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## ALUMNI FOCUS

# Glad You Asked

**BY TINA REYNOLDS KENNY '92, P '24, P '27**

*President, W&M Alumni Association Board of Directors*

**S**everal years ago, I attended a William & Mary Women event and had a great conversation with Sue Roache Warner '64, P '91. After learning a little bit about me and my interests, she asked me a simple question that had a profound impact on my relationship with my alma mater:

“Would you be interested in joining the W&M Alumni Association Board?”

I accepted her invitation and I'm so glad I did. I was elected to the board in 2018 and have learned so much from this passionate group of alumni. Board members are from a wide variety of backgrounds, class years and regions, and we are dedicated to ensuring all alumni can be engaged members of the W&M community. In 2021, I became chair of the board development committee so I could do for others what Sue did for me — open the door to board service and deeper engagement with the university.

When my fellow board members asked me if I'd be willing to serve as president of the board, I was hesitant at first. This is already a big year, with my son, Michael, starting his freshman year at William & Mary. He's joining my daughter, Sarah, who is a rising senior at the Alma Mater of the Nation. But I also knew it would be an opportunity to serve this place I love so much. After all, I have a vested interest in the Alumni Association's success — when my children are alumni, I want them to feel like they

belong, that their voices are heard and that they have a lifelong relationship with William & Mary.

I am thankful that my tenure on the board allowed me to get to know Howard J. Busbee '65, J.D. '67, M.L.T. '68, L.H.D. '22, P '90, P '04, G '21, who passed away unexpectedly in May. Those numbers after his name represent undergraduate, graduate and honorary degrees and two children and one grandchild who are alumni — but they don't even tell half the story of his dedication to William & Mary over many years. His passing reminds me that our time as students is brief, but our connection as alumni is lifelong.

Our board, and our Alumni Association, includes representatives from the Olde Guard (50 or more years since graduation), the Young Guard (within 10 years of graduation) and everyone in between. To the newest members, the Class of 2023, welcome! There is a community of more than 110,000 alumni worldwide standing ready to help you at every turn, no

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FROM THE BRAFFERTON

# The Year of the Arts

BY KATHERINE A. ROWE

*William & Mary President*

**A**s this magazine is prepared, William & Mary is fine-tuning plans to dedicate our glorious new performing arts complex during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. Glenn Close '74, D.A. '89, H.F. '19 will help us dedicate the space. Patton Oswalt '91, D.A. '23 will christen the mainstage with two stand-up shows (students only!). Meanwhile, our students are rehearsing performances to bring the house down.

The hoopla around this dedication spotlights an exciting Year of the Arts at William & Mary. Our goals are to celebrate creativity and to expand the reach of all of W&M's arts programs. These programs are essential parts of the multidisciplinary, human-centered learning that distinguishes W&M.

This fall, we complete the first two phases of a long-range plan for the arts. When the plan is wholly realized, W&M's visual and performing arts facilities will rival those at any public university in the country. Beloved Phi Beta Kappa Hall is fully renovated and reimagined with multiple theatre and dance spaces for major events, rehearsals and recitals. A separate music building hosts an acoustically tunable concert hall with a pipe organ. A recital hall and dozens of practice and recording rooms surround that venue.

Active construction has moved down Jamestown Road, where the Muscarelle Museum of Art expansion is now underway — designed by the internationally renowned architecture firm Pelli Clarke & Partners. Once that state-of-the-art facility is complete, the final phase of our plan for the Arts Quarter will begin: the renovation and expansion of Andrews Hall and facilities for art and art history.

These renovations matter because the arts are core to W&M's mission to prepare students for fulfilling and purposeful lives. Self-understanding grows through artistic expression and through regular opportunities to be part of an audience. Creative works of all kinds teach us how to listen and look closely. They sharpen our senses and call us into the sometimes shared and sometimes divergent experience of audition.

Like allied creative fields, such as entrepreneurship, the arts hone essential capacities. On W&M's new stages and in our galleries, our students learn the disciplines of improvisation and collaboration, opportunity discovery and managing hugely complex projects with limited resources — as stage managers the world around must do. In such work, our students grow their ability to fail wisely and adjust in rehearsal, to take direction and respect the reactions of an audience. They build grit and precision as they do so.

As importantly, when taught well, both artistic expression and reception stretch us to accommodate perspectives unlike our own — a process fundamental to the growth of citizens in our republic. An entrepreneur might frame the question about a new business opportunity, "How might we ...?" For artists, primary inquiry is equally deep. As the acclaimed American architect Maya Lin puts it, "Maybe as an artist, I can get you to rethink what the problem is or put it in a way that you're not expecting."

The human and professional capacities cultivated in the arts are at a premium in our society. Rapid change in so many industries means that much of the work our students will graduate into will continue to be novel for decades to come. Every workplace and community will need more professionals and civic leaders who cultivate the ability to think around the corner and solve a problem in an unexpected way. These are our W&M creators and art appreciators. I surmise that these capacities are among the reasons that 93% of W&M graduates report positive job and graduate school outcomes within six months of graduation.

Nearly 300 years after W&M pioneered the study of art in this nation, students from all disciplines and majors dance, play, perform, draw, paint, sculpt and more. In any given year, roughly a third of W&M students participate in the performing arts. That number grows considerably when we count student audiences: The next generation of playgoers and museumgoers is blossoming here.

With these renovations, in other words, we provide resources that will help sustain the arts at the Alma Mater of the Nation for all times coming. In the Year of the Arts, we honor all our generations of creative human beings at W&M — past, present and future. Please visit our new Arts Quarter for a show or concert to experience all the ways W&M artists change how we understand our world. We look forward to sharing many stories of artistic accomplishment with you.

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What I'm learning at William & Mary could lead me down 100 different paths, and that's exciting! **My professors inspire me because they are passionate**, too, and they **encourage me to go out into the world and discover for myself** what I'm learning in the classroom. Even though I don't know my career path, **I'm acquiring the skills here to be successful no matter where life takes me**. Thank you for helping me explore my passion and find my path to the future.”

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# BY & LARGE

FOCUSED ON SOLUTIONS

## An Ecosystem All Their Own

*The Institute for Integrative  
Conservation connects W&M with  
the world, and vice versa*

BY BEN KENNEDY '05

**A**N ANONYMOUS GIFT ESTABLISHED THE INSTITUTE for Integrative Conservation in 2020, to the tune of \$19.3 million. The nascent program aimed to become the “nation’s premier cross-disciplinary institute” in its field. It was no small charge. W&M biologists, geologists and chemists joined with anthropologists, sociologists, entrepreneurs and librarians — to name a few — to give the next generation of conservation leaders a broad academic home with unrivaled educational experiences. This past spring, that next generation received their degrees.

“Often we get asked, ‘Why W&M?’,” says IIC Executive Director Robert Rose. “‘Why was it the right place to launch IIC?’ A big part is our amazing students; we have students who want to engage with making the world a better place.”

Rose describes the IIC as collaborative and solutions-focused — helping conservation take the next step forward. It’s a 360-degree approach that appeals to W&M’s motivated students, he says.

“We are an educational organization and we are a conservation enabler,” he adds. “Our approach is to identify an external network of partners — conservation NGOs [nongovernmental organizations], federal and state agencies, tribal communities, other universities and private organizations — to bring together students and faculty that can address conservation challenges that come from those partners.”

**FIRST CLASS:** *The first Institute for Integrative Conservation graduates gather at the IIC graduation reception, held in the Integrated Science Center (known as ISC).*

## BY & LARGE

### FROM THE INSIDE OUT

The integrative conservation major requires students to apply diverse knowledge, complete coursework in innovation and entrepreneurship, and do applied research on a conservation issue through the Institute's Conservation Research Program, led by IIC Research Program Manager Erica Garrouette. For new graduate Katie Clark '23, this meant collaborating with the Virginia Department of Forestry and its partners to preserve the commonwealth's forests.

"My experience with the IIC's yearlong Conservation Research Project illustrated the

orative and with an eye toward applications beyond this single survey."

"I'm honored to have been involved with the IIC right at the beginning," says Luz-Ricca, now a student in the applied artificial intelligence Ph.D. program at Cambridge University. "It's such a special place — lovely people, fascinating research and a unique little space on campus," he adds, referring to the IIC's current home on North Boundary Street.

For Tara Vasanth '23, her passion for conservation started with summers at the Dallas Zoo. "I became enthralled by just how diverse and color-



**CONSERVING AND ENJOYING NATURE:** *Catalyst participants engage in a session on the landscape of conservation funding. Pictured left to right: Jackson Mwato, Daniel L. Kaaka, Isaac Aaron and Tjipo Keaikitse.*

*Above right: IIC Program Manager Alli Sabo (center) takes a break with Catalyst participants Tjipo Keaikitse (left) and Frances Loke (right) on the Dragon Run paddling excursion led by Friends of Dragon Run.*

importance of viewing conservation solutions from several angles," she says. "In this scenario, the success of forestland conservation directly depended on the needs and abilities of private landowners, which added levels of consideration to the baseline 'save the trees' mentality."

With a double major in data science and integrative conservation, Clark and her project illustrate the IIC's unique approach: Sustainable conservation solutions cannot begin and end with ecological concerns alone. They must take into consideration human impacts — both economic and cultural, upstream and downstream. And the only way to do that is to get out "into the field."

"Applied research is always valuable," says fellow IIC graduate Emilio Luz-Ricca '23, who tests machine learning models in difficult and complex new domains, such as wildlife monitoring. "Seeing the whole picture and integrating a wide variety of perspectives helps draw the research toward practice."

He was first author on a 2022 paper published in the journal *Remote Sensing in Ecology and Conservation*, in which his team connected with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on surveying sandhill crane populations by analyzing thermal aerial images. The IIC helped convene a broad coalition of partners that turned a purely machine-learning solution into what he calls "something truly collab-

ful our planet is," she says, "and how we have the agency to protect it." Vasanth, cited by Institute staff as "one of the earliest and most consistent student supporters of the IIC," served as president of its student leadership council.

"It's serendipitous that the IIC and I began our journey at W&M around the same time — it's made such a deep impact on the university and me," says Vasanth, who is now studying architecture at Yale University. "I am incredibly grateful to be part of an institution that is doing such meaningful and critical work, and I know that the memories I made and the things I learned here will stay with me long after I graduate."

The inaugural cohort of seven graduates also includes Grace Dho '23, who connected with a Virginia Beach seafood company on oyster aquaculture; Bella Ortiz-Miller '23, who helped develop an app to prevent bird-window collisions; Jordan Bryant '23, who studied community-led restoration in Mexico; and Martha Ross '23, who focused on grassland restoration on the Upper Missouri River. Many are headed to conservation work in their professional careers; others are moving on to graduate school.

"I really see the IIC becoming a research powerhouse at W&M," says Luz-Ricca, "and it was infinitely cool having some small part in getting that started!"

PHOTOS: LEFT: ANITA HAGY FERGUSON; RIGHT: ROBERT ROSE



## FROM THE OUTSIDE IN

Just because the first crop of graduates is out the door doesn't mean the IIC sat empty all summer. The IIC's Conservation Catalyst program debuted in 2023 as one of the Institute's central pillars: bringing 10 experienced and emerging conservationists from around the world to William & Mary for a three-week leadership residency in June.

"Leaders need strong interpersonal skills and systems thinking to effectively convene and build networks, collaborate, innovate and learn," says Anita Hagy Ferguson, IIC's communications program manager. "These skills are not intuitive for everyone, but Catalyst really brings those to the surface."

The Conservation Catalyst participants took part in entrepreneurial thinking, conflict management, funding and communications training workshops in the McLeod Tyler Wellness Center. They also went paddling on Lake Matoaka and did teambuilding exercises in the Sunken Garden. Their program connected with a cross section of campus resources, from the Raymond A. Mason School of Business to the Department of Theatre, Speech and Dance, with many in between.

"Our partnerships are central to IIC's operations," says IIC's capacity development program manager Alli Sabo, who designed and produced the program. "The Catalyst program deepened those relationships through the exchange of expertise between participants and IIC and strengthened our collective skills."

Participants traveled to National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C., and sessions were led by IIC conservation partners including retired U.S. National Park superintendent David Luschinger and Planet Women's Kristine Zeigler.

"I am greatly honored to have been part of the IIC family," says Daniel Kaaka of the Amboseli Ecosystem Trust in Kenya. "I will dearly miss the uniqueness of our individual characters, the love, happiness and at times the 'silliness,' but still within the confines of utmost respect for one's individual space."

It's a part of the dialogue between the IIC and the rest of the world: First, W&M students partner with NGOs like the Amboseli Ecosystem Trust in the Conservation Research Program; then rising stars from many of the same NGOs come to campus to

hone their leadership skills. The networks reinforce one another.

"We are connecting future leaders to a network of conservation changemakers working in diverse conservation landscapes," says IIC Faculty Director John Swaddle, a longtime W&M professor of biology. "We are helping them to access the best of who they are as individuals and professionals and express that in their actions as conservation leaders, mentors and skilled collaborators."

Embracing each student and Catalyst participant as multifaceted and multitalented contributors echoes the IIC's approach to conservation: The best and most complete solutions can only come from embracing all sides of complex socioecological challenges.

"When we open ourselves up to new experiences and create a productive dialogue with others, our knowledge multiplies," says Vasanth. "We're much greater than the sum of our parts."

## BY & LARGE

### BIO-RICH FLORA:

*Jordan Bryant '23 and Bibiana Mirones '22 worked alongside the Biological Monitoring Group of Milpa Alta, Mexico, to support restoration and conservation efforts by developing a plant guide the community will use to evaluate their efforts.*

## EXPANDING W&M'S REACH

# W&M CO-HOSTS NATO YOUTH SUMMIT

Disinformation's impact on the future of democracy, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and artificial intelligence were recurring themes at the 2023 NATO Youth Summit on June 5, co-hosted by William & Mary and NATO in Brussels and Washington, D.C. • Young people and others from Europe, North America and around the world participated both in person and remotely in the free, transatlantic conversation, titled "NextGen Freedom & Security." • Democracy is one of the cornerstone initiatives in W&M's Vision 2026 strategic plan and was at the forefront of the dialogue. Speakers and panelists took questions from attendees and shared insights offering their varied expertise on topics such as climate change, national defense and impacts of the latest technologies. • "Facts, true things, verifiable data are public goods that we need in an age of disinformation and manipulation of information to be completely committed to," said President Katherine Rowe. "That's what great universities do." • Participants included a number of W&M alumni who are leaders in the areas discussed throughout the summit. To read more, visit [magazine.wm.edu/nato2023](https://magazine.wm.edu/nato2023).

— JENNIFER L. WILLIAMS

BY &amp; LARGE

# Remembering Robert Wone '96

*Scholarship honors alumnus' memory by funding the kinds of research  
and initiatives that were close to his heart*

BY TINA ESHLEMAN

**R**OBERT WONE '96 LOVED READING ABOUT American history as a young boy, and even dressed up as a Revolutionary War-era minuteman for Halloween one year. His family later took a trip from their home in New York City to Williamsburg, where he immersed himself in the Colonial capital's rich past.

The minuteman costume may have provided a clue that Robert would grow into the kind of person who was ready to spring into action at a moment's notice to support a cause he believed in. Whether that involved volunteering throughout high school at then-U.S. Rep. Charles Schumer's district office, helping organize a bone marrow drive at William & Mary or assisting low-income clients at the University of Pennsylvania law school's Civil Practice Clinic, Robert cheerfully contributed his time and talent.

Early American history captured Robert's imagination because he was fascinated with how the country started, its founding principles and the role of government, say his parents, William and Aimee. Robert's widow, Kathy, notes that "As he got older, that helped him understand the politics of our country and what it meant to be free and what that cost, the sacrifices that were made, the importance of the Constitution and government."

Michelle Kang '96, a close friend of Robert's from William & Mary, describes him as one of the most extraordinary people she's ever met. Without seeking recognition, he made an impact in a generous and positive way.

"He had an unlimited well of compassion and caring that played out in actions like dropping off cookies for someone who might be studying in Swem Library," says Kang, now chief executive officer of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. "He would be in the right place at the right time to say the words or do the thing that lifted your spirits."

A descendant of Chinese immigrants, Robert was proud that his grandfather had purchased war bonds to support America's efforts in World War II. It likely



**BEST OF FRIENDS:**  
*Michelle Kang '96 and Robert Wone '96 met as freshmen at W&M and became as close as brother and sister. At right, Robert beams on his wedding day in 2003.*

came as no surprise to Robert's family that he chose to attend William & Mary, where he could walk in the footsteps of the nation's founders. Admitted as a Monroe scholar, he studied public policy and received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award at Commencement, recognizing his characteristics of "heart, mind and helpfulness to others."

After graduating from the university, Robert went to law school, clerked for a federal judge and started working at the Washington, D.C., firm Covington & Burling as a commercial real estate attorney.

Robert was drawn to the firm in part because of the opportunity he would have to provide pro bono legal services to those in need. He was also involved with the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of the Greater Washington, D.C., area (APABA-DC), where he organized the inaugural Judicial Clerkship

PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE WONE FAMILY

and Internship Conference in 2003. Now named in Robert's honor, the annual conference continues to help minority law students meet judges and learn about the judicial clerkship experience.

In 2006, Robert was ready to make a change, and he accepted a position as general counsel for Radio Free Asia, a nonprofit news service that reaches countries where access to accurate, uncensored information is limited. Even though it was a different area of law than he'd been working in, Robert believed in the organization's mission and wanted to be part of it. Around the same time, he was preparing to be sworn in as president of APABA-DC.

But he never had a chance to develop those new opportunities. In a devastating blow to those who knew and loved him, Robert was killed on Aug. 2, 2006, while staying at the home of a friend from William & Mary after working late at Radio Free Asia. The case remains unsolved.

In the aftermath of Robert's death, there was an outpouring of love, support and collective grief, says Kathy, who remarried in 2018 after a long journey of healing. Friends, family members, classmates, colleagues and strangers contributed funds to a memorial trust established in his name.

Although created out of tragedy, the trust provides an opportunity to honor Robert's memory by advancing the kind of work he cared about so deeply. For example, funds from the trust have supported the Civil Practice Clinic at Penn's Carey Law School, where he received his law degree. Now, Kathy is directing resources from the trust to support a new scholarship at William & Mary, which she says had a significant impact on her late husband's life.

"The friends he made at William & Mary and the experiences he had there were extremely influ-

ential," she says. "The outlines of all the good that he wanted to do for the world were starting to take shape."

Kathy says she often joked with Robert that he had a love affair with William & Mary. Early in their relationship, she met his circle of friends from the university. She heard stories of how he would arrange visits to talk with former W&M President Davis Y. Paschall '32, M.A. '37, P '64, P '68, who was in declining health and living alone.

The campus even factored into the couple's honeymoon when they married in 2003. After spending a few days in Hawaii, they visited Williamsburg and stayed in a bed-and-breakfast recommended by Robert's friend and mentor Sam Sadler '64, M.Ed. '71, then vice president for student affairs.

The Robert E. Wone Scholarship Endowment will provide funds for research projects and initiatives run by students involved with the Asian Pacific Islander American studies program. Deenesh Sohoni, a sociology professor and director of APIA studies, expects to begin distributing scholarship funds in the fall of 2024. Students will be able to apply for funds, and a committee of faculty members will evaluate their proposals.

It will be another tangible sign of Robert's connection to his beloved alma mater. In October 2011 — the weekend of what would have been his 15th class reunion — two benches and two Chinese pistache trees were dedicated in his memory.

Kang muses about what Robert would have thought of this latest tribute: "He would be embarrassed, I would say, and delighted and honored that there is an effort to support students in being able to make a difference in their community and the world around us."

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### KEEPER OF THE WREN

## A TRIBUTE TO BERNARD BOWMAN

Raymond Bernard Bowman Sr., who worked at William & Mary for 36 years and was known as "keeper" of the Wren Building, passed away in July 2023. Bowman ensured the Wren was ready for classes, tours, weddings and countless other William & Mary traditions and events. He was awarded W&M's Charles and Virginia Duke Award in 2009 for his exceptional service. Read a reflection from President Emeritus W. Taylor Reveley III LL.D. '18, HON '18 and President Emeritus Tim Sullivan '66 on Bowman's life and legacy at [magazine.wm.edu/bernard-bowman](http://magazine.wm.edu/bernard-bowman).

— W&M MAGAZINE STAFF



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*Faculty and staff make headlines*

## Is that a secret Michelangelo selfie at the Sistine Chapel?

"He's hidden himself in the ceiling. The face is idealized because Michelangelo was self-conscious about his smashed nose, but this is the closest he's ever come to presenting himself as divine."

— Adriano Marinazzo, Curator of Special Projects, The Muscarelle Museum of Art at William & Mary  
*The Wall Street Journal*

## Beam me up, counselor.

### Are hologram witnesses headed to court?

Lederer described how holograms have the potential to make witness testimony more convenient and accessible should courts and administrative agencies adopt the technology. However, it's not yet clear whether hologram witness testimony would pass constitutional muster.

— Fredric Lederer,  
Professor of Law, William & Mary Law School  
*Reuters*

## Why China has a giant pile of debt

"The biggest losers will end up being ordinary people in the developing world who are denied basic public services because their governments are saddled with unsustainable debts."

— Brad Parks '03,  
Executive Director of AidData  
*The New York Times*



## HOW OFTEN DO SHARK ATTACKS HAPPEN — AND WHERE ARE THEY MOST COMMON? EXPERTS WEIGH IN

"ENCOUNTERS WITH SHARKS ARE EXTREMELY RARE. AN INDIVIDUAL IS FAR MORE LIKELY TO BE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING THAN TO BE BITTEN BY A SHARK."

— ROBERT LATOUR,  
PROFESSOR OF MARINE SCIENCE AT THE  
VIRGINIA INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE  
*CBS*

## OPINION: THE U.S. NEEDS TO RELEARN HOW TO TELL ITS STORY TO THE WORLD

"Strategic communications and engagement with foreign publics and leaders are essential to shaping the global political environment in ways that support and advance American national interests. In this crucial arena of the competition, however, Russia and China are running rings around us."

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70TH ANNIVERSARY

## W&M FOOTBALL LEGENDS

In the fall of 1953, the W&M football team accomplished what no other college is likely to repeat. The team of only 24 players lost only once in its first six games and finished with a winning 5-4-1 record. • The success of that team, known as the Iron Indians, restored a spirit of pride on campus. Coached by Jackie Freeman '44, this remarkable team, not expected to win a single game, defeated Richmond, three Atlantic Coast Conference Schools — Wake Forest, N.C. State and Virginia Tech — and tied a nationally ranked Navy. • Eleven team members played every minute of every game and captured the imagination of students, the media and football fans throughout Virginia and across the country. A Life magazine story featured the team as it was honored in a special post-season convocation — the last event held in Phi Beta Kappa Hall before it was destroyed by fire two weeks later during the Christmas holidays. • Two former sports information directors from that era, Rene A. Henry '54 and Peter Kalison '57, P '92, share personal memories of that team in the magazine's online edition. Relive the heroics of that historic squad of 70 years ago and the excitement on campus at [magazine.wm.edu/1953-football](http://magazine.wm.edu/1953-football). — RENE A. HENRY '54 AND PETER KALISON '57, P '92

# AI and the Arts

*Reflections on the tension between artificial intelligence and human creativity*

BY BENJAMIN WHITING & MICHAEL GAYNES

“WHAT DO WE WANT AI TO DO FOR US AND HOW DO WE GET THERE?” THOSE WERE THE QUESTIONS posed by Dan Runfola, associate professor of applied science and data science at William & Mary, at the opening of the spring 2023 Tack Faculty Lecture. His talk explored the radical changes that artificial intelligence promises to bring to the way society operates. Watch the recording at [magazine.wm.edu/tack-lecture-2023](https://magazine.wm.edu/tack-lecture-2023).

With the rise of the language model ChatGPT, university professors around the world already have learned to be on the lookout for machine-generated writing submissions. What impacts might AI have on other creative endeavors? Could it be used to enhance works of art? As we launch into the Year of the Arts at William & Mary, we asked music and art faculty for their perspectives on how AI could affect their disciplines.

## COMPETITOR OR COLLABORATOR?

*By Benjamin Whiting*

Shortly after Lejaren Hiller’s “Illiac Suite” premiered at the University of Illinois in 1957, the music world was abuzz with excitement, tinged with more than a smidgeon of apprehension. Hiller’s fourth string quartet, “Illiac Suite” came about not in the traditional fashion of putting pen to manuscript paper, but instead was dictated by the output of a computer program. This program consisted of several algorithms that encapsulate stylistic tendencies of a variety of Western musical genres from the 16th to 20th centuries.

The result was a work that sounded surprisingly human, if also a tad pedantic, to audiences and critics alike. Even though “Illiac Suite” did not use techniques that we associate with artificial intelligence — AI had only been established as an academic discipline the year before, after all — it nevertheless led some to question if computers would eventually supplant human beings as the primary vehicles of musical expression.

For some, this was a question of when, not if.

However, the use of computers as a generative tool for composition has generally remained an augmenting force for human creativity. While there has been the occasional experiment over the years to discover whether a computer could become the next Beethoven, Boulez or the Beatles, the majority of work in this field has been preoccupied with assisting composers in realizing experimental work that would be all but impractical to accomplish by hand. There is currently activity, primarily in Europe, toward the creation of AI-powered accompanists to add another dimension of depth and spontaneity to improvisational electronic music and live coding performances.

There is certainly no hurry or desire to out-

source musical expression to a CPU, and those who immerse themselves in AI see their relationship with the technology as symbiotic and collaborative.

This isn’t to say that advancements in artificial intelligence are free from ethical considerations. While music generation has yet to see the same level of activity as in the visual arts or the written word, what has sparked controversy is the relative ease by which the human voice can be synthesized by AI. Despite legal precedent regarding the appropriation of others’ likenesses without their consent, there is a larger worry at play here: If video killed the radio star, what will AI do to the future of human vocal talent in popular music?

It can be a scary prospect, especially for those who have devoted their lives to honing their artistic craft. However, we should take heart in the fact that art and music generated by artificial intelligence alone invariably carries with it that unmistakable uncanniness which just feels ... off. Furthermore, when AI is approached as a collaborator and not as a factory churning out a product, it can enable humanity to reach new and exciting heights, and that is a very happy thought.

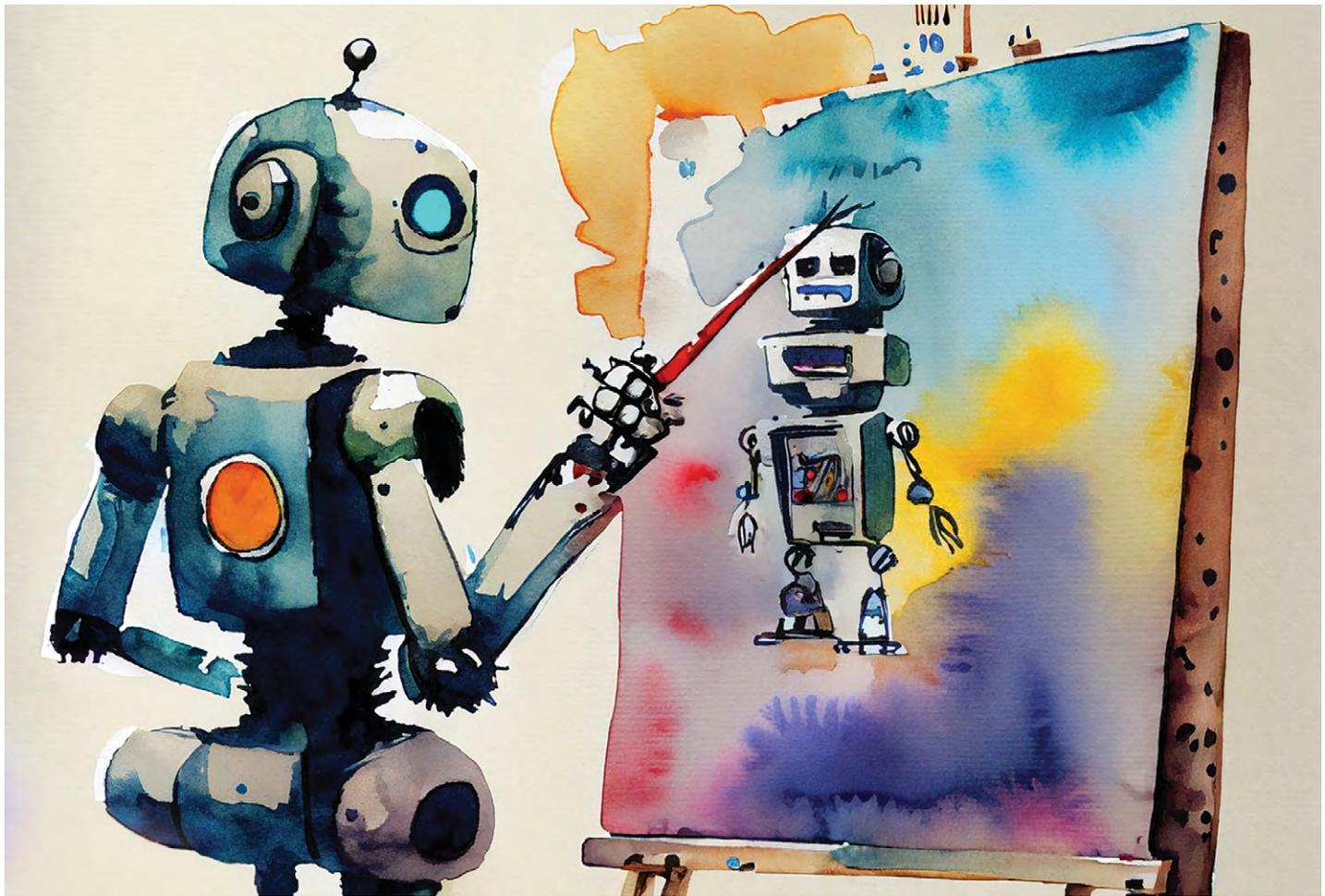
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*Internationally award-winning composer Benjamin Whiting is an assistant teaching professor of music at William & Mary.*

## DWELLING IN THE MYSTERY

*By Michael Gaynes*

Let’s engage in a mental exercise and trace the history of art through technology. We could draw a line to represent the refinement of materials such as pigments, dyes and binders from natural to synthetic, or wood and stone to reinforced concrete, steel and



glass. Perhaps we could run our finger along a timeline following the inventions of photography, film, video and digital technologies. What we might see at each point is that each subsequent discovery or invention presented a new opportunity to invent new forms, but more importantly, invent new ways of seeing.

Artificial intelligence promises to be one of those inflection points. It is widely reported (and feared) that AI will profoundly affect, even eliminate, many industries and take over routine tasks. AI generators, such as DALL-E or Midjourney, can create a photorealistic image with just a text description. ChatGPT can create snippets of code to automatically generate forms based on differential growth patterns within a 3D modeling program. The potential seems limitless and, frankly, daunting. As a tool, AI presents an intriguing opportunity to work through compositional ideas and schemes — one of my current art students asked an AI generator to manipulate an existing image, which he then hand-painted. This is a human/machine interface — a call-and-response between artist and algorithm.

And yet, as an artist and educator, the question foremost in my mind is: Are these simply tools for making, or instruments for seeing?

It's been written that Galileo, when first looking at

the moon through his telescope, understood craters for what they were, three-dimensional forms, because of his familiarity with Renaissance art and the technique of chiaroscuro, the use of light and shadow to denote form. Galileo's innovation was transforming the telescope from a utilitarian tool into a way of seeing, a human activity, an instrument of inquiry and reframing. How might AI be such an instrument? Can we ask not what AI can do, but what it can reveal, and to engage in what the Romantic poet John Keats referred to as "negative capability" — "that is when man is capable of being in uncertainties, mysteries, doubts, without any irritable reaching after fact and reason."

The challenge for visual artists interacting with AI will be to remain embodied in the world through our perceptions and senses, to engage with AI to help us ask questions to generate better questions, rather than solve problems — to dwell in the mystery.

*Michael Gaynes is an associate teaching professor of art at William & Mary. He teaches interdisciplinary courses in sculpture focusing on concepts of time and memory, force and motion, embodiment and the nature of the self.*

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# RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

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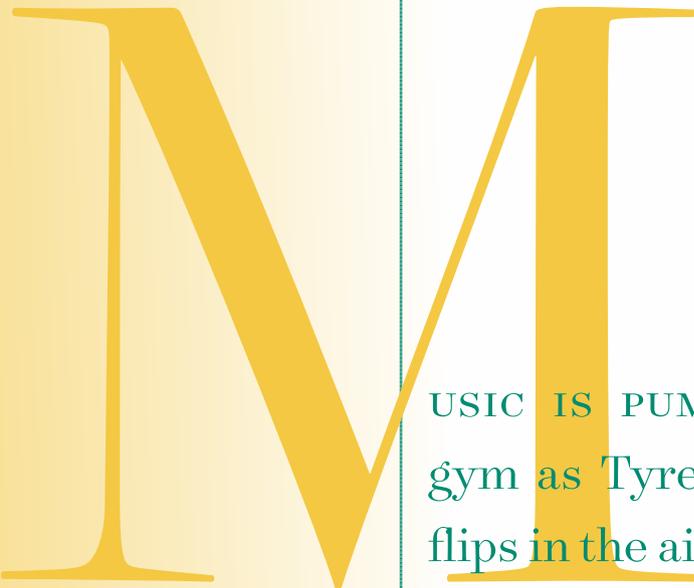
Reversing pandemic-related learning losses will require a comprehensive approach, W&M experts and alumni educators say

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BY TINA ESHLEMAN

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MUSIC IS PUMPING IN THE HINES MIDDLE SCHOOL gym as Tyrell Shelton's drone rises and drops, then flips in the air. The rising ninth grader breaks out a big smile when fellow Camp EAGER participants cheer as the diminutive aircraft lands in time with the beat. Even though it's summertime, he's happy to be at school learning about aerodynamics. He's thinking about a future as an engineer or video game programmer.

Learning looked a lot different three years ago for Tyrell and students across the country who were attending school virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The loss of in-person instruction during that time wreaked havoc on public education, co-authors from the William & Mary School of Education wrote in a 2023 article for the Middle School Journal about Camp EAGER.

"Nearly 40% of the nation's students were unable to experience face-to-face learning for over a year," wrote professors Lindy Johnson, Meredith Weaver Kier and Janise Parker and doctoral candidate Evan Gallagher. Through their research and observations, they concluded that the closing of schools resulted in "a decline in students' mental health, academic learning loss and missed milestones that were essential to students' social-emotional development."

Alarm bells sounded last spring amid reports that National Assessment of Educational Progress long-term trend scores for 13-year-olds in reading and math had fallen to the lowest levels in decades. U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona issued a statement in June saying the decline in NAEP scores aligned with expectations that "the pandemic would have a devastating impact on students' learning across the country and that it would take years of effort and investment to reverse the damage."

As school officials, teachers and parents look for ways to help students make up lost ground, William & Mary experts and alumni educators say initiatives such as Camp EAGER that emphasize applied learning are part of the solution, along with efforts to recruit and retain teachers, building community partnerships, addressing social and emotional needs, increasing family engagement and providing more individual attention to ensure students are on track.

### CRISIS CONDITIONS

Camp EAGER — the acronym stands for Elevate engineering, Advance innovation, Guide learning, Effect change, and Remove barriers for all — started in 2021 as an initiative by Johnson, Kier and Parker to reimagine summer school not primarily as a vehicle for remediation, but as a creative, interdisciplinary and hands-on enrichment experience that encourages students' interaction with peers, mentors and teachers. Johnson says the partnership with the Newport News, Virginia, school system grew out of a National Science Foundation grant to pair undergraduate mentors of color with STEM teachers.

"One of the things we found while working in schools was that coming out of pandemic and lockdown, kids were isolated," says Johnson, associate



professor and chair of the School of Education's Curriculum & Instruction program. "They were anxious and depressed. And so we wanted to create this joyful learning experience. That was the impetus of it — let's bring kids together and do something special for them after COVID."

When students finally returned to school after the pandemic, it became clear that many were not performing at grade level.

An analysis of data from 8,000 communities conducted by The Education Recovery Scorecard, a collaboration of researchers from Harvard and Stanford universities, found that the average public school student in grades 3-8 nationally lost the equivalent of a half year of learning in math and a quarter of a year in reading.

"It's kind of remarkable," says John Barclay '13, M.A.Ed. '14, a teacher at Franklin Military Academy in Richmond, Virginia, who is the 2023 Virginia Math Educator of the Year for middle school math. Franklin, he notes, is a Title I school, meaning it receives federal funds supporting low-income students. "We typically have students who are one to three years behind in math, but now the depth of it is much more intense, much more palpable."

Researchers found that losses were larger in school districts such as Richmond with higher rates of poverty and underrepresented populations and in districts that remained remote or hybrid for longer periods. In some of the most affected communities, students fell behind in math by more than a year and a half, the researchers found. Statewide, students in Virginia lost the equivalent of eight

months in math learning between 2019 and 2022 and over five months in reading.

In addition to the lower test scores, Patrick Rooney '98 is concerned about teacher shortages and a continued drop in student attendance.

"You need a teacher in the classroom, and you need the kids there to be learning with them and learning from one another," says Rooney, who oversees federal programs at the U.S. Department of Education, including Title I, that provide funding to schools across the country based on a formula that uses census poverty data.

Compared with pre-pandemic figures, the percentage of chronically absent public school students almost doubled, from 14.8% in 2018-2019 to 28.3% in 2020-2021, according to a Stanford University analysis.

The number of teachers leaving their jobs peaked nationally in 2020, but has been rising again and fewer are entering the profession. Last fall, researchers at Brown University and the University of Albany published a report showing that interest in the teaching profession among high school seniors and college freshmen has dropped 50% since the 1990s and the number of newly licensed teachers decreased from 320,000 in 2006 to 215,000 in 2020.

While the American Rescue Plan provided billions of additional federal funds to help schools recover from the pandemic, that money will run out next September. That means programs started with relief funds — such as training for school staff or addressing students' mental health issues — will



have to find support elsewhere if they are to continue, Rooney says. “One of the things people around the country are worried about is what happens when that big pot of money disappears?”

Assisting students with diverse language backgrounds has been especially challenging, says Leticia Braga '01. A native of Brazil who moved to the United States as a young child, she brings her own experience as an immigrant to her work in education policy at the U.S. Department of Education. There, she leads a team for a program that provides funds to serve students who are English learners or immigrants.

Some school districts that are home to large populations of such students have used American Rescue Plan funds to provide extra after-school instruction to help students catch up, Braga says. “The hope is that if states find these to be promising practices, they could think about the longstanding streams of funding, as well as their own state and local funds, for how to best implement those types of solutions to support their students.”

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Andrew D. Martin '94, chancellor of Washington University in St. Louis, is also seeing the effects of the pandemic in higher education.

“Our students are arriving on campus not as prepared as they were,” says Martin, who is also a professor of political science, law, statistics and data science. “Students are not as comfortable and not as experienced interacting with each other in interpersonal settings. We have to be more intentional in helping students build those skills, which they didn't have an opportunity to build during high school.”

In response, Washington University introduced an eight-week course called Dialogue Across Difference, which trains students to talk to their peers about controversial issues such as religion, politics and identity. William & Mary began a similar program for incoming students in the fall of 2022, in partnership with the Constructive Dialogue Institute, as part of the Vision 2026 strategic plan's democracy initiative.

Although WashU does not have an education school, it plays an important part in the K-12 infrastructure in the St. Louis region, including Missouri and Southern Illinois, Martin says. Through its Institute for School Partnership, the university has worked with all of the region's school districts and 60 independent schools to help build curriculum and to provide professional development for teachers, especially in math and science.

St. Louis schools experienced some of the greatest learning losses during the pandemic, according to the Education Recovery Scorecard. Still, there are signs of hope. At two of the city's lowest performing elementary schools, math scores more than doubled and science scores increased five-fold in a state assessment, compared to three years ago.

“Every one of the kids growing up in this region, and for that matter around the country, is entitled to have the very best education,” Martin says.

## APPLIED LEARNING

Tyrell Shelton was one of 500 elementary, middle and high school students from Newport News who spent three weeks in July attending Camp EAGER, aka STEAM Camp. The program has expanded dramatically since the first summer, when 40 students spent a week on William & Mary's campus.

Surveys of students who attended the camp indicate the program is having a positive impact, demonstrating engagement with the subject matter and an increased interest in pursuing STEM careers. Complementing the camp's academic themes is an emphasis on goal setting, learning to work well with others and building positive relationships. Johnson, the Robert D. and Patricia Lee Pavey Family Chair in Instructional Technology, says she and Kier, the Gerdelman Family Distinguished Associate Professor, are studying student outcomes with the goal of creating a model that other school districts could replicate.

Camp EAGER was made possible through a grant from the Dean's Innovation Fund, established with a gift from Shelley Jennings P '08 and Thomas Jennings P '08, along with their daughter Kathleen Jennings '08. Funds that Johnson and Kier received from the Plumeri Awards for Faculty Excellence established by Joseph J. Plumeri II '66, D.P.S. '11 supported their effort to develop programming and study its impact.

