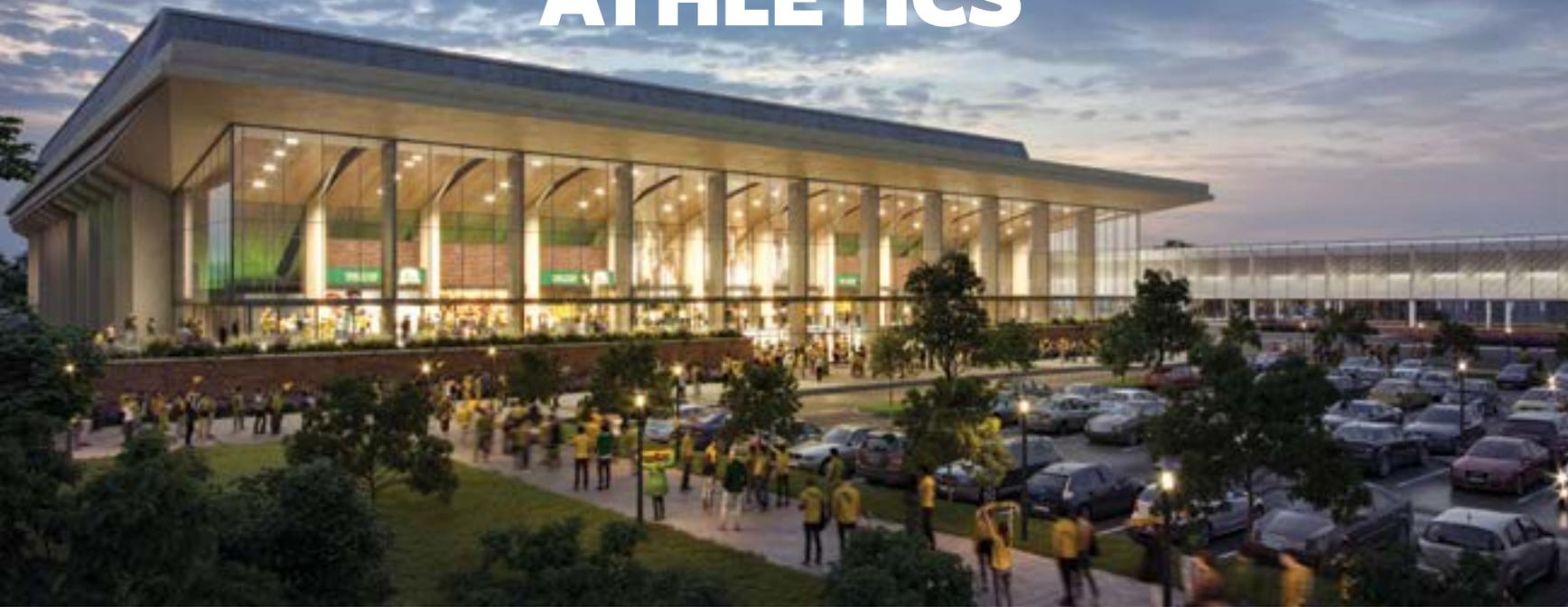


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William & Mary celebrated our 2022 graduates during Commencement Weekend, May 19-22. The last-day-of-class bell ringing, considered by many a favorite tradition at W&M, occurred at the Wren Building on May 6.

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ALUMNI FOCUS

# Trumpeting the Tribe

BY BRIAN FOCARINO '11, J.D. '15

*Communications Chair, W&M Alumni Association Board of Directors*

**W**hat does a world-class university publication look like? How does it make you feel? How should a great institution like William & Mary share its stories? Lift its people and its values? Find and amplify its voice?

Last fall, William & Mary surveyed our community far and wide — students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and friends — to seek feedback on ways to enhance its communications, including this magazine. Thousands answered the call.

Your input will generate concrete recommendations and steps to be taken in the coming months, including how we can continuously improve the alumni magazine readership experience. The insights shared by so many of you are

critically valued and vitally important to this work. Thank you.

While we continue to review all the responses, a few trends have emerged:

Most respondents indicated they get their information about the university from William & Mary Alumni Association publications, including the magazine and Hark, the WMAA's monthly e-newsletter. Over 50% of respondents read every issue of the magazine, and 77% of respondents spend at least 15 minutes with each issue;

- Respondents appreciate the option to read our magazine in both print and online;
- Many respondents turn to university communications hoping to learn more about William & Mary's people, programs and events — not just on campus, but across the nation and world;
- Most respondents feel William & Mary communicates with them an appropriate amount across all mediums, including in print, online via email and through social media;
- Many of you take great pride in the caliber of our communications — both the content and the presentation — and cheered William & Mary to keep up its good work. You stated that we do better than our peers, and we'll continue to do so; and
- We can — and must — commit ourselves to improve our communications and ensure they mirror and center the full diversity of this Tribe across races, backgrounds, beliefs, ages, vocations, locations and perspectives. This work is already happening and will continue unabated, and we are grateful for your support.

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When apart, our communications, like this magazine, unite us. It reminds us of the William & Mary we all remember while introducing us to a William & Mary we never dreamed could exist. It is something

familiar and new.

Thank you again for picking up this magazine — your magazine — and for letting us know your thoughts. Together, we will ensure William & Mary continues to expand its reach, educate for impact and evolve to excel. We will share our story far and wide, now and for all time coming.

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FROM THE BRAFFERTON

# 'Unprecedented, As Usual'

BY KATHERINE A. ROWE

*William & Mary President*

**A**s I write this column, spring is blossoming across the Williamsburg campus, COVID-19 is easing (for now) and students are in the home stretch of the semester. Many on campus are weary from 24-plus months of uncertainty and rapid pivots. Yet the delight of returning to something like “normal” — a word I have avoided assiduously for two years — is felt

wherever I gather with William & Mary people here and around the country.

That “normal” now means “always ready to adapt” is one of the great lessons of the present moment. Every year at William & Mary, a COLL 150 professor asks their class to develop a slogan to recruit next year’s entering class. Here’s how a spring class of ’25ers proposed we should describe the university today: “William & Mary: Unprecedented, As Usual.”

Pride in our resilience, pride in our ability to adapt: These are inspirations for William & Mary’s new strategic plan. Vision 2026 focuses on what comes next. What are we learning from the moment we are in? How might we sustain and scale the best of the innovations we have achieved under pandemic? What capacities does W&M bring to address the most important challenges our society faces? My conversations on campus and around the U.S. this spring — with students, alumni, parents, faculty and staff — have explored these questions.

From many different perspectives and roles, soberness has emerged along with the optimism expressed by those COLL 150 students: a shared sense that it’s time to get real, now. For a world-class university, the fundamentals are simple. Student success is grounded in a great experience on campus. They

need to learn in transformative ways: ways relevant to their lives as citizens and professionals in a pluralistic democracy — where freedom of expression enables the open exchange of ideas that fuel positive change. And they need to land jobs. That means landing their first job as well as those that will follow, throughout rapidly evolving careers.

As we embark on our next chapter, William & Mary looks forward to building on the foundation of the last three centuries — knowing that we should always expect unprecedented challenges ahead. Vision 2026 is ambitious. It looks broadly at our educational mission in the 21st century. And it is framed around problem-solving: the work of a great university and the core skill we aim to cultivate in our graduates and our institutional culture.

Our four pan-university initiatives — data, water, democracy and careers — prioritize areas where William & Mary has a competitive advantage in addressing urgent global problems. Here are some highlights of the distinctive strengths William & Mary brings in these four areas. In my columns next year, I will take deep dives into each area and share ways alumni can join us directly in these efforts.

**DATA:** In the 21st century, a hallmark of an educated person will be the ability to work with data of many kinds, at scale. The toolkit of data analytics — statistics, computer modeling, machine learning, artificial intelligence — has become essential to critical thinking today. Infusing these skills into the broad range of a liberal arts education ensures our graduates will flourish as citizens and professionals in any path they pursue.

- W&M graduates more students, per capita, with computer science degrees than most leading universities in Virginia and our data science program is poised to expand.
- Data collection, synthesis and application to real-world issues are hallmarks of a W&M experience.
- Graduates with this analytical acumen are highly sought after in every sector of the economy and that demand will only increase over the coming years.

**WATER:** Since 2001, nearly three quarters of natural disasters have been water-related: floods, drought, erosion and more. The frequency and intensity of such events are expected to increase. For our region — the Chesapeake Bay watershed — the challenges are real and immediate. William & Mary’s broad expertise in water ecosystems and management is already preparing the next generation of professionals and scientists to address them.

- W&M’s VIMS is one of the world’s premier marine science institutes, which partners with top international, business and government organizations on research and education.

- From undergraduates to professional students, W&M educates problem-solvers whose skills are critically needed in those sectors — in multidisciplinary centers such as the Institute for Integrative Conservation and W&M Law School’s Virginia Coastal Policy Center.
- We will expand our research and degree pathways in the coming years — and our public science initiatives — to grow these communities of professionals.

**DEMOCRACY:** The ability to conduct civil debates about issues of deep disagreement is a topic of serious concern for many, worldwide. Higher education must ensure the space for lively and respectful disagreement. Students at America’s universities should see intellectually rigorous, thoughtful engagement modeled by faculty, alumni and guests — as well as the humility potentially to acknowledge error. William & Mary is the institution to grow these crucial capacities for citizenship in the 21st century.

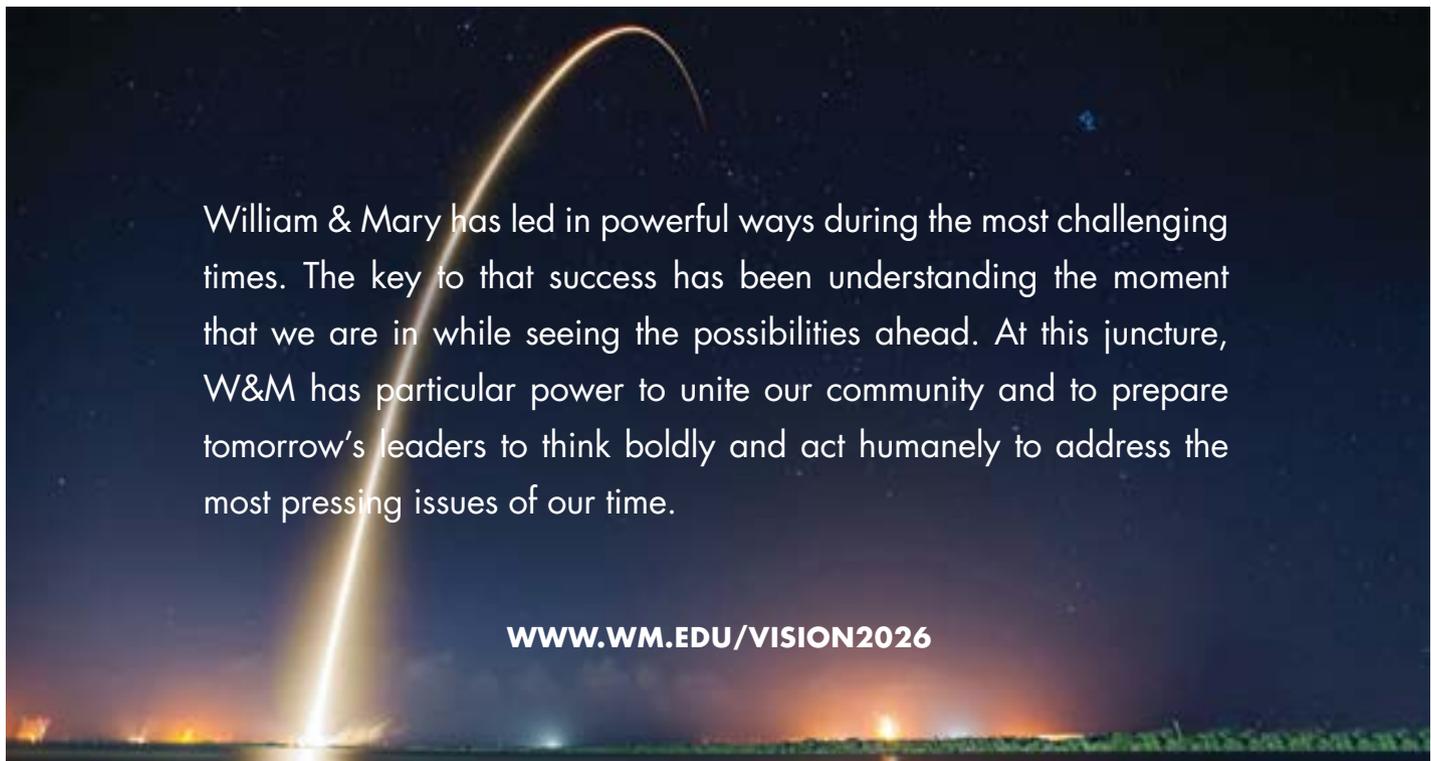
- The university’s low student-to-faculty ratio creates robust opportunities for open dialogue, evidence-based argument and fresh discoveries.
- W&M’s graduate program in U.S. Colonial history ranks first in the country.
- W&M has partnered with Colonial Williamsburg, First Baptist Church and the City of Williamsburg on the Bray School and other fresh discoveries. Our aim is to make our city the destination for the country by 2026:

the source for a fuller, more unifying history of this nation.

**CAREERS:** More than one-third of internships are unpaid, making it difficult for students to accept an internship opportunity if they don’t have the financial means to do so — leaving many of our students behind in their job searches. By 2026, William & Mary will guarantee each undergraduate the opportunity for a funded internship or applied learning experience without extending time to degree.

- W&M is ranked No. 1 in the U.S. for internships, according to The Princeton Review.
- More than 80% of W&M undergraduates pursue mentored research with faculty.
- Hands-on, student-driven initiatives such as GeoLab, iGEM, eSports, and the many projects at our thriving Entrepreneurship Hub are the norm.
- Our alumni network is among the strongest in the country. We aim to engage you to support internships and mentor fellow alumni.

Vision 2026 will ensure that William & Mary continues to define standards of excellence in liberal arts and sciences and professional education. In the same way that we sought alumni input to develop our strategic plan, we will also rely on your support and engagement to implement it. If you are interested in specific paths of action, the Vision 2026 website introduces them and tracks progress. And please stay tuned for future columns to explore each area more fully.



William & Mary has led in powerful ways during the most challenging times. The key to that success has been understanding the moment that we are in while seeing the possibilities ahead. At this juncture, W&M has particular power to unite our community and to prepare tomorrow’s leaders to think boldly and act humanely to address the most pressing issues of our time.

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ALLIES & FRIENDS

## United Front

*Two W&M alumni and volunteer  
tennis coaches with ties to Ukraine and  
Russia find common ground*

BY DAVE JOHNSON

**S**INCE RUSSIA'S FEB. 24 INVASION OF UKRAINE, casualties, destruction and displacement have continued to rise. Five thousand miles away at William & Mary, Lev Kazakov M.B.A. '22 and Brenden Volk '20, M.B.A. '22 watch in horror.

The two former Tribe student-athletes and volunteer coaches on the men's tennis team were also in the MBA program at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business. Kazakov is a Russian citizen and Volk's parents are from what is now Ukraine, so you might expect them to have different viewpoints. Instead, they stand united in their opposition to Russian President Vladimir Putin's war machine.

"I don't support anything my government has been doing in Russia," says Kazakov. "It's my family that has provided me with every opportunity I have.

"I don't feel any obligations to Russia. They don't represent my values. It was a very strange feeling to be in a country where I felt like a foreigner. And I've never understood how everyone is so supportive of Putin when he's doing these things."

Volk was born and raised in Long Island, New York, but his parents and grandparents emigrated from the former Soviet Union to escape antisemitism in the 1970s. The twist is that they came from what is now Ukraine. His father's side is from Odessa, his mother's from Khmelnytskyi.

**ONE TRIBE:** Lev Kazakov M.B.A. '22 (left) and Brenden Volk '20, M.B.A. '22 are former student-athletes and volunteer tennis coaches at William & Mary. While Kazakov is Russian and Volk has family ties to Ukraine, both oppose Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

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**TENNIS MATCH:**  
Volk (right) says he clicked right away with Kazakov.



That has led to some conflicted emotions. “Part of me feels like I’m the oppressor, but part of me feels like I’m the victim,” Volk says. “Not me in particular, but my roots. I’m not sure how to feel, but the only thing I can feel is horrified. This war should not exist. There should always be peace.”

“People should not be hating one another, and countries should not be invading other countries. There shouldn’t be civilians losing their lives and people getting displaced. The fact that there are bombings going on every single day in these cities my family lived in, it’s horrifying.”

The bond between Kazakov and Volk, who just completed their final year in the business school, began before they ever met.

When he graduated from Cornell University in 2020, Kazakov still had a season of eligibility remaining. Looking for the right combination of tennis and a quality business school, he entered the NCAA transfer portal. The first person to reach out was Brenden Volk.

“I wanted to let him know he’d have another Russian on the team,” says Volk, who is fluent in the language. “We definitely clicked right away.”

In their only season together, Kazakov went 8-3 at No. 2 singles. Volk, who played four seasons at W&M after transferring from Northwestern University, teamed with George Davis for an 8-5 record at No. 1 doubles.

Kazakov and Volk remained connected with the program afterward, helping Tribe Head Men’s Tennis Coach Jeff Kader prepare the current team for competitions.

“Obviously, we both wish we were still playing,”

Volk says. “But being able to still be around the team, guys we competed with last season, and contributing to wins has been really rewarding. And a whole lot of fun.”

Tennis provides a respite from the news, but for only so long. Ukraine remains in peril, but Kazakov is encouraged by the world’s opposition to Putin’s war.

“I’m happy to see the world is very clear and united against Russia,” Kazakov says. “Everyone is well aware of what’s happening and there’s no confusion outside of Russia. Everyone is trying to provide whatever help they can without worsening the conflict.”

He agrees with the sanctions against Russia.

“While they’re hurting my family, I think they’re necessary,” he says. That’s one of the more peaceful ways of stopping Russia.”

Although Kazakov has long opposed Putin, few knew it outside his family and circle of friends. Earlier this spring, encouraged by his sister, he made his feelings known on social media.

On Instagram, Kazakov declared his support for Ukraine and called Putin’s actions “an attack on all humanity.” He said he was “embarrassed” to be a citizen of Russia and for having been silent.

There was some pushback, mostly from his friends in Russia.

“Part of the problem is that they’re being brainwashed because the only news outlets are state owned and state controlled,” Kazakov says. “It’s hard to be upset at them because it’s not really their fault. At the same time, I’m a little upset because they don’t want to listen to what I have to say.”

**ONLINE:** To find out how W&M alumni are helping people in Ukraine and telling their stories, visit [magazine.wm.edu/outofukraine](http://magazine.wm.edu/outofukraine)

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“I also got a lot of support. I have friends from Ukraine, and I keep them and their families in my thoughts all the time. It’s difficult because there’s very little I can do except show them support. I cannot comfort them and say, ‘It’s going to be all right,’ because you don’t know what’s going to happen.”

In August 2020, Kazakov came to William & Mary with a degree in finance from Cornell. In May, he picked up his MBA from the Raymond A. Mason School of Business. He has a job lined up at Chardan, an investment bank in New York City.

As for his homeland, Kazakov knows it will never feel like home again. He hasn’t been there since December 2018. His parents still have assets in Russia, but for now are living in Turkey. His younger sister lives in Toronto.

“I would love to stay in the United States,” he says. “But the best way to put it is, anywhere but Russia.”



**SOLACE ON THE COURT:** *For Kazakov, tennis provides a needed respite from the grim news about Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.*



#### CAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

## MAKING A SPLASH

On Feb. 19, W&M Women’s Swimming celebrated a significant victory — their first CAA Championship title since 2017 and their fourth overall. The Tribe won the title despite being the only team competing without a diving program. W&M also claimed four individual golds: Missy Cundiff ’22 in the 50 free, Katie Stevenson ’23 in the 100 free, Anna Kenna ’22 in the 100 back and Annie Tuttle ’23 in the 200 breast. Head Coach Nate Kellogg was named CAA Women’s Swimming Coach of the Year for the second straight season for his leadership of the team. “To bounce back in the middle of COVID and all the adversity this group has faced just shows how tough, resilient and driven they are,” says Kellogg.

— DAVE JOHNSON

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# Recognizing Excellence

*Faculty and athletics staff receive 2022 awards*

BY TINA ESHLEMAN

## GLOBAL MATTERS

### UKRAINE, RUSSIA AND THE FUTURE WORLD ORDER

William & Mary's Global Research Institute convened a panel of experts in March to discuss "Russia, Ukraine and the Future of Global Order." From hyper-polarization to disinformation narratives to the uncertain future of alliances, the causes and implications of Russian President Vladimir Putin's invasion continue to warrant scholarly debate. Steve Hanson, vice provost for academic and international affairs, Amy Oakes, professor of government and co-director of the Project on International Peace and Security (PIPS), and Lincoln Zalenski '20, AidData's junior program manager, all participated in the lively discussion. To watch the conversation, visit [magazine.wm.edu/GlobalOrderVideo](http://magazine.wm.edu/GlobalOrderVideo).

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**A**N INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED cellular biology scholar, a leading proponent of engaging descendant communities in historical research and a developer of techniques to make computers more efficient, reliable and secure — these professors are among the recipients of this year's Plumeri Awards, which recognize faculty and athletics leadership excellence at William & Mary.

Global business executive, philanthropist and civic leader Joseph J. Plumeri '66, D.P.S. '11 established the awards in 2009 to reward outstanding faculty and enhance the recipients' teaching, research and mentorship. During his 2011 W&M Commencement address — hailed by NPR as one of the best commencement speeches ever — Plumeri said that William & Mary helped him realize his dreams. Through the Plumeri Awards, he ensures that exceptional professors will continue to help new generations of students channel their passion toward lives of purpose.

"As always, the breadth of talent represented by this year's awardees inspires me," Plumeri says. "They not only are doing cutting-edge work, they are also providing invaluable opportunities for students to be involved in it. I know from my own experience at William & Mary what a difference a professor or mentor can make in guiding students to find their calling, define their vision and change the world."

Author of the national bestselling book "The Power of Being Yourself," Plumeri is currently a senior advisor to global investment firm Kohlberg, Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. (KKR) and executive chairman of Switzerland-based Selecta Group, a leading provider of coffee and convenience food in workplaces and public spaces. Previously, he served as vice chairman of the Board of Directors of First Data Corp., the world's largest payments and business solutions company and he held a

variety of leadership roles over more than 30 years at Citigroup, including co-CEO of Shearson Lehman Brothers, CEO of Primerica Financial Services and CEO of CitiBank North America.

More than 200 faculty members have benefited from Plumeri's generosity during the past 14 years. Since 2019, the Plumeri Awards also have included recognition of an outstanding coach or athletics staff member. Recipients of the highly competitive awards are selected based on their accomplishments in the areas of discovery, scholarship, teaching and athletics. Each of this year's honorees will receive an award of \$20,000. Here are the 2022 recipients:

**Lizabeth Allison**

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**Michael Blakey**

*National Endowment for the Humanities Professor of Anthropology, African Studies and American Studies; Director, Institute for Historical Biology*

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**Dr. Virginia Wells**

*Chief Medical Officer, Director of Medical Services and Team Physician, William & Mary Athletics*



# DID YOU MISS OUT?

No worries, there's still time.

On April 12, thousands of passionate alumni, students, faculty, parents, staff and friends came together on **One Tribe One Day** to rally their support for the William & Mary community — and we are enormously grateful.

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# A Journey of Reckoning and Discovery

*Witney Schneidman's path to establishing the Lemon Scholarship Endowment*

BY JACOB A. MILLER '18



**ACTION, NOT SILENCE:** *Witney Schneidman's discovery that his ancestors owned enslaved people prompted him to look for ways to promote racial reconciliation.*

IN APRIL 2019, WITNEY SCHNEIDMAN MADE THE long walk from the entrance of Swem Library to Special Collections with a pit in his stomach.

*What am I going to find?* he thought.

He asked to see the ledger of his ancestor, Samuel Francis Bright. The aging books were brought to him with care by the Special Collections curator.

On those pages, he found that his ancestor, Samuel Bright, had owned enslaved people on the William & Mary property where he sat. This discovery sent him on a path that eventually led to establishing a scholarship for descendants of the enslaved.

The Lemon Scholarship will provide need-based scholarship support for students who are descen-

dants of enslaved persons in the U.S., or who have a demonstrated historic connection to slavery. Preference will be given to those with direct lineage to enslaved individuals who labored on former and current grounds and property controlled by W&M, including the Bright family farm. The scholarship is named for Lemon, a man who was once enslaved by William & Mary and who represents the many known and unknown African Americans who helped to build, maintain and move the university forward.

## PAGES OF NAMES, PAGES OF NUMBERS

While the Bright House is today best known as the historic portion of the W&M Alumni House, the

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Bright family has a long history with William & Mary. In approximately 1839, Samuel Bright bought a nearly 600-acre tract of land immediately to the west of William & Mary's property. The farm was called "New Hope," and it was used by Samuel to supplement the work done at his other property on the east side of town, Porto Bello.

"There's a lot of people in the records," says Sarah Thomas '08, M.A. '12, Ph.D. '18, associate director of the Lemon Project at William & Mary, a multifaceted and dynamic attempt to rectify wrongs perpetrated against African Americans by William & Mary through action or inaction. "For example, in 1850, there were 14 enslaved individuals on Samuel Bright's properties, and there are ages of the enslaved listed in the records as well."

In 1852, 44 slaves were present on the New Hope farm.

According to Thomas, the people the Brights enslaved at New Hope may have performed leased labor for the university to help with woodcutting and other tasks, because the Bright property was close to the campus.

After the Civil War, Samuel Bright's son, Robert, inherited the lands owned by his father, including New Hope. In approximately 1871, he built a large brick house on the property, as evidenced by tax records. After the house was passed down through the family, it was sold to William & Mary in 1946 and would become the Alumni House in the decades that followed.

As Schneidman sat reading the account books of his ancestor, he was struck by the gravity of what he was reading.

"Just to see the names, it was so powerful: 'Mary Jane, 16 years old, slave worker called Washington, slave worker called Daniel, Amy, Anne,' the list went on. There were no African names there. What does that say? People had just been ripped from their origins, from their identity, from their families, from their history. It was right there in black and white."

He left Swem in a mix of emotions, but one thing became certain in the weeks and months that followed.

"I asked myself, 'what are you going to do about it?'"

### BRIDGE TO THE PAST

Schneidman is the senior policy advisor and head of the Africa practice for Covington & Burling LLP. He has had a sweeping 50-year career connected to Africa.

After graduating from boarding school in Massachusetts, he took a year off to travel to Israel and Europe in the early 1970s. His journey took a detour to Africa after meeting fellow travelers from the continent. This detour would prove to be life changing.

While in Uganda, military dictator Idi Amin executed a coup d'état, which Schneidman heard



announced over the radio by Amin himself. This was a transformative experience for him and awakened him to the world as it was, he says, not the world he had known in the United States.

"From the time I first visited Africa between high school and college, I knew what I wanted to do in my career — I wanted to be a bridge of understanding between the United States and Africa, and maybe one day I could help shape U.S. policy toward Africa," says Schneidman. He later served as deputy assistant secretary of state for African affairs under President Clinton, as a member of the Africa advisory committees in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and at the U.S. Export-Import Bank. He also co-chaired the Africa Experts Group on Barack Obama's campaign for the presidency and was on the Presidential Transition team.

In recent years, he decided to write his memoir in hopes of inspiring young people to become more involved in entrepreneurship and economic development on the continent, as he himself was inspired 50 years ago.

"One of the touchstones for me was to write the fullness and the truths of my experience — and that led me to my family's story," he says.

He grew up knowing that his great-grandmother, Nannie, came from Williamsburg. A century later, in 2003, Schneidman and his mother came to Swem Special Collections for the first time to see correspondence of Nannie Bright. Several years ago, though, Schneidman began to think there was more

### FAMILY HISTORY:

*Part of the nearly 600-acre New Hope farm, owned by Schneidman's ancestor Samuel Bright, is highlighted in this Civil War-era map from a 2015 study. The land is now part of W&M.*

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to the story that he was missing. He was curious as to whether or not the ancestors he knew little about, well-to-do farmers in the 1800s, might have owned slaves.

“I emailed the librarian at Swem and asked if maybe there were enslaved workers on the Bright farm? And they told me, ‘Without a doubt.’ They invited me to come look at the documents they had,” he says.

### FROM RECKONING TO ACTION

Over the next year, he told his family about what he learned to prevent, what he called, “another generation of silence on this.”

“They cared about what I had discovered, and we came together as a group to do something bigger than all of us,” he says.

In December 2020, Schneidman reached out to staff at the Lemon Project to learn more about the Brights and to discover ways he could give back. He wanted to, in some way, attempt to rectify the actions of his forebears and promote racial reconciliation.

Then, in May 2021, Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam signed a bill requiring five Virginia universities that benefited from and exploited slave labor, including W&M, to establish scholarships and programs specifically for descendants of the enslaved.

“When that happened, that proved to me that we are not alone as a family fighting to redress systemic racism,” Schneidman says. “There are people who care about this and are willing to invest of themselves.”

Schneidman, his sisters Liddy Lindsay and Margot Brownell, his son Sam and his niece Lela Beem have established the Lemon Scholarship Endowment as one of the scholarship funds consistent with the 2021 legislation, the second endowment of its kind at W&M. The first scholarship endowment for descendants of the enslaved was created in memory of the late Anne R. Willis, the wife of long-time W&M faculty member Dr. John H. Willis, Jr., by her children in early 2021.

Schneidman knows there is still work to be done. He says his research showed him that history lives on in all of us today, in the stories we tell and the way we tell them. For Witney Schneidman and his family, engaging with that history is one way to ensure there is a generation of action, not silence.

“I hope this scholarship enables students to be able to realize their dreams, whatever those are, and that they will be equipped with the skill and knowledge to be the very best that they can be,” he says.

“Each of us in our own way has a role to play in this. That’s part of the challenge, to figure out what our role is and how can we contribute to make our country live up to its full value and potential.”

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### A POPULAR CHOICE

## W&M SETS NEW APPLICATION RECORD

For the second year in a row, the university saw record-breaking interest from prospective students in attending William & Mary. The Office of Undergraduate Admission received 18,050 freshman applications for fall 2022, a 3.5% increase from last year. W&M also received a record number of applications from students in underserved communities and for Early Decision. • Associate Vice President for Enrollment and Dean of Admission Tim Wolfe '95, M.Ed. '01 attributes the increases to W&M's work to remove barriers and expand access. W&M continues to make standardized test scores optional and has expanded application fee waivers for first-generation and Pell Grant-eligible students. The office hosts in-person as well as virtual programming and worked with campus partners to expand the university's virtual tour. • “Building an entering class from such a large pool of applications isn't easy,” Wolfe says. “I'm confident, though, this means we'll have an incredible group of students as the W&M Class of 2026.”

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# BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

*The opening of the Acuff Aquaculture Center marks a new era in cutting-edge research at William & Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science*

BY SARA PICCINI



**A COASTAL STUDIES HUB:** *The new, state-of-the-art Acuff Aquaculture Center is located on VIMS' Gloucester Point campus.*

**L**IKE FINE WINE, OYSTERS TAKE ON THE FLAVORS of their place of origin — from briny to sweet. What if more restaurant servers could describe these subtle distinctions to their customers, as they would with a wine list?

That's the idea behind an innovative research study at William & Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), testing the marketing power of oyster education for restaurant workers in Virginia and across the southern United States. The program is just one small ingredient in VIMS' comprehensive new Shellfish Aquaculture Program, led by Acuff Professor of Marine Science Bill Walton.

The program takes cutting-edge scientific research — everything from genomics to machine learning — far beyond the laboratory. It also exemplifies William & Mary's commitment to finding solutions that will increase the resilience of coastal systems in Virginia and around the world — one of the four cornerstone initiatives included in the university's Vision 2026 strategic plan.

“There's the biological side — how do we increase the yields and quality of shellfish, and their sustainability?” says Walton, who came to VIMS in summer 2021. As Walton explains, the program is also adding human capacity, with new workforce development initiatives for the shellfish aquaculture industry.

“You then need customers,” he continues. “So the third leg of our program is increasing consumer awareness and demand. The presumption — which we're testing — is that if consumers have good information about farmed shellfish, more often than not, they're going to buy those shellfish.”

Aquaculture, the commercial cultivation of shellfish and finfish, is an expanding worldwide industry currently valued at more than \$200 billion annually. In addition to its economic importance, aquaculture also provides significant environmental benefits by protecting wild stocks from overfishing.

Researchers at VIMS are making essential contributions to the sustainability and growth of the

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global aquaculture industry, including a focus on the impacts of environmental challenges such as increasing acidity in the world's oceans, which threatens the microscopic juvenile life stage of mollusks like clams and oysters.

"Working with farmers on how to adapt to those changes is a vital role for VIMS going forward," Walton says.

The centerpiece of the aquaculture program is the newly opened Acuff Aquaculture Center on VIMS' Gloucester Point campus, a 22,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art research hub funded with \$21.7 million in state support. The facility honors the exceptional leadership of A. Marshall Acuff Jr. '62, L.H.D. '07, P '93, and is named for the Acuff family.

Rector of William & Mary from 1996 to 2000, Acuff has provided decades of service to the university, including chairing the VIMS *For the Bold* campaign committee, serving on the William & Mary Foundation board and as president of the W&M Alumni Association Board. An Eastern Shore native who harvested oysters alongside his father, he became an early investor in VIMS' aquaculture program, establishing the A. Marshall Acuff, Sr. Memorial Oyster Research Fund in his father's honor.

"The Acuff Center will help cement the reputation of VIMS and Virginia as global leaders in sustainable shellfish aquaculture," says Derek Aday, dean of the School of Marine Science and director of VIMS. "William & Mary recognizes the impact of this gift, and we're especially grateful to Marshall Acuff for his help in taking our research program to the next level."

The center will further strengthen VIMS' capacity for multidisciplinary collaboration, both internally and externally. In fall 2022, for example, the VIMS Aquaculture Genetics and Breeding Technology Center (ABC) — now headquartered at the Acuff Center — will join with Northeastern University Professor Kathleen Lotterhos on a five-year National Science Foundation research project using mathematical modeling to predict oyster performance.

"The project will give new insights into how temperature, salinity and disease pressure all inter-



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**ADVOCATE FOR AQUACULTURE:** *The new facility honors the leadership of A. Marshall Acuff Jr. '62, L.H.D. '07, P '93 and is named for the Acuff family.*

act with evolutionary history to determine fitness in the field. It's very exciting to be part of," says Jessica Small, the ABC's director.

"Using the Acuff Center, we'll be bringing in stocks of oysters from a number of locations on the East Coast for spawning, and then will deploy them to common environments for sampling, measuring and genetic analysis. The resources of the Acuff Center are really what's going to make this possible," she adds, noting in particular the center's 20 independently controlled brood stock tanks.

Small's team is also part of a 12-member Eastern Oyster Breeding Consortium working on a five-year project funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, advancing research centered on the sequencing of the oyster genome in 2012.

"We are looking into the feasibility of genomic selection for oyster breeding," Small says, which has potential to significantly improve rates of genetic gains in economically important traits like survival and meat yield. Other consortium members are looking for specific DNA regions associ-

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ated with important traits such as resistance to pathogens and ocean acidification.

The genomic study builds on decades of research at VIMS that pioneered the shellfish aquaculture industry, including the development of successful techniques to grow hard clams. After two parasitic diseases, Dermo and MSX, decimated the Chesapeake Bay's oyster population between the 1950s and 1980s, VIMS pathologists and geneticists led by Professor Stan Allen spearheaded the extraordinary revival of the industry by developing fast-growing, disease-resistant oyster strains. As a result, Virginia is currently No. 1 in the U.S. in hard clam production and No. 1 on the East Coast for production of the eastern oyster.

That rich history allows for retrospective research that can influence the future of aquaculture. Using oyster tissue samples dating back to 1960, VIMS Professor Ryan Carnegie — a renowned expert in shellfish diseases — recently published a groundbreaking study in *Scientific Reports* upending the established explanation for the intensification in the 1980s of Dermo. His findings showed clear evidence that evolutionary, not atmospheric, changes were the culprit.

“The first slide we looked at was the eureka moment. The old parasite didn't look anything like it does today,” Carnegie says.

“We don't always appreciate that there's an evolutionary aspect to the interactions between the pathogen and host. These relationships are

an ongoing dance,” he says. “I think that's one of our unique contributions to this area of science in recent years.”

Carnegie is taking immediate advantage of the Acuff Center facilities as part of a new Regional Shellfish Biosecurity Program.

“Diseases are the most immediate and significant threat to aquaculture, wherever it's conducted in the world,” he says. “We need to better understand how hatcheries are effectively excluding the environmental pathogens out there in the natural waters, but also what's going on that's unique inside these systems, in terms of viral and bacterial diseases, so we can minimize disease impacts on hatchery production and seed commerce.”

For Carnegie and his colleagues, the opportunities ahead for the VIMS aquaculture program hold tremendous promise. “What's really exciting is the opportunity to frame this in a much larger and socially relevant way, thinking about how aquaculture is integral to the sustainability of coastal societies into the future,” he says.

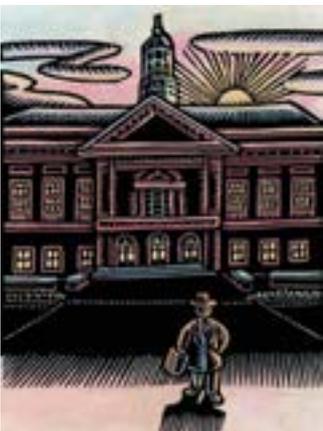
“There are all kinds of connections that we can make across the broader William & Mary campus community — in social sciences, humanities, business, law, the School of Education. There is something in this for everybody.”

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*Plan a visit: The new Acuff Aquaculture Center will be open for public tours beginning in June. Contact [programs@vims.edu](mailto:programs@vims.edu) for more information.*

### PULLED AWAY

## DEAN LARRY PULLEY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT



Lawrence B. Pulley '74, longtime dean of William & Mary's Raymond A. Mason School of Business and academic and administrative leader at William & Mary for more than three decades, has announced his plans to retire on June 30, 2022. • Under Pulley's leadership, the business school has expanded significantly, both in its physical footprint and the scope of its offerings. It moved to a new building and added additional degree programs to better prepare students for the evolving landscape of today's business world. Pulley also serves as the T.C. and Elizabeth Clarke professor at the university. • “We are forever grateful for his service to alma mater. William & Mary will see the ripple effects of his values-driven leadership on our university, among our alumni and the business world for generations to come,” says President Katherine A. Rowe.

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# INTO THE QUANTUM REALM

*Department of Energy selects W&M physicists to advance quantum computing*

BY ADRIENNE BERARD



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Associate Professor Enrico Rossi leads a group that received DOE funds to help develop the next quantum computing technology.

**T**HE COMPUTERS AND SENSORS OF THE FUTURE are being engineered one atom at a time. A team of theoretical quantum physicists at William & Mary has partnered with materials scientists to develop a new tool for harnessing the power of subatomic conductivity.

