, Bruce Moler, Jim Day, Stu Lehman**, and even **Craig Silbert**, who with his usual ‘Fishiness’ showed up four hours late — but, amazingly, at the right place. There were many brothers that I hadn’t seen since our graduation, along with some that I see still get to see often here in Annapolis. It started to rain late, so we moved inside the lodge, took the food and keg with us, and the festivities went on into the evening. A shawl and seat cushion was found for Brother Verderosa. It was great to retell the old stories, hearing different viewpoints of Bachelors days gone by. It seems we each remember the old days better than just yesterday. And somehow or another, we all wound up with great careers, great lives, and great kids — all wonderfully tied together because of our magical years at WMC! It was hard to end the night when the lodge was closing, but many reconvened at a local hotel lobby, carrying on well into the night. My college days were pinnacle years for me, and it was great to see so many old friends, great fun to catch up about careers, spouses, children, and the many accomplishments! I know we were really fortunate that this happened before the virus hit. The frat boys from these years are hoping to do this

again every couple of years or so. Let’s all stay in touch!”

And so, **Klass Kidz**, your humble scribe has not much to say. My two children are healthy, happy, and super successful way out west in the City of Angels; the two grandsons are just terrific; the wife, the legendary party in progress, **Janis ‘Harpo Marx’ Thompson Tracey ’77** is astoundingly and often patiently still putting up with me. She is the best wave-riding body boarder on the Isle of Palms, and was recently rightfully crowned Queen of All Grandmothers. My last day officially in the advertising biz was May 4, thus ending a run that began when Gerald Ford was president. Please look at my art on Instagram @jtracerc100. That’s right, Roy Fender, I’m an artist now, despite the D in your course. My only D at WMC. Well, one of the only. Look up my books on Amazon, watch my YouTube Channel “Art by Tracer.” Read some poems at charlestonthemagazine.com. Love me up on facebook.com/jack.tracey. Write soon. Wear a mask. Vote in November. And, friends, Leon Russell let us know long ago, “It’s such a strange time that we’re passing through...” Thanks, Leon. But sweet mother of pearl, THIS STRANGE? I also send out heartfelt appreciation to so many of you for thanking me for doing this column. Although, please know that I never forget that this task fell to me only after the all-too-soon passing of our beloved **Allison Ondrasik King**, who in every issue that she submitted put the “class” in “class secretary.” I may have been just an adequate substitute, but it has been, over these many years, an honor and a pleasure. Go, you Green Terrors.

*Jack Tracey  
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## 1981

After graduation, **Carla Fifer Staub** went on to the University of Maryland School of Social Work and Community Planning to get her Master of Social Work. She was licensed in Maryland and Pennsylvania as a clinical social worker and separately as a marriage and family therapist in Maryland. At 63 years old, she graduated from Loyola University with a master’s in spiritual and pastoral care and studied four years to be certified as an Ignatian spiritual director. Carla had a great career and quit work last year in March at the age of 79, mostly because of the changes in tax law. Carla has lived in a retirement community for two years now, experiencing the COVID-19 restrictions and no cases there. She reports it’s a great life and is grateful to have gotten a great start at Western Maryland College at the age of 41. Carla thanks WMC and says hi to her classmates in the Social Work Department and others she met along the way.

**Jane Garrity Plantholt, M.Ed. ’82** just finished her 37th year of teaching physi-



cal education, most of it spent in Bel Air, Maryland. Teaching PE online is not the way she thought she would do it, but there are ways to make it work. Jane and her husband celebrated their 35th anniversary in September. They spend their summer days between Bethany Beach, Delaware, and their boat on Middle River. Jane is blessed to have two beautiful grandchildren that, along with their parents, continue to bring her smiles.

**Debbie Ambrose** is living with her husband, Frank, in his family cabin on a hill overlooking the river. She has semi-retired, working part time as an independent contractor for two agencies, providing mental health therapy to adults and children. Her husband has also recently retired, so they spend plenty of time on the river kayaking and tubing with friends and family. Debbie’s dad’s health is declining, so she travels two hours to spend time with him each week. Her adult sons are enjoying successful lives with one working HVAC and the other an officer in the Army. No grandchildren from them yet, just “grandpuppies.” However, Debbie has had the pleasure of becoming “Jamma” to Frank’s five grandchildren and loves spending as much time as she can with them.

**Fran McCullin** reports he is just finished year 34 of teaching via distance learning, which was interesting to say the least! He is now up to four grandchildren and enjoys seeing them often. Fran continues to coach the tennis team at Westminster High School, although the season was canceled this spring due to the pandemic. He hopes all is well with the class of ’81!

**Wade Heck** decided for pandemic relief, he, **George Boinis**, and **Scott Kallins** would meet up at Great Falls, Maryland, in early May to get some fresh air.

**Scott Kallins** reports lots of events, decisions, and elections have happened since the last report. He is now retired for nearly a

*To get some fresh air during the pandemic, Wade Heck ’81, George Boinis ’81, and Scott Kallins ’81 met up at the Billy Goat Trail overlooking the Potomac River in Great Falls, Maryland. Pictured here are Scott and George.*

## alumni updates

**Dawn Sweeny Lindsey '81, M.Ed. '82 and Al Mezzanotte '78 got married on June 7, 2020.**

year, but his interest in law has remained. Scott is again a student, seeking an LL.M. in elder law. It's about an 18-month program that ends with a master's degree. He has been blessed to remain friends with many of our classmates and still coaches with **Steve Asroff** during his wintering season in Florida. **George Boinis' 60th** birthday offered a weekend in D.C. and fun with **Hunter and Katie O'Dwyer '82 Steadley; Wade Heck** and wife, Rose; **John Patrick '80; Dan Guy;** and naturally little bro, **John "JoJo" Boinis '84.** Scott is spending about half of this year in Maryland as Christina finishes a placement with Gilead, and he looks forward to catching up with his old roommate, **Jeff Rosenberg,** who lives just down the road in Boyds, Maryland. He still skis quite a bit (30 days last year) and travels when not in lockdown. Scott will miss his annual ski trip to Argentina due to the virus, but he hopes to make it up this winter in Alaska or wherever the wind blows him!

**Dawn Sweeny Lindsey, M.Ed. '82** has some great news to share. Dawn married **Al Mezzanotte '78** on Sunday, June 7, 2020. They were introduced by a mutual friend a little over six years ago. They purchased a home in Severna Park, Maryland, and are incredibly happy. COVID-19 didn't stop them from moving forward as they had a very small wedding in Annapolis, Maryland. They are hoping to celebrate with friends and family, as well as take a honeymoon, once it is safe. Dawn had been a single woman for over 14 years and never thought she would find this kind of love again, but life brings all types of wonderful surprises. Congrats to you both!

**Deanna Dee Taylor, M.S. '91** resides in Salt Lake City, Utah, with her husband, Tom King. They are surrounded by city parks, the Jordan River, and open space. They have turned their entire yard into an urban farm and grow and preserve a lot of their own food. Through their Dirt2Table program, a project of their nonprofit Blue Sky Institute, they are able to plant by seed, maintain, nurture, and distribute thousands of vegetable plants as well as seed packets in their community every year. Needless to say, from March through October they are quite busy with everything related to food production! This year the plant distribution went on despite the coronavirus, with the implementation of physical distancing, masks, and a major adjustment in the process of getting the community set up with plants for their gardens. Dee works as a secondary transition specialist at the Utah State Board of Education. She works with school districts to put practices in place to improve outcomes for students with disabilities. Along with a lot of other people, working from home became the "new now" as a result of the pandemic, but Dee had been a virtual employee for four years prior to this position for Utah State University, so the transition was an easy one for her. The pandemic presented many

challenges for Dee and her family, beginning with a 5.7 earthquake just after COVID-19 hit. This was the first (and hopefully only) earthquake Dee had experienced. Fortunately, there was very little damage, except for the acquired anxiety resulting from the quake! During the pandemic, Dee also lost her mother and, due to travel restrictions, was unable to travel to Maryland, attending her mother's life celebration via FaceTime. The public health crisis has really changed the way everyone needs to function and participate in life events. In her community, Dee serves as secretary and board member of her local community council. She and Tom also work closely with a Utah-based Indigenous organization, PANDOS, on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Campaign. She also is active politically with the Green Party, serving in several capacities locally and nationally. Dee and Tom enjoy hiking and camping and spending time with their children and six grandchildren, ages 2 to 13. Dee enjoys keeping up with everyone in social media.

**Owen Rouse** reports that after 24 years in a variety of roles at the commercial real estate firm of Manekin LLC, he joined Lutherville, Maryland-based MacKenzie Commercial Real Estate as head of the firm's investment sales business, where he will rebuild the unit charged with representing investors and owners of commercial property in transactions. With five offices around the metro area, MacKenzie's reach extends to Westminster and well beyond. A shorter commute (three miles versus 25) and a more robust platform will be enjoyed. Owen has also been spending a good part of the last 25 years as a board member for Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake, which has grown through regional mergers to be a fairly large affiliate. Post-COVID-19 travel has been light, but last year Owen and his wife, Anne, enjoyed a few weeks in Spain and Portugal, as well as a spin through the Canadian Maritimes. Some WMCers have been spotted at local music venues (thank you **George Kleb '82** and friends), grocery stores, and random spots around town, including some of our breweries. Looking forward to seeing more in the future as the world opens.

**Doug Otte** and his wife, Stephanie, have been very fortunate to keeping working from home since February and for the foreseeable future. They are both approaching the age when they are longing for retirement, but they will try to hang on for a while yet. Their daughter, Devin, has been living in Key West, Florida, for several years. So, it's just the two of them and two cats at home.