Robert C. Knoeppel, dean of the William & Mary School of Education, says the camp puts into practice the school's mission of training professionals and developing research about what makes a good teaching environment. The program models a rigorous approach by motivating students to apply what they've learned across subject areas, Knoeppel says. He visited a camp session last year when students were figuring out how to build a wind-powered, sustainable vehicle. They were discussing questions such as how big the sail should be and whether there should be holes in the sail. In doing so, they were not only learning academic concepts, but testing theories and solving problems, then writing about the results.

“The least rigorous classrooms are just rote: When was the Treaty of Versailles signed? You can spit the date back,” Knoeppel says. “The question would be: How do you make a compromise? The No. 1 predictor of college success and college completion is rigor, not mastery of content.”

In the camp section titled Discovery Drones, Tyrell and other students learned how to program and choreograph a drone's movements to a song they chose. They built obstacles courses and learned from police officers about how drones are used in law enforcement.

Leading each camp section was a Newport News teacher, assisted by a William & Mary graduate education student — known as a preservice teacher



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— and an undergraduate mentor from the university who is pursuing STEM studies. Supported by on-site W&M School of Education professors, the preservice teachers gain immersive classroom experience while working alongside veteran educators. The Newport News teachers benefit from exposure to new research, technology and practices shared by the William & Mary preservice teachers and mentors.

“Camp EAGER has evolved into a strong partnership,” says Tami Byron, STEM instructional supervisor for Newport News Public Schools. “Running a STEAM camp in the summer for three weeks is material and technology intensive. The William & Mary collaboration enables us to target students with more individualized attention.”

For the Newport News school district, where about 70% of the students are Black or Hispanic, the undergraduate mentors from William & Mary enable campers to see young adults who look like themselves working toward careers in STEM fields.

Amaiya Mauney '24, a biology major and one of the W&M undergraduate mentors, says it was rewarding to see campers' progress over the three weeks. “I love being able to push them and get them thinking about what's next after high school.”

Tyrell's mother, Nicole Silver-Shelton, says she signed him and his younger sister up for the program because she wanted them to have an educational experience over the summer to keep their minds engaged. After participating in the camp, Tyrell is aiming to attend William & Mary or Old Dominion University.

Johnson says the summer program is one piece of the puzzle for improving student outcomes.

“It's not just about test scores. We want healthy, vibrant schools and communities,” she says. “Making sure that students feel affirmed, supported and engaged in their learning is going to help across the board. To address those broader NAEP scores requires a systematic approach across districts — and making sure there are highly qualified teachers in every classroom, especially in the early grades.”

### ADDRESSING THE TEACHER SHORTAGE

The drop in test scores nationally is a clear sign that for K-12 students, online learning is no match for being face to face with a highly qualified teacher, says Wade Whitehead '94, P '22, a fifth-grade teacher in Roanoke.

“Teacher quality has always been important, but pursuit of it has taken on a new urgency,” says Whitehead, founder of the nonprofit Teachers of Promise Institute and the 501(c)(3) foundation that funds it. “This is the time to apply everything we know about great teaching so that all students can experience it.”

Elevating the profession by recognizing and encouraging talented prospective teachers was Whitehead's motivation for establishing Teachers of Promise. Since its founding in 2004, the institute has provided a network of support for

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almost 4,000 emerging teachers from three dozen colleges and universities in Virginia and Tennessee, including William & Mary. In the next year or two, Teachers of Promise plans to expand to hold events across the country.

“Great teaching has always been about providing a fully differentiated learning experience where we are customizing what kids are learning, how they’re learning it and what they’re doing to show what they’ve learned,” says Whitehead, a fourth-generation teacher whose son, Jack Whitehead M.A.Ed. ’22, teaches high school physics and engineering in New Kent County.

Still, many schools are struggling just to fill all their teaching positions, a situation exacerbated by the pandemic. Data from the Virginia Department of Education shows that the city of Norfolk had over 300 teacher vacancies as measured by full-time equivalent in 2022-2023, with more than half of those in pre-K through sixth grade. Statewide, there were over 3,500 unfilled teaching positions in the last school year.

“You may send your child, grandchild, niece or nephew to a kindergarten class and they may have a long-term substitute,” Johnson says. “They may have someone in there who’s never taken an education class, who’s never taken a reading method class. So what that means for that child and that class in terms of developing their early literacy skills and the long-term impact — that, to me, is a crisis.”

In a recent survey by Merrimack College and the nonprofit EdWeek Research Center, more than 35% of participating teachers said they were very likely or fairly likely to leave the profession in the next two years — a decrease from 44% the previous year.

Roshad “Rene” McPherson, a William & Mary graduate student pursuing a Master of Arts in Education, is one of those who left. He resigned this past March after five years as a sixth-grade public school teacher in Portsmouth, Virginia, frustrated with the increased workload, relatively low pay and lack of administrative support. He says that special education teachers and instructional assistants were stretched thin after the pandemic, at a time when students needed more help with schoolwork as well as with behavioral issues. When school reopened, he found that some students in his class were reading at only a third-grade level — three years behind.

But McPherson hasn’t given up on classroom teaching for good. He says the master’s program he started in June will enable him to make better, research-informed decisions. After teaching elementary grades, he’s thinking of moving into high school, so he can have a near-term influence as students are making plans for college and careers.

“I love interacting with students and learning from them,” he says. “I want to find a school system

where I can collaborate with teachers and principals who are learners themselves and use knowledge plus experience to change the world.”

## BUILDING THE PIPELINE

Bucking national trends, overall enrollment in William & Mary’s School of Education has doubled in the last five years, Knoepfel says. In part, that is because in 2019 Virginia began allowing students to major in education programs as undergraduates. The School of Education also has been investing in high-need, high-demand programs for teachers, including hybrid and online offerings, and partnering with local school systems to increase teacher residencies.

One example is an online reading specialist certificate program that launched two years ago; so far, 60 students have enrolled in the program.

“Those reading specialists are the ones who work with teachers to make sure they know how to support struggling readers,” Johnson says. “That is an urgent need we are fulfilling.”

Using a Virginia Department of Education planning grant to find innovative ways to address the teacher shortage, the W&M School of Education conducted a survey in the region during the last academic year to gauge interest in teaching and identify barriers to a career in education.

“What we found is that folks were saying they really needed to be able to work and make money while they’re getting their master’s degree, and they also said they needed more flexibility,” Johnson says.

In response, William & Mary is working with the Hampton and Newport News school systems to develop master’s degree and professional programs that would allow teachers to work full time and take courses during the evening and on weekends.

Another partnership with Newport News and New Kent school systems places William & Mary graduate education students in classrooms for a full year of residency. The school system pays a \$20,000 stipend plus a \$9,000 scholarship, and students commit to teaching in the system for three years after receiving their degrees. Johnson says 10 to 12 graduate students participate in the residency program each year.

“It’s not just exciting that we’re meeting that need — it’s that graduates are coming from an institution of this caliber,” Knoepfel says. “They’re smart, great students, very service and community oriented. They want to make a difference in the world.”

That description fits McPherson. As an experienced educator who is Black, he could also help bring balance to an overwhelmingly white U.S. teaching population. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, nearly 80% of public school teachers in the country are white, compared with just 45% of the student population.

Some studies have concluded that underrepresented students score higher on standardized tests,

attend school more frequently, have fewer suspensions and are more likely to go to college when they have at least one teacher of the same race.

“Demographically, we’re moving into a place where the majority of kids in public schools are from populations that have not historically been served well by public schools,” Knoeppel says. “The challenge is how to train our teachers to create inclusive learning environments in which populations that were not historically served as well achieve at a high level.”

Along with expanding its range of programs, the School of Education is working to build and diversify the teacher pipeline by partnering with high schools and community colleges. In May, 25 students from a teaching academy at Hampton’s Kecoughtan High School visited William & Mary. School of Education professors are also visiting other area high schools that offer a course called Teachers for Tomorrow.

At Miami Dade College in Florida, School of Education Dean Carmen Concepción Ed.D. ’20 is implementing similar measures to recruit students for teacher preparation programs.

“The pandemic has raised doubts and uncertainties about the teaching profession, making it less appealing to potential educators,” Concepción says. “We must counteract this trend by emphasizing the importance of teaching as a fulfilling and impactful career choice. Offering scholarships, mentorship opportunities and innovative teaching models can attract a new generation of passionate educators.”

## INDIVIDUALIZED ATTENTION

Besides adding to the population of teachers in Virginia, William & Mary is playing a leading role in a statewide pilot program launched in June that aims to reverse learning losses.

Called Bridging the Gap, the program is designed to ensure that any student whose academic achievement is not on grade level has a personalized learning plan developed and implemented in partnership with teachers, parents and students. To help monitor progress, student assessment information will be compiled into a “data dashboard” — individual reports that are accessible to the students and their parents and teachers. Two dozen school systems are participating in the pilot program, including Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools.

Christopher R. Gareis M.A.Ed. ’92, Ed.S. ’93, Ed.D. ’96, P’22, P ’25, professor of educational policy, planning and leadership at the W&M School of Education, is overseeing the Virginia Department of Education grant for the program and partnering with North Carolina-based Advanced Learning Partnerships, known as ALP, which works directly with the participating public schools.

Gareis provided guidance in developing the Bridging the Gap model and identifying the knowledge and skills teachers and school administrators need to implement it. He also will lead efforts to evaluate the program. ALP will coach teachers on how to communicate with parents and students about steps that need to be taken to achieve grade-level proficiency.

“What William & Mary brings in part is an expertise in the use of data for decision making, parental engagement and the development of personalized learning plans,” says Gareis, who traveled to Singapore this fall in his role as chair and convener of the Asia-Pacific Educational Assessment Conference.

Student and parent involvement is central to the Bridging the Gap pilot, he says. “I hope this program will enable students to see that the assessments they take are helping adults make good decisions that benefit them, and that they and their parents can be part of those decisions. An important part of this is the notion that teachers can’t be solely responsible for student learning.”

## MEETING STUDENTS’ NEEDS

Karen Swann ’02, M.Ed. ’07, principal at Laurel Lane Elementary School in Williamsburg, says it is especially important now, after the disruptions of COVID-19, for teachers and administrators to be in communication with families and be attuned to obstacles that might interfere with students’ learning. Examples of those could be illness or death in the family, parents’ divorce, job loss or homelessness.

“Empathy is number one,” she says. “We pay attention to all of those needs and help the children channel their emotions. We try to make our campus a fun and safe place to be. When kids can feel safe and cared for, when they feel like there are people who believe in them, that gives an opportunity for them to want to learn.”

To encourage reading over the summer, each student at Laurel Lane received a book to take home and a postcard to send to the school with their review. About 40% of the students sent in their postcards.

This school year, Swann is introducing a “house” system that places every student and staff member in a group to encourage a sense of community. Each house identifies with a color and type of penguin — the school mascot — and represents one of four values: being polite, positive, prepared and productive. Students and teachers will work on projects together incorporating those themes. The house system provides an opportunity to develop communication skills, build engagement, encourage attendance and increase students’ confidence, she says.

“It connects to our multitiered systems of support,” Swann says, “and that’s where academic and social aspects of school come together so that kids can be successful.” ☺

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# A DOG'S BEST FRIEND



*Veterinarian and entrepreneur David Haworth '90 is making advances in cancer treatment more accessible for pets*



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## ***DR. DAVID HAWORTH '90 LIVES IN DENVER WITH HIS WIFE, CLAUDIA BELLINGER HAWORTH '90, AND TWO GOLDEN RETRIEVERS. ONE IS BRECKINRIDGE, A 2-YEAR-OLD GIRL. SHE'S CUTE. SHE KNOWS SHE'S CUTE.***

The other is Bridger, a 10 1/2-year-old boy. He's cute, but an older, more companionable cute. "Lots of quirks but mostly laudable ones," Haworth says of him.

Bridger was also dog No. 1199 in the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study, which Haworth ran at the Morris Animal Foundation, a charity. Haworth wrote a blog post about his dog's participation in 2014, the study's third year.

"My 16-month-old furry child is a hero for all dogs," he wrote. "While it is nothing I want to think about while my golden boy is lying on my feet, in time every one of these beautiful animals will get sick and eventually, pass away."

Studying Bridger and the others in the survey may help scientists prevent, spot and treat dog diseases, potentially allowing pets to lead longer and healthier lives. For more than 10 years, researchers took blood samples, measured his weight, sequenced his DNA and ran other tests. It was the longest, most comprehensive study ever finished in veterinary medicine, Haworth says.

By 2019, Haworth had left Morris and was working on a Phoenix-based startup: Vidium Animal Health. Its mission is to screen and treat dog cancers, using scientific advances in human cancer treatment.

Bridger, at that time, was working as a therapy dog with Claudia. It was a fitting role. Bridger is the most empathic dog Haworth's ever seen — the kind that can walk into a room and sense the person that needs him most.

Claudia and Bridger would visit the Phoenix Children's Hospital and walk through rounds with the nurses. Half an hour later, those nurses would sit with him on the break room floor, letting out a good, cleansing cry.

That fall, as Haworth worked on a business plan for Vidium, Bridger was diagnosed with a mast cell tumor. It's the most common form of skin cancer in dogs, and outcomes vary widely. If caught early, the dog can live for years. If caught late, the dog might only have months.

In keeping with his work on the golden retriever study and throughout his career, Haworth was founding this company to treat dogs with cancer. But would his own dog — who had spent his life helping others — make it?

### **Cassowary Dundee**

The two-word version of Haworth's career follows his name on a business card. They're his degrees: doctor of veterinary medicine (DVM) and doctor of philosophy in reproductive physiology (Ph.D.).

Haworth is a scientist first. It shapes the way he thinks — in cost-benefit analyses, comparing different kinds of treatment and how much they would cost. And it's shaped his career, spanning an all-star roster of animal health and welfare organizations, from Pfizer to PetSmart Charities.

Scientist first. Second: animals. They're what his career, in some ways even his life, has been about.

He cared for outdoor cats — his mother is allergic — while growing up in Tallahassee, Florida. He met Claudia in a class at William & Mary, after she persuaded her professor to let her bring a 10-week-old golden retriever puppy with her. It walked over to Haworth's chair and started chewing on his hand. "We met when her dog bit me," the joke now goes.

It's somewhat ironic that the most important parts of Haworth's university experience took place inside the classroom. Until his sophomore year in

college, his main interests were outside of it. He swam for William & Mary. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was a mediocre student — only a 2.5 GPA, equating to a C- average.

At times that middling college student still shows. Haworth is self-deprecating, speaking much more freely about his family than he does about himself.

It's an unrepresentative demeanor, given that Haworth hasn't been below average for decades — not since the summer of his sophomore year.

That summer, one of his biology professors was taking eight students to Australia for a 5,000-mile research trip. Haworth was invited, though he still doesn't know why. And he said yes.

For six weeks, Haworth and his classmates drove across the continent in a Toyota Land Cruiser — a veritable iron horse with forward-facing front seats and inward-facing rear benches. Haworth doesn't even remember if they had seatbelts.

During the day, they studied wildlife. At night, they camped. In the country's north, he fed potato chips to a cassowary — Australia's bizarre, beautiful and giant flightless bird. At a pub later that night, locals informed him that cassowaries are the most dangerous birds to humans in the world, killing dozens of people each year.

*DEVOTED COMPANIONS:  
Dr. David Haworth '90 relaxes  
with his two golden retrievers,  
Bridger (right) and Breckin-  
ridge.*

“As usual, I Forrest Gumped my way through it,” he says.

Indeed, he ran, though mostly from his past apathy. Real epiphanies are rare, but that trip was one for Haworth. Years later, his kids would ask for Australia stories — chasing dingos out of the campsite, finding snakes near sleeping bags.

“It was that group of people who showed me that maybe I should apply myself and I could be as cool as these guys,” he says.

Of the eight students on that trip, six got medical degrees, one received a doctorate at Stanford, and Haworth went to veterinary school. His last two years at William & Mary, he earned a 3.7 GPA, he says.

## Elementary School

By the time he graduated, Haworth knew he wanted to be a veterinarian. The trouble, still, was his grades. He didn't have all the prerequisites and veterinary programs then, as now, are highly competitive. At that point there were only 30 programs in the country. Even now there are just 33.

Claudia had been accepted to law school in Denver, so Haworth followed her, after they married in the Wren Chapel. He worked odd jobs — selling



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suits at Brooks Brothers, bartending — and took his remaining core classes at the local community college. It raised his overall GPA, allowing him to swap lower for higher grades for every additional course he took, per the transcript rules.

Within a couple of years, he was accepted to Colorado State University.

But when he got there, he quickly realized he didn't want to be a practicing vet. Looking back, it was the monotony, he says. Vet school was like returning to elementary school. He went to classes with the same students in the same lecture halls. The professors would exit and enter. The students stayed. Hence, the chair you sat in on day one became your chair for the semester.

Haworth started to fear the same for his career. He wasn't ready for the commitment of opening a practice in one city, understanding he might be there for decades.

So he enrolled in a Ph.D. program at his school. Years later, he added a postdoctoral fellowship in cancer therapies for dogs, continuing his growing interest in treating animal diseases.

From there, Haworth's path was gilded. His LinkedIn page reads like a highlight reel.

One year as a practicing vet in Spokane, Washington, getting tangible experience.

Eleven years at Pfizer Animal Health, rising to become director of business development.

Four years as president and CEO of the Morris Animal Foundation — one of the world's top funders of animal research. That's where he adopted Bridger.

Three years as head of PetSmart Charities, which is one of the biggest names in animal welfare.

Years before, he had been struggling with grades. Now, he had three degrees and experience at some of the world's top firms in his field.

## 2.8 Billion Characters

The next stop in that list, after a short stint consulting, was Vidium.

Enter Will Hendricks, who lives in Phoenix with a menagerie. Two mixed-breed rescue dogs, two domestic short-hair rescue cats, two pineapple green-cheeked conures, four guinea pigs, some fish and four kids.

The dogs are Jimmy and Jake. Jimmy is a pit bull, chow chow mix, around 12 years old. He was a stray, running down a busy street in Phoenix two years ago nearby. They opened their car door. Jimmy jumped in. They searched for his owner until they realized that was now them.

Jake is a Lab/American Staffordshire terrier mix, about the same age. He has a spotted coat. One of their neighbor's kids calls him Jake the cow — a cow that likes to bury hot dogs in their backyard. Jake never digs them up.

Hendricks has a doctorate in cellular, molecular and genetic medicine from Johns Hopkins University, the kind of degree that prepares you for the job he held for 10 years: an assistant professor at the Translational Genomics Research Institute. TGEN is a wonky research group based in Phoenix that studies the genetic components of complex diseases such as cancer.

There, Hendricks researched cancers that affected underserved populations, human and animal, including dogs. Several years ago, he and some others sensed that there was a need for

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the treatment of canine cancers to catch up to the advances in human cancers in the last 20 years.

Human DNA is a long series of letters, and they're getting increasingly easy to read. The Human Genome Project first successfully cataloged our genetic makeup around the turn of the century, costing billions of dollars. By the early 2000s, the cost of reading the entire human genome dropped into the millions. By 2006, it fell into the thousands, says Hendricks.

Being able to read someone's genetic dictionary — a process called sequencing — is helpful when treating diseases like cancer. Such diseases are genetic, meaning they're caused by mutations in human genes. Knowing which genes have mutated is key to treating the cancer, always a balance of killing as many malignant cells and as few healthy ones as possible. Sequencing permits specificity.

These advances in cancer treatment for humans could be useful for animals too, Hendricks reasoned. The human genome is 3.2 billion characters. The canine one is 2.8 billion characters.

"Comparatively, veterinary medicine has been underresourced and understudied," he says.

They just needed the right team.

## In Which Dogs Bark

Hendricks and Haworth had met several times before, but didn't plan on working together. That changed when it became clear to Hendricks what kind of person was needed to launch this company: someone with charisma, experience in business and a background in veterinary medicine.

It might as well have been Haworth's silhouette. He joined the team.

Haworth, Hendricks and Katie Banovich, another co-founder, wrote a business plan and began meeting with potential investors. They had a connection to a major shareholder of the automotive company Carvana, but approached the meeting with caution. This was a handshake meeting, they reasoned. Let's get some practice pitching our mission.

Five minutes into the presentation, the investor said he liked it.

"How much do you need?" he asked.

Almost in disbelief, Haworth told him. In all, including later funding when Carvana's stock jumped, the investor contributed \$7.5 million.

Vidium has since expanded to 22 employees, with a focus on company culture. For example, when considering potential hires, the interview team asks themselves whether they'd willingly sit next to that person on a trans-Pacific flight. If so, it's probably a good fit.

Banovich encountered that culture early on when meeting Haworth.

She also lives in Phoenix, with her family and two dogs. Both are Labradoodles, Copper and Caramel. Copper they adopted as a puppy. He's angsty — she likens him to the shy boy at the playground — and he never leaves her husband's side. Caramel is a younger sister of his. She is not afraid to get into trouble.

Including when Banovich met Haworth. Her dogs and family were packed into a minivan driving to a family reunion in northern California, and she had a conference call to discuss the business plan.

"It was one of those moments where I was like, 'OK, everyone has to be absolutely silent,'" she says. "That's the moment that everyone decides to descend into chaos."

Her dogs began howling in the back, and as she cringed, Haworth said there was no need to fret. Dogs bark.

"I knew I liked him right away," she says.

*THE BEST THERAPY: David Haworth '90 and Claudia Bellinger Haworth '90 share an affectionate moment with Bridger. The golden retriever and Claudia make up a therapy team serving Phoenix hospitals.*

PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID HAWORTH '90

## The First Patient

Beside culture, the second pillar of Vidium is science.

Theirs might sound like a familiar story: A health startup promises to better test for life-altering diseases. Not too long ago, the now-defunct testing company Theranos promised similar results, though with almost magical methods. The company was exposed as a sham in 2015.

“The ghost of [Theranos founder] Elizabeth Holmes haunts everyone in our world,” says Haworth.

Along with that history, the Food and Drug Administration regulates medicine for humans but not animals. That makes sense, he says. Pets don’t pay taxes.

But for the companies working in animal health, it adds a higher burden of responsibility. Less oversight can spell more potential for error.

Vidium’s response is transparency, Haworth says. The partners publish tranches of their research and scrutinize each other’s findings. As his history would suggest, it’s science first.

The company’s work builds on the advances in genetic sequencing that first led Hendricks to the project. Vidium has developed a diagnostic test that scans for mutations in 120 relevant genes. Based on the results, they recommend therapies most likely to address those mutations.

“It’s early days for that philosophy in veterinary medicine,” says Haworth. “But it’s gaining traction.”

Dogs have much shorter lifespans than humans do. But they’re increasingly being treated like members of the family — so says a majority of Americans, at least, according to polls.

That changing role for dogs is changing pet owners’ care for them. Dogs are getting ever more human names. The luxury pet food market is growing. “My dogs eat better than I do,” says Banovich.

Hence, when dogs are diagnosed with diseases such as cancer, Banovich says, owners are more likely to seek treatment.

Vidium gained recognition at the 2022 Animal Health Summit in Kansas City, where it received the Innovation Award. The event allows companies to present their products and business plans to a panel of judges and an audience of potential partners.

The company right now is working on a paper comparing the health outcomes for dogs with cancer that have their tumors sequenced versus those that don’t.

For Haworth, it’s a remarkably personal process. When Bridger was diagnosed with cancer, they were still working on the prototype for their diagnostic test.

Bridger became their first patient. They sequenced his cancer, which allowed them to personalize his care. It helped. He went into total remission, and is healthy today.



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*SPECIALIZED CARE: Genetic sequencing at Vidium allowed for personalized treatment of Bridger’s cancer. Here, he is seen by his oncologist, Dr. Marie Janson of Denver Animal Hospital.*

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Haworth texted about him last month from his couch, with Bridger sitting at his feet below — just like he did as a puppy.

And Bridger kept working as a therapy dog.

## Glowsticks

Banovich’s husband works for TGEN, which is how she was introduced to Vidium. She joined because it was a chance to build something new. She stayed because she came to believe in what they were building.

While she, Hendricks and Haworth were working on the business plan, her 3-year-old son was having back pain. She took him to get an MRI, routine she thought. The doctors found a tumor near his spine.

Soon he was being rushed to emergency surgeries in the hospital. He had three operations in 14 days, going under anesthesia around 15 times. “It was just this whirlwind,” Banovich says.

And he handled it as a 3-year-old would. Sitting in his bright purple room, he started obsessing over glowsticks, asking that the lights be kept off so he could see their green hue. He watched “The Nightmare Before Christmas” almost on repeat the entire time.

At one point, the Haworths visited with a stuffed animal and a children’s book — “The Brave Little Lion.” Banovich was embarrassed when her son threw the book across the room and said he didn’t know who these people were.

“He’s right,” Claudia Haworth said with understanding, and the couple stepped out.

The surgeries were successful, removing almost all the tumor. The family later sequenced it at TGEN, from which they learned that it wouldn’t grow quickly. It became Banovich’s mission to learn everything she could about her son’s condition and how to treat it. She gave a presentation on the specific mutation to Vidium.

“As a mother going through it with my son, the overwhelming feeling I had was helplessness there,” she says. “When I came back to work, it was more of a personal mission to help others.”

Her son is now 7 years old, in full health, a green belt in karate. He still wears the same yellow gown with orange tigers. The family continues to monitor his tumor, taking him back to the hospital where he was treated years ago.

It’s Phoenix Children’s Hospital, the one where Bridger served as a therapy animal.

## ‘This Big Blue Ocean’

Vidium has two goals going forward, Banovich says: growth and affordability.

There are only 400 or so veterinary oncologists in the country, she says, a number few enough to make them all reachable, but high enough to require persistence. Vidium is going through that process now, Banovich says, trying to make sure the doctors on the front lines of treating dogs know what resources they can offer.

They’ve been successful, as this writer observed at a reception in Washington late this summer. A nearby veterinarian struck up a conversation, only to hear about this story on Vidium.

“Those guys are awesome,” the veterinarian said.

The other goal is to lower costs, the second part of increasing their reach. Pet owners may be more willing to seek treatment for their dogs, but every decision to do so is difficult.

As a diagnostics company, Vidium could offer more information in that process, helping people understand the severity of their dog’s cancer and improving survival rates in the actual treatment process. That only works, though, if people feel like they can afford it, Banovich says, and they’re trying to make sure that’s possible.

“It’s just this big blue ocean and there’s so much that we still can do in veterinary medicine,” Banovich says.

A big blue ocean, yes, but one that always feels familiar at a company so focused on animal welfare. 🐾



*'A HERO FOR ALL DOGS': After receiving treatment for his mast cell tumor, Bridger is in remission and in good health. He continues his work as a therapy dog.*

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# BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT

THE CURTAIN GOES UP ON WILLIAM & MARY'S SPECTACULAR NEW PERFORMING ARTS FACILITIES. AS W&M CELEBRATES THE YEAR OF THE ARTS, NEW SPACES ARE FOSTERING GREATER INNOVATION AND FACULTY-STUDENT COLLABORATION.



**T**he arts at William & Mary debuted a bright, modern new home this fall for students across all disciplines. The first phases of the university's new Arts Quarter are complete, opening as W&M celebrates its Year of the Arts. Students have new opportunities to collaborate and innovate in partnership with world-class theatre, dance and music faculty.

Inviting spaces for teaching, learning, research and performance are spread throughout the renovated and expanded Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall and the new Music Building, which together comprise the complex. The venues will serve both the campus and regional communities, coming to life in the university's Arts Quarter.

"We are thrilled for the opportunities that these beautiful new spaces afford our students and faculty," says Suzanne Raitt, dean of the faculty of Arts & Sciences. "The influence of the arts at William & Mary is evident in all aspects of campus life, seamlessly woven into the fabric of our learning and activities."

The Department of Theatre & Dance will be located in PBK Memorial Hall while the Department of Music will be housed in the new Music Building. The growing Arts Quarter also will include The Martha Wren Briggs Center for the Visual Arts, which will open in fall 2024 and serve as the home to the expanded and renovated Muscarelle Museum of Art. The quarter's existing Andrews Hall is home to the Department of Art & Art History and its Andrews Gallery.

"The new Arts Quarter represents a significant step toward fostering a tangible sense of identity and a broad artistic vision at William & Mary, enriching the experiences of our talented students, dedicated faculty and the wider community," says Raitt. "We look forward to welcoming everyone to experience this hub of artistic expression and excellence." ☺



**A DIALOGUE BETWEEN DISCIPLINES:** *“The significance of the integration of multiple disciplines within the performing arts is impossible to understate,” says Jarrett Bloom ’24, a dancer, musician and professional actor double majoring in theatre and sociology. “Bringing these disciplines together in one space allows for the collaboration of multiple disciplines and the creation of a dialogue between these disciplines.”*







*SPACE FOR ALL: Arts of all kinds are an integral part of the William & Mary experience. Around 30% of students participate in the performing arts, including as musicians, actors, ensemble members and production staff. The new spaces have flexibility to be used for classes, extracurriculars, individual and group study and more.*





**VISUAL ARTS:** *The Arts Quarter's Andrews Hall is home to the W&M Department of Art & Art History. There, the Andrews Gallery showcases work by current students and faculty members, including ceramics, painting, drawing, printmaking, architecture, sculpture and photography, as well as exhibitions from invited artists.*

**HEART OF THE HALL:** *The centerpiece of the new Music Building's 450-seat concert hall is the Peragallo Opus 652 pipe organ, which includes 1,002 speaking pipes and is topped with a Trompette en Chamade of 49 horizontal reeds.*







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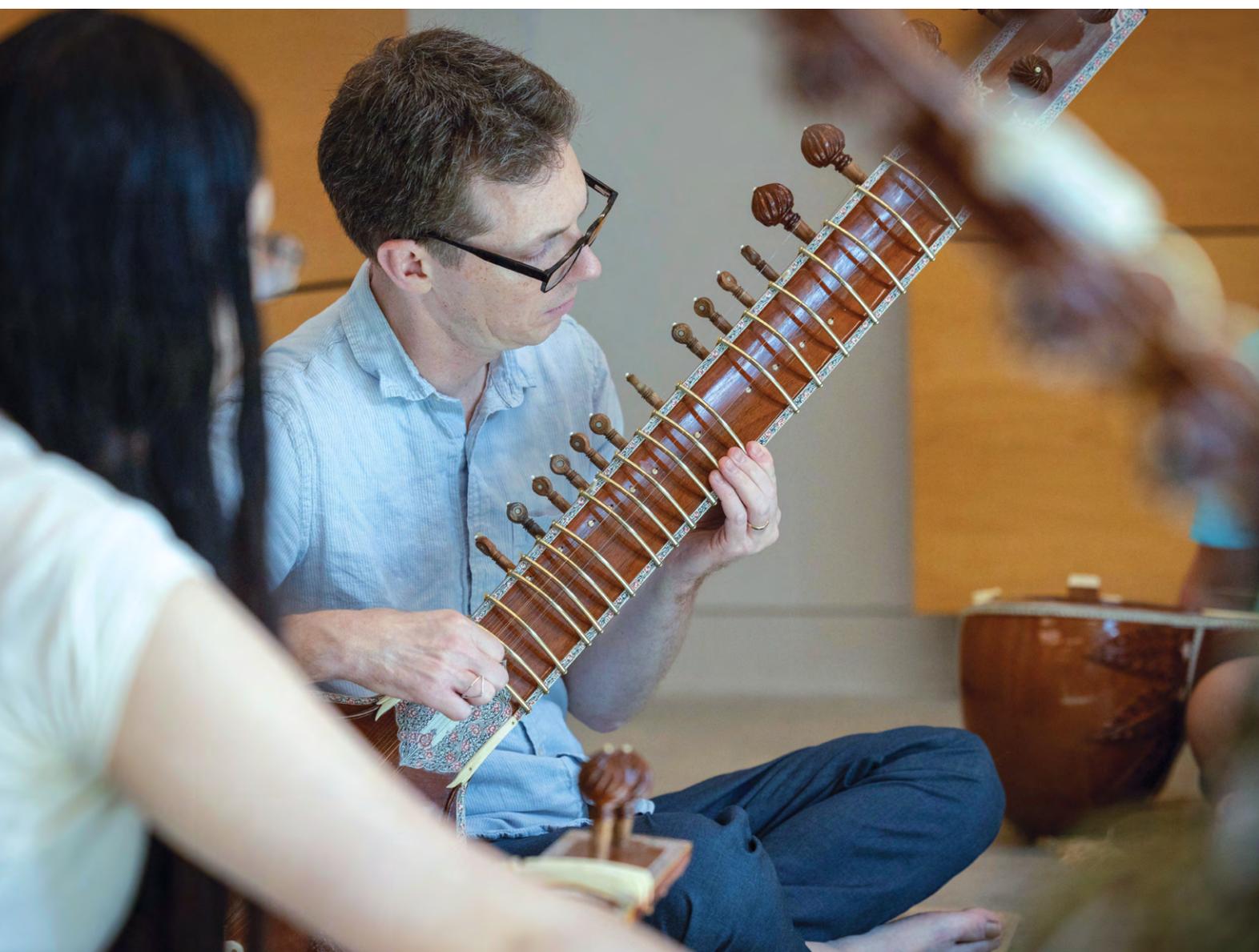
**ART TELLS POWERFUL STORIES:** *The inaugural show in the expanded Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall was a performance of “Nine” by a group of dancers from the Leah Glenn Dance Theatre and selected W&M students on Sept. 9. “Nine” tells the story of the Little Rock Nine, who faced intense opposition as the first Black students to enroll at the previously segregated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957. The dance company’s founder and artistic director, Leah Glenn, is Year of the Arts Professor of Dance at William & Mary.*



**SHALL WE DANCE?:** *Theatre and dance performance spaces in PBK Memorial Hall include the 478-seat main stage theatre, a 250-seat studio theatre, a 100-seat lab theatre and a 60-seat dance recital theatre. There are two dance studios and a warmup space, as well as scenic design and construction lab spaces, costume construction and conservation areas, media and design labs, dressing rooms and assorted acting labs, classrooms, seminar rooms, faculty offices and a departmental library.*

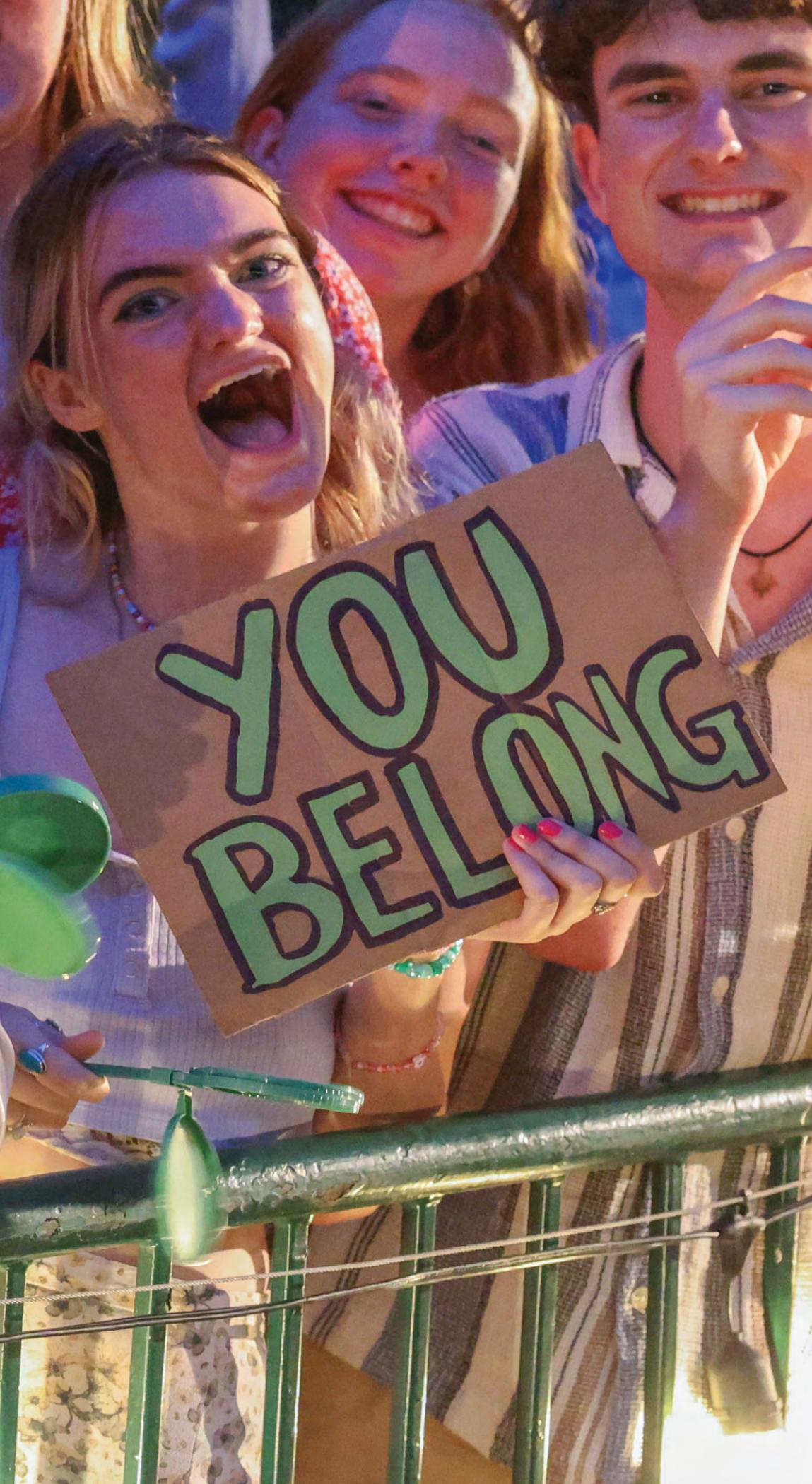


**STRIKING THE RIGHT NOTE:**  
*Instruction, rehearsal and performance have been enhanced by the music department's move from Ewell Hall into the new Music Building. The building has more than 30 practice rooms of varying sizes for individuals and small groups. Dedicated spaces, such as the global ensembles room, provide an inclusive rehearsal space for smaller ensembles and expand and enhance opportunities for student participation.*





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### WELCOME TO W&M!

*Members of the William & Mary community greet new students at Opening Convocation. Those include about 1,630 students in the Class of 2027 and 175 transfer students.*

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**A WORLD AWAY:** *Sophia Glock '04 had only visited the U.S. a handful of times before she applied to William & Mary. The final panels of "Passport" show her first days on campus.*

“IN MY BOOK I TALK ABOUT REINVENTING YOURSELF AND HAVING TO START OVER AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN.”

# *A Passport Into a World of Secrets*

SOPHIA WIEDEMAN GLOCK '04 SHARES HER STORY IN A GRAPHIC MEMOIR

**ALUMNI PROFILE** When 16-year-old Sophia, the main character in “Passport,” realizes her parents are spies, so many things make sense — moving around so much, living under security in Central America, her family’s culture of secrecy. But even with this revelation, she still has to get through high school and the struggles that come with it for every teenager.

“Passport” is the true story of Sophia Wiedeman Glock '04, told and illustrated in her graphic memoir for young adult readers.

“In my book I talk about reinventing yourself and having to start over again and again and again. But ultimately you don’t have to have parents who are spies to have that experience,” Glock says. “It’s typical to being an adolescent. The reality of my parents’ careers almost functions as a metaphor for being a young person, figuring out who you are.”

Glock started reading comics at age 12 with the “X-Men” series. But, after feeling like those comics weren’t written for her as a young woman, she discovered the world of independent comics. It ignited her dream to write her own.

Being a William & Mary student was also her dream. She decided to attend when she was just 7 years old, on one of the handful of trips to the U.S. she took with her parents.

“We were here to see Colonial Williamsburg, and my father pointed out

the school, and he said, ‘Maybe you’ll go there one day.’ I looked at it and said, ‘Yeah, I think I will.’ Done. Decided. Check.”

Like many other government families, her parents were based in Virginia. She toured other in-state schools, but none



**DRAWING FROM HER EXPERIENCE:** *Glock was interested in drawing comic books from a young age. Her English and art classes at William & Mary, as well as her contributions to the Meridan’s art scene, helped her refine her skills.*

could beat the “vibe on campus” she experienced here; in the end, William & Mary was the one she applied to — she was admitted early decision.

The culture shock of moving back to the U.S. from Central America was challenging



**SOPHIA, IN REAL LIFE:**  
*Glock says the process of writing about her childhood was cathartic, allowing her to see herself and the people in the book in a new, more understanding light.*

at first, but she found a community in her freshman dorm, Barrett Hall, and a creative outlet in the campus coffee shop, the Meridian, where she worked. It hosted art projects throughout the year and was a gathering place for “artistic, alternative types,” Glock says. “It was the first time I really felt like I found my people.”

There, she met her future husband, Earl “Judge” Glock IV ’04, M.A. ’09, and some of the friends she stays in touch with to this day.

“I value the idea of having a home a little bit more intensely than other people — I think that’s why I’m ultra-attached to William & Mary,” she says. “It’s both an opportunity and a burden that I get to decide where home is, and I don’t take it for granted.”

As a student, she double majored in studio art and English. While this now seems like the perfect combination for a career in comic books, at the time, she wasn’t yet clear on how to make a career from her passion.

She describes her art classes as traditional, providing her with fundamentals like figure drawing — key for the long-form work she is doing now that requires consistent figures, page after page. Professor Brian Kreydatus was particularly influential. “He taught me how to draw,” she says.

