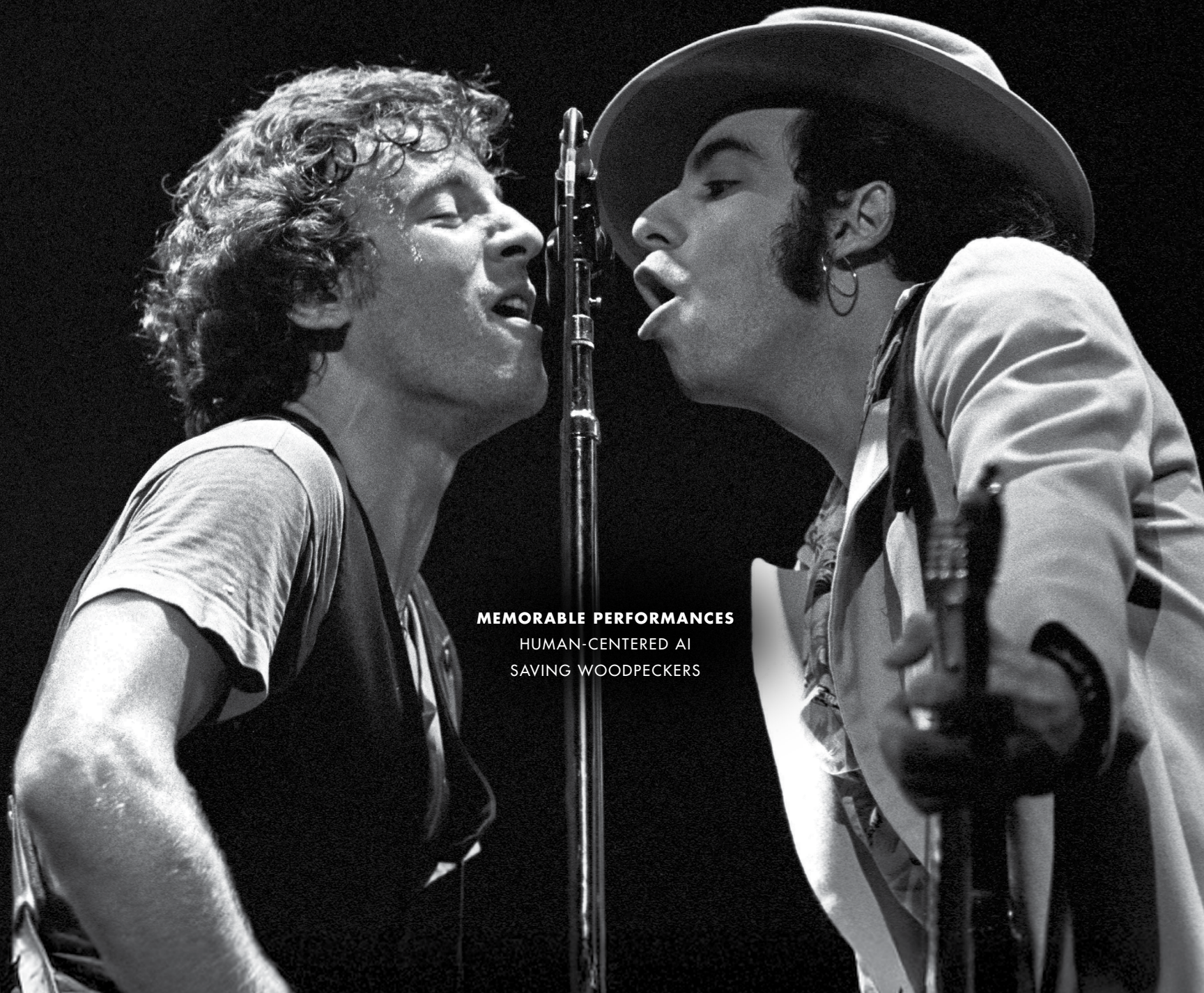


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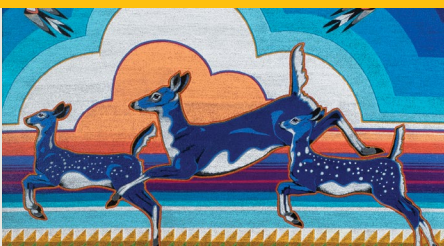
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FROM THE ALUMNI HOUSE

Alumni Focus

BY MATTHEW "MATT" BRANDON '92
CEO, W&M Alumni Association Board of Directors

William & Mary's significance on the national stage as the Alma Mater of the Nation is fueled by our amazing alumni. It acknowledges our excellence and our 333 years of ardently pursuing intellectual achievements. This ambition has fueled innovation in other areas — athletics, governance, leadership and more. This issue of the W&M Alumni Magazine provides exciting and inspiring articles and updates celebrating ways our alumni, faculty, students and staff are part of that history and future of preeminence.

Doug Schmidt '84, M.A. '86, dean of the new School of Computing, Data Sciences & Physics, along with students, faculty and alumni, talk about their work in artificial intelligence. Scientists from the Center for Conservation Biology show how they are restoring a population of endangered woodpeckers. International students share what they gained and gave at William & Mary. That is just a preview of a few of the articles you will find inside.

One of the most entertaining — no pun intended — articles takes a look at the world-class music scene that is William & Mary. From Jimmy Buffett performing on Cary Field — I worked on the stage-building crew that summer — to The Roots, our campus has hosted some of the best popular musical groups to ever per-

form. Many of the stories told there were shared by you on our social media channels.

You, too, are part of the rich tapestry that is our tremendous history and future. William & Mary is a community made stronger by the contributions of all its members.

The magazine sheds light on some great things happening at W&M, and you are also part of our story. I invite you to become fully engaged in creating the future of William & Mary. Your opportunities to support alumni engagement, student success, career development and university priorities abound, and are appreciated. If you would like to learn more about deepening your engagement with William & Mary, please start by connecting with us at wmalumni.com.