**Craig and Sherry Bennett '82 Rae** are enjoying life in Salisbury, North Carolina. Craig continues to play a lot of golf, and they're enjoying their two grandsons, Elliott and Colin. Elliott is a miracle. When their older daughter was 18, she had a heart transplant and was told that she'd never be able to have

a baby. She didn't listen! Craig and Sherry have a medical equipment business that's been on the front lines of the COVID-19 response, and thankfully, have been able to keep all of their employees safe.

**JoAnne Campitell Nelson** suspects that she is doing pretty much what everyone else is doing right now: working from home with the goal to stay healthy and keep the family healthy. Just like everyone, she has missed special birthdays and trips and family milestones, but JoAnne and her family are currently healthy and will hopefully stay that way. JoAnne's daughter is married, and she and her husband had their first child last September. It is absolutely the best thing to be a nonna. Her name is Sawyer, and she is absolutely what lights up JoAnne's days right now. Even though she doesn't get to see her in person much, the videos that the kids send and post, and the FaceTime calls are the best. JoAnne keeps telling her daughter that Sawyer is going to be surprised when she finds out she is not nine inches tall, since she sees her mainly from the phone. Her boys are both very busy. Joe is considered an essential employee at Northrop Grumman, so unlike the rest of us, he hasn't had much of a break during these times, and her son, Tony, is finishing his college degree from his room at home. JoAnne just hopes that they can celebrate his graduation when the time comes. When this passes, JoAnne definitely wants to be at the next Homecoming or alumni function to see everyone.

**Dottie Taneyhill** has been living in Huntsville, Alabama, for about 10 years now. She relocated there after she retired from the Army. It's a nice place, in close proximity to Nashville, Birmingham, and Atlanta. Dottie works as a consultant in the defense industry, mainly supporting companies with acquisition program management. She enjoys golfing and kayaking in her spare time and going to the beach at Gulf Shores. She sees her beach buddy, **Molly McLaughlin Quinn,** during trips home to Baltimore, and keeps in touch with **Cindy Cherrix Tart** and college roommate, **Patty Decola Shaddinger.**

**Leslie Mosberg Heubeck** shares that, like so many others, her family wedding scheduled for June was postponed until August. Her daughter, Hanly, married her longtime beau in August, on Leslie's father's 100th birthday, in Baltimore. The reception and celebrations were scheduled to take place a week later in St. Michaels, Maryland. With so much uncertainty in the air, they had no idea what those would look like, but they opted to plow ahead with optimism and love. Leslie's younger daughter, Hilary, returned to Baltimore with her master's degree in interior design and architecture. She bought a small house and, for the past nine months, has done a tremendous "HGTV" job with its interior renovation. Leslie has now retired



*Bo Hickey '81 and his wife, Elizabeth, visited Botswana over the New Year to celebrate their anniversary.*

twice — once from school administration and then from refereeing lacrosse and field hockey. David retired a year ago from corporate litigation. They split their time between Baltimore and Corolla, North Carolina. Green Terrors are always welcome.

**Steve Awalt** says that 39 years down the road from graduation, he and his family are all well. He has been married 33 years, has three kids graduated from college, and no grandchildren yet. His oldest child, Mitchell, was to be married in the fall, though like many family events, that was changed in size and location by COVID-19. They are all happy nonetheless. Steve is still practicing law in Towson, Maryland, mostly business and estate matters, with no plans to retire anytime soon. Technology now allows him to split his time working in Maryland and New Hampshire, where he and his wife, Debbie, have a rustic lakeside home. He is happy to report that he still sees **Regan Smith** from time to time, and he and his family are all well. Steve says that it occurs to him that when we graduated in 1981, those that had graduated 39 years before had done so in 1942, the WWII era. We've come quite a way. As always, Steve has a way with words. Many of us have seen his letters to the editor and articles that have been posted in The Baltimore Sun.

**Eileen Flynn Toohey** and her husband, Phil, celebrated 33 years of marriage in March. Phil works for UBS and Eileen works for Carter Global. Son, Patrick, and daughter, Mary Jane, are both nearby in Baltimore and D.C., respectively. Eileen was with her WMC roommate, **Jane Burch Fridwell '82,** recently to celebrate Jane's 60th birthday. Happy 60th to all the '82ers!

**Rick and Ginni Brown Morani** went on their first cruise, to Alaska, to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. They did a one-week drive up to Denali, Talkeetna (their favorite spot), and Anchorage. Then they cruised the Inside Passage. It was a spectacular trip, and she would highly recommend it to anyone. They aren't going to be big cruisers, but it was the only way to see Alaska up close and personal. They are still running their urgent care center in Edgewater, Maryland. When COVID-19 hit, they took a hit and had to cut hours and lay off half of their staff, but within two weeks got their Paycheck Protection Program money and brought everyone back as best they could. They are gradually getting back to their normal hours, but it is a crazy time in health care. Their youngest daughter, MaryKate, is living in Boston and loving the city while working for Liberty Mutual. Their oldest daughter, Megan, had her first child, Alice, in July, and they love being grandparents. Ginnie has kept in touch with **Debi Bessman Funk, Debbie Ambrose, Molly MacLaughlin Quinn, Fontelle Bennett MacLaughlan, and Dottie Scroggs Freeman** through Zoom (thank you, Molly).

**Jeff Vinson** retired two years ago after 35 years at Northrop Grumman. They now live most of the year in Ocean City, Maryland. **Jill Kortvelesy Mennicken** decided to retire a year early due to the impact the pandemic had on her sales business. The high unemployment rate meant huge cutbacks in hiring at her clients, so she moved out of Manhattan, New York, in May. She is living on eastern Long Island with her boyfriend, Chip. They fixed up a house together and now are living there full time. The other reason she retired early is because Chip is

temporarily handicapped due to multiple hip surgeries. He has one more surgery in August and then should be mobile again! Since retirement, Jill has been active with the alumni office at McDaniel. She has been creating videos for the students to help them get into the workforce. Jill will be doing some remote student mentoring as well. She continues her volunteer work leading youth empowerment programs and tutoring students in reading. Jill has been enjoying cooking and house projects, like refinishing furniture and gardening. One of the positive outcomes during COVID-19 was having her son, William, stay with them for three months while he worked remotely for Oracle in Boston. Jill's daughter, Katy, and her boyfriend live together in Raleigh, North Carolina, with her "granddog," Lady. They look forward to having visitors as soon as New York starts to open up.

**Steve and Wendy Protzman Klohr** live in Skillman, New Jersey, where they enjoy being close to the beach and New York City. Steve is a senior director at Bristol Myers Squibb, where he has worked in pharmaceutical research and development for 33 years and contributed to many cancer and antiviral drugs now on the market. Wendy is no longer teaching elementary school full time but is a part-time substitute teacher and leads the children's ministry at church in Princeton, New Jersey. Their son, Alex, graduated with a degree in architecture and works for Gensler in Philadelphia. Their daughter, Kirsten, graduated from American University and works at a small marketing firm in Washington, D.C. They enjoy cycling, hiking, and family trips together. A visit to Yellowstone in the winter a few years ago

**Rick and Ginni Brown Morani '81 went on a cruise to Alaska to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary.**

# alumni updates

**Laurie Morstein Rovin '81 is a nonprofit consultant after working in the nonprofit sector for 40 years.**

with Steve's parents (**Ed Klohr '51** and Louise) was a highlight, as well as a trip to Italy with friends last year, where they enjoyed a hot air balloon ride over Sienna, along with the wonderful food and wine of Tuscany.

**Jeff "Wally" '80** and **Barb Forrey Wahlbrink** were blessed to have had the opportunity to travel at the start of the year, before all this began. They spent a week with the family in Mexico, and then two weeks in "incredible India," visiting iconic sites like the Taj Mahal as well as mission sites of bethaniakids.org, a nonprofit that helps to support, protect, and educate some of India's poorest children and families. They are thrilled to have all three daughters living and working in the area, for now anyway: Grace in Washington, D.C.; Hope in Baltimore; and Nora in Arlington, Virginia. A family wedding scheduled for May in D.C. had to be postponed, but they look forward to celebrating with Grace and Zack soon. They stay connected with many WMC friends on social media, and also through Zoom calls with Phi Alph sisters **Connie Thompson Bowman**, **Helen Wroe Kline**, **Betsy Walsh Geiger**, **Laura McGinty Kobola**, **Lyn Keener Totty**, **Nancy Heinbaugh Cummins**, **Lisa Brandau**, **Janet Butts Anderson '80**, and **Melanie Keates Lower**. Their annual spa "reunion" at Hotel Hershey had to be canceled this year, but they hope to find time to gather somewhere, somehow.

**Steve** and **Susan Dean Asroff** are retired and just sold two homes in Illinois and a condo in Florida, and are excited to move to Florida full time. Steve has been keeping busy in the winter months, coaching high school lacrosse and skiing with our fellow WMC grad **Scott Kallins**. When he's not coaching, Steve and Sue have been playing pickleball, hanging out with their grandchildren, and traveling. Sue also keeps busy sewing items for the local crisis pregnancy center, baking, sewing masks, and most recently, sorting through 38 years of belongings they have accumulated and downsizing for this move! They are both grateful that her elderly parents have survived COVID-19. They keep in touch with many fellow WMC classmates such as **Wade Heck**, **George Boinis**, **Hunter** and **Katie O'Dwyer '82 Steadley**, **Ralph '80** and **Helen Wroe Kline**, and more. They have made wonderful, lifelong friends at Western Maryland College.

**Bo Hickey** reached out to report that his wife he and his wife, Elizabeth, were in Botswana to celebrate their anniversary over the New Year. They have been on safari there a few times and have fallen in love with the country and people. They visited Belmond Eagle Island Camp and also got a kiss from an elephant admiral at Sanctuary Stanley's Camp. He also had to break out the T-shirt to represent WMC lacrosse, especially his teammates from the '78-'79 championship season.