After graduation, she wasn’t sure what to do next. But an article in the W&M Alumni Magazine’s spring/summer 2004 issue inspired her to stick with comics. “Not Your Average Comic Book Guy” profiled alumnus David Lasky ’90, who was creating independently published comics. He, too, had been a fine arts and English double major at W&M. Glock immediately went to a comic book store and found one of his books, “Urban Hipster,” and loved it.

“For a long time, David Lasky’s story was a beacon of hope for me,” she says. “He did it. I can do it too.”

She moved to Philadelphia, taking continuing education classes, working odd jobs and putting together a portfolio to submit to art schools. She got into the MFA program at the School of Visual Arts in New York City and created a comic book for her thesis.

That comic, “The Deformatory,” received a grant for publication, kickstarting a slew of projects she describes as the “most fantastical, strange surreal comics.” She printed them herself and took them to indie comic book shows, all while working as a freelance illustrator, production assistant and an adjunct professor to pay the bills. Her work appeared in various anthologies as well as in *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *Buzzfeed*, *Narratively* and *Time Out New York*.

But as she drew, she realized her work was getting more and more personal, edging closer to the true story of her exceptional childhood. She decided it was time to confront her past head-on in her art.

That project became “Passport,” which was published by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers in 2021. It’s drawn in just three colors — black, faded red and faded blue, reminiscent of her school uniforms, airmail envelopes and the colors of the American flag.

Before it could be released, the CIA reviewed the memoir and required Glock to remove certain details.

“I didn’t get to talk about certain things that I might have explored a bit more, things that were painful to scrub out because they are the facts of my life,” she says. “But it was important to do everything above board and to do justice to my parents and their legacy.”

Throughout the memoir, Sophia’s frustrations with herself, her family and her friends are balanced with moments of grace and hope. Creating the book was an exercise in forgiveness, she says. “You can’t create a character if you look at people in black-and-white terms. They’re very flat. They’re not dynamic. You have to look at all parts of their humanity, which

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is the quickest way to compassion. I ended up feeling a lot of compassion for the people in the book, and for myself.

“The stories we tell ourselves about our past become rote, we become attached to them, and we put them away. We don’t challenge them, and it’s not that they aren’t true, but there’s not a chance to re-examine them and let go of the ones that aren’t serving us anymore. This was cathartic, putting them on the page and giving them away through words.”

Glock loves hearing from her readers that her story made a difference in their lives.

“It was so hard to put myself out there. It feels vaguely embarrassing to write about yourself, to feel like your story is worth telling. But when someone writes to you and says, ‘I’m living overseas with my parents and this book describes just what that’s like,’

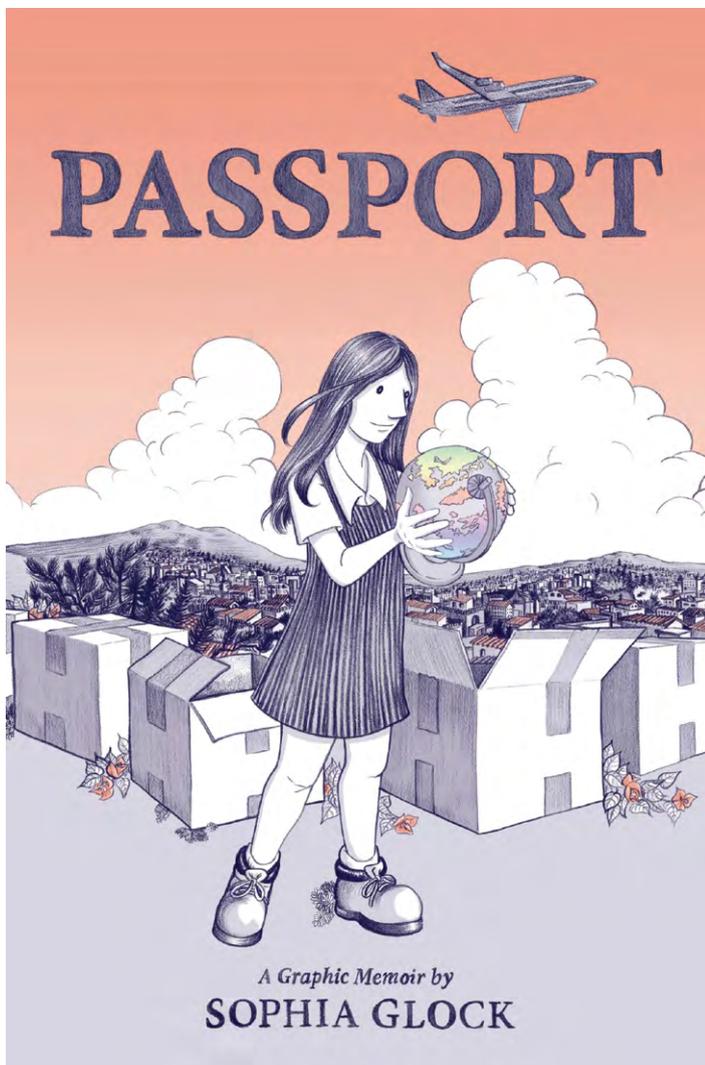
it’s the best feeling in the world,” she says. For her next book, though, she’s taking a break from memoir and working on a long-form graphic novel firmly based in fiction.

Since leaving William & Mary, Glock has never stopped moving. Her husband’s work with Cicero and the Manhattan Institute has taken her and her two children around the country. They now reside in Austin, Texas.

“My past makes me a bit more aware of the decisions I’m making for my own kids. For me, moving was so normal I really didn’t question it until I was much older. It’s so baked into my mentality about how to go through life that I can look forward to it,” she says. “Sometimes a clean slate can be a beautiful thing.”

— CLAIRE DE LISLE M.B.A. '21

**SECRETS REVEALED:** While the CIA did require Glock to remove certain details, “Passport” is the true story of her teenage years in Central America with her parents, who were working for the CIA.



ILLUSTRATIONS: SOPHIA GLOCK '04



INVESTIGATING QUESTIONS SUCH AS “HOW DO WE MAKE SURE SUDAN’S PEACE AGREEMENT LASTS?” LED BRIANNA FEREBEE ’19 TO HER CURRENT ROLE AT THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

## *Building Peace*

A STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIP DREW BRIANNA FEREBEE ’19 TO INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE BUILDING



**A PEAK EXPERIENCE:**  
*Brianna Ferebee '19 takes in the view from Lion's Head Mountain, a popular site in Cape Town, South Africa, during her W&M study abroad program.*

**ALUMNI PROFILE** You never know when an element of your William & Mary experience, whether it be specific coursework, a study abroad program or even a paper for a class, will come in handy out in the real world. Brianna Ferebee '19 has drawn on all these and more on the path to her professional career in international development.

In May, she stepped into a new role of program specialist at the United States Agency for International Development in the Bureau for Conflict Prevention and Stabilization, where she works on policy and partnerships for peace building on issues such as atrocity prevention and the role of women in peace and security. For the position, she draws upon her educational background in international relations and anthropology, her experiences studying in South Africa and at the W&M Washington Center, as well as her work with W&M's AidData research lab.

From the moment she set foot on campus, Ferebee knew she wanted to study international relations. In her coursework, she discovered a significant overlap with anthropology, illuminated in questions such as, “How does a country view the U.S. relationship and how can we include that local perspective in international development work?”

Ferebee, who was involved in organizations such as the women's rugby team, the W&M chapter of the NAACP and the Spotswood Society, didn't want to leave campus for a full semester. However, she saw the importance of studying abroad: “I knew that I needed to see more of the world.” A summer program was the perfect solution. Ferebee decided to take a chance on a growing program at the University of Cape Town, where she studied international development through an anthropological lens and interned at a cross-cultural learning center.

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Working with the Students' Health and Welfare Centres Organization (SHAWCO), a health-related, student-led nongovernmental organization through UCT, Ferebee mentored school-age children in the Khayelitsha township. "These kids weren't around in 1994 when apartheid ended, but growing up during these transitions, they were conscious of the changes going on around them," she says. Such experiences helped Ferebee discover her passion for peace building, defined as working to create or sustain peace amidst conflict.

"I realized this is what I wanted to do. I wanted to focus on international development, particularly in Africa," she remembers. The following summer, Ferebee interned with AidData, based in W&M's Global Research Institute. Focusing on sustainable development goals, Ferebee connected AidData's research to her observations in South Africa. "AidData was the ideal opportunity to see what development looks like in practice, how we can influ-

**UNDER THE WREN:** *As a Spotswood Society member, Ferebee had a chance to visit the crypt below the Wren Building with President Katherine Rowe.*



ence policy, where development organizations should pivot and where money is needed," she says.

Having studied at the W&M Washington Center, Ferebee decided to enroll in an international development studies master's program in Washington, D.C., at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, concentrating in democracy, governance and peace building. She pursued a job at the United States Institute of Peace while taking nighttime classes. In the job interview, knowing that Sudan is a primary focus of the institute's work, Ferebee mentioned a paper she wrote for a class she took during her senior year at W&M, "State Building in Africa" with Philip Roessler, the Margaret Hamilton Professor of Government. The paper focused on how lessons learned from 1990s South Africa could inform current challenges such as the Sudan conflict. "I connected that paper to USIP's work and I think it helped me get the job," she says.

At USIP, Ferebee co-wrote a blog post about work the institute was doing to address hate speech and disinformation campaigns in the Central African Republic in the aftermath of a disputed election. Seeing the implementation of peace-building programs while working on a contentious project on Sudan, Ferebee realized, "Sudan could be an example of where we do things differently." Investigating questions such as, "How do we make sure Sudan's peace agreement lasts?" led Ferebee to her current role at USAID, in which she focuses on similar issues at a broader, policy level.

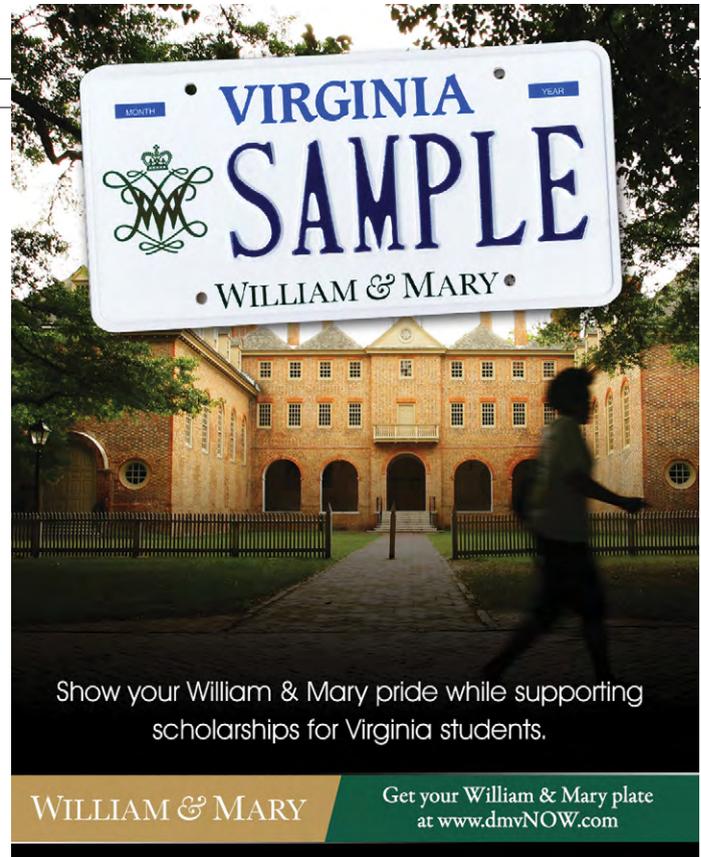
"What I enjoy most is the opportunity to examine policies that have been released about how to do peace building differently," explains Ferebee, noting the Global Fragility Act, which creates an inter-agency peace-building initiative, as one such policy. She works closely with the interagency to streamline peace building efforts. Daily, Ferebee expands and strengthens USAID partnerships with bilateral and multilateral donors, including the European Union countries and the United Nations, on conflict prevention and stabilization.

While busy in her role at USAID, Ferebee maintains her connection to W&M as a member of the Young Guard Council. "I joined because I know how important that alumni-student connection is. I wanted to be that link; I wanted to be available in case other students are interested in this path," she says. She also hopes to connect other recent alumni to each other and their alma mater.

For Ferebee, getting involved in Young Guard is "an opportunity to give back, knowing how much William & Mary shaped me."

— MARY BETH BAUERMAN '24

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# A Taste of Spain

ALUMNI-OWNED LA TIENDA BRINGS SPANISH FLAVORS AND CULTURE TO CUSTOMERS THROUGHOUT THE U.S. AND CANADA

**ONLINE:** A new study abroad scholarship established by the Harris family encourages William & Mary students to explore Spain's Camino de Santiago. Read more at [magazine.wm.edu/traveling-the-way](http://magazine.wm.edu/traveling-the-way).

**SMALL BUSINESS PROFILE** Inside an unobtrusive warehouse just west of Williamsburg is a treasure trove of Spanish delicacies. There are jars with saffron, colorful paprika tins, blocks of artisan cheese, bottles of olive oil, loaves of crusty Galician bread and — the crown jewel — jamón Ibérico, the richly flavored, dry-cured ham coveted by gourmards worldwide.

This is the headquarters of La Tienda, the leading online U.S. retailer of gourmet food and cookware from Spain, owned and operated by a family of William & Mary alumni.

La Tienda is more than a business for Don Harris '57, P '91, P '94, P '98 and Ruth Harris P '91, P '94, P '98 and their sons and daughters-in-law: Tim Harris '91 and Amy Brown Harris '91, M.A.Ed. '96;

The inspiration for La Tienda came from the Harris family's deep connection to Spain, beginning when Don was stationed there as a chaplain in the Navy in the late 1960s and early 1970s. In the decades since then, family members have returned to Spain whenever they could, often bringing back mementos, works of art and favorite foods.

After retiring from the Navy in 1988, Don served as the Episcopal chaplain for William & Mary students, based at Bruton Parish Church, and Ruth worked as a music librarian at W&M from 1989 to 2004. All three sons followed in Don's footsteps to become W&M alumni.

In the mid 1990s, when Ruth was battling breast cancer, the family looked for a way to pull closer. Don thought about their time in Spain, where they were influenced by families' day-to-day multigenerational interactions.

"Our family has always been interconnected and supportive — we learned that from the Spaniards," he says. "We said, 'Why not concentrate on Spain and find something we can do together?'"

Originally, La Tienda sold the kinds of Moorish-style ceramic tiles and Spanish artwork that Don and Ruth had used to decorate their home in Williamsburg.

"While that was fun and interesting, it quickly turned out that people were most interested in the wonderful food of Spain, which at that time was hard to find," Tim says. "So we put up a picture of Spanish jamón and asked, 'Who out there is interested in ordering ham from Spain?'"

Lots of people, it turned out. But working through customs issues to import the ham proved to be a hurdle that took a couple of years to resolve.

"While we were waiting for the ham to come in, customers started to ask for other products," Tim says. "So we began to bring those in, and it just took off organically."

Today, La Tienda carries 800 products and fills about 150,000 orders a year, exporting goods from Valencia, Spain, to the port of Norfolk and then shipping them all over the United States and Canada by UPS. It has grown from a small family operation to one with 40 to 100 employees in Virginia, depending



**SALUD!** Jonathan Harris raises a toast with family members at La Tienda Tapas Bar & Market. The spread includes Spanish items such as cheese, olives and chorizo.



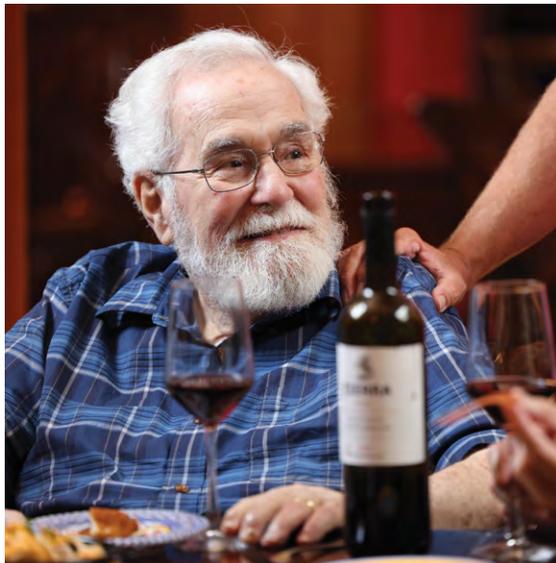
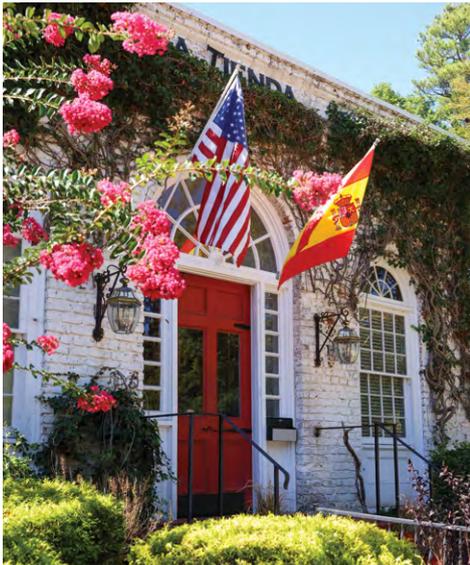
Jonathan Harris '94 and Stacey Reid Harris; and Chris Harris '98 and Rian Harker Harris '98. It is a platform to share Spanish food and culture, support and promote sustainable food production, and expand knowledge through engagement with W&M faculty and students.

Williamsburg residents and visitors might be more familiar with La Tienda Tapas Bar & Market, which opened as a shop on Jamestown Road in 2010 and later expanded into a restaurant, now owned by executive chef Greg Mincher. But the online retail business came first, launching in 1996. The internet had just entered the public domain three years earlier, and businesses were still learning how to use it.

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**FAMILY BUSINESS:** Don and Ruth Harris meet at La Tienda Tapas Bar & Market with their sons (from left), Chris, Tim and Jonathan, and daughter-in-law Amy. On the agenda: sampling some Spanish food and wine.



PHOTOS: ALFRED HERCZEG '23



on the season, as well as two in Spain, at offices in Valencia and Zarautz.

As they developed the company, the Harris family maintained ties with William & Mary, hiring interns and graduates, receiving advice from Raymond A. Mason School of Business faculty members and providing case studies for business students.

Hector Guerrero, a professor emeritus and former director of the Resident MBA Program at the business school, served on La Tienda's board of directors from 2005 to 2015. At that time, the company was expanding its distribution network, and Guerrero worked with the HARRISES on making the transition from an informal family operation to a more businesslike structure.

"There had to be an organizational chart," he says. "There had to be responsibilities for decision-making. I helped them think through the process of how to organize."

As a result, Tim took on the role of CEO, overseeing the operational and financial side of the business, while Jonathan became president and head of product development. Their younger brother,

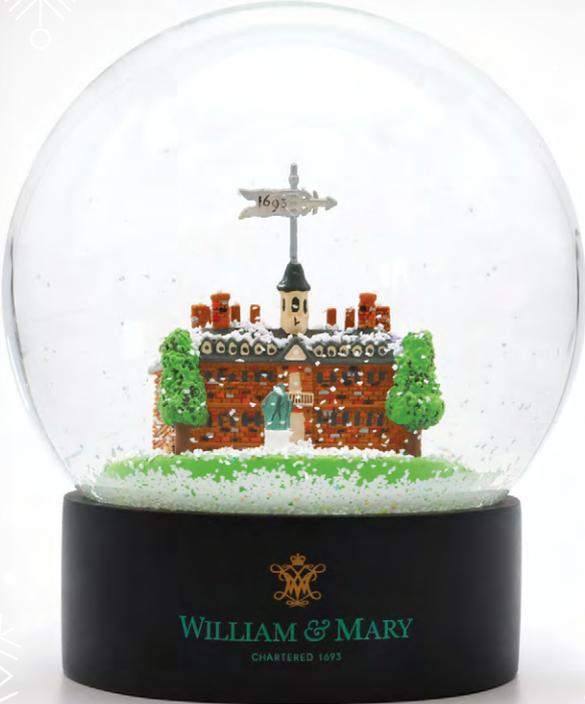
Chris, who works for the U.S. Department of State as senior political-military officer for Ukraine, provides a physical presence for the family in Spain, where his wife, Rian, is serving as deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Madrid.

During the spring 2023 semester, W&M graduate business students scrutinized La Tienda's voluminous ecommerce data as part of the master of science in business analytics (MSBA) capstone course taught by professors Rachel Chung and Guillermo Rodríguez-Abitia. The goal was to better understand clients' behavior, with a focus on customer retention.

"We learned that our best repeat customers live in the Midwest, which has allowed us to better target our marketing," Tim says.

For Stefanie Guizar Diaz '22, M.S. '23, one of the main takeaways from working on the project was the importance of understanding customer demographics. "I had already accepted a data analytics consulting job prior to working on the project," she says. "Working with La Tienda reassured me that consulting is the right field for me."

— TINA ESHLEMAN



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# The Irresistible Pull of Paris

EXPLORING THE LEGACY AND EXPERIENCES OF BLACK AMERICANS  
IN THE CITY OF LIGHT AFTER WORLD WAR I



**ROYAL RESIDENCE:**  
*At the Palace of Versailles, history came alive as the W&M group considered the opulence of past monarchs and the events leading to the French Revolution.*

**ALUMNI JOURNEY** The William & Mary Alumni Association partners with travel operators to offer Alumni Journeys — travel opportunities for W&M alumni and friends to explore destinations worldwide with expert guides. Learn more about Alumni Journeys and find upcoming trips at [wmalumni.com/travel](http://wmalumni.com/travel).

This past June, a group of 19 alumni, family and friends traveled to France for the Alumni Journey “Paris Featuring the African American Experience.”

In the years after World War I, many Black Americans found acceptance and opportunities in the City of Light. During this eight-day trip, the W&M tour group traced their travels, gaining insight into why they moved to Paris and how they forever influenced French culture. In Montmartre, the tour group listened to stories about the club owners and musicians who shaped Paris’ jazz fervor and learned about the contributions of key figures of the African diaspora. Along the way, they enjoyed quintessential Parisian experiences: tasting divine cuisine, listening to jazz at a local club, cruising the Seine River and exploring the art scene.

Trip participant Amy Smith Jasper ’89, P ’18 offers an inside view in the following travelogue.

**TRAVELOGUE** From the moment I first learned about the Age of Enlightenment and the French Revolution in Mrs. Oney’s sixth-grade history class, I was hooked. My 11-year-old self dreamed of someday walking the streets that once hosted the likes of Voltaire, Monet, Van Gogh and so many other brilliant and creative minds. Subsequent years of studying world history and the great writer and activist James Baldwin served to widen the scope of

my interest in Paris to include its longstanding relationship with Black Americans. The allure of strolling along the Seine, standing before iconic artworks and soaking in the history that unfolded in this city became an irresistible pull.

Enter W&M Alumni Journeys: Paris Featuring the African American Experience. While my husband, Keith Jasper ’89, P ’18, didn’t share quite the same elementary school calling to this trip as I did,

PHOTO: DON PEARCE '88

we both agreed it would be wonderful to visit Paris with fellow alumni and to experience the significant impact Black Americans had on the city's history and cultural landscape. Thanks, Holly Guest Jones '90, for the gentle nudge!

On the ride from the airport to our hotel, the city greeted us with a mixture of classic elegance and modern vibrancy: cobblestone streets, charming cafes and Haussmann-style architecture at every turn. It was a fusion of old and new, tradition and innovation. As everyone gathered for the welcome reception, it was clear that our group of 19 was a small but mighty one and the days ahead promised to be a great time.

There's something special about reconnecting with friends from college: the sharing of laughter and life updates, and the joy of being in each other's company again. There's also something special about the Tribe. Whether the members of our group were undergrads together or not, attended W&M for law school or were family and friends, our group of travelers became quickly acquainted and fun and learning ensued.

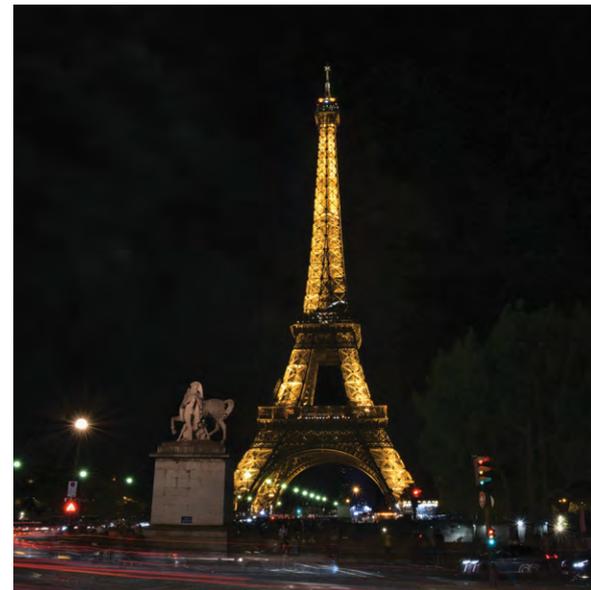
Through various tours, expert speakers and films, we learned interesting facts and details about the influx of African American artists and writers who came to Paris, beginning in the 1920s, exploring new artistic opportunities and seeking refuge from the racial discrimination in the United States. We walked the same streets, ate the same kinds of food and experienced the same spaces where Josephine Baker performed, Langston Hughes wrote, and Richard Wright and James Baldwin engaged in lively discussions and about race, identity and society. We learned of the rich history of jazz in Paris and how it began with Black soldiers during World War I. We explored how

perceptions of race and culture differ in the French context compared to the United States and how the African American experience in Paris intersects with broader themes of race, identity and belonging. Thoughtful discussion and insightful commentary were an effortless part of this trip. We were engaged at every step, soaking it all in.

The trip was designed to have a balance between scheduled activities and free time, which for many of us translated into a tiring attempt to see and do as much as possible. We succeeded. A first trip to Paris would be incomplete without visiting certain landmarks. I was amazed at the countless treasures in the Louvre spanning centuries, from ancient sculptures to Renaissance masterpieces. As I gazed up at the intricate carvings and soaring arches of the Notre Dame Cathedral, I was in awe of its Gothic magnificence, despite its scars and scaffolding from the 2019 fire. Viewing masterpieces by Monet, Van Gogh and Renoir at the Musée d'Orsay was a surreal moment, reminding me of the power of brushstrokes and colors to convey emotions and stories. The Eiffel Tower has a magical presence and our trip to the top offered panoramic views that encapsulate the essence of the City of Light.

Perhaps the star of the trip for me was our tour of the Palace of Versailles. As we explored the various chambers and apartments, it was as if the history I had studied long ago had come alive around me. Each magnificent room told a story of the opulent daily life of King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette, while affirming the significance of the people's revolt against the wealth and privilege of the monarchy. As I wandered through the palace and the meticulously designed

**MAKING MEMORIES:**  
*Quintessential Parisian experiences included traveling to the top of the Eiffel Tower and savoring the atmosphere of outdoor cafes.*



PHOTOS: DON PEARCE '88



gardens, it was not only a walk through history but also a testament to the power of education and the impact of firsthand experiences.

We ticked many other boxes on the famous sites list, including the Champs-Élysées and Arc de Triomphe, Montmartre and Sacré-Cœur, and a Seine River cruise. Of course haute couture and chic local boutiques were at every turn, so shopping was a must. One learns very quickly that what is equally important when visiting Paris is savoring the atmosphere,

architecture and local way of life, as well exploring the city's hidden gems and creating memories. One of my favorite moments of the trip was after an immersive tour through the collection of Indigenous art and cultural artifacts at the Musée du Quai Branly. Our bodies and minds in need of rest, a few of us wandered through the tranquil gardens to the museum café. There we found shade, cold beverages, a view of the Eiffel Tower, reflection, a collective exhale and the gratitude of taking it all in with old friends. Organic moments such as this and meals full of laughter and exploration (escargot, I'm talking about you), the running jokes throughout the week, navigating the Metro and the bonding search for cool air were priceless.

This alumni trip was not just a vacation, it was a journey through time and art. It was experiencing the city's ability to seamlessly blend its historical past with its vibrant present. It gave me a nuanced understanding of the historical and cultural significance of the Black expat community within the lively tapestry of Paris.

As I boarded the flight back home, I carried with me a renewed appreciation for the power of human imagination and the transformative potential of art and culture. The city that had captured my heart since my sixth-grade history class had not only met my expectations but exceeded them in ways I could never have imagined. It was a privilege to have this experience with our Tribe family.

— AMY SMITH JASPER '89, P '18

**TOGETHER IN PARIS:**  
Amy Smith Jasper '89, P '18  
and her husband, Keith Jasper  
'89, P '18.



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## Five Inducted as Honorary Alumni

DESIGNATION RECOGNIZES DEVOTION AND SERVICE TO WILLIAM & MARY

**HONORARY ALUMNI** As part of this year's Commencement celebrations, five outstanding individuals were inducted into the alumni community as honorary alumni. Christopher "Chris" Caracci, Carole Kraemer P '94, John E. Littel P '22 and Marianne Littel P '22 and Lisa Roday P '13, P '14 were nominated by their peers and selected by the W&M Alumni Association Board of Directors for this important honor, which recognizes exceptional service, support, advocacy and commitment on behalf of William & Mary and its schools, departments, organizations and boards.

"There are few activities and events that affirm the role of the Alumni Association more succinctly than the induction of honorary alumni into our extended William & Mary family," said Janet McNulty Osborn '85, then vice president of the board of directors, in her remarks at the May 11 ceremony at the Alumni House. "It is our most official and lasting way of saying thank you to those whose devotion to William & Mary is strong, regardless of their place of graduation." Read more at [magazine.wm.edu/honorary-alumni-2023](http://magazine.wm.edu/honorary-alumni-2023).

— CLAIRE DE LISLE M.B.A. '21

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“THE FELLOWSHIP HELPED ME FORM A CLEARER VISION OF WHAT I WANTED FOR MYSELF IN THE NEW POSITION, AND GAVE ME THE LANGUAGE AND CONFIDENCE TO ARTICULATE THE SKILLS I COULD BRING TO IT.”

## *Mission: A Fulfilling Career*

FELLOWSHIP HELPS ALUMNI DESIGN THEIR IDEAL CAREERS

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT** Feeling bored, disengaged or unfulfilled at work? Thinking about making a career change? Since 2018, William & Mary has partnered with Mission Collaborative on workshops to help alumni find career options that fit their needs.

The 30-day online Alumni Career Design Fellowship is designed to help W&M alumni understand their strengths, skills and values, discover possible options and choose the best path forward.

“William & Mary is committed to being your career partner for life, from your first job through every transition,” says Michael Steelman, director of alumni career development and professional engagement. “Careers is one of the four cornerstone initiatives of W&M’s Vision 2026 strategic plan, and the Alumni Career Design Fellowship is one of the ways we ensure alumni worldwide of all ages and industries have the support they need when looking to change careers.”

The workshops developed from discussions Steelman had with Mission Collaborative in early 2018. The organization provided one-day career change workshops in Washington, D.C., and was looking to pilot programs for alumni. William & Mary became the first university cohort for the program, which has now expanded to 30 partner organizations.

After three in-person bootcamps with W&M alumni, the program morphed in June 2019 to become a 30-day online fellowship, so that alumni worldwide could participate and explore content in greater depth. The move came just in time before the COVID-19 pandemic hit. The fellowships have retained their online format since then, with two offered each year. More than 400 alumni have participated in the program over the past five years.

An invitation to the spring 2022 Alumni Career Design Fellowship came along at just the right time for Tunisia Riley ’00. She was working in communications, serving the needs of New York Life’s field force when the company introduced its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion division focused on the company’s nearly 12,000 agents. Though a few colleagues encouraged her to apply for a role in the new division, she had worked in the company’s communications area for over a decade and had just returned to work after battling cancer. She wasn’t sure if she was ready for a career move.

“I’ve always been impressed with the programming William & Mary creates, and it seemed like a great

opportunity to reconnect with alumni and explore my options in this time of flux,” she says.

The program is based on peer support, so participants spend time each week in group sessions with fellow alumni to gain new perspectives and solicit feedback. They are assigned an accountability partner from the cohort to provide support throughout the program. These conversations plus assignments to help clarify their goals and skills take about 7-9 hours per week. The materials are available for participants’ use after the program ends.

“The fellowship helped me form a clearer vision of what I wanted for myself in the new position, and gave me the language and confidence to articulate the skills I could bring to it,” she says.

She applied for the position and became a diversity, equity and inclusion specialist, a role she enjoys. Riley is still in touch with another alumna in the program, helping her on her career journey. She also uses the skills she learned in the fellowship as a mentor to two young women.

“We conducted a 360-degree assessment of our skills to see what our peers and friends consider to be our strengths,” she says. “It was transformative to me and to the women I mentor, because so often we can fall into imposter syndrome — women, people of color and those who have been marginalized in particular can feel like we aren’t good enough. This tool was eye-opening and confidence-building.”

When Dan Worthington M.B.A. ’10 saw an announcement this spring for the Alumni Career Design Fellowship, he was excited about the opportunity to examine his career in more depth. He is a technical sales representative for Composites One, and after using the program to explore his strengths and career needs, he decided to stay in his current role.

“This lit a spark for some deep thought about my work,” he says. “For example, we discussed limiting beliefs — ideas that you have about what you can and can’t do that you don’t often examine, but that are defining what you do. The fellowship gave me a framework to reassess the limiting beliefs I held in areas like the compensation and work environment I need.”

The next fellowship begins on Oct. 28. Partial scholarships are available. For more information about the Alumni Career Design Fellowship and other career and professional development resources for alumni, visit [wm.edu/career/alumni](http://wm.edu/career/alumni). — CLAIRE DE LISLE M.B.A. ’21



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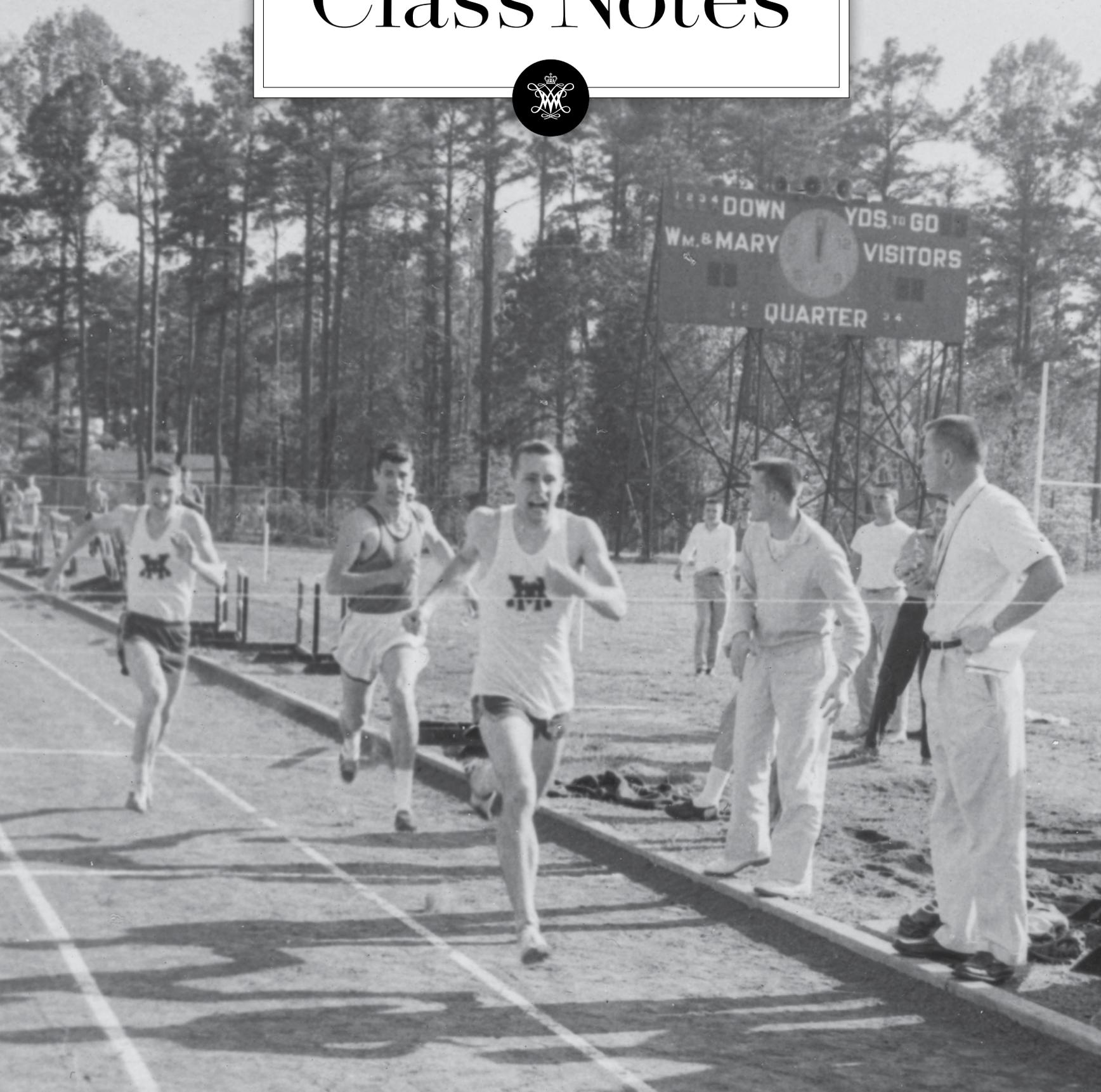
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# Class Notes



## WHAT'S THE STORY?

Members of the William & Mary track team compete at the Cary Field track in the 1950s. Cary Field was renamed Zable Stadium in honor of Walter J. Zable '37 in 1990 after Zable and his wife, Betty Carter Zable '40, made a \$10 million gift to the university. Walter ran track and played football, basketball and baseball.

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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.

## 1956

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**Anne Lunas Vincent '55** has retired as a class reporter, but she received (and passed on to us) an interesting letter from classmate **John Kepley '55**. '56ers should remember him — Kappa Sigma. He credits the beginning of “his spiritual journey” in some degree to the Drs. Rome, professors in the philosophy department, and to listening to Billy Graham’s radio program Sunday nights at the fraternity house (lodge). Having grown up attending Sunday church services, but really not knowing much about God, he decided to attend Virginia Theological Seminary for four years in Richmond. He has had a wide range of ministries: prison and jail ministry; pastored churches in Maryland, Virginia and Tennessee; and served as a traveling evangelist and Bible teacher in over 20 countries, including West Africa and now India

(23 years). It has been a busy life! John has been married 64 years to Mary Elizabeth, has four grown children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild — all are doing well! A few interesting tidbits: He smuggled Bibles into Russia (1966) and taught two Bible schools in the Ukraine, 1994-1995. There are many other events where his life was spared, when he could have died!

John points out that this all began with his days at William & Mary “in the beginning ...” (The choir sang a piece “In the Beginning ...” about 1954!) Kepley’s present address is in Roanoke, Virginia.

You should be paying attention by now and thinking about what you want to say to your classmates in the next Class Notes!

Come on classmates, we need to hear from you! **Les Sykes Waldron** says she hasn’t seen anybody or heard any news. Her life is filled with doctor appointments and dinner out, sometimes. Also, some family is coming to visit (and there is always something interesting going on in Williamsburg. We read the Virginia Gazette even though it’s out of date when it hits our mailbox.)

**Marjorie Waddell**

**Judge** has been living in the San Diego community of Lake San Marcos for almost six years. It is a beautiful area with a warm, dry climate. This year has been rainy, however. The COVID-19 years were stressful and we hope that is behind us! Marge had an exciting Greece/Mediterranean cruise planned for November, but came down with painful torn tendons in her left hip and her travel mate/cousin is scheduled for lumbar spinal surgery, so that takes care of that trip! Not ready for cobblestone streets and stairs. The two of them had a great trip together in 2019! Marge wonders how we can all be in our late 80s! But she claims relatively good health and “most of her marbles still in place.” Marge says best wishes to all of you equally ancient classmates.

From your “ancient” class reporters: Life has slowed down — grocery shopping, doctor appointments, church, our daughter very kindly takes us to concerts occasionally. We recently went to the Glenn Miller concert at Spivey Hall — good musicians. Catch that almost annually somewhere. Fun to see all the old folks there, some with grandchildren.

That’s all for now. Next time we want to hear from more of you. As our late brother-in-law Fred used to say, “Just do it.”

One final note: We were saddened to hear the news that our classmate **Dr. Stewart “Stew” Sell** passed away on June 16. He had been awarded the W&M Alumni Medallion in 2023 in part because of his significant contributions to the fields of immunology and pathology through research on cancer. In addition, he brought his love of the College wherever he went, inspiring others to engage with William & Mary.

You made us proud, Stew. We will miss you.

## 1957

Class Reporter  
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Lots of recent news from **Vince DeVita '57, D.Sc. '82**. He continues to work full time at Yale Medical School, although he anticipates retiring within the next year. Vince, upon retirement, will receive the high honor of having his endowed professorship named after him: the Vincent T. DeVita Professor of Medicine. Wow!

Vince’s daughter, **Elizabeth DeVita Raeburn '88**, is moving just a mile or so from Vince and his oldest grandson, Henry, is in town spending the summer working in a lab at Yale Medical School.