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FROM THE BRAFFERTON

Defining National Preeminence

BY KATHERINE A. ROWE

William & Mary President

THOSE VISITING CAMPUS THIS FALL WILL NOTICE THAT THE WREN LOOKS a little different. The country's oldest academic building is wrapped in scaffolding in preparation for the U.S. 250th anniversary in 2026. We are calling this affectionately the "Wrenstoration."

The sounds of construction remind me daily of the two forces that have defined great universities: constancy and transformation. Buildings and institutions last for centuries because we maintain them, plan for their long-term stewardship, and because they remain relevant to our evolving needs.

This year, at William & Mary, we are applying that same mindset of care and planning to institutional strategy. As we close out the first quarter of the 21st century, we are thinking ahead to 2050. If 25 years feels like an eon to plan for, remember that the roof of the Wren Building is about 95 years old and the Sunken Garden turns 100 next year. That kind of ROI requires imagination and reach.

So this fall, I am inviting generative thinking from our community about William & Mary's mission as a "preeminent, public research university, grounded in the liberal arts and sciences." What exactly do we mean by preeminence? What kind of preeminence should we reach for over the next quarter-century?

For William & Mary, preeminence means that our distinctive public liberal-arts model delivers elite results. When we are known nationally for excellence, we create a virtuous cycle that amplifies talent, resources and impact.

When the William & Mary Women's Basketball team thrilled fans worldwide with a scrappy NCAA Tournament run, traffic on the university's website spiked and campus was giddy with pride. Events such as the restoration of the Williamsburg Bray School, the launch of new schools and degrees, and our innovative civics curriculum — Better Arguments — attracted international media attention, strengthening that pride. Milestones such as these attest that achieving national preeminence requires relevance and measurable results.

As our community explores different dimensions of preeminence this year, I also want to be clear about what will remain evergreen: those imperatives

that matter to our students and our mission. Four imperatives rise to the top of every conversation: attracting talent from around the world; excelling in teaching and learning; leading in distinctive areas of research; and ensuring our graduates accelerate into rewarding careers.

Each of these dimensions can be framed in terms of an opportunity statement that builds on William & Mary's distinctive strengths. Here are some of the opportunities we will explore systematically in the year ahead.

How might the Alma Mater of the Nation ...

... Create demand among talented students from around the nation and world?

We know that exceptional talent comes from all backgrounds, perspectives, regions, states and territories. As college-age populations shrink in many parts of the country, attracting talent will require systematic work to expand William & Mary's national reach.

... Prepare William & Mary graduates for lives as citizens and professionals in a world where success depends on responsible use of artificial intelligence?

AI is the defining force of the 21st century. Preparing students to flourish in this era of rapid technological change will be vital to expanding their career pathways. William & Mary's most pressing opportunity now is to define the best liberal arts and sciences preparation for the age of AI.

... Lead a key set of high-impact research areas that distinguish the "Alma Mater of Innovation" in the 21st century?

This spring, William & Mary earned the prestigious "R1" Carnegie research designation. R1 is the highest level of research productivity a university can achieve. We accomplished this rise while also maintaining distinctive excellence in undergraduate education; we did so by prioritizing specific areas of research excellence, such as coastal science, Colonial American history and global development.

... Be known as the cradle of leadership and leaders?

The Alma Mater of the Nation has graduated civic-minded innovators since long before the founding of the United States. Contemporary graduates include championship-winning coaches, startup founders, award-winning filmmakers and comedians, CEOs and more. Our strategy for the next quarter century builds on this legacy. We aim to raise William & Mary's profile as the place to come for aspiring presidents in all walks of life, continuing this exhilarating legacy.

Stay tuned this year as W&M explores these strategic opportunities and more, constant to our evergreen mission and curious to transform in ways that deepen our relevance and impact.

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A REMARKABLE FIND

'Groundbreaking' Discoveries

*Archaeology at W&M deepens
understanding of the historic
Williamsburg Bray School*

BY DANNY DEVLIN

BENEATH WILLIAM & MARY'S ROBERT M. GATES Hall, archaeologists this summer uncovered a remarkable find: the near-complete 18th-century foundation of the Williamsburg Bray School. The Bray School, one of the oldest known institutions in North America dedicated to the education of enslaved and free Black children, operated on the site from 1760 to 1765. Its foundations were thought to be only partially intact.

Researchers also discovered a previously undocumented cellar, layered with centuries of artifacts. The discoveries provide a new portal into the site's past, providing a more complete story of the Williamsburg Bray School, its scholars and their impact.

"As the United States prepares to mark its 250th anniversary, William & Mary is embracing its role as a steward of the nation's origin stories — and as a catalyst for their expansion," says President Katherine A. Rowe.

"The discovery of this cellar is thrilling," Rowe adds. "The roots of our city and university entwine here. Every layer of history that it reveals gives us new insights into our early republic, from the Williamsburg Bray School through the generations that followed, up through the early 20th century."

LAYERED WITH HISTORY

The foundation and cellar discoveries were first made early this spring by Colonial Williamsburg

UNEARTHED: Michele L. Brumfield, senior researcher at W&M Center for Archaeological Research, walks along a piece of the original foundation of the Williamsburg Bray School during the excavation of Gates Hall.

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RETURN TO W&M:
Heather Little M.A. '23 and Madeline Dorton '24 are archaeological field technicians working on the project. Little has a master's degree in anthropology and Dorton majored in history at W&M.



Foundation (CWF) archaeologists conducting preliminary investigations for the Gates Hall renovation project. The W&M Real Estate Foundation is managing the renovation and expansion on behalf of the W&M Foundation. Since the spring, the W&M Center for Archaeological Research (the Center), under the leadership of Elizabeth J. Monroe and David Lewes, has expanded the excavation and led artifact recovery.

The cellar is sizeable: approximately 36 by 18 feet. Two distinct levels are emerging. The Center team has exposed the bottom of the cellar almost 18 inches higher than the previous depth found by the CWF team.

"It looks like the cellar was a partial cellar, and had different floor levels potentially," says Center Project Archaeologist Tom Higgins. "It's not a brick-lined cellar — it was probably dug soon after the foundations were laid."