“Our role as theoretical physicists is to think about how to choose the different parameters of an experiment,” said Enrico Rossi, associate professor of physics at William & Mary, who leads a Condensed Matter Theory group at the university. “In this case, we wanted to know how to tune a nanoscale device to basically be in a condition where its state of superconductivity makes it a very sensitive sensor.”

The project, done in collaboration with material scientists Wei Pan of Sandia National Laboratories and Javad Shabani of New York University, aims to address a major hurdle on the path to a more

advanced quantum computer — development of sensor-like structures capable of encoding a quantum bit, the equivalent of the ones and zeros used in today’s binary computing language.

Rossi’s collaboration was one of 29 projects selected by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to receive a portion of \$73 million in funding to advance quantum information science (QIS) research to develop the next generation of quantum smart devices and quantum computing technology.

“Quantum science represents the next technological revolution and frontier in the Information Age, and America stands at the forefront,” U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm said in a release. “At DOE, we’re investing in the fundamental research, led by universities and our National Labs, that will enhance our resiliency in the face of growing cyber threats and climate disasters, paving the path to a cleaner, more secure future.”

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Solving the world's biggest problems starts small — very small. Rossi explained that his team is developing theory for semiconductor-based technology that their collaborators at NYU and Sandia are able to build at the scale of a single atom.

“They use what’s called molecular beam epitaxy and what that means is that they grow this material one atom at a time in a perfectly clean environment,” Rossi said. “By doing that, they can control very carefully the thickness and make sure that there are no impurities flying in and interfering with the structure.”

The ultimate goal is to have the structure so sensitive to interference that a single photon will set it off, Rossi explained. The end product will be what’s called a topological superconducting device, a specific combination of superconductors and semiconductors layered together in such a way that the slightest interference — for instance, a single photon — will push the structure into a topological superconducting state.

“We need the material to be extremely close to a transition between being a normal superconductor and a topological superconductor,” Rossi said. “When they’re so close to this transition, they’re very sensitive to external perturbations, which means they function as sensors. On the other hand, a system firmly in the topological superconducting phase can be very impervious to external perturbations, a fact that makes it ideal to realize robust quantum bits.”

Rossi likens the material to a bag of super-cooled water. When water is clean enough, it can be carefully cooled below the normal freezing point. It’s at freezing temperature but remains liquid.

“It’s very unstable, very ready to become all ice,” Rossi explained. “In fact, if you drop in one single grain of salt, the molecules immediately nucleate and there’s instant crystallization. It suddenly becomes ice.”

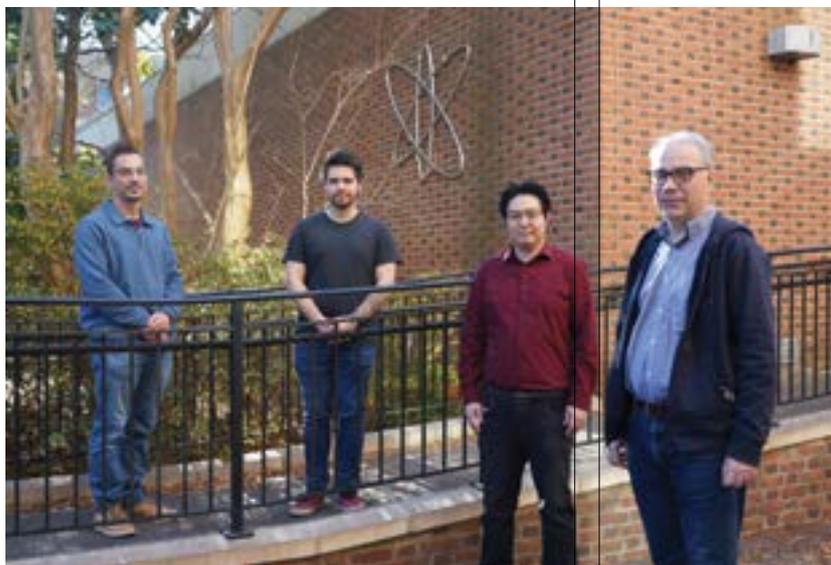
He explained that a system that is just at the

edge of the transition between one state and another is an excellent way to monitor changes in an environment.

“In our situation, we think that we can tune the system to be very close to the transition between being a normal superconductor and a topological superconductor — so close in fact that an external photon can basically drive the system into another phase,” Rossi said.

Rossi explained that the team’s device will be able to sense slight changes in an electromagnetic field, allowing for the development of telescopes with the power to sense light that is no longer visible or stronger electroencephalograms (EEGs), able to detect abnormalities in brain waves by sensing single neurons.

“Let’s say you have a radio that’s really far away from the output source,” Rossi said. “If you can’t pick up the radio waves, then you can’t listen to it anymore. But if you have a very sensitive radio, you can keep moving hundreds of miles away from the source and still listen to those radio waves, even if they are very, very weak. That’s what we’re doing with this device.”



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**QUANTUM LEAP:**  
*LEFT: A superconducting quantum interference device (SQUID) is placed in an electronic board.*  
*BELOW: Graduate students (from left) Joseph Cuozzo, Trey Anderson and Jaeyeong Lee work with Rossi.*

## RAMPING UP RESEARCH

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# INSIDE BASEBALL

HOW SEVEN ALUMNI ARE REDEFINING AMERICA'S PASTIME

**W**hen Brendan Harris '02 arrived in New York City for opening day in April 2007, he was too afraid to use the gym.

At that time, Yankee Stadium had one facility for use by both the home and visiting teams, and Harris — in his first season starting in the majors for the Tampa Bay Rays — felt, well, out of his league. The entire stadium was designed to intimidate, with memorabilia of Yankee greats displayed on the path to the visitor clubhouse. Harris could handle posters of Babe Ruth, less so standing next to Derek Jeter on the bench press.

"I was so wired," he says. "I couldn't calm myself down."

He almost felt lucky he didn't have to play. The series ended early with a late April snowstorm, and Harris spent the plane ride home reflecting. Even his idols in Yankee Stadium were one day in his shoes, he thought, and they found a way to face the pressure. If he was serious about staying in the major leagues, he had to behave like a major leaguer.

"We go back there two more times this season," he thought. "I'm going to have to get it together and be able to calm myself down and play on that field."

He did.

By the time Harris returned, he had earned the Rays' starting spot at short-stop and felt confident. He knew his process in batting practice, in the outfield and at the plate. He didn't worry about the results. He wasn't afraid to use the gym.

Harris learned how to adapt, in part, at William & Mary. There too, in his freshman year, he traveled far from home to make a career in baseball. There too, the season started under slight duress. The paint was still drying on the brand-new Plumeri Park by opening day, and the team had to start the season on the old field by Walter J. Zable Stadium. Change helped him manage adversity.

More than 20 years later, the question now is whether baseball itself can do the same. Harris' two decades in the sport have straddled two eras, following the rapid shift toward gameplay based on advanced statistics. Many don't enjoy

the slower pace of play and strike-or-bust style that the "Moneyball" revolution has brought. In the last two decades, ratings have fallen in favor of other American sports like football and basketball. The 2022 season began with a contract dispute between Major League Baseball and the players' union that led to the first lockout and canceled games since 1995.

In short, baseball is reinventing itself to find a more stable home in the wide world of sports. William & Mary alumni — from Los Angeles to Philadelphia, from owner to director of player development — are helping lead that process and rediscover what makes baseball baseball.

America's pastime can't take its popularity as a given anymore, but there are still signs of hope for the sport. MLB's bases are loaded with a generation of young stars. In baseball and softball, youth involvement rose by almost 3 million from 2013 to 2018, according to research from the Sports & Fitness Industry Association. Almost two-thirds of those kids play consistently.

Meanwhile, the major and minor leagues are experimenting with rule changes —

*“It’s very difficult to separate a discussion about life from a discussion about baseball, and I don’t think that that should be lost on us.”*

things like pitch clocks, automated “robot umpires” and larger bases — that executives hope will improve the on-field product. These experiments are important, but so are the fundamentals, says Joe Plumeri ’66, D.P.S. ’11, senior advisor to Kohlberg, Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. (KKR); co-owner of the Trenton Thunder and former co-owner of the Jersey Shore BlueClaws, both minor league baseball teams; and the leading force behind Plumeri Park. Baseball’s future, in his view, requires reconnecting with its foundation: the relationship between the team and the fans. Building on that, says Plumeri, doesn’t just give people a reason to tune in to games and travel to ballparks. It also gives them a sense for how baseball is a part of their identity, even if they don’t know it.

“Anytime somebody talks, they talk baseball,” he says. “You have ‘three strikes and you’re out.’ You’re not going to get anything done unless ‘you take a swing.’ You do a good job and ‘you hit a home run.’”

“It’s very difficult to separate a discussion about life from a discussion about baseball,” Plumeri says. “And I don’t think that that should be lost on us.”

### THE GAME, OLD AND NEW

**W**hen baseball started, people didn’t know it would have a bigger meaning. They didn’t even know how to measure it.

The sport first blossomed in the 1840s, and by the Civil War both the North and South played it in between battles. As with any new sport, the way people understood it slowly evolved. Everyone knew that making it on base was better than making an out. But they didn’t have a system to separate good players or plays from the bad ones. With all that goes on in a game — pitching, fielding, hitting, catching — how do you measure and communicate performance?

Henry Chadwick, a British journalist, had an answer. Chadwick grew up playing cricket, but after moving to New York, he fell for its informal American cousin. He

began writing regular baseball columns and in 1859 developed his first box score, a table of runs, hits, outs, assists, strikeouts and errors. Years later, he added earned-run and batting averages to the list.

In a pre-photography world, the box score became the tool of record to communicate what happened in a game. Fans suddenly didn’t have to go to the ballpark to understand how players performed. Having stats on paper allowed them to follow more games and develop broader opinions about players, backed up with data. After only a couple of decades, baseball and statistics had begun a relationship.

But from the National League’s founding in 1876 to the late 1990s, that relationship barely passed first base. Players and staff developed formal baseball wisdom based on the sport’s famous superstitions — things like not shaving before a start, naming bats, never (and I mean never) talking about a no-hitter while it’s happening. Scouts, too, developed standard but relatively subjective ways of measuring talent: in particular, observing prospects’ “five tools” of running, throwing, fielding, hitting and hitting for power. Along with box score stats and near-universal strategies like bunting with a runner on third, this was how teams searched for an advantage. Baseball, many believed, was a mix of luck and money.

Except they were wrong.

Around the 1970s, some of baseball’s most devoted but least influential fans started questioning these doctrines. Was a walk a pitcher’s error or a hitter’s discipline? Did it help a team to try and steal bases? Did good players really need all five tools?

These fans-turned-analysts scoured baseball datasets for their answers, treating the sport like a dynamic math problem. That yielded more efficient ways to win, and eventually general managers became acolytes — beginning in practice with General Manager Billy Beane’s Oakland Athletics teams in the early 2000s, a movement dubbed “Moneyball” by author Michael



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Lewis. The more Beane’s teams won, the more other general managers with small payrolls converted to his methods.

In 2004, GM Theo Epstein used those tactics to help the Boston Red Sox, still mired in the 86-year “Curse of the Bambino” for trading Babe Ruth, win a title. Then, years later, he did it again with the Chicago Cubs, ending a 108-year World Series drought. Analytics, it seemed, could expel even the sport’s worst demons. After almost two centuries, baseball had finally found its truth.

### A PASTIME PAST ITS TIME?

**B**ut many in the baseball faithful haven’t been fans of the new style.

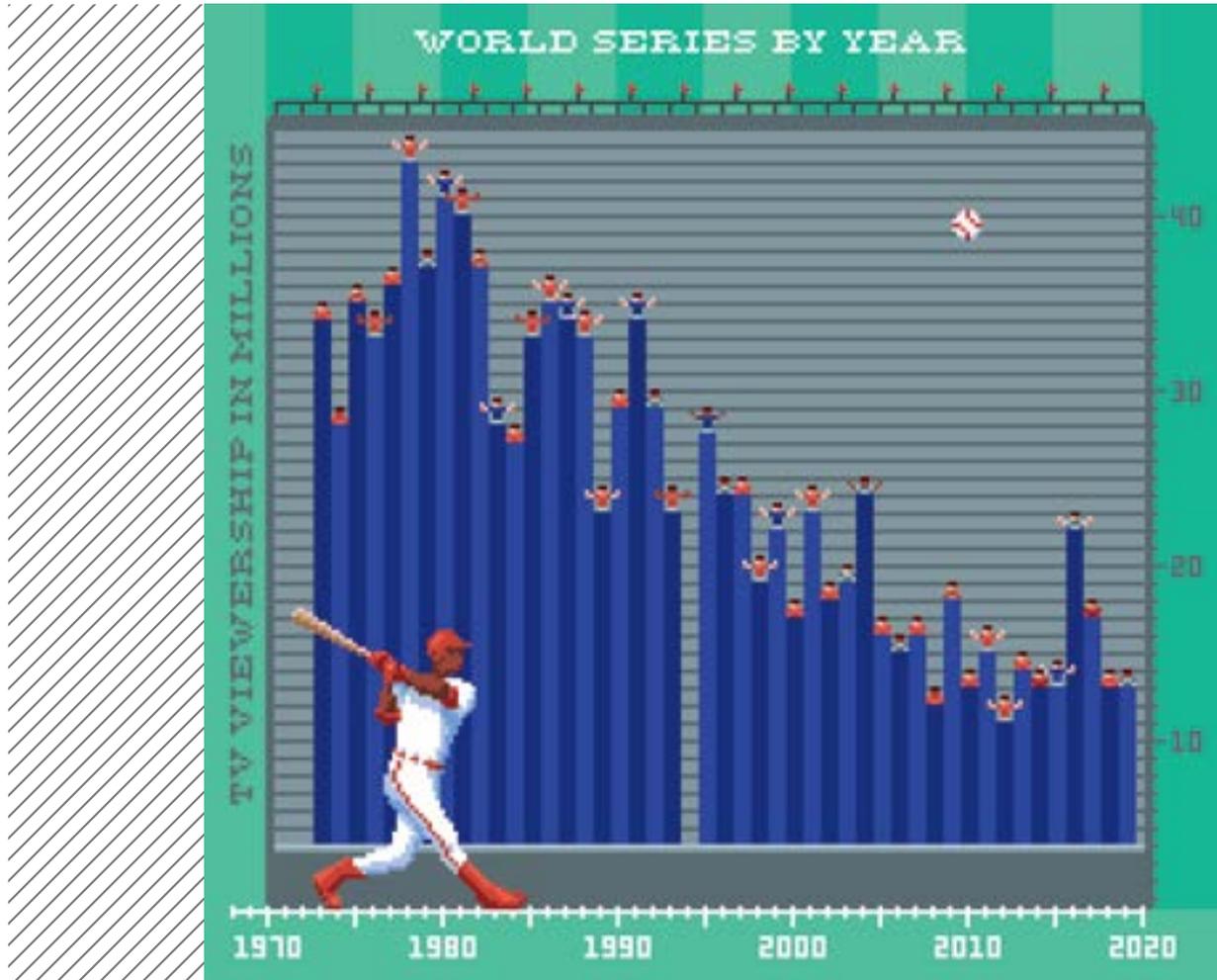
Plumeri came to William & Mary with baseball in his family and an instinctive love for the game’s traditions. His grandfather emigrated from Sicily in the early 1900s and wanted to integrate into American culture. And in 1927, the best way to do that was through baseball. Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig would hit over 50 home runs each that year en route to a World Series, and

Plumeri’s grandfather waited outside Yankee Stadium one day to convince them to host a barnstorming tour — or set of small-town exhibition games — around the state. There’s a picture of the three of them standing together at a train station.

“Baseball’s part of my family legacy,” says Plumeri, a longtime friend of Jackie Robinson’s widow, Rachel, and director of the Jackie Robinson Foundation, a scholarship program for minority college students.

Plumeri took that legacy with him to Williamsburg, playing second base for a team that had little more than the fundamentals. Their field was then squeezed behind Zable Stadium, with stands that held only about 50 people and had no fence around the outfield. If the ball rolled down the hill, it rolled down the hill.

When he donated the money to build Plumeri Park in the late 1990s, he wanted it to embody the cultural power of baseball so important to his family. They could’ve called it a “stadium,” but he chose “park” because it made games feel like an event, a day for hot dogs, pretzels, summer weather and people you love. Plumeri Park is named for his father, Samuel Plumeri



Sr., who originally founded the Trenton Thunder in 1994. There’s a memorial to him outside, and when Plumeri visits campus, he tries to tell the team why that memorial matters.

“When you are on this field it’s expected that you’re going to do your best because the person this park was named after was special,” Plumeri says.

Hence, to him, gameplay based on big data feels robotic. Efficient baseball isn’t necessarily entertaining baseball. “If you remove the passion and you remove the commitment and you remove the drama from the game, you remove a lot of life,” Plumeri says. “Human error is supposed to be part of the game.”

Many viewers agree. In 2000, the World Series attracted 18 million viewers. In 2019, that number fell to 13.9 million, with ratings down by almost a third. Last season, MLB set a record for the longest average game time, at 3 hours and 11 minutes, and the league batting average sank to a 53-year low. There were more

strikeouts (April 2021 was the first month ever with over 1,000), more pitchers slowly entering and exiting games, and more empty minutes between balls in play.

“It’s just harder to engage fans on a broad scale than it was years ago as America’s pastime,” says Harris, the former Tampa Bay shortstop and now director of MLB athlete development at X10 Capital.

It’s not like baseball doesn’t have talent, he adds. There’s a generation of young stars — from the Washington Nationals’ Juan Soto to the San Diego Padres’ Fernando Tatis Jr. — playing at historically high levels. But great players don’t always make a great product, particularly when pitchers are better than ever. More strikeouts mean fewer runs scored.

Even more, MLB isn’t marketing its talent effectively, Harris says — a disconnect clear in the lockout this season. The league and the players’ association couldn’t agree to a new set of collective bargaining rules in time, the season started late, missed games cost everyone

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revenue, and fans lost time to watch the sport they love.

“Baseball has changed,” Plumeri says. “I don’t think it’s authentic like it used to be.”

### BASEBALL’S ROCKET SCIENCE

**T**his crisis of authenticity has created a league-wide search for identity. Perhaps more than ever, baseball contains multitudes — from the purists who prioritize tradition to the Moneyballers snooping for the next competitive inefficiency.

It’s easy to see that incongruence in practice. Over the last 20 years, an enormous amount of baseball’s gameplay has changed, but the way people experience it hasn’t. Ballparks, telecasts and traditions like the all-star game are almost all the same. What happens behind the scenes, though, is radically different, down to the pitches batters learn to chase and the metrics taught to define success.

Will Rhymes ’05, director of player development for the Los Angeles Dodgers, spends his entire year operating backstage. After four years as an infielder for William & Mary, he began a 10-year career in the major and minor leagues, later retiring, joining the Dodgers as a scout and working his way up the front office.

“The amount of data and information that our players now have, it just dwarfs what we had when I was playing,” Rhymes says. “I think we were somewhat aware that the game was changing, but I don’t think it hit warp speed until a little later in my career.”

Moving at warp speed doesn’t permit much free time. Beside data analysis and watching games, Rhymes spends another eight hours on his phone alone each day. When the off-season comes, he trades game tapes for research. Constantly experimenting with new tools and then hiring staff to teach those to their top prospects can feel like rocket science.

And rocket science approaches players almost like machines. Rhymes and other baseball front offices use the new field of biomechanics to analyze and adapt the

smallest nuts and bolts of player movements. The difference between a strike and a home run can be less than a second, less than an inch. So players analyze “heat maps” that illustrate pitchers’ favorite spots, where they swing well and poorly, and how to close those gaps. Mounds of data have helped the Dodgers build one of baseball’s best farm — or player development — systems and grow stars that won them a World Series in 2020.

“Player development is just nothing like it was before,” Rhymes says. “Not to minimize what anyone did back then, but it was a little more survival of the fittest, a little less precise.”

Precision has its benefits. Statistical baseball has in some ways made the sport more inclusive, disproving some of the dogmas that once made the sport so insular.

Thirty years ago, Philadelphia Phillies Assistant General Manager Ned Rice ’05 was not the kind of person to make a career in baseball. He loved the sport, measuring his childhood in trips to watch the Baltimore Orioles. But Rice wasn’t a great player. Instead, he preferred reading wonky, analytical blogs like *Baseball Prospectus*.

His time at William & Mary — particularly his experience with math, statistics and student government — helped him turn an internship with the Orioles into a longer career.

“Moneyball changed a lot of things, where you realized that if you didn’t have a baseball playing background but were analytically inclined, you could still make a career,” Rice says. “A lot of teams at that time were not as sophisticated in operations. It felt like, OK, maybe there’s something here.”

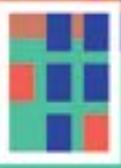
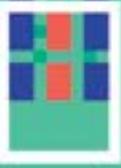
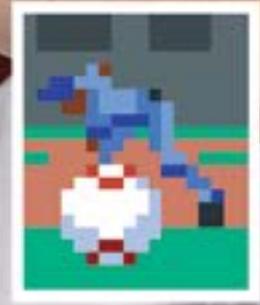
### PITCHING BASEBALL

**B**oth Rhymes and Rice understand the larger questions about baseball’s future, even if those questions rarely impact their daily work.

“Our job is just to try to win as many baseball games as we can,” Rice says.



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Finding the big answers is up to other people — sometimes including William & Mary students. In 2017, Los Angeles Dodgers part-owner Todd Boehly '96 sponsored a group of students at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business to write and present a proposal on the league's media rights. The students studied the Dodgers' media valuation, and the league's more broadly, based on viewership numbers and contract information. The aim was to find out what teams were undervalued.

Aaron Fernandez '16, M.S. '17, a former William & Mary pitcher, was one of those students. After finishing their research, he and two other students flew to New York to present it to Boehly, who shared it with MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred.

The process helped Fernandez understand how the business end of the game impacts each team's performance. Some wanted to make a profit and some wanted to win a championship. And to that end, each team had a different plan. The Kansas City Royals, for example, had the biggest minor league footprint in MLB for years, in an attempt to increase their chance at developing a superstar at the cheapest level.

"Understanding the economics of the game really helps you understand why certain teams make certain moves," Fernandez says.

And understanding baseball economics will be crucial to the game's future. Younger sports fans increasingly prefer highlights to full games and find the regular season boring compared to the playoffs, especially in baseball. Part of that is the long 162-game season; part of that is the sport's gameplay itself.

"I could show you highlights of guys hitting home runs, but it becomes the same play: He hit the ball over the fence," Fernandez says. "The product is difficult to sell in the modern market."

To make it easier to sell, MLB has started a series of experiments to speed up the pace of play in the minor leagues. They've added pitch clocks to shorten time between throws. They've been developing an Automated Ball-Strike system, or a "robo-ump," that minimizes human error from the strike zone, similar to what tennis has done with its professional courts. In overtime, they've added runners waiting on third base to help limit extra innings. They've even tried making bases bigger so more people end up safe.

"I think we all want the best version of this game," says Rhymes, the Dodgers' farm director. "We all understand the importance of continuing to make it marketable."



## W&M NIGHT AT NATIONALS PARK

Join W&M alumni, family and friends on Friday, July 15, when William & Mary Night at Nats Park returns for the 2022 season. The Nationals will face off against World Series champions the Atlanta Braves at 7 p.m. With the purchase of a special ticket, fans will receive a co-branded W&M/Nationals hat. The first 1,500 fans who purchase a ticket through this offer will receive the new, limited edition hat. For tickets and additional information, visit [magazine.wm.edu/NatsPark22](https://magazine.wm.edu/NatsPark22).



### 'STORIES ABOUT PEOPLE'

Alex Coffey '16, the Phillies beat writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer, earns her paycheck by making baseball interesting, a kind of marketing of its own. But even if it's her favorite sport, she cares more about the stories than the gameplay. It's not even her background. At William & Mary, she studied Civil War history.

What matters to Coffey is storytelling, and baseball is rich in it. "You can tie baseball players from 100 years ago to Juan Soto, and I love that aspect of the game," she says. "Tradition is so important."

During the long season, she spends a lot of time with the team, and on the road she sees players more than they see their families. That time lets her get to know them personally, which helps her tell better stories — like a profile of Oakland Athletics' all-star first baseman Matt Olson's friendship with someone from his hometown who couldn't speak because of a disability. To Coffey, that's a gift only baseball can give.

"I don't really care about the sport half as much as I care about stories about people, and that will always matter," she says.

To Brian Shallcross '98, people have to matter. They keep him in business.

Shallcross is the general manager of the Bowie Baysox, a minor league team in Prince George's County, Maryland. He started there in 2004 after another job in baseball, and he's stayed ever since. It's not many people's dream to stay in the minors forever, and Shallcross takes that as an honor.

"I tell all my William & Mary friends that I'm the only guy that I know in our peer group that hasn't been fired or promoted all these years," Shallcross says. "But I love it."

The minor leagues, after all, are in some ways the future of baseball. They develop MLB's next stars. They conduct the experiments that could energize major league gameplay. They can't take fans for granted, because most of their fans aren't baseball fanatics inheriting a hometown team like a birthright. "The best of what we can produce oftentimes makes it to the major leagues," Shallcross says.

One of the best things the Baysox are producing right now is a connection with their audience. They've had to learn how over time, too. When Shallcross started, the industry focused on discretionary money, or the extra few dollars people had to spend at the end of the month. That's since shifted. Now they focus on discretionary time. People have almost endless options to entertain themselves in the internet age, Shallcross says. His job

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is to convince people that they should spend their day at a Baysox game, even if Netflix is easier.

Different fans need different approaches. In their internal polls, only about 15% of the crowd lists themselves as dedicated followers of baseball. These are the people who show up to every game and pay close attention — so they need tools that help them follow along, like stats available at the scan of a QR code near their seat.

### 'A GOOD VIEW'

**M**ost everyone else needs more convincing. “There really is a young generation that’s lost on baseball that we need to reintroduce,” Shallcross says, “whether that’s through playing or the interaction with the game.” Recently the Baysox have tried school programs that take students on field trips to early morning baseball games and concerts that bring a different crowd to the diamond. “When you ask your fans, the key to the minor league baseball experience is about intimacy,” Shallcross says. COVID-19 challenged that. In 2020, they missed a season. In 2021, they could only hold a restricted one, without the usual autograph signings or access to players that fans enjoy. This season, Shallcross says, “any view’s a good view.”

He’s just happy to be back, watching games as usual from the walkway above the right field wall, so he can see inside a right-handed batter’s stance. If the team wins, he hustles down to the clubhouse to shake the manager’s hand. If they lose, Shallcross lets him be.

Shallcross himself almost played for William & Mary, before switching to football by the time he arrived on campus. But baseball’s his first love. He grew up around his minor league baseball park, then the Reading Phillies in Pennsylvania. He took that love of place to the university, and there, he learned how to teach it to others.

“My heart will always be in Williamsburg,” Shallcross says, hoping people start to feel the same way about the Baysox’s ballpark, Prince George’s Stadium.

Some, like fellow alumnus Ryan Foran ’95, do.

Foran and his family, who live just 15 minutes away in Edgewater, have been going to Baysox games for 12 years. They first went when one of their kids’ little league teams hosted an end-of-season party at the stadium. They kept going because the park had something for everyone. Where else, says Foran, could they find one place with a moonbounce, a carousel, a beer garden, and a pitching station that measures how fast you throw?

“It’s just a great family atmosphere,” Foran says.

He and his family usually find a seat that gives them a chance to catch fly balls (one of his kids has and displays it on a bedroom dresser). But each trip has a shade of



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their favorite memory at the ballpark, a trip to celebrate a birthday years ago.

That day, the Foran family reserved a box at the stadium and all watched the game. The kids ran around the stadium while the adults stayed upstairs and enjoyed a glass of wine. The group included 10-year-olds and 65-year-olds, but they all spent time together, they all followed the game and they all had something to enjoy. It was about baseball, and that night, baseball was about each other.

“We’re not hardcore fans, but it’s something that we all really have fun with,” Foran says. “The best that baseball can be, I think, depends on who you are and what you’re looking for. That night, that’s what we were looking for, and it was awesome.” 🍷



# RENAISSANCE MAN

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STEPHEN S. TANG '82 IS A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LEADER ROOTED IN THE LIBERAL ARTS

FOR MANY, THE TERM “RENAISSANCE MAN” CONJURES UP IMAGES OF HISTORICAL FIGURES PERFORMING SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS IN THE MORNING, PLAYING VIOLIN IN THE AFTERNOON AND DEBATING PHILOSOPHY IN THE EVENING.



In a more modern sense, the term brings to mind a well-rounded person, an individual who embraces the values of the liberal arts and embodies authenticity, curiosity and dedication both to others and to their daily pursuits.

To those who know him, Stephen S. Tang '82 instantly springs to mind when you say “Renaissance man.” Passionate about education, a leader, an entrepreneur, scientist, musician, athlete, devoted friend and colleague and an enthusiastic public servant, Tang’s natural humility and careful championship of others are matched only by his professional achievements.

Tang was most recently the president and CEO of OraSure Technologies Inc. from 2018 to March 2022. OraSure is a leading biotechnical firm in the development, manufacture and distribution of rapid diagnostic tests, sample collection and stabilization devices and molecular services solutions designed to discover and detect critical medical conditions.

One of the most recognizable devices that OraSure has developed is the sample collection device used in the at-home testing kits for 23andMe Inc., used to help people discover their ancestry, genetic dispositions to certain diseases and other genetic traits.

OraSure also developed one of the first over-the-counter, at-home rapid tests for HIV, called OraQuick, in 2004. During the COVID-19 pandemic, and under Tang’s leadership, the company expanded its team and developed an at-home rapid test for the coronavirus.

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“The driving force for OraSure is putting the power of knowledge into the hands of people,” Tang says.

The company also manufactures other rapid tests, including for hepatitis-C, Ebola and influenza, to name a few.

“I took the reins of the company in 2018 not knowing we were going to have a pandemic,” Tang says. “I knew we were going to have to pivot the company in massive ways and the pandemic provided that moment to rise to the challenge. We had the opportunity to apply the resident skills and experience of the company with the challenges and opportunities presented to us by COVID.”

In December 2021, Tang was awarded the 7th Annual Globy Award for Corporate Leadership by the Global Philadelphia Association in recognition of his work leading OraSure through the pandemic.

Tang also participated as a panelist in a spring 2021 virtual Community Conversation with President Katherine Rowe about improving lives during the pandemic. The conversation featured alumni on the front lines of testing and vaccine research as well as students, faculty and staff inspiring others through service.

Tang graduated with a B.S. in chemistry from William & Mary in 1982, received an M.S. from Lehigh University in 1985, a Ph.D. in chemical engineering in 1988 and an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1992.

## LEADING THROUGH CARING

“In all of the leadership positions I had until the pandemic, I was fortunate enough to have a lifelong course on what it means to actually be a leader. And I look to the example of what America’s founders did, under extremely adverse conditions, to establish this country. It gives me the perspective that if they could lead people through difficult times, care for them, serve them, then maybe I can do the same,” says Tang.

Before leading OraSure, Tang held other leadership roles in the science and technology industry, including serving as president and CEO of the University City Science Center in Philadelphia. He also served as group vice president and general manager for life science at Olympus America, president and CEO of Millennium Cell Inc., held vice president roles at both A.T. Kearney and Gemini Consulting, and was the founder and owner of Tangent Technologies in the mid-1980s.

In addition to his distinguished career, Tang has held a number of board positions and advisory positions including at Harrisburg University, Seton Hall University, Lehigh University, the Innovation Advisory Board at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Drummond Scientific, Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia, the Committee of Seventy and served on the board of directors for the William & Mary Alumni Association from 2013 to 2015.



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Tang currently resides in Philadelphia with his wife, Jill Chernekoff, an executive leadership coach and president of Chernekoff Communications LLC.

Growing up in the shadow of Philadelphia during the nation's bicentennial certainly helped to shape Tang's values and desire to excel.

It is helpful to keep in mind, he adds humorously, that no matter how much great work he does in Philadelphia, he knows that "it will never compare to the work Thomas Jefferson did in Philadelphia. It certainly gives you a sense of appreciation and humility."

Whenever those closest to Tang talk about him, the word humble is almost always used, as are caring, authenticity and dedication.

"He's got such a great way of being that it's hard to describe — his caring, graciousness, humility and empathy come through," says David "Dave" Lucas Jr. '80, a lifelong friend of Tang's from their days together as fraternity brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon. "He's stayed connected with all of us in our group for 40 years — he is a loyal friend who genuinely cares about you. To loosely quote Caddyshack, you've got a buddy for life in Steve."

In leadership, Tang brings the same level of caring and attention that he does in his personal relationships.

"There's a style of leadership which has been nurtured during the pandemic, that requires leaders to take a more pastoral approach to leading folks," Tang says. "By that I mean not just being concerned about who they are as employees — which is the classical view of the boss-employee relationship — but in an era where a significant number of families are working in the same place as each other, while their kids are learning at home as well, you've got to take the time to be a pastor to them as much as you are being a leader."

At the start of the pandemic, Tang began writing what he titled a "Monday Motivational Message" to send to everyone at OraSure. It was an experience that allowed him to engage directly with each member of the company and provided an opportunity for him to be more accessible to them in return.

Through Tang's myriad interests, he is able to form those meaningful connections with people quickly. Those values of the Renaissance man, with an interest in many things and many people, have allowed Tang to create a lifetime of connections. And those same values have allowed him to helm one of the leading organizations in the biotech revolution.

## WALKING IN THE PATHS OF REVOLUTIONARIES

Tang's parents, Chinese immigrants, met while studying at a university in the United States. Tang was born in Madison, Wisconsin, and was raised, as he says, not exactly as a traditional Midwesterner but with "traditional Midwestern values."

"My parents raised us to have a deep appreciation for what it means to be Americans and for the opportunities we had in this country," Tang says. "I don't speak Chinese even though I'm ethnically Chinese, and it's because my parents wanted us to fully belong in the United States. And that's probably why I developed a love of baseball and jazz music — what's more quintessentially American than baseball and jazz?"

Both of his parents were scientists, his father a chemical engineer and his mother a clinical chemist. At an early age, Tang was captivated by their careers, launching his own interest in science.

"It was natural to talk science and be influenced by science growing up in our house," Tang remembers. "But I had, and still have, so many other interests as well — public policy, sports, piano. And from seeing what my parents did, I had this desire to learn more and engage in science, too."

When his father went to work with DuPont, his family moved to Wilmington, Delaware, where he spent most of his formative years not far from the deeply engrained Revolutionary ideals and history in Philadelphia. It was there that he learned to admire the founders and their dedication to curiosity, service and leadership.

"Like most kids who live along the East Coast, our parents dragged us to Williamsburg for a visit when I was 12 or 13, and I loved the place," Tang says. "I was captivated — and still am captivated by the founding fathers. They were Renaissance men in their own right."

For Tang, the fact that boundaries between their interests in the humanities, in the arts, in the sciences and in public service were blurred was appealing to him.

"It's not like they went to school and someone said, 'Well, you're studying chemistry so forget about being a public servant.' They were, I think at their heart, entrepreneurs in all that they did — including founding our nation."

It was this open curiosity and entrepreneurial spirit of people like Franklin and Jefferson and their desire to serve the people they cared about, as well as a chance connection at the American Legion Boys Nation, that drew Tang to William & Mary.

"I wanted to study in the same place the founders did."

## LIFELONG CONNECTIONS

As a student at W&M, Tang was a member of the men's baseball team for one year as a catcher, played piano in the jazz ensemble and was a member of the Catholic Student Association. He was also a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, where he met many lifelong friends.

"A majority of the out-of-state kids at W&M, when we were here, came from the Jersey and Philly

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region,” Lucas recalls. “So after going to a Sig Ep party and meeting someone else who was from closer to home, I knew Steve and I had a connection there.”

Despite his busy professional life, Tang has maintained those connections and strengthened them through continued friendship and engagement. He and a group of about 10 friends from W&M, now scattered across the country, frequently get together for vacations, life events, football, basketball and baseball games and an annual weekend (now lengthening into a week) of golf.

“To tell you what he means to me, and the kind of guy he is,” Lucas reflects, “he came to my dad’s funeral on a Monday, two days before Christmas. He’s attended several of the guys’ weddings, including mine. He can talk about his work in the biotechnical world with us in a simple way that we can understand it, and at a higher level as well, leading to conversations well into the night.”

At William & Mary, Tang considered himself an average to “mediocre” student. His broad-based interests and involvements, he says, caused him to be “a little distracted by the big world out there.”

“He claims he wasn’t a great student — I don’t have my gradebooks anymore so I can’t be exact about it — but if he was average at William & Mary, that is way beyond average for the rest of the world,” remembers Melvyn “Mel” Schiavelli, who served at the university from 1968 to 1993 as a chemistry professor, chair of the Chemistry Department, dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences, provost and interim president of William & Mary.

Schiavelli taught organic chemistry, which many consider to be the “weed-out” course for medical school-inclined undergraduates, and he was the pre-med adviser for many years as well. It was in “orgo” that Schiavelli first taught and met Tang in 1978.

“You know that people who do well in that course — and my recollection is that he did well — will be successful. That proved out for Steve,” Schiavelli says.

Schiavelli was also a faculty advisor and mentor to Tang during his time as an undergraduate student. The two have remained in touch throughout the years, including when Schiavelli asked Tang to join the board of trustees at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology.

“When I was working to establish Harrisburg University, I noticed that Steve was the president of University City Science Center at the time. I wondered, ‘Is this the Steve Tang

I knew?’ I called him up, went to visit him, and I was so impressed with him, as I was when he was in school. He understood the technology landscape, could articulate it so well, and had great connections, so I knew I wanted to have him on the board at Harrisburg.”

Connections are an important undercurrent in Tang’s life, both professionally and personally. Tang says that one of the most valuable leadership lessons he has ever learned is to never burn bridges and always keep connections with people open and meaningful. “You never know how that person or organization may come back to you.”

“After school, we both went off and did our careers and families, but we kept running into each other at conferences,” recalls Barry Sharp ’81, P ’14. “We’d get to these energy technology conferences and we’d track each other down, and that was how we stayed connected in those first few years after school.”

Sharp first met Tang at W&M through both the jazz ensemble and Sigma Phi Epsilon, serving as his big brother in the fraternity. After years of staying connected through their industry conferences and raising a family, Sharp reconnected with the larger group of fraternity brothers for the golf weekend and Tribe Athletics games in recent years.

Sharp and his wife, Anne Pennewell Sharp ’82, P ’14, established the Sharp Seminar at William & Mary, a joint initiative between the Pulitzer Center and W&M.

“In school, Steve and I connected over our shared love of music and baseball,” Barry says. “Over the years I have noticed that even though he interacts with a lot of people, he always takes the time to make connections. I think that is what has allowed us to reconnect more in recent years, because he stays interested in people even when time moves us apart.”

Sharp says he is looking forward to the next golf weekend, where he is certain Steve’s team will win.

## A RENAISSANCE MAN NEVER REALLY RETIRES

“As far as what’s next in my life,” Tang says, “Officially, I am going to try retirement. Practically, I don’t think I’m going to be very good at it.”