Another longtime '57 contributor to this column, **Shirley Richardson Fitzgerald**, reports she, alongside two daughters (W&M grads **Ann Fitzgerald '17** and **Lynn Mitchell '86**) and one granddaughter, had a recent wonderful trip to Charleston, South Carolina. Shirley emphatically reports she kept up with all despite the long walks, brick sidewalks and stair

climbs to rooftop restaurants!

**Faye Jones Burke** and her husband, **Tom Burke '56**, are enjoying life going on seven years now at the Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community in Charleston, South Carolina. With the end of COVID-19 restrictions, the Burkes recently took a cruise down the Mississippi River. With the cruise starting in Minneapolis, their daughter, **Kathy Burke Koch '80**, and her husband drove them there. Faye reports a wonderful cruise with good food and lots to learn about the river. And they are proud of a granddaughter who recently earned her master’s degree in symphonic tuba from Yale School of Music. They have four other grandkids, including **Tim Koch '11**.

**Bill Armbruster** and **Betty-Wright Fraher Armbruster** attended the recent Traditions Weekend at our College, greatly enjoying the Boyle Legacy Luncheon and Olde Guard Reception. Bill crossed paths with **Stew Sell '56**, who unfortunately has since passed away, while Betty had lunch with **Jane Thompson Kaplan '56**. I am assuming that Bill and Betty have put up on a wall the striking Tribe football jerseys with their names emblazoned on them that they received as grand marshals of last year’s Homecoming & Reunion Weekend!

We heard from **Mary “Mickey” Curro**, who tells of going through “long-COVID fatigue” recently but is now back and able to take a trip to see her son, Tim, and his new family home, and then on to Asheville, North Carolina, to visit an old friend. Mickey remains in close contact with **Lillie Kocher**. Mickey also continues with her artwork, specializing in hand painted greeting cards.

And, finally, Marsha and I, after 17 wonderful years

KEY:  OLDE GUARDE  REUNION

in the 'Burg, have moved to a senior retirement facility in Matthews, North Carolina (outside of Charlotte), that puts us 10 minutes from one of our daughters and three of our granddaughters. We are at a beautiful place, Windsor Run, that has everything one might want. The downsizing from a large home wasn't easy, however.

## 1958

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Beginning with this issue, I am now the class reporter. My thanks to **Bevo Wilson Palmer** and **Melissa Smith Fitzgerald** for all their previous efforts, and before that, **Pat King Sell**, and before that, many of you all. I started my new "career" by taking an orientation and boot camp under the marvelous W&M Alumni Magazine editors, **Claire De Lisle M.B.A. '21** and Tina Eshleman. I thought I knew about the ins and outs of university governance but was gobsmacked by how much I learned. Those experiences and class data are nested in the online version!

I didn't realize that there was an online version because a glitch revealed I had stopped receiving the magazine email after 2019 due to system changes. We class reporters have a 650-word limit on the print version, but more flexibility for the online version. So, I will mainly use the print version as an executive summary for what most receive with the wordier online one at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes.

All alumni can create a login at my1693.com to "check whether we have the correct email address for them and if they have a 'Do Not Email' restriction on their account. There, they can also make

updates, view their giving history, see events for which they are registered and join the alumni directory."

Email me if you have any questions!

Since no one replied in time for the print version (**Bill Mitchell's** list of medical appointments don't count, ha!), the Reporter's Handbook encouraged me to include some of my own news, with the hope that others will begin to do so also.

I continue to play in national USTA tournaments in our age group and am ranked No. 1 in the Mid-Atlantic region. I prefer singles and love to play in 90-degree weather in matches that are three hours long! I continue to compete in the Maryland State Olympics and so far have bettered my record last year of 17 medals in 10 events. This year, I added swimming and track and field. Anyone thrown the shotput lately? Lol.

I continue to chair the American Academy of Housing and Communities, consisting of 250 fellows of high achievements in these fields, nationally and internationally. We have monthly Zoom sessions, revise relevant Wikipedia articles, update the comprehensive "Urban Milestones" and perform other public policy activities. That and my full-time urban consulting practice now, after COVID-19, takes me to London and Paris for meetings and research. And there's always advocacy on the Hill through the many public interest groups in which I participate.

A believer in lifelong learning and teaching, I took three courses from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University this summer and am currently teaching a fall course called "Self-Publishing Your Memoirs With Chat/GP4." In that regard, I am catching up with **Merritt Lerley**, with several book launches this year.

Here is a very brief executive summary pointing to more extensive items in

the online version:

**Peter Neufeld's** 50th Anniversary booklet. Please review and send me any updates for a new booklet. I will include a sample of what I will be submitting.

My 60th Anniversary PowerPoint presentation on the history of the class. Please review and send any vintage photos and other corrections and information.

The current list of In Memoriam, as of June 2023. If you have any other sad news about other classmates, please let me know.

Class demographics. Whoops, there's my word deadline! Please send me any more news whenever you can, as it will find its place in the documentation of our era and future historians and archaeologists will know you existed! And when you are visiting the Washington, D.C., area, lunch is on me!

## 1959

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My column was due just after Memorial Day in hopes of having news of your happenings over the holiday. However, if your holiday was anything like ours, it was rain, rain, rain! But we still had many opportunities to thank those who gave their lives for us and our country.

**Ann Dorsey Cooke Allison** sent me a note in April. She moved to Greensboro, North Carolina, in October 2021 to be near her husband and her daughter. She had been in the same house for 45 years. She is now at Abbotswood and has a cottage one block from the main building. Her daughter is an archivist at the Greensboro History Museum, which is halfway between

her work and her home.

**Charlotte Tolley Etgen** says she's "not flying high right now," as she fell out of an antique chair and broke her wrist! (Take note, Char. "Antiques" should not trust antique furniture!!!) She said it is so annoying to suddenly be one handed! **Garry Etgen** just finished the semester with 300 engineering math students. He has a small break before summer school starts. He loves teaching and Char doesn't want him to retire! After all, he — like most of us — is only 86!!!

I love to see **Jim Dillard** and catch up on our state parks. Virginia has 41 and Jim heads a small group of Virginians dedicated to finding sustainable funds for our wonderful state parks. They are underfunded by \$100 million per year and are 275 positions short of what is required to meet their mission. They also have a backlog of over \$600 million in deferred maintenance, so Jim asks the Virginians reading this to contact your legislators and ask them to fund our parks! Thanks for your work, Jim!

**Judy Crone Tanczos** says that life in St. Michaels, Maryland, keeps her in a nice place since her husband died a few years ago. She is pleased to see all the wonderful things that our College is doing now and feels that we are so fortunate to have gone there (and I agree!).

**Penny Witzeman Nelson** lives in an active senior living community of about 350 residents in Mystic, Connecticut. She says she is happiest when she's productive, so she has organized "afternoon tea" for 50 residents using china teacups and teapots borrowed from residents. Their Resident Council, dressed in tuxedos, acts as waiters, roses are in teapots for centerpieces and they have luscious food. She is chairman of the culinary committee, so she bears the brunt of any complaints, but loves solving the problems. She

says "keep active and you will keep positive." Great attitude, Penny!

**Jay Lawler** and I, with **Don Beck '64** and **Carol Evans '64**, did the Bourbon Trail in April. On Thursday, we visited Angel's Envy Distillery and Evan Williams Distillery in Louisville. The next day, we went to Keeneland Race Track and that was so exciting! We got out without losing too much money, so we considered that a win! On Saturday, we visited Maker's Mark Distillery, which I highly recommend, and came home Sunday. Great restaurants were interspersed in all that, so it was a fun expedition!

I had some sad news from **Margaret "Peggy" Dulaney Baldwin** that her husband, Jack, passed away on April 3, 2023. He did not go to William & Mary, but was always so helpful and involved in building the floats for Homecoming, so many of you will probably remember him. A funeral mass was held, but inurnment will be in Arlington National Cemetery later with full military honors.

Thank you for keeping in touch and answering my plea. The more I hear from you, the more fun it is to send out our news!

Go Tribe!

## 1960

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**Miles Chappell** writes that he is happy to see the Muscarelle Museum of Art at William & Mary grow so significantly in its 50-year life with a new building. He is working on an exhibition being organized in Rome of paintings and drawings by the recently rediscovered early 17th-century artist Giulio Cesare Bedeschini, and he realized a long-held ambition to introduce Rome to his teenage grandchildren in a week in December.

**Marga Larson Bales** writes that Williamsburg Landing has been a great place to be during the pandemic. She and her husband, Bill, are finally mask-free and able to enjoy concerts, lectures, activities, great food and companionship with others near their age on their campus just a mile from William & Mary. They are eagerly awaiting the completion of the new Arts Complex. Marga adds, "It has been a long time coming to completion. Our 'new Phi Beta Kappa' building from 1957 is essentially gone. Hope classmates will let us know when you come to Williamsburg."

**Ken Rice** reports that **Kay Elmore Rice** had a successful partial knee replacement and that hard work has eliminated the pain she was encountering. She planned to be on the golf course by the first of June. The saga of Ken's golf game (see previous notes) continues. Ken reports: "On March 19, I shot my age or better for the 900th time on the golf course. Heading for the next big goal of 1,000. Yes, I am still living and playing golf at my age of 86." (Class reporter's note: I just try to keep the length of my naps under my age!)

Ken also noted that he and Kay talked to **Dave Ladd** and **Lynn Carr Ladd** on Dave's birthday recently, and it was so good to catch up.

**Charles Barnes** has released his book, "The Traveler's Companion." Barnes tells the story of his travels over the years, beginning as a newly graduated W&M alumnus and moving through time as he navigates different historical moments and landscapes across the United States. The book is available for purchase directly from the author — email [alumni.magazine@wm.edu](mailto:alumni.magazine@wm.edu) or call 757-221-1167 to connect.

**Diana Titolo Alexander '61** and I attended the fantastic William & Mary Weekend in San Francisco in early June. Full of stimulating panel discussions

with faculty experts, VIP behind-the-scenes tours of iconic San Francisco locales and a successful fundraising gala in the elegant Fairmont Hotel on Nob Hill. The task of pulling off such a Herculean, multipart effort was enormous, and folks from the W&M Alumni Association and Office of University Advancement pulled it off without a hitch.

## 1961 ☉

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Loved hearing from everyone!!

**Margaret Barnhart Gunn** writes: "Ken and I are enjoying our 15th year of retirement in Williamsburg. Along with many events on our calendars, most weeks have included William & Mary activities. Since my last report: a book reading at Swem Library by a 1988 W&M alumna classmate of my daughter, **Nancy Gunn '88**, and a great football season including special tailgates, a highlight being our W&M win over the University of Richmond. Go Tribe!

"Then, we had the Muscarelle Museum groundbreaking and celebration before closing for renovations, Tribe Thursdays at Kephri Greek Kitchen with a special Valentine's dinner and the launch of the Bray School preservation project, as the Bray-Digges House was moved from William & Mary property on Prince George Street to its new location at Francis Street and South Nassau Street within Colonial Williamsburg. The move was followed by speeches with a nod to the original Bray School teacher, Ann Wager, and students. The Bray School Initiative has been attracting our interest, led by W&M professor Ann Marie Stock as liaison between William & Mary

and Colonial Williamsburg. A jazz reception in the Alumni House ended the celebration, along with a display of artifacts to highlight the 300th anniversary of the Brafferton Indian School.

"Continuing education classes through Osher Lifelong Learning Institute attracted many of us back to campus under the auspices of our College. Our three-day Traditions Weekend hinted at spring — like Homecoming without parade or football!

"Along the way, alumni joined others from the College for lectures coordinated by the Omohundro Institute held in our old Blow Gym — the swimming pool nowhere in sight!

"Our chapter annual dinner closed out May 2023."

**Bob Stoy '61, M.Ed. '65** is checking in to let all know that he is alive, well and enjoying life!

**Paul Verkuil '61, D.P.S. '17** writes that he is so sorry to miss seeing all at W&M Weekend in San Francisco, where he and Judy live part of the year on Russian Hill. San Francisco is a beautiful city with dramatic views and a fascinating history. He writes, "Our conflict is a prearranged bike trip in Majorca, where we have never been. Will report on that next time. Warm regards to all."

Not much new from **Don Weissman**. He writes: "While substitute teaching at a local high school, by golly, I ran into a guidance counselor wearing a W&M hoodie. Turns out she has a freshman and a senior at W&M and reports that Williamsburg is not the same as some 60 years ago. On the other hand, I found my freshman beanie (the moths got there first), my fraternity paddle and photos of **Linda Lavin '59, D.A. '09** in "The Madwoman of Chailot" and photos of "The Boy Friend" (remember **Howard Scammon '34**), including the pit orchestra with me playing clarinet and bass clarinet. All of which further reminded

me of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip charming all of us (and a bunch of other folks) from the balcony of the Wren Building. W&M: Special from the beginning, through the Revolution and Civil War, to when we were there, to the present and, of course, its remarkable future."

**Dan Link** will be retiring for the second time this June and will be leaving Northern Virginia for Melbourne, Australia. He will be living with his son, **David Link '89**, and his family for the next several years. It will be a change, but he is looking forward to it.

All quiet on the **Ken Lounsbury** front. He shares: "Reorganizing the law firm to accommodate my retirement is more complicated than expected. Not all young lawyers consider becoming a full partner to be the brass ring it once was. Grandkids have become the primary focus. Ranging from the fourth grade to graduate school, we must stay nimble. Spare time is taken up with charitable fundraising. National, rather than international, travel has been the choice. Hawaii, Virginia, New York and San Francisco on June 1. See you there."

And he did — Ken and his wife, **Dorcus Miller Lounsbury '62**, attended W&M Weekend. **Joe Alexander '61, M.A. '62** and I were able to spend some good times together reminiscing on experiences from our years at the College. Fun.

From **Louise MacDowell Battist**: "I'm happy to report that my granddaughter, **Caroline Clarke '27**, is going to W&M this fall. She lives in Arlington.

"Also, Jerry and I went to **Nancy Branham Chestek's** memorial service in February, which was near her home in Pennsylvania. We are losing too many friends and are trying to avoid joining them for as long as possible!

"I connected with three W&M alumni in Tucson

to put on a reception for alumni in Tucson. Many are here and around 20 joined us. The best part is that two are from our class — **Jacque Dreher** and **Gerry Goldsholle!** Great fun to be together."

## 1962 ☉

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No news is good news. I hope that is true for all our classmates. I received no news for this column. I cannot write an interesting column without your news. Send me what you are doing in your golden years.

I am still the general manager for the Parish Book and Gift Shop for Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown, Virginia. We are slowly opening after being closed during the pandemic. It is run by volunteers and all money goes to outreach. I love doing this. It is quite rewarding.

I will be waiting to hear from you.

## 1963 ☉

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**Lee Williams McBride** wrote that she traveled to Paris with one of her daughters and to Barcelona with friends. Recently, her daughter, who lives in Bali, Indonesia, visited with her family and they enjoyed going to New York City with another of Lee's daughters, who lives in D.C. Lee is finding living in D.C. to be full of museums, theater and films, easily accessible from her home. She is sorry her French teacher retired but fills her time with committees in her apartment building and volunteering to find

cultural excursions for the Asian American Forum.

**Jim Scott** sends the sad information that **John C. Riley Sr.**, his former brother-in-law and fraternity brother, died. Jim went on to say that after an Air Force stint, a management career with Procter & Gamble, and another career in health care administration, 21 years as a sailing live-aboard owner of a handyman company, two years in the Peace Corps, then building a log home in the West Virginia mountains while being Florida snowbirds for 13 years, then camping at over 40 national parks ... Dorothy and Jim have settled in their Boynton Beach abode. While Jim says they may slow down a bit, future travel plans, grandchildren's graduations, and other "typical old folk stuff," like family events and reunions, make it sound like they are keeping very busy. His quote from a 100-year-old vet on longevity, "just keep movin'," is an inspiration for us all.

**Susan Shackelford Schlichting** wrote of the passing of her husband, **Cort Schlichting '64**, after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease.

The news of moving the Bray School in Williamsburg to Colonial Williamsburg brings back memories of so many of us who lived in Brown Hall, which was the original location of the Bray School. Did any of us realize this when we lived there as freshmen?

## 1964 ☪

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What a treat to hear from so many classmates. Read more about the classmates below in our online Class Notes at [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1964](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1964). First, I'd like to give a

shoutout to **Don Beck** for once again keeping us informed about the One Tribe One Day campaign. Donations were even greater than last year. A note from **Carol Evans** congratulated Don and **Susie Beck HON '01** (posthumous), who were honored on April 30 with the Olde Guard Distinguished Service Award. **Bob Joyn** made the presentation. Carol also has given us a "heads up" for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2024 to celebrate our 60th reunion. Carol and **Dick Goodwin** will chair the planning. Carol asks, "Does anyone want to work with us to plan the reunion? Let's have a good turnout."

Dick writes: "In March, I judged a mock trial competition in Santa Monica for UCLA, my wife's alma mater. Susan and her high school friends vacationed in Maui for a week then let their spouses join them for a week in Oahu in April. We've had a couple trips to Napa around visits from grandchildren and to Portland, Oregon, to see our granddaughter play lead in her school play."

**Hank Wolf '64, J.D. '66, LL.D. '23** received an honorary Doctor of Law degree at the 2023 Commencement ceremonies in recognition of his service to the College and his community.

**Susan Shackelford Schlichting '63** shared this: "My husband, **Cort Burk Schlichting**, died on April 15, 2023, from a three-plus-year battle with Parkinson's disease. I was his caregiver for this long goodbye journey. I miss him terribly, but am grateful he is no longer suffering. Cort and I would have celebrated our 59th wedding anniversary on June 27, 2023."

**Susan Trice Fieglein:** "We love our new house. We have great neighbors who include us in dinners or game nights. Our son, Hank, and his wife live on 14 acres about 15 minutes from us. His kids are in college

or working. He adopted two Black foster care boys about 12 years ago. After finishing high school, one left the family. The other lives close by and has started his own business. Ashley is CFO & COO for Planet Labs, a company that does low-orbit satellites to determine environmental changes. This past Thanksgiving, we had a Trice family reunion in San Diego and 51 attended, including my cousin **Bob Trice '68**. We all had great fun."

**Dave Blood:** "I realize that, if in attendance now, I would be in the 10% who are the first to obtain a college degree, as neither of my parents did. The liberal arts education I received at W&M has served me well."

**Shauneen Cruise Hutchinson:** "I spent five weeks this past winter in Antarctica again teaching and directing bridge on the Seabourn Quest. Right after my return, we sold our house on Kiawah Island, South Carolina, and returned to Wilmington, Delaware. We are now much closer geographically to daughters, their spouses and our seven grandchildren. In the middle of all of that we acquired a brand-new puppy, Daisy, a Cavalier King Charles spaniel. Octogenarians should definitely think twice before electing to add a puppy to the household!"

**Mary Ellen Campbell Hassell:** "I retired as an accountant/trainer for a for-profit college in 2017, but I have continued as an adjunct instructor in the Department of Accountancy at Strome College of Business, Old Dominion University. Since I recently moved from Hampton to Richmond, my teaching will be primarily online."

**Priscilla Hegeman Skjei and Steve Skjei '63** are delighted that their grandson, **Jack Brumbaugh '27**, is a member of W&M's freshman class this fall. Jack is a fourth-generation member of the Tribe. Priscilla's mother, **Sarah Adams**

**Hegeman '38**, was a W&M graduate, as was Jack's mother, **Ann Skjei Brumbaugh '92**. Ann and her husband, Pat, members of W&M's Parent & Family Council, will host new W&M families in the Atlanta area at their home in the summer. Priscilla and Steve also live in Atlanta.

**Greg Presnell:** "On Sept. 1, 2022, Cecelia suffered a stroke. Fortunately, after two weeks in the hospital and two months of rehab, she has fully recovered. 27 days later, our home in Boca Grande was destroyed by Hurricane Ian. Now, we are moving back into our house. These episodes have had consequences: Cecelia had to retire from law practice (a silver lining) and I decided to slow down and reduce my case load."

**Barbara Drucker Smith:** "In April, I was awarded the 2023 Teachers' Lifetime Achievement Award by Madeline's One-Minute Radio Show for advancing the knowledge of students for 50 years in reading, English, writing, poetry, arts, music and drama." Barbara taught students in elementary school, high school and in college.

**Karen Rackley Credeur:** "After I earned a Ph.D. from Harvard University, I returned 15 years later for an M.P.A. The program included 100 students from the U.S. and 100 from other countries. Our class celebrated its 30th anniversary in May. As with W&M, it was a wonderful time learning and making new friends and memories."

That's it for now. Don't forget to mark your 2024 calendar with Homecoming and our 60th reunion (date to be arranged).

## 1965 ☪

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**Bonnie Cheshire Greenwalt** says she's been attending lots of 80th birthday parties, and when she tells us she does spinning and yoga, we think she must be among the most fit at the party! She remains in Martinsville, Virginia, and just renewed her real estate license for two more years.

**Sam Martin** and his wife, Liz, moved to a retirement village in Durham, North Carolina, to be closer to their daughter and her family. While they miss their Fairfax County, Virginia, home of 45 years, they are enjoying their new community and being close to family. Not to be outdone by other educational institutions in North Carolina, Sam proudly flies his W&M flag at his condo.

**Judy Pollard Harned and Dave Harned '62** are still in Richmond, and they now (finally!) have two of their three daughters and families living close to them. They have five grandchildren. Judy and Dave are doing well, enjoying walking, biking, dancing to music of the '50s, and remembering the fun memories of their William & Mary days. We've always liked Judy's Rappahannock "Riva House" stories, and their fun there continues.

**Malcolm Taylor** has 13 grandchildren, two of whom are serving in the military, six attending Harvard, Providence College, the University of Virginia, the University of Florida, Colorado College and the University of Denver. Six are proud alumni of W&M. While enjoying his Williamsburg retirement, Malcolm has been serving as the co-chairman of the Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Veterans Benefits Clinic at the William & Mary Law School with **Lynn Dievendorf '66**. I looked up this clinic, and it's a wonderful service that is provided to

veterans. Check it out.

**Laura Youngblood Meagher** reports that she is doing well in Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania, living next door to her son and family. She has eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two “foster” grands, most of whom live nearby. Laura spends lots of time being a “good grandma,” which even includes doing laundry! She enjoys photography and making photo books for family. Her contribution to saving our planet is being involved in a Buy Nothing group. Laura’s sister **Clevie Youngblood ’67** entered religious life after graduation and celebrated 50 years of service.

Another wonderful Gran is **Micki Leaf Stout**, who was off to Italy mid-June, taking her two youngest granddaughters. She did this a few years ago with her two older granddaughters. Lucky kids! Micki loves any chance she has to be in Williamsburg.

Congratulations to **Rich Kraemer’s** wife, **Carole Kraemer HON ’23**, who was recognized as an honorary alumna, and inducted at a ceremony prior to Commencement on May 19, attended by President Rowe and Chancellor **Bob Gates ’65, L.H.D. ’98**. Carole was “honored and happy to be selected.” She has served the College alongside Rich through reunions, class gift, scholarships, many parties and receptions. Following the ceremony, Rich hosted a dinner at the Alumni House, which included classmates **Tom Hollowell ’65, J.D. ’68, M.L.T. ’69** and Lyttleton, **Clyde Culp** and **Mary Ellen Coleman Culp ’66**, **Pam Brown Michael** and **Bob, Ann-Meade Baskervill Simpson** and **Micki Leaf Stout**. Rich and Carole’s son **Richard Kraemer ’94** is a W&M alumnus and their granddaughter **Kennan McAndrews ’26** is a current student. She will spend her next two years at the University of St Andrews in Scotland, finishing her senior year at W&M. She will receive

degrees from both universities.

It is with sad hearts that we report the passing of **Howard Busbee ’65, J.D. ’67, M.L.T. ’68, L.H.D. ’22** on May 16. Howard served the College and our class in so many ways. He returned to W&M after an accounting career to lead the W&M School of Business, the Alumni Association and the Foundation Board. He helped lead our 50th Reunion Gift Committee to give a record gift to the school. Close friend **Rich Kraemer** said of Howard, “He was fond of saying at any chance he had — ‘Class of 1965 — The Best!’ Howard was the best of the best!” Our deepest sympathies to **Mary Whitt Busbee HON ’03**, their five children and 11 grandchildren. A link to Howard’s lovely obituary can be found in the online edition, [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1965](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1965).

As we consider our lives in our 80th year, we leave you with this quote from Howard’s obituary: “He lived his life by simple, timeless, necessary credos: Work hard at whatever you choose to do. Help those less fortunate. Always be kind.” We’ll certainly try, Howard.

## 1966 ☪

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Just missing my last deadline, I heard from **Nancy Combs Maffett**, who took a W&M-sponsored train trip through the Alumni Journeys program from Vancouver to Toronto with her daughter. They started with extra time in Victoria at Butchart Gardens and Nancy was very complimentary of the trip.

As always, **Martha Wessells Steger** has combined her travel with work — the perfect combination. She has recently

written a civil rights article in Greensboro, North Carolina (home of the Woolworth sit-in and the International Civil Rights Center & Museum). Then on to Fargo, North Dakota, for an award and Colombia in South America for a travel society meeting. At the Vermont meeting, her daughter went with her, and she mentioned the artisans’ studios and the many craft breweries.

I’m glad we are on the move again. Maureen and **Vic Bary** cruised around Spain and Portugal and on to Bordeaux, France, with extra time in Barcelona and Lisbon.

**Pete Nance** and **Judy Poarch Nance ’69** have a busy summer planned to visit their old stomping grounds in Darien, Connecticut, by swapping out their New York City apartment so they can catch up with old friends. Last year they “discovered” the North Fork of Long Island and will spend the summer there with their dog, Max, and Pete’s paint supplies.

**Bob Sigafos** travels across the country frequently between his condo in Old Town, Alexandria, and his home in San Diego. When he’s on the East Coast, he likes to include a trip to Williamsburg.

**Ruth** and **Spencer Timm** split their time between Fort Myers, Florida, and Southborough, Massachusetts, where their three grandkids live. **Ruthie** traveled in Europe with their younger son for a few years. They are going to Provence for two weeks this year. **Spencer** prefers being the homebody after flying for work for 50 years — pizza and his dog are great company for him. In August, the two of them will go to Quebec City to celebrate **Spencer’s** birthday.

**Art Henderson ’65** and **Nancy Rhodenhizer Henderson** have lived in Newport News for 40 years, with their children and grandchildren in the Richmond area. Their retirement has brought them time for golf, duplicate

bridge and travel.

**Bernie Leigg’s** twins are finally 15 — the age of most of our grandchildren! His older son passed away last November from a brain tumor at 56. Our condolences to the family.

Thanks to a May birthday, I did catch up with **Mary Ellen Coleman Culp** and **Betty Bishop Griffin ’67, M.A.Ed. ’73** — no state secrets will be shared here, though. All enjoy good health, with some replacement parts for **Clyde Culp ’65** and a fun part-time job for **Gene Griffin** fixing stuff on his schedule. **Mary Ellen’s** grandchildren are finishing up college and graduate school, while **Betty** is deep into dance recitals and sports — those years sure fly by fast! My birthday twin, **Sandy McNeill Kern ’68**, spent our birthday in Mexico City with her daughter, Allison. So much for our celebrations together.

As I am rapidly learning, we are losing classmates too often now. One of my deep regrets is when I read these obituaries of people I knew when we were kids and all the things they did in the intervening years — very impressive. Some of these were in the last W&M Alumni Magazine, but I will include them with more information. **Dave Olson**, fondly remembered as “The Lurch” by his Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity brothers, passed away in December. His wife, **Linda King Olson ’68**, died last year and they leave behind two sons and a grandson. **Dave** got his J.D. at the University of Richmond, and he did a stint in Vietnam before serving as prosecutor and Commonwealth’s attorney in Newport News and then starting a private practice.

And we lost **Jim Harris ’67** last October — another Pika nickname — “Heavy.” **Jim** did graduate work at the University of Louisville and Virginia Polytechnic Institute — it wasn’t Virginia Tech then! — and also went to Vietnam, then had a 44-year career in behavioral sci-

ence research. He was also an active volunteer for the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program. **Jim** and his daughter, **Delaine Adkins**, wrote a book about a beloved dog, “Two Pees and a Poop,” and it’s on Amazon. **Jim’s** sister, **Jane Harris Smith ’68**, also graduated from W&M.

After my last column, I heard from **Billy Binns ’67**. **Billy’s** wife, **Bette**, died in 2019. He has remarried and is doing well. **Bette** stayed with me several times when she came to Williamsburg to see **Billy**.

**Howard Busbee ’65, J.D. ’67, M.L.T. ’68, L.H.D. ’22** passed away in May. He was an amazing alumnus of the College and gave it unparalleled support over the years. I knew **Howard** when we were in high school together in Falls Church and he was always a leader. Our love to **Mary** and their family.

One interesting obituary I received (I told you that’s the theme this time) was from **Ken Stuart ’62**, who was the executor of **Rhea Redd Brown Choy’s** will. She was a resident of New York City when she died last December.

Personally, **Dick Kern ’64** has had health issues after getting dehydrated. He is getting great care here and has joined me in putting on weight! I’m so glad we are near one son and his family, and our other son can come across country and stay with us for extended periods thanks to the internet. I just took a fantastic tour of the Duke Mansion in Charlotte. After living in North Carolina for 44 years, I had no idea what impact individuals in the area had. I know there is Duke University and we have Duke Energy but thanks to that family’s endowments, there is so much more. One man with absolutely no education came from a family tobacco farm, built the biggest cigarette monopoly of the time and then produced power for the Southern textile business. Very impressive!

## 1967

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**Mary Jim Baskerville Shaw** recently hosted **Pris Walker Shea** and **Chris Scheid Sloane** in her home in Stuart, Florida, where they enjoyed warm coastal breezes and visited historical sites in Palm Beach. Pris traveled from State College, Pennsylvania, where she lives near family, and Chris traveled with Tom Sloane from Sarasota, Florida, her winter home. Chris lives in the Traverse City area of northern Michigan in the summer.

## 1968

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From **Kathy Burge Callaway** and **Bruce Oliver**: "Let's celebrate our Class of 1968 55th reunion during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2023 on Saturday, Oct. 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Alumni House. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine. The attire is casual. Formal invitations were emailed in the summer. Let's make this reunion as fabulous and record-breaking as our last reunion!" **Art Louise** is working with the class ambassadors and the Greek ambassadors, along with the Olde Guard, to make our 55th reunion as successful as our 50th reunion.

**Carroll Howard**

wrote, "I am coping with 'old' age. Softball has been replaced by poker, shooting pool, teaching the Bible and exercising at the senior center. I hope to start pickleball before too long."

**Marilyn Giorgio Puchalski** emailed,

"My husband, Walt, and I have been married for 51 years and live in the suburbs of Philadelphia. We have two adult children and three grandchildren. Grands are our reward for making it through all the 'joys' of parenting. My career in information technology began after college in the pharmaceutical industry. I transitioned to teaching information technology courses at a nearby community college. Who knew I would fall in love with teaching in higher education? My original plan was to break the glass ceiling in the corporate world. Instead, I gave that ceiling a good crack in higher ed. I retired some 30 years later, having achieved the rank of full professor and director of academic information technology. Since retirement, my volunteer focus has been on fundraising for organizations that support healthy families and access to education. Our 50th reunion was fabulous. W&M was such a formative experience. Those four years of my life have shaped my trajectory in so many ways. I'm looking forward to celebrating number 55 this fall with our class."

I received an email and picture from **Rodger McKain**: "I retired in 2016, having worked for British Petroleum and McDermott International. In 2021, after spending 40 years in Cleveland, my wife, **Sheila Winchester '69**, and I moved to Myrtle Beach (no more harsh winters). We have visited Williamsburg several times, once to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary, and we always enjoy seeing all the improvements at W&M as well as Williamsburg, where Colonial history continues to come alive." See a photo in the online edition, [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1968](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1968).

**Suzanne Bolton**

retired after spending 30-some years between the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the private sector with

Battelle Laboratories, running federal programs. She misses the closeness to environmental activities, but she doesn't miss the bureaucracy. She stated, "I'm very appreciative of my federal retirement and insurance, which takes the worry out of the remainder of life that many are not fortunate enough to have. I'm still coaching swimming but damage from a car accident in 1991 has finally taken its toll, so I can no longer swim competitively. It's been a long, fun run."

**Susan Hall Wayland**

and her husband, Bob, moved to White Stone, Virginia, in 2004, when they retired from their careers at the Environmental Protection Agency and Susan's completion of establishing the William & Mary Washington Center. Susan shared, "As its first director, I was so happy and honored to speak last fall to celebrate the opening of the Center's new offices in the D.C. Bar Building, culminating a year of activities to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Center. The Center is a terrific asset to W&M, offering a residential semester-long student study and internship program, and a place for work and social gatherings for faculty, alumni and friends of the university. I was especially pleased to share the stage with the current director of the Center, **Roxane Adler Hickey M.Ed. '02, Ph.D. '23**, whom I hired as the first intern for the office in its opening year." See a photo in the online edition.

Thanks to all who responded to my plea for news! I have so much more to share in the next issue. I look forward to seeing you at our 55th!

## 1969

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**Donnie Chancellor**

**Wintermute** was named an elite producer and "Realtor of the Year" over 14,000 agents in the Northern Virginia real estate world. She was also honored by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce as their "Business Leader of the Year" and as a "Living Legend of Alexandria." In a 35-year career, she has sold more than \$1 billion in properties and is praised for "her meticulous attention to detail, her superb negotiating skills and her gracious professionalism." Congratulations to Donnie for these obviously well-deserved accolades.

**Jim Cobb** has recently published a memoir, "Cross Connections: A Life's Story About One Pastor's Ministry of Connecting the Episodes of Family, Church, Friends, Mentors, and Events." After many years as a pastor, he talks about his time in the Lutheran Church, anecdotes about his favorite memories and moments in life. It was included in the magazine's "Spring 2023 Book Roundup." Jim and his wife have retired to the Virginia Beach area.

**Karen Arnold McPherson** has started writing a very interesting daily newsletter, "In My Opinion," on Substack. She writes about local, national and international news, as well as genealogy and whatever interesting things she finds each week. If you would like to subscribe, the link is [kamcpherson.substack.com](http://kamcpherson.substack.com). I find it very interesting and well researched and written.

**Karin** ("Krin" to her Ludwell friends) **Larson Kolsky** writes that after graduation, she did an internship at the National Institutes of Health that led to a job as public information specialist for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, where she stayed until her first child was born. Then, 22 years later — having launched two sons and a daughter — she returned as a writer-editor at the National Institute

on Aging, also a part of the NIH. She and her husband now spend their retirement with grandchildren (a girl and three boys), traveling and enjoying their vacation home near Fenwick Island, Delaware. She collects 19th-century glass and enjoys creating photo books of their travels and documenting family recipes.

**Roger Blomquist**

wrote that he has retired from Argonne National Laboratory, where he worked for 44 years, but failed at retirement and is now working part time on projects in building reactors and used fuel disposal strategies. He also does public relations to try to help legislators and the rest of us understand the complexities of energy policy (it's good to know we have someone working on that!). He also finds time to travel with his wife, Barbara, and to see the grandchildren. He claims to have fully recovered from compulsive punning. Time will tell.

Two more classmates have died recently: **William Pierce Price** and **Richard W. Kirkpatrick**. Bill worked 30 years in finance for Interbake Foods, as well as serving in the National Guard for six years. He died in August 2022. Richard transferred to W&M as a sophomore and was a Lambda Chi. He worked for Marsh McLennan Agency before joining the Insurance Fraud Division of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, where he spent the rest of his career. He loved boating and fishing and was devoted to the Red Sox and Patriots. He died in October 2022.

And finally, the only honorary member of the Class of '69, **David Lynn Holmes**, died April 29, 2023, in Williamsburg. He came to W&M in the fall of '65 with our class and was beloved by students throughout his 50-year career at the College. He was the speaker for our Olde Guard ceremony and was given honorary classmate status at that time. Although he started in the

English department, most know him as half of the original religion department, and one of the finest teachers on a campus with many excellent faculty. He will absolutely be missed. Donations can be made to the David L. Holmes Endowment (3447).

Milton and I continue along in the garden, painting or reading. If you're passing through Richmond, please let me know, and ... WRITE!

## 1970

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## 1971

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Alumni news from our classmates was in short supply for this report. Our plea for more correspondence was not very effective. If so inclined, please take a few minutes and send us an update. We don't want the W&M Alumni Magazine to fire us!

Here is a note we received from **Loring Black**. He was a fellow JBT inmate. I don't recall who was the referenced roommate. Let's hear from that unnamed roommate.

"Just received a copy of the Alumni Magazine from my old roommate. Life after Williamsburg has been strange in many ways. I got my IA notice from the draft board as a graduation present. So I didn't try to find a real job. Went to Albany for my physical and was told to go home and wait. They missed me by six numbers.

"I spent most of my working career in finance ... both vice president in a hometown bank and then

credit management for various construction suppliers. I also retired from 30 years part time in law enforcement administration. Never expected that, did you?

"We built our house in the woods 35 years ago. We live here with my daughter and two grandsons, with various animals wandering in and out.

"I hope this finds you well. I remember good times at JBT with you and **Jack Peterka** (aka Streams Paramananda). Surprised that you came back to New York ... surprised that I did, too."

**John Hempel** emailed this interesting piece of Williamsburg history.

"In case you hadn't heard this one: (Look online for a link to the WTKR news story 'Mass grave dating back to Civil War discovered at Colonial Williamsburg')

"Although I knew of the existence of historical Fort Magruder from staying there a couple times, I don't recall any mention of any Battle in the 'Burg, especially of those proportions. Skip said it was news to him, too — that the only one he knew about was at Frank's Truck Stop."

We received this sad news from **Kathy Keller Bacskay '72**.

"I wanted to let you know that my ex-husband, **Frank William Bacskay Jr.** of Williamsburg, Virginia, died at his home of a heart attack on Jan. 25, 2023. Some of you may remember Frank from WCWM, summers at 'The Common Glory' and sociology classes. After transferring to Old Dominion University for his senior year, he graduated with degrees in sociology and philosophy. He then worked at several local radio stations, including WFOG and WNOR. Later, he worked as a computer systems analyst for the U.S. government.

"Frank's ashes were interred at Williamsburg United Methodist Church's memorial garden. He's survived by his wife, Nath-

alie Whitehead Bacskay of Williamsburg, and his son, Stefan Michael Bacskay of Lorton, Virginia."

**Kathryn "Kaki" Becker Antaramian** and **Grant Antaramian**

wrote in their Christmas email that they had fun celebrating their 50th anniversary in Williamsburg in the summer of 2022.

After considering various ideas, they decided on a celebratory dinner in Williamsburg with family and a few friends. "It turned out great." They included a wonderful photo of their family taken in the back of the Wren Building with the Sunken Garden behind them. Congratulations Kaki and Grant! We would love to hear from other classmates with descriptions of their milestone events. Please write!

There have been some rumblings about a Williamsburg reunion in 2024 to celebrate when most of us will have our 75th birthdays. Combining the event with Traditions Weekend or Homecoming & Reunion Weekend might be a possibility. Our class organized a similar event to celebrate "When I'm 64" and had a great response. Keep you posted.

The W&M Alumni Association has changed the online alumni directory access to reflect current privacy regulations resulting in a very limited base. Only registered members are listed. In order to be an effective, comprehensive resource for all of our classmates, we need more of us to register. If so inclined, please register at my1693.com.

## 1972

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Summer is just around the corner and the temperatures are rising. Time to clean the grill and head off for favorite vacation destinations. There will

be a few changes for us. I'm joining the ranks of the retired when school ends in June and we are looking forward to our daughter's wedding in October. I have enjoyed working with elementary-age children for the past 15 years and look forward to what the future will look like.

**Margaret Carter** and her husband, **Les Carter '71**, a retired Navy captain, have written a story titled "Field Work" that is included in the anthology "Jewels of Darkover." You can check out their earlier work at Carter's Crypt: margaretcarter.com. It sounds like they have been busy using their creativity.

I am happy to share the good news that Dr. **Anne Merrick Pinkerton** recently celebrated the second anniversary of her stem cell transplant. She is feeling well and living life to its fullest with her fellow retirees and family. She was awarded professor emeritus status and continues to assist students with their pre-clinical studies. She enjoys every opportunity to visit her son's family in North Carolina, especially her two grandchildren!

Kudos to **Harry Cross**, who was the 2022 First Citizen of Suffolk! This award was given by the Downtown and North Suffolk Rotary clubs to honor his years of service to the community, its youth, his church and local business. He has served as president of the Downtown Suffolk Rotary Club and held leadership positions at the local YMCA and the United Way. He volunteered at the Suffolk Literacy Council, was president of the Suffolk Tennis Association and the Suffolk Youth Athletic Association and he has served in many leadership positions at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, where he has taught a Sunday school class for many years. Harry, you have certainly given your time generously in many ways and this honor is well-deserved. As for everyday life, he was formerly a Navy flight officer and is

now the owner/broker of Cross Realty with his son, Lee. His father started the business in 1953.

I want to share the sad news of the passing of two of our classmates: **Kempton Shields '72, M.B.A. '76** and **Sherry Neff Kerley**. Condolences to their families.

