

# W&M

## ALUMNI SPIRIT



## Hats Off!

Members of the Class of 1959 Celebrate Their 50th Reunion ~ MELISSA V. PINARD

**R**eturning to their *alma mater* May 1-3, members of the Class of 1959 came back to celebrate their 50th Reunion and induction into the Olde Guard, joining those who graduated 50 years ago or more. Gathering with old friends, new friends and family, classmates kicked off the reunion with a welcome reception at the Alumni House, followed by a weekend of various activities including breakfast, a hospitality suite, a guided bus tour, a discussion with current students and dinner. ~ During the gift presentation luncheon on Saturday at Trinkle Hall, the class presented a check for over \$5 million to President W. Taylor Reveley III. Proceeds from the gift went to the proposed memorial garden, the Class of 1959 Scholarship and the Alumni House Operating Endowment. ~ The 50th Reunion ended with the Olde Guard Induction ceremony at the Wren Building on Sunday morning; each class member was presented with the Olde Guard Medallion, symbolizing the 50th anniversary of their graduation. For more photos, see next page and join us online at [www.wmalumni.com](http://www.wmalumni.com).

## The Spirit of '59



## Olde Guard Day Returns to Campus

The Olde Guard held their annual Celebration on May 3 with a reception and dinner at the Alumni House. On May 4, Olde Guard Day took place on campus for the first time in years, at the Sadler Center. Members listened to a presentation by Virginia L. McLaughlin '71, dean of the School of Education, followed by the traditional Bloody Mary reception. During lunch President Taylor Reveley spoke and the Olde Guard presented Jean Canoles Bruce '49 with the 2009 Olde Guard Distinguished Service Award. Dixon Foster '44, B.C.L. '49 led the group in a medley of old favorites to conclude the festivities. For more photos, join us online at [www.wmalumni.com](http://www.wmalumni.com).



## Young Guard Weekend Continues New Tradition

The second annual Young Guard Weekend, April 3-5, 2009, kicked off Friday with Mug Night in the Sunken Garden. Saturday began with a Bloody Mary breakfast and a welcome from President Taylor Reveley. This year's sessions focused on career networking with a special talk on Tribe traditions hosted by retired Vice President of Student Affairs Sam Sadler '64, M.Ed. '71 and Louise Kale, executive director of the W&M historic campus. The Student Alumni Council gave a campus tour in the late afternoon. That evening, there was music and dancing at the Young Guard Bash. The festivities concluded on Sunday with a continental breakfast at the Alumni House. For more photos, join us online at [www.wmalumni.com](http://www.wmalumni.com).



## W&M's Top Academic Talent Honored at Ceremony

The William and Mary Alumni Association held the Student Academic Prizes ceremony on April 28 to recognize the academic achievements of 19 students. Honored students are (back row, from left) Douglas C. Dean '09, Klaudyna A. Kasztelaniec '09, Graham W. Lederer '09, Michael J. Fares '09, Michael J. Johnson '09, Kelly K. Hallinger '09, Jennifer L. Whitten '09, Rachel S. Walsh '09; (front row, from left) Rebekkah A. Brown '09, Caitlin E. Cook '09, David R. Gordon '09, Aaron T. Fallon '10, Jaime F. Macadangdang '09, Sarah J. Milam '09, Julia F. Pentz '09, Jennifer L. MacLure '10 and Elizabeth A. Sutherland '09 (not pictured: Claire E. Grandy '09 and Stephanie L. Warren '09).



## Class of 2009 Closes Out Semester at Alumni House

The Class of 2009 turned out on a beautiful April evening for Senior Spring Day on Clarke Plaza at the Alumni House. Complete with drinks, pizza and subs, the event drew a record 450-plus seniors to celebrate their time at William and Mary

before classes ended. Graduating students enjoyed lawn games, prizes and complimentary William and Mary Alumni Association glass mugs — just in time for the last day of classes and the onset of final exams. For more photos, join us online at [www.wmalumni.com](http://www.wmalumni.com).