Tang says he is now looking for ways to stay involved in the communities he cares about through high-impact engagement and contributions, through board roles and advisory positions. “I’ve been thinking about writing a book — the Monday Motivational Messages really inspired me, so I think there is a book in me somewhere.”

When asked what leadership lessons he has learned over his lifetime, he says, “Be courageous — don’t be afraid to cross industry lines. I was in the energy sector then came over into life sciences and it has been helpful each time I shifted industries.

“Communications skills are key — I was fortunate that William & Mary taught me how to write, and that’s not normal for most chemistry majors at other schools. The ability to effectively communicate is your path to upward mobility — if you can’t connect and communicate with people, you won’t rise to the leadership roles.

“Maintaining relationships is vital — I interviewed for the last three jobs I had practically all at the same time. When I went to work for Millennium Cell, I had also interviewed for University City Science Center and OraSure. I maintained those relationships over the years and when positions became available at the Science Center and then at OraSure, the bridges I already had built helped me move from one position to the next.”

No matter what Tang undertakes in the next chapter of his life, it is certain that it will be tied to the things, places and people he is passionate about. His love of learning about the world, doing for others and staying connected to others will continue to drive him.

And especially through his connection to William & Mary, his group of friends, he will always be tied to W&M and Williamsburg.

“When we get together, we try to solve all of the world’s problems, of course, and it keeps us tightly connected,” Tang says. “It is pretty central to who I am, to stay connected to the university. There have been a lot of expected and unexpected ways William & Mary has helped me and been prominent throughout my life.”

“We try to keep him grounded,” Lucas says with a laugh. “But Steve is just real, he’s a real person. He’s the sort of person you would be glad to have as your boss and honored to have as your friend.” ☺

## TANG’S LEADERSHIP LESSONS

Three takeaways from a life of principled leadership:

**Be Courageous** — Don’t be afraid to make the leap, cross industry lines and take the risk on a new position or career path.

**Communicate Effectively** — The ability to effectively communicate is your path to upward mobility — take the time to connect with people.

**Maintain Relationships** — You never know when the bridges you build and the connections you make will come in handy, either to change your life or to help change someone else’s.



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## INFLECTION POINT



**WAYS THE WORKPLACE  
IS CHANGING DURING  
'THE GREAT RESIGNATION'**

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**The way the world does business transformed abruptly two years ago when COVID-19 forced large numbers of offices to switch to remote work. That experience — combined with the sobering reality of illness and death resulting from the pandemic — caused many workers to reevaluate their relationship with their job. In a phenomenon known as “The Great Resignation,” millions of employees quit their positions, sometimes without another one lined up.**

A fall 2021 report by management consulting firm McKinsey & Co. revealed that 40% of workers in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and Singapore indicated they were at least somewhat likely to quit in the next three to six months. Of those surveyed, 18% said they were likely to almost certain they would leave their jobs. In 2021, over 47 million people resigned, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Last November alone, a record 4.5 million workers quit.

The reasons vary. Women, who still shoulder more responsibility for child care, are reevaluating whether it makes sense to keep working and paying for after-school care and taking vacation days to be at home when children are out of school. Some left the workforce during the pandemic because of school closings or to care for family members. Many workers are considering whether they want to continue commuting two hours a day. Others are less willing to remain in a work environment that lacks diversity and inclusivity. In McKinsey’s survey, employees who identified themselves as non-white or multiracial were more likely than their white counterparts to say they had left their jobs because they lacked a feeling of belonging.

In addition, baby boomers are retiring at a higher rate than before the pandemic, according to an analysis published by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Senior economist Miguel Faria-e-Castro writes that COVID-19 was a motivating factor for older people, who are more vulnerable to infection and serious illness. In

addition, retirement became more feasible for some older workers as assets such as housing and stocks rose in value.

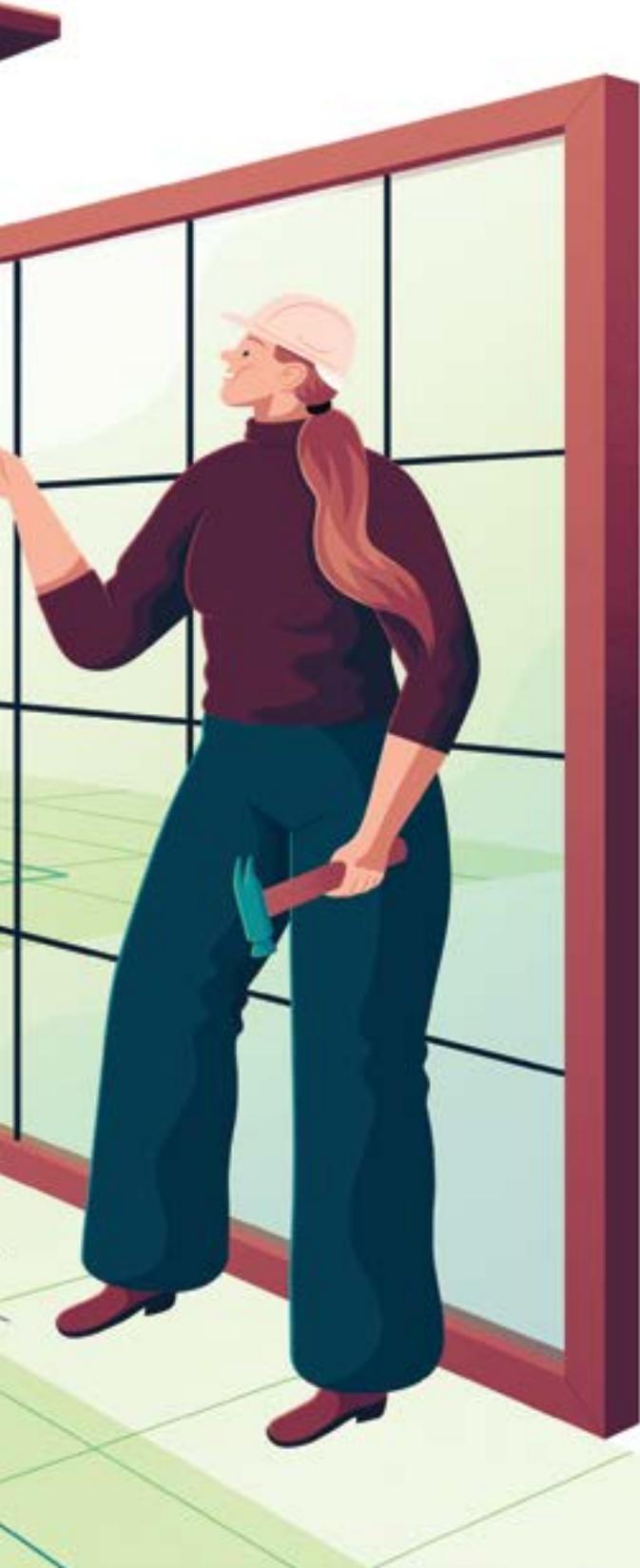
To make sense of what’s happening, we turned to William & Mary leaders and alumni working in human resources in a variety of industries, including online retail, telecommunications, real estate, technology, education services and entertainment. During interviews and panel discussions, they shared insights about what’s driving change and what employers are doing about it.

“We’ll never see what we had before,” says Raelene Canuel Wagoner ’87, P ’20, vice president of talent management at Unison, a software and data provider for government contractors and federal agencies, and secretary of the William & Mary Foundation. “People value the flexibility too much. It varies by industry, but we will never, as a whole, go back to five days a week in the office.”

Along with significant challenges of navigating the changing tides, these HR professionals see an opportunity to build a better working environment.

“What I love most about this period is how it is fostering experimentation on the part of organizations and individuals. It’s emboldening us,” says Christa Schuchart Hokenson ’93, chief human resources officer at Strategic Education Inc., which comprises Strayer University and the Jack Welch Management Institute, among other programs. Her advice: “Be open to the possibilities and put them on the table yourself.”





# 1

**A POWER SHIFT IS TAKING PLACE.** Employees have more input in their work environments, especially those who work in high-demand jobs such as digital analytics, finance, marketing and product management, as well as skilled trades. “People who have the capabilities and transferrable skill sets to go across different industries — they’re moving,” says Holly Tyson ’93, chief people officer at Cushman & Wakefield, a global real estate services company. “They’re saying, ‘What do I want to do with my life? Where can I make the biggest impact? What’s the purpose of the role I play in the world?’ We’re all experiencing some existential reassessment right now.” Tyson, along with Hokenson, William & Mary Chief Human Resources Officer Chris Lee and Clem Cheng ’86, senior vice president of human resources at Comcast, participated in a March panel discussion on “The Great Resignation: Competing for Talent in a Changing World,” as part of William & Mary Professionals Week, organized by the W&M Alumni Association and moderated by Latoya Asia J.D. ’09, director of talent acquisition and workforce planning at Dominion Energy. “It’s a good time to be a worker,” Cheng says. “People have lots of options and choices.”

## **HYBRID WORK IS ACCELERATING AND EMPLOYEES ARE SEEKING FLEXIBILITY.**

These kinds of arrangements were already going on before the pandemic, but it was more on a case-by-case basis. According to a report by Cushman & Wakefield, on average, most employees in the U.S. were in their office 60% of the time before the pandemic. Pre-COVID, about 25% of workers spent part of their work week at home, Tyson says, and she expects that to be 50% going forward. “Interestingly enough, it’s really just a codification of what was happening before,” she says, adding that even so, many employers have struggled to define what their new policies will be. “Now, companies have to shine a light on flexibility or they’re going to lose their worker talent,” Tyson says. However, this presents a challenge for employers seeking a consistent approach: What happens when Manager X wants people in the office two days a week and Manager Y wants them there four days a week? “That’s the fog and confusion we’re managing,” Lee of W&M said during the March panel discussion. At online retail giant Amazon, where the workforce of 1.3 million in the U.S. ranges from frontline logistics workers whose jobs cannot be done remotely to people who do software development and artificial intelligence, the work arrangement varies by group, says Ardine Williams, vice president for workforce development at Amazon and a member of William & Mary’s Board of Visitors. “We’ve accelerated the transition of some cultures that were office only to, in a very short order, having to embrace hybrid or remote only,” she says. “After two years, people have said, ‘I never thought this would work, but guess what? It worked.’ The policy now is that the director-level folks are going to decide what makes the most sense for the work they do for the customers, whether they pick a certain day that they’re in the office or certain contact hours.”

# 2

**EMPLOYERS ARE FINDING NEW WAYS TO BUILD ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE AND FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING.**

With the changing norms come challenges, Williams says: “When you hire hundreds of thousands of people who have never been to an office, how do you grow culture? How do you build personal connections? How do we help people learn the less formal pieces of how work gets done in a way that’s not only efficient and practical, but also helps build relationships? That’s the other side of the coin and that’s what we’re wrestling with now. Those relationships and that foundation of trust are incredibly important because that’s what makes the work easier.” Before the pandemic, people who participated in meetings remotely often felt left out, Wagoner says. If they called in, they couldn’t see anyone, and if they were on video, their view might be a room full of tiny heads. New technology can help, such as a camera called Meeting Owl that turns toward the person speaking and shows their face. Comcast is redesigning its conference rooms to incorporate such innovations, Cheng says. “The watercooler has to be architected when people are remote,” Tyson says, referring to the need for interactions with people who aren’t involved in your typical workflow. Wagoner emphasizes the need for frequent conversations, even when remote: “Every [Microsoft] Teams meeting is face-to-face,” she says. “I think that’s really important. I use the chat like I would stop by your office — ‘Are you there? Do you have five minutes?’ You need to reach out to people a lot.”



Companies are also improving virtual experiences by using breakout groups to encourage people to talk about a topic. Polling, trivia games and interactive online training courses are other tools. Unison has redesigned what used to be a multiday, in-person training program to be more accessible and effective virtually.

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*Some people have become disconnected and it will be incumbent on successful companies to rebuild that connection.*  
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**THE OFFICE EXPERIENCE IS EVOLVING.**

“We’ll continue to meet in person for gatherings where it makes sense,” Wagoner says. “For onboarding, ideally you have more time in person, up front. There’s a need for social events, post-pandemic. There are activities such as whiteboard meetings that are very valuable to be in person. But what we heard from our employees was that doesn’t need to be in a rhythm of one or two days a week.” Because Cushman & Wakefield manages office space and leasing, Tyson is in a position to help shape the way physical workplaces are being reconsidered. “How do you structure those office experiences to be purpose driven?” she says. “Getting people together to accomplish something, to collaborate, to connect, to inspire and innovate — that’s going to be the future of work when we are not calling in remotely.” She expects a move toward hybrid space: “Because people aren’t going to be at their desk in the office five days a week, there’s going to be more sharing of space so that collaboration and human connection

are reinforced and supported with the physical space around them.” Human connection is vital to ensuring long-term productivity, Tyson emphasizes. “Some people have become disconnected and it will be incumbent on successful companies to rebuild that connection,” she says. “If you take the time up front to build relationships and understand what’s important to people, then you can move more quickly to accomplish your goals.”





# 5

## **THE NEW WORK ENVIRONMENT REQUIRES DIFFERENT LEADERSHIP SKILLS.**

Managers need to be empathetic and they need to be able to listen. Being remote created a more intimate relationship in some ways, because people were seeing inside each other's homes via virtual video calls — learning the names of colleagues' pets, seeing children play in the background. Tyson says that during a weekly Microsoft Teams call with her leadership team, she knows that at 8 a.m., one member of the group is going to be braiding her daughter's hair on camera before sending her off to school. "I make a point of saying hi to her daughter," Tyson says. "I think leaders need to acknowledge and celebrate the holistic, authentic selves that we all are." While the pandemic brought substantial changes to the world of work, the movement for social and racial justice after the killings of George Floyd and other Black Americans has been equally important, Cheng says. "People being able to convey how they feel and think about things is so important around having a healthy organization," he says. "If you're a leader today and you don't have that ability to empathize and really listen and understand, you're done. That is not going to work going forward." Starting in 2020, Comcast held a series of listening sessions that initially revolved around issues raised by Floyd's death. "We've expanded that in terms of trying to listen hard around all aspects of what people need," Cheng says. "People don't want a lot of bureaucracy." Rather, he says, they want to know their work is contributing to what the company is trying to achieve and how their company's objectives help the community or society at large.

## **COMPETITION FOR EMPLOYEES MEANS RETHINKING THE HIRING PROCESS.**

Companies are finding they need to speed things up. "The longer it takes, the more opportunity there is for someone to get that candidate," says Ardine Williams of Amazon. Also, "are you communicating with that person and building that relationship?" She says Amazon is working toward "taking friction out of the equation" by providing a one-stop application process that matches prospective employees with open positions. Remote and hybrid jobs present an opportunity to widen applicant pools because employers can draw from a wider geographic area, says Logan Scott '13, manager of diversity and inclusion at The Walt Disney Co., who participated in the 2021 W&M Professionals Week discussion on "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace: Strategies and Stories." Companies are also starting to explore untapped segments to bring in more talent, such as looking at people who have taken breaks from the workplace or those whose resumes don't match traditional expectations, Scott says: "Instead of the academic degrees or the previous experience, you think about skills that give them a lot of potential to build on." Looking beyond previous notions of "fit" when filling positions can help organizations develop more diverse teams, says Williams: "At Amazon, the question we ask at the end of the interview is, 'Does this person raise the bar?' If you're just looking for fit and not for what someone can bring, you get mediocrity." Companies that make diversity a priority have a competitive advantage, Scott says. "That is where creativity and innovation are born — out of diverse perspectives," he says. "DEI is the driver for success for any organization when it's done right." He predicts that artificial intelligence will become more widely used in how employees are hired and evaluated. "AI will influence the way folks recruit," he says "I also think it may play a role in how people evaluate performance. If AI can be done in an inclusive way, it can help folks mitigate bias."

# 6

**7** **THERE'S A BIGGER EMPHASIS ON RETENTION.** Part of that is responding to what employees need and want, and making sure they feel valued and appreciated. Unison surveyed employees about returning to the office and made adjustments. "In our industry, if we had forced our software engineers to come back to the office even one day a week, we would have lost them," Wagoner says. The company also conducts "stay interviews" each year. Every employee is asked the same set of questions, such as: "Why do you stay, what would entice you to leave, what skills do you have that you're not using?" Pay and benefits should be competitive, but those are not always the deciding factors in whether an employee stays or goes, Wagoner says. "When you have a resignation problem, you have to understand why. Companies obviously do exit interviews, but that's too late," she says. "First and foremost, culture is so important, and a positive work environment. Through the pandemic, people have decided life is too short to work for jerks."

**8** **OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKPLACE CAREER DEVELOPMENT ARE EXPANDING.** Williams says employees want to know there's an opportunity to expand their skills and increase their job options and career resiliency if their job is phased out. During the pandemic, Amazon's technical academy — which provides education for those who want to work as a software engineer — pivoted and went to a virtual model, which made it possible for a broader range of employees to take advantage of it. "The ability to add skills to experience so that you can grow your career is incredibly important," Williams says. Employees measure the value of what they gain from work against the time and effort they put in, she adds. "I trade a day of my life for every day I come to work. Does the math work? If it doesn't, they're reconsidering. Part of what makes the math work is for people to not only be appreciated at work and have flexibility they need for their families, but also to have the opportunity to grow and build on the skills they have so they can take that next step." ☺







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## SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

*A sign announces a March 3 event at which students and faculty affected by the war in Ukraine shared their experiences and called the community to action.*

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**DR. MOM:** *Alexandra Knudson Friedman '01 chose to specialize in pediatrics because of her experience with and love for children. She is shown here with nine of her 10 children, who are photographed from the back to protect their privacy.*

“MEDICINE WAS INTERESTING TO ME, BUT I WAS ALSO ALWAYS THINKING WHAT’S BEYOND WHAT WE CAN SEE. I WAS ALWAYS VERY INTERESTED IN SPIRITUALITY AND SPIRITUAL CONCEPTS.”



## *‘The Path That God Gave You’*

ALEXANDRA KNUDSON FRIEDMAN ’01 PREPARES FOR MEDICAL PRACTICE WHILE BALANCING LIFE IN AN ORTHODOX JEWISH FAMILY

**ALUMNI PROFILE** A poster on the wall of the biology lab at William & Mary caught the attention of Alexandra Knudson Friedman ’01: “Does stress make you sick?”

It was late in the evening, and Friedman, then a senior pre-med student, was cleaning up after working on a research project for her honors thesis. The poster announced a talk by Dr. Esther Sternberg, author of “The Balance Within: The Science Connecting Health and Emotions.” Even though she was extremely busy, Friedman made time to attend the lecture.

“Medicine was interesting to me, but I was also always thinking what’s beyond what we can see,” she says. “I was always very interested in spirituality and spiritual concepts.”

A desire to understand the science behind connections of the human spirit, mind and body inspired Friedman to begin attending medical school. Longing for a deeper spiritual life led her to take a different path, where she explored Orthodox Judaism, attended a women’s seminary and became part of a Hasidic community. She married a widowed man with two daughters and became the mother of eight more children.

It is not often that those two paths merge together, especially for a woman. Hasidic women typically do not attend college, let alone medical school. The obstacles are many: Women in Orthodox Jewish communities generally marry young and have multiple children in their care. There are strict rules about interacting with the opposite sex, access to electronic devices and the internet is limited, and in many Hasidic communities, women don’t drive, making transportation to classes difficult.

Nevertheless, Friedman returned to medical school, and on May 27, 2021, two decades after her commencement at William & Mary, she graduated from Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in Middletown, New York, at the top of her class. She pursued her medical degree during a pandemic and while giving birth to three of her children, including twin girls. In an interview with *The New York Times*, she recalled studying for a board exam between contractions when she was in labor for 12 hours with the twins.

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**SUPPORTIVE SPOUSE:**  
*Friedman's husband, Yosef, an aide for elderly and special needs patients, worked nights so that she could attend classes and clinicals during the day.*

Given all the barriers to becoming a doctor, how did she do it? Friedman, who is now in a medical residency program at a children's hospital near West Palm Beach, Florida, begins her answer by describing the rigorous pre-med curriculum at William & Mary.

"As an undergraduate, I learned how to study thoroughly, anticipate the types of questions that would be asked and to think beyond what might initially be presented," she says. "So when I came to medical school, I was able to take in all the information quickly and study a lot of material in a short time."

Alongside the challenges to completing medical school as a woman with a large family in a Hasidic community, Friedman sees significant advantages.

"It gave me perspective," she says. "Medical school is very intense, and one bad test can feel like the end of your life."

As she learned in the lecture by Sternberg — who later became a mentor as well as a research collaborator — too much stress can be damaging to a person's health. On the other hand, a moderate level of stress results in more productivity than no stress at all.

"If I hadn't had my family, I might have been too stressed," Friedman says. "When I would come home from school, the children would run up and give me hugs. It was a whole other world, and I think it was beneficial always having a support system. The religious community was a support system as well."

Having an understanding partner was especially important. When Friedman received the Touro Middleton campus Dean's Award, given to the student with the highest academic standing, her husband, Yosef, was recognized with the Donna Jones Moritsugu Memorial Award, presented to a spouse of a graduating student for offering unwavering support.

The award announcement noted that Yosef, an aide for elderly patients and people with special needs, worked nights so that Alexandra could attend classes and clinicals during the day. Before she obtained their rabbi's permission to drive herself, Yosef would make the hourlong trip to take her from their home in Monsey, New York, to Touro College in Middletown. Later, he would drive her to the outskirts of their community — out of respect for Hasidic tradition — and then walk back while she took the car.

Alexandra Friedman says that both she and Yosef grew up in families with secular Jewish and non-Jewish roots. An art major at University of California Berkeley before becoming part of an Orthodox Jewish community, Yosef learned of her interest in medical school soon after they met in New York through a mutual acquaintance — an unofficial matchmaker or shadchan.

"I had quit medical school, but even at that time, he said, 'I think you're going to go back,'" Friedman says. "I said, 'I don't think so, I just want to raise my family.' But he was right. He was not only supportive, but encouraging. He thought it was important for me to finish what I had started when it was the right time."

Another key advocate was her spiritual advisor, the late Rabbi Aharon Kohn. When Friedman sought his guidance about the need for her to earn an income to help support her growing family, the rabbi encouraged her to think about returning to her medical studies.

"He said, 'It's not traditional, but God gave you the path that God gave you, and you're probably

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meant to have this in your life as long as you can do it in a kosher way,” Friedman says.

After she enrolled in medical school, there were times when she doubted whether she should continue. “I would even call him and say, ‘I think it’s too hard on my family,’ and he would say, ‘No, just finish another semester.’”

During their last conversation — before Kohn died of COVID-19 in June 2020 at age 69 — Friedman talked to him about what specialty she should practice.

“He said to do what I’m interested in and just make sure I don’t quit — no matter what I do, don’t quit,” she says.

Friedman chose to specialize in pediatrics, where she saw an opportunity to serve the Orthodox Jewish community and draw on her life experience as the mother of 10 children ranging in age from 15 months to 22 years. In March, she was completing a rotation in the neonatal intensive care unit of a children’s hospital near West Palm Beach, Florida.

“It is rare to have a Hasidic doctor, and especially a female Hasidic doctor,” she says.

“There’s a big push right now to make sure that there’s diversity in medicine, because with different cultural nuances and traditions, people like to have a doctor who fully understands them.”

Friedman describes herself as a private person, but she says she is willing to tell her story out of gratitude. She is grateful for a medical school that was able to accommodate her religious observances, for the strong educational foundation she received at William & Mary and for mentors such as Sternberg and Lizabeth Allison, a chancellor professor and chair of the W&M biology department.

Allison, the advisor for Friedman’s honors thesis on thyroid hormone receptors (and a 2022 Plumeri Award recipient), recalls conversations in which her former student shared dreams of balancing her passion for biomedical research with her deep spiritual nature and her desire to raise a large family.

“There may have been times when she wondered if she could do it all, but I never doubted that she would find her path and achieve her dreams,” Allison says. “Alexandra is incredibly bright, focused, determined and filled with joie de vivre.”

Friedman hopes to offer encouragement to others who might have similar aspirations.

“I want to show people that despite all types of perceived obstacles, if you have found your purpose, you should not stop pursuing it, even though it might not work out exactly as you plan,” she says. “Just keep one foot in front of the other and surround yourself with supportive people.”

— TINA ESHLEMAN

**CALLED TO SERVE:** *As one of very few Hasidic women doctors, Friedman sees an opportunity to provide families in her community with medical care from someone who understands their traditions.*



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“A NAIVE, INNOCENT, PURE BELIEF THAT I COULD DO IT. TO CHASE THE THING YOU WANT, YOU DO HAVE TO HAVE AN ALMOST IRRATIONAL BELIEF IN YOURSELF.”

## *Becoming Thao*

THROUGH MUSIC, THAO B. NGUYEN '06 FINDS THE FREEDOM  
TO BE HER TRUE SELF

**ALUMNI PROFILE** Like lots of kids, Thao B. Nguyen '06 dreamed of becoming a rock star. Unlike most, she actually did.

The girl who wrote a rap about “Charlotte’s Web” as a third-grader in lieu of a book report went on to develop a successful music career as an indie-pop singer-songwriter. Nguyen and her former band, Thao & The Get Down Stay Down, have released five studio albums, and Nguyen herself has worked on many projects as a solo artist. The daughter of Vietnamese refugees, she has earned music industry acclaim as she incorporates her cultural heritage into her work, along with rock, jazz, folk, country and hip-hop influences.

In contrast to the small clubs and coffee shops where she once played as a William & Mary student, Nguyen now appears at renowned venues such as The Fillmore in San Francisco, the Beacon Theatre in New York City and the 9:30 Club in Washington, D.C. She also produced music for actor/producer Matt Damon’s 2011 documentary, “American Teacher.”

When she first started performing with a band, they played under her name, but she eventually made the decision to expand it to “Thao & The Get Down Stay Down.” She says the name change was a misguided attempt to make her music accessible to a broader audience.

“I could tell how people responded when they only saw ‘Thao,’ or when they saw my first and last name,” Nguyen explains. “They wouldn’t know what to think about it. They would have trouble pronouncing it, and it seems like there’s this dismissive air around seeing a non-American name.”

Nguyen has faced these kinds of challenges since she started performing. When her first album came out in 2008, “it was so easy to be reduced to being Vietnamese. I resented it so much, and I regret how I handled it. I minimized myself.”

She announced in October that the band was dissolving, and she and longtime bandmate Adam Thompson were going their separate ways. Nguyen recently started performing under the name “Thao” as a solo artist, emphasizing her heritage.

“It was refreshing to show how proud I am of being Vietnamese,” says Nguyen, who grew up in Northern

Virginia and now lives in Oakland, California. “It was so nice to celebrate my family and the people I come from through the art that I make. I became more courageous and honest in my work, for the sake of my humanity — to exist and to be carefree about it.”

Asked what music means to her, she answers, “liberation, communication and solace.”

Much of the inspiration for “Temple,” released in 2020, came from the 2015 trip that Nguyen and her mother took to Vietnam. Nguyen performed at the U.S. Embassy for the 20th anniversary of the normalization of relations between the United States and Vietnam, and it was her mother’s first time back in nearly 40 years.

“It was deeply emotional to see her in her homeland,” Nguyen recalls. “It was intense. It was beautiful, but really emotional to see her be so free.”

In an interview with San Francisco-based public radio station KQED, Nguyen noted that as much as “Temple” was about being Vietnamese, it was also about being proudly queer. She explained that the courage to write and release “Temple” — her first album since publicly coming out in 2020 — stemmed

**A PROUD HERITAGE:**  
*Thao Nguyen '06 recently started performing under her first name as a solo artist, emphasizing her Vietnamese identity.*





from finding the person she wanted to marry, letting go of shame and celebrating love: of her own true self and of her wife.

The identity Nguyen embraced shines through in “Temple,” as Under the Radar Magazine points out: “The album’s contrasting beats and styles meld so easily with Nguyen’s illuminating lyrics due to her newfound confidence.”

Nguyen says her time at William & Mary helped her define herself as an adult and find her voice as a musician.

She enrolled at W&M thinking she would be a writer, but soon took an interest in sociology and Gender, Sexuality & Women’s Studies. She credits former Associate Professor Kelly Joyce with inspiring her to be “as humane a person in the world as possible.” Over the years, Nguyen came to think of the Women’s Studies program as a sort of home on campus.

“It was a place where my interests and concerns could crystallize and coalesce, and it felt like such a place of solidarity, understanding and support,” she says. “It was what college was meant for, an awakening.”

With this perspective, Nguyen switched her major from English to sociology, thinking she would find a career in social work. While at W&M, she began her work as an activist by volunteering for Voices for Planned Parenthood and various domestic violence shelters. She also gained experience as a performer, playing at Aromas’ open mic nights and Fridays at Five at the Lodge, as well as at clubs and coffee shops in Richmond.

As a musician, Nguyen still incorporates activism into her work. She produced her 2013 album, “We the Common,” in tribute to the California Coalition for Women Prisoners, an organization at which she regularly volunteered.

How did she achieve success as a music artist?

“A naive, innocent, pure belief that I could do it,” Nguyen says. “To chase the thing you want, you do have to have an almost irrational belief in yourself.”

Now working on a stage musical while preparing to tour, Thao has one piece of advice for W&M students: “Relax. It seems like you should have a plan and be executing it as soon as you get to W&M, but relax.”

— JULIA DEKORTE '23

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# *From Williamsburg to the World*

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## **DIPLOMATIC SKILLS:**

*Elizabeth “Beth” Webster  
J.D. ’98, Colombia Barrosse  
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“Chris” Crawford J.D. ’09 use  
their law degrees to make  
better policy and serve their  
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**LEGAL MINDS** Where can your William & Mary degree take you?

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That’s been the experience of Colombia Barrosse ’80, J.D. ’85, Elizabeth “Beth” Webster J.D. ’98 and Christopher “Chris” Crawford J.D. ’09. After graduating from W&M Law School, each joined the U.S. foreign service and has represented American interests in a variety of countries. Now, all three are stationed in France: Barrosse as minister counselor for consular affairs in Paris; Webster as consul for Western France in Rennes; and Crawford as consul for Central France in Lyon.

On March 8, they conducted a virtual panel discussion and Q&A with W&M law students about their experiences.

“Many of us from William & Mary become interested in a legal career because we are looking to change things, to make them better, to bring justice, to serve,” Barrosse says. “The foreign service gives you that opportunity. We can be advocates as we prog-

ress in our careers for better policy, whether we are talking about immigration issues in an adoption case or the negotiation of a treaty.”

Barrosse was no stranger to living overseas when she came to William & Mary. Her father worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development and their family lived in Latin America until Barrosse was a junior in high school. Looking for an in-state Virginia school with a strong pre-med program and excellent reputation, and charmed by William & Mary’s beautiful campus — “a perfect place to study and to think deeply” — she applied and was admitted.

After graduating with a bachelor of science in biology and a short stint studying physiology as a pre-med student, Barrosse realized her interests lay more in the law, and she returned to W&M for law school. After a summer program working for a solicitor in Exeter, England, gave her a taste of international and admiralty law, she decided her next step would be the foreign service. Thirty-three years later, and at a rank in the foreign service equivalent to that of a two-star

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general in the military, she says her experience at William & Mary continues to guide her.

“At W&M, we are trained to write concisely and to the audience. Diplomacy is about how to negotiate, how to present an argument that is logical and persuasive. You need those analytical skills to look at information and make connections,” she says.

Webster had wanted to be a lawyer since she was a child. In the summers while she was in law school, a clerkship in Madrid and an internship at the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility in New York City showed her how legal pressure could be used to solve issues of inequality and governance. Inspired to join the foreign service, she has served in Hungary, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and the United Arab Emirates in addition to a variety of roles in Washington, D.C. — including NATO-Russia policy officer and foreign policy fellow in a U.S. senator’s office. Her most recent previous position was deputy spokesperson and director of the press operations unit for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs.

Webster has found her legal experience to be essential in her foreign service career. Especially in her early roles, she sometimes found herself the only person with a law degree in the room. As a young woman new to a country, having an American law degree sometimes helped her establish credibility.

“I’m very careful to tell people I’m not an attorney now. But people inevitably know if you have a legal education, you understand how to approach problems in a way that will keep you and them out of trouble,” she says. “It isn’t always about having the right answer, it’s about asking the right questions and knowing how to get the answer.”

Her roles have not been without their challenges. Like her colleagues, she represents 370 million Americans who have many different perspectives and she must advocate for policies on behalf of the U.S. executive branch, with policies determined by the administration.

“How do you embody the best of the U.S. and acknowledge that there are things about us that are really problematic for other countries, and that there are aspects of our history that are difficult to talk about?” she says. “This challenge is the essence of patriotism in many ways — to acknowledge this but present the best of who we are as a country, and that’s the challenge that I wake up every morning motivated to try to meet.”

Crawford came to William & Mary Law School after serving in the U.S. Army, including a tour in Iraq, and then working as an Air Force law clerk, for a non-governmental organization in Cambodia and as a volunteer in central Brazil. He was always interested in



WEBSTER J.D. '98



CRAWFORD J.D. '09



BARROSSE '80, J.D. '85

international law and realized he would not be content working at a law firm stateside in the long term.

“I graduated from W&M, took the bar exam, flew home, and the next day my daughter was born. When we got home from the hospital, I got an invite into the foreign service,” he says.

In 12 years, he has served in Timor-Leste, Paris, Kabul, Sydney and now Lyon. His next posting, beginning this summer, is in Washington, D.C.

As head of the small consulate in Lyon, his day-to-day schedule can be as varied as writing cables to Washington, touring a hydrogen factory, hosting a press event for a famous author and meeting with students. It’s very different from the work he was doing in Sydney, which was mostly contracts (for example, arranging for then-Vice President Joe Biden to visit) and his responsibilities in Kabul, Afghanistan, which were related to internal management of 500-600 diplomats and over 7,000 security staff and contractors. As is typical, he has changed postings every one to three years.

“One of the things I love most about the foreign service is change — every role is different, but you also have a lot of job security,” he says. “I can raise a family while combining the love of my country with the love of getting to know other places and cultures.”

All three alumni encourage current students and alumni to apply to join the foreign service, if it is of interest to them.

“If you are an intellectual omnivore and just love learning, there are few careers that give you such a breadth and a scope to learn about so many different things,” says Webster. “Though we change jobs every few years, there’s a continuity and an expectation that we’ll build and grow with each. What seems on paper to be disparate experiences is part of a larger whole of helping make better policy and serving our country.”

— CLAIRE DE LISLE M.B.A. '21



# Rethinking Your Relationship With Work

PROFESSIONALS WEEK 2022 BROUGHT THE W&M COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO REFLECT ON THE CHANGING WORKPLACE AND CHART NEW PATHS FORWARD

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**PROFESSIONALS WEEK** The working world is changing — as the pandemic enters its third year, labor shortages, increased remote work and new calls for greater diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace are transforming organizations of all sizes. For many, this is a time of reflection on how individual and organizational values align. In this year's Professionals Week, Feb. 28-March 4, participants were invited to "rethink their relationship with work" and consider how their professional lives fit into this brave new world.

Approximately 600 alumni, parents, students and other members of the W&M community registered for events during the week, which ranged from panel discussions with experts to interactive workshops to networking hours. All programming was virtual this year to allow members of the W&M community worldwide to participate.

On March 1, HR leaders in our community shared their insights in the panel discussion "The Great Resignation: Competing for Talent in a Changing World," moderated by Latoya Asia J.D. '09, director of talent acquisition and workforce planning at Dominion Energy. Clem Cheng '86, senior vice president of human resources at Comcast, Christa Hokenson '93, chief human resources officer at Strategic Education Inc., Chris Lee, chief human resources officer at William & Mary, and Holly Tyson '93, chief people officer at Cushman & Wakefield, discussed how their industries were affected by labor shortages and the rise of remote work. They shared strategies for leading with empathy during this time and how to intentionally create workplace culture in a hybrid environment.

The panel on March 3, "Building Community in the Workplace" was another powerhouse, with panelists Erika Moritsugu '94 and Rita

Sampson '89, both senior executives in the federal government, BOV member Doug Bunch '02, J.D. '06, partner at Cohen Milstein and chairman of Global Playground, Nina Cavazos '13, director of corporate relations at the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, and Amandeep Sidhu '00, partner at Winston & Strawn and co-founder of the Sikh Coalition. They shared personal stories about what it meant to bring their full and authentic selves to their workplaces, including their intersectional identities where race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, family situation and other identities overlap. They also discussed what it means to be an ally to others and how mentorship and simple conversations with others can open new doors.

Two online networking sessions provided a venue for participants to make new connections and discuss the topics of the week: one especially for recent graduates, current students and young professionals, and one for the entire W&M community to chat in a casual setting.

"Careers is one of the four overarching initiatives of the university's new Vision 2026 strategic plan, and programs like Professionals Week fit perfectly into its goals of preparing our students and alumni not just for their first jobs, but all the professional opportunities they will pursue throughout their lives," says Marilyn W. Midyette '75, chief executive officer of the W&M Alumni Association. "This week is just one of the many programs and resources we offer throughout the year to strengthen and support the W&M network worldwide."

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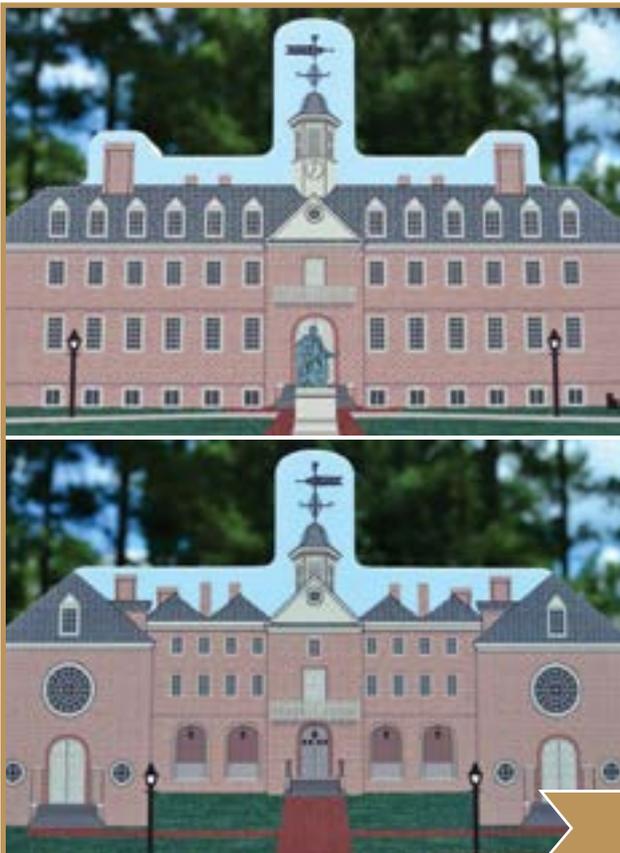
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WRENEGADE SERIES CELEBRATES WILLIAM & MARY'S MUSICAL TALENT

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Now, you can listen to selections from W&M alumni in a custom Spotify playlist anytime. There are some bands you may be familiar with — like The Lone Bellow and Car Seat Headrest — while others are waiting for you to discover.