**Laurie Morstein Rovin** reminded us that the last time our class was featured in the

alumni magazine, we turned 60! Life has been good to Laurie. She has taken up gardening, both children got married, and she retired from 40 years in the nonprofit sector, including 10 as a CEO, to become a nonprofit consultant. This gives Laurie more flexibility to travel and slow down. If any of her WMC friends need nonprofit support or interim leadership, look her up on LinkedIn. Pre-COVID, she had a great visit with **Dawn Sweeny Lindsey, M.Ed. '82** and **Molly McLaughlin Quinn**.

**Hunter Steadley** wishes us all well and reminds us to wear our masks! Hunter and **Katie O'Dwyer '82 Steadley** had a chance to get together with **Bernie** and **Nancy Marlowe Merritt, M.S. '02**, **Carl McWilliams** and his wife, Becka, during St. Patrick's Day before COVID-19 sheltered us. They had been visiting two to four national parks for the last few years. The adventures are priceless and the hikes are beautiful. Katie was chased by a bull moose at Lake Jenny in Grand Teton and Hunter didn't know just how fast she could run. This summer was a different pace with long weekends in Ocean City with toes in the sand and late meals on the front porch. They also bought a house! On one of their walks, they passed a small rancher and three days later it was theirs! It is a full renovation, and they hoped to move in by October. Hunter will have to set up a GoFundMe page to help with the 20% over budget. He stays in touch with **Scott Kallins** and **Steve Asroff** and hopes to see them in Florida eventually.

**Mildred Artis Alexander, M.S. '94** reports that the "Frozen on Ice" figure skating show in Laurel, Maryland, as well as her home team's (Piney Orchard) annual competition were canceled. She was able to have competed several times with her solo program and a group program before COVID-19 shut things down. Mildred's planned fall trip to Paris will have to wait. She has returned to figure skating lessons and scrapbooking with her local group in person, with virus safeguards. She has learned to use virtual platforms for working out with a trainer, doctor's appointments, and small group meetings. Mildred's son moved into his own place a few months ago. Her daughter is to follow, as she is moving to a local retirement community! Hard to believe she is old enough for this, but blessed to be able to do it. Mildred is looking forward to see what life offers and sends blessing to the Class of 1981!

**Jay** and **Trish Griffiths Holtzman** report that their son, Jonathan, is a high school teacher in Baltimore County, and their daughter, Allison, has recently returned from teaching English in Spain, where she had been under lockdown with her cat.

**Rebecca Weller Holderread** and her husband were empty nesters until COVID-19 hit. Her youngest, Helen, was forced to return home for the last part of her sophomore year at the University of South Carolina.

She headed back in August. Rebecca's eldest, Emma, is in New York City working for PwC in tax, and she passed her CPA requirements. Rebecca loves having adult children. Rebecca is running an operations and finance consulting business. After working in 12 different industries, she has decided that technology is her thing. She has been so focused on work that she has primarily stayed in contact with **Janet Carr Short** and, of course, her friends on Facebook.

**Keith Taylor, M.Ed. '85** retired from Carroll County Public School after 39 years of teaching. The last 29 were at Piney Ridge Elementary as their media specialist. He and his wife, Jane, reside now at the Delaware shore near Fenwick Island.

**Bill '82** and **Janet Trainor Byrne** are not bored. As teachers they are busy making room for the virtual environment and saying goodbye to the system that they once knew. As the saying goes, just when you think you've got it figured out, think again. It will either keep them young or send them to an early grave. Their children have settled on the East Coast. Their daughter, Erin, is a New York girl and their son, Patrick, is a happy resident of the Sunshine State. They are enjoying being empty nesters.

**Alex Gerus** is currently working at Oakland Mills High School in a regional ALS program. He continues to enjoy teaching students on the autism spectrum. Alex reports that old dogs can learn new tricks as he was able to navigate virtual learning this past spring. His most-involved student absolutely shined during their English class, so contrary to what we might hear, virtual learning can work. Alex and his wife, Lori, enjoy staying in touch with **Steve** and **Wendy Protzman Klohr**, **Stu Streit** and his lovely wife, Karen, and **Jeff '80** and **Barb Forrey Wahlbrink**. He would love to hear from his Csection pals and former soccer teammates. Alex's oldest, Cooper, is in his third year at UB Law. He's interested in immigration and employment law and interned this summer with the EEOC in Baltimore. Owen works for Norcom Mortgage, specializing in credit repair and first-time home buyers. Alex says WMC helped him set his course, and he thanks the Class of '81 for being part of it.

While most of us are (or are almost) empty nesters, **Cindy Myles Rhodes** has two high school seniors and one freshman, so they have a bit longer. With that in mind, Cindy and her husband, Jon, are planning for retirement and purchased an Airstream travel trailer last year so that they are ready and able to hit the road as soon as possible! This year they have it near the beach in New Jersey so they finally have that weekend house. She continues to work as a consultant in the real estate and technology industry. Cindy used to travel quite a bit, but with COVID-19, that has stopped. She sees **Karen Lyhus McCloskey** frequently and she is doing great.

**Donna Regner Tamburelli** still lives in

Colorado, but living with state restrictions is attempting to turn her into an introvert! Donna can't seem to accept retirement and started with a new company, NFP, in August. After 35 years of retirement plan advising, she still loves what she does, so she's not giving up her clients just yet. Donna covers Colorado and Wyoming and used to be on the road at least half of the year, so working from home wasn't her preference, but it allows her to fit in afternoon golf, which keeps her sane. Donna and her husband were one of those couples on a cruise in March when the U.S. went on lockdown but were fortunate to be able to return home without ship quarantine. It was a very interesting time on the ship, but too long of a story to share here. They dodged a bullet, for sure! Last fall, she was able to connect with **Molly McLaughlin Quinn** and **Dottie Taneyhill** at Cross Street Market for happy hour, which was great to reconnect and reminisce. No chugging games, so this is a sign of our maturity. Donna enjoys connecting with many of our classmates via Facebook, but the scenes from the ocean and crab feasts really make her miss Maryland!

**Allen Kwiatkowski** reports lots of changes since the last time: "We moved into a new place along with Dianne's parents, so we can better look after their needs. It's got a master bedroom on the first floor, which is great for them, and there is a loft area on the second floor so Dianne and I have a little privacy outside our bedroom. During the first few months of the pandemic, though, I was living in the basement, avoiding as much close contact as possible, since I am still going to work every day. Dianne would bring meals down and sit on the steps and talk or watch a movie or live-stream church with me. And although I am back upstairs now, I am still cautious, acting as if I have a bad cold that I don't want Dianne or her parents to catch. We got two new daughters-in-law! Both sons got married in the last few years. Both of their brides are kind and thoughtful, and we feel very included in their lives. One of them is from Vietnam and invited us to go over and celebrate their marriage with some of her Vietnamese relatives that could not make it to the U.S. She arranged a wonderful vacation for us all in Saigon, Hoi An, and DaNang. We also have one grandson! Our oldest daughter and her husband had a baby boy a few years back. Just like when I was a new dad, it's nice having someone young who is very enthusiastic about seeing you. During family get-togethers, I find myself enjoying just sitting back and watching all the kids interact as young adults. Although sometimes I give into an urge to tell a funny story from my past that they've already heard. We are still attending Heritage Presbyterian Church. We are looking for a new pastor, and this is the first time the church has done a full-fledged pastoral search process in over 20 years. It's a first for many of us and is a little unsettling. Good training in loving one

another amidst differing opinions. I'm still working on writing and testing software for Lockheed Martin. The last two years have been the most satisfying of my career."

Bernie and I are hunkered down in Fenwick Island, Delaware. Not a bad place to be! We moved here full time two years ago and love it. Bernie continues to work in Alexandria, Virginia, but has been able to telecommute these past few years, so he is here most of the time. We enjoy seeing lots of fellow graduates such as **Carl McWilliams** and his wife, Becka, and **Hunter** and **Katie O'Dwyer '82 Steadley**, among others. We hosted a 60th birthday party for all of us who turned 60 in 2019 and tried to do one for the class of 1982 but had to postpone! **Eileen Flynn Toohy**, **Lori Frock Bucacink '82, M.S. '87**, **Laurie Slasman Long '82**, **Barbara White Murphy '82**, **Hunter** and **Katie O'Dwyer '82 Steadley**, and **Jane Burch Friddell '82** were all able to join us. I also keep in touch with **Debi Bessman Funk** and **Molly McLaughlin Quinn**. I took a part-time job in a cool home furnishing store in Fenwick, so I keep busy. Our daughters are doing well — one in Baltimore and one in San Francisco. She stayed with us for five months but has since returned to California. Stay safe everyone, and thanks to all who responded.

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## 1987

**Sandy Brant Alvey** retired from the Army in July 2019 with the rank of brigadier general. She is still a Department of Defense civilian with the Defense Intelligence Agency. She and her husband, **Alan Alvey '85**, have spent the last year getting her 92-year-old mother settled in a nursing home in Gordonsville, Virginia. Their son, Douglas, a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, has moved to Camp Pendleton, California, for his next three-year assignment. Their daughter, Samantha, is attending Georgia Southern University for her master's degree in environmental studies. The Alveys have not been traveling, but Sandy did get in some snowmobile riding at the end of February before the travel restrictions hit in March. Their trips to Tokyo, Japan, and Inverness, Scotland, have been postponed until 2021.

**Ken Brignall** is still in the medical field, calling on teaching institutions in Baltimore. One son graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and still lives there, and his other son is finishing his mechanical engineering degree at Temple. Ken stays active playing baseball in a local league and plays golf with **Dru Salvo** on occasion.

**Dennis DeMatte** has been living at Baker Place in Vineland, New Jersey. Last fall, he enjoyed a nine-night cruise to New England and Canada. This past spring, his daughter, Kelsey, graduated from James Madison

University (JMU) with a degree in accounting. She is continuing at JMU to get her master's in accounting and is working at RSM, an accounting firm in Philadelphia. Dennis really appreciates his visits with his fraternity brothers **Mike Hogan**, **Steve Baily**, and **Allen Mott**.