In addition to the foundation and cellar, their work is revealing a rich archaeological story that stretches from the 18th century to the mid-20th century. Each excavated layer reveals more discoveries: jewelry, slate pencil fragments, sherds of pottery and vases, buttons — the stuff of everyday life, the ephemera of history.

The excavations also reveal the people who created or used these objects, from the Indigenous and enslaved creators of colonoware pottery to the 20th-century residents of Brown Hall who left behind sherds of Greek Revival ceramics and decorative items. Before it was moved down Prince George Street in 1930, the original Williamsburg Bray School building housed Methodist women attending William & Mary from 1924-1930. These students were among the first generations

of women to attend college in the U.S. The significance of these discoveries is amplified by the site's connection to the Williamsburg Bray School.

A favorite recovery of the team is a fragment of glass depicting Minerva, Roman goddess of wisdom, justice, war and the arts. The Minerva shard juxtaposes with a piece of late 19th century or early 20th century flatware, painted with a Greek meandros pattern. "We know that the girls at Brown Hall were furnishing their dorms," says Michele L. Brumfield, senior researcher at the Center. "So maybe they were bringing in things like this."

The team is careful not to draw too many conclusions from what they are finding — yet. "It's early days," Monroe adds. Bagged and labeled on site, artifacts are housed at the lab at the Center for further study.

SPACES OF ENGAGEMENT

Plans are underway to incorporate the archaeological discoveries, as well as photographs and other documents, into a permanent exhibit inside Gates Hall. The exhibit will be co-curated with members of the Williamsburg Bray School Descendant Community and other stakeholders. Their stories — once lost to the recesses of the cellar — will enlighten students and visitors.

Other artifacts are being examined, conserved and held by The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, where they will join additional items connected to the site for display at the Colin G. and Nancy N. Campbell Archaeology Center, scheduled to open in 2026.

At Gates Hall, the intention is to outline the foundation of the original Bray School on the floor.

PHOTO: ALFRED HERCZEG '23

A portion of the foundation has been excavated and, if feasible, will be displayed in the exhibit.

The renovation at Gates Hall, made possible by a \$30 million gift from an anonymous alumna, represents William & Mary's commitment to addressing 21st-century challenges through interdisciplinary collaboration. The building will house the Global Research Institute, the Institute for Integrative Conservation and the Whole of Government Center of Excellence. Ann Marie Stock, presidential liaison for Strategic Cultural Partnerships, is leading shared efforts to interpret the exhibit that will be housed at the site. She envisions a portal which will shed light on those who traversed the site over centuries: "foragers and farmers, singers and soldiers, clerks and clergy, dancers, drummers, weavers, writers, teachers, learners and so many others."

Maureen Elgersman Lee, director of the W&M Bray School Lab, sees new directions for her team's research: "What else are we about to learn? We are not done understanding the history of the Williamsburg Bray School or the history of Black education. We are not done learning the history of this area, and we are certainly not done learning the history of this country."



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TELLTALE TRACES:
Archaeologists found this fragment of glass containing a depiction of Minerva, the Roman goddess of wisdom, war and the arts.

W&M WEST

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF W&M'S HIGHLAND

BEFORE HE WAS THE NATION'S FIFTH PRESIDENT, James Monroe was a William & Mary student in the Class of 1776. For the past 50 years, the site of his home in Albemarle County, Virginia, has been part of William & Mary's campus.

James Monroe's Highland uncovers and shares the stories of the many diverse individuals who lived there, connecting their stories to Virginia history. Affectionately called "William & Mary West," it serves as a western Virginia location for W&M student and faculty research, for classes and internships, and for alumni to gather. Visitors to the site can explore the museum, view ongoing conservation projects, hike the trails or attend programs.

To celebrate 50 years, Highland is collaborating with the W&M Alumni Association's Charlottesville-Highland network on a speaker series highlighting various aspects of Highland's history. The site will also host a Yule Log celebration in December.

"We're excited to highlight collaborative learning at Highland while celebrating 50 years of William & Mary stewardship," says Sara Bon-Harper, executive director of James Monroe's Highland.

Learn more at magazine.wm.edu/highland-50th.



AN ANSWERED KNOCK

George Lock '72, M.A. '75 and Professor David Thompson

BY JACOB A. MILLER '18

WHEN GEORGE LOCK '72, M.A. '75 ARRIVED at William & Mary in 1968, he was a bright student from a small, rural high school, not yet prepared for the academic rigor of university life.

"I got really good grades in high school without a lot of work," he recalls. "Then I got to William & Mary and was quite taken aback by what the expectations were — it was a struggle."

Even through the challenges, Lock persevered, ultimately earning both his undergraduate and master's degrees in chemistry. But it was a turning point in his senior year — an act of understanding from a professor — that helped him to reach those goals and shaped his career and life.

That professor was David Thompson, now Chancellor Professor of Chemistry (emeritus).

"I just knocked on his door and asked him if he would consider taking me on for a senior research project," Lock says. "I don't remember why I went to him — I had never had him as a professor, and I certainly wasn't at the top of the class. But he said yes. That turned out to be critical for the rest of my life."

"I grew up in a family that valued education,"

Thompson says. "However, my parents placed even greater emphasis on character. After having an extensive conversation with George, I realized that he was intellectually capable, but it was his maturity of character that stood out."

Thompson insists that Lock's success was rooted in his own ability and character, with Thompson simply "handing him the ball" to run with. He describes mentoring Lock as an undeserved gift and one of the great highlights of his William & Mary career.

"From the very beginning of my post-bacca-

laureate chemistry career," Thompson says, "I learned that character plays a more significant role in achieving success than the rigid environment of the academic classroom, particularly in the teaching of science."

Under Thompson's mentorship, Lock discovered his strength in hands-on work, problem-solving and real-world research. After a then-requisite military obligation, Lock came back to earn his graduate degree. Thompson helped to continue not only his academic knowledge, but also broadened immensely his perception of independent research in his future profession.