The playlist was created by the W&M Alumni Association as part of the Wrenegade Music Series, a weeklong virtual celebration in October 2021 of W&M students, alumni and faculty who perform, produce and enjoy music.

In any given semester, almost 25% of W&M's undergraduate students take part in a Music Department activity. In panel discussions, Jamie C. Bartlett, associate professor of music and associate director of choirs; Alex Blue V, assistant professor of music (ethnomusicology); Richard Marcus, assistant professor of music and director of bands; and French and music double major Paul Hardin '22 described how the Music Department is offering new opportunities for students in areas such as ethnomusicology, audio production and the business of music, as well as interdisciplinary offerings. For example, Hardin created a musical comedy called "Spectacular" as his honors thesis project, inspired by his COLL 100 class about 17th- and 18th-century French theater and political scenes.

Russell Taylor '96, a musician and executive producer, shared how the pandemic has both challenged and improved his ability to thrive in the music business. Because he wasn't able to record in a studio, he had to hone his recording skills at home.

"COVID forced us in our industry to learn more and expand our knowledge base to be better artists, creators and businesspeople," he says. "Touring is our lifeline. When I'm able to tour, that's when I make the bulk of my money. With COVID, we were immediately shut down. Though I was able to record and I had a cursory knowledge at the time of preproduction work at home, typically you would go to a recording studio and have all the musicians come in, but we couldn't do that. You have to learn to improvise! It was curse-filled and frustrating ... but now I can record anything in my home studio."

He encouraged students and alumni looking to enter the music business to be goal-oriented, learn as much as they can about all aspects of music production and be patient for the rewards of the work.

"At William & Mary, you study hard, you get an A. But in the arts, the same rewards do not exist," he says. "You have to learn to set personal goals for yourself and build in your own rewards and your own sense of what quality work is ... but at the same time, if a lot of people don't like your work, you can't build a successful business from it. It's a tightrope."

He says although there is nothing quite like the energy of a live performance in front of an audience, the pandemic has opened up many new ways for musicians to make money other than touring, including brand partnerships and livestreamed performances.

To listen to the Spotify playlist, watch the panel discussions and enjoy a virtual showcase of W&M student a cappella groups and ensembles, visit <https://wmalumni.com/events/wrenegade>. To learn more about getting involved in future music-related events and other alumni activities, contact [engagement@wm.edu](mailto:engagement@wm.edu).

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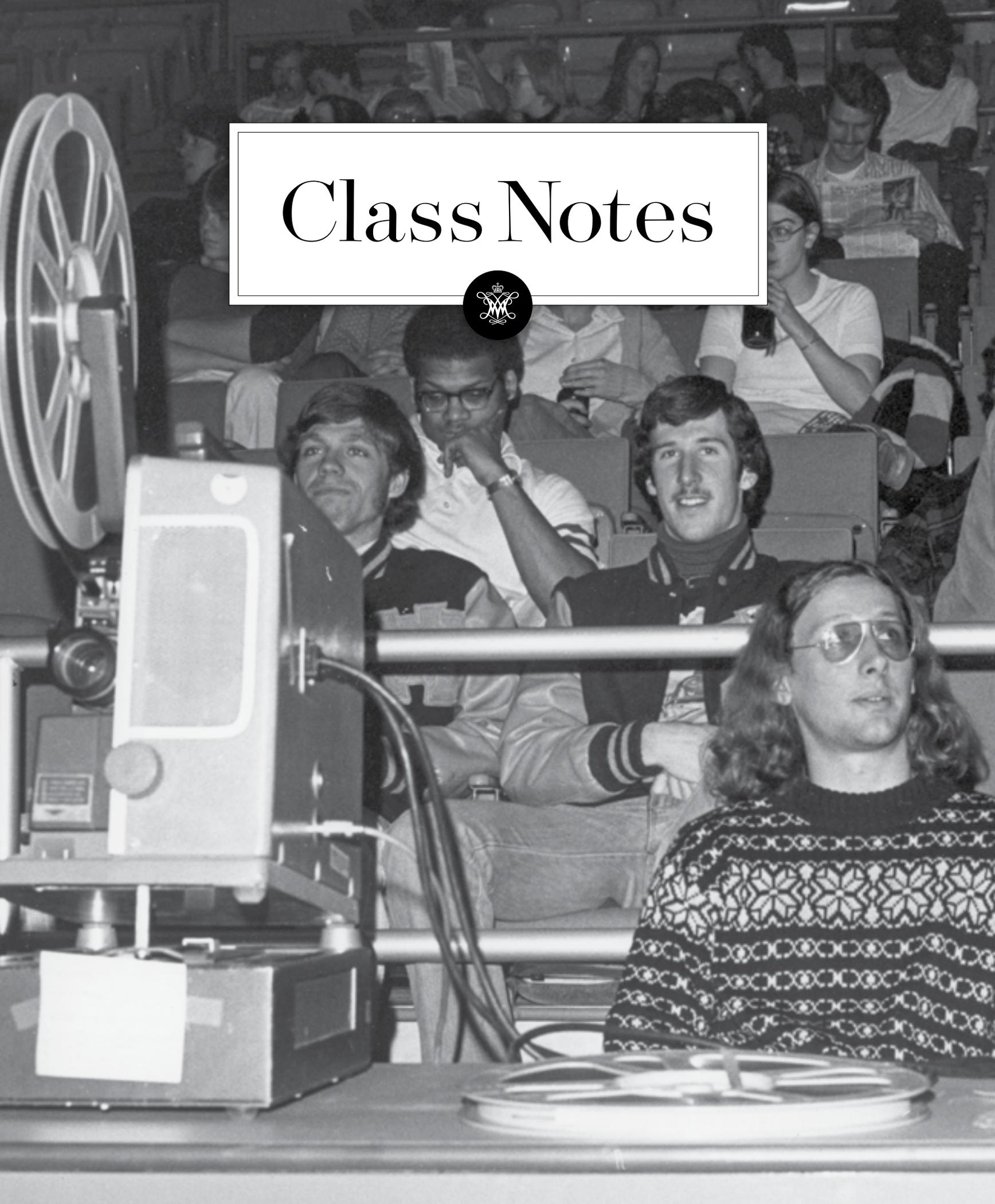
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# Class Notes



## WHAT'S THE STORY?

Students including Bob Keroack '79 (center, with letter jacket) and track teammate Steve Dye '79 (center left) wait for a screening of "Young Frankenstein" to begin at William & Mary Hall (now Kaplan Arena) in 1977. Keroack recalls that he and Richard Walker '79, who shot this picture, were both photographers for the Colonial Echo and The Flat Hat and often worked together on arranging photos of student life.

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Class Notes has been a William & Mary tradition for decades, made possible by the efforts of our dedicated volunteer class reporters. While we make every effort to collect columns and check facts, each column is the responsibility of the class reporter.

## 1955

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The month of January is usually not the time for pleasant surprises, but when my phone rang in early January, that was my reaction. The caller was **Sara Jane Blakemore Knight**. She is a recipient of the Virginia Education Association Special Award for her work with retired teachers. She also received the National Education Association Distinguished Service Award. She meets monthly with her sponsored class for coffee and conversation and hears from her former students on Facebook. She also told of watching her granddaughters open gifts in San Diego, via Facebook, on Christmas Day. For someone who no longer drives a car, she leads an active life.

**Floie DeHart Burns** wrote of a wonderful Christmas with a visit from her son Colin. Her

son John lives nearby, so her two sons were able to visit together. John also drove her to Vero Beach, Florida, to visit her sister who she hadn't seen in two years. She started volunteer teaching a Spanish class in early January. She has eight students in her class with a waiting list.

Early this month, our son Jim came home with a "bad cold" and cough that he shared with Jerry and me. I put that in quotation marks because the symptoms indicate it might have been the COVID-19 variant omicron (we weren't tested). We were also "treated" to our first snowfall in at least three years. Fortunately, we visited our son Andy and his family (his wife, Carol, and daughters **Alex Vincent '16** and Christine) in early November. While there, we travelled to Philadelphia to see Christine, and Alex came for dinner one evening and brought us some Peanut Shop "goodies" from her homecoming visit. Alex is working in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at Georgetown University Hospital. Both girls are medical students.

This is longer than our

usual column but there will be room for your news in our next issue.

## 1956

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Our daughter, **Caroline Watkins '83**, drives to Williamsburg each October (such a pretty season), so we went with her this year. Duke of Gloucester Street looked beautiful. Lots of painting and repairs had been done while the town was closed down. There were quite a few tourists in town. We visited the museums (over where Eastern State Hospital was when we were students). One afternoon, we rented motorized scooters and rode through the restored area. Most enjoyable were our meals with classmates. We had lunch with **Les Sykes Waldron** and her husband, Jim, at a place called Food for Thought. Les and **Ed Watkins** had gone to Matthew Whaley

School together, so there was plenty to talk about.

We also had lunch one day with **Will Molineux** and **Mary Sawyer Molineux '75** at their house, sitting on the porch, watching the birds. Lovely! We had a nice visit with **Jane Thompson Kaplan** and **Jim Kaplan '57** at their beautiful home at Williamsburg Landing. Quite a few W&M grads live at "The Landing," so we were happy to learn where it is located. When Ed went to Korea in 1964, we rented a house in Birchwood Estates (I think that is the name?). That year Stuart was born and Caroline enrolled in Greenwood Kindergarten — now torn down or moved for "The Landing" — Birchwood is still there across from the Landing entrance. Now we have ourselves oriented!!

**Tricia Kizzia Landen** and **Bob Landen '52** are now settled in their place at Williamsburg Landing. (Downsizing is the hard part!!) At the time of this writing, the dining room was closed due to COVID-19, so meals are delivered.

Christmas notes from **John Morton '58** and **Roney Chesson Morton '59** tell of Hurricane Ida's local damage and what all the children and grandchildren are doing!

**Mary Tine Peckens** and I exchange Christmas cards saying who we have not heard from since our high school days in Ridgewood, New Jersey. Mary, who lives in Virginia Beach, had hoped to make it to Williamsburg for a couple of basketball games. She keeps in touch with **Nancy Harshbarger Hummel**. The Hummels are planning some trips to Florida in January, a family reunion in Michigan in July and a couple of weeks in Vancouver and Victoria, Canada, in August.

We report the death of **William "Bill" L. Person** on Jan. 4. He wrote his own obituary, which appeared in The Virginia Gazette. As a local boy, he grew up in Williamsburg and attended Matthew Whaley in the same class as Les and Ed. His father owned the car dealership that is now Berret's Seafood Restaurant & Taphouse Grill in Williamsburg. Bill played basketball while at William & Mary and attended law school at the University of Virginia. He was a commonwealth's attorney and judge in the Williamsburg area, retiring in 1996.

Jane Kaplan recently spoke to **Joan MacWilliams Russell** in Minneapolis. She and Jim have downsized and were still unpacking in below zero weather. A former star basketball player at W&M, **Luke Loewe '21**, is playing his fifth year of eligibility at the University of Minnesota. He transferred to be closer to home in Wisconsin.

Will Molineux sent an interesting article he wrote about Jimmy Doolittle's flight in 1932, a 2,610-mile trip commemorating the bicentennial year of George Washington's birth and an anniversary of the U.S. Postal Service, which Washington expanded.

## 1957

Class Reporter  
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With the pandemic continuing to run strongly throughout our nation, it appears most of us have remained close to home, and the usual large number of updates on our lives have been scarce at this writing ... I hope that next time we'll have a strong response.

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**Nancy Beery Thomas** and her husband, Tommy, sent a nice note that they are residing at Warm Hearth Village retirement community in Floyd County, Virginia, moving there five years ago to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Nancy points out what a good move this was as they've been rewarded with three great-grandchildren.

Heard from **Bill Armbruster** and **Betty Wright Armbruster '58** that they've recently welcomed their first great grandchild, William Maxwell Armbruster! They also stay in touch with **Susan Briggs Eley** and **Tom Eley** as well as **Barbara Harding Hager**. Bill also notes that they remain loyal Tribe sports fans.

I had a response from a former classmate who only stayed one year at William & Mary, **John Jensen**. John wrote that while only with us one year, it changed his life, inspiring him to go to seminary and become a Catholic priest and eventually moving from that to clinical psychology.

**Jim Kaplan** and **Jane Thompson Kaplan '56** had **Terry Slaughter** and his wife, **Barbara Higbee Slaughter '55**, as houseguests at their home here in Williamsburg. Terry continues his practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery in Salinas, California, where they reside. I can still remember Terry on the pitching mound for our W&M baseball team.

Marsha and I continue to reside in Williamsburg and enjoy often seeing the Kaplans. We have been blessed with seven grandchildren and were able to see all seven together for the first time in almost two years at Thanksgiving. I continue to remain close to the W&M Athletics Department and attend all Tribe home football and basketball games, as well as a number of baseball games at Plumeri Park.

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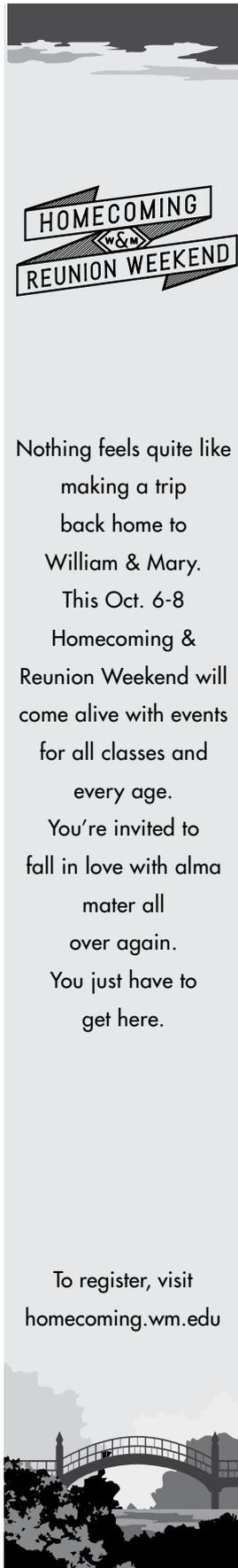
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Greetings:

Taking over from the admirable work **Pat Sell** has done over the past years will be a challenge for us, but we hope all you members of the Class of 1958 will continue to stay in touch. Many of you will remember us from our William & Mary days, but just in case, we'll briefly introduce ourselves.

Here's Melissa: I grew up in Brewster, New York, but thanks to my Virginian grandmother, joined the Class of 1958 at William & Mary, living with other out-of-state girls in Ludwell Apartments. In my freshman year, I played basketball (along with **Sue Davis Addington**) on the women's team, and joined Alpha Chi Omega (along with **Paula Heslin Nelson**). After graduating with a degree in history, I headed to Denver, Colorado (along with **Beverly Wilson Palmer** and Paula).

After a year as a secretary, I got an M.A. in education at the University of Colorado and returned to New York to teach high school history and earn an M.A. at NYU in international relations. That led to marrying Patrick Fitzgerald, a U.S. foreign service officer. Our first post was El Salvador, where two sons were born, and then to London and another two sons. After a tour in Washington, D.C., and a baby girl, off we went for three wonderful years in



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Rio de Janeiro, learning Portuguese. Next we went to Santiago, Chile, relearning Spanish and watching President Allende elected and deposed. After four years in the U.S., we returned to Latin America and three years in Quito, Ecuador.

Our final tour was in Papua New Guinea (the most dangerous post in the world). All the children were in Virginia universities. That was the end of our foreign service career and I returned to teaching in Virginia. A wonderful life! Now we're hoping to catch up with old friends.

Beverly: I was new to Virginia when I left my hometown of Hillsboro, Ohio, in 1954. At William & Mary, I received a B.A. in history in 1958. Activities there included memberships in Kappa Alpha Theta, Phi Beta Kappa and the William & Mary Choir. After a year with William & Mary classmates in Denver, Colorado, I kept heading west to the University of California, Berkeley, where I received an M.A. in English in 1961. At Berkeley, I met my husband, Hans Palmer, an economics grad student, and we married in 1963. From 1963 until 2020, we lived in Claremont, California, and raised two children, with sabbaticals in Oxford, England, Washington, D.C., Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Durham, North Carolina. I taught writing part-time at Fullerton Junior College, Pitzer College and Pomona College until 2003. In the 1980s, thanks to some federal grants, I embarked on my real love, documentary editing, publishing documentary editions of the letters of Charles Sumner, letters and speeches of Thaddeus Stevens, letters and speeches of Lucretia Mott, and the letters of Florence Kelley. Now, it's full circle, for I'm back in Virginia.

Please send us your latest news for the next

issue of our W&M Alumni Magazine!

Cheers, Melissa and Beverly

## 1959

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I know COVID-19 has hampered our doings, but any news is news for me, and it is still so nice to hear from you.

**Rex Baltas** sent me his news. He and **Judy Lloyd Baltas '57** celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary this past October. They have lived in Louisville, Kentucky, for the past 49 years and have a daughter and a son. Their daughter lives with her family in the Boston suburbs and their son lives in Louisville. They have four grandchildren, three girls and one boy. One granddaughter is in her final year of law school at Notre Dame, a second is in Nashville, Tennessee, and is applying to law school, and the third is a freshman at St. Louis University. Their grandson is in a two-year MBA program at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Judy had a successful modeling career when they lived in Washington D.C., Hartford, Connecticut, and in Louisville. She then retired in 2007 after over 30 years as a real estate agent in Louisville.

Rex had a career in insurance after graduating. He was Kentucky claim manager for Aetna Casualty before beginning an association with self-insured medical malpractice entities in Boston and Louisville. He also retired as vice president of the Hospital Division of Kentucky Medical Insurance Co.

To quote him, "That in a nutshell is our post-college life. I have never writ-

ten any of this to the class of '57 or '59, so please feel free to edit as you see fit." FYI, I liked all that he wrote so I did not edit it! He and Judy send their best to all and especially to the classes of 1957 and 1959.

**Charlotte Tolley Etgen** reports that nothing new is going on — but sometimes that is good! **Garry Etgen** is preparing to teach his spring semester of engineering math to 300 kids, fortunately online! Garry has found that the students will ask questions more easily online than in the actual classroom, so he stays online for an hour or so after class to answer specific questions. Also, the lecture is recorded so it can be heard over and over. Consequently, the grades are improving, so there are some benefits to online learning! The testing is done on campus in a lab.

**Paul Thompson** caught us up on what he has been doing. After practicing law for many years, he went to work for a client — a large nationwide contractor. He was involved with many interesting construction matters such as Chicago's Michigan Avenue Bridge that fell and cost \$4 million to fix! Another job was when the Chicago subway flooded after a contractor drove pilings into the river and cracked the top of the subway roof. That flooded the subway and many of the loop's high-rise basements. Nothing though, he said, that \$180 million could not fix!

His daughter, Katie Farmer, made news by being appointed CEO of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. She is the first woman to lead a Class I railroad.

I received a beautiful Christmas card from **Bev Harris Olsen**. She is quite an artist. She chose a cardinal for her card which she did in watercolor and a little felt-tip pen. She chose the cardinal because it is the state

bird of Virginia, and she is back living in her home state again after 40 years. In fact, she is here in Richmond, so we have gotten together a couple of times.

**Penny Witzeman Nelson** sent me her news. She lost her youngest son, Jeff, to cancer in November. The family is still reeling. She and Jeff were particularly close as they worked together at the Bee and Thistle Inn for many years. She moved to a wonderful continuous living community in Mystic, Connecticut, called Stoneridge. She needs to keep busy, so she is now chairman of food and beverage there and says, "I must really have my head examined." Her little rescue dog is her savior and her therapy. She advises us to stay safe, stay well and maintain a sense of humor.

**Jim Dillard** says his travel has been limited, but he is still active on the Commission on Civic Education. He is also chair of a group of Virginians trying to get sustainable funding for our wonderful state parks. He and his cousin have established a fund with the W&M School of Education to honor Jim's grandfather, James Hardy Dillard, who was rector from 1918 until his death in 1940, and also a leader in the training of Black educators. There will be a Dillard Prize to be awarded every other year for exemplary service to education and a scholarship for underserved individuals seeking an advanced degree in social studies education. That is wonderful to hear, Jim.

**Georga Smith Williams '60**, sent me a great article on **Linda Lavin** that appeared in the Wall Street Journal, Feb. 26, 2021. She talks about growing up, developing her talent, and the influence her mother had on her. It's hard to think of Linda without mixing her up with Alice, the waitress on the TV show in which Linda starred from 1976 to 1985.

**Pat Milmo** writes that with everything going on in the world he misses our golden '50s! Don't we all?! He and Kay sold their beautiful house on the ocean at Virginia Beach the first week of the pandemic and completely missed the doubling of house prices that took place a few weeks later. They bought a house in Atlantic Shores, an over-55 community. It really is perfect, but they miss the North End with all the restaurants. He still owns Rockafellers, a wonderful restaurant at the beach, but it is closed at the moment for renovations. Pat would love any information as to an address for **Bea McKay Osbon '62**, as he would like to send her a note after the death of her husband, **Jim Osbon '61**, this past fall. Pat still keeps in touch with **Bill Davidson**, whose wife died a few years ago from Alzheimer's. Bill retired as superintendent of schools and is now in assisted living in Pennsylvania surrounded by his children and grandchildren.

**Jay Lawler '61** and I were supposed to go with our daughter **Terry Lawler Usry '88** and her family to Akumal, Mexico, for a week right after Christmas, but COVID-19 had other ideas. Now we have that trip planned for the middle of March, so maybe in my next column I can tell you about swimming with turtles — MAYBE!

I'll let **Chip Mason** have the last words in my column: "The good news is that we are all still above ground!"

Thanks for your contributions!

GO TRIBE!

## 1960

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are happy to introduce Joe Alexander as the new class reporter for the Class of 1960. He can be reached at: joseph.k.alexander@hotmail.com.

## 1961

Class Reporter

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I was so sorry to hear that **Jerry File's** spouse of 56 years, Debbie, died of a brain tumor on Sept. 17, 2021. She graduated from Johns Hopkins University as a registered nurse and had volunteered as a school nurse in both public and private schools in Alexandria, Virginia. Accordingly, the File family will honor her by having the Student Clinic at Alexandria's Bishop Ireton High School named in her honor.

News from **Bill Nicolai**: In March 2020, I left my home in New York City and moved out to East Hampton, where I stayed through September; it was a good move. In 2021, I got my two COVID-19 vaccines and the booster and spent three summer weeks in Maine. Had a wonderful time with family and good friends. I came back and in September, I took a weeklong trip through upstate New York. I had never been to Niagara Falls and always wanted to go. It was wonderful and worth waiting for. We stayed in a number of towns along the lake and traveled down through lots of historic areas of my state. I'd never been higher than Albany. It's amazing and very beautiful.

We had a large family gathering over Thanksgiving. I hadn't seen many people in two years. And then, just in time for Christmas, the virus roared back. So now I'm dividing my time between New York and East Hampton. Things are starting to look good in downstate New York, and I look forward to a future with several fantastic vacations.

**Ken Lounsbury** and **Dorcas Miller Lounsbury '62** are grateful to be happy, together, and pretty healthy, all things considered. They celebrated 61 years together last summer although in a COVID-19-abbreviated way. They continue to appreciate the things William & Mary gave them — friends, beautiful memories and questioning minds. Dorcas chanced a visit to New York City to see their daughter, **Anne Lounsbury '85**, and her family at Christmas. Luckily, their son, Dan, and his young family are close by in San Diego.

Ken has been talking about retiring for about 20 years; who knows; this may be the one! And if he does, we have lots of community activities to keep us occupied.

**Joan Costabell Austin** writes: I'm feeling quite remiss in not getting in touch sooner. I did go to Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, and although things did not work out exactly as planned, I enjoyed it. We drove down Thursday and had an elegant dinner at a restaurant right on Merchants Square. It was really first-rate food — quite a change from Corner and Middle Greeks. Gentrification hits Williamsburg. Friday, we drove around on the west side of the James River and visited three lesser historic homes. Over the years, we had visited the well-known ones, so we checked the internet and found some new, and very interesting, homes. One 17th century, one 18th and one 19th century. The class cocktail party, or whatever it was, was great. I think having the class of 1960 there was a wonderful idea. I caught up with **Marga Larson Bales '60** and **Ann Perkins Colmo '60**, both a year ahead of me; we talked and talked. Saturday, we had planned to spend

the day roaming around the campus and the town before the game. Well, when we woke up it was pouring, and the weather report said that it would continue all day. So, we got in our car and drove home.

New York opened up a bit in the fall and we got into New York City a few times for the opera, but then the COVID-19 variant, omicron, hit and we're staying pretty close to home again.

From **Allan Brownfeld**: I stay busy with my writing. Since I returned from Italy in late September, I haven't left Alexandria, Virginia. I'd like to visit Italy again soon to be with my son and family, but I will wait until COVID-19 is under better control. I recently had a visit from an old friend, **Marc Higginbotham '62**—and am in regular touch with many William & Mary friends, including **Shore Robertson, Jerry Van Voorhis '63** and **Fred Bartlett '62**. They are all doing well.

## 1962 ☽

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Hope all are safe and well. James City County, Virginia, has been averaging over a hundred COVID-19 cases per day. Due to age and medical problems, I stay in the house and only go out to medical appointments or a drive-thru.

**Jane Noble Lundy** and family got together in August 2021 for Rich's 90th birthday. Jane and Rich live in California.

**Sandra Hancock Martin** and **David Martin M.A. '63** live in New Jersey. In June 2021, Sandra had two spinal compression fractures that will not heal. She said she is in constant

pain. David is doing all the caregiving. Four of their six grands are in colleges: Virginia Tech, Emerson, Rutgers and University of Cincinnati.

**Linda Lester Hagen** loves her new home in Des Moines, Washington. She has been recovering from a fall. By now she is back to driving. She is a loyal sister because she keeps in touch with all of us.

**Barbara Aubry Walsh** and Bill have been in their Florida home for over a year now. When B.A. writes their newsletter at Christmas, it is three pages — typed. With seven children, in-laws and grandchildren, there is much news. B.A. and Bill have settled into their community and their church activities. Their families are all over the country from Florida, New York City, Michigan, Virginia Beach, Seattle and Illinois. I miss not seeing B.A. When her Virginia Beach family needed a babysitter, she would stop by Williamsburg for lunch as she traveled down to Virginia Beach from Northern Virginia to babysit.

Hope all of you are happy and healthy in this new year of 2022. Send news good or bad.

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**Kathy Dudley Okada** writes about her children and grandchildren. One daughter and her family are moving to Hawaii, so Kathy is feeling the pangs of them living so far from California and yet now has a good reason to vacation in Hawaii. Three of her grandchildren are graduating: two from high school and one from college. Kathy is happy to have her family healthy and together for the holidays.

**Vi Sadlier Huse** contacted me to tell me of the passing of **Sally Siegenthaler Lichtenstein** in November. Sad news, especially for all the Alpha Chis. Sally was living in Florida, as is her brother, **Pete Siegenthaler '61**, who called Vi with the news. Sad news but I was happy to hear Pete was doing well, especially since he and my husband, **Don Snook '61**, were such good friends. Vi said she and Ron weren't doing much because of COVID-19.

**Dale Harris Cohen** wrote that her family all came together to celebrate that special birthday we are all having. Dale fills her days with reading and remote games of bridge and Mah Jongg, although in person play has begun with everyone "boosted." **Dick Cohen '61, B.C.L. '63** waters the new landscaping and dines out upon occasion. Dale is happy he is willing to make grocery store runs. Knowing how much the Cohens like to travel, I am not surprised that they are itching to be on the road again sometime hopefully soon.

**Betsy Holland Lungner** and **George Lungner** celebrated her 80th with two weeks at the beach in Avalon, New Jersey, with their whole family. Early October found them visiting with two college couples in Hilton Head, South Carolina, and George's two sisters near Charlotte, North Carolina, on their way back home to Louisville, Kentucky.

**Sherry Parrish Swan** and Al used to fly from their home in Florida to the one in Colorado but now they are driving. They traveled 5,050 miles in three and a half weeks on their trek through the Callaway Gardens in Georgia; Tidewater, Virginia; Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Ohio; sections of Michigan; the Badlands of South Dakota; Montana; and parts of Utah seeing

friends, family, and history on their way to Colorado. A shorter drive back to Tampa included the Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico and a whole day driving across Texas. Sherry and Al were glad to be in the sunshine so Al could get back to work on their boat with hopes of sailing over to the Bahamas, and Sherry back to sailing, yoga, and book club meetings.

**Fran Gilmore** has been teaching an adult education class called Reading Shakespeare Aloud. The class has read the plays on Zoom during the pandemic. Normally the class meets at the Westchester Library weekly. Remembering a special time in 2005, Fran was in San Francisco and looked up **Carolyn Plybon**. They met for lunch, and it was as if 40 years hadn't passed. Always a special time.

**Rosemary Brewer Philips** and Charlie have spent a lot of time in Cape Cod. Rosemary continues to volunteer at Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. As with many of us, travel has been postponed.

**Robin Reighley** loves to sail, and it continues to be his vocation and avocation. He still teaches at a merchant marine vocational school. Canada's Rideau Canal in Eastern Ontario draws Robin back each summer. He finds quality fishing locations around Chaffey's Lock in his Wykes Guide boat. Robin missed the 2022 Charter Day since he was on a six-day Baja California gray whale watching expedition.

**Babs Beaumont** works as an interior decorator and helps Jan Eubanks and Robin as they have joined households in another Point Loma, California, condominium.

**Lee Williams McBride** is enjoying life in Washington, D.C. She participates in the Asian American Forum organization, in a book club and a French class.

Lots of news! Keep it coming! I love hearing from you.

## 1964 ☽

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Here we are two years later with COVID-19 still present in our lives. We've had our two COVID-19 vaccines, boosters, flu shots — what more can we do? With every few months a new variant appears, just when we thought it may be winding down. Will we be wearing masks forever? Will we have to continue to distance ourselves from friends, neighbors and loved ones? What more can we expect to disrupt our daily living? Answers don't seem to come easily. But life must go on and news from you has proved that we still have resilience and hope.

**Hank Wolf '64, J.D. '66**: "Our classmates might be amused, and perhaps even encouraged, to know that old people can still play golf and win tournaments. As a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, I won the Royal Sydney Plate at the R&A Autumn Meeting in St. Andrews along with my partner Sir Anthony Bagnall, becoming the oldest team in combined age, at 155 years, to win the trophy."

**Ilene Lambert Dillon-Fink**: "After a year-long COVID-19 hiatus at my son's home in Northern California, I've been able to get back on the road in my RV. In Boone, North Carolina, I delivered a speech on Emotional Mastery at the Wellness Universe's Soul Treat Conference. Stopping for a week at my daughter's Raleigh, North Carolina, home, I fell up the stairs and broke my

arm! I've become a bionic woman, undergoing a shoulder replacement operation. I've been absolutely delighted at my body's ability to recover and I'm doing great. That's important because I am scheduled to cruise down the Nile River in Egypt in February! The doctor promises I will be ready. Over the last 18 months, I've participated in three collaborative books published through The Wellness Universe. Titled "The Wellness Universe Complete Guide to Self Care," each of the books reached Amazon No. 1 best-seller, nationally and internationally! Their focus is on self-care, happiness and achievement. My planned TEDx speech has been postponed until July. Its title is "Rethinking Anger." I'm excited to share what I have learned about how effectively and simply each of us can get in charge of the anger we experience. For me, life has not slowed down. It seems just to be getting more interesting! I hope that's true for everyone in the Class of 1964!"

**Barbara Drucker Smith:** "On Dec. 6, 2021, I was presented the Lifelong Achievement Award from the National Association of Transpersonal Hypnotherapists (NATH) conference. I received it in person in Virginia Beach and ended up giving a rather humorous talk to the conferees. The award that I received was the only hypnosis award given at the Zoom-only 2020 conference because of COVID-19."

**John Slifka '64, M.Ed '70:** "An afterthought (from last fall's news about the Maine football game) ... at the game **Don Beck** and **Carol Evans** were there to cheer on the Tribe with us. Unfortunately, we lost, but it was great talking old times with them and the invitation to visit Williamsburg. We're now back in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, for the winter ... not Florida.

Williamsburg for a visit maybe."

**Edmond Watters:** "Comly and I have been very fortunate and will celebrate our 55th wedding anniversary over the holidays. Although our travel plans have been curtailed because of COVID-19, we have managed to travel to 71 countries and have loved every trip. We hope to do two more trips to Europe next summer and fall and then take all 16 of us (children, their spouses and grandchildren) to Alaska to celebrate our 80th birthdays in the summer of 2023. We plan to spend this winter again in Vero Beach, Florida, but still love our home here in Pittsburgh."

**Phil Tutschek** of St. Augustine, Florida, writes that on June 12, 2021, he married his friend, Beth, in Marsh Creek, Virginia. They have experienced much happiness and fulfillment with the blending of their two families.

**Melissa Hall Griffin** of San Diego, California: "We celebrated our second COVID-19 vaccine with a beautiful ski week at Mammoth Mountain in California and four weeks on three Hawaiian islands: Kauai, Hawaii, and Oahu, visiting family, golfing, and snorkeling. Don had surgery to repair replacement knees ... golfing will be less painful. We gave our 1952 MGTD of 39 years to a dear young family who offers us use of it to cruise around La Jolla, California."

**Susan Johns Murphy:** "In-person visits of friends and family were highlights of the year: We got our COVID-19 vaccines in February/March and the booster in October. COVID-19 rerouted our travels again this year, but we did manage two trips. In May, we went on an 'uncruise' through the inside passage from Seattle, Washington, to Juneau, Alaska. We sailed on the Wilderness Explorer



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with 52 other passengers and 25 crew. Good food, lots of activities, beautiful scenery — glaciers, waterfalls, snow-covered mountains, sunrises and sunsets — and animals, including sea otters, river otters, brown bears, seals, orcas and humpback whales. At the end of October, we went birding in Oaxaca, Mexico. It was small group travel — three birders plus a guide and a driver. But birding was only part of the fun. We were there for Día de Muertos celebrations. While toned down because of COVID-19, there were celebrations in the streets, skeletons hanging from every building, marigolds everywhere and altars welcoming the dead in every building. Mask wearing was the norm. The food was outstanding and very different from the Mexican fare we are used to ... moles and mezcal."

**Susan Trice Fieglein** of Leander, Texas, writes that she and Mike gave up their long-time home outside Austin, Texas, and were homeless for a bit. They stayed with family in San Francisco, California, off and on and friends helped with the move. Their new home in Leander was ready on Dec. 1.

**Tony Steinmeyer:** "Unfortunately, last year I had my first serious health setback. In February, I was hospitalized with a staph infection, which required a second hospitalization after the doctors thought the infection may have spread to tissue in my back. After that, I had six weeks in a rehabilitation center, and since June, I've been in an assisted living facility on a month-to-month basis. I still walk with a walker, but I'm making progress and have signed up for a cruise on the Rhine River in June. I want to pass on an option for our classmates for gifts to William & Mary. Our 50th Reunion gift established both a Class of '64

scholarship and professorship. I learned from Kirsten Kellogg in the Office of Gift Planning (757-221-1019) that we can still designate funds to increase those two endowments. She made that very easy for me to do last year, so I hope others will consider doing that for some or all of their next gift to W&M."

**Bobbie Mulcahey Frazier:** "My son, Kip, and I went to Williamsburg for Christmas. We stayed at Marriott's Manor Club at Ford's Colony. Very nice condo, with activities if you cared to join, plus an indoor pool. We spent a lot of time walking the historic area. We had Christmas dinner at King's Arms. We wore masks except for when we were actually eating. The only other meal we ate out was Christmas Eve luncheon — at Berret's — delicious! Merchants Square had really changed. Gone are the W&M bookstore and the two Colonial Williamsburg shops. I have been walking and reading. I spent Thanksgiving in Chincoteague, Virginia, and took a trip to Hilton Head, South Carolina, in September. I've also been playing bridge online."

Hope to hear from you all again soon. Stay well, safe and cautious.

## 1965

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Here's a great quote from **Pat Riley Dunlap** to start us off: "Can you even grasp that our class graduated from William & Mary more than half a century ago?" As we are grasping this fact, let's

move into some news.

Pat and her husband, Steve, live in Chesterfield County, Virginia, just south of Richmond. They have been living in a retirement community for almost seven years, which they highly recommend. They feel very well-protected from COVID-19 and its variants. The protocol there is very comprehensive, from mask-wearing to vaccine requirements. (Good for them!) After earning her doctorate from George Mason University, Pat taught history at Northern Virginia Community College and the University of Maryland. Over the years, she and Steve have lived in Georgia, Florida, Ohio, Maryland and California. Virginia won out, as two of their three children and two of their four grandchildren live in the Richmond area. One son is in Southern California. Both of their sons are W&M alumni.

After W&M, **Sam Martin** joined the U.S. Air Force and spent the majority of his assignments in the Pentagon, while living in Fairfax County, Virginia. Other assignments were in Belgium, Germany and Korea. He reached the rank of colonel before he retired, then went on to career No. 2 — teaching. He had an M.A. in business, but secured a teaching certificate and taught for 14 years in Fairfax County, where he helped start an award-winning Model U.N. club for middle school students. After retirement No. 2, he continued to teach part-time. Sam and his wife, Liz, moved to a retirement village in Durham, North Carolina. They love it there, especially because their daughter and her family live nearby in Chapel Hill. Sam and Liz have traveled extensively and hope that they will be able to continue when things are safe.

**Ginny Blount Fluet** and Joe Fluet took a trip to Florida after Thanks-

giving to visit longtime friends on their boat, “Mojo Rising,” to attend a wedding in the Tampa area and to visit Joe’s sister in Port Charlotte. She hits a familiar theme when she says, “It’s been pretty slow around here. Praying that the omicron surge will up the immunity level to knock this thing out.”

**Barb Wampler Melby** is still in the same house (Harrisonburg, Virginia, area) with the same husband (Tom Melby), the same number of children (three daughters) and the same number of grandchildren (five granddaughters). She still volunteers nonstop, still tries to stay fit, still fails at that.

If you have “grasped” Pat’s quote from the beginning of the column, have you come to terms with it? If you feel the need to talk more about it, how about sending your thoughts to us when Ginny nudges you next time. Otherwise, Barb will go into more detail about trying to stay fit, and it’s not pretty.

Stay well, Class of ’65. Hopefully, by the next time we gather ... we’ll be able to gather.

## 1966 ☺

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**Carlton Hardy** volunteers on boards for the arts; Hampton Roads, Virginia, community issues; and the Virginia Lutheran Synod.

Relaxed COVID-19 rules allowed **Jake Smith ’66, J.D. ’74** and **Ginger Graef Smith ’69** to do some travel and boating activities.

**Grace “Gigi” Guin’s** manuscript, “Miracle Warrior,” is being published in March.

**Alan White** is in

Falmouth on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. He retired from teaching at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy four years ago and now takes piano lessons and plays pickleball.

Belated congratulations to **Gail Williams Wertz ’66, M.A. ’20** on receiving the coveted Alumni Medallion. Her bio is impressive!

**Woody Caine** taped an interview for the Veterans History Project, run by the Library of Congress. This is the result of his Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum and The Citadel teaching activities.