**Steve Downing** lives in Mount Airy, Maryland, with his wife, Melanie, and their two children. He and Melanie celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in October. Daughter, **Caroline Downing '22**, is a junior at McDaniel studying education, and son, Drew, is attending Salisbury University where he's playing lacrosse.

**Wendy Haug Ensz** continues to teach music at Children's Home Society of South Dakota, where they provide direct care for residential children. She shares that a new generation was introduced to "We Are the World," which brought back so many memories of her WMC days! Wendy notes that the children love it and have made their own connections to how we help each other in times of crisis. As for travel, she and her husband enjoyed a week in Myrtle Beach and Charleston, South Carolina.

Last year, **Brian** and **Cassie Schneeberger Felch** celebrated their 30th anniversary with a Rhine River cruise and feel so fortunate they were able to enjoy that experience before everything shut down this year. Their daughter, Mallory, made them grandparents in April, and in June, they were finally able to travel to Cape Cod to meet little Charlette Allyn. Brian works for the Department of Defense, and Cassie works at a G.I. procedure center in Catonsville, Maryland. She regularly keeps in touch with **Stephanie Wagner Brewster**, **Sandy Smith Denmark**, **Margaret Gemski Schatz**, **Tania John '88**, **Chris Mattox Michaels '88**, and **Michelle Myers Parrish**.

**Barry Goldmeier** has combined his love of running and juggling for over 30 years, "joggling" in marathons for years now, until this pandemic hit. In the last several years, his joggling repertoire included juggling beanbags, juggling deflated footballs dressed as Tom Brady, hitting a ping-pong ball in the air with a paddle in one hand while juggling beanbags with his other hand dressed as Forrest Gump, and bouncing a basketball while juggling in a Harlem Globetrotters uniform. Showing his love for local sports champions, Barry ran several marathons dressed in Washington Capitals gear and juggling hockey sticks and a few others dressed in Washington Nationals gear and juggling baseball bats. He is looking forward to more joggling in the future. Barry and his wife, Nancy (who he met through **Greg Merrill**), have lived in Rockville, Maryland, for almost 20 years now. He also stays in touch with **Aaron Zajic** and, back in March, saw former tennis coach **Alex Ober '63, M.Ed. '69**. Barry often sees **Kendra Heyde '86** at the Baltimore Marathon and **Karen Saar '88** at Baltimore Ravens tailgating.

**Sandy Brant Alvey '87** retired from the Army in 2019 with the rank of brigadier general.



During the pandemic, Julie Bugg Maher has enjoyed connecting with Phi Alpha sisters from the Class of 1987 on Zoom. Pictured here is a chat with Ferren DeMore Bolesta, Melissa Durley Kreisa, Karen Kinningham Morris, Kim O'Dea Landgraf, Susan Pinto Keen, and Laurie Vozzella Bell.

Life is good for **Neil Gwinn, M.S. '89** and his wife, **Alice Schwarzkopf Gwinn '88**. Neil is in his 30th year in the education world, the past 28 years with Howard County Public Schools. Alice is still with the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades as a senior curriculum specialist. The Gwinns keep busy with their dogs and four adult children. Daughter Megan is finishing up her mortician certification program, and son Daniel is currently a supervisor with Southwest Airlines and looking to get into the music world. Their son Dylan recently graduated from Washington and Jefferson College and will be teaching middle school English in Anne Arundel County, and Jenna, their youngest, is in her sophomore year at University of Maryland Baltimore County. They hope to get back to the Hill in the future and look forward to catching up with special friends from WMC days.

**Dawn Heiges Hoffman** is in her 33rd year of teaching in Frederick County. She serves as a union rep, is the social committee chairperson, and participates on numerous other committees throughout the year. Dawn also works part time as therapeutic staff support at Adams County Children's Advocacy Center, working with children on the spectrum or children at risk. Dawn recently joined the board of the Adams County Children's Advocacy Center, which serves children who are survivors of domestic and sexual abuse in her hometown of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. In July, she and her husband, Adam, who works at First Energy, celebrated 33 years of marriage. Their daughter, Samantha, lives in Jacksonville, Florida, with her husband,

Vince, and works for Victim Witness. Son Kurt is a sales representative in Philadelphia for Iron Mountain, and son Mitchell is a personal trainer.

**Alice Booher Johnson** lives in Timonium, Maryland, with her tabby cat, Annabelle, while her adult children live in diverse spots of the world. Her daughter, Emily, speaks fluent Japanese and works as a translator in Italy. Her son, Timothy, is in Denver, Colorado, working with Western Union and supplying stand-up comedy to socially distanced crowds. When her family was young, she lived in Frederick, Maryland, for many years and was active with local politics. She then moved to Baltimore to attend law school at the University of Maryland, graduating in 2005. Alice has been working at the Office of Administrative Hearings in Hunt Valley, Maryland, as a staff attorney for eight years, helping to ensure the citizens of Maryland receive due process.

**Michael Anthony Lewis** lives in New York City and is married to Eri Noguchi. His one child graduated from high school and is at Muhlenberg College, majoring in theatre and dance. Michael teaches statistics, economics, and public policy at Hunter College, where he was recently promoted to full professor. He shares that he has a new book out called "Social Workers Count: Numbers and Social Issues" (Oxford University Press, 2018).

**Steve Lutche** and his wife, **Lucy Purcell Lutche '86**, who celebrated 29 years of marriage in June, went from empty nesting last year to a house full of adults either working or studying remotely this year. He admits it's

been very enjoyable having everyone around, with many bonfires, big dinners, and viewings of old home videos from when the kids were quite young. Their daughter, Brigitte, graduated from college last summer and is doing very well in a sales position. Son, Stevie, is a junior at Salisbury University, living the fraternity life with a really good group of Sig Tau brothers. This year is Steve's 26th year with Snee, Lutche, Helmlinger & Spielberger, P.A. In July, they celebrated the fifth anniversary of their new building on Main Street in Bel Air, Maryland, with a socially distanced crab feast in the parking lot. He and Lucy, who is a paralegal, have been fortunate to spend a fair amount of time at the beach with **Chris '89** and **Laurie Lutche '92 Scannell**.

During the pandemic, **Julie Bugg Maher** has enjoyed connecting with Phi Alpha **Ferren DeMore Bolesta**, **Melissa Durley Kreisa**, **Karen Kinningham Morris**, **Kim O'Dea Landgraf**, **Susan Pinto Keen**, and **Laurie Vozzella-Bell**. She and her husband, Ed, also keep in touch with **Laura Ahalt Heck, M.S. '98** and her husband, **Drew Heck '86**. The two couples enjoyed seeing "Hamilton" together. Julie has actually found it comforting having her family all together as jobs and schools have gone remote. Her daughter, Morgan, is 25 and in the fashion industry. She's usually traveling the world when not in New York City, but has been working at home. Daughter, Mallory, 21, is studying data science at Loyola University and recently finished a virtual internship at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab (where Ed is a software engineer). Her son, Mitchell, is a sophomore in high school and enjoys fishing, basketball, and playing electric guitar and drums. Julie keeps busy volunteering with church and other local causes, selling items on eBay, and planning family activities. The Mahers enjoyed a visit to Deep Creek Lake, Maryland, this past July where they met up with the families of **Dave Llewellyn** and his wife, Shanda, and **Darrell and Kris Twiford '88 Guyton**.

In Bethesda, Maryland, **Greg Merrill** is hoping everyone is doing great and staying healthy in this crazy time. He continues his work as a life-science entrepreneur at Adaptive Phage Therapeutics, working on therapeutics for bacterial infections and a vaccine for COVID-19. Greg's son plans to study and play lacrosse at Tufts University, but is also considering a gap year, while his daughter is a high school junior and has a talent for theatre! He shares that both are taller (and better looking) than him! Greg has been enjoying the occasional Zoom party and socially distanced cookout with **Lia Whittle Arbaugh '88, M.S. '92**; **Barry "Gumby" Goldmeier**; **Mike '86** and **Suzanne Meadows Hogan**; **Karen Saar '88**; and **Aaron Zajic**.

**Margaret Miller** lives in Maryland with her husband, Rob. She has a human resources and organizational effectiveness

consultancy and loves working in the field. Margaret also continues making and sharing her art — she created the cover for the book "Rebecca Rising" by Rebecca B. Thompson, published in July. This past summer, Margaret saw **Elaine Pappas** and enjoyed sharing fun memories from WMC and their time studying abroad in Greece. Last fall, she attended a photography show featuring iPhone images by Sue Ruddick Bloom, retired McDaniel art professor and chair of the department of art and art history. Margaret has gotten together with **Susan Lauzau '86**, **Patrick Dail '89**, **Roxanne Benjovsky McClanahan '89**, and **Nancy Shaw Hart '88**, and keeps up with many alumni through social media, including **Karen Rex Lambert**.

**Todd Mitchell** states that "like us, our kids are getting older!" His daughter, 24, is a registered nurse at the Johns Hopkins Hospital ER and his son, 27, is doing business consulting and audits. Todd and his wife built a new home more suitable for this stage of their lives but still in Hampstead and have been busy with projects around the new house. He got a chance recently to catch up with **Scott Funk '86** and **Joe Thomas '86**, who are both doing well. Winter for Todd is woodworking and building furniture and summer is for fishing out of Ocean City on his boat, "Chubby Hubby."

For **Joe Nattans**, life has been at an epic pace. His company, GMH Mortgage Services, was sold to CrossCountry Mortgage in May 2019. He's stayed on with CrossCountry as an executive vice president, running the group that was built over the last 10 years. That group includes fellow alums **Terri Davis Milne '85** and **Larry Smith**, so he sees them quite frequently. Joe still enjoys coaching the varsity boys soccer team at York Catholic High School and follows the Green Terror soccer and baseball teams. He was hoping there would be an NFL season with fans this year, as he looks forward to tailgating with WMC alums **Steve and Lucy Purcell '86 Lutche**, **Rich McCaughey '90** and **Barb Pierantozzi-McCaughey '89**, **Chris '89** and **Laurie Lutche '92 Scannell**, **Dru Salvo**, **Dave Cadigan '89**, **Dave Bell** and **Laurie Vozzella-Bell**, **Bill Hallett '89**, and others from the 1980s.