"Most people focus on the top students in the class," Lock says. "Very few focus on the bottom. But he did. Had he not done that, none of the rest of my story would have happened. None of it. And it affected my whole life — my daughter's life, my grandchildren's lives. It trickles down."

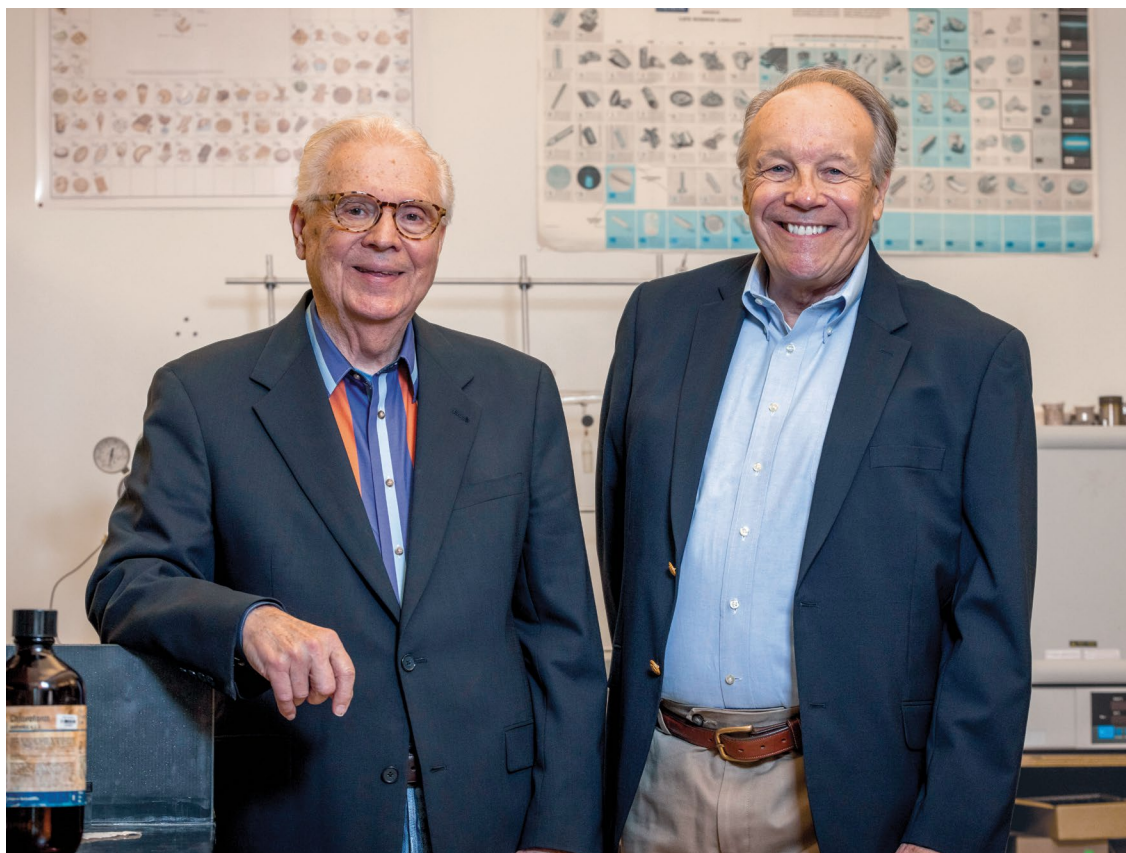
When Lock went to apply for work in research and development, he had no idea that his mentor had written unsolicited letters of recommendation to leading chemical companies across the nation to help him land successfully following graduation.

"I wanted to do everything possible to prevent prospective employers from overlooking his application based solely on a few grades and numbers," Thompson remembers. "After all, people are far more complex than what appears on an academic transcript."

Thompson recalls that although Lock excelled in his master's coursework, his greatest distinction lay in his remarkable skill and dedication in the laboratory. Over Thompson's 45 years at William & Mary, he considered Lock the finest experimentalist he ever taught, a judgment reflected in the three published papers that emerged from Lock's thesis research. Strengthened by Thompson's support, their collaboration and Lock's own persistence, Lock went on to a distinguished career in research and development that spanned more than three decades.

"I didn't even know he had written it," laughs Lock when remembering Thompson's recommendation. "Six months after I was hired, they

"I wanted to do everything possible to prevent prospective employers from overlooking his application based solely on a few grades and numbers. After all, people are far more complex than what appears on an academic transcript."



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**FROM MENTOR
TO FRIEND:**
Lock and Thompson continue to meet regularly in Williamsburg, a testament to their lifelong friendship that started more than 50 years ago.

showed me the letter. He had refuted the logical perusal of my transcript and focused instead on the quality of my research experience.”

Lock began his career at Hercules Incorporated, a global chemical manufacturer headquartered in Wilmington, Delaware, where he specialized in research and development for thermoplastic elastomers and creping fibrous webs. Over the course of more than three decades, he contributed to innovations that advanced the company’s product lines, earning patents for resin adhesives and other applications. His work bridged laboratory research with practical industrial solutions, often requiring the same problem-solving and persistence that had been nurtured during his years under Thompson’s guidance.

Rising to manage significant projects and teams, Lock became a respected leader before changing fields following a brief period of retirement. After retiring from Hercules, Lock co-founded a financial management business with a former colleague, helping older clients and those without close family navigate personal finances, estate planning and day-to-day money management with care and integrity.

Now fully retired and living in rural Pennsylvania, playing banjo in a bluegrass band in his free time, Lock thinks often about that turning point connection with Thompson. Through a gift to William & Mary — establishing the Thompson

Chemistry Research Endowment through a planned gift — he aims to create the same kind of transformative opportunities for future students.

“If that enables other students to be taken under somebody’s wing that cares about them, then that’s great,” he says. “That’s really what it’s all about.”

Reflecting on the creation of the endowment, Thompson downplays his own role and emphasizes that the true reward has already been his former student’s success.