**Denny Taylor Kelly** is not really retired. She’s on several local boards in the Greensboro, North Carolina, area, and is active with the resettlement of more than 300 Afghan families.

**Bob Mooney** joined Phlow Corp. and got a federal contract to develop a pipeline for medications and pharmaceutical ingredients in the U.S. Bob has been recognized by the Richmond, Virginia, arts community.

**Jim Hartman** was on the way to a condo in a fishing village near Bangkok when he wrote.

Zoom teaching gave **Joe Pitt** a reason to retire after teaching for 50 years at Virginia Tech. Joe and Donna fill their time with national issues and farming and if in person, he plans to teach a class on aesthetics in the spring.

Our sympathy goes out to **Dave Olson** on the loss of his wife, **Linda King Olson ’68**. And to those of us on Jefferson 2nd our freshman year, I just read that our counselor, **Polly Cherry Royalty ’64**, also passed away last summer. Remember her playing the ukulele with **Cathy Parsons Thomas ’64? Bonnie Lee Mayo Burnham ’66, M.A.Ed. ’78** also told me **Colston Newton ’66, J.D. ’69** passed away in November. Bonnie commented that Colston was a won-

derful writer and always looking forward to his next fishing trip.

Bonnie has kept in touch with **Denakay Wade Cowdy**, who has lived in England since the 1970s and is married to a Brit. She lives in Oxford and is retired.

**Phil Marsteller** and his family are very involved with their duck, quail and pheasant hunting outings. Phil’s foundation runs the gamut of emotions — disadvantaged youth can attend college, but not all efforts turn out as expected. Phil has a granddaughter at the College.

**Martha Wessells Steger** continues winning journalism awards, but this time reported her granddaughter attends Yale School of Music on a full scholarship as a violinist. Martha’s article on traveling via train in the U.S. is in January’s Richmond magazine. Maureen and **Vic Bary’s** travels continue to be delayed with a possible September barge trip.

**Kay Rodgers** is no longer a full-time minister but does record worship services for a senior community. She commented that COVID-19 has changed the way we all live — AMEN.

**John Tudor ’66, M.Ed. ’69** visited **Bill Harris** in Arizona and saw Biosphere 2, where Bill was the director. They also stood on the “corner in Winslow, Arizona,” made famous by the song “Take It Easy” by the Eagles.

**Bernie Leigg** retired and writes a column in the local paper called “Leigg Let Loose,” which is humorous and controversial.

**Anna Luptak ’22**, the granddaughter of **Keith Taylor** and **Carol Taylor HON ’14**, got her undergraduate degree from W&M’s Raymond A. Mason School of Business.

**Mary Blandford McGehee** and her husband, Carruth, are adjusting to Tennessee but will

be back in Baton Rouge when Carruth is named to the College of Science Hall of Distinction at Louisiana State University.

**Susan Bunch Blanchard** has a positive spin on COVID-19 — her family spent more time talking to each other.

**Pam Hurt Ferguson** lost her husband, **Scott Ferguson ’65**, two years ago and is navigating the difficult road of widowhood. She will winter in Florida and then plans to take up her artwork again. Pam is like several of our classmates who ended up graduating with a different class but still belong to us! She and Scott married in 1965 and when he went to Vietnam, she returned to graduate in ’67.

Jumping on the downsizing train, **Laurette Harvey** relocated in the same area but a smaller abode. In her words, “As I have often thought of myself as a bit ‘outside’ the norms of life with seeking adventure instead of stability, I say that the house was one I rented for all those years (34) as I didn’t want to be tied down.” Laurette helps with her son’s farm in Kansas and continues her work as a psychotherapist in the D.C. area.

Not to be left out, **Dick Kern ’64** and I were in Maine with **Dave Kern ’66, M.Ed. ’68** and **Sandy McNeill Kern ’68** for our 49-year-old niece’s first wedding — now that was a celebration. Small world: Our first week here, a neighbor said his cousin went to W&M — did we know **Tom Yerkes ’65?** He was a special fraternity brother.

I am passing on sad news of the passing of **John A. Jacobsen**, on Jan. 24, 2022, in Ocala, Florida. Jake and his wife, Vonnie, had just moved from Arizona and were in the process of settling in the Ocala area with plans to continue raising their horses there.

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Thank you to all who responded to my plea for news. If you did not receive an email from me requesting news and would like to receive a message in the future, please let me know. If you do not receive **Bruce Oliver's** Class of 1968 Update and wish to receive it, let Bruce or me know.

Bruce Oliver noted that being able to talk with quite a few classmates at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend this year made the weekend even more special. In addition to a formal dedication of the newly expanded Alumni House and a fantastic come-from-behind victory in the football game, he touched base with **John Medinger, Bob Ridout, Susan Saulmon Trice and Bob Trice, Sue Stephenson Walden, Diane Mims Langhorst and Scott Langhorst, Howie Kahn, Judy Stratton Shay and Bob Shay, Greg Jennings, Pam Goodrich Palmore '68, M.A.Ed. '74 and Fred Palmore '67, Rose Gammon Garrett and John Garrett '67, Don Freeman, Rich Richels, Mac Sammons** and his wife, Candace, **Don Sanders, George Oldfield, Al Yates, Dick Sikorski, Midge Ernst Madden and Mike Madden, Chip Young, Terre Latsios Wilkinson and Bob Gadkowski.**

**Mary Ellen Wilkinson** writes, "I do think of the years 1964-68 more frequently now — often in the context that our current national 'turmoil' is very possibly not worse than the turmoil we seemed to generate in the years following Kennedy's assassination, Johnson's War on Poverty, Vietnam War protests and of course the simple-minded idea that the San Francisco 'flower children' represented our whole generation. Yet, we actually got jobs, settled into towns, cities and farms, began to pay attention to personal and community finances and tried to be 'of use' to our families, friends and the wider world. And for us, the end of the Cold War in 1989 seemed to resolve the great international issues of post-WWII — except the lessons of history and literature are that history is never resolved.

"Although I came to W&M to major in Spanish/French/German, I majored instead in philosophy. I went to work in Washington, D.C., on an Office of Economic Opportunity grant to assess college students tutoring elementary and middle school students; then social services in Richmond, Virginia; and very belatedly, law school. I spent 20 years working in the legal department of a medium-sized Virginia bank that was eventually bought by much bigger out-of-state banks; then I spent a decade at a small law firm answering variety of legal questions. I retired in June 2015, and now tend to two cats, house plants and various friendships, and I volunteer as informal garden guide at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden (a half-mile from my home). I have stacks of unread books and tolerate the isolation of the pandemic as we all must. May each month of this year improve our national health, medically and politically,

and our individual perspectives."

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**Linda Sorrell McMahon** has moved into Corso Atlanta, a high rise in Atlanta for people 55 and over. She loves the gourmet food and all the activities available. She states, "I've become friends with a number of wonderful people who all have interesting stories to tell. Life is good, and I'm privileged to enjoy it!"

From Leesburg, Virginia, **Carroll Howard** sends, "1968 seems so long ago, but I've never forgotten my years at William & Mary. I retired after 42 years with the Social Security Administration and afterwards spent some time as a substitute teacher. I've written two collections of short stories: "Bits and Pieces" and "Hammer and Nail." I've been a member of Mensa since 1972. I earned an M.S. from George Washington University in 1975. My BEST memory is that of my wife of 34 years, Christine, and our son, Kevin (Radford 2016) and daughter, **Maureen Howard '14**, visiting Williamsburg. We have been back to visit many times and thoroughly love lunch at the Cheese Shop and catching a Tribe football game. I am forever proud to have graduated from the College of William & Mary!"

I look forward to sharing with you more news sent by our classmates in the next column.

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Dear Friends:

Another January and we are still hunkered down and trying to avoid COVID-19. Who would have thought it? If you are like me, you've pulled back again with omicron

soaring in your community and are hoping that the spring thaw will also bring an end (the beginning of the end?) to this virus. I do hope this finds you well and healthy.

That said, I have virtually no news. I received a nice note from **Gale Gibson Kohlhagen** over Christmas. She and **Steve Kohlhagen** were able to gather their whole family for a visit in Colorado late this summer and had a ball. They are now back in Charleston, South Carolina, for the winter.

I have also talked recently with **Susie Smith Stewart '69, M.A.Ed '72**. She and **Ron Stewart '70** are delighted to have their daughter, **Megan Stewart Bowder '98**, and her family in the middle of relocating to Williamsburg, Virginia. Megan, her husband and their son are temporarily staying with the Stewarts while they find the right house.

**Jake Smith '66** and **Ginger Graef Smith** were able to make a fall trip down the Intracoastal Waterway to Charleston, South Carolina, where they spent several weeks before Christmas, but returned in time to spend the holidays with their children and grandchildren, including **Jaelyn Smith '01**.

Milton and I have had a quiet fall — both reading a lot and watching way too much TV news. I'm continuing my art classes, although Grandma Moses does not need to be worrying about competition. I think the truth is that I like the studying part and am never going to be very good at the producing part! I am looking forward to spring, when I can get back out in the garden and dig in some dirt.

The only other news I have is — unfortunately — the death of **Anne Bradstreet Smith '68** in late December, after battling lung cancer for nearly three years. After graduation, Anne married **Les Smith '65** and they

settled in the Williamsburg, Virginia, area. She worked for 32 years for York County, starting as a social worker and retiring as director of community services. She served as president of the Virginia Association of Local Human Services Officials for two years. In retirement, she worked on many community boards and spent as much time as possible with her six grandchildren. Anne is survived by Les, a son, and two daughters, including **Amanda Smith Cassidy M.P.P. '98**.

I have a few words left, so let me use a couple to encourage you to donate this year to the Class of '69 Scholarship Fund. Our goal is \$1 million and last time I checked, we needed a bit more than \$100,000 to get there — that's a little less than \$200 per classmate ... just a thought!

I hope 2022 has started off well for all of you and that it will continue to get better. I hope to see you at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend in October. And, please, please, please ... write!! Go Tribe!

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Hope this issue finds you all healthy and enjoying the freedom of travels, adventures, family reunions, college reunions and NO masks!!! Apologies for the blank column in the winter issue ... hope those of you who attended Homecoming & Reunion Weekend and Traditions Weekend will send along updates!!!

Was sorry to read about the passing of classmates **Mary Gay Dalton Overbay '72, Mary Cynara Stites, John Artman and Delaine Baylor Holsop-**

ple. Read obituaries at [magazine.wm.edu/in-memoriam](http://magazine.wm.edu/in-memoriam).

From the 1970 Re-Echo:

After graduation, **Luci Gibson Crittenden** worked as an aircraft (737, T-37, F-4, Migs, DC-9, etc.) simulations software programmer for NASA Langley, met and married an Air Force C-130 pilot at Langley in 1975 and moved to McCord Air Force Base near Seattle. She continued her programming career at Boeing as an engineer on the 747 aircraft. Her husband was hired by Braniff Airlines, so they moved briefly to Long Beach, New York. In 1978, they moved back to Hampton, Virginia, her husband commuted to JFK, and Luci worked at NASA (cockpit displays). Braniff folded and her husband then flew for People Express, Piedmont/USAir/US Airways/American. In 1985, she got into flight testing on NASA aircraft doing windshear testing. She loved being on the aircraft and flying with the various projects, and spent up to three months each year (2010-2017) in Greenland on Operation Icebridge before retiring in 2018. Her husband retired as a captain with American Airlines out of PHL. In 1980, their son was born, and he graduated USAFA in 2002, and is now a lieutenant colonel in the USAF Reserves flying C-17s as well as a pilot with Delta Airlines flying the 757/767 out of JFK and has their two grandchildren! Since 1985 they are living in Poquoson, Virginia, frequently attending W&M football and basketball games and are involved with academic ventures through NASA liaisons. They spend a lot of time now on Keuka Lake in the Finger Lakes of New York.

**Martha Hollis** wrote, "My husband, Anthony Scaggs, and I are living our fantasy careers — he as a tournament-win-

ning golfer and I as a jazz pianist (but only for nonprofits). From being a university professor of large-scale math modeling and stats, director of Ph.D. programs, dean of online learning as well as an international food/travel writer, author of more than eight culinary books and a syndicated columnist — it has been a life of marvelously rich learning, wandering, satisfying curiosity and appreciating the talents of so many people, places and ideas. I still love being a grown-up version of a cheerleader and empathetic listener for family and friends and staying active with every imaginable outdoor adventure."

And from emails... **Greg Pence** wrote last fall, "As soon as China quarantined Wuhan, I knew that the pandemic would be the biggest issue in my 50-year career as a bioethicist, so I spent 2020 writing "Pandemic Bioethics" and got lucky when it was praised by Anthony Fauci's wife, Christine Grady, head of National Institutes of Health (NIH) and by world famous philosopher Peter Singer. See blurbs on Amazon."

Alive and well, **Cass Weiland** continues to practice law in Dallas.

**Herb Armstrong '70, Ed.S. '89**, who is practicing law in Jacksonville Beach, Florida, attended fall 2020 "faux Homecoming" with Janie as the Pi Lams continued their Homecoming gathering tradition. They also enjoyed lunch with **Anne Fillmore LePrell '71** and **Jim LePrell** and a stroll around Colonial Williamsburg. Herb and Jane were looking forward to "live" Homecoming last fall. Herb earned his law degree in 2018, passing the Florida Bar that summer. He added that he was the "oldest attorney in history to be a member of the Florida Bar's Young Attorneys." His younger daughter had their third granddaughter

(seventh grandchild) last September: "Tabitha Jean Louise Harris, 8 lbs, 1 oz of adorable." Herb continues the Pi Lam Zoom meetings that he started during the pandemic, and 4-10 brothers regularly attend.

Former W&M lacrosse players **Art Louise '68** and **Al Albert '69, M.Ed. '71** (email: [afalbe@wm.edu](mailto:afalbe@wm.edu)) advised that they are looking for alumni interested in reconnecting with William & Mary men's club lacrosse team. Art sent updates: **Tom Doughty '70, J.D. '73** retired from the FBI, lives in Northern Virginia; **Scott Liddle** retired from the General Services Administration (GSA) lives in eastern Pennsylvania.

My deadline for the spring issue is May 25.

## 1971

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Our apologies to Steve Dew '71, whose class year was listed incorrectly in the Winter 2022 column due to an editorial error.

Traditions Weekend will be a recent memory upon reading this report. We hope that many of our classmates attended and rekindled 54-year-old friendships. Our report may be old news to those in attendance but new for all others.

**John Hempel** sent a link regarding our classmate **Richard Mohs**: his written testimony for the Senate Committee on Finance, Subcommittee on Health Care at the hearing titled "The Alzheimer's Crisis: Examining Testing and Treatment Pipelines and Fiscal Implications." The topic is especially interesting considering our age. You can find the link in our online class notes at [notes/1971.](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-</a></p>
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**Skip Stiles** emailed an update on his story. "Saw a note on the site that you're putting together the newsletter. Been a few years since I updated so here goes.

"I'm still plugging away as director of the nonprofit, Wetlands Watch, based in Norfolk, Virginia. We've mostly been working on sea level rise and focus on helping localities deal with the higher water we're getting. I've been at this for almost 15 years now, after I left working in Congress (22 years there) and moved to Norfolk in 2000 where my oceanography professor spouse took a job at Old Dominion University.

"Norfolk's going underwater faster than anyone else on the Atlantic Coast, so this is a job with an assured future — at least until the waves lap up to my front porch! The work is also amazingly creative — the book on this is being written as we go along.

"I'm hoping to pass Wetlands Watch's leadership off in the next year or so and maybe finally retire, but owing to my accidentally asynchronous life I still have two kids to get through college.

"I'm looking for the COVID-19 roller coaster ride to settle enough for us to get together in person this spring. I feel like we're on some bizarre Pan-Hellenic council with the Deltas being taken over by the Omicrons and who knows what the next entry to Greek Life will be.

"Looking forward to catching up with folks."  
**Henry Brown** emailed the following capsule.

"Henry Brown 50-year highlights: Special Education Teacher/Coordinator '72-'87. Started in an institution (think "One Flew Over Cuckoo's ...") then developed prototype public school special education classrooms in Massachusetts.

"AKA Clown of Renown

from Out of Town — summer '75 Fire Eater, Clyde Beatty Cole Bros. Circus, guest appearances as clown for years beyond. '76 motorcycle tour — busking in towns from Montreal to Aspen, Colorado. Performed throughout the North-east, retired after Chesterfield, Massachusetts Fourth of July Parade in 2015, as self-proclaimed Clown Emeritus.

"Played rugby at Mystic River Boston, 1st Division club. Three international tours, matches in USSR '78 (1st American Team to play on Soviet soil), England '81, and Argentina '87. It was glorious.

"Delightfully married to Debra McNeice (M.S. Speech & Language, UMass '76 and '89). We met at work — a red flag today (?), as I was her 'boss.' I had to interview 'her for advancement. Fortunately, with support of our (female) director, Debra advanced to coordinator. 45 years later, we have had so many adventures together, including raising two children.

"Our favored mode of escape is our 20-foot Sprinter camper van, traveling across the continental USA, Canada and Alaska. Our last adventure just pre COVID-19 was to New Zealand and Australia. RV camped in New Zealand for seven weeks, Land of the Maori, Kiwi & All Blacks (Rugby team). Then on to Australia.

"Our next adventure is to Williamsburg this April for our 50th Reunion, baby!! Look for us in our white Sprinter RV. Say hi and meet our companion, Chummy the cat. Look forward to seeing everyone!"

Read more online due to print version word limit — please visit [magazine.wm.edu/classnotes/1971](http://magazine.wm.edu/classnotes/1971) to follow Henry's next chapter.

We have heard from our usual cast of characters including **Tom Cooney, Streams Paramananda** (formerly known as **John**

**Peterka**), **Peggy Kriete Quayle**, **Reggie Lewis**, etc. and all are doing well. **John Crowe** had also written and inquired about our class reunion and was hoping to attend. Stay safe and healthy.

## 1972

*Class Reporter*

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It's February as I write these notes and our 50th Reunion will be behind us by the time you read this. I hope it was a year of sweet reunions with classmates and new friendships, as well. I think we are all shaking our heads and wondering how 50 years could have passed so quickly!

I stay in touch with **Doris Kidwell-Jerome**, who is a retired elementary school counselor living in Bridgewater, Virginia, with her husband, Bob. They stay busy with many home projects and are very involved in their church music program.

I also hear from **Mary Mays Zussman '73** who lives in Fairfax, Virginia, with her husband, Hank. They enjoy traveling and have a William & Mary tour planned for the spring. They're hoping COVID-19 doesn't cause any delays. Mary is involved in volunteer work and her synagogue. She and Hank have two grandsons, so they enjoy cheering them on at their sporting events.

I received an email from **David McNeel**. He is now a retired banker living in Chicago. He shared information on **Calvin Remsberg**, who was living in Palm Springs, California, and passed away on Jan. 29, 2022. David shared some of Calvin's accomplishments, of which I think many of you may be aware. While at William & Mary, Calvin was well known — especially in

the theater and music departments. He directed theater performances (working with **Glenn Close '74, D.A. '89** and others) and formed the W&M Chamber Singers. After college, he performed with the Washington Opera and had a long Broadway musical career, including starring roles in "Sweeney Todd," "Cats" and "Phantom of the Opera," to name a few. In later years, he became a vocal coach in Los Angeles. Stephen Sondheim thought highly of Calvin's stage skills and asked him to direct the 20-year anniversary production of "Sweeney Todd" in Los Angeles starring Kelsey Grammer and Christine Baranski in 1999. I remember Calvin's booming voice to match his big personality. He certainly had an imposing presence and used his creative gifts throughout his career.

Everyone take care and keep your notes coming! Peggy

## 1973

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A weird and brutal winter is upon us, national politics aside, in terms the elements across the whole country. Hopefully, none of you Northern Virginia alums/family got caught in the Interstate 95-Fredricksburg-Richmond snow-and-ice parking lot experience. However, if any of you did, give us a firsthand account of how you survived for our next magazine update. W&M basketball fortunes seem to be on their typical roller-coaster journey through the CAA, but hope springs eternal that the hoopsters will break the curse of never a team in the round of 64-68 NCAA post-season festivities.

Speaking of "athletes,"

the Southern Conference, which W&M was part of for all four years of our presence in the 'Burg, named its 100-year anniversary teams and 42 Tribe athletes were recognized, including our own **Steve Snyder** (cross country), **Paul Scolaro** (football), **Flip Toepke** (track & field) and **Scott Moyer** (wrestling). Not too shabby.

In the publication realm — **David Shields**, Carolina Distinguished Professor at the University of South Carolina, recently collaborated on a book with co-author Kevin Mitchell. They penned "Taste the State: South Carolina's Signature Foods, Recipes, and Their Stories." Not only does it chronicle the cultural histories of native South Carolinian ingredients and the evolution of various dishes, but also how to prepare them. It garnered a number of awards, both regional and national. This is the real "Southern Charm." David and his wife, **Lucinda Emley Shields '75**, reside in Columbia, South Carolina.

Believe it or not, our 50-year reunion milestone is coming up and will be celebrated April 28-30, 2023, as part of Traditions Weekend at W&M. Two of our class stalwarts, **Mary Mann Smith** and **Jeff Trammell**, are taking charge of the planning that is not a 2023 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend event. About 25 fellow alums are being enlisted or volunteering, including yours truly. This is a significant milestone for us "baby boomers," both individually and collectively among the magnolias and in the Sunken Garden, the Wren Building and Blow Hall. Remember the Dorm Visitation Court Battle, Kent State protest, spring semester Breakouts, the Green Machines, classes in the Lodges, "eating" at Trinkle Hall, tie-dye shirts and bell bottoms, the nascent Fleetwood

Mac and Deep Purple Concert at the "new" W&M Hall etc.? Volunteers and ideas for the theme are appreciated and a likely major class gift effort (sadly without the input of our own **Chris Powers** — "kudos Nora") will be on the agenda. Time to take names and kick ass. Be well, be safe.

## 1974

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When **Marsha Montgomery** and her team were planning The Gathering 2022 in Frederick, Maryland, they (like all of us) assumed COVID-19 would be on the wane. Since that hasn't quite happened, they have reluctantly postponed the event for another year. Same month, same place, but different year: April 28-30, 2023. Mark your calendars now for a Frederick mini-reunion! (You can't say you didn't have enough warning.) If you are confident in doing so this far in advance, you can RSVP to TheGathering1974@gmail.com. Otherwise, be alert for updates and details coming in future months.

The big news around campus is that **Lawrence B. Pulley**, longtime dean of W&M's Raymond A. Mason School of Business, will retire in June after 37 years at the school. Under Larry's leadership, the business school expanded significantly, moving in 2009 into a beautiful building on Jamestown Road that combines the undergraduate and graduate business programs and added several degree programs to better prepare students for today's business world, including five new online degree programs, a new residential M.S. degree in business analyt-

ics, and several programs designed specifically for veterans and active-duty military. Larry's own undergraduate degree was in math and economics, then he earned a doctorate in economics from the University of Virginia. He taught economics at Brandeis University, the University of Virginia and Wellesley College before returning to W&M in 1985, first as an associate professor and finally becoming dean in 1998. Larry and his wife, Penny, look forward to traveling in their retirement.

Another classmate, **Rob Estes**, has had a long involvement with the business school as well. For the past 16 years, he's been a member of its foundation board. Since 2001, Rob has been CEO of Estes Express Lines, a trucking company his grandfather started in 1931. He and his wife, **Jean Berger Estes '75**, have been generous donors to W&M over the years, most recently contributing to the *All In* campaign to renovate and add new spaces to the W&M Athletics Complex.

**Joe Montgomery** has led The Optimal Service Group (financial advisors) since its founding in 1975. The Williamsburg firm has grown to include 13 employees and has \$17 billion under advisement. Joe has been named to many top-financial-adviser lists and was inducted into the Barron's Advisor Hall of Fame in 2019. He topped Forbes magazine's best-wealth-advisers list in Virginia for the past two years. In his spare time, Joe serves as a trustee of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation board and as vice chair of the Virginia Retirement System board. He's served on various W&M boards over the years, including a stint as president of the W&M Alumni Association and on the Board of Visitors.

News from classmates is thin these days, as most of us have scaled

back our retirement plans until after the pandemic subsidies. **Jim Theobald** and I are not giving up our travel plans for this year, not yet, anyway. Do let us know if you have news to share — does anyone have children or grandchildren going to W&M? Any new additions to your family? Drop me a quick email.

## 1975

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**Norah Lulich Jones**, owner of Fluency Consulting, Inc., has an M.Ed. from the University of Lynchburg and has begun a third career as a podcaster discussing French and Spanish languages, cultures and linguistics. This followed her first career as teacher and supervisor in world languages and her second career as an educational publisher doing language and linguistics presentations and training around the country. COVID-19 stopped her traveling, but she continues her podcasting and consulting work. No retiring for her! Check out her “It’s About Language, With Norah Jones” podcast at fluency.consulting/its-about-language-podcast.

I received a sad report from **James Van Black**. In Van’s own words: “In mid-November, W&M swimmers, Yates Basement dwellers, Camm 3rd cronies and bird-watching friends from throughout Virginia, Tennessee, Louisiana, Pennsylvania and Florida gathered in Richmond, Virginia, to celebrate the life of classmate, swim team captain and dear friend **Dodge Havens**, who, quoting Dodge, ‘finished second in a long competition with cancer.’ Joining Dodge’s wife, **Jo**



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**Butler Havens ’78**, and brothers, **Keith Havens ’76** and Kirk Havens (professor and research director at VIMS), in the celebration of Hodge’s life were **Bruce Cleland, Beth DiPace Liivak ’76** and **Heldur Liivak, Jim Davison, Karen Kennedy Schultz, Bruce Hartzler ’78, Greg Routzong ’76, and Kerry Dearfield ’74** and **Gayle Fox Dearfield ’74** and of course Van Black. He closed his sad news about the loss of a best friend with, “I’m sure Dodge is giving terrific canoe tours in heaven.” Best friends are among life’s greatest blessings. Their passing leaves an enormous hole in many hearts.

**Gary Powers** sent an update on progress made by The Success Foundation (TSF), a nonprofit founded by Gary and classmate **Don Delaney** in 2018. TSF mentors young adults who have come through the foster care system. They assist in placement with an independent living agency and continue mentoring until age 21. In the three years since its founding by Gary and Don, TSF has added another 13 mentors, many with W&M connections. Among them: **Mary Miley Theobald ’74, Sarah Bane Williams ’76, M.B.A ’78, Bob Cavaliere ’76, Adrienne Marshall Whitaker ’87** and **Emily Martin ’18**. The foundation was honored to receive Richmond’s “Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major Award” this past January. At the MLK ceremony in January 2022, **Adrienne Whitaker ’87** served as Mistress of Ceremonies. www.successva.org

**Bruce Falk** was glad to be back on campus last fall for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, gathering with **Mike Madden, Dave Restucia** and his wife, Kelly Butterfield; **Steve Hendricks ’77** and his wife, Cindy; **Chris Jackson ’77** and **Jan Jackson**

**’78, M.Ed. ’86**; and **Andy Vanderhoof ’77** and his wife, Marie. All enjoyed lots of eating and drinking along DoG Street, plus pizza from Sal’s and a must-stop deli sandwich run. Ask Bruce about potato salad sandwiches next time you see him or Dave. Bruce is still teaching classes in project management, still virtually, and agrees with my sentiment about looking forward to returning to “precedented times.”

And speaking of Homecoming, I, too, enjoyed getting back on campus at Homecoming last fall and joined up with **Jean Berger Estes** and **Rob Estes ’74, Jan Wampler Booker** and her husband, Buz, and yours truly with my husband, **Alex Kurland HON ’19**. A wonderful time was had by our smaller Tribe of six, but we are looking forward to Homecoming ’22, when we hope more of the Pi Phi gang (and lots of others!) will return for fun and festivities. And if you’ve not been back, wait until you to see the new Alumni House! Truly spectacular.

Happy spring and continue staying well. I fervently hope that when you read this, we really will be in better (and back to “precedented!”) times.

GO TRIBE!

## 1976

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Greetings fellow ’76ers. Hope that by the time you read this we will have largely emerged from this COVID-19 thing; that is decidedly not the case as of the time of this writing. Hope that you have remained healthy and largely untouched, save for the isolation from

family and friends.

I’ll start off with a little bit of news on the personal front. Since I retired, effective July 1 of last year, we have been busy monitoring the construction of our new home in Ashland, Virginia, which we are scheduled to close on Feb. 22 — you will hear the cries of anguish from wherever you are if that does not come about. I’m living in an Airbnb in Mechanicsville, Virginia, so I can perform my basketball scorekeeping duties for the Randolph-Macon College men’s — ranked No. 1 in the nation (!) in Division III — and women’s basketball teams, something that I am enjoying immensely, without constantly having to go back and forth from our home at the Delaware shore. I’ve also signed on as a mentor with an organization called The Success Foundation (read more about it in the Class of ’75 column, as it was founded by two ’75ers who were Lambda Chi Alpha brothers of mine). Lastly, I had the honor and privilege of traveling to England in November, having been asked to lay a memorial wreath at the site of my father’s former World War II Army Air Corps base on the occasion of Remembrance Day (ask me more about it offline if you are interested); it was an incredible experience. How about any of you? Do you know much about your dad’s, or your mom’s, experiences during the war?

A few news clippings this time, that’s it. Prolific author and one-time attorney **David Robbins ’76, J.D. ’80** is at it again. His newest book is called “Isaac’s Beacon.” According to the release, the book, which is based on true events, is the first novel in a series that will show how Israel formed after World War II and why it continues to impact the world. In the small kibbutz of Isaac’s Beacon, an Irgun fighter, a young farmer and an

American journalist meet, and subsequently, their lives reflect the drama of the history swirling around them.

**Gary Miller '76, M.A. '79** is going strong in the performance of his duties as president of the University of Akron, a position he has held since Oct. 1, 2019. Budget cuts leading to faculty layoffs, COVID-19 complications, etc.; through it all, fellow Yates 3rd Norther Gary has exhibited strong leadership in turbulent times. Finally, **Sue Hanna Gerdelman**, chair of the *All In* fundraising campaign for W&M Athletics and former chair of W&M's *For the Bold* campaign, was recognized for a most generous donation on behalf of the revamping of Kaplan Arena (formerly known as William & Mary Hall) — remember how new the building was when we were freshmen? And remember how we had to go through class registration there at the start of every semester? Picking up computer punch cards representing the classes we signed up for (or, in numerous instances, the classes we got stuck with because the ones we wanted were already filled). One of these days, that building will house an NCAA tournament-participating men's basketball team; not this year, though.

Well friends, hopefully someone will tell us when it is once again safe to come outside and play. Until then, remain cautious, play it safe. Your friends want to see you at your 50th high school reunion coming up later in the year. Can you imagine?? Hey, send me a note about it. 'Til next time ...

## 1977 45

*Class Reporter*

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My wife, Marinda, and I are excited that our second son, Andrew, and his wife, Rita, are expecting their first child in August. They live in Swedesboro, New Jersey. Our other son, John, and his wife, Angie, built a home on John's Island, South Carolina, and our daughter, Katie, and her husband, Steven, bought a 21-acre farm in Villa Rica, Georgia. They each have a son and daughter. We are thankful for our expected fifth grandchild.

Last September, **Mary Langford** retired as admissions director of Dwight School London. She continues managing teachers who support 165 International Baccalaureate students worldwide. Mary serves as a trustee of three U.K. charities — a children's art charity, a historic house in Lancashire, England, and her local community library — while working on her doctorate in international education at the University of Bath. She stays in touch with **Dan Sayre** and his family. Dan has retired from Coca-Cola and lives in Florida.

**Craig Hoffman** has been on sabbatical this spring from Georgetown Law. He has been on its faculty since 1994. He also teaches in the Georgetown Department of Linguistics. His husband, Albert Lauber, is a judge on the U.S. Tax Court. Craig and Albert attended the new opening party for the new W&M Washington Center offices in December. In January, they traveled to Buenos Aires and Punta del Este. During Charter Day weekend, Craig and Albert were inducted into the James Blair Society. In May, they planned to join President Katherine A. Rowe on a William & Mary in Scotland trip. Craig joined the W&M Council of Arts & Sciences, formed by Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences Maria Donoghue Velleca. Craig sends greetings to friends from Yates in freshman year and from Project PLUS in sopho-

more year. Last year, he visited **Cyndy Seibels '76** and **Linda Steigleder**, who have retired in Staunton, Virginia. He also saw **Don Fairbairn**, who lives in Washington, D.C. While in Williamsburg before the pandemic, he visited **Shelley Rubenking Rockwell** and the maximally delightful **Christine Westberg**. He also keeps up with **Joanna Balcarek McMorris '76**.

**Paul Staneski** and his wife, Pam, moved from Connecticut to a house on the Albemarle Sound near Edenton, North Carolina. While continuing to teach at SKEMA Business School in Raleigh, North Carolina, he also started a hedge fund, AGENA Investment Management. They are close to three of their four children living around Norfolk, Virginia. Paul experienced a serious mishap last October in NYC when he stepped on a raised manhole cover (the pavement had been stripped down to repave) and broke his right ankle and completely tore both quadriceps tendons. Surgery and rehabilitation followed. He is thankful that several people came to his aid immediately. One young man who was jogging pulled him to the sidewalk and propped him against a fire hydrant. An ambulance arrived in two minutes, and he was only three blocks from NYU Langone, where he received great care. Paul's convalescence began at his daughter's home in Virginia Beach, Virginia, since it was too much for Pam in the early weeks. He thanks his family and faith for getting him through this ordeal and was recovering well when he shared his update in January.

Congratulations to **Clo Phillips**, who last July became a member of the Steering Committee of the Society of 1918 at W&M. It was founded in 2018, on the occasion of the centennial celebration of the admission of wom-

en to William & Mary. The Society of 1918 is committed to growing the engagement, leadership and philanthropy of W&M women.

Classmates, I also received great updates from **Karen Allen Walden**, **Kathy Benson Pim Meredith**, **John Mancini**, **Jeff Barnes '81**, **J.D. '86**, **Hulon Willis, Jr.** and **Hank Hoffman**. Since our alumni magazine's print edition has limited space, you can view classmates' photos and their full updates online.

Classmates, thank you for your news. Send updates and know that the Class of '77 cares.

## 1978

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It was a treat to hear from **Carol Alcorn Eggen**, who loves living on Vashon Island in Washington state. An avid traveler, Carol has stayed close to home the last couple of years, but did manage to again hike Mount Rainier with her nephew. She reports, "I got a fabulous Labradoodle puppy, Lulu, last summer, so I would be staying local in any case." Not surprisingly, Carol remains quite active and has "gotten very into cycling" in recent years and reports that the area where she lives is wonderful, albeit hilly, for that outdoor adventure.

**Nan Eggleston Zych** recently retired and is thoroughly enjoying her newly found free time. On a recent trip to Mexico, she pulled in a 150-pound marlin while her husband caught a sailfish and a dorado — all in one day!

In January, **Mark Finley** traveled to Thailand to continue his passion for paragliding, a highlight being his nearly three-hour

flight over Ban Thap Boek. He writes, "High clouds shaded out the violence and made for a mellow day with lift where it should be! Grateful for the guides and fellow pilots and especially the generosity of the Thai people. I am becoming my highest self!" Yes, quite literally, Mark! Congratulations and be safe up there.

Best wishes to **Hank Zimmerman** and his lovely wife, Doneva, who tied the knot this past November, with their extended families present for the marriage ceremony and celebration. The couple resides in Reva, Virginia.

What are you up to? Please tell us ... Carpe Diem!

## 1979

*Class Reporter*

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Greetings from sunny California! By the time you read this, most of the ferocious winter storms will have passed and, with luck, COVID-19 finally will have passed too! But as of early February, I continue to hear from classmates about how COVID-19 has disrupted travel plans, family celebrations, etc., not to mention the long-term effects it has had on work and health. But there is always a silver lining, such as having adult children temporarily(!) moving back home, new grandchildren arriving on the scene, and rediscovery of travel within the good ole' USA. Here are some highlights:

**Kitty Wetterer Eason** and her husband, **Ward Eason**, finally celebrated the wedding of their son, Tripp, last September, a little more than a year after he tied the knot and three months after welcoming their third grandchild, his daughter. Isn't COVID-19 crazy?

**Anne Stephan Henkel** welcomed her first grandchild in January, and plans to spend as much time as possible in Florida where her son, Campbell, and his wife, Sara, and their baby, Holly, live.

**Sherri McCandless Schalk and Mark Schalk '80** welcomed their first grandchild, Caroline Ann Schalk, to their son, Lee, in February 2021, while their daughter, Brooke, was married in May 2020 in a park in Atlanta.

**Chris Smith Eure and Brad Eure** are waiting until this summer to celebrate the wedding of their daughter, Maddy, who got married in Mexico last June. Their attempt at celebrating the engagement of their son, Tyler, was derailed at the last minute due to a positive COVID-19 test (his), leaving Chris and Brad with food and beverages for 50 people. Having valiantly and successfully steered the Paramount Theater in Charlottesville, Virginia, through the worst of the pandemic, Chris intends to retire after 10 years as executive director. Brad now works for his daughter, Clay, who has taken over as proud owner of Eure Consulting, a business the two of them built together from the ground up.

**Kathy Yankovich Hornsby** has a photography exhibition in Williamsburg this spring — postponed from 2020 because of the pandemic. Kathy is joining with her longtime friend, painter **Connie Warren De-saulniers '75**, to present a dynamic exhibition titled "COLORS." Kathy will be showing her latest project, "Flower Disarrangement," highlighting colorful florals abstracted by water, light and movement. Connie's textured and multidimensional paintings tell stories inviting each viewer's imagination. The exhibition runs from April 9 to May 28 at The Stryker Center Art Space on North Boundary Street. Contact

Kathy for more information at [kyhornsby@cox.net](mailto:kyhornsby@cox.net) or through her website at [kathyhornsbyimages.com](http://kathyhornsbyimages.com) to see a sampling of her latest work.

**John Gilstrap** has published another novel, one of more than 20 he has written over the past few decades. "Stealth Attack" is the 13th book in his Jonathan Grave series about a retired Delta Force operator who specializes in rescuing hostages. In addition to his novels, all of which fall into the "thriller" genre, John has also written screenplays, published the nonfiction book "Six Minutes to Freedom" and worked on movie adaptations, including several based on his books. John has received numerous awards for his books, and he teaches creative writing seminars from time to time while maintaining a YouTube channel where he offers would-be writers advice on how to write, along with tips for getting published.

A big thank you on behalf of W&M to **Scott Custer** and his wife, Betsy, for their generous and foundational gift as part of the *All In* campaign to fund the construction of a new, state-of-the-art Sports Performance Center. The new facility will replace Kaplan Arena (or William & Mary Hall as it was called back in our day) and will serve as a gathering place for ceremonies and events of all kinds while enhancing the athletics experience for the entire W&M community.

That's a wrap for this column. Have a great summer and keep in touch!

## 1980

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As I write this, old man winter is showing his best. Looking forward to spring,

which is when you will be reading this. Just a quick bit of news for you.