**Susan Pinto Keen** has had a lot going on! She and her family recently enjoyed a trip to London and Paris. **Lindsey Keen '18** and **Abby Keen '18** graduated from McDaniel. Lindsey became a CPA, and Abby is on her way to becoming a physician assistant. In addition, Susan's son got married, and she became a great-aunt! Susan and her husband are true empty nesters now. She was in touch with many of her Phi Alpha sisters this year.

As strange as 2020 has been, **Eric and Kim O'Dea Landgraf** are still living life, but at a slower pace as they get closer to being empty nesters. Their 29-year-old is still working at Sony in New York City, while their 27-year-old, who moved back from Alaska with his wife is now being deployed to Qatar with

the U.S. Air Force. Their Rowan University graduate accepted a physical education job with the Clayton School District, and their youngest is a junior, also at Rowan. The big news in 2020 is that Kim changed jobs and is now working at their local high school. She is the principal's right-hand woman and is really enjoying being back in the school world. While many fun plans were canceled this year, they did enjoy a week in Sea Isle City, New Jersey, with the family, prior to their airman leaving for Qatar. They have been lucky to see **Ferren DeMore Bolesta** and her husband, Bob, and **Norm Dahl, M.S. '89** and look forward to seeing more WMC friends in 2021!

**Don Parker-Burgard** writes that the COVID-19 pandemic-related boom in home gardening has been an unforeseen bright spot for Fine Gardening, the magazine and related website he works for. Not having to commute to the office has given him time to give his own vegetable garden some extra TLC and to enhance the landscaping around his house. Don's big family news is that his son, Eli, married a wonderful woman in a small, outside ceremony this past spring. Don and his wife enjoyed catching up with **Jim Chung** and his wife in California via Zoom.

Living and working in rural King George, Virginia, **Beth Rudrow Peed** and her husband are still active and enjoy the outdoors as much as possible. She shares that they can see the "light at the end of the retirement tunnel." Her father-in-law lives with them, creating a multigenerational atmosphere they all appreciate. Beth's son, 24, is in Beaufort, North Carolina, and her youngest, 21, is attending Virginia Tech. She thinks fondly of her Phi Sig sisters and WMC chemistry classmates.

**Amy Ratcliffe** recently bought a new home in her same neighborhood and is enjoying having her mother living with her now. She still works from her home in Lafayette, Indiana, as editor/project manager of the International Journal of Central Banking. She has fond memories of an amazing trip to Italy in 2018 and is looking forward to a time when it is safer to continue international travel.

**Dave Reith** finished his 33rd year with Northrop Grumman and is now retired! Living in Northern Virginia for the past six years, he and his wife, **Sharon Pierce Reith '88, M.S. '92**, are looking forward to future travel. Their oldest son, JD, was married in September 2018 and lives in Alexandria, Virginia, with his wife. Their daughter, Jennifer, is engaged and was hoping for an August 2020 wedding. Ben, the youngest, lives at home and is taking classes. The Reiths get together with **Jerry Donald '86, M.S. '91** and his wife, Beverly, whenever they can.

**Laura Russell, M.S. '99** graduated with her second master's degree (this one in ministry from St. Mary's University and Seminary) and has several jobs that she loves! She is the director of children's and

youth ministry at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in downtown Westminster and has a contract position with Carroll County Government to be the outreach person for the 2020 Census. Prior to COVID-19, Laura worked in childcare for a regional bible study group where she had a great time with all the children. She is living with and helping care for her 86-year-old mom and 90-year-old dad. She is also involved with many local groups focused on social injustices. She believes there is always work that can help make the community a better place for everyone and feels blessed to be learning about the LGBTQ community through her job at St. Paul's, where a teen outreach event is held each month. Laura keeps up with several WMC alumni, including **Lynn Habicht, M.S. '91**, **TraceyAnn Tokar Smith '88**, **Susan Scharf '86**, and **Maureen Carroll Martin '86**. Last year at a McDaniel dinner, she was happy to see **Ralph '84** and **Char Wirts '84 Frith**, as well as many older alumni with whom she worked when she was the director of reunions at Western Maryland.

In April 2019, **Bev Kreitler Shaner, M.S. '89** and her husband, Chuck, took a river cruise through the Netherlands and Belgium, visiting Amsterdam, Delft, Hoorn, Arnhem, Kinderdijk, Antwerp, Brussels, Ghent, Bruges, and the Zeeland region. The highlights of the trip for Bev were the canals of Amsterdam, touring the Anne Frank house, and seeing the huge tulip fields bloom at both a tulip farm and Keukenhof Gardens. Bev and Chuck are still mourning the loss of their beloved Westie, Cody, who passed in April from cancer. They are hoping to find and adopt a new Westie puppy in the near future. Originally, the Shaners had planned to travel to celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary, but instead had a nice dinner on the deck at the restaurant where they had their wedding reception. Bev has been lucky to be able to continue working her part-time administrative assistant job from home.

Through her company, NspireD, **Nicolle Gaines Surratte, M.S. '88** is an inspirational speaker and coach promoting health and wellness as a lifestyle with an emphasis on women and stress. In 2019, Nicolle self-published an award-winning memoir, "The Voice of Victory in the Valley: Diary of a Breast Cancer Thriver" ([www.nicolleinspires.com](http://www.nicolleinspires.com)). She celebrated her ninth "cancer-versary" this past June. As a patient advocate, Nicolle focuses on breast cancer awareness and education. She is trained in advocacy/public policy through the Susan G. Komen Foundation has spoken on Capitol Hill. In addition, Nicolle graduated from the National Breast Cancer Coalition's ProjectLEAD Institute, an intensive program in the science of breast cancer. Her son, Jerry A. Thompson III, 30, is a podcast producer and consultant. His "Point Noir" podcast encourages young men of color to travel the world. Nicolle's

**Nicolle Gaines Surratte '87, M.S. '88** is an inspirational speaker and coach with her company NspireD.

# Alumna reunited with her class ring during quarantine

McDaniel's Alumni Relations staff is used to requests for alumni to reconnect with old friends or lost loves. But it's not often a stranger reaches out wanting to get in touch with a specific alum. In mid-June, that was exactly what happened. A woman from Silver Spring, Maryland, named Delphine Blain emailed Alumni Relations to share the following story:

*"Shortly before the COVID-19 restrictions, I found a class ring on the ground. I knew there were markings on this ring, but could not read these since I had no magnifier. Then life was turned on its head and finding the owner of the ring was pushed aside. Until now. I was able to get a magnifier, and was finally able to see the markings on the ring."*

*This ring belongs to one of your alumnae. It reads Western Maryland College, and the name is Lucy A. Williams '93.*

*I would love to be able to give this back to her. Would you be able to put the two of us in touch?"*

When Williams received a phone call from Alumni Relations Specialist Janice Hartlieb, she was thrilled to hear that her ring had been found. Williams and Blain connected and decided to meet halfway between their houses in Frederick, Maryland, to facilitate the return of the ring to its rightful owner. To thank Blain for the effort she put into getting her ring back to her, Williams gave her a bouquet of flowers and a card.

*"Lucy spoiled me, I have to say. And for the ring, as they say, 'All's well that ends well,'" Blain wrote in July.*



daughter, Nicalia E. Thompson, 28, uses her business skills internationally and recently completed an assignment in Amsterdam.

My husband, Ron, and I have enjoyed traveling to Florida for the past two years to watch our son, Greg, play baseball with his team from Immaculata University. He has now transferred to The College of New Jersey, studying business management. Our older son, Chris, is finishing up at Kean University majoring in community recreation. After two summer visits to the Poconos in Pennsylvania, we returned to Lake Placid, New York, this past summer for a beautiful week, enjoying the lake and the mountains. I am still employed at New Providence Recreation, where we are working hard to offer alternate programming that conforms with current pandemic restrictions. It's been a challenge!

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## 1993

The last couple of years have been exciting for Michael Razzo and family, including celebrating 25 years of marriage to his wife, Tammy, in 2020. In June 2019, Michael's twin sons graduated from high school and then joined the McDaniel Class of 2023 in September. Nicholas Razzo '23 and Anthony Razzo '23 both had great first years despite of what the second half of the spring semester brought. Nicholas had a successful Green Terror winter track season, setting and breaking his own school records and placing in the Centennial Conference meets. Anthony enjoyed getting to know many folks on campus through his job at the fitness center and began pledging Phi Delta in the spring following in his dad's footsteps. Both also achieved Dean's List for their first year, and Nicholas was one of only three students named to the Green and Gold Honor Roll. Michael's younger twins, Carly and Lucas, started middle school in 2019 and loved every minute of it, even after having to

adapt to virtual in the spring. 2019 and 2020 brought new experiences for Michael as he was elected mayor of his hometown of Pitman, New Jersey, after serving for 12 years on the borough council. This, in addition to his position as the chairman of Big I NJ /Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of New Jersey, has allowed Michael to put the skills and leadership experience he gained on the Hill so many years ago to good use in helping others in his profession, his state, and his community.

Tracy Baynard says the pandemic has made life interesting in the world of higher ed, no doubt about that. She is an associate professor of exercise physiology at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and her research is on what seems to be an indefinite hold considering she conducts human subject research in special populations. Going online with her course was interesting this spring, but she is more than busy this summer prepping her large undergraduate class to be fully online following best practices coupled with her "normal" work-related

tasks. She has two boys, 13 and 10 years old, who keep her very active as well with their schoolwork and sports, including ice hockey and basketball.