You should have received an email version of the fall W&M Alumni Magazine in October that contained our fall Class Notes and the news from our 50th reunion — if you missed it, you can read them at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1972 (at the bottom of the page, choose Fall 2022). Thanks to everyone for being so nice and not running the other way when they saw me with my paper and pen in hand to get the latest news. Stay well and stay in touch!

## 1973

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Dear Olde Guarde/Newest Members — we did it! The Traditions Weekend celebration of our June 3, 1973, graduation and four-year journey through the halls of W&M is now a memory. Quick stats: \$9.57 million raised over the past five years; 45% (377) donors from our class; \$323,782 raised toward the Class of '73 Internship and Applied Learning Endowment. At the on-campus walk down memory lane, 154 attendees got our Olde Guarde medallions; 155 of us are part of the private '73 Face-book page, which is still active. 127 of our classmates have gone before us, while 128 of us provided then/now updates for the Class of 1973 Colonial Re-Echo for our 50th reunion.

Those not among the above people could/should be part of this ongoing celebration and be part of the next five-year

benchmark Homecoming & Reunion Weekend gathering. Since Facebook is supposedly the preferred social media platform for we baby boomers, let's use it. The four "Facebook Divas" — **Joanie Spiegel Wachter, Libby Frazier Hixon, Barbara Bounds Brown and Dede Miller Nelson** — are the admins for our Class of '73 page and they have their own photographer extraordinaire, **Bruce Wachter**. Look for photos and videos in our online Class Notes at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1973. Also see the '73 Facebook page for ongoing updates.

**Lynn Cole '74** is the '74 liaison as that class gets ready for their 2024 spring bash. **Lewis McGehee '74** was our Friday musical entertainment. **Rick Clark** and **Leslie Slemmer Clark '74, Margaret Ann Dahlan Martin and Ron Martin '74** will get to do this again — Deja Voodoo — as **Julie Christian Michael** and **Howell Michael '71** did last year.

Our class wasn't the only focal point of 50th celebrations — **Jane Criscoe Koch** and **Rick, Judy McCusker Coblentz** and **David Coblentz '74, Frank Lloyd Smith** and **Lark Garges Smith, Maureen McHenry Reightler** and her husband, retired U.S. Naval Academy Capt. Ken Reightler, **Barb Woodall** and **Scott Kragie '72,** and **Sue Read Davenport** and **Les Davenport** are also 50th nuptials celebrants in 2023.

A few other updates: **Andy Mosney** and **Dick Freiburger** got together for a round of golf, Jersey style; the two Jersey natives and W&M athletes had some catching up to do as Andy is on the Left Coast while Dick lives in Jersey. Speaking of golf, **Bob Gottke, Frank Scott, Jack Hurley '72** and **Andy Purdy** cranked up their drivers in Charleston, South Carolina, where Bob lives.

**Noel Newell Smith Katz** had lunch with Mar-

**gee Walsh** and **Terry Hughes Burrige. Jeff Roberts** stopped off at the home of former W&M roommate **Tim Maloney** after the reunion to give him his medallion, etc., as Tim is recovering from knee surgery. **Rick Betton** regaled us with his investigation of the four Spring Breakouts when we "enjoyed" ending up in the Williamsburg Lodge pool. **Matt Asai** is the keeper of the realm for all things birthday and wedding anniversary date-wise as we age gracefully into our 70s. **Jean Zettler** is a legacy as her mom, **Norma Fehse Zettler '47,** and her brother, **John Zettler '79,** both attended W&M. Jean spent a career as child psychologist and is now in North Carolina.

**Sam Waldo** is another legacy as his mom, **Anne Beekley Waldo '49,** is a W&M alumna. Sam married Angela Rau, an MCV/VCU graduate, in 1984 and they are ensconced on a 22-acre homestead and forest in New Hampshire.

A quick synopsis of **Elizabeth Thiele Martin's** journey that didn't make the Re-Echo: A jockette in lacrosse, field hockey and basketball. Got her M.D. and after internships and residency, she found her niche in hospital pathology, ending up in Northern Virginia. She's been married to Earle Martin since 1977; they have three children and two grandsons. Elizabeth plays senior basketball in tournaments around the Eastern Seaboard, including W&M in 2019.

**Viola Osborne Baskerville** is renovating a 1937 brick home in Richmond, with pictures available on her FB page. At the 13th Annual Lemon Project Spring Symposium, Viola and two fellow researchers spoke about their interest in the Carter Braxton genealogy lineage. This continues a 35-year quest that Viola has been pursuing about Mr. Braxton, who was a W&M student and signer of the Declaration of Independence, and her family's

connection to him.

**Frank Scott** is retired from the University of Kentucky faculty. He was a Sullivan Awardee for being the highest basketball point maker in W&M intramurals at Blow Gym, with **Rick Clark** as No. 2. **David "Bambi" Knight** got his name on a plaque for his varsity football athletic performance. **John Pagan Esq.,** pride of Little Rock, Arkansas, is running for office in his native state.

I'm sad to report that **John Kloster** passed away in June in Punta Gorda, Florida, after battling cancer.

Please go to the W&M my1693.com website and update or start your profile. If you haven't given to our 50th reunion project, consider visiting give.wm.edu and designating a gift to the Class of 1973 Internship and Applied Learning Endowment (5220).

I hope I haven't offended too many of you with my random musings. Maybe our paths will cross again at Homecoming, Oct. 19-22, 2023.

PEACE, LOVE DOVE AND BOBBY SHERMAN!

## 1974

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**Denise Love Alexander** reported on April's Mini-Reunion weekend in Frederick, Maryland — a great turnout, with 45 classmates and spouses. Thanks go to **Marsha Montgomery** for leading the organizing committee. It was particularly difficult due to the frequent COVID-19 postponements. **Barbi Blake Williams, Jane Pulliam Riddle, Bert Wilson, Nancy Eller Knowlden** and **Susan King Eftink** handled many of the details. Other

attendees: **Anne Totty** and **Paul Dayer, Barbara Grover-Hewitt, Brenda Carter** and **Dave Durden '75, Carol Allen Lechleitner,** Celeste Magnant and **Ken Johnson, Cindy McManus Bellomy, Cory Pellegrin Hudgins, Debby Clemmer Deichman, Debby Dodge, Jackie Ganster** and **Erik Thamm '72, Paula Veditz '77** and **Frank Marotta, Jane Taylor Kintzi,** Penny and **Larry Pulley, Laurie Smith Dowdeswell, Linda Ross Sexton, Linda Musser** and Tom Shiner, **Lynn Cole, Marilyn McClure Roach, Marsha Montgomery** and George Mitchell, **Carol Owen** and **Mick Outten, Pam Jamarik** and Rob Wallace, **Pat Sanderlin Burton,** Donna and **Phil Schofield, Ray Farrar,** and Kim and **Warren Smith.**

If you're disappointed to have missed out, never fear. Next spring is our 50th reunion, part of an event the College calls Traditions Weekend, and it's our last big blowout before we join the ranks of the Olde Guard. Save the date: **April 19-21, 2024.**

Reunions are proliferating! When Kappa Kappa Gamma celebrated its 100th anniversary as a chapter at W&M, alumnae and actives from all classes were invited to a three-day April event that included a walking tour of the campus (currently a busy construction site as new classroom buildings sprout like weeds), cocktails and a banquet at the expanded Alumni House, and a special exhibit at Swem Library. I was disappointed that only two from our class were there: **Lynn Adams Hostetler** and me — but we had a ball catching up with sisters from classes above and below our own. This 100th anniversary event was pioneered in 2022 by the Chi Omega sisters (theirs was the first national sorority on campus) and it looks to be continued as other

sororities reach that milestone.

**Charles Nance** has been enjoying adventures in boating. Last fall he helped deliver a 43-foot sloop from Fishing Bay in Deltaville, Virginia, all the way to the Florida Keys, with most of the sail in ocean waters. He hopes to do more of this sort of boat delivery when he retires from his law practice in Richmond. For the time being, he says his older trusts-and-estates clients keep making him promise not to retire until after they die. "But COVID taught me that I could work some from anywhere, so I use Zoom a lot from our home in Urbanna."

**Laurel Miller** came home from West Africa, where she worked as a missionary for Wycliffe Bible Translators in Côte d'Ivoire and Mali for 25 years. Although officially retired, she's still volunteering with a Wycliffe prayer project and keeping busy as chair of the history committee for the Berks County, Pennsylvania, 250th anniversary of America project in 2026. She's also associate librarian/journal editor for the Berks County Genealogical Society. Laurel is looking forward to a trip to Israel this October.

**Craig Davis** and **Jad Kanchanalak '75** are checking out retirement possibilities in Williamsburg. Jad retired from the Alumnae Association of Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, but Craig is still employed there as professor of English language and literature, medieval studies and world literatures. He's still enjoying the students, the scholarship and the teaching, mainly early medieval vernacular languages and literatures: Old English, Old Norse, Medieval Welsh, Old Irish, Gothic and Old High German. "I'm mainly a 'Beowulf' scholar, though, and haven't gotten tired of it yet. Love it every time I teach it!"

**Edco Bailey** enjoyed his 18th volunteer house-rebuilding mission with Presbyterian Disaster Relief Agency this spring. At 78, he's a few years ahead of the class average, and writes that this is his 55th year since his combat medic deployment to Vietnam, his 50th year of completion of WMC studies, his 45th year as ordained clergy, his 32nd year of marriage, his 30th year of Rotary Club membership, his 27th year as volunteer chaplain for Maryland Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, and his 13th year of retirement from hospital chaplaincy. "I treasure the memories of, and value highly, the educational foundation I received from the College!"

**Keith Fogg** retired last year from Harvard Law School, where he was a clinical professor and director of the Tax Clinic. "The school gave me emeritus status, so I retain an affiliation and still do some volunteer work with the clinic assisting low-income taxpayers and some writing on tax procedure issues." Keith and his wife, **Beth Cumbie '75**, moved back to Virginia to a farm in King William County and have been traveling, most recently to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands.

Sad news seems to come along more often these days, doesn't it? **Milt Mooney** passed away in May after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Milt was a Lambda Chi and roomed for two years with **Jim Theobald**, who spoke with him three days before his death in Barrington, Illinois. Milt had a long career in retail with various department stores, culminating with 10 years at Sears as senior vice president. Milt and his wife, Suzi, enjoyed an active outdoor life of camping, hiking, jet skiing and snowmobiling, and succeeded in reaching their goal of visiting all 50 states.

## 1975

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Celebrating our 70th birthdays is a recurring theme this issue!

**Terry Regan** sent news of a great group 70th birthday celebration last May in Italy, staying in a 1684 Tuscan villa with his wife, Shelagh, and classmates **Jim Harmon** and his wife, Ann; **Bill Hanlon** and his friend Annie; **Payne Midyette** and **Marilyn Ward Midyette**; **Joe Stubbs** and his wife, Annabelle, and very special friends **Sue Shiver Carron '72** and **Michael Carron M.A. '76, Ph.D. '80**, who were Project Plus house parents back in "our day." **Rob Scarr** joined by video for the final dinner to round out a great celebration. All are looking forward to our 50th reunion.

**Arthur Cone** is officially retiring Dec. 31, 2023, after 50 years in food service management and financial planning, including work for Coca-Cola North America and Prudential Advisors. He's now happily focusing on family, friends, golf and a long bucket list of travels beginning with a Caribbean cruise. He also serves as president-elect of his community's Rotary Club. He and his wife, Terre, get back to Virginia every year and would welcome visitors to their Colorado home.

**Margery Daughtrey** received her Ph.D. at Cornell University in spring 2023 in plant pathology and plant-microbe biology. She has been working for Cornell since 1978 and it seems her colleagues and the university were not willing to see her retire. Congratulations, Margery!

**John "JD" Dodd** lives in Southport, North Carolina. He is active in his church, does part-time

consulting and is a high school boys lacrosse coach. His Cape Fear Academy team won their second-in-a-row state championship. Congratulations! John made it back for three Tribe football games last fall and is looking forward to more return trips to campus this fall.

**Bruce Falk** is a proud first-time grandfather, welcoming his grandson, Oliver, last May. His son, Trevor, and daughter-in-law, Catherine, are enjoying parenthood, sleep deprived though they may be. Their other son, Matt, serving in the Marine Corps, is getting married this October. Bruce and his wife, Dianne, continue the 70th celebration theme, attending two separate surprise parties for **Mike Madden '75, M.Ed. '77** and **Dave Restuccia** with his wife, Kelly. Also there to help celebrate were **Andy Vanderhoof '77** and his wife, Marie; **Steve Hendricks '77** and his wife, Cindy; **Chris Jackson '77** and **Jan Tomes Jackson '78, M.A.Ed. '86**.

**Gene Schultz**, speaking for his wife, **Karen Kennedy Schultz**, and for himself, reports that Karen completed her second term on the W&M Board of Visitors. Thank you, Karen, for your eight years of dedicated work and service to alma mater. After retirement, Gene, in addition to doing research projects for the Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society, started playing highland bagpipes with the City of Winchester Pipes and Drums. The band has a full schedule, and Gene also played with the Williamsburg Pipes and Drums in Colonial Williamsburg last spring, a performance that made the front page of the Virginia Gazette. Both Gene and Karen participated in W&M track/cross country team reunion activities last spring and were glad to see Gene's freshman year roommate, **Jim DiSciullo**, as well as Gene's high school and W&M coach,

Baxter Berryhill. Daughter **Katie Schultz Plum '06, M.A.Ed. '12** works for Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools and is pursuing her doctorate in education at W&M. Son **Ben Schultz '09** and his family now live in Virginia. He does market research for UPS.

**Cindy Holbrook Gubb** continues work with her consulting business that helps nonprofit organizations with board development, management and fundraising. She's also involved with a project building affordable homes to sell to families of modest means. She's especially excited about a new purchase, a fully equipped camper van. Cindy's goal is to visit all 63 National Parks. She and her husband, Larry, have visited 35 so far. Impressive! That camper is going to see a lot of miles.

Continued happy birthdays to all as we hit 70. Still hard for me to wrap my brain around that number. Send news! leannekurland@gmail.com

## 1976

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Greetings classmates! Hope you are all doing well. Summer was about to begin at the time this column was submitted and I hope that yours was great. Please share some of your experiences or adventures with your classmates. Has anyone turned age 70 yet? If so, I hope you celebrated that milestone in a manner that such event merits.

My wife, **Sue Taylor Cavaliere '77**, and I, along with two other couples, just returned from a wonderful vacation in the Southwest portion of the U.S. We flew to Denver, where we stayed a few days and caught a Colorado Rockies baseball game at beautiful Coors

Field (I think there are now only 12 major league ballparks that I haven't been to) and where we experienced a rather rare occurrence — a Rockies win! From there, we took a 1-1/2-day train ride aboard the Rocky Mountaineer to Moab, Utah, and a visit to Arches National Park. Subsequently we toured Bryce Canyon National Park, the Grand Canyon and Sedona, Arizona, went fly fishing in lord-knows-where, Utah, and saw amazing vistas everywhere we went. It was our first time in that part of the country, and boy, were the landscapes amazing! I felt real small out there. If you've never been, I highly recommend it. What kinds of amazing trips have you been on? Care to share your experiences or recommendations?

Heard from **Jim Romano**, who I think is our most frequent contributor! Jim says that he is still active in private practice in plastic surgery in San Francisco and is also active in volunteering and teaching at University of California, San Francisco on top of flying, restoring old cars and occasional trips to Paris. Jim often hires W&M graduates to work in his office as "gap students" en route to medical school and has helped place W&M grads in some great programs. He stays in touch with a number of classmates and also with Dr. Carl Vermeulen (from Jim's biology days in Millington Hall) whom he credits with getting him into medical school. Thanks for the update, Jim, always great to hear from you.

In the spring, **Ralph English** and his wife, Sally, attended her 40th reunion at Cornell University and Ralph realized how much he'd been missing by kind of dropping off the radar with W&M. Ralph said that part of the explanation was the distance from his home in New York state, but he also felt that a lot had to do with his career. Ralph retired in 2020 after 42 years as pastor of United Church of Christ and Presbyterian Church

(USA) congregations in New York state. In 2008, he joined the State University of New York faculty to teach American history, government and professional ethics. He created a course for Empire State College on the separation of church and state. During the first 28 years of pastoring congregations, he also served as a chaplain in the United States Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard, retiring as the most senior Air Guard chaplain in New York. Less than a year after retiring to New Hampshire, Ralph began his tenure as music director of the church he and his wife joined. This spring, they tapped 35 sugar maples on their property, boiling 240 gallons of sap to make 6 gallons of maple syrup. In addition, he and Sally enjoy kayaking, hiking and skiing. Great to hear from you, Ralph; boy that sounds like an idyllic retirement.

Well folks, this is your column, so please consider sending along some information to share. I guarantee that at least one other person besides me will be excited to hear about what you've been up to. Thank you in advance. Stay active, be well.

## 1977

*Class Reporter*

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Thanks to our classmates for sharing the following updates. Congratulations on our 50th high school reunions that are taking place this year. Happy anniversary to those celebrating this milestone, and may your commemoration be a pleasant reminder of our 50th reunion in 2027!

**Priscilla Brown**

**Knight Williams** enjoyed seeing classmates at our 45th class reunion on a perfect weather day. Her husband, Randolph, grad-

uated from the Virginia Military Institute. But since his father graduated from W&M, Randolph also enjoyed seeing the campus, including the beautiful new W&M Alumni House. After majoring in political science, Priscilla worked on Capitol Hill for the congressman who drove the early Clean Air and Clean Water acts. She jumped to the Solar Energy Industries Association, then the American Public Power Association. After taking a long maternity leave to raise three sons, Priscilla worked for a CPA firm before boomeranging back into energy. Her Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative public relations job includes writing and editing for Cooperative Living magazine. She thanks W&M for that required freshman writing course! She plans to retire this year. She and Randolph live in a 55-and-up golf community in Gainesville, Virginia. They love the activities and volunteer work there, at church, at VMI and with their five sons and nine grandchildren who fill their days. They have their share of aches and pains, joys, sorrows and rousing political discussions, but appreciate each sunrise.

**Nancy Carter**

**Hammond** wrote: "I always read with great reflection your articles for our Class of '77 in the W&M Alumni Magazine. I've remembered with smiles and tears so many classmates I shared time with at William & Mary and been introduced to many that I wondered how, in our small student body, we missed crossing paths. There are so many accomplishments and ways our classmates have worked and continue to work to make our world a better place. Our missions continue with all good hopes! Thank you for your untiring efforts to keep us all connected."

Nancy offered a small tidbit that might be of interest as we have more birthdays. As we move closer to our 50th reunion

of the Class of 1977, we all are likely celebrating with our high school classmates, too. "This past April, our Suffolk High School class of 1973 gathered to celebrate our 50th reunion. With the reconnection of our high school friends, we also brought together six of us who crossed the James River to William & Mary in 1973 for our next educational experiences. How special to reconnect with **Joey Pierce** — our class president, **Lynn Powell**, **Charles Rawls**, **Tommy Hines** and **Nancy Joyner Stewart**. After almost a year of Zoom planning meetings, it was fun to visit in person, sing, cheer and reminisce with stories that seem more vivid now (and perhaps more colorful, too). The biggest takeaway from our special time together was how grateful we are for these friends, the opportunities that life has shared with us, and that it was possible to all be together. On to the next reunion for all of us in our W&M Class of 1977! Here's hoping we can gather in Williamsburg in 2027!

**"Peter Hammond '76**

and I are looking forward to summer travels that take us to time shared with our family who grew up here in Williamsburg and now live way too far away in Redondo Beach, California (our son, **Carter Hammond M.B.A. '08**, and his wife, Steph, and our grandchildren, Matilda, 5, and Gavin, 2), and South Bend, Indiana (our daughter, Caroline, and her husband, Chris, and three grandsons — William, 6, Warren, 3, and Carson, 1). What blessings! Hark now and in all time coming! Go Tribe!"

**Anne Frost Waring**

retired in February 2023 in Richmond. She enjoys the chance to make her own schedule after a 43-year career! She looks forward to coming to more W&M events and getting together in Williamsburg with col-

lege friends from several classes.

As class reporter, I was blessed with many classmates sharing their updates and ask you to read my online column for the remainder of reports that include photos from **Diane Hull Gansauer**, **Amy Hunt Adams**, **Steve Hendricks**, **Rich Sherman '77**, **J.D. '80**, **Betsi Radd**, **Cynthia "Cindy" Satterwhite Jarboe**, **Curt Jester**, **Sandy Fuller Spicknall '77**, **M.B.A. '80**, **Paul Gerdes**, **Christine Westberg**, **Jim Ratkus**, **Linda Bruce Palmer** and myself.

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

## 1978 <sup>45</sup>

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I must thank the editors for allowing me some extra time to send in this column. I was hoping that I would at least hear from a couple of you. Perhaps you are saving all the "news" for our upcoming 45th reunion. By the time you read this, that weekend will be in the rearview mirror. I hope to see many of you there and get caught up on what you've been up to over these many years. I'm also hoping that the paucity of this submission will prompt YOU to PLEASE reach out and send an update. (I did not receive any tidbits from anybody other than what I saw on FB!)

Many of our classmates have been keeping active with travel and hobbies. **John Friedery** and **Melissa Dozier Friedery** visited the Galapagos Islands and also completed their goal of visiting all 50 U.S. states. Congratulations! Liza and **Keith Potts** enjoyed a comprehensive tour of Italy over

several weeks which included a visit to Sicily and resulted in some amazingly beautiful photography. My husband, **Rick Smith**, and I had fun biking the Istrian peninsula and Dalmatian coast of Croatia. **Mary Phillips Hall** and her family plan to visit the area as well, so I look forward to hearing about her adventures at the reunion. **Rick Rowland '78**, **M.B.A. '83** has been enjoying a taste of substitute teaching at his old alma mater, Frank W. Cox High School, and has literally been "sailing off" into retirement in Virginia Beach with his new Topaz sailboat! In May, **Nancy Smith Miller** attended the 2023 Wells Fargo PGA Golf Championship (which Wyndham Clark won prior to also winning the U.S. Open!)

If any of you are planning a trip to Siena, Italy, you may want to check out **Jane Tylus'** acclaimed book "Siena: City of Secrets." Jane is a professor of Italian and professor of comparative literature at Yale University. According to The University of Chicago Press, "Jane Tylus' 'Siena' is a compelling and intimate portrait of this most secretive of cities, often overlooked by travelers to Italy. Cultural history, intellectual memoir, travelogue and guidebook, it takes the reader on a quest of discovery through the well- and not-so-well-traveled roads and alleys of a town both medieval and modern. As Tylus leads us through the city, she shares her passion for Siena in novelistic prose, while never losing sight of the historical complexities that have made Siena one of the most fascinating and beautiful towns in Europe."

Wherever else your travels lead you, I hope to see you ALL in the 'Burg for our 45th!

Carpe Diem.

*Editors' note: We apologize for adding incorrect class years in the last issue for **Dave O'Neill**, **Keith Fimian** and **Mark Mul-lady '79**.*

# 1979

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Now that many of our classmates have transitioned to retirement life, I have been receiving news of travels and other adventures.

**Carol Arnold Holtenbeck** wrote that she is enjoying retirement and staying very busy — one of those people who constantly says, “How did I ever have time to work?!” Carol’s travel highlights last year included a river cruise with **Mary Ann Heyser Wright** through Belgium and the Netherlands at the height of tulip season. “Since gardening is my big hobby, seeing the flowers there was truly amazing. I also had a wonderful week hiking in the Canadian Rockies, and met up with **Nancy Shelton Clements** and **Paul Clements ’78, M.B.A. ’82** for a day. That is truly one of the most beautiful places I’ve been and I had some great wildlife sightings in addition to the gorgeous scenery.” Carol recently returned from cruising the Tahitian islands, which she said were incredibly beautiful and unspoiled, with spectacular snorkeling. Next on Carol’s agenda: hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park and an African safari, again with Mary Ann. Ever the pragmatist, Carol says: “Gotta get my bucket list done while my body is still in good enough shape to handle it!” Amen to that!

**Kathy Yankovich Hornsby** shared this travelogue: “**Charlotte Sharp Lucas, Joan Fabrizio Berlin** and I traveled together in France and Italy in May. We spent time in Strasbourg, along the Alsatian wine trail, driving over the snow-capped Swiss Alps and staying on Lake Como. However, by far the most memorable part of the trip was renting a 35-

foot canal boat to self-drive the Canal de la Marne au Rhin. Due to my unexpectedly amazing luck docking the boat on the 10-minute ‘check cruise,’ the company representative incorrectly assumed I had greater boating experience than I did. Things soon went downhill. Due to picking up the boat on a holiday when the locks were closed, we received no instruction on navigating the first lock. Because we had read the boat operator’s guide and because the rental company insisted that no serious boating experience was required, we figured, ‘How hard can it be?’ That was a faulty assumption. There were tricks, and each lock was different. Into the first day, a mechanical issue affecting steering developed. After the end of a day navigating a narrow canal, passing other boats and somehow making it through two precariously narrow tunnels, one of which was 4 kilometers in length, various locks and bouncing off the sides of anything close, my blood pressure was sky high and I threatened to abandon ship. Cooler heads prevailed and a mechanic met us the next day. Joan took over captain duties with a skill and calmness only she could possess. For the next few days, steering was still dicey and Joan continued bouncing off of stationary objects until we reached our final destination. By that point, we’d even knocked off a bumper. But we came to embrace our many sideswipes. When we returned the boat, none of this minor damage was unexpected, and we were not fined a single euro. Although sleeping and cooking on board was very pleasant, we’d never do a self-guided canal trip again!” Check that one off the bucket list, Kathy!

**Anna Barron Billing-sley** experienced a different sort of adventure subsequent to her retirement. At first, she says, she just thought she was clumsy — lots of balance issues and falls in the past year.

Not to mention, relentless headaches! Finally, her doctor ordered an MRI of her brain, which revealed a nearly 6-centimeter mass called a meningioma. Anna reports that neurosurgery at The Johns Hopkins Hospital this spring was successful — “no malignancy; just lots of post-surgery therapy, hair growth and patience.” That is a tale of true courage, Anna.

**Chris Smith Ejoye** and **Brad Eure** enjoyed a recent hiking excursion to Ireland in celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary and Chris’ first anniversary of retirement. Chris said, “We knew we had found the luck of the Irish upon our arrival as we were greeted with absolutely glorious spring/summer weather. We had nary a drop of rain in sight for the full time we were there. Our trip began in Dublin and we explored the city for three days. We then joined up with the hiking group in Killarney. We spent the remainder of our vacation going up and down and up and down the mountains of Killarney and Kenmare. We found no shortage of wonderful restaurants and managed to enjoy our share of Guinness and Baileys! I dare say, we may be one of the few couples who go on a hiking trip and come back with a few extra pounds and I don’t mean in our suitcases. It was great to be able to travel again and we look forward to reading about some of our fellow alumni adventures. Cheers!”

I was delighted to have some news to report for this issue. Please be sure to send me yours so that our next Class Notes column will again be a column instead of just empty space! Now get to work on that bucket list!

# 1980

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As I write this, summer is just around the corner and W&M celebrated its newest alumni at Commencement just a few short weeks ago. For this column, I was thrilled to hear from several classmates, and I am turning over most of the editorial responsibilities on this column to my very capable contributors. Thank you to each of you for making my job that much easier!

At the end of May, **Ed McLeod** retired as senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, after 19 years. This followed a combined 19 years spent serving three churches in South Carolina. Ed’s last Sunday as senior pastor happened to fall on the 40th wedding anniversary of Ed and his wife, none other than **Jenny Tatnall McLeod ’81**. The McLeods relished the coincidence and felt it was a fitting day to begin the next chapter of their life. Ed and Jenny are looking forward to having time to travel, time for some favorite hobbies and more time with their two children and their families. They are particularly looking forward to spending time with their four precious grandchildren. Ed has served on the board of trustees of William Peace University in downtown Raleigh for the past 19 years; the university recognized Ed’s service by conferring upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities.

**George Stukenbroeker** shared news of an interesting trip — he and **Brice Anderson** joined two other Flat Hat newspaper editors-in-chief, **Bill Hayden ’78** and **John Bloom ’82**, for an April visit with the current Flat Hat editor-in-chief, **Molly Parks ’24**, and members of her staff. Molly was kind enough to show the “old hands” the newspaper’s new office in the Sadler Center and the group enjoyed a discussion of how today’s journalists publish a paper edition while

also maintaining a snazzy online presence. George led the Flat Hat after Bill’s tenure, and Brice followed him before turning the reins over to John. None of them had to deal with news delivered via the internet. Today’s technology enables the staff to release major stories on short notice, instead of waiting for the next printing cycle, as well as use color photos and videos to inform and entertain. The one thing that has not changed in 40-plus years is the crush of hours required to deliver an accurate and polished Flat Hat product to students and faculty week after week. Despite the constant grind and deadline pressures, George noted that it was clear that the current staff members, like those four decades ago, relish the responsibility and thrill of tracking down and reporting the news. Those close staff relationships helped lead George, Bill and John to each marry Flat Hatters. Their spouses — **Susan Maag Stukenbroeker ’81, Susan Strong Hayden ’79** and **Gloria Simpson Bloom ’81**, respectively — joined the mini-Flat Hat reunion.

George also reported that Brice received a high honor in March. Brice was inducted into the Circle of Saints, which Brice described as “a sort of hall of fame” for alumni of the Catholic schools in Portsmouth, Virginia; Brice’s alma mater is Portsmouth Catholic High School. After Brice retired as managing editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch in 2017, he and his wife, Cindi, moved home to Portsmouth. There, Brice served on an ad hoc committee in 2020-21 that raised more than \$250,000 during the pandemic to keep Portsmouth Catholic Regional School from closing permanently. He later was appointed to a three-year term on the PCRS School Advisory Board. The principal of the school is classmate **Donna Hollar Henry**.

Williamsburg is now home to **Bill Childs**

and his wife of 35 years, Barbara. Bill retired from his 30-year career in the medical device industry with Abbott and Thermo Fisher Scientific, living in Europe, Latin America and the United States. Bill's last positions were leading global marketing and commercial operations for the company. Since retirement, Bill has worked in executive search and real estate, and has written a book, "American Exodus from Nasser's Nile," a historical account of the harrowing American Embassy staff evacuation of Egypt during the 1967 Arab-Israeli "Six-Day War," documented by his father. Bill and Barbara moved to Williamsburg to be near family and their two granddaughters. Bill volunteers as an executive partner for the Raymond A. Mason School of Business mentoring M.B.A. students, and at Literacy for Life, teaching English as a second language.

Bill sends news of **Jeff Sluyter-Beltrao**, who is on sabbatical from his tenured professorship at Alfred University. Jeff traveled across Europe this spring with his wife, Marilia, and has settled in Turkey. He has learned to speak Turkish and is doing research comparing nationalist populism in Turkey and Brazil. The most memorable aspect of their trip was the incredible support and hospitality that a network of friends offered them as they slowly worked their way across six European countries, then through Turkey and Tunisia.

**Rusty Brown** wrote from Warsaw, Virginia, to say that he is settling into the next chapter of his journey: a well-deserved retirement after 42 years in banking. His last day at Atlantic Union Bank was March 31, 2022. Rusty continues to stay active with his work on the boards of CoBank, a Denver-based agricultural cooperative bank, as board vice chair at his local Northern Neck Electric Cooperative and as chair on the Rich-

mond County Industrial Development Authority. Rusty served as chair of the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives for the year 2021-2022. One of the members of the Class of 2023 was Rusty's daughter, **Emily Brown '23**. The entire family celebrated her graduation from W&M this past May. Emily has chosen to stay at W&M next year for her master's degree.

Well, I think I have gone over my limit, but thank you to all who contributed!

## 1981

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Hello Again '81ers,

We received one update this time around. Please let us know how things are going — we all love hearing about your adventures and achievements.

**Clark Beil** retired this spring after 37 years in health administration in both hospitals and public health. He plans on spending his retirement splitting time between his home in Northern Virginia and seaside villas in Spain and Portugal. His current favorite is a small Mediterranean village just outside of Malaga, Cala Del Moral, Spain. He is having a blast with his 3-year-old grandson and will have another to spoil by the time of this publication.

Thanks and congratulations on your retirement, Clark. Hope to hear from some more of you for the next issue.

Go Tribe!

Mike "Fitz" Fitzgerald  
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## 1982

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Greetings to everyone! It is June as I write this. Our kids are all over the place this summer — Nick just graduated from the University of Southern California and is staying in Los Angeles to work for a consulting company. Noah is still at Smith+Nephew working in supply chain (I blame him for everything) and is moving to Denver in August. Olivia just finished her third year at the University of Virginia and is heading to Los Angeles to intern for the same consulting company as Nick! Needless to say, momma bear is planning a beach retreat to LA this summer!

In April, I was lucky enough to be invited to join a W&M girls' group that has been getting together at least annually for over 25 years! Amazing. This year's trip was to Fredericksburg, Texas (so not very far afield for me!), and it was a blast. The group includes: **Katie Winter Gray, Debi Pierce, Beth Alford Wolfe, Diane Ratchford Murray, Brenda Bloomer Hargett, Barbara Cole Joynes, Susan Newell, Jenny Wauford Flanagan, Kris Winegar Adkinson, May Przy-pyszny Pennington** and **Kathryn Sanford Fant**.

We enjoyed a few wine tastings, did some hiking at nearby Enchanted Rock, danced and sang and just enjoyed each other's company. We stayed at a marvelous Airbnb that was within walking distance of Main Street. This group really has each other's backs, and I am honored to be a part of it! It was wonderful to catch up with everyone: Katie and her husband, Stu, have two boys and live in Baltimore. Debi is living in Alexandria, Virginia, and gets together with Beth from time to time. Beth and her husband, Tommy, just celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Patrice. Diane and her husband, Bob, live in Richmond and just built a new house. Diane is an amazing caregiver to her mother. Brenda and her

husband, Joe, live in Dallas (not far from me) and just celebrated the wedding of their son, Tyler, and are now expecting their third grandchild! Susan and her husband, **Eric Jaffe '83**, split their time between Chicago and Florida. Jenny lives in Nashville, where she runs a nonprofit. Kris and her husband, Dale, live in Atlanta. Mary and her husband, **Mark Pennington**, live in Philadelphia and are active runners and bikers. Kathryn/Sammy and her husband, John, also live in Atlanta and try to keep up with their two sons.

Barbara Cole Joynes and her husband, Stan, were featured in the May issue of the W&M Alumni Magazine. They are partners in Valley Road Vineyards near Charlottesville. Be sure to read the article! And, if possible, visit their tasting room and property overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains. One of the benefits of having a daughter at UVA is being able to visit and enjoy their delicious wines. Believe it or not, there are now over 300 wineries in Virginia! I'm on a mission ...

**Kevin Doyle** took a moment to update me on his life. He is now splitting his time between Minnesota, where he works at the Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School of Addiction Studies, and Charlottesville, where Jacquie continues to teach at the University of Virginia Darden School of Business. Kevin has a place in the river town of Stillwater on the Minnesota and Wisconsin border. He recently had a visit from **Jon Huddleston**. Jon is on a mission to visit all 50 states now that he is retired to Williamsburg. Kevin also had a nice visit with **Jim Riley '81** and **Betsy Fournier Riley**, who visited last summer. Kevin also recently reconnected with **Jim Bilodeau '81**.

If your travels take you to Minnesota, Kevin asks that you look him up!

**Vanessa Boyer** wrote to tell me about her first book, "Fruitful Living,"

which was written during the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic was a time of soul searching for Vanessa — as it was for many of us — and made her re-evaluate her priorities and contributions. "Fruitful Living" deals with many of these questions and how our spiritual gifts can produce positive and substantive change. The book is a product of Vanessa's company, Positive Influence Empire LLC. It can be purchased through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other booksellers. Congrats to Vanessa!

And finally, I heard from **Lisa Rogers**, who writes that she has two new picture book biographies coming out this fall: "Beautiful Noise: The Music of John Cage," published by Penguin Random House/Anne Schwartz Books and "Ronald Reagan: A Little Golden Book Biography," also from Penguin Random House. Lisa recently caught up with **Tim Wilson '81** in Boston and talked about old times at W&M.

That's all the news I have! PLEASE send me your updates!! I'd love to hear what you've been up to — and so would your classmates.

## 1983 40

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I'm sad to report that my dad, **Stewart Sell '56**, W&M Athletics Hall of Fame class of 1984, passed away on June 16. He lived with **Bud Phillips '82** and me for the last several years and was a regular attendee at Spot 82 tailgates. He was featured in the winter issue of the W&M Alumni Magazine as one of the four Alumni Medallion awardees in February 2023. He will be greatly missed by the W&M community and a few others, but his legacy will live on with the endowment he

created for study abroad and student exchange opportunities in Latvia and the Baltic states, as well as the Sell Family Legacy Fund at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He was interred at W&M's Memorial Garden. Many Spot 82 friends and neighbors came to pay their respects.

**Colleen Kearns Killilea '84, J.D. '87** lost her mom, Patricia Kearns, also on June 16. It just seems somehow necessary to mention that given that we are part of the Williamsburg Sig Ep Breakfast Club organized by **Jeff Harrell**, which meets most Friday mornings, June 16 was a Friday. The service for Mrs. Kearns, who had an amazing life growing up in the Panama Canal Zone, was June 27 at St. Bede Catholic Church.

Our favorite photographer, **Skip Rowland**, was named as one of the Real Life Champions of the Year for 2023. Real Life is a nonprofit in Richmond, Virginia, that serves individuals who have been impacted by incarceration, homelessness or substance abuse. It provides the opportunity to overcome personal and community barriers that hinder their pathway to a thriving life. Skip has been helping Real Life as a volunteer for years. He works with Lifers to help them develop photography skills, something he's clearly mastered. The folks at Real Life say Skip has a servant's heart and that he's literally willing to come whenever he's needed, which is a lot!

Williamsburg activist and husband of **Christie Baty Hudgins, Fraser Hudgins '84** has been very busy advocating for the residents of Williamsburg. Fraser has led the group he formed, a grass-roots organization called Citizens for Responsible Spotswood Development (CRSD), in their quest to hold City Council accountable to the zoning laws on the books in regard to the property known as the Spotswood golf course. It's part of the Golden Horse-

shoe Golf Club adjacent to and owned by Colonial Williamsburg. As of this writing, the developer, CW and the city have been sent back to the drawing board. While there are many people involved, it's thanks to Fraser and his pursuit of information through the Freedom of Information Act, this process is being forced into the open. Christy says it's a good thing Fraser is retired because he spends every waking moment working on CRSD stuff. Pretty sure Christie helps too!

The William & Mary Weekend in San Francisco was epic! I totally recommend going to the next W&M Weekend. The weekend started on Wednesday evening with a cocktail reception at the San Francisco Yacht Club. The view of the bay at sunset was exceptional. Thursday was a visit to Oracle Park for a conversation with **Jill Ellis '88, L.H.D. '16**, president of the San Diego Wave FC and former two-time championship winning coach of the U.S. Women's National Team (and a new member of the National Soccer Hall of Fame), and **Kathy Carter '91**, CEO of LA28, the summer 2028 Olympic and Paralympic games in Los Angeles, along with President Rowe.

On Friday **Nancy Cote Kane '84** and her husband, Chris, took **Lois Korb Peterson '81** and her husband, Dick, on a tour of Sausalito and Marin with a lovely lunch included. In the afternoon, I took a lovely walk from the Fairmont to **Beth Sala Covin's** new digs in the city, which also has an amazing view of the bay. She drove us to the private W&M Women's event at The Walt Disney Family Museum in the Presidio, also including her daughter, Sara, and friend **Emma DiLauro '20**. Saturday was a "Walk in the Woods" with author and professor **Michael Branch '85** at Muir Woods, where he talked about his experience as a

naturalist and told stories from his book "On the Trail of the Jackalope." The afternoon involved a cable car ride to Fisherman's Wharf and seafood overlooking the bay. There were other event options — these were just the ones in which I took part.

The Saturday night gala was an auction fundraiser for the W&M Alumni Association. There were some amazing items, like a truffle-hunting excursion in Tuscany, dinner with President Rowe and your name on a booth at Paul's Deli! The afterparty every night was at the Top of the Mark with a 360-degree view of the city. Wish I could list all the names of the 150 people who participated, but I am already over my word limit.

Whenever and wherever the next W&M Weekend happens, make plans to attend if you can.

Hark! to our 40th reunion, Oct 19-22, 2023! The Dimeslots will be playing at the Virginia Beer Co. Saturday afternoon. Make plans to be there or be square.

## 1984

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## 1985

Class Reporter

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It has either happened to you already or will be happening to you soon; time to admit that this is the year for us to turn 60! I can't believe that I am saying that number out loud, but it's definitely coming to us all. Since my daughter

turns 30 this summer, I guess I need to admit that I am no longer a youngster. However, we certainly do not have to act like we are 60!

I am reminded that we are all getting to this age when I see an email from **Martin McClanan** along with photos of his 60th birthday party. Martin celebrated his birthday in Portland, Oregon, recently with **Tom Gallo** and **Jenni Adams Gallo '84, Paul Kinley '86** and **Ben Brake '86**. Looks like a kilt was even part of the birthday style! Martin has lived in Portland since 2007 with his wife, Liz, and remains active in the food and wine industries.