If you enjoy historical fiction and like being entertained, be sure to pick up **Stan Haynes'** latest riveting novel, "And Tyler No More." The book was released in November and has received rave reviews. The US Review of Books recommends you add this to your list of must-reads: "Those who want to be thoroughly entertained while learning some political history along the way should dive in and enjoy. The story ... is riveting and astounding, both in the facts and the fictional mystery the author spins." Similarly glowing reviews came from BookLife, Reedsy Discovery and Readers' Favorite, among others. Stan's story is set in the 1840s and addresses political turmoil surrounding President John Tyler. Stan very deftly "explores the battle between morality and legality, between loyalty and betrayal, and confirms that dysfunction in Washington is not a modern American phenomenon," as described in the book's synopsis. Stan has had a lifelong interest in American political history and previously authored two books on the history of presidential nominating conventions — "The First American Political Conventions" and "President-Making in the Gilded Age." The New Yorker called Stan "the most exhaustive chronicler of the conventions, in a series of invaluable books." His latest book is his first work of historical fiction. Congratulations, Stan!

**Karen Sloat** is on the West Coast, more specifically in the Palm Springs, California, area. Karen was recently named one of Palm Springs Life's top lawyers, as well as a Southern California Top-Rated Lawyer and was listed in the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers. Her law practice is in Palm Desert, where Karen focuses on employ-

ment law both on behalf of the employer and the employee.

Please be sure to drop me a note with any news that you would like to share. Until next time, stay safe and be well!

## 1981

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Hello Fellow 1981ers!

It has been a while since I received news to share, so was very excited to get the following updates from our classmates.

First a note from **Larry Griffith**. Larry lived first in Tyler B, and then in the French House, and then off campus. Recently, he retired from Colonial Williamsburg after 28 years as curator of plants. After obtaining a Mars Family Foundation Grant, he published "Flowers and Herbs of Early America" (Yale Press), based on plant trials conducted in the field. He now lives with his partner of 39 years in Tidewater, Virginia. Both he and his partner, who is also a W&M grad, served as board members of GALA (W&M Gay and Lesbian Alumni, Inc., now known as the Crim Dell Association), and are supporters of the Boswell Initiative and the Stephens Project, both GALA-Swem Library collaborations. Larry lives fairly close to W&M and keeps an eye on how things are developing. In his words, "There's much of which to be proud."

Larry also shared a story from our years at W&M — which brought back fun 1970s memories. He reminded us that the student body in 1981 voted to invite Garry Trudeau ("Doonesbury") for class speaker. The board overruled and got William F. Buckley. Those were the days.

Next — we got news from **Chuck Swaim**.

Chuck and his wife, Linda, and have been living "happily ever after" in Richmond, Virginia, since 1997. They are blessed with two wonderful daughters. Whitney lives and works in Tidewater, Virginia, with their two grandkids. Katie is in Richmond and was just engaged to a great guy and wedding plans are forthcoming. After 11 years with the Virginia Community College System as a dean and adjunct faculty member, Chuck has accepted a permanent position at Illinois Central College in East Peoria, Illinois, as the executive vice president for academic affairs (aka provost). They are excited about the next chapters: welcoming a new family, as well as a new city and collegial family.

Finally — our classmate **Jeff Barnes** sent good news about a fellow classmate, **Dave Raney '84**. "The Best American Essays 2021" selected an essay Dave wrote, titled "End Times for the Poker Face," for inclusion in the edition that was published in October 2021. It's the third consecutive year Dave has had an essay selected for inclusion in the Best American Essays collection. Congrats, Dave — well done.

Many thanks to Larry, Chuck and Jeff — and please keep those updates coming.

Go Tribe!

Mike "Fitz" Fitzgerald  
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## 1982

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Hi everyone! It is January as I write this, and I've not heard a peep from anyone! I hope you all had a good holiday season! We received the gift of the COVID-19 variant, omicron, at our house! The boys tested positive on Dec. 26, with Olivia and

me following a couple of days later. Since we're all fully vaccinated, it really wasn't that bad; and I got to spend New Year's Eve with my kids since they had no other options! Quite the blessing for me, actually, and I'm quite glad to have had the newest variant and be done with it!

I did see a few W&M friends this past weekend in Dallas for the wedding of **Brenda Bloomer Hargett's** son, Tyler. **Beth Alford Wolfe** and her husband, Tommy, her daughter, Patrice, and her daughter's fiancé, Matt, were all in town. I also got to catch up with **Katie Winter Gray** and her husband, Stuart, as well as **Diane Ratchford Murray** and her husband, Bob. Katie and Diane looked fabulous and it was wonderful to spend time with all of them. The ladies can still dance!! Lovely wedding! I think we are all at that age where we'll be going to a lot of our kids' weddings — and I hope they are all as fun as this one was!

Next month, Eric and I commence what we affectionately call "the tour of kids" as we head to Los Angeles to see Nick, who is getting his MBA at the University of Southern California, to Charlottesville, Virginia, to see Olivia, a second-year student at the University of Virginia, and then to Memphis, Tennessee, to visit Noah, the only gainfully employed child, who works for Smith+Nephew there.

Hope you are all well and not letting this virus get you down! PLEASE send me your updates! Let me know how you are doing and what is keeping you busy and sane.

## 1983

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Hello Classmates,

First off, Charter Day 329 was filled with many great events. However, it all happened after my deadline so I will try to remember for the next notes. In the meantime, here's the spring 2022 Class Notes:

**Barry Trott** wrote to say that he has taken a new job as the adult services consultant at the Library of Virginia. He had been at the Williamsburg Regional Library for 24 years, which he says is a great library (I concur). Barry enjoyed his time at the Williamsburg library. In his new position, he works to support all the public libraries in Virginia by providing resources, collections and a variety of programs for adults who use the library.

A Northwestern article announced that **David Uttal**, who works as a professor in the school of Education and Social Policy and as a professor of psychology at Northwestern University and runs their Spatial Intelligence & Learning Center, has received \$1.28 million in grants to study spatial thinking. Three grants are from the National Science Foundation, and one is from the Institute of Education Sciences. For one study, David and his team of undergraduate researchers will provide 3,000 middle schoolers a field trip via LabVenture — "a 2.5 hour exploration of the Gulf of Maine ecosystem" — a chance to use the power of charts, maps and other visual representations to see if it helps them retain more of what they learn. The project partners with other areas within the school such as the Center of Talent Development and the Office of Community Education Partnerships. David believes that spatial abilities help promote STEM learning and shares this information with teachers. The grant from the Institute of Educational Sciences will fund a four-year study of Cognitive Abilities and

Spatial Assessment tests to try to determine the effectiveness of a program used to measure spatial reasoning for elementary and middle school students. David plans to recruit 2,300 participants from several states and 30 teachers with varying degrees of experience. A third study involves the use of AI in understanding spatial reasoning and learning and is a collaboration with Subir Biswas, a computer engineer from Michigan State University. The fourth grant funds a series of workshops and combines researchers from a variety of areas to summarize and determine the next steps in the development of spatial tests and their relationship to STEM. Sure looks like David has his work cut out for him over the next few years.

Thanks to **Bob Newman** for the post showing 11 classmates at the Tribe football game at Villanova on Oct. 30, 2021. Participants included **Bob Jaeger '83, M.S. '88, Cesar Conda, Mark Voigt, Peter Atwater, Kevin McGahren-Clemens, Bob Skelly, David Dufour, and Paige Snarr Skelly**, who took the photo that was featured on Facebook. That was a good day for the Tribe.

The W&M Rec Center, built in 1989, was officially renamed and dedicated the Bee McLeod Recreation Center on Oct. 28, 2021, in honor of our classmate the late **Helen "Bee" Elizabeth McLeod '83, M.B.A. '91**. Bee had a passion for healthy living and also for W&M. The Wellness Center on campus is named for her and her husband, **Goodenow "Goody" Tyler III, HON '11**. Bee and Goody established an endowment "to fund free recreation and wellness classes at W&M for all time coming." In 2019, the last year that really counts, 7,000 students used the McLeod Rec Center adding up to 284,913 visits.



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I'm adding a special note for **Ellen Sellers Honeycutt**, who sent me a message that she's never sent any "news" for the class notes, but even so, she has been a faithful reader for 40 years. Now her name is finally in the column!

Feb. 5 was the W&M Men's Basketball team's Gold Rush game. This is when the Tribe asks attendees to come dressed in gold, hands out T-shirts and yellow pom-poms and hopes for a big crowd and a win! **Bud Phillips '82** and I went with **Dave Lucas '80, Don Morris '82, Ryan Morris '12, Jack Horst '81** and **Marcia Seymour Horst '82, Barry Sharp '81** and **Anne Pennewell Sharp '82, Dave Martin '82, Mark Andino '80** and **Julie Doolittle Andino**.

While at the game I ran into **John Fleming '82, John Poma '86, M.B.A. '00, Sterling Ransone '86, M.A. '88, David Murphy '84, John Mitrovic** (who is the Tribe's physical therapist and was a sponsor the Gold Rush game) and **Ray Bisczat '84** and **Suzanne Alvis Bisczat '83**. Ray is volunteering at the Raymond A. Mason Business School mentoring B-school students and has also recently been lured out of retirement to work as a consultant. Suzanne teaches at W&M Law School. We all had a fun time at the Precarious Beer Hall even though the Tribe lost. And many thanks to John for the beers!

Cheers, until next time.

## 1984

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Spring greetings, Class of 1984! Though it is still winter as I write, a few

early signs of spring were already evident as **Joanna Ashworth** and I traveled to Beaufort, South Carolina, to visit **Laurie Raymond Benson** last week. While there, we caught up by phone with **Alison Hawley Ewing**, with whom we spent time there in November. We also spent time with Laurie's husband Chris and my husband, **Greg Miller**, who have been medical practice partners for almost 25 years.

I missed seeing Alison and **Linda Reynard Basnight** at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend last fall as they arrived the following week for the wedding of **Philip Basnight '13**, the son of **Kord Basnight '85** and Linda, to **Rebecca Silverstein '14** at the Williamsburg Inn. Alison and Linda, who met as freshmen and were roommates during all four years at William & Mary, returned in December to celebrate their birthdays, which are two days apart, together. Alison also shares a birthday with her twin sister, **Diane Hawley Abshire!**

**Duncan Weir** recently retired after 35 years working in golf for the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews in Scotland. He has devoted his career to developing the game worldwide and was awarded a Special Recognition for his contributions to the sport by the Confederation of Professional Golfers in 2019. Duncan has enjoyed playing golf with recent William & Mary golf team alumni completing post-graduate studies at the University of St Andrews, located near his home in Scotland, and he will be returning to campus in March to spend time with the golf team and attend the tournament the team is hosting at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club at Colonial Williamsburg.

**Tammy Harwood Kersey** is the founder of Tale Waggoner Stories, an online resource she is

building to support parents as they inspire, empower and develop confidence in their children through shared story time. Her first children's picture book, "What the Dickens?!?!: The Tale of a Rascally Pup," launched in April 2020. Tammy recently donated the book to the Williamsburg Regional Library as part of the Local Authors Project collection, where it will be enjoyed by local children and their families for years to come. Prior to becoming a children's picture book author, Tammy was a marketing professional. She and her husband, **Ian Kersey**, reside in Williamsburg.

**Victor Branch** was recently profiled in Virginia Business magazine. Victor is a senior vice president for Bank of America and president of their Richmond market and was named a Richmond Times-Dispatch Person of the Year in 2020. In addition to serving on several other foundation and organization boards, Victor serves on the board of visitors for William & Mary.

**Steve Burns** has been appointed chief of public policy by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians in Highland, California. In his new role, Steve will lead and implement the tribe's public policy strategy on federal and state legislation and regulation and manage issues such as land use and future acquisition strategy and policy implications. Steve brings over 25 years of international public policy experience to his new role and will be based in Sacramento, California.

**Jon Stewart '84, D.A. '04** will be awarded the 2022 Mark Twain Prize for American Humor by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Arts in April. Jon currently hosts "The Problem with Jon Stewart" on Apple TV+ and is an executive producer on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert." He was a co-creator and executive producer

of "The Colbert Report" on Comedy Central from 2005 to 2014, and he hosted "The Daily Show" from 1999 to 2015. The Mark Twain Prize for American Humor is the most recent of many prizes won by Jon, including 22 Emmy Awards, two Grammy Awards and five Peabody Awards. Known for his humorous and satirical presentation of current events, Jon is also an advocate for first responders and veterans, and he and his wife are dedicated animal rights activists who operate a sanctuary farm.

It is with great sadness that I share the news that **Tim Wilson** passed away on Nov. 23, 2021, after a brave battle with cancer. Tim's journalism career began at the Flat Hat, where he was sports editor and then editor-in-chief, and at the campus radio station WCWM, where he was a news reporter and DJ. Tim was co-founder and editor-in-chief of Dark Reading, a cybersecurity online news site and online community for security professionals offering a forum and a place for cybersecurity professionals to learn about new cyber threats, vulnerabilities, and key technological trends and advances. He was recognized as one of the top cybersecurity journalists in the United States by SANS Institute and named one of the 50 Most Powerful Voices in Security by SYS-Con Media.

If you knew Tim, you knew that the greatest joys in his life were his beloved family, close friends, sports and William & Mary. I was grateful to be able to visit with Tim a few times last fall, and Tim always turned our conversations to the times we shared at W&M and happy news of our mutual friends and our families. He was overjoyed to be able to view the wedding of **Noah Levine's** daughter Lindsay in Old Westbury, New York, in Novem-

ber, through a Facetime link arranged by Joanna Ashworth, who attended the celebration along with **Josh Slocum, Jeff Bishop**, who was Tim's little brother in Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, joined Joanna and me for a visit in early November and, as always, Tim talked about the special bonds we have with each other and the lifelong impact the friendships that began during four years at W&M have had for us all.

A memorial for Tim is planned for June 24, 2022, and a memorial fund has been set up in Tim's memory to benefit the Flat Hat. If you care to contribute, you can visit the W&M Giving page at [give.wm.edu](http://give.wm.edu), search for a specific fund and choose Flat Hat Fund (3431), then specify that your gift is in memory of Tim Wilson.

As always, if you have any updates you'd like me to share in the next Class Notes, please let me know!

## 1985

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Hard to believe it's already 2022, but time does seem to go by quickly these days. I hope that all of you are staying healthy, and maybe even beginning to get back out into the world. I have said before how I love to go to concerts, and luckily, they do seem to be starting back up again. I have many lined up for this year, including a great surprise from my husband and daughter to go to Las Vegas and see my (and probably some of yours) childhood crush Donny Osmond. I was even gifted a VIP Meet and Greet, although we are not allowed to get close to him (but that's OK, because he stopped by my seat at a concert in

2019 and I got to hug him then!).

Sadly, the only news I have to share this column is about the passing of Gen. **Colin L. Powell D.P.S. '88**, father of **Michael K. Powell '85, D.P.S. '02**, **Linda Powell '87** and **Annemarie Powell Lyons '92** and father-in-law of **Jane Knott Powell**. I, along with the rest of the nation, watched his funeral on television, and listened as Michael gave an eloquent and touching eulogy. The words were profound, as well as deeply personal, and I am sure that those of you who heard what he said were also moved. I thought the mention of eulogy virtues as opposed to resume virtues was especially poignant. We have all been busy in our pursuit of resume virtues, even before we applied to William & Mary, but especially after we graduated. But in reality, it is those eulogy virtues that we will truly be remembered for, and that is something to aspire to when our resume building is long behind us.

W&M has announced that it will establish an endowment fund to begin awarding the Colin Powell Global Engagement Scholarship in the 2024-2025 academic year to at least six outstanding students who seek to study abroad. This began with \$1 million in funding from a William & Mary Foundation trustee, and other donors may also contribute so it can be expanded to include even more recipients.

There are several classmates who have lost a parent recently, and can understand what the Powell family is going through at this time. My mother died in the spring of 2020, and as Michael mentioned in his father's eulogy, I do wish that I could have held her hand once more. Both **Steve Yeatts** and **Laura Hopkins '86** have also lost their mothers; Steve and I were neighbors in Dan-

ville, Virginia, and went to school together starting in kindergarten, and so his mother was a part of my life growing up. Laura was in junior high and high school with us, and had recently moved to Texas to be with her mother. I know that there are more of you who have experienced the sadness of a loved one's funeral, and my sympathies are with you.

I wish I had better news for this column, but hope to soon hear from you any news, whether good or bad. Valeté, omnes!

## 1986

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Please visit the online magazine for a much longer version of this column. Thanks for the extraordinary response to my plea for news, which gives all of us so much to enjoy.

**Mike Moravitz** has retired after 25 years at Voice of America. He started as a news assistant and served as a writer, reporter and editor. In retirement, he has embarked on a second career as a freelance writer and independent academic, with 17 articles published at World and I, a political science journal.

**Liz Tobin Williams** of Atlanta loves her second career as an eighth-grade social studies teacher. Her husband, **Ian Williams**, is with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Their children have abandoned them for California, but they enjoy visiting them. They had a recent visit from **Leticia van Doorn Fleischer**. Their escape activity is working on and sailing their boat in Maryland and they

love how it keeps them connected with friends in the area — **David Bass, Debbie McDaniels Dileo, Heidi Reihan-sperger Fielding and John Fielding**. Liz says, "Someday we plan to come up to sail and just stay as it truly is our home."

Because of COVID-19, **Tarek Amyuni '85** was teaching at the SKEMA Business School's Parisian campus in January, rather than the campus in Raleigh, North Carolina. He hopes to be back in the States for some good times in Williamsburg with **Dave Anderson** and **Paul Calamita '87** once the virus is behind us.

Former roommates and my Dupont 1st West freshman hallmates **Merry Whearty Thomas** and **Laura Martin Dunlap** have reconnected. Merry and her husband, **Jon Thomas**, have a son who teaches high school history in New York and a daughter who teaches kindergarten in Richmond, Virginia. Laura also had a good chat with **Lianne Radell Forsey** of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Lianne works for Stephens Natural Resources and is raising show cattle as a hobby with her boyfriend, Chad.

**Liddy Allee Coyle** is in her fourth year as an elementary school principal in Ithaca, New York. Two years into COVID-19, working with 85 staff, 400 children and their families has been an experience. Last year, following her divorce, Liddy sold her land in the country and moved right next to the "gorge-ous" Ithaca Falls. Her daughter, Arianna, is in her first year of teaching fourth grade in Ithaca, at the same school where her son, Wilson, works.

**Sarah Bottoms Magnus-Sharpe** is celebrating her eight-year anniversary as public relations director at Cornell University's SC Johnson College of Business. She and her husband, **Marc**

**Magnus-Sharpe '85**, enjoy country living in Central New York. Their son, John David, is a robotics and control systems engineer at Johnson & Johnson in Silicon Valley. They're glad to have him on home soil after teaching English for two years with the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program in Japan. Last summer, **Debbie Fetterman Moyer** and **Betsy Burr Elliott** visited Sarah and they celebrated a mini-Kappa reunion with wine tasting, barbecues and campfires.

**Patrick Cousins** was selected again as an AV Preeminent Lawyer by Martindale-Hubbell for 2022. His son Julian's photography was featured in the Wall Street Journal, Vogue and Bon Appétit. His other son, Justis, was Representative of the Year for Northwestern Mutual. His daughter, Jayla, received a scholarship to Florida Atlantic University's nursing program.

**Gin Groseclose Payne** had a great year. She married Glenn Payne in April 2021 and her son began his freshman year of college last fall.

**Chris Hagin** shared the sad news of the death of his best friend, **Jon Kumnick '87**. At the memorial, he saw **Brock Beasley, Tom Jensen '85, Jack McDonald, Eric Gorman '87, Hugh Marthinsen, Mike Lang, Harrison Wehner '87, Dan Usher '85, Greg Hurlbrink '84** and **Kevin Doyle '85**.

## 1987 <sup>35</sup>

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Have you thought about making plans for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2022 yet? Somehow, unbelievably, it is our 35th Reunion year!??

This fall **David White** was featured in Virginia Business magazine's annual "Virginia 500-The 2021 Power List" which the magazine describes as highlighting the most powerful and influential leaders in business, government, politics and education. David has been with the Virginia Maritime Association since 2003 and is currently the executive director of the Virginia Maritime Association in Norfolk, Virginia, which represents the concerns and interests of nearly 500 member maritime companies. In addition, David serves as the executive vice president of the Hampton Roads Shipping Association, he is a member of the WHRO Public Media Board and he works on the Elizabeth River Project (focusing on environmental cleanup efforts). David lives in Norfolk with his wife, Cathy, and three daughters (including **Madison White '20**).

The Berkshire Eagle newspaper in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, ran a column featuring the Rev. **Nina Ranadive Pooley** when she became the new rector of Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church last winter. She and her family previously lived in Maine, Maryland and Tennessee, and she has served in the roles of rector, associate chaplain and associate rector. After graduating from W&M, she earned her master's degree in education from the University of Virginia, and then a doctor of divinity degree from the School of Theology at the University of the South. Nina grew up in Alexandria, Virginia, and now lives in Massachusetts with her husband, Ken, and two daughters.

**Christine Kubacki Atherton** and her husband, **Mike Atherton '86**, have spent the pandemic years enjoying and making the most of their hobbies and interests. Mike is both an

avid pilot and a photographer. Christine has been actively involved in her church's online community and has been studying Spanish. Though the pandemic had limited their ability to gather with friends, they still keep up with good friends from W&M including **Leslie Brodhead '86** and **Andria Silver Wojtunik '86**. Mike was able to travel to Saratoga Springs, New York, for a post-vaccine visit to see **Mitch Cohen '85**. Christine and Mike have lived in Arlington, Virginia, for almost 34 years.

I hope the New Year has been going well for all of you. We'll be down in Williamsburg for a few baseball games and other activities this spring, and are definitely planning on being a part of Homecoming this fall. Hope to see you there.

## 1988

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**Mark Welch** celebrates the 30th anniversary of Comic Cubicle, Williamsburg's own comic book store. Founded in 1992 in Williamsburg Crossing, Comic Cubicle moved to larger digs in New Town in 2006. Stop by and say hi!

**Tom Sodeman** is an assistant dean for Student Affairs at University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

**James McDowell**, whose daughters started high school in different places (San Mateo and San Francisco, California), worries their 2025 graduation ceremonies will be on the same day! With school in person, James' family tentatively moved toward a new normal, but December came and the family canceled all plans involving planes. They

managed a snow-delayed drive to Mammoth Mountain, California, over Christmas.

**Ginger Miller Ambler '88, Ph.D. '06**, W&M vice president for student affairs, focuses on supporting students and helping them engage meaningfully, even in the pandemic. Although student affairs work has changed since March 2020, Ginger gratefully reports student life is alive and well. Ginger and husband **Richard Ambler '86** welcomed a second grandchild in December, Mira Belle Ambler. Mira and her brother Miller bring special joy. Ginger and Richard love wearing their W&M parent hats for their son, **Mac Ambler '24**, who plans to major in data science and performs with Improvisational Theatre.

The Girls from Yates 3rd Center, **Cathy P. Welsh, Lauren Tilghman Brockman, Page Seckman Herman, Jen Wargo Hempstead and Mindy May Alexander '86**, sadly said goodbye to one-of-a-kind friend **Monique Travelstead McNamara**. Monique passed away on Nov. 3, 2021, after a courageous battle with breast cancer. "[Monique] was a Wonder Woman as she battled this disease with strength, grace and humor," says Cathy. Fortunately, "The Girls" have gotten together at least twice annually since graduation. The weekends together will continue, but now there will be an empty chair at the table. Cathy's daughter, **Ally Brimmer '19**, and **Mike Sapnar** and Jen's daughter, **Maisie Sapnar '20** graduated from W&M. Hopefully, Monique's son, Max McNamara, will be in the Class of 2026! To donate to a need-based scholarship created in Monique's honor for W&M undergraduate students majoring in art and art history with a concentration in studio art or English, go to [impact.wm.edu/monique](http://impact.wm.edu/monique).

**Susan Young** happily reports that after 32 years working at Harvard, she retired and is focusing on photography and filmmaking.

**Christopher Johnson**, who has spent a lot of time mountain biking during the pandemic, married Elizabeth Saunders on Sept. 4, 2021, and honeymooned in Colonial Williamsburg!

**Eric Williams** and his wife, **Michelle Beasley Williams '89**, moved to Houston last January. Eric is superintendent of Clear Creek Independent School District and recently completed the Houston Marathon.

**Nicki Royall Peet** and her husband, **Cary Peet '74**, have two new grandsons, Levi and Liam, and a granddaughter, Emilee. Nicki, who started a wedding officiant business, has married over 200 couples, some in Wren Chapel. A longtime meditator, Nicki helped found Williamsburg Buddhist Sangha, a nonprofit currently offering meditations by Zoom (visit [www.williamsburgbuddhistsangha.com](http://www.williamsburgbuddhistsangha.com) and follow links to five meditation groups).

In Ohio, **Kim Fox Kellogg** continues to see firsthand the unique challenges of COVID-19 in large school districts from her school superintendent husband, **John Kellogg '84, M.A.Ed. '92**. Their daughter, **Erin Kellogg '14**, married a graduate from Miami University in Ohio. Currently living in Washington, D.C., Erin works for the National Academy of Sciences. Erin hopes to round out her public policy and public health master's degrees from The Ohio State University and Yale University with a Ph.D. program. Kim and John traveled to Germany for the Berlin Marathon. John finished 35th in his age group, helping him secure entry to London's world marathon in 2022. Their son, Ian, also runs competitively.

**Paul Nardo's** son,

**Barham Nardo '21**, graduated from W&M cum laude with a double major in international relations and Hispanic studies. Currently, Barham is in graduate school at the University of King Carlos III in Madrid, Spain, earning a master's degree in geopolitics and strategic studies. Paul was re-elected by the Virginia House of Delegates in January to resume his previous position as Clerk of the House and Keeper of the Rolls of the Commonwealth.

Please go to the online Alumni Magazine for full version of notes with photos.

## 1989

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**Alan Adenan** continues to seek out a small commercial space in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, to open a small breakfast and lunch diner. For now, he's content being a chef for True Food Kitchen and not having to open any more units within the USA; he is consulting around opening a unit in the UK.

**Jim Smith** retired from Wells Fargo after almost 25 years as a senior vice president; he plans on traveling and enjoy some down time.

**Tom Hamilton '88, M.A. '89** has also retired from law practice; he and his wife, **Jill Watson Hamilton**, are enjoying beach life in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

**Vince Howell, Dave Fletcher '98, M.Ed. '95, Aimee Richardson**, and Alan continue to be challenged by raising their children during this pandemic and balancing their careers.

**Lynne Bushey** also decided to retire after

more than 30 years in consulting and has moved to Richmond, Virginia. She's taking a break as she figures out her next chapter.

**Linda Hartevelde McHale** is working hard and enjoying life. She earned the title of senior designer at California Closets, where she has worked for the last five years and recently hit over \$4 million in sales. She loves helping her clients improve their homes and their lives with her creative design. Linda treated herself to an amazing vacation in St. John in November with a group of friends, with lots of hiking, sun, sand and rum drinks. She's eager for some warmer weather, so she can get back to hiking in the NYC tri-state region with her brother, Drew.

**Mike Kilgore** partnered with a colleague from New Horizons Computer Learning Centers (where he worked for 10 years) and started an inbound marketing company, Them to You. Their former employer is among the many clients. Mike took up hiking (and regularly hikes the 11-mile mountain trail behind his home) and all things tiki during the pandemic. He creates the most delicious cocktails and serve them up in tiki mugs, of course. He recently performed the role of Mayor Shinn in a community theatre production of "The Music Man"; Broadway star Laura Osnes was in the audience for one of the performances. He won two free tickets from Playbill to any Broadway show; his daughter, Juliana, a sophomore at Lehigh University majoring in environmental science and theatre, will use the tickets. (Mike lives 2,500 miles away in California.) While Juliana selected another school, her friend who heard Mike rave about William & Mary is now a sophomore at W&M, enjoying the 'Burg and all the area

have to offer.

In October, **Chris Gessner** and his wife, Jane, moved to Akron, Ohio, where he is the new president and CEO at Akron's Children's Hospital, one of the few independent children's hospitals in the country. Their eldest son is in grad school at Georgetown University, their second son works as an auditor in Charlotte, North Carolina, and their daughter is playing lacrosse at John Carroll University.

**Shaunti Reidinger Feldhahn** and Katie Kenny Phillips published "Let's Find Joy," which leads children on a scavenger hunt to find joy through Jesus and teach them how to the choices they make every day will help them to give happiness to others. Find more of Shaunti's books at [shaunti.com](http://shaunti.com).

**Gene Foley** hung out with **Tony Kanakry '87** in the fall and recently went skiing with his kids in Montana, including a day of snowmobiling in Yellowstone (highly recommended).

This fall, I started working with the National Wildlife Refuge Association, and Doug and I went to Sonoma, California for wine tasting and hiking. Back in Florida, outdoor Camp Gladiator workouts have become one of my few constants.

## 1990

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You've been quiet so I've taken to LinkedIn for our class updates. To those of you below who were snagged in my last-minute, deadline-looming search, apologies if I've misreported anything. Please reach out with additions or corrections, which I'll happily publish. **John Crosby** is managing director at the

American Institute of Architects in Washington, D.C. He earned an executive MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology in 2021.

**Todd Burski** is managing counsel, acquisitions, business development & commercial transactions at Nestlé USA, Inc. He lives in McLean, Virginia. He holds an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis (Olin School of Business) and a J.D. from George Mason University.

**Heather Rennie** is associate vice president, managing counsel at Merck, Regulatory & MRL. She lives in Philadelphia with her husband, Pat, and three kids.

**Christine Craun Davis** is vice president of marketing for HealthEdge in Atlanta, a company focused on providing industry-leading, business-transforming technology products to the healthcare payor market. Christine earned an MBA from Emory University (Goizueta School of Business). She is also an assistant scoutmaster for her son's Boy Scouts troop.

**Jim Moyer** has an MBA from Arizona State University (W.P. Carey School of Business). He leads the source-to-pay transformation globally at Mars out of the Hackensack, New Jersey, office. Jim has been a youth basketball coach for the past 15 years.

**Orlando Reece** has been vice president, category development officer at Univision for a year. He is also on the board of directors of LGBTQ Loyalty and Ulster County Office of Economic Development in Ulster, New York. Orlando is also a co-founder and co-owner of Gym Sportsbar (locations in New York City, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Los Angeles).

My lovely former roommate, **Karen Duncan**, is second vice president, counsel, investments and real

estate at The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America. She earned an M.S. in sports management from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a J.D. from the University of Richmond. She was living in New York City, but last I heard she was roughing it in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, with her husband, Neil.

**Kipp Snider** is national vice president, state policy, at Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). He lives in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife, Brenna, and their three children. We used to be friends. (Kidding, Kipp, kidding.)

**Jack Mahoney** is president & chief executive officer at Westwood Shipping Lines in Puyallup, Washington. Jack earned an M.S. in transportation and supply chain from the University of Denver. Prior to this role, he spent 21 years climbing the ranks at A.P. Moller-Maersk.

**Courtney Christensen** is associate director, alliance management & integration at Biogen. She holds an MBA from the Questrom School of Business at Boston University.

**Sharon Wible-Mankovich** is leading a new initiative for CVS — delivery of clinical trials to expand access and improve equity in clinical research. She earned her MBA from Emory University (Goizueta School of Business). Sharon is a member of the Leadership Advisory Council at Agnes Irwin school near Philadelphia, where her two daughters attend.

I did get one sad bit of news via **Bill Karn** and **Stephanie Ploszay Karn '91** in December. Our classmate **John Grant '91** passed away somewhat suddenly and the news hit the Pi Lams pretty hard. Visit our online notes to see a photo of the Pi Lam Outer Banks fishing trip in Nags Head, North Car-

olina (at Tortuga's Lie) this past summer.

Among those who got together via Zoom to toast John's memory were **Brian Eckert; Bruce Weaver; Robby Brown; David Logan; Kenny Bloom; Brian Fogg '91; Jon Swaney '91; Charlie Carter '91; Monty Mason '89; Greg Fernandez '89; Scott Schafer '89; Bob Russell '92, M.B.A. '98; Whitney Lester '93, M.B.A. '21; Alan Reed '88; Charlie Berzansky '89; Craig Gormley '93; Cliff Krug '92; John Fischel '91; Jason Elliott '92; Doug Malone '91; Mike Gibson '93; Chris Old '93; Joe Corcoran '93; Coby Beck '93, J.D. '98; and Kristy Oswald Shea**. John was well loved and will be dearly missed.

## 1991

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Dunlap, Professor Dunlap. That is what they are calling **Noelle Chalfoux Dunlap** these days. She started this past spring as an adjunct professor of digital photography at John Tyler Community College in Richmond. She taught photography to middle and high school students previously.

A Virginia business publication had a quick article about the work **Cliff Fleet '91, M.A. '93, J.D. '95, M.B.A. '95** is doing as president and CEO of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. The Foundation has partnered with W&M to relocate the Williamsburg Bray School, an 18th-century institution that educated enslaved and free Black children, from the campus to Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area. Cliff is a

member of the board of trustees of the William & Mary Foundation and was appointed by then-Governor Northam to sit on the American Revolution 250 Commission.

I am writing this column just as I start the virtual W&M Modern Leadership: Reflections and Tools for the Value-based Leader class. One class in and I am loving it! The course is 10 classes over five weeks with some incredible faculty and alumni speakers, including Cliff, **James Comey '82, LL.D. '08** and **Robert M. Gates '65, L.H.D. '98**, and led by Professor Pamela Eddy and **Michael Powell '85, D.P.S. '02**. And I was excited to see other familiar faces in the class including **Bonnie Joblin Crews '92** and my fellow Kappa Delta, **Kristen Calleja '93**.

Congratulations to **Steve Eubank!** He was promoted to chief deputy commonwealth's attorney for the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, where he has served as assistant commonwealth's attorney since 2019.

**John Nohinek's** law firm, Witherite Law Group, was featured in Fort Worth Magazine. John has his law degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law. His law practice's legal expertise is in car and truck wrecks. What I thought was interesting is that their attorneys attend a truck driver training school and drive 18-wheelers to give them a better perspective on their cases and clients.

In November 2021, **David Bulova** was re-elected to represent District 37, which is in Fairfax, Virginia, in the Virginia House of Delegates. He has held the seat since 2006. David has worked as a senior planner for AMCE Earth and Environmental Inc.

**Carolyn Dilley Dempsey** was also re-elected to serve a second three-year term on the Chatham, New

Jersey Borough Council. After graduation, Carolyn was an actor and singer in New York City. She and her husband, Brian, have lived in Chatham for 20 years and have three children.

**Kim Dietrich Westrich** has a new side hustle that is bringing a lot of joy and meaning into her life. By day, she is vice president of health services research at the National Pharmaceutical Council. She recently launched Kimpossibility, becoming a weekend life coach and yoga teacher. She is helping people who are stuck in survival mode see new possibilities for flourishing and thriving in their lives. You can check it out at kimpossibility.com.

Last December, the Washington Post had an article about **Todd Boehly '96** and **Jennifer Tepper Mackesy**. At the time, the two were part of a group looking to purchase controlling interest in the Washington Spirit women's soccer team. In 2016, she and her husband, **Scott Mackesy**, committed money to endow the head coaching positions of the Tribe's women's soccer and men's tennis team, the teams they played on during their time at W&M. Jennifer also chairs the William & Mary Foundation's subcommittee for athletics and serves on the board of U.S. Squash. They are both honorary co-chairs of the *All In* campaign for athletics.

As always, I would love to hear from you so drop me an email with what is going on in your life.

## 1992 30

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Happy spring! As we approach the end of the

current academic year, I give thanks for the success my children have experienced at college, but strive to empathize with the academic and affective challenges many of my high school students face each day. Please hang in there as you work with your own children or those of others.

**Charles Bowery** and his wife, **Mary Ann Miller Bowery '93**, live on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Charles is responsible for running the new National Museum of the United States Army and other historical programs as senior U.S. Army historian. Mary Ann is back home after two years away and works for the Army Staff. Charles coordinates the activities of the Association of 1775, which aspires to support veteran students at W&M.

**Corinna Barrett Lain** is in her 21st year of law teaching at the University of Richmond School of Law, where she holds the S.D. Roberts & Sandra Moore Professorship. She teaches evidence, criminal procedure and a class on the death penalty. In exciting news, Corinna's younger daughter, Jessica, has been admitted via early decision to W&M's Class of 2026!

**Carolyn Eaton-Nowinski** wrapped up several months of travel this past winter. After a break in Texas, she has returned abroad to the Baltics and England. You can read about her adventures at her blog: [www.let-me-show-you-the-world.com](http://www.let-me-show-you-the-world.com).

**Mike Rogers** and his family moved after 18 years in St. Petersburg, Florida. They now live in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, just south of Providence. Mike, Terri and their children love having seasons; they got to experience their first white Christmas! Mike has been working from home in marketing for Verizon for the past six years.

**Cece Bell** created a



Nothing feels quite like making a trip back home to William & Mary. This Oct. 6-8 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend will come alive with events for all classes and every age. You're invited to fall in love with alma mater all over again. You just have to get here.

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show called "El Deafo" that you can watch on Apple TV. It is a semi-autobiographical account about growing up deaf and attending school in 1970s-era Salem, Virginia.

**Kerry Deal** is an associate professor of voice and vocal pedagogy at the Boston Conservatory of Music at Berklee, an eminent school for music and the performing arts.

**Mike Holtzman** is president of Bellwether Strategies, a communications and consulting firm. Mike has earned a PR Person of the Year Award from a top industry magazine for leading the international communications campaign for Beijing's successful bid to host the 2008 Olympic Games. Mike has also played a key role in the recent commercial and cultural revitalization of Colonial Williamsburg and has served on the advisory board of W&M's Reves Center for International Studies.

**Tom Angleberger** has added another episode to DJ Funkyfoot's adventures. In his new book, "DJ Funkyfoot: Give Cheese a Chance," the titular energetic chihuahua serves as a butler and finds out it's not the easiest gig. Can he save the day by getting his boss, President Horse, to sign a peace treaty? Read and find out!

I look forward to sharing more as you share with me. Have a great summer! Please check email in coming months for news about our 30th Reunion.

## 1993

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As class correspondent, I have not heard from many of you recently. No doubt many of you do have news, and your humility is holding you back. Please, consider reaching out and dropping a line

or two about your life; it will give me something to share!

Fortunately, the magazine staff combs through media channels for stories and picked up a story about **Tracey Gilchrist** in The Smithfield Times. Here's the scoop in its entirety:

"School counselor Tracey Gilchrist is in her third year at Hardy Elementary, having 21 years of experience as a school counselor and a district administrator. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology from William & Mary and a master's degree in school counseling from Virginia State University.

"Gilchrist provides school-based counseling services in the areas of student academics, personal and social matters and career development — and even does home visits. She has coordinated projects to support students' mental health, academic achievements and school attendance, and serves as the 504 committee chairwoman and the school test coordinator for Hardy. She also served on the 2020 Isle of Wight County Schools social-emotional learning committee and is a former 'Handle With Care' trainer. Gilchrist lives in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, with her husband of 28 years and is the parent of three adult children."