Nancy Despres Dryden got engaged on her birthday in May 2019, and in September made the decision to elope in Colorado! So, on Oct. 13, 2019, with the help of a friend they made while visiting Colorado in August, she got married in Bear Creek Lake Park. They incorporated her beautiful horses, including each of them arriving to the "altar" on horseback! With only two friends by their side, it was a magical day! They then decided to plan a wedding celebration to enjoy with family and friends on June 20, 2020, but due to COVID-19, it was canceled. Nancy is still owner of Doggy Do Right and continues to train dogs for a living. She lost her beloved canine companion, Tango, in 2018. In 2019, she rescued a pit/hound mix named Duke. He and her husband, Larry, are best buds! She hopes to add a second dog within the next year.

Rachel Snyder MacDougall teaches Spanish in Cecil County, Maryland. Unfortunately, this means another move for her family as her current commute is two hours one way.

Sheri Friedman Minor finally finished and was awarded her Ph.D. in educational psychology during fall 2017. It was a long road, and she is finally done going to school! After teaching and working in schools for over 20 years, she has transitioned her career to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Her three children, Tiffany, 16; Jacob, 14; and Jared, 13, and her stepchildren, Zak, 20; Ana, 17; and Eli, 15, keep her and her husband, Edward, extremely busy. It seems as if they are always running to sports practices, a multitude of activities or various places of employment. She is an avid runner, hiker, and Spartan racer in her spare time, and has been lucky enough to travel all over the world the past few years. Some of her favorite adventures have been to South Africa, China, Japan, Turkey, and Serbia. She enjoys keeping in touch with some of our classmates through social media.

Maria Lafferty Hopkins is still living in Eagle River, Alaska, with her six children, ages 9 to 19. Her husband, Aaron, is the area director of Young Life there, and she is working as a physical therapist in a new Eagle River satellite clinic for Orthopedic Physicians Alaska, only two miles from home! She graduated in December 2019 with a master's degree in nutrition and human performance from Logan University. Now that school is finished, her time is spent juggling work, kids' schedules, and enjoying the Alaskan outdoors.

Jeremy Kenney is a software engineer living near Mount Vernon, Virginia, with his wife, Megan; their daughter, Piper; and new puppy, Clea. He sees Brett Young '94 and his wife, Melissa Slaughter '95, frequently, and recently had some quarantine Zooms

with his brothers from Sigma Phi Epsilon. His neighbor, Joan O'Donnell Condon '96, also came by to meet the family.

Christine Keiner was promoted to professor of science, technology, and society at Rochester Institute of Technology, and in 2020, the University of Georgia Press published her second book, "Deep Cut: Science, Power, and the Unbuilt Inter-oceanic Canal."

Trisha Darmstead Montgomery has been in Ellicott City, Maryland, with her husband, Brian, for the last 23 years. Their daughter, Sarah, and son, Logan, are both in college. She has been working for the federal government for the last 10 years. Prior to COVID-19, she kept in touch with Kendra Harbaugh Sampson and ran into Abbi Wicklein-Bayne '94 at the last WMC alumni event at the Guinness Open Gate Brewery in Baltimore. For the last 25 years, she has been working as a sign language interpreter, and in 2020 took a sabbatical to try something new. She earned her M.S. in Interpreting Studies and Communication Equities from St. Catherine University in 2018.

Michal Hall just finished his 20th year teaching for the School District of Philadelphia. In October, Michal and Greg celebrated 22 years together. They took a Viking River Cruise on the Rhine during the summer of 2019 as a celebration. Their daughter, Katie Rose, turned 10 in May. Michal's dad died in June after a long battle with heart disease. He is still pursuing his elusive doctoral degree.

Corinne Milligan is enjoying life in Southern Maryland, after moving there three years ago for a much-needed career change after 20 years in TV news as a producer. She works at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, producing PR videos for the Navy. In her spare time, she enjoys running, mountain biking, and meetups with her Phi Mu sisters!

Alex Batson and his family are keeping happy and healthy amid the current pandemic. Alex traveled to Huntsville, Alabama, in July 2019 on an extended business trip with co-workers from Texas. He had a great time with friends, and forwarding professional relationships. Although there are no vacations or other travel to describe, he is immensely proud of his daughter, Lyndsay Batson '19, who graduated from McDaniel last year, with a dual major in English and German. Her accolades include magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, and honors in English. Lyndsay's grandmother, Susan Rushton Batson '63, was in attendance at commencement and was very proud to be part of three generations of McDaniel graduates!

Robby Dodd, M.S. '02 earned his Ed.D. in educational leadership from Johns Hopkins University in 2018. He's spent the last two years as principal of Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, Maryland. Robby and his family said a final farewell to their beloved dad, Dr. Alan Dodd '51 in 2019. Robby still lives in Silver Spring, Maryland, with his wife and two kids.

Katie Shepherd Dredger still lives in Harrisonburg, Virginia, where she is the academic unit head of the middle, secondary, and mathematics education department at James Madison University. Life is good for her family, including her husband and two daughters, in the Shenandoah Valley. It is a great place to enjoy the outdoors, especially now with social distancing guidelines in place. Katie keeps up with Jessica Barlow Howell '92, M.S. '99; Sarah Biggs Henderson '92; Wendy Gayo Pardoe; and Erin Thompson Strovel, and loves Facebook updates from so many college friends.

Mary McGuirk Drawbaugh celebrated her 20th wedding anniversary in August. She continues to live in Lovettsville, Virginia, with her husband, Travis, and three children. She is a criminal defense and family law attorney at the law firm of Haspel, McLeod & Drawbaugh. She stays busy cheering for her kids on the baseball, lacrosse, and softball fields. She enjoys staying in touch with classmates and her Phi Mu sisters on social media.

Wendy Gayo Pardoe continues to live in Carroll County and keeps in touch with many friends from school, including Erin Thompson Strovel; Katie Shepherd Dredger; Jessica Barlow Howell '92, M.S. '99; and Sarah Biggs Henderson '92. This year, she celebrated her 23rd wedding anniversary with Brian and 24th year of work at T. Rowe Price. Son, Max Pardoe '21, is now a senior at McDaniel, and daughter, Riley, is a freshman at University of Dayton. They also have their dogs, Fenway, and new addition, Yaz. Life is good!

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## 1999

Liz Clark Barnes moved to Fairfax, Virginia, last year. She recently left the Department of Defense and started a new position with the Department of Veterans Affairs as the deputy executive director for the President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a National Tragedy of Suicide (PREVENTS) Task Force. She still volunteers as a crisis worker answering the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Liz is in her final year of her doctorate program at Vanderbilt University in leadership and learning in organizations. Her son, Connor, is a senior, and daughter, Cassie, is a sophomore at Chantilly High School. Liz and family are all doing well with their three dogs and three cats.

Art and Julia Motorina '00 Vinokour have been hunkering down in suburban Connecticut, joined by their two daughters, a dog, and a goldfish. The family has successfully adapted its usual busy schedule of school,

**Christine Keiner '93 was promoted to professor of science, technology, and society at Rochester Institute of Technology.**



Susan Lange Korink '05 spent a weekend hiking in Deep Creek Lake, Maryland, with her husband, Brandon, and McDaniel friends Rob Douglas '06, Matt Yates '06, Kerry Kelleher Staples '06 and her husband, Dan, and their dogs.

piano, ballet, and fencing (yes, fencing) to virtual meetings over Zoom. Art and Julia are busy with work and maintaining their house and garden. The Vinokours are safe and well at home, and wish the same to all of their friends and former classmates.

Westminster is now home to **Nick Gough**, after 20 years of living in Catonsville, Maryland. He is now living closer than ever to the Hill since he actually lived on the Hill! His daughter, **Molly Gough '20**, just graduated from McDaniel with a bachelor's degree in Art and a minor in Psychology. Despite the commute, Nick still teaches in Howard County. He enjoys being at his new three-acre home in Carroll County with his two college grads, his beautiful wife Barb, dogs, cats, and chickens!

**Mark and Sandra Geiman Ruby** continue to keep busy with their four kids and careers. Sandra currently works as a neurologist for the Carroll Health Group and serves as the hospital's stroke director. Mark continues to work as a full-time realtor with RE/MAX Advantage Realty serving local buyers and sellers. Mark was awarded Top Solo Realtor for the number of sales in Carroll County in 2019 for RE/MAX and continues to coach lacrosse at the local youth level with Westminster Area Lacrosse. The couple keeps in constant contact with **Brent '98** and **Andrea Kirby Ormiston** and **Becky Sommer Krage '98, M.S. '04**.

Washington state has been home to **David Blank** since 2007. Currently, he is the sergeant major for recruiting and retention for the Washington Army National Guard. David has been in the Army National Guard for over 25 years and is still going strong! He has been married to his wife, Kyleen, for 17 years. The couple has three

children, Maya, Layla, and Leo. David misses life in Maryland and makes the trip back east whenever he can.

As for our class reporters, we have been keeping busy with our jobs and families. **Mandy Hofstetter Ferringer, M.S. '01** enjoys life in Perry Hall, Maryland, with husband, Kurt, and two children, Ben, 14, and Annie, 11. I work as a special education teacher for primary grades at Joppa View Elementary School in Baltimore County Public Schools. Additionally, I teach group exercise classes with Merritt Clubs in the Baltimore area. When we aren't in quarantine, our family stays busy cheering on Ben at his baseball games and taking Annie to dance and play practices. In the summer of 2019, our family spent a week in Cooperstown, New York, with Ben and his baseball team as they played at Cooperstown All-Star Village and took a family vacation to Disney World. This year, we have spent lots of quality time at home with our newest family member, a chocolate cockapoo named Luke.