On April 18, W&M celebrated 10 years of One Tribe One Day, the university's annual giving day. To mark the occasion, **Mary Uhrig Phillips** and **Kevin Phillips '84** launched a 10-to-1 match to the Fund for William & Mary for gifts made to any area of the university from first-time OTOD donors. It's part of their new \$1 million commitment that also supports scholarships and W&M Libraries.

In a column for the Richmond Times-Dispatch, **Todd Stottlemeyer** and George Keith Martin explain the importance of scaling up internships, apprenticeships and other work-based learning opportunities in Virginia. Todd is treasurer of the Virginia Business Higher Education Council and CEO of CNSI. He is vice chair of the Virginia Growth and Opportunity (GO Virginia) board and previously served as rector of William & Mary. George Keith Martin is secretary of the Virginia Business Higher Education Council and a partner in McGuire-Woods LLP. He previously served as rector of the University of Virginia.

In an example of "you never know when you'll run into a fellow William & Mary graduate," my husband and I went with our daughter and her best friend to Atlan-

ta for the Taylor Swift concert in April (yes, after many hours online, my daughter procured the elusive tickets to the event of the century!). At the hotel breakfast area, my husband saw another dad there, and since he saw that he was wearing a William & Mary shirt, struck up a conversation with him. The next day at breakfast (hey, if you are going to Atlanta, you make a weekend of it!) I introduced myself to **Brian McManus '94**, professor of industrial organization, empirical microeconomics and health economics at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He was there with his wife and daughter for the weekend and, while they were at the concert, he was able to visit with **Chris Anulewicz '93**. Not only is Brian a fellow alumnus, he also lives in the Triangle area like us! Small world, as they truly say.

That does it for me this time. Please send me an email to let me know how you are doing, how you celebrated turning 60, which classmates you are in touch with or what alumni you run into somewhere unexpectedly. I look forward to hearing from you. Valeté, omnes!

## 1986

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Please join me in offering condolences to the family and friends of **Veronica Mance**, who died on Feb. 24, 2023. Veronica's friend Gisile Goethe sent a note remarking on Veronica's pride in being a William & Mary graduate, her love of her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, and her "super tight girl squad" from college, with whom she had traveled the world. You may find Veronica's obituary in our online Class Notes.

**Ann Patane Harvey** and her husband, David, of Fairfield, Connecticut, are excited for their daughter, **Mary Harvey '27**, to attend William & Mary. Their son, Rob, is a freshman at Vanderbilt. They look forward to many Williamsburg and Nashville, Tennessee, getaways. Ann has been in touch recently with fellow DuPont RA **Karen Luparello Gossage '87** and **Julie Cunningham Shackford '88**, who is now W&M's head coach for women's soccer.

Marty Grogan, husband of **Susan Reilly Grogan**, shared the news that Susan was appointed as the new executive director of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission. According to the commission's press release dated Feb. 10, 2023, it is "an independent state agency that is charged with protecting the natural, cultural and historic resources of the 938,000-acre state Pinelands Area." The Press of Atlantic City reported on Feb. 17, 2023, that Susan holds a master's degree in city and regional planning from Rutgers University and is a licensed New Jersey professional planner and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

**Kathy Fitzgerald Lind** retired in the spring from a long career at Deloitte. Her husband, **Greg Lind '87**, finished his last year as a food and beverage manager at the Orioles spring training facility in Sarasota, Florida. They are volunteering at the local food pantry and looking forward to golf, reading and travel. Their son, Ryan, is in graduate school at Fordham University, working on his master's degree in social work. In the fall of next year, he will marry Matt, who is an advisory consultant with Deloitte in New York City.

In May, **Roger Emory** was cruising from Amsterdam to the Norwegian fjords. His son, Kyle, married Carolyn in September 2022 in Nashville,

Tennessee. The young couple met at the University of Virginia's McIntire School of Commerce and now live in Santa Monica, California.

**James Boswell** wrote that not 10 minutes after receiving my plea for alumni news, he was going through a stack of sheet music and found a program dated April 22, 1985, for an organ and harpsichord recital at Bruton Parish Church. Both he and I were among the students performing. He took this discovery as a sign from the universe that he should send an update for the column. After "way too many years in Florida," James and his husband, **Chris Caracci HON '23**, moved back to Williamsburg in 2015. Both of them teach at W&M's Raymond A. Mason School of Business, with James teaching business law, ethics and leadership, and Chris teaching strategy and leadership. They also have a consulting practice focusing on organizational culture, with clients spread between Atlanta and New York. In May, Chris began a new role as executive director of the Williamsburg Institute for Leadership and Civic Engagement. They also do a lot of volunteer work. James serves on the W&M Libraries Board of Directors, the Crim Dell Alumni Association Board, the Williamsburg-Peninsula Alumni Association Board, and as chair of the Williamsburg Planning Commission. Chris serves on the board of Hospice House of Williamsburg and is chair of the Williamsburg Tourism Development Fund Review Committee.

According to The Daily Record of Baltimore on April 26, 2023, **Matthew Pavlides** has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Attorneys in Maryland for the last four years, a Best Lawyer for the past five years and a Maryland Super Lawyer for 12 years.

## 1987

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Congratulations to **Tracy Mancini**, who was named president of Carteret Community College in Morehead City, North Carolina, in 2020 after previously serving in a role there as vice president of instruction and student support. Prior to her time at Carteret, Tracy spent 17 years as an instructor, department chair and dean at Durham Technical Community College. Tracy holds master's degrees from both Duke University and the University of North Florida, and a doctorate in community college executive leadership from Wingate University. In April, the college's board approved a salary increase and performance bonus, noting her "excellent communication skills, her collaborative yet decisive management style, her work ethic, her long-range planning and her positive relationships with our community partners," as reported by The Carteret County News-Times.

**Raelene Canuel Wagoner** and **Doug Wagoner** were recently featured in a W&M Alumni Magazine online exclusive many of you may have seen. They made a \$500,000 commitment to the *All In* campaign for William & Mary Athletics. Their gift goes toward the construction of the new William & Mary Athletics Complex. They are loyal William & Mary supporters and actively volunteer at the college. They are hoping that the new Athletic Complex, with its resources and opportunities, will both enhance community/school spirit and will inspire other alumni to boost their financial support of Tribe Athletics. (Construction started this spring.) The Wagoners live in Northern Virginia. Their daughter **Madeline Wagoner '20**

is also a graduate of W&M. To read the full story, please visit the online column at [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1987](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1987).

## 1988 <sup>35</sup>

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**Shawn Barrett**, an anesthesiologist in the private sector and the Air Force, retired after 25 years. Shawn works occasionally to keep his license active in anticipation of future humanitarian surgical missions. He and his wife, Carrie, split their time between Austin, Texas, and Bend, Oregon. They enjoy volunteering, traveling and staying active, whether skiing, snowshoeing, bicycling, hiking, swimming or running. Both have completed five full Ironman races and over a dozen half Ironmans over the past 15 years. Carrie and Shawn also have a radio show in Bend highlighting Americana music (streaming at [KPOV.org](http://KPOV.org)).

**Anne Reynolds '88**, **J.D. '91** reports that her law school roommate **Monica Taylor Monday '88**, **J.D. '91**, who was the managing partner of Gentry Locke in Roanoke for the past 10 years, transitioned to chair of the firm's executive board. Valley Business magazine did a wonderful writeup of some of Monica's achievements (she is one of the first women to lead a large law firm in Virginia and grew the firm's business remarkably during her tenure). Anne has been living outside of Roanoke since 2018 and says one of the best things about her new(ish) home is that she gets to catch up with Monica.

**Jonathan Wilson** is busy with his new startup, the FinCEN Report Co. The company aims to help companies file reports that will be required under the

Corporate Transparency Act, which takes effect at the end of 2023. As part of that effort, he wrote a book, "The Corporate Transparency Act Compliance Guide," which was due out from LexisNexis in July.

**Charles Frohman** is selling a Forbes-featured insurance alternative, lobbying for the world's oldest health freedom organization, and enjoying life back in the 'Burg as an out-of-control soccer dad.

**Michelle Wade Welsh '88**, **M.A.Ed. '90** and **Craig Welsh '87** live in Chesapeake, Virginia. Craig is an estimator with TriState Utilities and Michelle is pursuing a Ph.D. from Regent University. Michelle has been homeschooling her five sons. Three are college graduates, one is currently in college and the youngest will be a senior next year. She teaches in a homeschool group with **Heather Hoover '99**. Michelle sees **Renee Wade Shockley '86** and **Noelle Wade Irelan '95** frequently. Recently her oldest son married and she is now a grandmother! Michelle works several part-time jobs: Classical Conversations as a product specialist, Red Truck Candy Store making fudge and turtles, and Developmental Vision Care PC as a vision therapist.

**Michael Davis '88**, **J.D. '91**, lives in Virginia Beach with his wife, Teri. The oldest of their three grown children just gave them their first grandchild in April 2022; a second grandbaby was due in September. Michael says being a grandparent absolutely rocks! Michael has been practicing FELA (Federal Employers' Liability Act) railroad personal injury law with The Moody Law Firm in Portsmouth, Virginia, since 2000, and he was recently elected president of the Academy of Rail Labor Attorneys (ARLA), a nationwide organization of approximately 160 FELA trial lawyers.

**Tom Sodeman** finished his Master of Public

Health in '21, a master's degree in Japanese history in '22, and just completed his first year of a Ph.D. program in U.S. history, all at the University of Toledo. Retiring from the Air National Guard in August after 28 years, he will remain on the faculty as assistant dean at UT.

Reagan Studios, owned by **Keith Reagan** and his son, Collins, won Best Humanitarian Short Film at the Cannes World Film Festival on May 27, 2023, for their documentary "Ministry of Surf."

**Connie Bruce** lives in Henrico, Virginia, but also spends time in Hampton, Virginia. She has been with the Virginia Council of CEOs for 15 years and serves as director of operations and member services. Her youngest, **Lacey McRoberts '23**, just graduated from W&M! Connie enjoyed watching Lacey make her own way, successfully, at W&M. They participated together in the legacy reception sponsored by the W&M Alumni Association. What a sweet way to welcome the newest alumni. Connie and **Bonnie McDuffee Ashley** are making plans to meet up on campus for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2023, Oct. 19-22.

## 1989

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**Dave Stevenson** thought of William & Mary as he finished his big Griffin sculpture. His work has enjoyed TV cameos in "Powerbook II: Ghost," a Smartwater commercial (with the original 44-inch-high Griffin), "Law & Order," "American Horror Story: Hamptons" and more! Dave is represented by Galerie Les Artisans

in St. Barthélemy, French West Indies. During the pandemic, he and his partner, Elizabeth Hodes, created props for commercials for Rémy Martin and the Connecticut State Lottery/Keno and also made 23 costumes for comedy commercial director Ben Weinstein (who is also Dave's new ice climbing partner). Dave reminded me that griffins symbolize courage and protection.

**Jennifer Sage Lian** is also an artist, working in acrylics and oils, painting landscapes and abstract pieces. She recently was the featured artist at Nepenthe Gallery in Alexandria, owned by **Carrie Owens Garland '90** and **Jim Garland**. You can find her at [jenniferlianart.com](http://jenniferlianart.com).

**Diane Vallere** has published a new book, "Please Don't Push Up the Daisies: A Madison Night Mystery" (No. 11 in the series). She also won the Agatha Award for best nonfiction for "Promophobia: Taking the Mystery Out of Promoting Crime Fiction."

**Jennifer Catney** wrote and illustrated her first children's book, "Filling the Manger." Published by Lucid Books, it's about a French Christmas tradition passed down by her mother.

**Gretchen Lusby** celebrated a four-week work sabbatical with trips to Iceland and Aruba.

**Anne Ferrell Leggett** and her partner, Jim, have been full-time RVers since August 2021. They have stayed mostly on the East Coast and are currently in Key West! Anne continues to run her counseling practice, Compass Point eTherapy, from the road; Jim works as an aircraft mechanic at Sky Dive Key West.

**Richard Evonitz** was appointed by the mayor of Skokie, Illinois, to lead a group of citizen-volunteers in holding their Fourth of July parade. They're excited to bring back the parade after COVID-19 and last year's cancellation due to the shooting at Highland Park's parade.

### Becky Samuels

**Paquet** will be attending Georgetown University in the fall to pursue a graduate certificate in Lean & Agile Practices.

**J.D. Bowers** finished his first year as the dean of the Honors College at Rutgers University, where he is also a faculty fellow-in-residence and an affiliate faculty member in the Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights. Since moving back East, J.D.'s caught up with his former suite-mate **Kennon Dick '92** and **Maura Cavanaugh Dick '90**. He also attended the 35th anniversary of the founding of Delta Phi, held at the Williamsburg Winery, with 100-plus alumni and brothers. J.D. celebrated the end of the school year by visiting his daughter, **Julia Bowers '24**, in Italy during her summer internship and Monroe Scholars research in Etruscan material culture and history.

**Romelda Harvey Guglielmo '89** and **Gabe Guglielmo '87** celebrated the wedding of their daughter, **Rose Guglielmo '20**, to Theo Goosen at River Farm in Alexandria on June 3. W&M folks of our era in attendance included **Rachel Guglielmo, James "Ducie" Miller '92** and his wife, Jane, **Carter Mason** and his wife, Shelly, **Chris Logan '90** and his wife, Melissa, John and **Courtney Joyner Reynolds '87**, **John Peluso '87** and his wife, Kimberly. Table 2 was rocking!

**Jennifer Bracken Thompson's** daughter, **Chloe Thompson '27**, and **Sarah Kelley Potash's** son, **John Potash '27**, will be attending William & Mary in the fall. Sarah is still working as an OB-GYN specialist in New Jersey.

Jackson Gayle, whose mother is **Martha McGlothlin Bowman '89, J.D. '95**, is a rising high school senior who attended a W&M baseball prospect camp this summer. Martha has her fingers crossed that he will become a Tribe member!

**Alan Adenan** left True Food Kitchen for a small restaurant group, Ted's Bulletin, and will grow them to 12 units in the next three years. He's scouted out locations in Williamsburg to open his retirement breakfast/lunch counter. He and Debbie celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary at the Williamsburg Inn. His hospitality consulting company, A3FB, has started to prosper.

**Michelle Wade Scheuerman** hosted a W&M gathering for **Dave Link**, who was in from Australia.

**Jim Smith** (Wells Fargo, senior vice president), **Anson Christian** (Covington & Burling), and **Tom Hamilton '88, M.A. '89** and **Jill Watson Hamilton '89** (now living in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina) are all enjoying retirement.

**David Fletcher** is growing Rand Construction Co. as a partner; he recently purchased a new house in Arlington. His daughter, Leigh, will attend UVA in the fall.

**Greg Perigard '89** and **Karen Hojnacki Perigard '89** are empty nesters, have a new dog, and are traveling a lot.

**John Fedewa** and his wife also purchased a house in Northern Virginia and are excited about the space.

**Brian Coleman** continues to work for JP Morgan Alternative Asset Management; he and his family summer in Spain.

**Vince Howell** is still with Mars Inc., lives in New Jersey, and is getting his kids ready for college.

Doug and I spent a month in New Orleans for French Quarter Fest and both weekends of Jazz Fest; our kids even joined for a weekend. Carter was awarded a Fulbright English teaching assistant position and is living in Taipei; Quinn is in Arlington, working as a computer programmer and playing on multiple rec sports leagues.

My apologies for not having a column in our last edition; I was recover-

ing from a thyroidectomy. Thanks to all who provided info this time or have cheered me on along the way. Our 35th reunion is next October; I hope you'll come back and celebrate with us!

## 1990

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Hello, classmates! I'm a bit light on news, however I thank **Adam Bram** for his update. My husband and I celebrated 20 years of marriage this spring in Italy (Rome, Venice, Como). I got some advice from **Kelli McNally Lorey** who, with **Brandon Lorey**, had recently made a visit. As I was returning in May, **Erica Heinemann McMahon** was heading to Switzerland and the lakes area with her family, so I shared some tips with her. It would be great to hear of your travels, favorite places and funny stories, so please send those updates my way!

On April 22, 2023, **Brad Haneberg** and **Viki Lawton Haneberg** hosted numerous Sigma Nus and affiliates for a fraternity reunion/liquid dinner at Virago Spirits in Richmond (owned and operated by Hanebergs), co-organized by **Zack Matzanius '91**. **Adam Bram** and **Margot Stanley Bram** gathered with the many 1990 alumni in attendance, including **Jimmy Lowry, Mike Vadner '90, J.D. '93, Mike Gunlicks, Dave Masri, Chip Harding '91, Alexi Papandon, Aris Bearer '91, M.P.P. '96, Eddie Phillips** and **Trish Holder Phillips, Marcus Walther, Drew Geary, Tom Fahey** and **Liz Fishbane Lyster**. Lots of other Sigs from other years, including **Will Powell '92, Dave Milstein '92, Juan Otal '92, Jason Hancock '91, M.A.Ed. '95, Karun Sharma '92, John McMicken '91, Doug**

**Hechtman '92, Bill Tate '92, Heather Guas '91, M.Ed. '92, Dean D'Angelo '89, Mark Jenkins '88, Scott Roth '89 and Mike Klesius '89,** celebrated friendship and a zest for all things good at the distillery, a Richmond Squirrels game, Stone Brewing, a Richmond-Williamsburg-Richmond bike ride, and a half marathon.

Congratulations to **Laura Rugless '90, J.D. '00,** who was promoted to vice president at Michigan State University, where she will be leading civil rights and Title IX compliance efforts. According to the Lansing State Journal, Laura had been associate vice president for the Office of Institutional Equity and Title IX at MSU, and formerly the university Title IX coordinator at Cornell University. Prior to Cornell, she served as executive director of equity and access services and Title IX coordinator at Virginia Commonwealth University. Laura is a U.S. Army veteran and a lawyer, having specialized in employment law and employment discrimination cases in Virginia.

## 1991

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**Stacy Osborn White** is now the nursing director of emergency management and communications at VCU Health Systems. Her daughter, **Taylor White '20,** is engaged to **David Watkins '19.** They plan to get married in October 2024. Stacy is excited for her fall "senior roomie reunion" with **Beth Peterson Polk, Deanna Putney and Suzanne Stephan Neely.**

**Susan House Schrock** reached out to me and we discovered we are practically neighbors! Susan works for Johns Hopkins as a physician

double boarded in internal medicine and pediatrics. She has been the medical director of a multispecialty group in Baltimore for eight years and was recently promoted to section chief of combined internal medicine and pediatrics for Johns Hopkins Community Physicians. Susan has two high school-aged boys.

In addition to being the 2023 Commencement speaker, **Patton Oswalt '91, D.A. '23** won \$250,000 on "Celebrity Jeopardy!" in February to benefit Alice's Kids, based in Mount Vernon, Virginia. The charity works with teachers and social workers to pay for the small things that make a big difference to kids, like winter coats, new glasses and school trips. You can learn more about the organization at [aliceskids.org](http://aliceskids.org).

**William McCamey,** chief financial officer and treasurer at Atlanticus Holdings Corp., was named a finalist for the Small-Medium Public Company 2023 CFO of the Year award in Atlanta Business Chronicle's 2023 CFO of the Year Awards. Prior to joining Atlanticus, he served as managing director and founder of Watershed Advisors and director at Wachovia Securities. He has his MBA in general finance from Emory University's Goizueta Business School.

**Zack Matzani** wrote me about a Sigma Nu reunion in Richmond last April. **Brad Haneberg '90** and **Vicki Lawton Haneberg '90** hosted the event at their distillery, Virago Spirits, with help from **Eddie Phillips '90** and **Tricia Holder Phillips '90, Jason Hancock '91, M.A.Ed. '95** and **Melinda Hancock** and Zack. They had over 50 attendees, including **Dean D'Angelo '89, Chip Harding, John McMicken** and his wife, Sarah, **Adam Bram '90** and **Margot Stanley Bram '90, Drew Geary '90, Earl Wise '83, J.D. '87** and **Cheryl Sparks Wise '89, David Masri '90, Karun Sharma '92, Marcus Walther**

**'90, Ken Blackwell '88, Doug Hechtman '92, Jimmy Lowry '90, Bill Tate '92, Brian Daugherty '94, Ph.D. '10, Mike Vadner '90, J.D. '93, David Garland '84, Mark Jenkins '88, Mike Gunlicks '90, Dan Kern '92, Geoff Goodale '88, M.A. '92, Rob Chapman '94, Greg Faragasso '84, Alexi Papandon '90, Juan Otal '92, Chris Sohlt '88, Curt Overman '89, Scott Roth '89, Aris Bearse '91, M.P.P. '96** and his wife, Jill, **David Milstein '92, Bryan McGrath '92, Mike Klesius '89, Liz Fishbane Lyster '90, Heather Guas '91, M.Ed. '92, Will Powell '92, Ron Weber '89, M.B.A. '94** and **Keny Bjelstrand '89.** It was their first big gathering since the pandemic. Zack said everyone is doing well and survived the weekend!

Please send any and all news my way! Thanks for reading.

## 1992

*Class Reporter*  
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Happy spring, classmates!

**William W. Watkinson Jr.** was recently appointed by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. William is a managing partner and trial attorney at Bernstein & Bernstein.

**Marcus Crockett** has released "DI Football Recruiting Secrets." Marcus, who has been working in the sports recruiting business for many years, offers tips, strategies and guidance to readers trying to get into their top schools and earn scholarships in this ebook.

**Mohamed Noor** finished a stint as college dean in the spring and transitioned to interim vice provost for academic

affairs at Duke University. Besides teaching and running a research laboratory, he's also still presenting at sci-fi conventions about the real science depicted in various "Star Trek" series, per his role as a science consultant for the franchise.

**Carolyn Eaton-Nowinski** and her husband continue their globetrotting, having spent several weeks in Berlin, Warsaw, Krakow and Amsterdam, as well as a month in Thailand this spring, documented on their website, [let-me-show-you-the-world.com](http://let-me-show-you-the-world.com). When stateside, Carolyn does locum tenens gigs to build up the travel kitty.

**Robin Lee Harvey** was elected to the Baltimore County Board of Education in November. She currently serves as its vice chair.

**Lauren Gadkowski Lindsay** is happy to have seen some dear W&M friends recently. During a visit to Atlanta, she and **Tynan Perschbacher Olechny** attended "Hadestown" together. Now that her roommate, **Becky Clark Hansberry '93,** is moving to Atlanta, Lauren has two reasons to visit again. Lauren went to Shenandoah National Park this spring and visited **Nicole Brenneman Lepsch** in her beautiful mountainside home in Charlottesville. **Mary George Lynch** and **Karen Broyles Fratantoni** came over for a sleepover and they all laughed until their sides ached. Lauren is grateful for her longtime (not "old"! ) friends. Lauren and her family are based in Houston, but are lucky to get away to Massachusetts in the hot summers. Her business as a fee-only financial planner at Beacon Financial Planning is going very well. Lauren appreciates her education and everything else W&M has given her.

**Walter Benzija** and his wife, Lisa, are very proud of their two daughters. Alyssa started her senior year at the University of Scranton this fall; she is

a student athlete majoring in kinesiology and member of the Division III women's swimming and diving team. Samantha is a first-year student at Bucknell University this fall and is a member of the school's Division I women's swim and dive team. Lisa and Walter celebrated 25 years of marriage in April. Walter marks his 28th year as a lawyer and 15th year as a partner of his firm, Halperin Battaglia Benzija LLP in New York City.

**Andy Alexander** has been with Ohio National Financial Services for 25 years. He blogs at [centralvirginiafinancial.com](http://centralvirginiafinancial.com). Andy lives in Chesterfield County.

**Joe Beiras** and his wife, Heather, live in Holly Springs, North Carolina, with their three children. Joe just celebrated his 22nd year with Caterpillar Inc.

**Tanya Myers** has served as an epidemiologist in the CDC's Immunization Safety Office for 10 years. She also took on the lead role for a new smartphone-based vaccine safety monitoring system, V-safe, a month before COVID-19 vaccine distribution began in December 2020. She and **Chris Beck '93** are spending their free time this summer watching their youngest daughter on the softball field and helping their oldest prepare to move onto campus at Oxford College of Emory University this fall. They frequently see **Marcia Agness Kochel '91,** who lives near them. Tanya looks forward to catching up with her W&M roommate **Julia Bruggemann '91** later this year.

**Corinna Barrett Lain** traveled to Rome with her daughter **Jessica Lain '26,** who loved her first year at W&M, to visit classmate **Katie Meighan.** Corinna shared two lovely pictures that you can find online at [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1992](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1992).

My older daughter, **Hannah Keith '20,** earned her doctorate

in physical therapy at Virginia Commonwealth University and began a job in the neurology unit at VCU Health this summer. My son, Eli, is completing a master's degree in teaching English and creative writing at the University of Mary Washington. My younger daughter, Leah, is a junior at VCU studying social work. I lead the life of a quiet empty nester in Charlottesville as a French teacher at Monticello High School, an active member of St. Paul's Memorial (Episcopal) Church and an occasional tournament Scrabble player.

See you at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend this October, maybe?

## 1993 30

*Class Reporter*  
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Congratulations on over 30 years of productivity, work and service since receiving your diploma! Reflect back for a moment on your post-undergraduate life and everything the last three decades have meant to you. Then maybe send a memory or reflection, big or small, in light of our 30th reunion at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend.

Find more about many of the stories below in the online edition, magazine. [wm.edu/class-notes/1993](http://wm.edu/class-notes/1993).

**Kris Fisher Keegan '93** was recently inducted into her high school's athletic hall of fame in Torrington, Connecticut. Keegan learned leadership, adaptability and competitiveness while playing soccer, basketball and tennis, and she also played Division I soccer for the Tribe. Congratulations, Kris!

In her search for the right college, **Timshel Purdum '93**, now education director at the Science Museum of Virginia, only ever considered William & Mary, because of its strength as a liberal arts & sciences university.

**Catherine Hance '93** joined Denver-based Mission Hill Hospitality as general counsel, overseeing and managing legal matters and assisting with portfolio development and management.

Five former William & Mary Women's Gymnastics team members, including **Alison Tyler Spivey '93**, came together to create the Thrive Endowment, the first endowment to support the W&M Varsity Women's Gymnastics program.

**Jay Ingram '93** released "Monarchs: Bud Metheny, Old Dominion Baseball, and the Foundational 1960s Championship Teams." Jay's father attended Old Dominion University and played baseball for Coach Metheny and the 1964 NCAA College Eastern Division championship team.

**Katie Larsen '93** once again received recognition for excellence from Merrill for her work as managing director of a wealth management group. With her husband, Douglas, she is raising three children, and she serves as a council member for the Borough of Edgeworth, Pennsylvania.

**Chris Anulewicz '93** joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP as a litigation partner, with a new office opening in Atlanta. He previously served as chair of the business litigation practice group at Balch & Bingham LLP and regularly is recognized for his achievements.

I will end my news with this note from **Brooks Prueher Barwell '93**, who wrote that her daughter, **Ellis Barwell '27**, is excited to be starting W&M in the fall. In their tiny town of Evergreen, Colorado, W&M is not well known by many. **Jessica Mount Griffin '93**, who has two W&M daughters, kindly called Brooks to lend encouragement.

**Corey Hanson Hegger '93** and Brooks recently met at the Hunting-ton Library near her home in Altadena, California, where she lives with her husband and three teenagers. Apparently, they

see each other regularly in Virginia Beach each summer when they take their families to visit their parents. They also meet up with **Chris Whitechurch Ingraham '93**, who travels to support veterans in training programs for marathons, which she also runs. **Virginia Wright Border '93** also joined their annual reunion breakfast: she works for a specialty book dealer, and is beginning to travel more now that her sons are in college.

Brooks concludes: "I'm looking forward to being back in Williamsburg more often, and want to thank all you W&M grads for the community you made while we were there and that you make where you are now. Ellis said it felt like coming home. Indeed."

Please look at the online edition for more details relating to W&M from a somewhat historical perspective.

## 1994

*Class Reporter*  
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Greetings and salutations, dear classmates! I'm thrilled to share some updates this time around.

**Sara Gottlieb** reached out after recognizing the last alumni magazine was devoid of content from our class. Sara has been working at The Nature Conservancy for 16 years. After six years as the director of freshwater science and strategy for the Georgia chapter, in January 2023, she took on the role of Southern Appalachians freshwater director, leading work across six states in the southeastern U.S. to conserve the outstanding freshwater biodiversity in our mountain streams and rivers. Sara still lives in Atlanta with her husband and adult offspring, who will be starting senior year at Georgia State in the fall.

Next is a huge shout out to freshman hallmate, Dupont 2E, **Ryan O'Quinn!**

Ryan and family have been busy making, producing, and performing in films from out on the West Coast. Ryan and his wife, Heather, founded Damascus Road Productions, which recently promoted and produced "Paul's Promise" — starring our very own Ryan O'Quinn. "Paul's Promise" is an inspiring true story of hope, healing and redemption during a time of prejudice and injustice. For more information, check out [paulspromise.com](http://paulspromise.com).

Ryan has been involved in the silver screen for well over 20 years and has a ton of credits including some of my favorites: "90210," "3rd Rock From the Sun," "ER," "Melrose Place" and "Starship Troopers." The Dude has published two bestselling books, been all over TV, performed at legendary iO Theater (formerly ImprovOlympic) and helped launch viral DadDudes. Hit up YouTube and search for "Urinal Etiquette" by DudeDay. So ... dang ... funny! Careful of that rabbit hole; a few clicks later [read: two hours] and I finally finished this update.

Ryan's next project is a new take on "A Christmas Carol" and co-stars the world's most famous sidekick, Samwise Gamgee (I mean Sean Astin). /mic drop

## 1995

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Find links to the full stories mentioned below in our online class notes, [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1995](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1995).

**Katie McKalip** was recently featured in Outdoor News about her commitment to natural resources in the public policy arena. Her service with the Outdoor Writers Association of America began in 2000 with an internship and she's the president now. She's also the vice president of exter-

nal affairs at Backcountry Hunters & Anglers where she keeps local, state and national media apprised of developing natural resources issues.

A new \$1-million gift supporting career development at William & Mary will triple the number of students annually who can receive university funding for internships and other applied learning opportunities and substantially increase the amount of the individual grants available, starting this summer. The two-year commitment by W&M Foundation trustee **Darpan Kapadia '95** to the Career Center Student Internship Fund is the largest gift in the university's history that directly supports internships. The gift will allow at least 100 undergraduates per year to receive up to \$5,000 each for unpaid or underpaid applied learning experiences in 2023 and 2024.

Over the two years, the gift multiplies by 10 the amount of available funding, paving the way for a sustained increase in the years ahead.

Referred to as the "Marie Kondo of time management," **Megan Shisler Sumrell** is on a mission to help others improve the quality of their lives. Using her personal experience navigating a career and family life, along with skills she garnered working in the software industry, Sumrell created a unique time management strategy and started her company, The Pink Bee, in 2018.

**Alla Vysotsky Schay '95** was appointed global chief operating officer of Makosi, a leading variable workforce provider. She brings with her 15 years as an executive at Sterling, a \$700 million-plus global industry leader in employee background screening and identity solutions.

**Alisha Graves '99** and **Kathleen Møgelgaard '95** have been working together from opposite U.S. coasts to champion gender equality, reproductive autonomy

and access to education for women and girls in West Africa.

## 1996

*Class Reporter*

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Please see a longer version of this note online at [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1996](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1996).

A highlight of our summer so far has been celebrating Pride Month. My husband, **Randy Rosso '95, M.P.P. '99**, and I marched in the Capitol Pride Parade with our 10-year-old and other LGBTQIA+ kids and families. As a record number of anti-trans laws are being introduced around the country, it is encouraging to walk through Washington, D.C., being cheered on by thousands who support your kids' right to be their authentic selves.

Congratulations to **Drew Cannady** and his husband, Charles Cockrell, who married in Richmond, Virginia, on April 22. Drew reported that **Donnell Kearney, Mini Kil '97** and **Carrie Thornton '97** attended, along with many friends and family members, including Drew's mother, **Linda Thacker Cannady '70**. "The drag queen at the afterparty did not believe that I was celebrating my 21st birthday, but otherwise a good time was had by all," Drew noted. He and Charles moved to Norfolk, Virginia, where he works as assistant general counsel for legal services for the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Charles works as director of safety and mission assurance at NASA Langley Research Center.

Washingtonian Magazine named **Elizabeth Nash** one of its 500 most influential people, in recognition of her ongoing efforts to protect and promote reproductive rights, especially after the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*. Elizabeth previously served as principal policy

associate for state issues for the Guttmacher Institute. She frequently writes about abortion rights for Ms. magazine.

Five former William & Mary Women's Gymnastics team members — **Michelle Bolter Avery '98**, **Megan Hess Powers '02**, **Alison Tyler Spivey '93**, **Kiya Winston Tomlin** and **Christina Colabella Wilds '00** — came together to create the Thrive Endowment, the first endowment to support the W&M Varsity Women's Gymnastics program.

**Dale Glaser's** book "Assorted Malignancies" was published by Lycan Valley Press. Dale said the book "is a collection of short horror stories, drabbles and poetry written over the past seven years and previously appearing in various magazines and anthologies." His wife, **Nora McCaffrey Glaser '97**, was recently named program head of the Department of Veterinary Technology at Northern Virginia Community College. The Glasers and their three children live in Manassas, Virginia.

Harmonica enthusiasts, take note! **Jimmy Zednik** is now working as brand manager of Hohner Harmonicas for the U.S. market for KHS America in Mount Juliet, Tennessee. He has worked for Hohner since 2005, when he became a member of the sales team.

**Rob Blackwell** left his role as editor-in-chief of American Banker newspaper to join IntraFi, a financial technology company that helps organizations and individuals access greater levels of deposit insurance from banks. In January 2020, he became chief content officer and head of external affairs, a role that includes the hosting of a weekly podcast ("Banking with Interest"), as well as managing congressional and industry relations. Rob published "The Serial Killer's Daughter," his eighth novel, last year. He and his wife, **Maia Curtis**, who works in development and

communications for an international journalism fellowship, live in Arlington, Virginia, with their two teenagers.

Maia and Rob shared with me the sad news that our friend **Mike Moss** died unexpectedly in February. I have great memories of Mike, not only from W&M but also of going to concerts with him after college. Maia and Rob hosted a memorial service at their home, attended by several college friends, including **Alex Gonzalez '95**, **Tristan Poje**, **Heather Bond-Poje '97** and **Jenny Roahen Rizzo**. Rob wrote an obituary for Mike, excerpted here. Please read the full version online.

"Mike Moss was a warm, kind and supportive presence to all who knew him. Mike connected immediately with many on his freshman hall on the third floor of DuPont, including some who became lifelong friends. On any given day, he could be found listening to music or practicing guitar. He majored in international relations, studied abroad for a semester in London and was a member of the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega. Mike had a wry and good-natured sense of humor that, among other things, allowed him to roll with a joke well past its expiration date until it became funny again."

## 1997

*Class Reporter*

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Hello, Class of 1997! I am excited to take up the reins as our new class reporter. Many thanks to **Catherine Young Hagerty**, who (if I'm not mistaken) has served as class reporter since we graduated 26 years ago. Thank you, Catherine!

I have several exciting pieces of news from our class to share with you.

Last October, **Christie Ann Leary** was present-

ed her official commission as a Fairfax County (Virginia) Circuit Court judge. She took the bench after practicing law for 21 years, where she has focused on criminal defense, personal injury and civil litigation. But Christie isn't the only member of our class to receive this honorable distinction. Earlier this year, **Matthew Snow** was invested as the newest Circuit Court judge in Loudoun County, Virginia. A onetime public defender in the county, Matthew has spent the past three years on the District Court bench. Congratulations to Christie and Matthew!

**Jay Hamric** was recently named the new principal of Steamboat Springs High School in Colorado; he will begin his tenure with the start of the 2023/2024 school year. Jay has been serving as the director of teaching and learning in the same school district. Way to go, Jay!

At the time of writing, my family is preparing for a move to Houston, Texas, where I will serve as lead pastor of Sojourn Heights, a congregation that meets inside the Loop. I look forward to connecting with other alumni who are in the greater Houston area.

If you have news of your own that you would like to share with our class, please email me at [mcgibert@gmail.com](mailto:mcgibert@gmail.com). We would love to hear from you.

## 1998 <sup>25</sup>

*Class Reporter*

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It's hard to believe that we are inching ever closer to our 25th college reunion. How is that even possible?! Hope to see many of you back in Williamsburg for the big weekend Oct. 19-22. We can share our amazement at how quickly time is flying by and stuff ourselves silly with Cheese Shop

sandwiches. Now on with our news!

**Sheyna Burt '98, J.D. '01** was named the new chair of George Mason University's Hylton Performing Arts Center's Executive Board. Sheyna is an accomplished lawyer, violinist, arts advocate and president of Youth Orchestras of Prince William.

**Michelle Bolter Avery** was recently mentioned in an online William & Mary Alumni Magazine article for joining forces with four other former W&M Gymnastics team members to create the Thrive Endowment, the first endowment to support the Varsity Women's Gymnastics program. Money raised helps cover costs for the team to participate at a national level and provide competitive funding for coaching positions and scholarships for student-athletes.

I'm still a producer at the PBS NewsHour, where I've worked since 2000. I was honored to be a part of our small but mighty team that won a Peabody Award in May for our ongoing coverage of the gun violence epidemic in America. That team also includes fellow William & Mary alumnus **Eliot Barnhart '16**.

I was back on campus in early April with my dear friend **Tiffany Coe '00** to celebrate the centennial of our sorority — Kappa Kappa Gamma. It's amazing that William & Mary's sorority chapters are celebrating 100 years of sisterhood. We had a wonderful dinner and reception at the recently renovated Alumni House and met some lovely Kappa alums and current students. Campus was beautiful with all the daffodils and colorful tulips in full bloom welcoming us with the splendor of spring. I'm looking forward to seeing it in its full fall glory Homecoming & Reunion Weekend.

In the meantime, I always love to hear from fellow classmates, so please keep in touch!

## 1999

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Hello, Class of '99!

**Yanek Korff** and **Emily Adams Korff '98** have a daughter, **Alanna Korff '26**, who began her sophomore year at William & Mary this fall. Their younger daughter begins her college career as a varsity swimmer and engineering major at Rensselaer.

Earlier this year, **Jay Rapoport** began a new role as the director of URJ 6 Points Creative Academy, a Jewish arts camp based outside of Philadelphia.

In other news, I'm looking to pass the torch. I've enjoyed being our Class Notes reporter for 11 years, but I think having someone else take over now would expand our reach to even more classmates. If you're interested in hearing from your classmates every few months and compiling their life updates, please contact alumni.magazine@wm.edu.

You're also welcome to email me with any questions you might have! Thanks for considering taking on this role and keeping us all in the loop with the people who made our years at William & Mary so special! In the meantime, please continue to send me your updates, and I'll pass them along to our next reporter!

Tribe Pride!  
~Meredith

## 2000

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**Chris Donald** and **Rebecca Rigel Donald** wel-

comed their second child, another daughter, Carter Ruth, on March 11.

**Jack Gary** is serving as director of archaeology for The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, which is overseeing the excavation of the former site of First Baptist Church on Nassau Street in Colonial Williamsburg. The project has the potential to provide new insights into the lives of Black residents of Williamsburg in the 1700s.

**Linnea Grim** has been appointed as the president and CEO of the Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

**Jen Psaki** launched a new MSNBC show in March 2023, "Inside With Jen Psaki."

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## 2001

*Class Reporter*  
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**Heather Tetley Baron** and **John Baron '00** welcomed a son, James Nelson Baron, in 2019. James was named after both of his grandfathers, who were educators: James Baron, professor of classical studies at William & Mary for 34 years, and Warren Nelson Tetley, who was a teacher and coach for 40 years in Virginia public education. He joins his big sister, Virginia, and they live in Richmond, Virginia.

**Phil Woodward, '01, J.D. '04** was just featured in the spring issue of the W&M Alumni Magazine in a profile that included his great work with the North Carolina Council on

Developmental Disabilities. He and his wife, **Lyla Koch Woodward '03**, have three great kids and live outside of Raleigh, North Carolina.

**Stephanie Haberman Bordas** is back home in New York City, where she is a professional photographer and runs the photography studio Brooklyn Boudoir. Please check out her work at [brooklynboudoir.com](http://brooklynboudoir.com), and if you are an aspiring photographer, Stephanie also teaches others. Contact her for details.

**Lori Palen** has been living in Cary, North Carolina, since 2010 with her husband, Wes, two sons (Tommy, 11, and Patrick, 8), and three cats (Bubba, Mickey and Mama). She started her own business, Data Soapbox, in 2021. They work with researchers (and other people/organizations with data) to develop reports, presentations, infographics and more.

## 2002

*Class Reporter*  
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**Kevin Hyde** writes with both personal and professional excitement. He had a very short story published in Issue No. 70 of Timothy McSweeney's Quarterly Concern, "partly inspired by 'Caddyshack,' partly inspired by stuff I read when I studied philosophy at William & Mary." Also, he and his wife welcomed a son, Ephrim, on March 12, 2022. He loves playing with his big sister, Amelia, who is 3 years old.

**Megan Hess Powers** was noted in the online edition of the W&M Alumni Magazine as one of a team of former members of W&M Women's Gymnastics who established an endowment to support the program.