### Briggs '55 Honored with Service Award

The Alumni Service Award recognizes individuals on the basis of service, loyalty, commitment and leadership for their exceptional dedication to the Alumni Association and the College through their involvement in alumni chapters, clubs and constituent alumni organizations. On May 28, **Martha Wren**



**Briggs '55** was honored with one of the 2008 Alumni Service Awards. As an alumna, Martha has been involved with the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Jamestown Society, the National Audubon Society, the APVA and the United Way of Greater Williamsburg. Her College affiliations include the Chancellor's Circle, the President's Council and the Sir Robert Boyle Legacy Society. She also served on the gift committee and the activities committee for her 50th Reunion and has been an instructor for the Christopher Wren Association.

## Alumni Induction Ceremony

On May 15, the William and Mary Alumni Association welcomed the Class of 2009 into the ranks during the Alumni Induction Ceremony. Despite a torrential downpour, more than 300 seniors and their guests took part in the ceremony, and there was even a surprise visit by Chancellor Sandra Day O'Connor. Keynote speaker Professor of Religious Studies John Morreall addressed the crowd about humor in the workplace, and then the seniors were pinned by a family member or friend. For more photos, join us online at [www.wmalumni.com](http://www.wmalumni.com).



TOP AND RIGHT PHOTOS: BEN KENNEDY '05; LEFT PHOTO: DAVID F. MORRILL M.A. '87

## Alumni Association Welcomes Five New Honorary Alumni

Each year, the William and Mary Alumni Association recognizes a select few friends who have demonstrated a lasting commitment to and genuine affinity for the College, even though they are not graduates. During a ceremony at the Alumni House on May 15, **Jay Mitchell Brown**, **Louise Lambert Kale**, **Betsy Nagelsen McCormack** and **Arthur R. Seder Jr.** and **Marion Seder** were welcomed into the Alumni Association as honorary alumni.

Brown has been involved with the Alumni Association since the 1950s, when his wife Marguerite Huff Brown '54, became a Class Reporter for the *Alumni Gazette*. He has attended every Homecoming and Class of 1954 Reunion since 1959. Jay is a charter member of the Sir Robert Boyle Legacy Society, is a member of the Green and Gold Society, the President's Council and the Chancellor's Council, and is active with the Christopher Wren Association and William and Mary Elderhostel and served as a volunteer for many years. In addition to taking classes, he has served as a member and chairman of the College Relations Commit-

tee for the Wren Association. During his chairmanship, the Association donated over \$300,000 to the College.

Kale, executive director of William and Mary's historic campus and daughter of longtime Dean of Students J. Wilfred Lambert '27, L.H.D. '81 and Ann Lambert '36, has helped make the Wren Building truly the "heart" of William and Mary. She has been honored a number of times by the College. The Omicron Delta Kappa leadership society made her an honorary member and cited her for leadership in preserving the historic campus. In 2007, she received the Sullivan Award at Commencement for the spirit and heart she projects to those who are fortunate to know her. In 1998, she received the Alumni Association's Faculty/Staff Service Award.

McCormack was the world's top junior tennis player, going on to win 25 world titles on the women's professional tour. She and her late husband, Mark McCormack '51, L.H.D. '97 donated the funds to create the McCormack-Nagelsen Tennis Center, which is considered one of the top tennis facilities in the state. The

center also houses the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Women's Collegiate Hall of Fame. She has also been involved with other worthy causes including the House of Hope, a place for troubled teenagers, and has received the House of Hope's highest honor for her unflagging dedication and service. She is also the co-author of two books, *In His Court* and *Fit Over Forty for Dummies*.

Arthur and Marion Seder dedicate many hours of their free time to tutoring at Rawls Byrd Elementary School in Williamsburg; Art conducts lectures for the Christopher Wren Association on the Supreme Court. Art also served on the Swem Library Board, where he provided valuable insights for development and marketing programs. Marion provided strong support for the special collections by gifting a valuable collection of rare books that belonged to her father. The office of the director of special collections was named to honor that donation. Through the multitude of their support and gifts over the years, the Seders have been named to the Sir Robert Boyle Legacy Society.