**Stacey McIntyre** continues to work as the clinical director at The Ivymount School in Rockville, Maryland, and serve on the executive council for the Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis as legislative chair. In January, I was elected to the board of directors for the National Association of Private Special Education Centers and serve as the organization's public policy chair. Outside of work, I love catching up with fellow Green Terrors, and in February, I was happy to spend the day with college roommates **Kathi Snyder Shambaugh, Amy Sheridan Donathan, and Mandy Hofstetter Ferringer, M.S. '01**. I also travel as often as I can and was fortunate to tour Ireland last year with my parents and meet my dad's first cousins who live near the farm where my grandmother was raised.

Please keep us updated! If you have any news you would like to share with the class of 1999, please contact us.

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## 2005

At the beginning of February, **David Wigtil** began a new job as a civilian contract specialist for the Mission Installation and Contracting Command (under the Army Contracting Command, ultimately under the Department of the Army) and loves it so far! He keeps in touch with fellow alums through Facebook Messenger. He's still enjoying living in Washington, D.C., and stays active by jogging through the neighborhood streets.

**Bill Knouse** and his wife, Jessica Tisdale, just celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary in April. They designed and built a house in Raleigh, North Carolina. Their son, Ellis, turns 4 this year. Since graduating from McDaniel, Bill has been putting his Physics degree to good use at several medical research and development companies. After finishing his M.B.A. at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, he has been working as a project manager in the medical device industry. His latest work project is a mobile phone app for hospital staff. He's celebrating seven years at Hill-Rom this year. Both he and his wife have been fortunate to be able to work from home during the pandemic. They are enjoying quarantine life from home, specifically while sipping cocktails on their rooftop deck.

**Sean Miller** and his wife, Amy, live in Timonium, Maryland, with and their 4-year-old daughter, Sloane, and 2-year-old son, Graham. Sean has been working for T. Rowe Price for the past 14 years and is currently a scrum master for two Agile teams there. Amy also works at T. Rowe Price in their retirement planning department. While the quarantine has been a difficult time for us all, they have been completing a lot of home projects and keeping in touch with family and Phi Delt fraternity brothers (**Ed Gruss '04, Thad Gruss '04, Dan Belove '03, Neil Hammer '03, Chris Kinda '03, Chris Taugher '02, Brendan Smith '04, Garey Pritchett '04, Scott Mahoney '04, Kevin Sayer '00, Andrew So '05, Joe Barndt '08, Ryan Quillen '08, and Matthew Crowe '10**) through the Houseparty app. They regularly meet virtually on Fridays with a few cocktails and games, along with catching up on each other's lives.

**Walt Zalis** is still enjoying living in Locust Point, a south Baltimore neighborhood on the harbor, where he's lived since October 2016 with his wife, Abby, and daughter, Willa, who turned 2 in February. He continues his work as a strategic planning consultant in energy/sustainability and security and is also a writer for the music blog PensEyeView.com.

**Kristen Pohl-Chrusniak** married Michael Chrusniak on July 30 in a small ceremony with their immediate families and wedding party in attendance. They look forward to celebrating with their extended families and friends at a later date, especially with Kristen's Phi Mu sisters **Ivy Daniel Rosier '04, Bayley Fannin Hochradel, Alexandra Hill Carpenter, Marcie Robusto '06, and Betsy Rosenbaum-Cassel**. Kristen is a direct marketing specialist for Pearson Online & Blended Learning and bought a townhouse in Owings Mills, Maryland, four years ago.

**Helene Ver Eecke, Ph.D.** is a professor at Metropolitan State University of Denver, where she achieved tenure in 2017. She teaches various microbiology courses and is the principal investigator of an active student research laboratory. The private company that she owns and operates

provides microbiology consulting and laboratory services to more than 20 breweries. She lives in an 1800s Victorian house and enjoys exploring the stunningly beautiful state of Colorado with her dogs.

**Angie Schmidt Damaska** was married in 2015 to Jimi Damaska. She took a pause in her career in human resources to be a stay-at-home mom and raise two beautiful daughters, Addeline, 3, and Ella, 1.

**Michael Vyskocil** recently accepted a new position as a corporate engagement manager for United Way of York County, Pennsylvania. He continues to write for Carroll Magazine in Carroll County, Maryland. Michael is delighted to be sharing his college experiences on the Hill with his girlfriend, Julia Sierakowski, who is currently pursuing her master's degree in secondary education at McDaniel.

**Meagan Morris Fogle** and her husband, **Adam Fogle M.S. '08**, have been living in Middletown, Maryland, for the past four years. Meagan is a fourth grade teacher in Frederick County and Adam is an licensed clinical professional counselor working as a therapist in Hagerstown and Middletown. They have two children, Scott, 9, and Stella, 7. Meagan is still close with **Patti Merritt Curren** and they visit each other whenever they can.

**Susan Lange Korink** started a new job with ManTech Corporation in May 2019 in support of the federal government. Between Thanksgiving and the New Year, she and her husband, Brandon, took a six-week around the world trip to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary, which was on July 10. They visited with friends in Germany and France, spent a few days on safari near Kruger National Park in South Africa, and then jumped to Asia to visit with friends in Thailand, and explore Singapore, Vietnam, and Cambodia. They celebrated New Year's Eve in Carmel-by-the-Sea and Big Sur, before returning home and hunkering down through quarantine. As for socializing with alumni, right before things really locked down, Susan and Brandon spent a weekend hiking at Deep Creek Lake, Maryland, with **Rob Douglas '06, Matt Yates '06, Kerry Kelleher Staples '06**, her husband, Dan, and their dogs. This summer, Susan joined **Beth Appleton Thierer '06** to take a four-part Intro to Stand-Up Paddleboarding (SUP) course, as well as some SUP yoga classes in Annapolis (with masks on).

**Laura Cook Diller** is happy to announce that she started a new job this past February. She's now working as a librarian at the Connecticut State Library, cataloging government documents. Her husband, **James Diller '04**, has taken over as chair of the department of psychological science at Eastern Connecticut State University. They have enjoyed spending time with their parrots, Quinn and Moxie, during quarantine.

**Jennifer Kraeer Eames** is working as a German teacher for Dorchester County (Maryland) Public Schools. She is married and has a 1-year-old son.

**Thomas Szerlik** has been married to his wife, Jessica, for seven years. They have two kids, TJ, 6, and Ellie, 4. In August 2019, they



## Jena Ehmann '07, M.S. '12 named finalist for Maryland Teacher of the Year

Carroll County Teacher of the Year **Jena Ehmann '07, M.S. '12**, has been named one of seven finalists for the 2020–21 Maryland Teacher of the Year. Ehmann graduated with a Student-Designed major in English Language and Literacy Acquisition and a minor in Elementary Education in 2007 and also earned a master's degree in Reading Specialist: Literacy Leadership in 2012 and Administrator I certification in May 2020. Ehmann is a reading specialist at Winfield Elementary School and has taught in Carroll County Public Schools for more than 12 years. As one of seven finalists, Ehmann was chosen based on a rigorous set of state and national criteria, including teaching philosophy and results, community involvement, knowledge of general education issues, and desire for professional and instructional improvement.

In addition, **Angel Jones Lins '83** was named Kent County Teacher of the Year. Lins received a bachelor's degree in Psychology in 1983. She is a second grade teacher at Galena Elementary School and has been teaching for nearly four decades.

# Alumna takes a spin on Wheel of Fortune



**Alison Rose '11 auditioned for "Wheel of Fortune" on a whim, mostly to support a friend of hers who watches the game show every night. She had no idea she would actually end up on the show.**

**At her initial audition in Timonium, Maryland, Rose was randomly selected to audition: "When you get picked, you go on stage with four other people, introduce yourself, and play a speed-round of the wheel. During my introduction, I was asked to show off my 'air-jump-roping skills' since I said I grew up on a jump rope team, and I like to jump rope in my spare time. Not only did I make everyone cheer for me with my 'skills,' but I also won the speed round!"**

**A month later, Rose received an email to tell her that she'd been selected for the next round of auditions. Two weeks later, she got the news that she was going to be a contestant! Her original film date was set for Nov. 8, 2019, but Pat Sajak had a medical emergency and the filming had to be canceled for the first time in 37 years.**

**The filming was rescheduled for Feb. 27, 2020, and Rose had her chance with the wheel. Almost six months later, on Sept. 2, her episode finally aired after coronavirus lockdowns shut production down for a while.**

**"I had a blast on my journey to be a 'Wheel of Fortune' contestant," Rose writes. "I was so lucky to have been chosen right before the times of COVID-19 — TWICE! After never being to California, going twice within a few months was more than a dream come true."**

**You can read and see more about Rose's experience on "Wheel of Fortune" on her website at [www.bmorerosie.com/wheel-of-fortune](http://www.bmorerosie.com/wheel-of-fortune).**

had a new house built in Upper Montgomery County, Pennsburg, Pennsylvania. The kids love their new home and rooms. They're in the process of picking paint colors, and it's been interesting to say the least. The kids also enjoy riding their bikes around the trails in the neighborhood and outside activities. Both Thomas and Jessica have taken on new roles within their respective companies. They took their first trip to Disney in the summer of 2019 and are glad they did before the pandemic hit. The whole family has been able to enjoy some safe beach time in New Jersey this summer.

**Jessica Watson** celebrates 10 years in business for her company, Points North

Studio, where she specializes in branding, website design, and communication. She is also mastering the art of working remotely while traveling abroad. In 2019, she started the year in Cape Town, South Africa, and then continued on a six-month journey to live like a local in Marrakech, Lisbon, Valencia, Split, Zagreb, and Budapest. The trip left her with experiences of a lifetime and new friends. She was eager to put her findings into practice for another long-term adventure in 2020, but the pandemic had other plans. After starting the year in Barcelona and Lisbon, her trip was cut short, and she returned to the U.S. Jessica resides in her favorite neighborhood in Baltimore

and enjoys strolls around the harbor. Her adventures are now closer to home, including hiking in the Blue Ridge Mountains and seeking sunsets on local shores.