“Quite honestly, I feel unworthy of such generosity,” demurs Thompson. “Sufficient reward for me has been the privilege of witnessing George’s success, which is all the acknowledgment I could ever desire.”

Over the decades, Lock has remained close with his former professor, who is now retired and lives in Williamsburg. He visits Thompson regularly during trips to campus, often when he is traveling with his band or seeing other friends from his college days. Even now, more than 50 years later, the two still meet for lunch.

Thanks to Lock’s generosity, future William & Mary students will have the chance to be seen, mentored and transformed — and perhaps create lasting bonds for decades to come.

Lock reflects: “A single open door, a single act of faith from a faculty member, changed everything for me.”



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CLASS OF 2025 BREAKS GIVING RECORD

An extraordinary 84% of members of the Class of 2025 gave to their Senior Class Gift, the highest percentage of participating seniors on record. • The Senior Class Gift is a longstanding tradition of student philanthropy at William & Mary. Rather than being one collective gift, the Senior Class Gift includes donations from seniors to any area of William & Mary of their choosing. This year, the class raised more than \$40,097 to 247 areas of the university. • The initiative is run by Students for University Advancement, a student organization that educates, engages and excites current William & Mary students about the importance and impact of supporting W&M now and after graduation. The Senior Class Gift Committee, led by co-chairs Ronan Gormley '25 and Marshall Kagan '25 and SUA chair Isabella Esposito '25, planned events to encourage student giving, including 31 Mug Nights. For a donation matching their class year (in this case, \$20.25) to any area of William & Mary, seniors received a 32-ounce mug, which could be used at local establishments for deals on food and drinks. "It's about building meaningful relationships, creating opportunities for others, and strengthening the bonds in the broader campus community," says Anna Dawson '25, SUA communications chair. Read more at magazine.wm.edu/senior-class-gift-2025. —CLAIRE DE LISLE M.B.A. '21

Bringing the World to W&M

Global scholars' experiences add intercultural dimensions to the university

BY DOROTHY (YIJING) GAO '24 & TOMOS LLYWELYN EVANS PH.D. '25

WILLIAM & MARY'S OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, Scholars & Programs, housed in the Reves Center for International Studies, serves William & Mary's thriving community of international students, scholars, faculty, staff and their families. International students make up just over 5% of the graduate and undergraduate population

at W&M, with 517 enrolled during the 2024-25 academic year. While gaining an education themselves, these students also help others increase their understanding of the world. Here, two alumni who came to W&M as international students share how they benefited from their time at the university and the impact they had at William & Mary.

SHAPED BY PERSONAL STORIES

Before coming to William & Mary, I already knew I wanted to be part of the global effort to fight climate change. But I also knew that in a field shaped by shifting geopolitics, evolving technologies and ethical complexity, I needed more than just technical knowledge — I needed an education that was interdisciplinary, people-centered and globally minded. That's what took me to Williamsburg from Shanghai, 7,300 miles away.

W&M's environment and sustainability major was what first attracted me. Through it, I've been able to explore environmental issues from every angle: from the science behind global warming in my first geology class to the discussions of environmental equity and carbon market concepts in sociology and economics. One of my favorite classes was "Sustainability-Inspired Design & Innovation" at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business, where we were tasked to redesign real-world products to make them more sustainable. That experience opened my eyes to the role of the private sector in climate solutions and led me to an internship with Michelin's sustainability department, where I helped communicate their sustainability efforts to their employees, suppliers and customers.

Another throughline of my time at W&M was being part of the William & Mary Global Innovation Challenge (WMGIC), a student-run competition that brings together teams from more than 30 countries to pitch solutions for global issues. As event director, I worked with NATO representatives, oversaw logistics and coordinated student teams across time zones. The experience of learning how to connect diverse voices to create real solutions prepared me to serve as a youth delegate at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, called COP27.

At COP27, I coordinated panels and interviews with youth leaders from around the world. When sharing my own thoughts, I realized my perspective was shaped not only by my personal experiences, but also by the voices of others at W&M. It was shaped by my friends from Bangladesh, who brought to the table experiences of actually living through extreme weather, and by classmates working on conservation projects in Kenya. In those moments, I saw how deeply personal stories can lead to shared wisdom and global understanding. Back at W&M, I was also invited to share my reflections in my environmental ethics class — a reminder that these exchanges don't end with a single event; they continue to evolve through community.

Now, as I continue my master's in environmental studies after completing a summer internship focused on energy transition research, I carry what I gained from W&M with me — not just in knowledge, but in the global friendships, leadership skills and my deeply held belief that solving climate change requires many voices, across many borders.

Dorothy (Yijing) Gao '24 is a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania and recent intern with BloombergNEF in Shanghai, China.

NAVIGATING RESEARCH ACROSS CONTINENTS

My journey at William & Mary began in 2017 after I participated in archaeological excavations in Nigeria with Gérard Chouin, associate professor of history. I joined his project to study West African linear earthwork structures, specifically Sungbo's Eredo in southern Nigeria. This massive earth-

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work, thought to have been constructed around 1400 A.D., once surrounded the Ijebu Yoruba kingdom. It is 100 miles in its circumference, making it Africa's largest known structure and among the largest on earth. My Ph.D. studies focused on understanding its construction, uses and meanings, and were supervised by two leading scholars of African earthworks: Chouin and Neil Norman, associate professor of anthropology.

I thrived at William & Mary thanks to the quality of supervision, the strength of its academic departments and the generous research funding I was provided — including assistance from the International Student Scholarship Fund, Douglas N. Morton Graduate Fellowship for Anthropology and funding from the Office of Graduate Studies, Graduate Studies Advisory Board and Anthropology Graduate Student Research Fund. Piecing together the complex history of a structure as vast and significant as Sungbo's Eredo took a lot of work, travel and careful study of archaeological sites, archives and sacred spaces. My research involved leading archaeological excavations at Sungbo's Eredo, participating in shrine rituals in Nigeria's Lagos State and delving into the archives of past archaeologists, colonial agents and missionaries from San Francisco to London to Cape Town, South Africa.