As a former educator, I tip my tri-cornered hat to Tracey and the many others who have persevered in their work during most trying times. As for the rest of you, I patiently await your news. Finally, I want to invite all of you to consider planting a tree — or perhaps even 150 trees — on April 22, 2022, as Arbor Day in the U.S. celebrates its sesquicentennial. I continue to volunteer on the tree board for the City of Goshen, and the work of planting trees requires public and private partnerships and efforts. With warmer days ahead, it's a no brainer!

## 1994

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Starting off the new year with a poll (yes or no): Does anyone get confused as I report on things from a few months back? I've tried working on my soothsaying, but suffice it to say, I'm not very good at it. This time around, we're sharing some congratulations and a kudos or two.

Congratulations to **Lisa Desjardins** on earning the National Press Foundation's (NPF) Everett McKinley Dirksen Award for Distinguished Reporting of Congress for her reporting during and after the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol. Kudos, Lisa, for tackling that event as the only journalist reporting live on TV from the halls of the Capitol. PBS has a lovely article from Nov. 3, 2021. You can find the link in our online edition.

Congratulations to **Matt Fine** on his retirement from the FBI after 22 years of service. Matt has moved into the private sector, consulting for Deloitte, and stays involved with W&M through the Mason School of Business' Veteran to Executive Transition (VET) program, along with the Alumni Association and the Association of 1775. Keeping it busy, dude!

Exchanging emails with **Greg Wallig**, I learned that Greg's mother-in-law reads our magazines. That news made my day! Outside my vainglorious (ego) article, I'm proud to share that Greg was selected, for the second year in a row, as a member of Virginia Business Magazine's 500 most influential people in business — alongside W&M President Katherine Rowe. Greg: way to represent the class and the alma mater!

Lastly, **Pete Snyder**

is on the list again! Pete: I would love to get a blurb from you directly. I'm thinking with a few more of these updates, I could write you a biography. Pete was listed in Virginia Business Magazine's 500 most influential people in finance and insurance.

Thank you again to Greg and Matt for reaching out with updates. I would love to share more stories from our class. It does seem like we're doing fine things in the world and sharing is caring! T minus 2 years and counting to our 30th Reunion.

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Dr. **Benjamin Schwartz** recently became a medical advisory board member at PrecisionOS. Benjamin is an orthopedic surgeon at Sports Medicine North in Greater Boston, where he specializes in the treatment of hip and knee arthritis including joint replacement surgery. He earned his medical degree from the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine (2002) and then did a residency

in orthopedic surgery at Boston Medical Center (2007) and his adult reconstruction fellowship at the Anderson Orthopedic Clinic in Alexandria, Virginia (2008). In addition to his clinical work, he has extensive experience in digital health, serving as chief innovation officer for Healent, an early stage health care technology company.

Emmy-winning author **Jill Twiss** has written a new children's book titled "Major Makes History: From the Shelter to the White House." It tells the story of President Biden's dog Major and how he became the first shelter dog in the White House.

**Patrick McAloon '98** and his wife, Monica Xia, are happy to share with the Tribe community the re-opening of the historic Holladay House in Orange, Virginia. The Holladay House, built circa 1830, has six guest bedrooms and Second Empire-influenced rooms on the first floor suitable for intimate events. More information can be found at [www.theholladayhouseinn.com](http://www.theholladayhouseinn.com).

Hope you and your families are all doing well and staying healthy. Please keep sending your personal and professional updates my way at [amcoxx@hotmail.com](mailto:amcoxx@hotmail.com). We'd love to hear from you.

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**Amanda Engstrom Eversole**, executive vice

president and chief operating officer at the American Petroleum Institute, was featured in an article published on the Community Energy Center website in which she discussed her commitment to create opportunities for women and people of color in the natural gas and oil industry.

**Carter Higgins** recently authored two books. In "Audrey L and Audrey W: Best Friends-ish," readers meet two girls with the same name but little else in common. Over the course of a week, the two Audreys learn lessons about differences, acceptance and friendship. In "Circle Under Berry," young readers learn through the comparison of colors, shapes and objects that things are never as simple as they seem.

**Evelyn Vanderhorst Lee** was featured in an article in the Washington Business Journal in which she discussed her career in banking. Currently, she is the regional president for the greater Washington region for Truist Financial Corp.

**Thiri Thant Mon** shared that after almost 20 years of living in the United States and the United Kingdom, she moved back home to Myanmar (also called Burma) in 2013. Unfortunately, the country fell into a military coup, so she and her family moved back to London, their second home. Thiri wrote, "Please look me up if you are on this side of the pond!"

**Latoya Asia J.D. '09**, director of talent acquisition and workforce planning at Dominion Energy, Debbie McDade Ratliff, senior director of talent engagement at William & Mary, and **Kristen O'Neal Vaughan**, managing director of human capital practice at Accenture Federal Services, discussed the future of the Virginia workforce in a webinar moderated by

**Alexis Eatman Swann M.B.A. '93**, president of Virginia Peninsula/Williamsburg at TowneBank.

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Happy spring, Class of 2003!

Just a few notes this time.

Congratulations to **Bryan Walter**, who began a new role on Gordian's executive team as vice president and general manager of the federal solutions unit in Greenville, South Carolina. Brian joined Gordian with over 18 years of experience in management and technology consulting.

**Grace Bonney** released her latest book, "Collective Wisdom: Lessons, Inspiration, and Advice from Women over 50." The book is a compilation of wisdom from activists, writers, an Olympic athlete and a NASA team member. Congratulations, Grace!

In a personal update, I joined the team at BibleProject, an ed-tech organization and animation studio that creates resources to help people understand the Bible. So, yes, Mom and Dad, I AM using that W&M degree in religious studies, even if I did choose my major because the Wren classrooms are closest to Aromas.

Also, I'm excited for a spring break reunion with members of the Classes of 2002 and 2003 in April. I'll be sure to share how everyone looks and how they are impacting their communities in my next update.

Go Tribe!

## 2004

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Finally, the snow is melting. This past winter, it seems like no one was exempt from a snowfall (well, except our classmates who have wandered into the desert regions on purpose). I did not experience massive snowfall, but I did have to endure multiple days of a few inches each. And that was on top of minus 15 degrees Fahrenheit daily. Now, although the temps are warming back up, it seems political and world events are chilling. With the Russia/Ukraine issue, the lingering COVID-19 cloud on everything and stubbornness from both parties, I can truly believe Stephen Colbert's prediction a year ago — "we traded a one-term president for a one-term president." All the blame is not on one person, but a mentality as a whole. As we age, it seems like the "adults" (which include us), regress to a 4-year-old putting in all the Polaroid pictures with his sister at Crystal's Pizza & Spaghetti because he and his sister were not being the focus of attention at their own birthday party by their invited party guests. But I digress!

Since our last column, I have not heard from anyone. I am hoping that everyone is still doing well. You know, in these past few columns, I have never really asked people what they did/are doing during the pandemic. As for me,

it started when I attended a wedding reception for a friend and her husband in February 2020. The couple had honeymooned in Bali, and told us that they had to have their temperatures taken before getting on the plane coming back to the U.S. I did not think any more about it until early March, when I remembered going to an At Home store and the associates were telling people that in a few days, they would close the store and only offer online shopping for the time being. I remember driving on the roads and they had become eerily vacant, like in apocalyptic movies. It was nice to not really have traffic, but kind of unnerving. I did not experience the “toilet paper shortage” until my sister sent me a texted picture of my niece at Target, looking confused at all the empty shelves. Well, we all know how the rest happened.

You know, this column is not only limited to new jobs, marriages, accomplishments and births/expanding families. Yes, it is wonderful to receive and publish personal news of our classmates; however, this column is a typographical “family photo album/scrapbook” of the Class of 2004 that will never be completed until the name of the last member of this class is read at the evening Sunset Ceremony in the Wren Courtyard. I look back at our previous columns now and then, and I read about how excited a couple was about getting married. A few columns later, I am reading about the birth of their second child and a career move from Arlington, Virginia, to San Francisco. I also grin about how some of you read the column on a road trip while toasting our classmates with red Solo cups, or catch up on the lives of our fellow alumni while on vacation as some “beach reading.” Those are the memories to share and to include in our alumni story. I

even see how my writing style has evolved from a pretentious post-undergraduate to a working, middle-aged man from the Midwest.

I truly do hope to hear from at least some of you. Email me. Call me. Send me a letter the old-fashioned way. You know the drill. As always, I am wishing you and your loved ones the best.

Take care,  
—Owen

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Tribe family, it is with absolute sadness that I must share the following news. Our classmate **Patrick Warren Comstock** passed away at the end of January as a result of a tragic hiking accident in the San Jacinto Mountains of California. He is survived by his parents, Dr. **James R. “Ray” Comstock, Jr. ’76** and the Rev. **Ellen W. Comstock ’76**; his brother, Timothy L. Comstock; his partner, Fay Schneider; and a host of friends.

Not only did Patrick excel as a student at William & Mary — graduating summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa — he also received his M.A. from Pace University, his Master of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School and his Ph.D. from Columbia University Teacher’s College.

Patrick was a devoted educator with a career that ranged from teaching elementary students to master’s degree-seeking adults. His personal life was similarly eclectic. He excelled at physical pursuits such as cross country running, surfing and hiking, and was also an accomplished singer. Patrick’s curious and adventurous soul led him to travel avidly across many continents.

His friends remark on his kind, calming and com-

passionate presence.

Patrick’s family requests that memorial gifts be made to the W&M Athletic Educational Foundation (Cross Country), W&M Departments of Religious Studies or Music, or your local non-profit supporting public education. Alternatively, they suggest you plant a tree in Patrick’s memory.

Please take a moment to pause and reflect on this great loss suffered by Patrick’s family, friends and our class as a whole. His parents genuinely appreciate your solidarity and remembrance of their son. They have offered their address below should you wish to reach out with a personal note.

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In other news:

Last May, **Jacqueline Langholtz** and her husband, William Taylor, welcomed their first child, Gloria “Glo” Langholtz Taylor. Mom assured her that despite being born in Charlottesville, Virginia, baby Glo need not hide her affinity for the Green & Gold.

**Jennifer McLane Drake** and her husband, Mikey, gave birth to the darling baby Mason last February. And we’re all the better for it.

**Robert Dean Willey III** reports that he and his wife, Lindsay, are well into their second year of marital bliss. The Virginia Beer Co., of which Robby is a co-founder, is distributing not only in the Commonwealth, but also in parts of Europe and East Asia. Cheers, Robby. You go hark upon that ale!

**Derek Power** is an earnest musician and has released yet another (?) album called “キラヨシ - A Night of Ephemeral Transcendence.” It’s available on Bandcamp and other major digital platforms.

Last summer, **Andy Lau** earned the position of director of neurodi-

agnostics at Hearing & Balance Services of Reston, Virginia. Andy treats patients experiencing dizziness and balance concerns, performs comprehensive hearing exams and moonlights on the International Space Station. That last part was obviously a joke — or was it? Andy has moved back to McLean, Virginia, and is looking to connect with fellow alum. Hit him up!

**Stephanie Rudloff Brown, Cristina Viray Keeton** and **Ben Keeton ’04** competed in a Sprint Triathlon last summer in Williamsburg with Kinetic Sports. Each of their respective relay teams finished in less than two hours — BRAVO! Next time, might I suggest rehydrating at Virginia Brewing Co.? I know a guy. He’ll make you a deal.

Last year, **Emily Gorman Williams** and her husband, **Brendan Williams ’06**, moved to Davidsonville, Maryland, with their 4-year-old son, Eamon. Shortly thereafter, they gave Eamon the gift of a sister — baby Saoirse Joan Williams. She was wrapped and everything.

**Meghan Ewell Powers** was promoted to senior manager of web strategy at CarMax. Her first-grader, Nicole, and young son, Seán, are doing their darnedest to keep both Meghan and her husband of 11 years, **Chris Powers ’04**, busy. And happy. Especially happy.

Friends, it’s been a genuine pleasure getting to know more about you and your families these past several years. Thank you for taking the time to share your personal victories and special moments with me.

This will be my last update as class reporter. It has been rewarding and time well spent. [Editor’s note: We are grateful to Patience for her dedicated service to the Class of 2005! Ben Baldwin will be taking on the class reporter role, and he can be reached at bennett.

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My very best,  
Patience Burke

## 2006

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This edition of the magazine is being composed in January. The new year should bring lots of fresh starts and many new opportunities. My family is currently amidst COVID-19 quarantine, but I am looking forward to brighter days full of blessings and fun! I hope you are finding little things each day that make you smile and cause you to be positive and see things in the sunniest frame of life possible.

I am so happy to hear from some of my classmates who are doing just this ... making the most of life and focusing on the good! We heard from **Jeff Jaekle** and his brand-new wife, **Dina McNaughton ’11**. They waited a year due to COVID-19 and finally tied the knot in June 2021 on Martha’s Vineyard! They celebrated in style with several of their W&M Gymnastics team members, as well as friends and family! We are so happy for you Dina and Jeff! Hope this first year of married life brings nothing short of the very best happily ever after!

With the help of local and national news clippings, we learned some great things about other alumni who are making their mark on the world! The University of Arkansas announced in November that **Nathaniel Elberfeld** will be serving as a visiting assistant professor of architecture at the Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design. Congratulations to Nathaniel in this new endeavor, as well as for the wonderful showings and awards that he has had with his talented work.

Back in 2017, we heard about the amazing feats of alumnus **Steven Pruitt**. He has been at it again, now being known as the most prolific Wikipedia editor of all time! He began the little-known project back in 2004, but now has over 4.4 million edits under his authorship. That is quite amazing! As someone who looks up information on the web EVERY DAY, I am thankful for extremely intelligent and sharing people like you, Steven! I can't wait to see where his journey goes from here!

Finally, by way of the Echoes-Sentinel (New Jersey) we heard that great things are happening for **Alia Torres**. She was mentioned in an article in January announcing new staff for Warren Township elementary schools. Alia is one of 11 new staff members at the Angelo L. Tomaso School, where she will be serving as a school psychologist. Alia, I work very closely with our county's school psychologist and wish you a wonderful school year. Your work for your students and their families is indescribably important and vital. Congratulations!

That ends our notes this time. I challenge you to take a moment right now and stop and think about at least one positive, shiny, amazing thing happening to you right now. I'm sure it's there as long as you look around. And don't forget, you can always send me those moments to feature here, too! Wishing you a wonderful season filled with lots of bright days and wonderful moments! Until next time, hark upon the gale and Tribe Pride flowing your way!

Fondly,  
Amber Walker Giddings

**2007** 15

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I hope everyone is doing well and hanging in there as we have faced more than two years of experiences we certainly never foresaw when we graduated 15 years ago. Thank you to everyone working in the many different fields that are on the front lines of the pandemic. I am so grateful for you and for how you use your gifts to make the world better.

A big thanks to everyone who sent me updates. Please continue to email me anything you'd like to share with your classmates; a lot can happen in 15 years, and we would all love to hear your stories.

**Lauren Klap-  
per-Lehman Cameron** and her husband, **Daryl Cameron '06**, welcomed twins in January 2022. Sophie and Bennett joined their family a month early, but they are doing well.

**Steve Chanderbhan**, an associate professor of philosophy at Canisius College in New York, was a contestant on "Jeopardy!" His appearance was on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022. He ended the evening in second place with \$9,000.

**Lizbee Barth Hannah** and her husband, Trevor Hannah, welcomed baby boy No. 2, Webb Adam, on Nov. 8, 2021.

In November 2021, **Krysta Hardiman Herring** was chosen by the Baltimore Business Journal as one of their "40 Under 40" honorees, recognizing her as one of the top young professionals in the area. Krysta is vice president of asset management and leasing for Corporate Office Property Trust (COPT). She oversees the Columbia Gateway 2.3 million-square-foot office portfolio in Howard County and serves on the board of the Cybersecurity Association of Maryland, Inc. The Baltimore Business Journal's article quotes Krysta's advice to those wanting to pursue a ca-



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reer in commercial real estate: "You can control how hard you work, how well you have prepared, and how you treat people. Focus on those three things and you will be successful." Krysta lives in Annapolis, Maryland, with her husband and two children.

**Cass Morris** was featured in the "Winter 2021 Book Roundup" online exclusive article in the William & Mary Alumni Magazine. The book mentioned is "Give Way to Night," which was released in hardcover in 2020 and in paperback at the end of 2021. According to the article, "In the second book of the Aven Cycle, mages Latonia and Vibia must overcome differences to protect Aven from the resurgence of a cult that wants to destroy the city." Publishers Weekly praised this epic fantasy, saying, "The multilayered politics ... will keep readers hooked."

**Julie Owen Thompson** is enjoying being back at William & Mary while she works on her Ed.D., concentrating on K-12 administration. She is currently serving as the interim superintendent of Roanoke Rapids Graded School District in North Carolina. Most importantly, she is thankful for her husband, Scott, and their son, Alex, who will turn 11 in March 2022.

**Kara Keefe Printy** graduated residency in June 2021 and will be starting at a primary care office in Richmond, Virginia, in March 2022. Her family welcomed their second pandemic baby on New Year's Eve, Benjamin Francis. He joins his big sister, Margaret (5.5 years), and brothers Jack (4 years) and James (18 months).

**Jenn Sykes** lives in Hillsborough, North Carolina, fighting for affordable housing and smart development outside her 9-to-5. She has two dogs: Paige the Corgi and her new buddy, Trevor the Toto-looking dog.

**2008**

Class Reporter  
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Hello Class of 2008! I hope everyone is well and I hope you all are having a great spring. There are a few updates to report.

**Allison Finkelstein's** book, "Forgotten Veterans, Invisible Memorials: How American Women Commemorated the Great War, 1917-1945," was published in August. The book examines the role of American women in honoring those who served in World War I.

**Emily Suárez** wrote and illustrated a book called "The Healing Journal: Guided Prompts & Inspiration for Life with Illness." It was released in February.

**Tiana Patterson** welcomed a baby girl in July 2021. Her name is Gabrielle Naomi Patterson.

**Ally McIntosh Pulcini** and her husband relocated to Savannah, Georgia, in December 2021. They're loving the rich history of the area and being close to the ocean. Ally was recently promoted to associate director at the firm Cross-Country Consulting.

**Mea Geizhals** and **Charles Plummer** have two kids - Ari (4) and Dasha (1) - and live in Washington, D.C. Charles works at Booz Allen and Mea works at the ONE Campaign.

**Jacob Dreyer** lives and works in Shanghai and is the editor at a publishing company called Palgrave. Last year he published 63 books. He also writes about politics and science in China regularly; an essay of his about China's space program came out with Noema Magazine on Feb. 1. Together with a few other alumni, he gave a talk about U.S.-China relations to W&M students this past December.

Lastly, I was recently awarded the Front

Runner Award from Richmond's Chamber of Commerce (ChamberR-VA). This award is given to a career-bold young professional who is a driver, pacesetter and pioneer in their organization. I also recently started a new position as the associate director of employer relations at the University of Richmond.

Stay well and feel free to send your updates to [ajpinn08@gmail.com](mailto:ajpinn08@gmail.com) at any time.

## 2009

Class Reporter  
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Hello Class of 2009! By the time you are reading this, I hope you have successfully managed to get the music to "Encanto" out of your head and are on the road to recovery from Lin-Manuel Miranda's relentless hold on our collective brains, ears and hearts, damn him.

Thank you to those who shared your wonderful pieces of news with me so that the rest of our class can celebrate along with you. It is always so uplifting to receive your emails and hear you brag about yourselves. This winter has been in dire need of some good news and like always, you delivered. I am shocked no one sent their Spotify Wrapped, though.

Be sure to send me any updates and life milestones you are celebrating so they can be featured here and in the online class notes. Your class wants to hear from you, whether it is a new job, a wedding, a new family member or something outside of the norm. It is all important and worth sharing! Just send them to me at [afoiles@gmail.com](mailto:afoiles@gmail.com). There is also an online version which supports photos, so feel free to send those in along with your updates too.

Go Tribe!  
Andy

Updates:

**Tom Kinslow** and his wife, **Mary Bellini Kinslow '11**, recently welcomed their second child, Matthew Bellini Kinslow, on Monday, Nov. 8, at 8:45 a.m. Weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces and measuring 20 inches long, he joins his big sister, Sophie (age 3), and their dog, Chloe, both of whom are excited about the new arrival to their family and showing him around their home and neighborhood in the East Village of New York City.

**Katharine Schellman Paljug** and **Brian Paljug** welcomed their second child in September 2021, shortly after celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary. Katharine's newest book, "Silence in the Library," was released in July 2021. It is the second in her Lily Adler Mysteries series. The third Lily Adler Mystery, "Death at the Manor," will be arriving in bookstores in August 2022, shortly after she launches a new series with "Last Call at the Nightingale" in June 2022.

**Matthew Burns** recently bought his first home in Leadville, Colorado, where he is a ski instructor at Copper Mountain, and he cordially invites other classmates to visit and hit the slopes.

**Helen Chacon** was promoted to partner at Faegre Drinker, along with several others at the firm, effective Jan. 1, 2022.

**Seth Paltzer** and **Mary McKillop Paltzer '11** welcomed a son, Liam Michael, on Jan. 20, 2022. Liam is loved and adored by all, and especially by his big sister, Alexis.

**Shannon Tiezzi** serves as editor-in-chief of The Diplomat magazine. She recently moderated a discussion titled "U.S.-China Relations in 2022 and Beyond" with W&M alumni **Craig Broderick '81**, senior director at Goldman

Sachs, **Jacob Dreyer '08**, senior editor at Palgrave Macmillan in Shanghai, and **Earl Carr '01**, chief global strategist at Pivotal Advisors and editor of "From Trump to Biden and Beyond." It can be viewed on the online edition of these notes.

**Clarissa Delgado** is a nonprofit founder and CEO living in the Philippines. She and **Banan Malkawi '05**, a Washington, D.C.-based specialist in Middle Eastern and Islamic studies, are leaders of a new group that brings together William & Mary alumni of Asian heritage. The group is called Asian-Pacific Islander-Middle Eastern/Southwest Asian Alumni of William & Mary, or APIM. Since January 2021, the two women have met virtually each month with a leadership circle of about 25 alumni whose class years span more than four decades. They are featured in a W&M Alumni Magazine online exclusive article, "A Core Component of William & Mary's Identity, APIM Alumni Group Fosters W&M Connections Within a Diverse Community." You can find a link to the article in the online edition of these notes.

## 2010

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## 2011

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Hello Class of 2011! I hope you have been well and are surviving and/or thriving in 2022. As always, we have some fantastic announcements in our column! Be sure to check the online edition for some great photos that go along with your classmates' submissions.

This winter, my husband, **Andy Foiles '09**, and I welcomed our second son. There's no name announcement, though, because at the time of writing this, we are still waiting for his arrival, but hopefully it won't be too much longer (and hopefully we'll have a name picked out by the time he arrives)! Stay safe and be well.

**Kevin Alas** and **Kelsey Budd Alas** welcomed their third child, Anne Catherine, in July 2021. Their family of five recently relocated from Fairfax, Virginia, to the Richmond area.

**Christopher Bailey** and his wife welcomed their first child, Findlay Richard Bailey, into the world in November 2021. Mom and baby Finn are healthy and happy in Seattle.

**Grace Barnard** has been having a blast serving as an assistant coach for the William & Mary women's soccer team!

**Joseph Christesen** just got a job at SRI International working on quantum technologies after completing a National Research Council postdoctoral fellowship at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Joseph and his wife, **Sarah Ebert Christesen**, had a baby girl in July 2020 named Stephanie Wren Christesen. They live in Colorado, where Sarah teaches in the Boulder Valley School District.

**Teenie Beck Danese '12** and her husband, Joshua Danese, welcomed their first child, Johanna Evelyn Danese, on Sept. 8, 2021!

**Megan Castle Lenneman** and her husband, Bryan Lenneman, are expecting their first child, due on Pi Day (3/14/22)! Professionally, Megan was recently promoted to assistant director of education at Harvard Medical School.

After a year of waiting due to COVID-19, **Dina McNaughton** and **Jeff Jaekle '06** got married

in Martha's Vineyard on June 19, 2021, surrounded by their favorite Tribe Gymnastics friends and family.

**Alexz Noble** was promoted to senior associate at the law firm King & Spalding LLP and is currently a member of the firm's Trials and Global Disputes practice group. He resides in New York City.

**Mary McKillop Paltzer** and **Seth Paltzer '09** welcomed a son, Liam Michael, on Jan. 20, 2022. Liam is loved and adored by all, and especially by his big sister, Alexis.

**Jason Storbeck** left his job at YouTube last June so he could spend some time traveling and reinspiring himself. He spent July through December of 2021 outside the U.S. and was able to visit places including Croatia, Slovenia, Italy, San Marino, the United Kingdom, Malta, Greece, Martinique and St. Vincent.

On Nov. 16, 2019, **Sarah-Graham Turletaub** married Lance Carlile and gained two wonderful stepchildren, Sloane (age 15) and Dean (age 12). They currently reside in the small town of Marshall, Texas, where Sarah-Graham is teaching seventh-grade English in a local public school district.

**Mike Vizza** was named public relations manager for McDonald's Corp. and currently oversees public relations and brand reputation initiatives for the iconic restaurant brand in the western part of the U.S. He currently resides at Del Monte Beach in Monterey, California.

**Sam Schreck** married Georgia Horn at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden on Saturday Jan. 22. They were joined by W&M alumni from New York, Virginia (Arlington and Richmond), Baltimore and Florida. Sam and Georgia, who are both originally from New York, now live in Atlanta with their dog, Finn!

## 2012

Class Reporter

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Hello Class of 2012!

I hope you're all settling into spring after a winter full of bomb snow cyclones and Arctic temperatures. Many of you have become parents over the last couple of years, so you know the struggle that is "What should I do during my precious and fleeting free moments during naptime? Chores? Stare into the void? Shower?" I'm writing this note during nap No. 1 and I hope I'll be able to finish it in the next few days, ha!

Parenthood is ... wow. It's a lot! It's a lot of backwards math in order to make appointments on time, a lot of thinking ahead in order to ensure all the bottles are clean for the day's feedings, and it's A LOT of laundry. It's also a lot of firsts ... her first smile, her first babbles, the way she grips your hand — which seems impossibly huge compared to her tiny one.

This new phase has me thinking about how often we shed our former selves throughout life. When I moved into my dorm room at DuPont Hall in the summer of 2008, I remember feeling like I wasn't ready for college. I felt like college just sort of slammed into me like a wrecking ball and I had to grow around that uncomfortable feeling. I eventually did and it was the best four years ever (can we go back?!).

Parenthood feels a little like that so far, with the sleepless nights and wondering if we're doing everything "right," whatever "right" means. It's not something anyone can prepare you for or adequately explain, you just have to take the leap and trust that, in a sense, you've done this before

— perhaps many times. You've jumped in with both feet. You've pushed through those tough times and look at you now. You've shed your former self — maybe you don't even recognize who you used to be, but you've leveled up. You've grown.

Cheers to the growth that exists on the other side of what might feel uncomfortable or new at first. We got this.

"We cannot become what we want by remaining what we are." - Max De Pree

In Tribe We Trust,  
-Maddie

**Roger Bailey** received a Ph.D. in history from the University of Maryland, College Park, and started a postdoctoral fellowship at the United States Naval Academy.

**Kimberly George Hendrix '12, M.Ed. '13** and **Alexander Hendrix '12, M.Ed. '13** welcomed their daughter Margaret "Maggie" Hendrix on July 12, 2021.

**Jessy Segal** married Ian Magor on Feb. 12, 2022, in West Jefferson, North Carolina.

**Laura Ryan Flanagan** and Connor Flanagan welcomed their son, Joseph Charles Flanagan, on Dec. 11, 2021.

**Madeleine Bradsher Rowley** and Jay Rowley welcomed their daughter, Merritt Elizabeth Rowley, on Nov. 22, 2021.

**Sarah Fiorito** is engaged to be married to Shane Brennan. The couple currently lives in Los Angeles.

## 2013

Class Reporter

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Hello, Class of 2013!

Thank you to everyone who sent me updates and who keep this column full of good news. I so enjoy hearing from you, and I hope you have fun reading these exciting updates about our classmates, as well. Thank you for keep-

ing us connected!

To share some personal news, my husband, **Matthew Dziuban**, and I purchased and moved into our first house in Boston in the summer of 2021. That spring, I received a second master's degree and I'm now an English as a Second Language teacher to adult populations in and around the Boston area.

**Brittany Hull Johnston** volunteers on the board of the Tidewater Women's Soccer League in Chesapeake, Virginia, which has recently added an over-40 division to their program with great success. This local recreational soccer league is truly perfect for all women no matter their skill level or age!

On Oct. 12, 2021, The Las Vegas Review-Journal named **Joe Brady** someone the Las Vegas Raiders should consider for the open position of full-time head coach. He recently served as the offensive coordinator for the Carolina Panthers.

William & Mary's Winter 2021 Book Round-up, published on Dec. 13, 2021, included the latest novel by **Lauren Shippen Harrington**, called "Some Faraway Place: A Bright Sessions Novel." Last June, Lauren and other recent alumni discussed diversity in the arts and entertainment industry in the W&M Alumni Association virtual panel, "Diverse Voices in Hollywood — Young Guard Edition." Find a link to watch a recording of the panel in our online Class Notes!

Finally, congratulations to all of our classmates who are getting married, recently got married, or celebrated new additions to their family!

**Kelsey Chana Fish Soll** and her husband, Nimrod, welcomed their first child, a boy named Azariah Dov Soll, on May 21, 2021.

**Jasmin Harper** married Emanuel De Freitas in a beautiful ceremony

in London, United Kingdom, on July 16, 2021. Jasmin and Emanuel have been together since the spring of 2012 when they met during undergraduate study abroad programs in Lille, France. Jasmin and Emanuel both work in the financial services industry in the U.K., for the Financial Conduct Authority and London Stock Exchange, respectively.

**Anthony Batt** proposed to his longtime girlfriend, **Beteliem Toba**, on Sept. 16, 2021, in Williamsburg at the Wren Building. She said yes, and the couple are in the process of wedding planning.

**Amanda Garnier Gonnella** and her husband, Paul, welcomed their first child, a son named Malachi Nathanael, on Sept. 28, 2021.

**Delaney Carpenter** and her husband, **John Carpenter '15**, welcomed a baby girl, Julia Evelyn Carpenter, on Oct. 9, 2021.

**Elizabeth Duncan Carroll** and her husband, Chris, welcomed their first child, a son named Rory James Carroll, on Oct. 12, 2021.

**Graham K. Bryant '13, J.D. '16** and **Mary Seward Bryant M.S. '16** welcomed their first child, Rowan Keith Bryant, on Oct. 16, 2021.

**Christina Horton** married Kristen Lucas at Keswick Vineyards in Keswick, Virginia, in October, where **Athena Tellis, Rachel Steinberg, Angela McIntosh, Min Yoo** and Dr. **Laura Menzel Galo** were in attendance. The couple has moved into a house in Charlottesville, Virginia.

This May, **Audrey Poe** is marrying Andrew Terrell.

## 2014

Class Reporter

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Happy Spring, Class of '14! I hope you are safe and well and enjoying brighter days.

Please join me in congratulating **Kelly Berdelle Nyquist** and Nate Nyquist on welcoming their first child, Soren Michael Nyquist, on Oct. 22, 2021. Kelly and Nate live in Vienna, Virginia. I asked Kelly about any new books/hobbies/shows they had picked up while on a newborn's sleep schedule, but apparently there was no need! Soren sleeps through the night, and credit is given to the "Taking Cara Babies" newborn sleep class. Kelly testified, "It's a total game changer!" Congratulations, Kelly and Nate!

In other news, did you know that coral reefs cover less than 1% of the ocean floor, but 25% of all ocean life depends on them? I didn't either, but **Erin Spencer** did! Join me in congratulating her on the release of her children's book, "The World of Coral Reefs," published by Storey Publishing. Erin is currently a Ph.D. candidate in biology at Florida International University, studying the movement and behavior of great hammerhead sharks. I learned of her current studies and work as an author through her blog for the William & Mary Alumni Association, which you should read here: <https://young-guarde.pages.wm.edu>. And, of course, go check out her book! Congratulations, Erin!

## 2015

Class Reporter

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Hello, Class of 2015! It's been awesome to watch you all make big moves professionally this year. **Amanda Foody** recently co-authored the young adult novel "All of Us Villains," the first part of a duology about seven

families locked in a deadly intergenerational contest. The book made *The New York Times* bestseller list and the follow-up, "All of Our Demise," is due this August.

Meanwhile, **Joe Laresca** was named to Forbes' "30 Under 30" list, a huge honor! Joe is CEO of Noise, a marketing firm that's worked with a variety of pop culture's biggest stars.

**Troy Johnson** joined the law firm of Kaufman & Canoles, specializing in health care and litigation, after earning his J.D. from the University of Richmond.

Finally, a big congratulations to **Alex Coffey '16**, who recently has been assigned to the Philadelphia beat for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. Alex joins the *Inquirer* after leaving *The Athletic*, and she had an excellent piece over the holidays in *The New York Times* about recent National Baseball Hall of Fame electee Gil Hodges.

## 2016

Class Reporter  
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Class of 2016,

It's hard to believe it's been almost 10 years since we first stepped foot on campus — I hope everyone is doing well! Please find some updates from the Class of 2016 below:

**Jackson Eskay** and wife, **Courtney Mizerak Eskay**, had their first baby on Dec. 26, 2021. Her name is Elle Mizerak Eskay, and she joins a long legacy of Tribe alumni: Her parents, her paternal grandparents (**Bo Eskay '88** and **Jackie Bernard Eskay '88**), her paternal great-grandparents (**Bob Eskay '66** and **Lalie Forman Eskay '66**), her two uncles (**John Andrew Eskay '22** and **William Eskay '18**), her uncle's fiancée (**Haley Kavanaugh '17**), her great-uncle (**Steven**

**Eskay '98**), and her maternal aunt and uncle (**Gabrielle Mizerak Aguirre '13** and **Carlos Aguirre '13**), are all Tribe graduates (excluding John Andrew, who will graduate this spring).

**Rachel Rogers** and fellow W&M grad **Matthew Oplinger '18** got engaged last July, and will be getting married at the Wren Chapel this coming December! It will be a real W&M affair, with **Julia Canney**, **Madeline Schultz**, **Caroline Peterson** and **Emily O'Connell** in the bridal party. Matthew's brother **Gavin Oplinger '16** is one of the best men, along with his other brother, Michael.

**Matthew Camarda** married **Kellie Strand** on Nov. 14, 2021. Matthew and Kellie met at W&M and both graduated in the Class of 2016.

**Paxton Long** and **Beni Yuzawa** have started a band while living in Chicago called *Midamerican Elevator*. Beni and Paxton met at William & Mary through the cappella scene, where they both sang in the group the Intonations. There are five members in the band, including one other W&M alumnus, **Greg Taylor '17**. They are going to be releasing their debut album in the next few months.

Finally, **Will Manion**, an alumnus of William & Mary Men's Swimming and former competitor at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials, is now director of business development and strategy at Agrace.

Thank you to everyone for your updates! Best wishes until next time.

## 2017 5

Class Reporter  
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Class of 2017 — this year is our five-year reunion!

I appreciate all of you who have sent in updates and read our Class Notes.

Some of you I crossed paths with during our campus years, and others I am only meeting now through email, which is so interesting. I feel like back then I would meet someone in class, and it turned out they were a friend of a friend.

Who from our class have you kept in touch with? Are there any other alumni you've met since graduation, through networking or happenstance? I once wore a baseball cap with the cypher to Walt Disney World, which started a conversation with two fellow alumni on the boat to EPCOT.

I hope you're able to visit the 'Burg for our first official reunion during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend! If you are celebrating our reunion with friends — via Homecoming on campus or from wherever you are — take a picture together for the next Class Notes and send to me at [cdulisse@email.wm.edu](mailto:cdulisse@email.wm.edu).

Time for the news:

On Oct. 2, 2021, **Hai-ley Sabol** and **Elizabeth Dipert** wed in the mountains outside of Charlottesville, Virginia. Fun fact: Over 50% of their wedding party were also Tribe alumni! They currently live in Arlington, Virginia, with their cat and dog, and look forward to visiting Williamsburg soon.

## 2018

Class Reporter  
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In the days of the Spice Girls and velvet scrunchies (the 1990s), did your parents ever take you to play with a kid who had contracted chickenpox? Mine didn't, but I know a few people who attended chickenpox parties and sailed through the disease with flying colors.

With the omicron variant circulating this past winter, I feel like every

event has the potential to become a COVID-19 party. Most of my friends have contracted it and — like the chickenpox party days of yore — have been little more than inconvenienced. For whatever reason, the virus hasn't bitten me yet. That did not, however, prevent Washington & Lee's COVID-19 police from placing me in quarantine when a friend became ill shortly after hosting a board game night. Despite exhibiting no COVID-19 symptoms and feeling healthy enough to fume about illogical protocols, I have not been allowed to attend classes for the past several days. (Should I ask for a partial tuition refund?) I've devoted this time to jotting down every instance a member of W&L's COVID-19 police force has given me conflicting instructions, to making roasted tomato soup and to thinking about all the accomplishments you've achieved since our last issue.

Glenn Youngkin's gubernatorial inauguration has pulled **Skip Estes '17**, **M.P.P. '18** from Washington, D.C., into the welcoming folds of the Old Dominion. Skip has joined Youngkin's policy office and will spend the next four years in Richmond, Virginia. We're glad to have him back on this side of the Potomac.

Congratulations are also in order for **Quentin Paleo**, who married **Gabriella Carney** in the summer of 2021. **Patrick Rice**, **Kyle Brubaker** and **Caleb York** flew to Puerto Rico to serve as groomsmen in the wedding. Please send your warmest wishes for a lifetime of happiness to Gabriella and Quentin. We've reached the age where our friends are dropping to one knee or reciting vows every other time we turn around. If I see another social media post with "congratulations" directed toward the bride-to-be or the bride, I might just, on

behalf of Judith Martin (aka Miss Manners) and etiquette guru Emily Post, go into anaphylactic shock. Never congratulate the bride or bride-to-be. It's a backhanded insult implying that she should be applauded for catching a man because no one thought she could. Instead, tell her how happy you are for her (Doesn't that sound much nicer?) and congratulate the groom because he should be applauded for his great fortune in winning her hand.

**Hunter "Mac" McConville** has defied all the odds of our generation and has, despite majoring in English, purchased his first house. He's been working on renovations and insists he'll throw a housewarming party. I'll be the first at the door with some artichoke dip, a bottle of wine and a pitcher of iced tea.

Even those of us who have not yet been named in a deed as "grantee" have accomplished admirable feats. **Sarah Modlin** ran the Philadelphia marathon this past November and will have earned her master's in public health from Thomas Jefferson University by the time you're reading this. **Hollie Soave** has an Instagram account, @soave.knits, where she posts about the latest knitting patterns she has created and the ones she's developing, and has reached 10,000 followers, so she's officially famous. Hollie created and grew this account while in medical school, so she's also officially Wonder Woman.