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## 2011

Hello, McDaniel Class of 2011! I know that 2020 has been an unprecedented and crazy time for all of us, but I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in the U.S., millions of frontline health care workers

have put their lives at risk to care for those affected by the virus. Many of our 2011 classmates work in the health care field in some capacity, including **Jed Barnes**, who moved to Chicago last fall to take a health care management consulting job with the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA). With the onset of the pandemic, Jed was tasked as the project manager for the BCBSA coronavirus task force, and has understandably had some very challenging, yet rewarding, times over the past several months. When not working, Jed enjoys the beautiful Chicago weather while taking his new pup, Bernie, for walks along Lake Michigan.

**Julia Williams** also enjoyed Chicago for 3 1/2 years before moving back to Maryland in November 2019. Since the beginning of this year, she has been working as an associate children's librarian for Frederick County Public Libraries, primarily at the Point of Rocks location. Julia is preparing to further her education by applying to graduate school so she can earn her master's degree in library science. Upon returning to Maryland, Julia reignited her passion for acting and improvising by rejoining the Comedy Pigs at the Maryland Ensemble Theatre and the ensemble of Shakespeare in the Pub. Since the quarantine began, she also joined an online Shakespeare group called the Wyrd Sisters Shakespeare Society — a group of women and nonbinary folks who perform readings of Shakespeare through Zoom and other social media. Since forming, this group has managed to raise money for struggling theatres in Maryland through donations.

Moving back to the health care field, we have **Christina Paluskiewicz**, who has started her fifth year of a general surgery residency at the University of Maryland Medical Center. Christina is also recently engaged to her fiancé, Jeremy, and loves spending time with her newborn nephews, Gino and Luca.

Meanwhile, in Frederick, Maryland, **Stephanie Kurtyka** has built quite an impressive resume as a licensed clinical professional art therapist (LCPAT), licensed clinical professional counselor (LCPC), and a registered and board certified art therapist (ATR-BC). Stephanie has also joined Salt and Light Counseling LLC as an associate therapist working with children, teenagers, and young adults.

Living and working in Baltimore as an occupational therapist is **Alison Rose**, who last year passed the exam to become a certified hand therapist. Hopefully, Alison has strong wheel-spinning hands, because she was chosen as a contestant on "Wheel of Fortune" just before the pandemic struck. Her episode aired in early September!

As a new school year started and the definition of the classroom shifted radically, several of our classmates have continued to persevere in their jobs as educators. As of August 2019, **Lauren Fischetti Jones, M.S. '19**

finished her master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from McDaniel and is currently working on an educational leadership internship. This fall was the start of Lauren's 10th year teaching.

Almost reaching a decade herself, **Kate Zimmer Coates** just entered her ninth year of teaching fifth grade at Berlin Intermediate School, and she celebrated her sixth wedding anniversary with husband Chris. They have two sons, Carter, 4, and Tucker, 2.

Also still happily teaching middle school physical education at Northwest Middle School in Taneytown, Maryland, is **Victoria Pickett Strosnider, M.S. '17**.

Currently on leave from her job at Howard County Public Schools is **Leslie Higgins Garbutt, M.S. '19**, who has traveled across the pond to the United Kingdom with her husband, **Brian Garbutt**, where his job with the Department of Defense has taken them to Harrogate, England for a few years. The couple has been enjoying their time with their 11/2-year-old son, Asher, traveling around Europe, and spending time with **Kayla Vondy**, whose job has brought her to nearby Yorkshire. Small world!

Another good friend of Leslie and Brian's is **Lauren Schwartzbart Koleszar**, who moved to Sykesville, Maryland, with her husband, **Scott Koleszar '07**, last fall. They are loving living closer to friends and family, playing with their dog, Razzle, and their new kitten, Snickers!

McDaniel College has changed so many lives, and some of our classmates have continued their careers at this historic institution. **Steven Carney** has been working as a research analyst at the College for over three years now, and he can't believe how quickly time has flown. In addition, he was accepted to a graduate program, so he'll be rejoining the student life for a bit. One of Steven's biggest changes in 2019 was his purchasing of an 1870s farmhouse outside of Westminster, Maryland. Since then, he has done a significant amount of renovations to and work on the property, and he has big plans for the future of the home. In his free time, Steven enjoys playing music with his band and working with nonprofits and historical preservation projects.

Speaking of historical preservation, **Kathleen Levendusky McDonough** recently celebrated eight years of working in Colonial Williamsburg. She states that there is never a dull day there, and she is glad to be able to constantly research and learn new information to present history from a host of different perspectives, races, genders, and social classes. The past several months of quarantining have also brought Kathleen an opportunity to catch up with a lot of former classmates, which she sees as a blessing. She says, "Until we can be together on the Hill again, I'm grateful to be happy and healthy."

Like Kathleen, I have found some silver linings during this time. One major silver

lining is getting to spend a lot of time with my family. I look at this as invaluable time with them that I probably wouldn't have gotten otherwise. To my fellow classmates: I hope you all have been able to find similar silver linings. Please take care of yourselves. Be well, stay safe, and know that this, too, shall pass.

*Annie Armiger  
Class of 2011*

## 2017

Greetings during these strange times, Class of 2017! It's been two years since our last column, and everyone has been up to some notable things. Here's a little bit of what has been going on.

**Jazzy Williams-Smith**: "Since graduating from McDaniel, I've earned my M.S. in Counseling, College Student Personnel Concentration from Shippensburg University. I'm now working as a residence hall director at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts."

**Bryan Ruygrok**: "Since graduation, I moved to Houston, Texas, and completed physician assistant school at Baylor College of Medicine. I currently work as a physician assistant on the orthopedic trauma team at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston within the Texas Medical Center."

**Calder Schecterson**: "I am currently living in New York City and working for a company called TitleVest as a sales admin coordinator. I've been with the company since May 2019. I am also running a podcast called 'Schec Sports,' which is on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and other platforms."

**Katelyn Wolf Capozzoli**: "My only update is I got married in September 2019. So I went from Katelyn Wolf to Katelyn Capozzoli!"

**Malinda Davis** is happy to be back at work for Jennersville YMCA after three months and is helping the community cope with COVID-19 while kids are home from school. She hopes that everyone is being smart, safe, and healthy in the world.

**Brennan Butz**: "Hey classmates! I got married to my wife on Dec. 7 and left accounting to start a new job as an asset manager at Omega Healthcare Investors at the beginning of quarantine. I've been busy spending the rest of my time chasing our newest family member, Jackson, our crazy and sweet Chesapeake Bay retriever. Hope everyone is staying healthy!"

**Kailey Rhone**: "Since the last update for the class of 2017, I've continued to work as a production editor in academic publishing. In my spare time, I've written historical film and book reviews for Willow and Thatch and have published an essay for Pacific Lutheran University's online journal, 'The Jane Austen Review.'"

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# keep climbing

Lessons I took from the Hill

## No one can define you or your future — except you

BY MANNY RODRIGUEZ '19

The year 2020 has brought all of us multiple challenges. But I am living proof that no one — and no year — can define who you are or where your future is headed.

I lost my father at the age of 3 and was raised by my immigrant grandparents who had four other boys to raise in an apartment. My family did everything they could to keep me out of trouble. They got me involved in sports and sent me to private school, but I never planned on going to college. But one day, my high school counselor sat me down and said, simply, “You are going to college.”

As a first-generation student, I didn't even know how to begin applying for college. Plus, my grandparents don't speak English, so translating everything to them was very difficult. I had to grow up quickly to become who I am today.

I knew that my family did everything they could to get me there, but once I was on the Hill, I had to be responsible for myself. My grandparents had loved me, raised me, fed me, clothed me, and put me through private school. I couldn't ask for more. Now I am living on my own, financially stable, and giving back to them just as they did for me.

When I graduated from McDaniel College in 2019, I believed that I had my future set, but I was wrong. I had originally planned to become an occupational therapist working with students with disabilities. But then I heard about a job opportunity as a student engagement associate in McDaniel's Office of Student Engagement. I knew the position was temporary, but decided I wanted to expand my profession within higher education. I later applied for a position with the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI), where I now serve as the assistant director.

When I was a student, I had noticed a lack of diversity on campus and issues with the retention rate among students of color. My first year at McDaniel, a



lot of my friends were students of color. By the time graduation came, nearly half of them were gone. So, when I stepped into my role in ODEI, I wanted to make sure that the campus was not only becoming more diverse and retaining students of color, but providing programs and spaces for them to have a voice and share their experiences — just like I'm sharing mine now.

As a member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Group, I can help McDaniel grow and serve our students in marginalized groups so they can become the best they can be. This advisory group is made up of some wonderful faculty, staff, and alumni who will come up with strategies to create safe, supportive, and inclusive environments for our BIPOC community members. I beat the odds, and now I can help others do the same.

**Manny Rodriguez graduated with a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology in 2019. He is the assistant director of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and a member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Group that was founded in 2020.**

# Sound

# Off

The beauty of attending a small liberal arts college is the connections students cultivate with faculty and staff.

At October's virtual SmartTALK, Ludley Howard '84 recalled the faculty member who had the greatest impact on his educational journey: **“If there was one person who sticks out in my mind to this day as being there for us as African American students, it was Dr. Ira Zepp.”**

**It's your turn to Sound Off about your favorite faculty or staff member:**

Who had the greatest impact on you?

Whose wisdom or support do you still think about today?

Who did you never get a chance to thank for going above and beyond?

**In this season of gratitude, submit your shout-out to a favorite faculty or staff member and you will be entered into a drawing for a McDaniel College sweatshirt!**

### Include:

- the name of the faculty or staff member
- your name and graduation year
- why you want to give them a shout-out
- a photo of you and the person you're thanking (optional)

*Note: Submissions may be edited and used in a future issue of The Hill or shared on McDaniel's social media channels.*

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- Mail your submission to The Hill magazine, McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157

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