As a student from Wales, my international and intercultural engagement made me well equipped to adapt to new research contexts in Europe, Africa and the United States as I pieced together the "jig-

saw puzzle" of Sungbo's Eredo. Walking through the deep, extensive trench of this mysterious monument, now overgrown with rainforest, I thought of the thousands of hands that painstakingly dug the land to produce it. By the end, I had developed a rich understanding of how this enigmatic structure had been used in the protection of the kingdom and regulation of its hinterlands across centuries.

Since receiving my doctorate, I've been working as an assistant professor at Washington University in St. Louis. My experience at William & Mary prepared me well for this in the teaching and service experience that I gained and in the wealth of research that I undertook and am now publishing. My work, in turn, has contributed to William & Mary's growing role as a leading institution in the research and study of West African history. The university is a center for archaeological work in Nigeria, is home to the globally significant Harley collection of Liberian art at the anthropology department, and hosts accomplished members of faculty with expertise in Nigerian, Beninois and Ghanaian history. It was truly a pleasure and an adventure being at the university and contributing to its global partnerships.

Tomos Llywelyn Evans Ph.D. '25 studied anthropology at W&M and is an assistant professor of art history and archaeology and African and African American studies at Washington University in St. Louis.

250 YEARS

A COMPANY OF MILITIA

As the United States prepares to observe the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, William & Mary commemorates 250 years since the formation of the College Camp. Formed by Patrick Henry in October 1775 and located near present-day Kaplan Arena, the College Camp became the gathering place for Virginia militia. There, in 1777, the College Company was established with William & Mary students in its ranks. • The company participated in four documented actions during the Revolution: twice responding to British assaults in the Norfolk, Hampton Roads and Southside Virginia areas, harassing British troops from the trees in the Wren Yard and joining other American forces at the Battle of Yorktown. W&M maintains strong connections to the military today through ROTC and NROTC units and the Association of 1775, an affinity group for alumni who have served in the military and federal government. Read a reflection by Brit Erslev '97 and Charles Bowery '92 on W&M's history of national service at magazine.wm.edu/college-camp. — ANNIE POWELL M.A. '18, PH.D. '24

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

W&M Welcomes New Students

Opening Convocation featured Darpan Kapadia '95

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LET THEM THROUGH!:
Returning students called for the new class to walk through the Wren Building to be greeted on the other side. Below: Speaker Darpan Kapadia '95 advised students, "Don't just check boxes, but take risks."

THE UNIVERSITY WELCOMED NEARLY 1,900 FIRST-year and transfer students to campus this fall. The newcomers include students from across the United States and around the world, representing 45 states plus Washington, D.C., and 23 countries. International students make up 3% of the class. In addition, 9% are first-generation college students, and there are a record number of Pell Grant recipients.

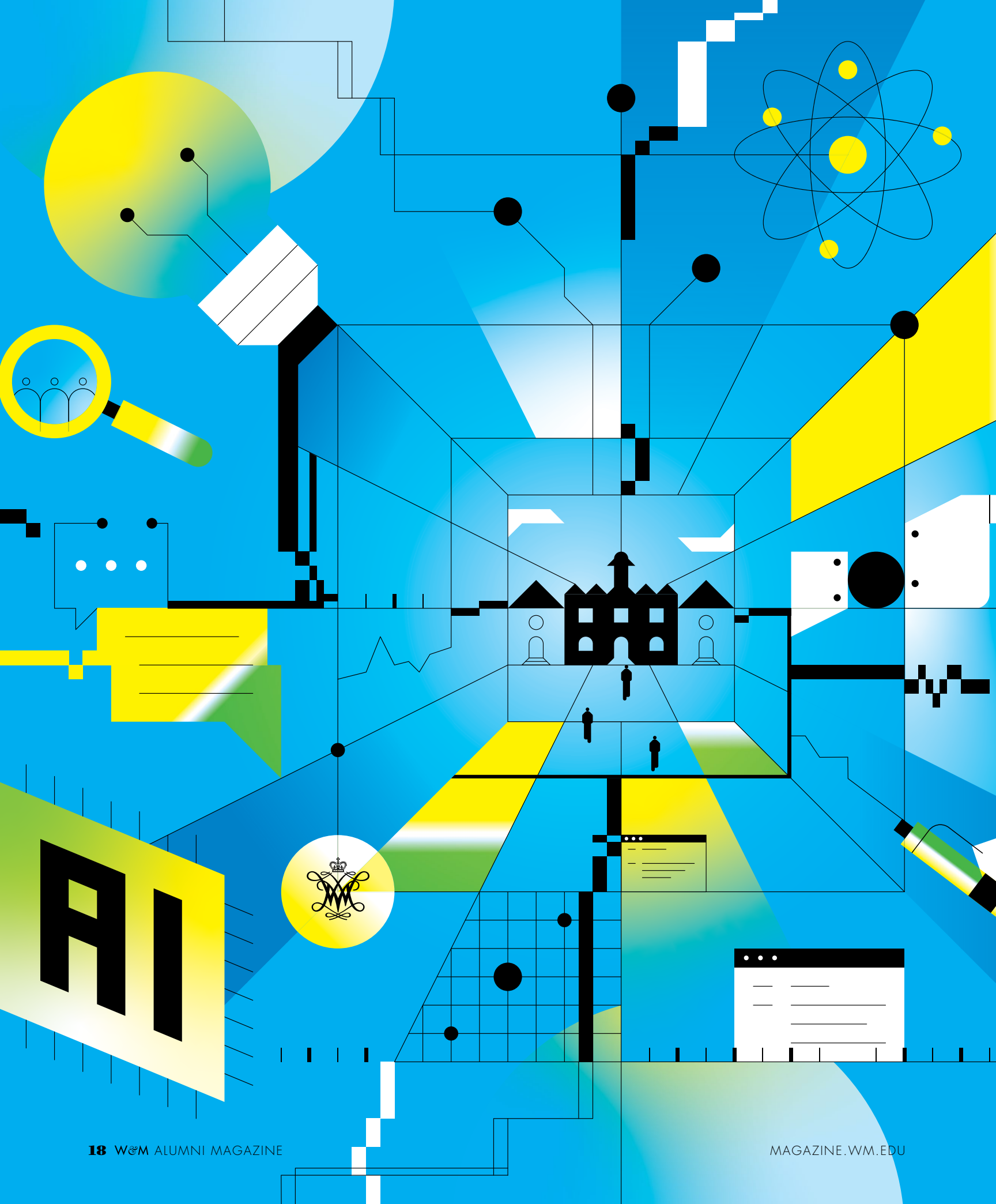
Darpan Kapadia '95, chief operating officer of LS Power and incoming chair of the William & Mary Foundation Board of Trustees, was speaker for this year's Opening Convocation. He said hard work and determination are a cornerstone of the student experience, but Kapadia encouraged students not to get caught on the "treadmill of life": Don't just check boxes, but take risks.