—*Alumni Communications*



The 2009 Honorary Alumni Induction Ceremony was held at the Alumni House on May 15 to recognize steadfast friends of the College with the highest honor available to non-graduates. From left: Sam Sadler '64, M.Ed. '71 and new honorary alumna Louise Lambert Kale; Alumni Board President Janet Rollins Atwater '84 and new honorary alumnus Jay Mitchell Brown. Betsy Nagelsen McCormack and Arthur and Marion Seder were unable to attend the ceremony.

# [BOARDNOTES]

## Alumni Association holds biannual Board of Directors Meeting

The William and Mary Alumni Association conducted its Board of Directors meeting at the Alumni House on March 19-20, 2009.

Special guest, Board of Visitors member Kathy Hornsby '79, addressed the full Board focusing on three main topic areas — Virginia General Assembly actions, the College's strategic planning process, and the recently concluded or ongoing searches for three college administrators.

In further action the Board:

- Recommended Joseph S. Agee '52, M.Ed. '56 and Eloise Agee be the **2009 Homecoming Grand Marshals**.
- Chose Virginia Horner '05 as the **2009 Young Alumni Service Award** recipient.
- Selected Howard J. Busbee '65, J.D. '67, M.L.T. '68 to receive the **2009 Alumni Service Award**.
- Granted the following faculty **2009 Alumni Fellowship Awards** (see story on page 42):
  - Christopher Del Negro, Associate Professor of Applied Science
  - Robert S. Leventhal, Associate Professor of Modern Languages and Literature
  - Robin Looft-Wilson, Associate Professor of Kinesiology
  - Paul F. Manna, Associate Professor of Government
  - Kam W. Tang, Associate Professor of Marine Science
- Selected John T. Wallace, associate director of development communications, and James P. Dunn, assistant director of catering and dining services, to receive the **2009 Staff Service Awards**.

- Changed the 2010 New York Auction to an event to be held in Washington, D.C., still coinciding with the spring Board meeting.
  - Approved the fiscal year 2009-10 budget as proposed.
- The nominating committee proposed the following slate of new officers, which was voted on and approved by the full Board:

**President** — Janet R. Atwater '84

**Vice President** — James B. Comey '82, LL.D. '08

**Secretary** — Nancy W. Mathews '76

**Treasurer** — William J. Barnes '82

— Melissa V. Pinard



Members of the Board of Directors gather for a photo during a break from the spring Board meeting.

## Associate Members

The William and Mary Alumni Association Board of Directors named the following non-alumni retirees as associate members in the Alumni Association:

<b>Anne J. Beckley</b>	Law School
<b>Karen S. Dolan</b>	Reves Center
<b>James R. Greene</b>	Campus Police
<b>Bonnie A. Lindsey</b>	Kinesiology
<b>Sandra L. Oertli</b>	Law Library
<b>Glenda E. Page</b>	Swem Library
<b>Roz E. Stearns</b>	History
<b>Morlie D. Young</b>	Swem Library
<b>Joyce M. Jackson</b>	Payroll
<b>Merle A. Kimball</b>	Swem Library
<b>Edward N. Davis</b>	Campus Police
<b>Lizabeth T. Marshall</b>	VIMS

## Donate by June 30 to be eligible to vote for the Board of Directors

Have your voice heard — vote for your Alumni Board of Directors. Alumni must have donated any amount to one of the recognized funds of the College or the Alumni Association (including but not limited to the Alumni Leadership Fund, the Tribe Club or the Fund for William and Mary) within the last fiscal year to be considered "active" and become eligible to vote. Any donations received before June 30 count toward active status for the 2009 election. Board members are also required to be active alumni. If you have any questions, please contact the executive vice president's office at 757.221.7855.