That's all for this issue. Don't forget to encourage your fellow alums to submit class notes for the next publication.

## 2003

*Class Reporter*  
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Greetings Class of 2003!

I hope many of you are able to make it back for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. There's a surprise waiting for you right next to the Wawa. It's Not Independent and offers straws freely and everyone is a little conflicted but you're 42 so you're GOING TO LOVE IT.

In March, I was delighted to attend a performance of the Improvised Shakespeare Co. right here at the Kimball Theatre. The show was part of the Ampersand International Arts Festival and starred **Joey Bland '00**, **Brendan Dowling '98**, **Greg Hess** and **Martin Wilson '02**. Friends. Imagine a Shakespeare play. Now forget that. Now imagine an Improv Night. Forget that. OK, just stop imagining, you're not getting it. You need to see it. It was a breathtaking display of comedy and craft, skill and ridiculousness. I was healed. You can find dates and locations at [improvisedshakespeare.com](http://improvisedshakespeare.com) and check out Greg's hit show "Mega" wherever you listen to podcasts (couldn't resist).

**Sarah South Parks** kindly shared an update on life, career and family. "2022 was a busy year in the Parks household. 16 years after finishing my Master of Social Work degree, I completed all of the requirements to become a licensed clinical social worker and became trained in EMDR (eye movement desensitization and reprocessing). I love my job as a therapist and particularly enjoy connecting with W&M students. **Brad Parks** continues to work at W&M's Global Research Institute and was grateful to be able to coauthor his third book (along with **Michael Tierney '87**,

**M.A. '88**), "Banking on Beijing." However, our biggest accomplishment of the year was welcoming our third baby! Shay Rossi Parks was born Nov. 10, 2022. Ezra (10) and Elise (7) are doting and helpful big siblings, and Shay is the quintessential go-with-the-flow third child ... the best surprise gift for my 40th birthday."

Finally, just prior to writing these notes I found out about the passing of Professor David Holmes. I took one class with Prof. Holmes. It was an American religious history class and honestly, it feels like most of you were there. Remember the lecture on Flemish bond and reading that book "Alma Mater"? I admit that I have romantic nostalgia for about 100% of my W&M experience, but Holmes was really the one who gave voice to why I was there and the power of education to both form and dismantle. **Travis Simone** and I still quote him. "The grooves are deep my friend, the grooves are deep." And so I'll close with these words from his Last Lecture on May 7, 2011. Consider this your commencement speech on finishing your first 20 years as alumni. Congratulations my Fellow Adults! And thank you Professor Holmes. Your life and work shaped so many of us.

"In the years ahead, as we live our lives, let us always keep in sight the central core of our highest responsibility. Which is to love God or whatever high ideals we put in that place and to love our families and our friends and our neighbors ... and to be impatient of artificialities and trivialities ... and to take no notice of the evil done against us ... and to be just ... to be compassionate ... to be kind ... to be as wonderfully generous as our nature permits ... to use our talents and our imagination in the service of the Good ... and to refuse *always* to ... bow ... the ... knee ... to Baal."

Onward, Friends. Go Tribe.

## 2004

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I know when you all read this, it will be too late, but I am extremely mad that incandescent lights are now PROHIBITED to be imported or sold in the United States. As of August 2023, retailers cannot sell or import incandescent lighting. No wonder it was so hard to find incandescent light bulbs midyear. I remember I did not have a problem finding them for sale this past spring; then, almost overnight (within a month), it was like “Invasion of the Body Snatchers.” I could not find one trace of incandescent lighting in any store! OK, enough about this “war” on lighting that environmentalists and politicians think will save the planet.

This past Memorial Day weekend, my mom and I drove up to Montana to see some friends and tour Quake Lake — the lake that was created from the Aug. 17, 1959, earthquake that hit around the Yellowstone Park area. My mom had read about that event when she was in school, and I thought it would be nice to take her there and actually see the aftermath that only took 20 seconds to occur. So, let’s get this column “shaking,” and start with our classmates’ updates!

I got a surprise in the U.S. Postal Service mail this past spring. **Karl Sakas**, a friend from my freshman seminar, sent me a copy of his third book: “Work Less, Earn More: How to Escape the Daily Grind of Agency Ownership.” Congratulations, Karl, on your third book. I had always wanted to do an honors thesis so I could have the accomplishment of writing a book under my belt; however, I never did that honors thesis, and so far, I have not done

that big, literary goal (yet). Karl is a fourth-generation business owner (he owns his own consulting firm) who has worked with more than 400 agencies in 36 countries. Karl started his business acumen when he learned HTML in 1997, and his first project was to create a website for a marketing agency. Very impressive, Karl! Truth be told, I saw some of Karl’s website skills during our freshman seminar when we all had to create a website as our freshman seminar in lieu of a term paper. Karl does not do much design work these days, but he does love working with and helping agencies achieve their business goals.

If you remember the summer issue of our beloved alumni magazine from 2021, the magazine interviewed **Cord Jefferson**, who wrote for television shows including “Watchmen” and “The Good Place.” Currently, Cord is making his directorial debut with the film “American Fiction,” which was set for a premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival in September. The film stars actor Jeffrey Wright, and is based on the novel “Erasure” by Percival Everett. Cord was also nominated for the Yale Review’s Pushcart Prize in fiction for his story, “The Front House.”

We have another author to spotlight in our column. **Burke Brownfeld** wrote a children’s book, “When I Grow Up I Want To Be a Guardian: A Book for Future Public Safety Professionals.” Burke, a corporate security professional and former law enforcement officer, introduces kids to different public safety jobs in his new book. You can listen to Burke read aloud his book on YouTube.

The year is winding down, and that can only mean one thing — getting ready for our 20th reunion in October 2024. Of course, you will be reminded many times throughout 2024; however, I just want to get you psyched for it. Keep sending me those

updates about what you are doing these days! I love hearing from you all. Take care,

## 2005

Class Reporter  
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Hello Class of 2005!

I hope you had a fabulous summer!

Here are some updates from your classmates:

**Alice Donlan ’05** got engaged to Sandra Amaguana in Shenandoah, Virginia, on March 20, 2023.

**Meghan Ewell Powers ’05** and her husband, **Chris Powers ’04**, just went on a trip (without their children!) to Spain! They went to Madrid, Seville, Granada and Cordoba. They both minored in Hispanic studies at William & Mary so it was really great to both use the language (they didn’t have to resort to English!), as well as see the culture they studied for so long come to life (they thought of their professors Buck, Root and Greenia). They went to the Prado, saw Picasso (Guernica was amazing) and Dali, attended a bullfight in Seville, and went to a flamenco show in a cave in Granada, one of the birthplaces of flamenco. They also happened to be in Seville with a lot of rowdy soccer fans during the Copa del Rey final match held there between Real Madrid and Pamplona at 10 p.m., so a whole day of being inundated with chanting, singing and fun, rowdy behavior. They ate and drank their way through the country and tried a lot of new foods, including pig brains! They finished with a visit to the Alhambra — they said it was very cool throughout the trip to see such a wonderful mix of Islamic and Christian architecture. Last year they went to Iceland, so a very different trip. Next year maybe they’ll take their 8- and 4-year-old with them somewhere, haha.

**Jennifer Drake ’05** and her husband, Mikey, just had their second little boy, Travis. He was born on April 4, 2023. Their first little man, Mason, was born Feb. 5, 2021, and she’ll blame COVID-19 for missing that update ... oops.

**Aaron Roth ’05** and D2E (DuPont 2nd East) got together this past March to celebrate a collective 40th birthday celebration in Florida. Just 22 years ago, they passed through freshman orientation: frantically refreshing class schedules, navigating thefacebook.com, playing counterstrike and ice cream bocce, and enforcing Canadian border crossings. They truly cemented their bond by occupying the entire third wing of Madison senior year and ensuring that at least 75% of D2E returned from the perilous journeys of studying abroad, campus golf and Wawa.

Since graduation, they’ve been fortunate to stay connected to celebrate the joys of life: weddings, new jobs in new cities and convincing spouses that they were capable of raising children. Check out the online notes for a picture with coordinated jerseys.

**Sherman Patrick ’05** recently left the U.S. Senate after 16 years advising on national security to become vice president of strategy for Norwich University Applied Research Institutes, which helps decision-makers improve their organization’s cyber resilience.

**Sara Costa Campbell ’05** is the coach of her high school’s quiz bowl team, and this year they won Granite State Challenge (New Hampshire’s televised high school quiz show)! This is the team’s third championship in four years!

I received some somber news that **Alex Comiskey ’05** passed away in late 2022 after a battle with cancer. Alex was the co-captain of the rugby team at W&M. See his obituary in the online edition.

**Kristen Nilsen ’05** reported that 23 has always been her lucky number ... and 2023 is off to a great start. She got married to Colin Finan (Wisconsin ’03) in the Wren Chapel on Feb. 3, 2023, and they welcomed their daughter, Wren Nilsen Finan (aka Birdie), on May 11, 2023.

Last fall, **Jody Spraker Pozen ’05** created an original ice cream flavor inspired by a song, as part of the Consenses Art Walk in Richmond, Virginia. The result: a cognac ice cream with smoked sea salt chocolate, toasted pepitas and chewy caramel swirl, called Cognac Melody. Like an artistic game of telephone, the Consenses initiative asks artists to interpret one another’s artwork and express it in their own medium. (Is that the natural progression of studying an interdisciplinary degree at W&M, while working part-time at the Baskin-Robbins? Might be!)

## 2006

Class Reporter  
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As I sit down to my computer to type this, I can hear the frogs calling and see the glow of the fireflies outside my window! It is summertime and it makes me think of Tribe flip-flops, Sno-to-Go stuffed snowballs and the flying disc game known as “ultimate” in the Sunken Garden. I have not seen or done any of those awesome things in quite some time, but a girl can certainly dream! Hope this finds you having had a terrific summer, filled with many great adventures and memories! Write in and tell us about how life is going and what positive things you have happening! It is so good to see our fellow Tribe family excelling and finding their happily ever afters!

First up, we heard from **Matt Whalen**. He wrote

in to say that he and **Sarah King '09** have recently moved back to Virginia. Previously, they were on the West Coast. The most recent five years have seen the couple in Vancouver, where Matt was a postdoctoral scholar at the University of British Columbia and the Hakai Institute. Sarah served as an outdoor educator for regional parks while there. But this past January saw great changes, as Matt joined the faculty at Virginia State University, where he fills the role as assistant professor of biology. Matt is excited to jumpstart his research program as well as be an important part of the university staff. The couple is currently residing in Petersburg, where they are enjoying kayaking in the local marshes and growing a prosperous garden again — full of tomatoes and new adventures! Welcome back and keep us updated!

**Adam Bratton** shared an amazing adventure of his own! He completed a bikepacking trip from where he currently lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, all the way to the 'Burg! He managed this feat in just over three days completing the 360+ mile journey! Find all the details in our online Class Notes. This is quite inspiring and a wonderful way to see the sights of Virginia!

We found out that **Webb Estes '06, M.Acc. '07** was promoted recently as the president and chief operating officer of the largest freight carrier in North America, Estes Express Lines. He is taking over for his father, **Rob Estes '74**, and will be the fourth generation to lead the family business! Congratulations and best wishes on this wonderful and heartwarming journey.

Then we learned that **Lamia Wahba** recently became a tenure-track assistant professor at the Rockefeller University. She was highlighted in the recent publicity surrounding the findings of nongenetic inheritance in the nematode *C. elegans*.

This has prompted more research and investigation. We wish you all the best and congratulations on the advancements and breakthroughs that you are unearthing.

Finally, the Charleston Regional Business Journal reports from March that **Seth Saunders** has joined Buist Byars & Taylor as an associate attorney, where he specializes in tax and estate planning services and law. Congrats to you, Seth, and may you have continued success in your new practice.

Hope everyone has a very blessed and positive season filled with the very best life has to offer. Go make your day a good one on purpose because Tribe alumni always rise to the occasion!

## 2007

*Class Reporter*  
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Another year has gone by, and I hope 2023 has been a good one for the Class of 2007. One of my 2023 highlights was seeing the wonderful **Dan Plehal '09** perform as Sven in the national tour of "Frozen," the Broadway musical version! William & Mary conquers on every stage!

**Paul Brockwell** is currently chair of the board for the Library of Virginia. He also concluded a term as chair of the W&M Student Engagement and Leadership Advisory Board this spring after being an inaugural member of the group since 2016.

**Megan Dorward** and her husband, Richard Brahan, welcomed their first child, Theodore Laurance Brahan, on Sept. 10, 2022. His middle name is in honor of Megan and Richard's mutual friend, **Laurance Frierson '04**, who introduced them in 2013. In May 2022, Megan started a new job at Google, where she helps government agencies craft their digital advertising strategies.

**Yannick Koger** was recently re-elected as a school board member in Community Consolidated School District 89 in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. He was first appointed to the board in Dec. 2021. He lives with his wife, Katy, and three daughters, Ellie, Evelyn and Emery, in Wheaton, Illinois.

**Collin Libassi '07, M.A.Ed. '08** and his wife, Megan, were married in December 2012 in the Wren Chapel. Their son Samuel was born in 2016, and their son Eli was born in 2018. Collin has been teaching business management and American history at Lausanne Collegiate School in Memphis since 2017. In 2020, he started a microbusiness on a website called IB Biz. Megan started her own online business, Oxygen Fitness Coaching, and was recently hired as the director of health and fitness at the YMCA of Memphis and the Mid-South.

In 2022, **Rachel Mathews**, an animal rights attorney, joined Harvard's Animal Law & Policy Clinic as a clinical instructor. Prior to that, she served as the director of captive animal law enforcement at the PETA Foundation, where she worked for nine years. Rachel is also an adult literacy tutor at the READ Center in Richmond.

**Brittany Selah Lee-Bey** was featured in a W&M Alumni Magazine article on Feb. 21, 2023. She discussed her recently published book, "Etymology Rules: Back to Basics." Brittany explained how recognizing word roots can help readers figure out the meanings of new words. She is a reading specialist at Washington Latin Public Charter School in Washington, D.C. She teaches reading intervention, using etymology to help students improve.

Dan Purvis and **Jason Smith's** book "28 Days To Save the World: Crafting Your Culture To Be Ready for Anything" was featured in the Alumni Magazine's "Spring 2023 Book Round-

up." Purvis, co-founder of engineering firm Velenium, and Smith, senior marketing strategist at Velenium, explain how to face challenges as a small business and use them to cultivate a stronger company culture.

**Samantha Quinn Stewart** and Michael Stewart welcomed baby Caroline Maeve Stewart last year. She joins brothers James (6) and Joseph (4) to complete their family at their home just outside of Pittsburgh.

**Maureen Tiernan** and her family are wrapping up their assignment in Mauritania. They'll be back in the U.S. by the fall of 2023 and will head overseas again in 2024. It will be hard to leave their community, but they are looking forward to their next adventure.

**Fernando Valle** and his wife, Cassie Valle, celebrated their daughter Naomi Valle's first birthday on June 8, 2023.

**Carolyn Wilverding Cull** recently graduated from New York City's Laban/Bartenieff Institute of Movement Studies as a certified movement analyst. She is a lecturer at The Ohio State University and works with private clients at a physical therapy clinic in Columbus, Ohio.

**Jessica Zappia '07, M.Ed. '17** completed her license as a professional counselor in 2022 and she continues to work in both psychotherapy and event planning. She also volunteers with a nonprofit called Casa Chirilagua, located in Alexandria, Virginia, where she just bought a condo.

## 2008 <sup>15</sup>

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Hello Class of 2008!

I look forward to seeing everyone in Williamsburg for our 15th reunion at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, Oct. 19-22!

**Matt Rubenstein**

started his own production company and venue in East Hampton, New York. He produces a wide variety of concerts and shows (Jon Bon Jovi, Amy Schumer, Chelsea Handler, Matt Nathanson, Don McLean, MGMT and more).

**Samantha Hazzell-O'Brien** received her Ed.D. from UCLA in educational leadership in June.

**Mike Peck** moved to Culver City, California. He celebrated his one-year anniversary at the startup he works for, De La Calle, as the head of finance (growing 100%! He recently spent time with fellow William & Mary alumni in Las Vegas (**Billy Coyle '08, Matt Morrill '09, Pat Walsh '07, Phil Perry '06, Tom Kramer '06, M.B.A. '21, Mark Maloy '07** and **Lemuel Hancock '07**).

**Kate Swanson** is the new executive director of Arts on Main in Gloucester, Virginia.

**Rick Hartmann III** was selected by Captive International as Top Forty under 40 for the captive insurance industry. He was selected from a group of 80 finalists by 13 judges.

Lastly, I accepted a newly created position at Elon University. As the director of regional centers, I will help create and grow physical centers in Los Angeles, New York City and Charlotte to help Elon increase its national footprint. I am still living in Richmond and working remotely; I started in July.

As always, feel free to email me your updates at any time. I can be reached at [ajpinn08@gmail.com](mailto:ajpinn08@gmail.com).

## 2009

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Hello Class of 2009!

The summer solstice is nigh upon us, and if you haven't remembered to charge your various crystals on this most auspicious of days, I hope your

respective covens don't make you erase your name from the black book you signed to get in. Anyway, wear sunscreen because that UV index is no joke.

Thank you to those of you 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.

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 at [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/2009](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/2009). Your class wants to hear from you, whether it is a new job, a wedding, a new family member or anything outside of the norm. It is all important and worth sharing! Just send them to me at [afoules@gmail.com](mailto:afoules@gmail.com). The online version also supports photos, so feel free to send those in along with your updates too.

Go Tribe!

Andy

Updates:

**Dianne Brewster Saal** and her husband, **Scott Saal '11**, had their second son on Feb. 18, 2023. His name is Patrick Joseph Saal, and he joins his big brother, James, who will be 5 in July.

**Jenn Fitzgerald** and her husband, Harris, welcomed their daughter Miriam in December.

After 12 years of work in Virginia local government, **Matthew Reges Lawless** has moved on to a northern adventure. The select board of the town of Shelburne, Vermont, appointed him town manager, and he started work in June. Shelburne is a historic and scenic town just south of Burlington, on Lake Champlain. Lawless recently concluded five years of work as town administrator of Scottsville, Virginia, enhancing the town's main street businesses, parks, riverfront, and finances. Commenting on the recruitment, Board Chair Michael Ashooh quoted to the Shelburne News that Matthew "had

clearly done his homework"— something all W&M alumni can appreciate. Matt and Jen welcome alumni reconnections and visits in the New England area.

**Robert Franklin** and his family recently relocated to Cary, North Carolina, for a new role with McDonald's Corp., where he now oversees the North Carolina and Southern Virginia region. And since it's within his territory, he welcomes any feedback about the local Williamsburg McDonald's (not a joke)!

**Michael A Blaakman's** first book, "Speculation Nation: Land Mania in the Revolutionary American Republic," will be out in September from the University of Pennsylvania Press. The book shows how the American Revolution sparked a speculative mania in land, rooting the nation's founding in both financial capitalism and Native American dispossession. In the online edition you can see an image of the book's cover.

## 2010

*Class Reporter*  
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Hi everyone! Happy fall, happy 35th birthday year to most, and here's hoping this magazine issue is finding you on a pathway to purpose, peace and fulfillment. There are just a couple of brief updates this time.

**Kara Starr Roney** and **Steve Roney** welcomed their second child, a baby girl named Sutton Elisabeth, on Jan. 10, 2023. Big brother Thacher Hayes, age 2, is embracing his new role. Kara was also recently named the lead of marketing strategy and creative services at Accenture Federal.

**Jaelyn Klimczak** recently launched her own medical practice as a facial plastic surgeon and otolaryngologist in Boca Raton, Florida. After

graduating from W&M, Jaelyn earned a master's degree in physiology and biophysics from Georgetown University Medical School and an M.D. from Florida Atlantic University, before completing a head and neck surgery residency at Mount Sinai in New York City and a fellowship in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery at the Rouso Adams Facial Plastic Surgery Clinic in Birmingham, Alabama. You can check out her new website for her practice at [drjaelynclimczak.com](http://drjaelynclimczak.com).

After four years living in Cambridge, Massachusetts, I moved back to Washington, D.C., earlier this year and started a new job as a senior advisor in the Office of Recovery Programs at the Treasury Department, where I'll be helping coordinate the deployment of long-term pandemic housing relief and small business funds. Despite being government-adjacent throughout my entire career, this is, remarkably, the first time I've actually worked in government, and my inner Leslie Knope is positively thrilled. I'll miss New England and the Boston area (especially being near the beach in the summers!), but it's been nice to be back near family, old friends and new friends, including lots of fellow Harvard Kennedy School grads who live in the area.

That said, you can be sure I've been catching up with lots of D.C. area W&M alumni, too, including **Sara Grant**, **Vicky Chao**, **Sarah Rojas**, **Richard Walsh**, **Kyle Ogilvie '11**, **Sami Aboulhosen** and **Colleen Campbell '11**. (Those last two got married in October 2022, by the way, at a beautiful wedding at Camp Friendship in Palmyra, Virginia. Congrats again, guys!) It's also been great being a short drive away from Richmond and seeing **Megan Doyle**, **Claire Still** and **Theresa Crockett**, and traveling to Charlotte, North Carolina, to visit **Ali Snell** for her 35th birthday in February.

If you're in the D.C. area, give me a holler! It'd be great to reconnect, and perhaps even feature your latest news in the next Class Notes column!

## 2011

*Class Reporter*  
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Hello Tribe! I'm back with some wonderful updates about the Class of 2011. While I personally don't have anything new to share, we have a bunch of great news below, including new jobs, new relationships, new babies and more! Be sure to check the online edition at [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/2011](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/2011) for some great photos that go along with your classmates' submissions. Stay safe and be well!

**Beau Blumberg '11**, **J.D. '14**, was sworn in on June 2, 2023, as the president of the Young Lawyers Section of the Miami Dade Bar Association, which is composed of attorneys aged 36 and under and has over 1,300 young attorney members throughout Miami-Dade County. **M.C. Cravatta J.D. '14** and **Katlin Cravatta J.D. '14** were in attendance. Beau Blumberg is a partner at the trial law firm of Deutsch Blumberg & Caballero P.A.

In January 2023, **Christina Byrd** celebrated three years at her position at the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University as the curatorial associate of vertebrate paleontology. This role has been a dream come true, full of fascinating fossils, deep history and great colleagues. As a Virginian, it was a joy for Christina to return to the East Coast from her previous position at a museum in Kansas. The Boston area certainly knows how to spoil its residents with endless great food and drink locations. While her first two and half years here were hampered by the pandemic, life in the city is anew

and Christina has resumed exploring the region to discover all it has to offer.

**Ericca Dent '11**, **M.A.Ed. '12** and **Shedrick Griggs** got married on March 24, 2023.

**Laura Evers** is an associate editor at RHINO, a poetry journal based in Chicago, and a fourth-year English literature Ph.D. student at Washington University in St. Louis. She writes about the campus novel and documentary film/poetry while making a home with her partner, Michael, in the Central West End neighborhood.

**Steffi Fitter '11**, **M.Acc. '12** married **Sean Kroeger '12** on Feb. 18, 2023, at the Hay-Adams in Washington, D.C.

**Adrienne Longina Gooding** and **Andrew Gooding** welcomed their first child, Ana, on March 26, 2023. The three of them reside in Washington, D.C.

**Grace Hindman Fend** started a new position as university registrar of the New School in New York City in January 2023.

**Ginny Bray Ho** married **Andrew Ho** on April 7, 2023, in San Diego. It was the best day ever because so many friends and volleyball teammates from W&M were there!

**Dina McNaughton Jaekle** and her husband, **Jeff Jaekle '06**, welcomed their first baby girl, Brooke Hailey Jaekle, on Dec. 18, 2022.

**Megan Hermida Lu** and **Jasper Lu** welcomed their second daughter, Louisa, in April 2023. Megan also recently graduated with her Ph.D. in American studies at Boston University.

It's hard to believe, but **Michael Nickerson** is approaching nearly a decade living in NYC! And he's been working at NYU Langone Health for about eight years. In March, Mike pivoted into a new role within IT project management where he is a portfolio manager and oversees a team that delivers projects in the patient digital experience space. Earlier this year, Mike

and his partner, Justin, adopted a yellow lab mix puppy (named Ted!), after what one would consider a “foster fail.”

**Brandon Parker** married Ellen Hlig on June 3, 2023. Brandon also recently received his certified financial planner certification in April.

**David Gray Wil-  
lard and Claire Louise  
DeMarco '13** are getting married (will be married by the time this is published!) on July 8, 2023.

**Amber Bruce Woods and Jayson Woods** recently welcomed their third child, Amelia Madeline Woods, into the family.

**Sarah Browne Gard-  
ner** and her husband, **Matthew Gardner '13**, welcomed their son Thomas Jude Gardner on May 28, 2023.

## 2012

*Class Reporter*

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Hey Class of 2012,

Life truly works in mysterious ways. Last time, I wrote that I had several interviews for a dream job and ultimately wasn't chosen for the role. Four months later, I'm typing these Class Notes at the speed of light so I can make my publishing deadline tomorrow morning. I'm now working as a journalist for Michael Shellenberger's news venture, called Public.

It happened so quickly and I'm annoyed to even use this phrase but things *do* happen for a reason and if you speak it into existence and you don't give up, God, Allah, Hashem, the universe, etc., will hear you. Keep. Going.

“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.” — Confucius

In Tribe We Trust,  
Maddie

Here's what's going on with our classmates:

**Morgan Jenkins**

**Moody** was named as one of the New Pittsburgh Courier's “Fab 40 Under Forty” in April. Morgan is a staff attorney for KidsVoice, a nonprofit representing the nearly 3,000 children involved in the child welfare system in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. She received her J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

Capt. **Alexander M. DiGregorio** was awarded the Air and Space Achievement Medal by the Air Force for outstanding achievement while assigned as a staff internist. He was cited for his “exceptional treatment knowledge and use of novel treatment regimens,” among other accomplishments. Alex received his B.S. in neuroscience from William & Mary in 2012 and his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2017. He is board certified in internal medicine and is currently assigned to the 96th Medical Group, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. Alex was notified in January 2023 of his selection to the rank of major.

**Meghan Tamminen Ducharme-Barth** and her husband, **Nicholas Ducharme-Barth '13**, welcomed their second son, Remy, who was born in February and joins big brother Theo.

**Ryan Leavitt King** and her husband, Mason, welcomed their second son, Alden Hayes King, on March 22, 2023.

**Kalani Dodampahala Thaler and Matt Thaler '12, M.Acc. '13** welcomed their second child, Luca, on Feb. 22, 2023.

## 2013

*Class Reporter*

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Happy Fall, Tribe! Thank you to everyone who sent me news. Please keep sharing your exciting achievements and updates with me at laura.brond@

gmail.com. Note that it's not the @email.wm.edu email address anymore. Wishing you all a joyful fall season!

Since graduation, **H. James Johnson III '13, M.B.A. '18** had been working in Williamsburg at Wells Fargo Advisors for another alumnus. In June 2022, he moved back home to Atlanta and is now a wealth advisor at Truist Wealth. He and his business partner oversee approximately \$1.5 billion in assets under management.

**Bizu Solomon Ridenhour** and her husband, Wade, welcomed their daughter, Aida Geny Ridenhour, on Sept. 17, 2022. They are very grateful and excited to welcome her into the W&M family!

As shared in The Daily Progress on March 13, 2023, **John Barclay '13, M.A.Ed. '14** has been selected as the Virginia Math Educator of the Year in middle schools by the Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics. John and three other teachers representing different school/specialty levels received the award on March 17 at the council's annual conference. John is currently in his 10th year of teaching science and math at the Franklin Military Academy in Richmond, Virginia.

**Ashlea Morgan** earned her Ph.D. in neurobiology and behavior from Columbia University in May 2022, after successfully defending in December 2021. She began a new job in medical communications at Chameleon (Health Consultancy Group) and, in February 2023, received a promotion to assistant scientific director. She got engaged in February 2022 in New York and was married on Aug. 19, 2023, in Virginia.

**Pocket Sun** made CNBC headlines in March 2023 and is featured in an upcoming documentary, “Show Her the Money,” which is about female entrepreneurs and investors. In 2015, she started SoGal, a community group supporting young female

entrepreneurs which has since grown into a venture capital firm that invests in early-stage startups in the United States and Asia, led by women or entrepreneurs of diverse backgrounds. You can find links to the CNBC article and the trailer to the documentary in our online edition at [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/2013](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/2013).

**Anne Keady** married **Noah Sweet '12** on March 31, 2023.

**Avery Newton and Kevin Deisz Newton** welcomed their daughter, Natalie, in April. They look forward to bringing her and big brother Henry to Homecoming & Reunion Weekend in October!

**Delaney Janson Carpenter and John Carpenter '15** welcomed their second child, Evander Christopher Carpenter, on April 12.

Thank you to **Alex Marto '18** for sharing the news about her JPMorgan Chase & Co. colleagues **Dasha Godunova** and **Malin Adams**, who welcomed their first baby girl, Siena Alexandra Adams, on April 20.

**Blaise Springfield** graduated with his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center on May 21.

**Laura Traub Cooper** welcomed her second child in the summer.

**Tim Lee and Sam Reichman** released their first single this summer. Under the name Man Lee, they have a full indie rock album in the works for the winter. The two also got married in Baltimore on Aug. 25.

## 2014

*Class Reporter*

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If you, like me, needed a refresher on the chorus of “Our Alma Mater,” when we “hark upon the gale,” we are “listening upon the wind” to the voices of William & Mary students singing. Well, there is a lot the Class of 2014 is

singing about these days, so let's get to it.

**Olivia Armstrong Daniels** has had a flurry of activity recently. In March 2022, she joined Microsoft Security as a senior product marketing manager. She is a remote employee based in Wilmington, Delaware, where she bought a house in March. Additionally, Olivia got married on June 24, 2023, to JaQuanne Daniels, a Wilmington-based teaching artist, painter, muralist and curator.

**Sarah Stubbs** finished a Master of Public Administration at American University in 2022, and she started a new fellowship with the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in May.

In the past year, **Grace Martini** joined the William & Mary Alumni Association Board of Directors and will be getting married on Oct. 7, 2023, in Sun Valley, Idaho! Best wishes, Grace!

**Brittney Gordon**, in Vienna, Virginia, was newly elected to the board of the Greater Washington Society of CPAs.

**Linda Baysore** also started a new role this year as development coordinator at Bat Conservation International, supporting the development team in their operations and fundraising.

Since graduating, **Delia Folk** started a company with her mother called The Style That Binds Us. Asked what she loves most about her job, Delia shared, “It is an incredible experience building something from nothing that impacts people's lives for the better, with the person who brought me into this world and raised me to be the person I am today!” Located in New York City, Delia's company has hired interns from W&M and looks forward to connecting with fellow alumni at alumni events in NYC!

**Yonsoo Kang** has

completed his fifth year of teaching high school social studies at Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland. He has been recognized by the Montgomery County Council for helping to create the county's first high school Asian American Studies curriculum. He would like to give thanks to the Asian American W&M classmates who started the Asian & Pacific Islander American Studies program, saying, "They really lit the spark that got me interested in my own identity." Over the summer he started a new adventure, working at The American School in London.

We have additional marriages to celebrate! **Sarah Clark-Francis '14, M.A.Ed. '15** married Chris Francis in Chesapeake, Virginia, on April 15, 2023. And **Andrew Walker** married Betsy Swanback on June 24, 2023. Congratulations, Tribe!

Congratulations are also due to **Lindsey Neimo Farrell** and Greg Farrell, who welcomed their daughter (and "future Tribe Pride-r"), Adalee Rose Farrell, last June.

**Andrew Strait** and **Danielle Strait** welcomed their son, Ocean Lee Strait, on Dec. 31, 2021.

Visit our online Class Notes at [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/2014](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/2014) to see photos accompanying some of these happy announcements!

Sadly, however, we close this column seeking to honor the life of a fellow classmate. **Emily Mamula** passed away on Nov. 3, 2022. **Amanda Morrow** said she was well-known and beloved by so many fellow members of the Tribe: "She was a brilliant verbal sparring partner and trivia friend who could charm absolutely anyone. She made the world a smaller, more connected place, and her legacy is definitely the network of friends who met through

her and shared in her love and friendship."

## 2015

*Class Reporter*  
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Lots of congratulations are in order to the Class of 2015! In the academic realm, **Will Sweetser** graduated from George Washington University School of Medicine, where he also was recognized by the Gold Humanism Honor Society for excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service. He will remain at GW for his residency in emergency medicine. This author is very proud of his former roommate of two years — congrats Will!

Meanwhile, **Emily Douglas** was promoted to assistant professor at the Medical University of South Carolina. **Lucy King** just graduated with her MBA from the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business, receiving the Faculty Award for Academic Excellence. She traveled to Greece shortly after graduation and her adventures looked fantastic on Instagram!

Two alumnae write in with news from the publishing world. **Margaret "Maggie" Strolle** started a new position in January as editorial and production manager for the White House History Quarterly at the White House Historical Association. She works with chief publishing officer **Marcia Anderson '83**. **Julia O'Connell** is thrilled to now be working in publicity and editorial at Penzler Publishers, an independent press specializing in mystery and thriller novels. Last summer, she worked with former FBI director **James Comey '82, LL.D. '08** to promote his debut legal thriller "Central Park West."

**Daniel Reichwein** writes in, "After graduation, I took a job with the FBI as a covert surveillance

operative. After doing that for a few years, I wanted to get back into work helping people and completed a graduate social work degree and professional licensures as an addiction counselor and clinical social worker. I work for Mental Health Center of Denver's Walk-in Crisis Center now."

**Mary Walsh** married Stephanie Leach on May 20. She was walked down the aisle by **Richard Walsh '10** and her bridesmaids were **Kristen Hennessey, Alex Hayes and Pam Kotorac Pereira '14**. Meanwhile, a bevy of alumni were in the crowd, including **Ellen Johnson '14, M.A.Ed. '15, Matt Pereira '14, Megan Brew, Ryan Olstein, David Hooker, Emily Koerner '16, Grace Heusner '10 and Kristin Kurtz Feathers '14, M.A.Ed. '15**.

**Emilie Clark and Henry Durbin '16** married on May 20 in an intimate ceremony and celebration at their favorite restaurant, Lula Cafe, in their current home city of Chicago.

**Hunter Gill and Katherine Matson** are getting married on Oct. 21, 2023, in New York City. A classic William & Mary love story, they are getting hitched after meeting their senior year.

Also coming in October: a baby for **Catherine Walshak** and her husband. Baby Walshak will join Bennet Christopher Kendrick as a Class of 2015 baby. Bennet was born to proud parents **Mark Kendrick** and **Caroline Chalko Kendrick** on May 28, 2023.

## 2016

*Class Reporter*  
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I hope everyone has been keeping safe and well! I'm excited to share some new updates from members of our class:

**Meg Heim and Gabby Steinfeld '15** celebrated

their wedding with family and friends this past June in Lake George, New York. The couple has been together since summer of 2015 and met at William & Mary.

**Meredith Lerner** and **Mick Sloan '15** got married on May 28, 2023, in Crozet, Virginia. Their wedding was attended by dozens of W&M alumni.

After graduating with a degree in linguistics, **Max Mohr** spent two years teaching English as a second language in Seoul, South Korea. Upon his return to the U.S., he started the next phase of life in Charlottesville, Virginia. He currently works as a sales manager for Gig Strategic, a digital marketing startup. He is also active as a musician under the name Max Mandu, writing songs and playing shows all across Central Virginia.

**Dillan Patel** graduated in May with a master's degree in city and regional planning from Rutgers University with honors and an award in Outstanding Academic Achievement. Dillan would like to thank **Michael Tierney '87, M.A. '88** and **Daniel Maliniak '06** in the William & Mary Department of Government for their recommendations.

**Alexander Lum** and his wife, Laurel, welcomed a daughter, Wren Elizabeth Lum, to their family.

**Catherine Korizno** recently got engaged to Vincent Dattilo in Atlanta. Catherine continues her work as an intelligence analyst with the Department of Justice, and Vincent is a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law and works as a contracts attorney at NCC Group.

**Micayla Costa** is working at Fabletics in Tysons, serving as a mentor with Wedu, and working with CIBT Inc. in McLean, Virginia. If there is any interest, alumni may contact her directly at [micaylajcosta@gmail.com](mailto:micaylajcosta@gmail.com) or 904-537-1339.

**Michael Collett** has joined the ranks of the personal injury law firm Breit Biniazan PC, bringing with

him extensive experience gained through his 14 years of active duty service in the U.S. Navy, most recently serving as a judge advocate. Licensed in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C., Michael will continue to serve the Mid-Atlantic community through the firm's Virginia Beach office.

And finally, William & Mary and Rutgers are the only two of the nine "colonial colleges" founded in British North America before the American Revolution to eschew the Ivy League and instead take on the roles of state universities. As a William & Mary alumnus working for the State Park Service of New Jersey, **Paul Soltis** enjoys a special place connecting and sharing the long histories of both colonial colleges turned public universities. Read his reflections in the Young Guard blog: <https://youngguard.pages.wm.edu>.

Thank you to everyone for your updates! Best wishes until next time.

## 2017

*Class Reporter*  
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Hello, Class of 2017! I'm writing this in the spring after One Tribe One Day, and it was great getting to meet fellow alumni from various years at Sundays Well in NYC. Lots of mutual friends found amongst those from the 2015-2019 years! Finding those connections is one of my favorite parts of being in the William & Mary alumni base. Another fun part: seeing what everyone's up to. There is never a dull moment in the Class of 2017, and I appreciate what you share with the class! Here are some happenings:

**Paul Amakihe, Nate Atkins '19, M.S. '20 and Ted Hefter '21** were hired as assistant coaches to the Dayton Flyers at the University of Dayton in Ohio. Paul handles the defensive line. He coached outside linebackers at Car-

negie Mellon last season and he previously worked at Wilkes University, McDaniel College and SUNY Cortland. At William & Mary, he played two seasons as a linebacker and defensive end.

**Felipe Mesa-Morales** recently graduated from the Master of Public Health Program from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health and now works as an infection preventionist at a skilled nursing facility.

**Conor Cudahy** taught English for the Peace Corps in Malawi after graduation, until his stint was cut short due to COVID-19. Turning his longtime love into a career, he opened his first brick-and-mortar pizzeria, Lala's Neapolitan-ish Pizza, at Time Out Market Boston earlier this year.

**Kaitlyn Dorst** defended her dissertation for her Ph.D. in neuroscience at Boston University on June 23.

**Elaine Edwards** and **Alyssa Harrison** moved in August 2022 to Richmond, Virginia, where Alyssa has just finished her first year at the University of Richmond School of Law. Elaine continues to work remotely for a nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. Other exciting things they've been up to since graduation — besides dating! — include a road trip last summer through 21 states and adopting two cats, Bruce and Gideon.

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## 2019

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I almost left the column blank this issue, not for lack of happenings in the Class of 2019, but because

there is so much happening that I barely have time to put it all in writing. I started working for the U.S. Department of Transportation in May, for its Office of General Counsel, which has been especially time consuming but rewarding. The agency is, of course, headquartered in Washington, D.C., but I am living with **Matt Parciak** and **Julia Stumbaugh** in Brooklyn this summer, so I'm super-commuting one day a week from New York to D.C. via Amtrak. Julia is working nights as a sports writer for Bleacher Report now, and Matt is temporarily retired due to a noncompete before starting work at Sotheby's in September.

In other professional news, **Jioni Tuck** spent the past few years working in Guatemala, but will soon be attending the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health before joining the U.S. Agency for International Development as a Donald M. Payne International Development Graduate Fellow.

It has been a pleasure to play a regular part in so many of my friends' lives in D.C. again, but I should probably rescind my harsh words about the District. I acknowledge it is actually a very pleasant city to live in. I was also back in D.C. briefly in February as **Elizabeth Smedley** flew in from London for a Griffin A reunion she organized. There were too many alumni in attendance to name everyone, but it was fun to see them back together again!

I was also recently in D.C. for a memorial service for Kay Menchel, the mother of **Hannah Menchel** and **Cameron Menchel '17**, who passed away late in June after a brief battle with cancer. Kay was known by all of her children's friends as a generous patron and a frank confidante. She notoriously shipped care packages to entire freshman halls and continued to send me packages of my favorite treats through my most recent fall semester

of law school. In short, she was a mother to so many William & Mary students, and she will be terribly missed by those of us who were privileged to be acquainted with her compassion and kindness. Those of us familiar with her skill in the kitchen or her charming wit will no doubt miss her even more. My memories of her during my time at William & Mary will always be a blessing, as I hope they are to everyone who knew her. The Young Guard was well represented at her memorial service, which was a tragic reunion, but one that Kay would have loved to see.

Until next time.

## 2020

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**Alyssa Grzesiak '20, J.D. '23** graduated from William & Mary Law School in May! Upon graduation, she concluded her time as the executive editor of the journal *Race, Gender, and Social Justice*, where her student note, "Checking Out Indefinitely: Supporting Survivors of Sex Trafficking Alongside Training and Education for Lodging Employees," was published. She also finished her fellowship with the Human Trafficking Institute, where she created a Virginia Prosecutor's Human Trafficking Toolkit and hosted the "Trafficking Matters" podcast. This fall, she'll be joining Livesay & Myers as a family law attorney, while continuing to volunteer with the Human Trafficking Institute.