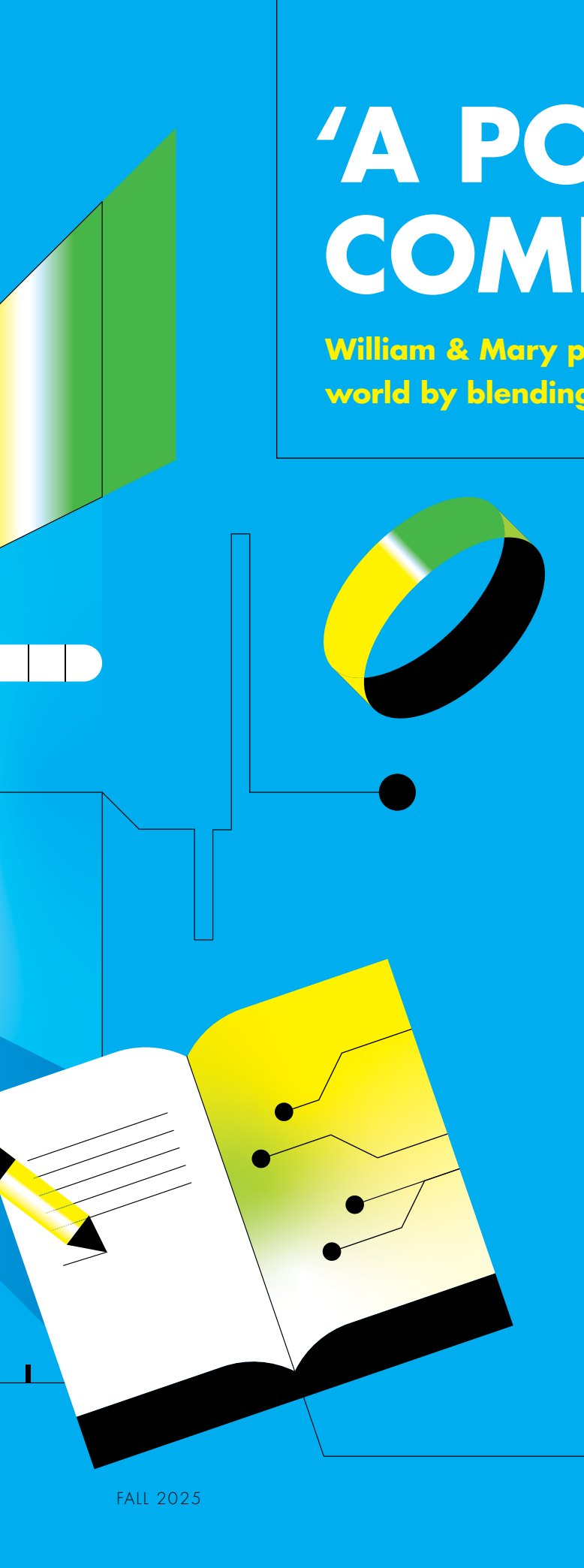
"We want to give you the freedom to try new things, to explore new passions," he said, noting his support for internships and applied learning experiences for students. "The prescribed and predictable rarely lead to something truly worthwhile."

Read more and explore at magazine.wm.edu/convocation-2025.



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'A POTENT COMBINATION'

William & Mary prepares students for an AI-transformed world by blending technical excellence with human insight

STORY BY **TINA ESHLEMAN**

ILLUSTRATIONS BY **YANN SADI**

Artificial intelligence is swiftly reshaping how people worldwide live, learn, work and solve problems. Greater efficiency in business and government, faster service for customers, advancements in medical treatment and accelerated research to solve global challenges are among the most promising developments. But great progress inevitably comes with disruption. The rise of AI is also accompanied by concerns about job losses, data privacy and information warfare.

William & Mary is approaching this time of enormous change as a defining opportunity — one that calls for thoughtful leadership, creative exploration and human-centered innovation. That vision is taking shape through the new School of Computing, Data Sciences & Physics in collaboration with partners across campus and with the alumni community. Officially launched in July, W&M's first new school in over 50 years represents the university's next big leap in equipping students, faculty, staff and alumni to lead with fluency and responsibility in a world transformed by emerging technologies.

Here, the dean of the new school and others who are shaping this future share their perspectives.

PROMOTING FLUENCY

“Part of our mission as a school is to help make sure that anybody on campus — whether they’re in our school or arts & sciences or the school of education or the business school — has an opportunity to learn how to master AI tools,” says Doug Schmidt ’84, M.A. ’86, dean of the new School of Computing, Data Sciences & Physics (CDSP).

The need for graduates who know how to use AI effectively is becoming increasingly clear through what Schmidt sees as a “digital chasm” developing between those who have technological knowledge and those who don’t.

“That is going to cause a huge rift in the workforce of tomorrow because the people who have those advanced skills are going to be hundreds, if not thousands, of times more productive than people who don’t,” he says. “I think we’re going to see a huge upheaval in our society. It’s already happening. That’s why it’s so important for places like William & Mary to think strategically about how we are preparing our students to be competitive.”