**Joseph Levine**, however, might actually be a superhero in the flesh. This past summer when the Taliban reigned terror in Afghanistan, Joseph worked to evacuate families. Upon graduation, Joseph joined Team Afghan Power, a nonprofit dedicated to providing electricity to rural parts of Afghanistan. Now, he's providing some of the same families with

whom he worked with an opportunity for a safer future. (See the “Power Analyst” feature article about him in the fall 2021 issue of the W&M Alumni Magazine.)

Keep saving lives, teaching people to knit, running marathons, investing smartly, starting families and making Virginia sane again. It’s wonderful to hear from you all.

Cheers,  
PMB

## 2019

Class Reporter

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Hello my friends! I am succeeding my freshman hallmate, **Mona Sharaf**, as our class reporter. I hope that you are all doing well and remained safe and healthy throughout the pandemic. I think many of us felt grateful for graduating in the last “normal” year, but it was still jarring to be fresh graduates and then consumed with the many challenges associated with COVID-19. The pandemic created some extra distance between many of us with less travel and missed events, so I am so excited to use this as a way to keep in touch with my classmates despite feeling overwhelmed by law school most of the time.

If we did not have the pleasure of knowing each other at William & Mary, you might have found me studying in Swem, watching “Law & Order” in the French House, or working in Undergraduate Admission, depending on the year. I double majored in history and finance, so I was around Blair and Miller halls a lot as well. Over the past couple of years, **Matt Parciak** and I took advantage of remote work whenever possible. Matt interned at Christie’s in their design department just prior to the pandemic and currently works as a senior

associate in photography at Artnet Auctions. We spent a large chunk of last winter in Maine and some of the summer in Colorado. I was especially excited to see **Elizabeth Smedley** in Denver; she was visiting from London, where she’s been living since graduation.

I’m currently living in Gainesville, Florida, attending University of Florida Levin College of Law with **Perren Vasquez**, although I started my legal education a little later than Perren. Not to worry, **Gavin Hallisey ’21** and I have all of our classes together!

While I have a few years left in my legal education, congratulations to Perren and all of those finishing graduate-level education this year! **Hannah Menchel**, **Jerry Shaen** and many more of you are also graduating law school this spring. Jerry will be working at Ogletree Deakins in Philadelphia after law school! William & Mary seems to have produced an astonishing number of lawyers in the Class of 2019.

There are a growing number of engagements and marriages to celebrate in the Class of 2019 as well. Foremost among them, congratulations are in order for my freshman roommate, **Alex Gilliam**, and **Emma Forman** on their engagement! **Jackie Valles** is soon to be married to her fiancé, Michael Cruz. **Ishaan Thakran** and **Adriane Tomovic ’19**, **M.Acc. ’20** are also engaged to be married this summer. **Victoria Fong** and Eli Knittel were engaged this past summer, and her former roommate, **Josie Snow ’18**, married **Peter Bean** last summer. I should also congratulate **Grace Becker** and **Tom Parker ’18** on their marriage! Finally, I have to congratulate **Hannah Van Essendelft** and **Wade Hayes ’18** on their upcoming third wedding anniversary!

Many congratulations and exclamation marks to all of you now engaged or married! Let me know who I missed so that we can celebrate them as well.

I am so proud of your many accomplishments, but on to some gossip! Washington, D.C., was the place to be after graduation, but many of my friends decided to leave recently. **Klaire Gubler** left Arlington and joined **Abbey Hill-erich** in Boston, **Emily Deem** and **Chris Parios ’20** moved to Denver and **Cynthia Wang** made the move from D.C. to NYC to work for Bank of America. I have yet to visit Cynthia and **Mary Burns** in the infamous Murray Hill, but it is on my bucket list. I noticed **Jacob Rexrode** and **Luke Esposito** also departed D.C. for Richmond. Do we think the Class of 2019 is growing weary of our nation’s capital?

Again, let me know what you’re all up to. I’m excited to hear from you!

## 2020

Class Reporter  
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Class of 2020,

Congratulations! You’ve made it through another pandemic winter.

It’s been a tough time, and I’m continually grateful for the persistent efforts of our frontline workers. To those of you working in health care, thank you for the tireless, compassionate care you’ve shown to your communities. We appreciate you.

Here’s what a few of our classmates have been up to since I last wrote:

**Seth Fiderer** is working as an admission officer at Princeton University. He works primarily with applicants in the Midwest and the South.

**Jasmine Garnes** is completing her last semester at Howard University, where she will graduate in May with a master’s degree in social work. She is also currently interning at a nonprofit adoption agency called Adoptions Together. She has received job offers from the Department of Human Services in Washington, D.C., and hopes to end up working there with children and youth.

Over the New Year’s holiday, several 2020 grads ventured to Chicago to visit **Luke Benigno**, who is currently working as an operations coordinator for the National Women’s Soccer League, and **Marina Schlosser**, who is working at G2 as a market research analyst. Making the trek were **Lukas Eade**, **Matt Armentrout**, **Joe Dowell** and **Lizzy Smith**. Lukas is a client success and analytics manager at Nailbiter, Matt is working as an intelligence analyst at Dynamis, Joe is completing graduate work at the William & Mary School of Education, and Lizzy is a medical assistant with the Dermatology Associates of Virginia. The group attended a Chicago Bears game while together and keeps up with each other regularly.

**Abe Winterscheidt** is attending Boston University for his master’s in economics. This past summer, his short story “The Patter” was featured in Allegory Ridge’s fiction anthology, and his photography was recently featured on Kelp Journal’s website. Several of his other stories are pending publication later this year. He’s also adopted two kittens, Isadora and Necho.

**Alex Colton** and **Joseph W. White ’19** have developed a product that could help track prescription usage and keep medicine safe — a bottle cap that opens using a thumbprint. The patented FortisKap is expected to hit the Virginia market in spring 2022, and was

inspired by a discussion Alex and Joseph had about the opioid epidemic while attending W&M.

**Harper Birdsong** is completing the second year of a two-year master’s program in clinical mental health counseling. They are interning with Marion Swanson, a Williamsburg psychologist and the wife of Tribe coach Ed Swanson, and Deidre Connelly, director of performance psychology at W&M. Harper also recently applied to a Ph.D. program in counselor education.

## 2021

Class Reporter  
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Hello everyone, and a (belated!) Happy New Year! From your news, it sounds like you are all keeping busy:

**Sophie Kopec** has been working at Children’s National Hospital in Washington, D.C., since June 1 (right after graduation). She is a clinical research coordinator for neuro-oncology and loves what she has been doing!

**Daisy Garner** is currently teaching in English/U.S. culture in Vienna, Austria, and attending the University of Vienna. She says that it has been so fun to live abroad, make friends from around the world and work on her German/Chinese!

**Henry Lewis** recently completed a southbound thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail, covering the 2,200 miles from Maine to Georgia in five months.

This summer, **Khalil Russell** took a road trip across the country to the University of California, Davis for a Ph.D. in population biology. He also established the Crabber CAP Program this summer, designed to provide underserved high school students with college admissions coaching.

support and application scholarships.

**Rachel Kidd** is a first-year corps member of Teach for America. She currently teaches second grade in the Atlanta area in a Title I school, working every day to make a positive impact in the lives of her students.

**Carlton Reid III** says that one of his goals is to work for a think tank one day, so he used credits from his degree to pursue an online degree in mathematics at Liberty University. He wants to combine his philosophy degree with a mathematics degree so he can have more options as a researcher. He shared that he always struggled with math, but he is pleased to say that he's getting the hang of it. He is also developing his music skills and has a new release out as of Jan. 2.

Since graduating in May, **Alexia Kaelber** was hired at a local LGBTQ+ nonprofit, which he's extremely proud of. He works with folks experiencing homelessness to get them connected with housing and benefits. He's met some incredible people and he's excited to see what each day holds. He says that moving to a new city and starting his first adult job has been a beautiful journey and he's so grateful for all of it.

**Alexa Conti** writes: "Late September brought many changes and life milestones for me. I began my full-time job at CGI Federal as a business systems analyst. I also moved out of my beachside condo where I lived with one of my sisters and moved into a townhouse in the Ballston neighborhood of Arlington, Virginia, with my other sister. I am slowly readjusting back to the faster-paced life of the 'city.' As for the day to day, work naturally takes up the majority of the business week. Although the setting is still remote, I am learning new things every day. I have been placed on a

new team tasked with facilitating and enhancing the adoption, experience and transition of our U.S. Department of State customers to a new financial reporting suite. Outside of work, I have found a new appreciation for yoga and always make it a point to spend time with my family over the weekends. Travel has been minimized, of course, but I was fortunate enough to take a domestic trip to Asheville, North Carolina — an experience I was not expecting to enjoy as much as I did. Without dwelling too much on the continuously unfortunate situation the world is in, I am consistently looking forward to what the next day brings. Life after William & Mary has molded me to appreciate opportunities big and small."

**Nadiyah Cooper** says that she recently started a new position working with the Virginia General Assembly as the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee session assistant, which she is really liking so far!

Thanks for all the updates! Please continue sharing your news with me at [jmtauber@email.wm.edu](mailto:jmtauber@email.wm.edu) whenever you get the chance.

## Arts & Sciences

Graduate School Reporter

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**Lila Valencia M.S. '01** (psychology) became the city demographer for Austin, Texas, in March 2021 after working with the Texas Demographic Center for almost 12 years, as reported by the Austin Business Journal in September 2021.

**Leni Sorensen M.A.**

**'97, Ph.D. '05** (American studies) was recently featured in Netflix's "High on the Hog: How African American Cuisine Transformed America," as reported by the New York Times in September 2021.

**Cliff Fleet '91, M.A. '93, J.D. '95, M.B.A. '95** (history) joined The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in early 2020 as its ninth president and CEO. The Foundation has been working with W&M to relocate the Williamsburg Bray School from W&M's campus to Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area, per articles in the online W&M Alumni Magazine and in Virginia Business magazine.

## Mason School of Business

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Greetings! I hope your 2022 is still going well and that you're enjoying some warmer weather. We have exciting updates from our fellow Mason alumni, and it's truly wonderful to have reasons to celebrate as a community! Our Tribe bonds can be life-giving and lifelong. I'm very grateful for all of my W&M friends across the country and our unique bonds. I hope you have the same.

My big news is that I recently accepted an offer for a principal-level consulting role at North Highland, specializing in organizational change strategy and leadership. Please keep me posted about milestones happening in your life that we can celebrate and share with others. My email address is [angelapcourt-](mailto:angelapcourtney@gmail.com)



Nothing feels quite like making a trip back home to William & Mary. This Oct. 6-8 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend will come alive with events for all classes and every age. You're invited to fall in love with alma mater all over again. You just have to get here.

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[ney@gmail.com](mailto:ney@gmail.com), and I look forward to hearing from you.

**Cliff Fleet '91, M.A. '93, J.D. '95, M.B.A. '95** is president and CEO of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, which recently raised over \$62 million in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic while expanding the organization's digital footprint. Cliff is also chair of the William & Mary Foundation board of trustees and has been appointed by the Virginia governor to serve on the American Revolution 250 Commission. He was formerly the president and CEO of Philip Morris USA.

**Grant Hagen M.B.A. '00** has been named president of cyber and electronic warfare at HII Technical Solutions, a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries. This is a promotion from his prior role as vice president of business operations.

**John Hickman M.B.A. '92** has been named the new director of the Salisbury University Business, Economic and Community Outreach Network (BEACON). He was previously director of the U.S. Small Business Administration Maryland Small Business Development Center, Eastern Region.

**Paul Hoelting M.B.A. '01** recently became president of TForce Freight in Richmond, Virginia. TForce Freight was previous known as UPS Freight and is now owned by TFI International in Canada. Paul is also a member of the Virginia board for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

**Brittany Jeffries M.B.A. '16** was selected as a recipient of the 2021 Inside Business Top 40 Under 40 list in Hampton Roads. This is a significant honor that awards young professionals who are successful in their careers and involved in the community. Brittany has been with The Garcia Cos. for eight years and

currently serves as vice president.

**Sandy Kauanui M.B.A. '92** is the founder and director of Florida Gulf Coast University Daveler & Kauanui School of Entrepreneurship, which supports unlikely student entrepreneurs in the Southwest Florida area as they start and grow their businesses. Since the program's founding in 2016, students have launched an impressive 462 businesses. In addition, the Princeton Review has recognized the program as one of the top entrepreneurship programs for undergraduates in the country.

**Michael Parent M.B.A. '19** was recently recognized with the prestigious 40 under 40 "Rising Stars" award by the American Society for Quality (ASQ), a professional organization. Michael oversees a consulting firm, Michael Parent Consulting Services, and is a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt at AAA in Dearborn, Michigan.

**Lauren Soles M.B.A. '16** got married on Nov. 12, 2021, to Aaron Templeman. She and Aaron will continue living in Richmond, Virginia, as they start their newlywed life together. Lauren is currently working as business development director for BDO in Richmond.

**Alexis Swann M.B.A. '93** is president of Virginia Peninsula/Williamsburg at TowneBank and recently moderated a panel discussion on the Future of the Virginia Workforce. Panelists of this timely discussion included **Latoya Asia J.D. '09**, director of talent acquisition & workforce planning at Dominion Energy, **Debbie McDade Ratliff**, senior director of talent engagement for University Advancement at William & Mary, and **Kristen Vaughan '00**, managing director of human capital practice at Accenture Federal Services.

**Brian Winterstein M.B.A. '10** has joined Pyramid Healthcare based in the Hampton Roads, Virginia, area as their executive vice president and chief human resources officer. Pyramid Healthcare is one of the largest integrated behavioral health care systems in the United States. Brian is known for his proven track record of success in creating collaborative relationships that lead to both positive business and people results.

## School of Education

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As reported in the Sullivan County Democrat on Nov. 30, 2021, **Kathleen Bressler Ed.D. '12** will serve as the interim superintendent of schools in the Sullivan West Central School District in New York from January to June 2022.

Willis Hall was recently dedicated in honor of **Hulon L. Willis Sr. M.Ed. '56**, a veteran, professor and the first African American student to enroll at William & Mary. On Oct. 9, 2021, Willis Hall (previously named Taliaferro Hall) was officially dedicated. In attendance were **Hulon Willis Jr. '77**, his daughter, **Kimberly Willis Miles '80**, and his granddaughter, **Mica Willis '13**, and her wife, Emily Rawdon.

**Aynn Parham M.A.Ed. '18** is teaching Virginia's new African American history course at Jamestown High School in Williamsburg. The course covers African American history from pre-Colonial days to today, with an emphasis on primary and secondary sources. Parham also serves as the president of

the Williamsburg-James City County Educational Association.

**Victoria Carroll Pierson M.A.Ed. '17** is developing a language program for the Richmond Public Schools. Richmond just received the Virginia Department of Education K-12 School Innovation Planning Grant. Victoria will use this grant to pilot a dual language program at an elementary school in Richmond.

## Law School

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See the website for much more.

**David L. Short '62, B.C.L. '64** passed away on Nov. 23, 2021.

The Hon. **Timothy M. Broas J.D. '79** joined Wilson Sonsini in its government investigations practice group.

**David L. Robbins '76, J.D. '80** published "Isaac's Beacon."

**James Irving J.D. '81** published "Friend of the Court," his third book in the Joth Proctor "Fixer" series.

**Catherine M. McNally J.D. '81** was elected mayor of Grand Haven, Michigan.

A park in Chesapeake, Virginia, has been renamed after the Hon. **Eileen A. Olds J.D. '82**, the first Black woman judge to serve on the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Chesapeake.

**Walter R. Calver J.D. '83** was elected a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel.

**Jim Miller J.D. '85** was named interim director of intercollegiate athletics at the Virginia Military Institute.

**Julie Currin J.D. '87** has established the Equal Justice Center PLC with offices in both Virgini-

ia Beach and Henrico, Virginia.

**Donald P. Boyle Jr. J.D. '89** launched a boutique firm, Continuum Legal Group.

The Hon. **Kathleen D. English J.D. '94** was appointed to the Local Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland.

The Hon. **William J. Trezvant J.D. '94** was sworn in as associate judge of the Rhode Island District Court.

**Elizabeth "Beth" Bruns J.D. '95** was promoted to vice president for business affairs at PBS.

**Daniel D. Barnes J.D. '96** was promoted to member at Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi.

**Krystia Kubiak J.D. '97** was appointed as city solicitor for the City of Pittsburgh.

**Vivieon Kelley Jones '96, J.D. '99** was named assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Georgia.

**L. Judson Welle J.D. '00** has joined Goodwin Procter LLP as a partner.

**Toyja E. Kelley J.D. '01** has joined Locke Lord LLP's litigation group as a partner.

**Henry D.W. Burt II J.D. '02** is now the chief administrative officer at Troutman Pepper.

**Kendra L. Roberson J.D. '03, M.P.P. '03** has joined Faegre Drinker as partner in the Benefits and Executive Compensation Practice Group in Washington, D.C.

**Mary "Molly" Iams J.D. '05** was promoted to general counsel at The New Albany Co.

**M. Janelle Lyons J.D. '05** was presented the 2021 Distinguished Leader in Diversity and Inclusion Award by Cranfill Sumner LLP.

**Jason S. Miyares J.D. '05** was elected Virginia attorney general.

**Kristine Wolfe J.D. '05** published her first novel, "Fractions of Sanity."

**Hannah Hutman J.D. '06** was appointed to the Board of Directors at F&M Bank (Virginia).

**Michael W.S. Lockaby J.D. '06** was appointed town attorney for Bedford, Virginia.

**Matthew A. Shaw J.D. '06** was appointed to the Corporate Advisory Board at Tauriga Sciences Inc.

**Doug Smith J.D. '06** is now counsel at Mayer Brown LLP in Los Angeles.

**Kenneth R. Wiggins J.D. '06** was appointed as co-chair of Akerman LLP's M&A and Private Equity Practice.

**Douglas S. Griswold J.D. '08** is the new section chair for Health Care and Non-profit Service Groups at Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel P.C.

**Shukita Massey J.D. '08** recently published a children's book, "Oh, Parker!"

**Brian McNamara J.D. '08** has joined the Tulane School of Professional Advancement as a professor of practice, public administration.

**Corey D. Kaplan J.D. '10** was promoted to partner at David & Gilbert LLP.

**Joseph F. Mauk J.D. '10, M.B.A. '10** passed away.

**Steven G. Poppo '06, J.D. '10** has been selected for the attorney general of Virginia's leadership team.

**Christina Sartorio Ku J.D. '12** has been elected partner at Connell Foley LLP.

**James T. Graves J.D. '14** has been elevated to the partnership of Stael Rives LLP.

**Eric J. Sutton J.D. '16** has joined Baylor Evnen LLP.

**Thomas Ringler-Lantzy J.D. '17** passed away on Dec. 28, 2021.

**G. Garrison Tolbert J.D. '17** passed away.

**Taylor Trenchard J.D. '17** has joined the office of state Sen. Brendan Crighton, a Democrat representing Massachusetts' Third Essex district, as his chief of staff.

# Virginia Institute of Marine Science

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**David Fugate M.A. '96, Ph.D. '02**, who some may remember by his early VIMS email handle "Undave," was recently promoted to professor in the Department of Marine and Earth Sciences at Florida Gulf Coast University. Dave's current research investigates the turbidity maximum in Florida's Caloosahatchee River and the relative importance of freshwater

discharge and tidal energy to vertical mixing and hypoxia in the river. Other research interests include the hydrodynamics and associated sediment transport around sea grass beds and particulate flux of phosphorus in storm treatment areas.

**Lori Sutter Ph.D. '14** shared an update that she joined the University of North Carolina Wilmington Department of Biology and Marine Biology at the Center for Marine Science in January 2022. Lori was previously at the University of Georgia's Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources since 2015. Lori reports that she and her foster-fail dog are settling into Wilmington and she is looking forward to continuing her research into the effects of climate change, particularly sea-level rise, on tidal marshes. Lori joins fellow VIMS alumni at UNCW: **Ai Ning Loh M.S. '98, Ph.D. '02** in the Department of Earth and Ocean

Sciences and **Jessie Jarvis M.S. '05, Ph.D. '09** in Department of Biology and Marine Biology.

Readers, your class reporters, Scoop Hinchey and Newshound Nestlerode, want your updates for future columns. Call in more "Quips" to share with fellow alumni — y'all know who you are!



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# In Memoriam

READ FULL OBITUARIES ONLINE

Below, you can read the names of members of the William & Mary community whose passing was reported between Oct. 7, 2021, and Feb. 8, 2022.

**To read extended obituaries, please go online to our magazine website at [magazine.wm.edu/in-memoriam](http://magazine.wm.edu/in-memoriam).** Please send information to Alumni Records, P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187, call (757) 221-1167 or email [alumni.magazine@wm.edu](mailto:alumni.magazine@wm.edu).

## UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

**Sarah “Betty” Elizabeth Moore Alexander ’42** of Yorktown, Virginia, died Oct. 6, 2021.

**Otho “O.W.” Wescott Custis ’43** of Painter, Virginia, died Jan. 22, 2022.

**Dr. John Wesley Todd III ’43** of Mount Solon, Virginia, died Oct. 10, 2021.

**Florence Gray Brooks Goedjen ’44** of De Pere, Wisconsin, died Oct. 18, 2021.

**Justine “Juddy” Paula Rodney Solomon ’45** of Cincinnati, Ohio, died Dec. 31, 2021.

**Harriet Irvin Rutland ’46** of Austin, Texas, died Dec. 4, 2021.

**Dora Plotnick Goldberg ’48** of Charlottesville, Virginia, died Nov. 2, 2021.

**Jane Byrd Eastham Rottier ’48** of Annandale, Virginia, died Jan. 23, 2022.

**Ethel Ysobel Pollock Goldman ’49** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Dec. 8, 2021.

**Waverly Dean Hall ’49** of Visalia, California, died Dec. 3, 2021.

**Robert “Bob” Melvin Carter ’50** of Walnut Creek, California, died Jan. 2, 2022.

**James Barrie Davidson Sr. ’50** of Leonia, New Jersey, died Dec. 19, 2021.

**Eugene Rae Harcum ’50** of Poquoson, Virginia, died Nov. 14, 2021.

**Simon Whitaker Nelms ’50** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Dec. 13, 2021.

**Virginia “Skippy” Beecher Scrymgeour ’50** of Arlington, Virginia, died Dec. 19, 2021.

**David McCloy Steck ’50** of Columbia, South Carolina, died Dec. 9, 2021.

**Lucille Gerber King ’51** of Englewood, New Jersey, died Nov. 1, 2021.

**Emma “Brown” Brown Fraher Mobley ’51** of White Stone, Virginia, died Sept. 22, 2021.

**Lucy Sorenson Pape ’51** of Newport News, Virginia, died Oct. 19, 2021.

**Willis “Bill” Horatio Burton Jr. ’52** of Kilmarnock, Virginia, died Jan. 9, 2022.

**Joseph “Joe” Martin Levy ’53** of Glen Allen, Virginia, died Sept. 20, 2021.

**John Harris Munger ’53** of South Burlington, Vermont, died Oct. 24, 2021.

**David “Dave” Eugene Berry ’54** of Sebastian, Florida, died Oct. 27, 2021.

**Bernard Faulcon Hartwig ’54** of Norfolk, Virginia, died Nov. 7, 2021.

**Marilyn Nelson ’54** of Henderson, North Carolina, died Jan. 26, 2022.

**Zelda Wildman Wilkins ’54** of Warwick, Rhode Island, died Nov. 26, 2021.

**Suzanne “Shan” Duis Hayward Carico Freeman ’55** of Redondo Beach, California, died Dec. 12, 2021.

**Frederick “Fred” Bage Malvin ’55** of Williamsburg died Feb. 4, 2022.

**Philip “Phil” Alan Thorp ’55, M.Ed. ’56** of Williamsburg died Dec. 8, 2021.

**Cmdr. David Hayden Bowling ’56** of Norfolk, Virginia, died Nov. 15, 2021.

**Hon. William “Bill” Lunsford Person Jr. ’56** of Anaheim, California, died Jan. 4, 2022.

**Carole Ann Virginia Lawler Drake ’57** of Charlotte, North Carolina, died Nov. 16, 2021.

**Bensley “Ben” Hammond Field ’57** of Richmond, Virginia, died Oct. 18, 2021.

**William S. Overton ’57** of Suffolk, Virginia, died Dec. 6, 2021.

**Ann Washington Vaughan Riggenschach ’57** of Williamsburg died Nov. 2, 2021.

**Edward Kimball Call ’58** of Santa Monica, California, died Dec. 8, 2021.

**Sally Jane Applegate Giovanos ’58** of Cranbury, New Jersey, died Oct. 23, 2021.

**George Ronald Royer ’58** of Oregon, Ohio, died Oct. 17, 2021.

**Charles “Wally” Wallace Wood ’58** of Williamsburg died Jan. 16, 2022.

**Laura “Laurie” Anne Jenkins Goodrich ’59** of Wakefield, Virginia, died Oct. 14, 2021.

**Mary Ann Sherman Halpern ’59** of Midlothian, Virginia, died Dec. 12, 2021.

**Elizabeth Hight Hutchinson-Sperry ’59** of Punta Gorda, Florida, died Jan. 19, 2022.

**Barbara Adele Beasley Ortman ’59** of Spring Lake, New Jersey, died Dec. 13, 2021.

**Joan Gwendolyn Stanton ’59** of Memphis, Tennessee, died Oct. 18, 2021.

**Charles “Charlie” Hill Collison ’60** of Endwell, New York, died Oct. 15, 2021.

**Rosalie Ann Schmitz Johnson ’60** of Rosharon, Texas, died Nov. 24, 2021.

**Rev. William Pegram Johnson III ’60** of Richmond, Virginia, died Nov. 25, 2021.

**Patricia “Pat” Smith Pheris ’61** of Newark, Delaware, died Dec. 6, 2021.

**Bama McNeill Rogers ’61** of Deland, Florida, died Dec. 12, 2021.

**Elizabeth “Beth” Randolph Humrickhouse Secules ’61** of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, died Oct. 4, 2021.

**Richard “Dick” Lockey Strean ’61** of Ashburn, Virginia, died Nov. 4, 2021.

**Brenda Jane Lucas Condra ’62** of Charleston, South Carolina, died Oct. 14, 2021.

**Carol Ann Duke Lisi ’62** of Alexandria, Virginia, died Dec. 8, 2021.

**David Lee Short ’62, B.C.L. ’64** of Williamsburg died Nov. 23, 2021.

**Susan Elliott Crockett-Spoon ’63** of Wichita, Kansas, died Nov. 18, 2021.

**Emily “Cathy” Catherine Day ’63** of Ypsilanti, Michigan, died Oct. 1, 2021.

**Jo Ellen Kessler ’63** of Ocala, Florida, died Dec. 7, 2019.

**Katherine “Betty” Elizabeth Joseph Kucewicz ’63** of Austin, Texas, died Jan. 30, 2021.

**Sarah “Sally” Siegenthaler Lichtenstein ’63** of Sanibel Island, Florida, died Nov. 8, 2021.

**Keith Edward Blackburn ’64** of Gate City, Virginia, died Nov. 8, 2021.

**Robert Burton Tucker ’65** of Keysville, Virginia, died Nov. 1, 2021.

**Jay-Louise Weldon ’65** of Montclair, New Jersey, died Sept. 8, 2021.

**Jeanette “Jennie” Roberts Nottingham Bass ’66** of Atlanta, Georgia, died Jan. 18, 2022.

**Rebecca “Becky” Kellam Chalmers ’66** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Dec. 9, 2021.

**Edward Colston Newton IV ’66, J.D. ’69** of Callao, Virginia, died Nov. 3, 2021.

**Emma Dorcas Akens Williams ’66** of Dumfries, Virginia, died Sept. 26, 2021.

**Judith “Judy” Andrea Johnson Zummo ’66** of Locust Grove, Virginia, died Dec. 5, 2021.

**Michael Leonard Delaney ’67** of Reston, Virginia, died July 10, 2021.

**Kirby Powell Sims ’67** of Selma, Alabama, died Dec. 3, 2021.

**Elizabeth “Sookie” Huntley Alvis ’68** of Harrisonburg, Virginia, died Jan. 19, 2022.

**Imogene “Peachie” Mary Green ’68** of Silver Spring, Maryland, died Sept. 17, 2021.

**Anne Bradstreet Smith ’68** of Williamsburg died Dec. 27, 2021.

**Nadia Tongour ’68** of Washington, D.C., died Jan. 8, 2022.

**Craig Robert Burgraff ’69** of Williamsburg died Dec. 23, 2021.

**Patricia “Pat” Helen Sholder Dillon ’69** of Crystal Lake, Illinois, died Nov. 23, 2021.

**Clifford “Cliff” Fry Lindsay ’69** of Cambridge, Virginia, died Jan. 10, 2022.

**Douglas Charles Volz ’69** of Wilmington, North Carolina, died Jan. 10, 2022.

**Joyce Jolliffe Bright ’70** of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, died Jan. 23, 2022.

**Thomas Leo Bright ’70** of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, died June 25, 2021.

**Jennifer Rebecca Samuels Cashen ’70** of Danville, Virginia, died Sept. 26, 2021.

**Donald Mervin Harrison ’70** of Oakton, Virginia, died May 25, 2020.

**Robert “Bob” MacFarlane Pope Jr. ’70** of Raleigh, North Carolina, died Nov. 29, 2021.

**John Barrett Davey ’71** of Lancaster, Massachusetts, died Jan. 14, 2022.

**Mark Owings Shriver IV ’71** of Williamsburg died Oct. 25, 2021.

**Linda Marie Hudgens Sidebottom ’71, M.Ed. ’81** of Williamsburg died Sept. 25, 2021.

**Penny Sondra Martin Housman ’72** of Salisbury, Maryland, died Nov. 5, 2021.

**James Bernard Imhof ’72** of Sacramento, California, died.

**Ann Hathaway Marrs ’72** of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, died Jan. 16, 2022.

**Calvin Edward Remsberg ’72** of Palm Springs, California, died Jan. 29, 2022.

**George “Alex” Alexander Stephenson ’72** of Richmond, Virginia, died Oct. 24, 2021.

**Nancy Bryan Johnston ’73** of Chesapeake, Virginia, died Oct. 30, 2021.

**Christopher “Chris” Haydn Walters ’74** of Ijamsville, Maryland, died Oct. 1, 2021.

**Joan Douglas Kendrick Wingfield ’74** of Richmond, Virginia, died Jan. 8, 2022.

**William Dodge Havens III ’75** of Richmond, Virginia, died Nov. 3, 2021.

**Cynthia Sue “Bambi” Maxwell ’76** of Atlanta, Georgia, died Nov. 29, 2021.

**Lynn Ellen Sink Allen ’77** of Midlothian, Virginia, died Sept. 25, 2021.

**Herbert Wade Britt ’77** of Gloucester, Virginia, died Sept. 21, 2021.

**Paul Vincent Gapcynski ’77, M.B.A. ’94** of Williamsburg died Nov. 30, 2021.

**George Anderson Harrison ’78** of Hopewell, Virginia, died Oct. 16, 2021.

**Glen Alan Simmons ’78** of Pineville, North Carolina, died Oct. 18, 2021.

**Dhanobroto “Broto” Roy ’80** of Vienna, Virginia, died Dec. 29, 2021.

**Pamela “Pam” Lynn Pritchard Edmondson ’81** of Rome, Georgia, died Dec. 25, 2021.

**Dr. Sanford Neil Morrison ’81** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Jan. 6, 2022.

**Stuart Perinchief Rogers ’81** of Louisburg, North Carolina, died Dec. 5, 2021.

**Jack “Tony” Anthony Schwaner Jr. ’81** of Newport News, Virginia, died Oct. 24, 2021.

**Timothy “Tim” Bland Wilson ’84** of Vienna, Virginia, died Nov. 23, 2021.

**James “Jim” McCaw Pickrell Jr. ’85** of Norfolk, Virginia, died Nov. 11, 2021.

**Charles “Chip” S. Roberson ’85, M.S. ’89** of Sonoma, California, died Nov. 21, 2021.

**Stephen George Dzin-cielewski ’86** of Toms River, New Jersey, died Oct. 30, 2021.

**William “Bill” Standley Stokes IV ’87** of Alexandria, Virginia, died Jan. 3, 2022.

**Monique Travelstead McNamara ’88** of Alexandria, Virginia, died Nov. 3, 2021.

**William “Bill” Gordon Kossler ’89, M.A. ’94** of Richmond, Virginia, died Dec. 9, 2021.

**Christina Fuhry O’Shea ’89** of Williamsburg died Nov. 23, 2021.

**Rev. Fr. David William Hudgins ’91** of Adrian, Michigan, died Jan. 3, 2022.

**Abigail “Abby” Beth Rosenson Overton ’92** of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, died Oct. 21, 2021.

**Kelly “K.T.” Lyn Stafford ’96** of Chesapeake, Virginia, died Dec. 17, 2021.

**Ryan Christopher Popple ’00** of Half Moon Bay, California, died Dec. 14, 2021.

**Maureen O. Feldbaum ’03** of Greenville, South Carolina, died Feb. 13, 2021.

**Roman Seth Griffin Dent ’12** of Brentwood, Tennessee, died Oct. 19, 2021.

**Philip Issac Robinson ’14** of Winchester, Virginia, died Jan. 7, 2022.

#### GRADUATE ALUMNI

**Preston Caperton Shannon B.C.L. ’52** of Midlothian, Virginia, died Nov. 12, 2021.

**Samuel “Sam” Watts Phillips B.C.L. ’54** of Richmond, Virginia, died Jan. 19, 2022.

**Ralph DeWitt Katherman B.C.L. ’57** of Henrico, Virginia, died Oct. 9, 2021.

**Ethel “Sydney” Atkinson Watson Diggs M.Ed. ’59** of Diggs, Virginia, died Oct. 8, 2021.

**William Herbert Michael Jr. M.A. ’62** of Newport News, Virginia, died Jan. 15, 2022.

**Dorothy “Jean” Jean Atkinson M.Ed. ’64** of Newport News, Virginia, died Nov. 11, 2021.

**Alexander McDonald Fleet M.Ed. '64** of Irvington, Virginia, died Sept. 10, 2021.

**Ruth Osborne Watts M.Ed. '64** of Portsmouth, Virginia, died Dec. 24, 2021.

**Ruby Virginia Stroebel Bower M.Ed. '68** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Sept. 27, 2021.

**John Chilton Reed J.D. '68** of Fishersville, Virginia, died Jan. 17, 2022.

**Glenn Clark Relyea J.D. '68** of Clifton Park, New York, died Dec. 17, 2021.

**Henry "Hank" J. Boucher M.T.S. '70** of Waldwick, New Jersey, died Nov. 25, 2021.

**Jean Maria Tignor Hachey M.Ed. '70** of Ashland, Virginia, died Dec. 1, 2021.

**Ann Weaver Major Copland M.Ed. '71** of Charles City, Virginia, died Oct. 6, 2021.

**John "Jack" Michael Horvath M.Ed. '71** of Tucker, Georgia, died Dec. 30, 2021.

**Scott Wilford Monson M.B.A. '71** of Santa Ana, California, died Nov. 1, 2021.

**Charles "Charlie" Merryman Salle J.D. '71** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Dec. 20, 2021.

**Stuart "Stu" E. Packer M.B.A. '72** of Fredericksburg, Virginia, died Nov. 21, 2021.

**Emerson Paul Allen J.D. '73** of North Chesterfield, Virginia, died Jan. 6, 2022.

**Lynda Lokey Gresham M.Ed. '73, C.A.S.E. '83** of Peachtree City, Georgia, died Dec. 20, 2021.

**Lt. Col. John Joseph Rispoli M.Ed. '73** of Richmond Hill, Georgia, died Dec. 24, 2021.

**John Francis Baran M.B.A. '74** of King George, Virginia, died Nov. 24, 2021.

**Richard Daniel Glancy Sr. M.Ed. '74, C.A.S.E. '80, Ed.D. '83** of Warsaw, Virginia, died Oct. 21, 2021.

**Edgar Knowles Parks III J.D. '74** of Fairfax, Virginia, died Dec. 6, 2021.

**Lucy Glover Moore M.Ed. '75, C.A.S.E. '77, Ed.D. '80** of Chatham, Virginia, died Nov. 12, 2021.

**Shade Joseph Palmer M.Ed. '75** of Williamsburg died Nov. 6, 2021.

**Stewart Udel Wolpert C.A.S.E. '75** of Attleboro, Massachusetts, died Jan. 2, 2022.

**Phyllis S. Bock M.A.Ed. '76** of Nazareth, Pennsylvania, died Dec. 24, 2021.

**Susan Sheppard Castelli M.A. '76** of Jacksonville, Florida, died Nov. 15, 2021.

**Jay Armstrong Dorschel M.B.A. '78** of Suffolk, Virginia, died Oct. 27, 2021.

**Arthur "Art" Leon DeGroft C.A.S.E. '80** of Windsor, Virginia, died Sept. 28, 2021.

**Ford C. Ladd M.B.A. '80** of Alexandria, Virginia, died Nov. 24, 2021.

**Jerry Dean Lafferty M.Ed. '81** of Annapolis, Maryland, died Dec. 29, 2021.

**Bruce Hamilton Brelsford M.Ed. '82** of Williamsburg died Feb. 2, 2022.

**Marianne Maccioli Michaels M.A.Ed. '93** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Jan. 11, 2022.

**Valerie Anne Weiss M.A. '99** of Waynesboro, Virginia, died Nov. 17, 2021.

**Carol Warren Welsh M.B.A. '00** of Sterling, Virginia, died Dec. 29, 2021.

**Pattarin Lerkraisit M.B.A. '02** of Bangkok, Thailand, died.

**Kathleen Maria Collett M.Ed. '06** of Galloway, New Jersey, died Oct. 9, 2021.

**Joseph "Joe" F. Mauk M.B.A. '10, J.D. '10** of Clifton, Virginia, died Oct. 17, 2020.

**Edward D Linnecke Jr. J.D. '17** of Wellsville, New York, died Dec. 13, 2021.

**Thomas Robert Ringler-Lantzy J.D. '17** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Dec. 28, 2021.

**George Garrison Tolbert J.D. '17** of Madison, Mississippi, died Oct. 30, 2021.

**Michael Anthony Villacres J.D. '19** of Richmond, Virginia, died Oct. 20, 2021.

**Rachel Michelle Morgan M.B.A. '22** of Norfolk, Virginia, died Feb. 2, 2022.

#### HONORARY ALUMNI

**Hon. Abner Linwood Holton LL.D. '72** of Irvington, Virginia, died Oct. 28, 2021.

**Colin Luther Powell D.P.S. '88** of McLean, Virginia, died Oct. 18, 2021.

**Wayne Barry Adams HON '95** of Ciceville, Ohio, died Oct. 8, 2021.

#### FACULTY

**Thomas "Tom" Macy Finn** of Norfolk, Virginia, died Nov. 28, 2021.

**Satoshi Ito** of Williamsburg died Jan. 19, 2022.

**William "Jack" John Kossler** of Williamsburg died Dec. 9, 2021.

**William Turman Reece** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died May 9, 2021.

#### STAFF

**Linwood "Woody" Finney** of Williamsburg died Nov. 2, 2021.

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**Alan L. McLeod** of North Andover, Massachusetts, died Dec. 1, 2021.

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