**John Napoli** and his old co-worker Micho Rizo plan to start their own tech startup this summer.

Wishing them the best with this exciting endeavor!

**Suzie Bae** recently moved to Philadelphia to start her MBA at The Wharton School of the

University of Pennsylvania. She's joining the Class of 2025 as a Joseph Wharton Fellow! She was also promoted to manager in the Innovation Labs at KPMG and now co-leads the consumer and retail account for their growth and strategy team.

**Elizabeth Vanasse** and **Alex Hayes '19** got engaged in November 2022 and are getting married in April 2024 at the Wren Chapel! The couple met years ago in a French class at W&M and can't wait to celebrate their marriage on campus.

During a January trip to Finland, **Carson Sisk** got engaged to **Paul Stein '17**. Congratulations to the happy couple!

**Brittany Young** is starting her Ph.D. in economics at the University of Virginia.

**Emma Butler** and **Zie Medrano** were married Dec. 17, 2022, at the Wren Chapel. W&M alumni **Emily Chappie '21, Allison Edwards, Becca Paulisch, Anna Grace Towler '22, Sam Towler, Louise Ferrall '19, Jacob Macnab '21** and **Spencer Gilbert** were members of their wedding party. They've both changed their last names to "Alere" as they begin their married life together!

**James Card** is still working at the Virginia Department of Health, where he oversees two federal grants across 12 local organizations that aim to improve vaccination against COVID-19 and provide financial recovery to those afflicted by the pandemic. He also became a certified EMT and is now volunteering with the Cave Spring Rescue Squad in Roanoke, Virginia.

In late April, **Joe Dowell '20, M.A.Ed. '23** was in Chicago working the Chicago Bears draft party at Soldier Field as an event operations staff member. While in the city, he caught up with some fellow alumni at a Cubs game. At the game were **Luke Benigno, Blaine Hiner '19, Lukas Eade** and

**Conor Wilson '19**. From the 2020 crowd, Luke was recently promoted at the National Women's Soccer League to become the senior manager of operations. Lukas is a senior manager of client success and analytics at NAIL-BITER and will be starting graduate school soon at American University! Joe just completed his master's degree in higher education administration from W&M. He plans to continue to work in collegiate athletics with football operations.

## 2021

*Class Reporter*  
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Hello everyone! I hope this note finds you well and kicking off a good summer. I'm writing to you from Rome, where I'm completing some pre-dissertation research. By the time you're reading this, of course, the summer will already be over — be sure to share what you've been up to at [jmt349@cornell.edu](mailto:jmt349@cornell.edu)!

I'd like to share the exciting news that **Paul Amakihe '17, Nate Atkins '19, M.S. '20** and **Ted Hefter** were hired as assistant coaches to the Dayton Flyers at the University of Dayton in Ohio. Ted is passing game coordinator/quarterbacks coach. He worked the last two seasons with Dayton Flyers head coach Trevor Andrews at Western Michigan as a graduate assistant. He played quarterback at William & Mary (2016-2021), where Andrews worked for 18 seasons before moving to Western Michigan in 2019.

**Randy Riffle** wrote: "I am doing great. My wife and I still live in Williamsburg and work for the Virginia House of Delegates! An update for the magazine would be that I am a candidate for the James City County School Board, Berkeley District: [rifflefor-schoolboard.com](http://rifflefor-schoolboard.com)."

**Miso Park** shared: "I

have graduated from my Master of Public Health program in May. I will be relaxing as I try to find other full-time job opportunities available in public health!"

**David Hood:** "I got my Master of Science in chemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and am continuing on to get my Ph.D. in chemistry."

## 2022

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Hello everyone!

I sincerely hope you've been doing well and are ready to welcome in the fall season! This time of year reminds me of some of my favorite memories from W&M: walking around campus looking at the beautiful foliage, partaking in the festivities that were offered around campus and looking forward to the holiday season (more likely, the end of finals). I'm excited to share some new updates from members of our graduating class!

**Olivia Koenig** and **Bryce Fothergill** were married on June 17, 2023, in Boston. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

**Mikayla Huffman** is pursuing a Ph.D. in astrophysical and planetary sciences at the University of Colorado Boulder. She is working with Dave Brain and Kelsi Singer on how impact cratering affects planetary atmospheres. Mikayla is also finishing up a paper on how carbon dioxide abundance affects cometary activity with Adam McKay. She was recently awarded the Ben C. Parmenter Memorial Scholarship for excellence in research, teaching, outreach, mentorship and service. Way to go, Mikayla!

**Malcolm Spencer** has just finished up the first year of his MBA here at William & Mary! As he works towards his

master's degree, Malcolm continues to play football for the Tribe as a safety on the defensive line. He is looking forward to visiting his friends this summer in their new cities around the country. We'll keep cheering you on, Malcolm!

**Christina Land** is now a commissioned officer candidate of the U.S. Army! She will be going to law school, where she'll later become a judge advocate general officer, in addition to practicing civilian law. Amazing accomplishments, Christina!

Two days after graduating, **Anne Turner** hopped on a plane to Wyoming to spend the summer touring the U.S. as a percussionist with the Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps. Their 2022 program, "Tempus Blue," went undefeated, earning the ensemble a World Championship title from DCI following their final performance in Lucas Oil Stadium to a crowd of over 20,000. Following the summer tour, Anne moved to Los Angeles to be a performing member of RCC Indoor Percussion, winning the silver medal with their 2023 WGI program, "Home." Additionally, she found herself as a drummer in the soon to be released film "Candy Cane Lane," and modeled for a holiday release of the Seek Discomfort clothing line. That's quite the adventure, Anne! Watch a video of her performance in our online edition at [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/2022](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/2022).

Offensive lineman **Colby Sorsdal** surprised many analysts as a fifth-round pick by the Detroit Lions in the 2023 NFL Draft. "Everything from getting the call to seeing my name on TV to watching my highlights and seeing William & Mary on the NFL Network and ESPN, it's been a dream come true," Colby said. We're so proud of you, Colby! Read more about it in the online edition.

**Claire Hogan** joined the social visuals team at The New York Times. She started at the Times as a fellow in May 2022 after

graduating from William & Mary, where she studied computational and applied mathematics and statistics. She quickly proved herself an invaluable member of the video department by producing, writing and editing videos and graphics for their core news social media accounts. Claire also edited short videos for breaking news events daily as well as in critical news moments like the Jan. 6 hearings and the midterm elections. She wrote scripts for video explainers, Instagram stories and Twitter threads, coordinated on social publishing of newsroom projects and worked on animated homepage promos for projects from the graphics and video desks. This sounds amazing, Claire! Read more in our online edition.

Thank you to everyone for your updates, please keep them coming! Best wishes until next time.

## 2023

*Class Reporter*  
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Hello Class of 2023! I could not be more excited to introduce myself as your class reporter. For those of you I did not have the pleasure of meeting during our time at W&M, my name is **Julia Dekorte**, and it's lovely to meet you. A little about me: I majored in English with a minor in creative writing, and by the time you're reading this, I will have graduated from Columbia Journalism School's Publishing Course. While at W&M, I was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, worked at the Writing Resources Center and wrote for this very alumni magazine!

Here are some updates from your classmates:

**DJ Olson** and I just spent a lovely week in Sea Island, Georgia, soaking up the sun, catching up on sleep and eating delicious food. DJ then flew to Belize to go scuba diving with his family and is excited to start

working at Guggenheim in July, and to live with **Max Moore** and **Max Nakos** again, upgrading from Jamestown Road to NYC.

My former roommates **Camila Baioni**, **Katrine Westgaard** and **Anna Cestari** all miss me very much, or so I imagine. Camila spent the summer abroad, visiting Spain and other countries she traveled through when she studied abroad her junior year. Katrine spent half of her summer in California, living with her older brother and taking on babysitter responsibilities for her adorable nephew. The other half was spent in Norway! At the end of the summer, she's looking forward to moving back to Washington, D.C. Anna, after spending a week at Lake Wedowee in Georgia with **Martha Ross**, **Cate Barrett** and **Ella Mallinger**, has made her way back home to Washington, D.C., where she is very happy to be reunited with her dog.

**Maddie Fleenor**, after spending two weeks traveling Europe, is happy to be back at home and training for her next race — the Boston Marathon!

My dear big from Theta, **Rebecca Rogers '22**, is happily living in Washington, D.C., working at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit while she awaits responses from the various PA schools she's applied to. At the end of the summer, her former swim team teammate **Brooke Lamoureaux** will be moving in with her! Rebecca also spends time with her boyfriend, **Jack Otero '22**, who is working as a legal assistant at Kellogg, Hanson, Todd, Figel & Frederick PLLC while applying for law schools.

Another sorority sister of mine, **Kate Vermilyea '22**, enjoys living in NYC with **Morgan Doll '22** and **Melanie Friedman '22**; they just signed a lease for another year together. In NYC she often sees **Caroline TenEyck '21**, who has just started her first year at Georgetown Law (!) and **Caitlin Cobb '22**.

Kate, **Mariane Ball '22** and Morgan all made it out to Malaga, Spain, to visit **Julia Murray '22**, who has been teaching English there.

Send me your news! New job? New city? New adventures? Your classmates want to hear about it. Email [wmclassof23@gmail.com](mailto:wmclassof23@gmail.com) with your updates, and feel free to include photos — they can be posted on the online edition!

That's all for this edition! Go Tribe!

## Arts & Sciences

*Graduate School Reporter*

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*We are looking for a new reporter for graduate alumni in the Arts & Sciences. If interested, please contact alumni.magazine@wm.edu.*

As summer slowly exits and fall enters, I remember back to a year ago when my wife and I were hiking up Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park. We were coming up on some other hikers near the summit and I recognized the coloring and the word "Tribe" on the back of a baseball cap. I said, "Is that a William & Mary hat?" And sure enough, it was! We chatted with two young women as we finished our climb; one was an alumna and the other was going into her senior year. It's always great to meet and chat with fellow alumni and learn about their journeys, so send in your news!

**Richard Veit M.A. '91** (anthropology), a professor of anthropology and associate dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Monmouth University, pre-

sented a program through the Kemmerer Library on the ancient Egyptians and their engineering marvels as reported by the Observer-Tribune this past February.

**Kevin Leslie '08, M.S. '13** (biology) was selected as the first associate vice president for innovation and commercialization for Old Dominion University, where he will work on transforming their technology transfer operation.

**Alan Kennedy J.D. '09, M.A. '09** (American studies), public policy lecturer at W&M and major in the United States Army Reserve, received the Public Integrity Award by the American Society for Public Administration. Look for a link online at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/arts-and-sciences.

**Mary Miley Theobald '74, M.A. '80** (history) wrote an online exclusive for the W&M Alumni Magazine titled, "A Love Story: King William and Queen Mary." If you missed it, see our online edition for a link.

**Todd Pfannestiel Ph.D. '01** (history) became the 10th president of Utica University on Aug. 1.

## Mason School of Business

Graduate School Reporter

**JOY GONZALEZ M.ACC. '23**

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Hello, amazing Raymond A. Mason School of Business alumni!

I hope this message finds you all in high spirits and soaring toward your dreams! My name is **Joy Gonzalez M.Acc. '23**, and I am thrilled to have the privilege of being your class reporter for our exceptional community. As a recent graduate myself, I have vivid memories of the

incredible experiences we shared at Mason. From inspiring lectures to "late-night" (for those of you who know me, that means very early mornings) study sessions fueled by bottomless cups of coffee, we've built bonds that will last a lifetime.

During my time at Mason, I had the honor of serving on both the Honor Council and Student Council, striving to foster a culture of integrity and collaboration. It is with great joy and humility that I share the exciting news that I was selected for the 2023 Class Contributor Award. But enough about me — this is about YOU!

I invite every one of you to join me in creating a vibrant tapestry of class updates. We all know that life after graduation takes us on incredible journeys, both personally and professionally. Whether you're starting your own business, conquering corporate ladders, setting out on daring adventures or even embracing a new passion, your stories matter to us all.

So, let's embark on this delightful adventure together! Send me an email at joyago@protonmail.com, with the subject line "class update," and share your triumphs, milestones and exciting experiences. Let's celebrate your successes, big or small, and inspire each other with our incredible journeys.

Now for some alumni news!

We are thrilled to share some exciting updates from our accomplished alumni community. With great pride, we extend our warmest congratulations to the following individuals:

Congratulations to **Susan Sachatello M.B.A. '92** on her recent appointment as Comper Financial's chief marketing officer, as reported in The Daily Journal on May 3, 2023. Your remarkable achievement reflects your expertise and dedication

to the field of marketing. We wish you continued success as you lead and shape the future of Comper Financial.

We are delighted to announce that **Tyler White M.B.A. '11** has joined St. Mary's Bank as chief information officer, as highlighted in the Union Leader on May 1, 2023. Your expertise in the realm of information technology is commendable, and we applaud your new role in driving technological advancements within the banking sector. Best wishes for continued success.

An extra special congratulations goes out to **Caleb Connerty M.S. '18**, vice president of operations at Cogent Analytics, for being selected as one of the Triad Business Journal's 40 under 40 for 2023. As noted in the Triad Business Journal on March 2, 2023, your exceptional leadership and business acumen have been instrumental in the growth and success of Cogent Analytics. Your accomplishments, including revenue growth and strategic client support, are truly inspiring. Keep shining bright as a rising star in the business community.

We are immensely proud of these achievements, which are a testament to the caliber and impact of our alumni. Your dedication, drive and accomplishments continue to elevate our alumni community and make us honored to have you as part of our alma mater.

Warmest congratulations once again!

Best regards,  
Joy Gonzalez

## School of Education

*We are looking for a class reporter for the School of Education. If interested, please contact alumni.magazine@wm.edu.*

Here are a few news items that our magazine staff collected:

The family of **Wesley C. Wilson M.Ed. '74, Ed.D. '84** and its legacy among the few Black residents in Philadelphia's Chestnut Hill neighborhood in the early 1900s was spotlighted in an article in the Chestnut Hill Local newspaper in February. Wilson flew helicopters for the U.S. military during the Vietnam War before earning his doctorate in education at William & Mary.

**Dawn Foxwell Hassan M.Ed. '94** has been named vice president and stockholder at GuernseyTingle, a Williamsburg-based architectural, interior design and planning firm.

**Sandra Newsom Crowder M.A.Ed. '97** has been selected by the Mecklenburg County (Virginia) School Board as a new representative for Election District 1, the Mecklenburg Sun reported in January. Sandra is a retired teacher and school administrator who worked in public schools in Hanover and Goochland counties.

**Eddie Steele Ed.S. '95, Ph.D. '99** is the new college counselor at Our Lady of Mercy School for Young Women in Rochester, New York, as reported in the Rochester Business Journal.

**Carlane Pittman-Hampton Ph.D. '03** has been selected as President Katherine A. Rowe's chief of staff. Carlane, who previously served as assistant dean of residential MBA programs at W&M's Raymond A. Mason School of Business, started the new role July 17. The position had been held by **Jeremy P. Martin Ph.D. '12, M.B.A. '17**, who was selected earlier this year as the university's vice president for strategy & innovation.

**Drew Stelljes Ph.D. '07** became the new vice president of student affairs at Franklin & Marshall College as of

July 5. Drew previously served as associate vice president for student affairs at William & Mary.

Many of the Williamsburg-James City County's (WJCC) Teachers of the Year have been William & Mary alumni, including this year's overall division winner, **Ellen Frackelton M.A.Ed. '19**. She is the reading specialist for Laurel Lane Elementary School.

**Dawn Edmiston Ed.D. '20**, clinical professor of marketing at W&M's Raymond A. Mason School of Business, received a 2023 Plumeri Award for Faculty Excellence.

## Law School

Graduate School Reporter

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Please see magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/law-school for much more.

**Curtis H. McSherry '49, B.C.L. '51** passed away on April 26, 2023.

**Howard J. Busbee '65, J.D. '67, M.L.T. '68, L.H.D. '22** passed away on May 16, 2023.

**Richard L. Young '68, J.D. '71** passed away on April 28, 2023.

**Edward R. Blumberg J.D. '75** has been elected chair of the The National Judicial College's Board of Trustees.

**Don R. Cochran J.D. '78** passed away on April 29, 2023.

**Gary W. Crawford M.L.T. '80** passed away on March 23, 2023.

**Bill Lascara J.D. '83** has been crowned King Neptune for the Virginia Beach Neptune Festival. "Mingo," by **Jeff Barnes '81, J.D. '86**, won the 2022 Readers Favorite International Book Contest Gold Medal for Southern Fiction.

**Molly J. Ward J.D. '87** was appointed to the

National Park System Advisory Board.

**R. Darrell Mounts J.D. '88** passed away on Dec. 17, 2022.

**Amy Grayson Pesesky J.D. '90** passed away on March 16, 2023.

**Monica Taylor Monday '88, J.D. '91** was named chairperson of the Executive Board at Gentry Locke.

The San Antonio Bar Foundation announced the appointment of **Patricia Erikson Roberts J.D. '92** to the SABF Fellows Program class of 2023.

**William M. Connolly J.D. '94** has been elected as board member at Faegre Drinker.

**Ivan Bates J.D. '95** was sworn in as state's attorney for the city of Baltimore, Maryland, in January.

Michigan State University has appointed **Laura Walsh Rugless '90, J.D. '00** to vice president of the Office for Civil Rights and Title IX Education and Compliance.

**Sheyna Burt '98, J.D. '01** is chair of the executive board at the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas, Virginia.

**Monica N. Wharton J.D. '01** was promoted to chief operating officer and executive vice president at Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare.

**James Black J.D. '02** was appointed as senior vice president and general counsel at Terran Orbital Corp.

The Hon. **Carl Ezekiel "Zeke" Ross J.D. '03** was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in December as one of seven judges for the D.C. Superior Court.

**Jennifer L. Becker J.D. '04** has joined Marshall Dennehy as director of marketing and business development.

**Richard G. Collins J.D. '05** has been appointed by the Virginia General Assembly to be the Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court judge for York County, Virginia.

**Brainerd H. "Tripp" Whitbeck J.D. '06** created a bourbon, I Bourbon (available at i-bourbon.com), which received a 90 from Whiskey Advocate ("Outstanding") and Best Bourbon in Las Vegas.

**Stephen A. Cobb J.D. '07** joined Cozen O'Connor as a partner.

**Matt Getty J.D. '07** now serves on the Rutland (Vermont) Town Select Board.

**David A. Neiman J.D. '09** was named an Emerging Lawyer in Illinois for 2023.

**Alan Kennedy J.D. '09, M.A. '09** was presented the Public Integrity Award by the American Society for Public Administration.

**J. Tyler Butts '07, J.D. '10** has been elected as a Connecticut Bar Association Fellow.

**Bradley A. Mainguy J.D. '11** has been elected to be a partner at Cohn-Reznick.

**Mark W. Connolly J.D. '12** was promoted to counsel at Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP.

**Ashley J. Heilprin J.D. '13, M.P.P. '13** was selected as the Louisiana affiliate representative for the American Civil Liberties Union National Board.

**Anna Killius J.D. '13** was named executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Commission.

**Charles L. Brewer J.D. '15** was promoted to counsel at Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP.

**Elizabeth Barry Heddleston J.D. '15** was elected principal at Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black.

**Elizabeth Leonard J.D. '16** has joined Cranfill Sumner, focusing on construction law and civil litigation.

**James "Mac" McClure J.D. '19** joins Dinsmore & Shohl as an associate in its Lexington office.

**Jessica Guzzo J.D. '22** is now an associate at Kosakoff & Cataldo.

**Jonathan N. Marchuk J.D. '22**

joined Damon Key Leong Kupchak Hastert as an associate.

Cranfill Sumner LLP announced that **Maxwell Shafer J.D. '22** has joined the firm's Wilmington, North Carolina, office as an associate.

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**ELIZABETH HINCHEY MALLOY**

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**Richard Holmquist '91, M.S. '01** caught up with **Krisa Murray Arzayus Ph.D. '02** at Capitol Hill Ocean Week in June. Richard is Americas sales director at HawkEye 360, a Radio Frequency (RF) data analytics company that operates a growing constellation of 21 satellites that detect, characterize and geolocate RF signals from a broad range of emitters used for communication, navigation and security. HawkEye 360 has geolocated more than 200 million RF signals, providing situational awareness to an array of activities, including early-warning radar activity, military activities, illegal fishing, illegal mining and indicators of GPS interference. Krisa is the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System's (IOOS) deputy director at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She manages the office's strategic planning and implementation, which includes budget execution and staffing in coordination with regional and national partners. Krisa has worked for NOAA for almost 20 years and started her career as a

Knauss Sea Grant Fellow in 2001 at what is now the Ocean Atmospheric Research Climate Program Office. Her positions in NOAA have included the climate team lead in the Oceanic and Atmospheric Research headquarters, division chief for the Ocean Atmospheric Research/Planning and Programming Division, division chief for the National Oceanographic Data Center Marine Data Stewardship Division and branch chief for the National Centers for Environmental Information Oceanographic Sciences Branch.

In April, former VIMS Diving Safety Officer (DSO) Danny Gouge was presented with the 2022 American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS) Conrad Limbaugh Memorial Award for Scientific Diving Leadership. This award is presented biennially to an individual who has made a significant contribution in diving safety and diving leadership on behalf of the scientific diving community. You can read his nomination citation, which is full of interesting VIMS diving history and fun anecdotes about Danny, online at [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/virginia-institute-of-marine-science](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/virginia-institute-of-marine-science). Danny was also inducted into the inaugural class of AAUS DSO emeritus members. Danny served as VIMS DSO from 1982-2007, and we are forever grateful for his leadership that allowed VIMS faculty and students to safely incorporate scuba diving into their field collections and participate in saturation missions in NOAA National Undersea Research Center's Aquarius habitat. Danny is still underwater regularly as a volunteer science diver for the University of Florida (UF) Museum of Natural History, Florida State University and the Smithsonian. Danny reports that he just started his 68th dive logbook, which is hard to fathom! He is in good company —

his wife, Cheryl Thacker, was recently inducted into the Women Divers Hall of Fame, which is the highest honor for women leaders and innovators of the diving community. Cheryl is UF's DSO. Congratulations, Danny and Cheryl!

Your restless reporters reunited in May in Chicago. Because you can't keep this dynamic duo away from the water, we took in an architecture boat tour on the Chicago River and, because the giggles never end, we also caught besties Tina Fey and Amy Poehler's comedy show at the Chicago Theater. A grand time was had reminiscing about VIMS days ... were your ears burning that weekend!?

Janet had the honor of spending the month of June at the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia, where she was enrolled in the Leadership for a Democratic Society program as a member of class No. 503! Among her classmates were two W&M alumni: **Craig Miles '93** is a special agent in charge with the Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General in D.C. He also is an adjunct faculty member at George Mason University Department of Criminology, Law and Society and teaches leadership courses. **Salvatore "Sal" Cianci '93** lives and works in San Diego and is with the Department of Defense's Defense Acquisition University, where he trains people to buy things.

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!

# In Memoriam

READ FULL OBITUARIES ONLINE

Below are the names of members of the William & Mary community whose passing was reported between Jan. 26 and July 7, 2023. **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

**Mary Emelyn Dilts Dixon '44** of Olmsted Township, Ohio, died Oct. 16, 2022.

**Jean "Taffy" Taylor Delahanty '45** of Trenton, New Jersey, died May 31, 2023.

**Catherine "Katsy" Stump Grubbs '45** of Arlington, Virginia, died Feb. 16, 2023.

**Sarah Jane Booth Huber '45** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died March 27, 2023.

**Beverly "Bev" Warner Bose Deans '46** of Roanoke, Virginia, died March 5, 2023.

**Eleanor Petty Korczowski '47, P '72** of Williamsburg died Feb. 22, 2023.

**Nellie May Bering '49** of Philadelphia died May 11, 2022.

**Giles Glass Dodd '49** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died April 27, 2022.

**Curtis "Bob" Hubert McSherry '49, B.C.L. '51** of Toano, Virginia, died April 26, 2023.

**Peggy Swindell Parker '49** of Mantoo, North Carolina, died Oct. 11, 2021.

**Herbert "Herb" Gray Chandler Jr. '50** of Arlington, Virginia, died Feb. 10, 2023.

**Harry Lynwood Bowen Jr. '51** of Chesapeake, Virginia, died April 5, 2023.

**Roy David Lorenz '51** of San Jose, California, died Sept. 25, 2022.

**Christian "Chris" Hollis Moe '51** of Carbondale, Illinois, died Jan. 20, 2023.

**Marjorie "Marge" Lee Brown Neal '51** of Williamsburg died April 12, 2023.

**Gail Van Benthuy-sen Pigeon '51** of Hopewell, Virginia, died Jan. 26, 2021.

**Leroy "Roy" Anderson Jr. '52** of Lewes, Delaware, died May 27, 2023.

**Clyde Nelson Baker Jr. '52** of Evanston, Illinois, died August 26, 2022.

**Mary Kay Langan Fleger '52** of Berlin, Maryland, died Jan. 28, 2023.

**Joyce Reynolds Thompson '52** of Breemo Bluff, Virginia, died Oct. 12, 2022.

**Dorothy "Dottie" Lenham Dubbs '53** of Hudson, Florida, died April 23, 2023.

**Germaine "Gerry" Virginia Burkes McClanahan '53** of Salem, Virginia, died March 12, 2023.

**Janet Dandridge Miller '53** of Monroe, North Carolina, died Dec. 29, 2022.

**Caroline MacDonald Young Petrequin '53, P '78** of Madison, Connecticut, died Oct. 29, 2022.

**Scott Osborne Petrequin '53, P '78** of Madison, Connecticut, died June 28, 2023.

**Julia Wilkins Willis '53, B.C.L. '55** of Williamsburg died Dec. 30, 2022.

**Luther Wilson Kiger Sr. '54** of Midlothian, Virginia, died April 1, 2023.

**Ralph Nathaniel Magee '54** of Charlotte, North Carolina, died May 3, 2023.

**William "Bill" Bond Makelim '54, P '90** of Tuscon, Arizona, died Feb. 17, 2021.

**Elizabeth "Liz" Catherine King Welsh '54, M.A.Ed. '77, C.A.S.E. '84, Ed.D. '92, P '80, P '83, P '85** of Arlington, Virginia, died March 3, 2023.

**Milton "Milt" J. Glasser '55** of Phoenix, Maryland, died Oct. 22, 2022.

**Margaret "Mardie" Pontius MacKimm '55** of Highland Park, Illinois, died Feb. 9, 2023.

**Frances Hunt McGraw '55** of Poquoson, Virginia, died Feb. 21, 2023.

**Marilyn Edelman Johnson '56** of Metuchen, New Jersey, died Dec. 24, 2022.

**Adolphus Lowe Lunsford III '56** of Sharon, South Carolina, died Dec. 31, 2022.

**Anne Roberta Wilson Sandvig '56** of Minneapolis, Minnesota, died May 27, 2023.

**Dr. Stewart "Stew" Sell '56, P '83, P '87, P '91, G '14, G '16** of Williamsburg died June 16, 2023.

**Gilbert "Gil" Lofton Granger '57** of Williamsburg died June 17, 2023.

**Kenneth Gene Stultz '57** of Newport News, Virginia, died May 19, 2023.

**Stephanie Amato Brickhouse '58** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Oct. 15, 2021.

**Eve Mapp Davis McCray '58** of Richmond, Virginia, died April 3, 2023.

**Ann Elizabeth Shoosmith McInnes '58, G '18** of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, died April 22, 2023.

**Diane Tucker Bridgwater '59** of Portishead, North Somerset, United Kingdom, died Dec. 15, 2022.

**Maurice Ashley Tomlinson '59** of High Point, North Carolina, died April 27, 2023.

**Mary Frances Briley '66, M.Ed. '75, Ed.D. '90, P '92** of Smithfield, Virginia, died June 12, 2023.

**Eleanor "Gaye" Robinson Brown '60** of Chapin, South Carolina, died Jan. 17, 2023.

**Therese Ann Parness Goldman '60** of New York, New York, died March 29, 2023.

**Dr. Wilson Sheaffer Hawk Jr. '60** of Newport News, Virginia, died April 11, 2023.

**Joy Brenda Burch '61** of Richmond, Virginia, died Dec. 7, 2022.

**Nancy Branham Chestek '61, P '02** of Lower Gwynedd, Pennsylvania, died Feb. 17, 2023.

**Elizabeth "Betty" Ruegg Kuhn '61** of Ventura, California, died Feb. 19, 2023.

**Hon. Robert "Bob" Lee Harris Sr. '62, P '84, G '18** of Williamsburg died March 2, 2023.

**Bruce Hargraves McCloy '62** of Midlothian, Virginia, died June 23, 2023.

**Harland Bart Partch '62** of Williamsburg died March 29, 2023.

**Dorothy Mae Drudge Ashburn '63** of Williamsburg died March 9, 2023.

**Robert Adair Holden '63** of Saint Michaels, Maryland, died Feb. 10, 2023.

**Joseph "Joe" Thomas Gatti '64** of New York, New York, died Feb. 13, 2023.

**Mary "Polly" Mayhew Owens '64** of Norfolk, Virginia, died June 3, 2023.

**Cort Burk Schlichting '64** of Mobile, Alabama, died April 15, 2023.

**G. Bruce Taggart '64** of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, died Sept. 12, 2022.

**Dr. Jesse Francis Amos '65** of Rocky Mount, Virginia, died June 8, 2023.

**Howard James Busbee '65, J.D. '67, M.L.T. '68, L.H.D. '22, P '90, P '04, G '21** of Richmond, Virginia, died May 16, 2023.

**Thomas Patrick Nugent '65** of Alexandria, Virginia, died March 15, 2023.

**Thomas "Tom" Walter Blekicki '66** of Greensboro, North Carolina, died Feb. 24, 2023.

**John McFarland Gobble '66, P '90** of Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, died April 23, 2023.

**Derris Lea Raper '66** of Chesapeake, Virginia, died Jan. 20, 2023.

**Thomas "Tom" Dean Stieler '66** of Powhatan, Virginia, died April 2, 2023.

**Dr. Joel Norman Zaba '66** of Norfolk, Virginia, died Feb. 1, 2023.

**Dr. Joseph Wayne Browder '67** of Colonial Heights, Virginia, died Feb. 19, 2023.

**Elizabeth Ann Reaney Dunlap '67** of King William, Virginia, died April 21, 2023.

**Margaret "Judy" Campbell Mahler '67, M.A.Ed. '78, M.Ed. '78, Ed.S. '91** of Newport News, Virginia, died March 27, 2023.

**Miriam "Postie" Post Menges-Brannan '67** of Lanexa, Virginia, died April 5, 2023.

**J. Lynn Cooke Felton '68** of Richmond, Virginia, died April 19, 2023.

**Ruth Ann Ayers Hoge '68** of Henrico, Virginia, died Feb. 28, 2023.

**Charles "Chuck" William Housel '68** of Radford, Virginia, died May 11, 2023.

**Katherine Harris Keeling See '68** of Danville, Virginia, died Dec. 12, 2022.

**Richard "Dick" Robert Widell Sr. '68, P '00** of Midlothian, Virginia, died Feb. 15, 2023.

**Richard "Dick" Lloyd Young '68, J.D. '71** of St. Simons Island, Georgia, died April 28, 2023.

**Mary "Mamie" Margaret Pastore Dolph '69** of Williamsburg died May 3, 2023.

**Randolph Mayhan Cloyd '70** of Williamsburg died Jan. 12, 2023.

**Sheila Marie Crossen-Powell '70, Ed.S. '90, Ed.D. '93** of Ashland, Virginia, died June 15, 2023.

**John William Holdren '70** of Onancock, Virginia, died April 26, 2023.

**Florence "Polly" Johnson Rowlett '70** of Williamsburg died Feb. 26, 2023.

**William "Bill" Archie Adams Jr. '72** of Yorktown, Virginia, died Feb. 11, 2023.

**Ronald William Revere '72** of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, died March 31, 2023.

**Sylvia Ann Willis Thompson '72** of Newport News, Virginia, died Feb. 8, 2023.

**Clement "Clem" McCune Brown III '73** of Williamsburg died June 19, 2023.

**John Kenneth Kloster III '73** of Punta Gorda, Florida, died June 26, 2023.

**David Spencer Peterson '73** of The Villages, Florida, died Feb. 25, 2023.

**Emma Lou Talbert Savage '73** of Chesapeake, Virginia, died Dec. 25, 2022.

**Richard Saxon Birdsong '74** of Palm City, Florida, died April 7, 2022.

**David Fielding Fidler '74** of Baltimore, Maryland, died May 2, 2023.

**Charles Byerley Goodman Jr. '74, P '01** of Moseley, Virginia, died Nov. 22, 2022.

**Ann Louise Hardy House '74** of Portsmouth, Virginia, died May 18, 2023.

**Milton Noel Mooney '74** of Barrington, Illinois, died May 1, 2023.

**Peter George Papadopolous '74** of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, died March 2, 2023.

**Elizabeth "Beth" Bowlers Wiseman '74, M.A. Ed.'78, P '00, P '02, P '04** of

Hedgesville, West Virginia, died May 23, 2023.

**Neil Beverly Martin '77** of Austin, Texas, died March 9, 2023.

**John Oscar Little Jr. '78** of Newport News, Virginia, died Feb. 5, 2023.

**Deborah Snider Knowles '80** of Huntington, West Virginia, died April 20, 2023.

**Bret Clyde Bettge '81** of Williamsburg died Feb. 8, 2023.

**David Berlin Eye '82** of Albany, New York, died Jan. 22, 2023.

**David Lee Pruitt '83** of Richmond, Virginia, died Feb. 15, 2023.

**Jeffrey "Wolfy" Scott Wolf '84** of Chester, Maryland, died Feb. 6, 2023.

**Mary Kay Chapin '85** of Vienna, Virginia, died August 1, 2022.

**Veronica Tracy Mance '86** of Chevy Chase, Maryland, died Feb. 24, 2023.

**Kathleen Mary McCarthy Sober '87** of Alexandria, Virginia, died June 14, 2023.

**Matthew Sean Farrell '88** of Charlottesville, Virginia, died Oct. 25, 2022.

**Michael "Mike" Charles Condro '93** of Fairfax, Virginia, died June 24, 2023.

**Susan Elizabeth Parrish Moreland '61, M.Ed. '95** of Williamsburg died April 1, 2023.

**Thomas Andrew Kovacs '98** of Arlington, Virginia, died Jan. 7, 2023.

**Carrie Ann Wharton Priest '00** of New York, New York, died June 15, 2023.

**Alexander "Alex" Phillip Comiskey '05** of Midlothian, Virginia, died Dec. 7, 2022.

**Jay Kirby Overman '07** of Lancaster, Kentucky, died June 25, 2023.

#### GRADUATE ALUMNI

**Hon. John Edward Donaldson J.D. '63** of Williamsburg died Sept. 20, 2022.

**Robert "Bob" Kent Nicewander M.Ed. '64** of Aberdeen, Maryland, died May 18, 2023.

**Johnnie Edgar Rich M.Ed. '64** of Emerald Isle, North Carolina, died April 21, 2023.

**William Brooke Gwathmey M.Ed. '67** of Walkerton, Virginia, died March 14, 2023.

**Daniel "Dan" Asa Paradis M.T.S. '67** of Berkshire, Vermont, died Feb. 18, 2022.

**George Gordon Dixon M.Ed. '70** of Fayetteville, North Carolina, died July 27, 2022.

**James William Corbitt Jr. J.D. '71** of Catlett, Virginia, died June 10, 2023.

**John Walter Holly M.Ed. '71** of Plymouth, New Hampshire, died May 18, 2023.

**Eugene Courtney Hoopes M.B.A. '72** of Charlottesville, Virginia, died Jan. 29, 2023.

**Joan Elizabeth Mills M.Ed. '73** of Seaford, Virginia, died March 6, 2023.

**Mary Louise Grayson Foy Ph.D. '74** of Richmond, Virginia, died Jan. 27, 2023.

**John Waverly Harris Jr. C.A.S.E. '74** of Richmond, Virginia, died April 22, 2023.

**Barbara Hays Kamp J.D. '75, P '96** of Reston, Virginia, died June 4, 2023.

**Mary Atkins Turnbull M.A.Ed. '75** of Williamsburg died March 24, 2023.

**Blake Kendrick Thompson M.B.A. '77, P '02** of Alexandria, Virginia, died Oct. 5, 2022.

**Don Rodney Cochran J.D. '78** of Newport News, Virginia, died April 29, 2023.

**Thomas O. "Lanny" Rainey III J.D. '78** of Dinwiddie, Virginia, died Feb. 16, 2022.

**Brian Langford Buckley J.D. '79** of Los Angeles, California, died Jan. 21, 2023.

**Jean Bahr Waltrip M.Ed. '79, P '70, G '03** of Rocky Mount, Virginia, died March 4, 2023.

**Gary Wade Crawford M.L.T. '80** of Florence, South Carolina, died March 19, 2023.

**Leslie Ray Collins M.B.A. '81** of Newport News, Virginia, died March 30, 2023.

**Baldwin "Bee" Day Tufts M.B.A. '82** of Warrenton, Virginia, died Jan. 23, 2023.

**Maria F. Still M.A.Ed. '83** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died April 6, 2023.

**Betty "Boo" Johnston Miller M.B.A. '85** of Roanoke, Virginia, died June 11, 2023.

**R. Darrell Mounts J.D. '88** of Vienna, Virginia, died Dec. 17, 2022.

**Joanne Sue Great-house Ed.S. '89** of Murphysboro, Illinois, died March 12, 2023.

**Ronald Macrae Flowe C.A.S.E. '85, Ed.D. '90, P '93, G '19** of Glen Allen, Virginia, died March 21, 2023.

**Amy Grayson Pesesky J.D. '90** of Norfolk, Virginia, died March 16, 2023.

**Sally Ann Sledge M.B.A. '93** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died April 29, 2023.

**Ruben Gustavo Remus M.S. '94** of Hampton, Virginia, died April 23, 2023.

**Sharon Elizabeth Elridge Sams M.Ed. '99** of Richmond, Virginia, died May 8, 2023.

**Thomas "Tom" C. Rancich M.B.A.'01** of Benson, Vermont, died Jan. 30, 2023.

**Dmitri Medvedev J.D. '13** of Richmond, Virginia, died May 8, 2022.

#### FACULTY & STAFF

**Henry Krakauer** of Williamsburg died Feb. 9, 2023.

**Roy Lunsford Champion Jr.** of Williamsburg died May 8, 2023.

**David A. Dessler** of Bryan, Texas, died April 17, 2023.

**David Lynn Holmes** of Williamsburg died April 29, 2023.

**Marlene Katherine Jack** of Barhamsville, Virginia, died March 9, 2023.

**Henry "Hank" Mallue Jr.** of New Paltz, New York, died Feb. 18, 2023.

**James Marlin Patton** of Newport News, Virginia, died June 17, 2023.

**Roger W. Smith** of Richmond, Virginia, died Nov. 28, 2022.

**Traci Camille Ayers** of Williamsburg died Feb. 16, 2023.

**James Rodgers Greene** of Gloucester, Virginia, died May 4, 2023.

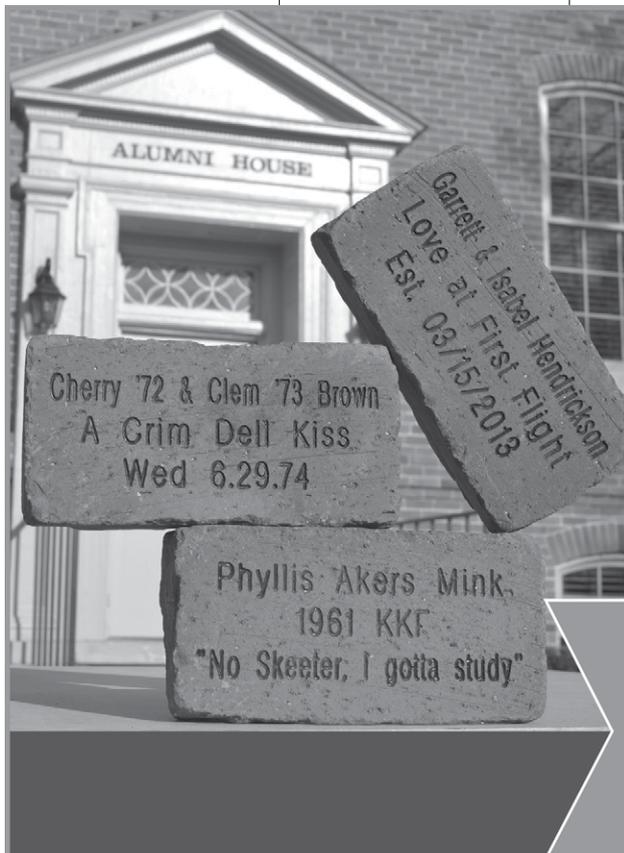
**Lonnis "Lonnie" V. Troublefield** of Williamsburg died Dec. 31, 2022.

#### FRIENDS OF W&M

**George B. Falck P '76, P '88** of Nokesville, Virginia, died Dec. 10, 2022.

**Shirley C. Fisher P '75** of Williamsburg died Oct. 9, 2022.

**Dorothy "Dottie" Haramis** of Williamsburg died May 17, 2023.



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