Because widespread use of AI is so new, he says, “part of our role as a school is to help students become more fluent.” Schmidt expects that to change as incoming students start to arrive with more exposure to AI: “They’re going to be probably fairly facile with AI, but there will be gaps in other areas that they would have learned through a more traditional education process.”

The challenge then becomes how to nurture analytical reasoning, effective communication and other foundational skills.

“William & Mary is well-positioned to do this because we have that wonderful tradition of liberal arts and independent thinking,” Schmidt says. “We’re giving people a world-class education in the foundational liberal arts and sciences and humanities, while also giving them the opportunity to work with cutting-edge tools with AI and automation. It’s that combination that’s our value proposition. As usual, the ampersand makes all the difference.”

A new minor in AI is available through the CDSP this fall, with a major planned for the next academic year. (See cdsp.wm.edu/about/ai/.)

Schmidt says the school will emphasize internships and research opportunities to prepare students for AI-driven careers and graduate school programs, while incorporating ethical integration of AI in classes and pursuing strategic partnerships with business and industry.

“Business acumen is going to be important,” he says. “We’re working closely with our partners at the business school to give our CDSP students an opportunity to minor in business.”

A business minor combined with technological skills, internship experience and a liberal arts background is a potent combination, he says. “People who have that combination of experience

and skills are going to be a lot more competitive. If you really want to future-proof yourself as a college graduate who will hit the ground running and be marketable right out of the chute, it’s going to be this liberal arts foundation, which is about communication, reading and writing, coupled with technology.”

One of the consequences as AI becomes more pervasive is a reluctance to trust written material because of uncertainty about who wrote it, he says. “Employers increasingly are going to be looking at how people perform, how they present

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themselves.” To maintain competitiveness, Schmidt envisions continued engagement with W&M graduates as they progress in their careers, through specialized courses and webinars.

As part of W&M’s commitment to be a career partner for life, Schmidt says, “We should be helping to inform and enrich and empower our alumni by giving them access to AI tools that will make them more effective.”

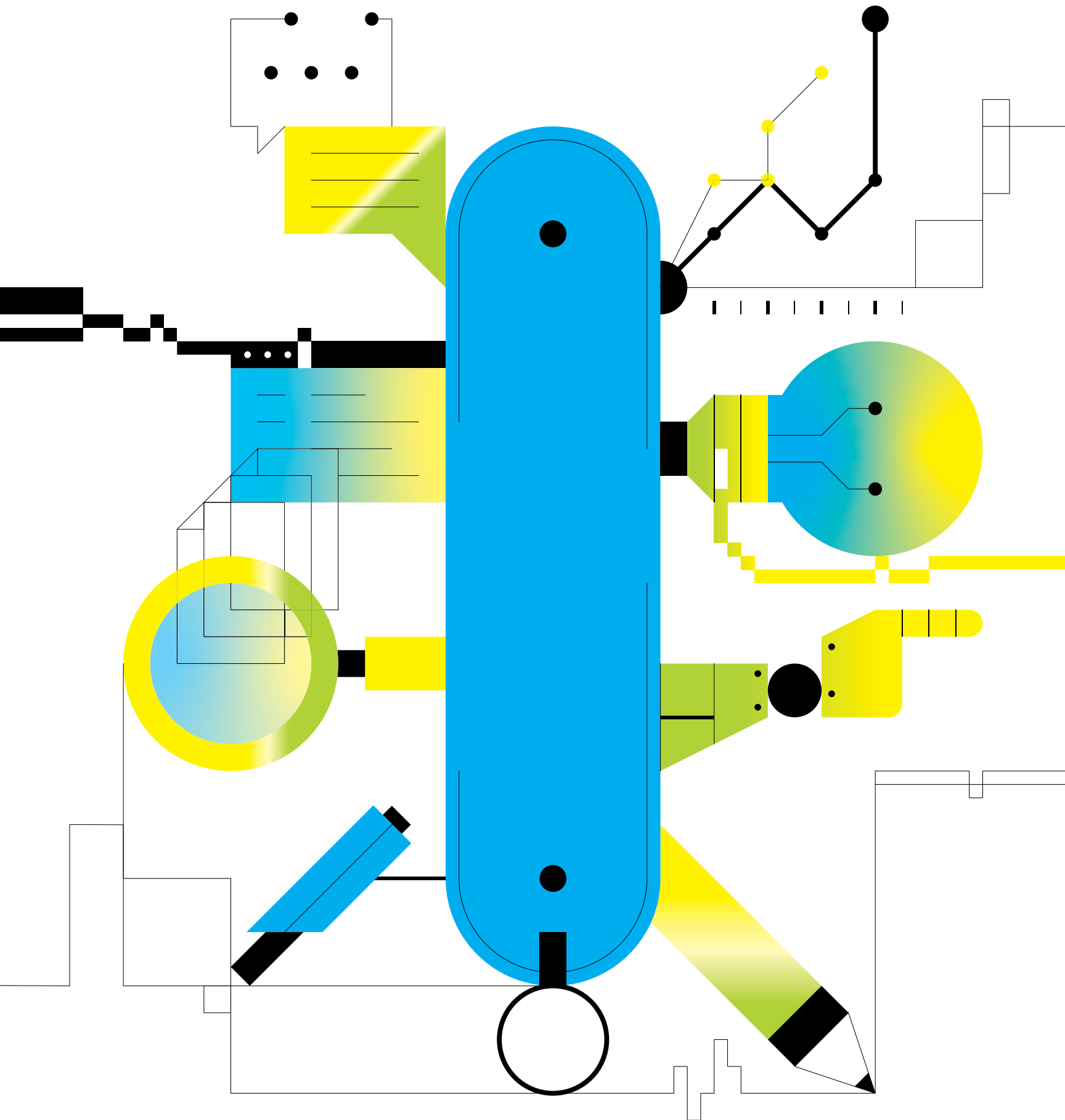
PULLING BACK THE CURTAIN

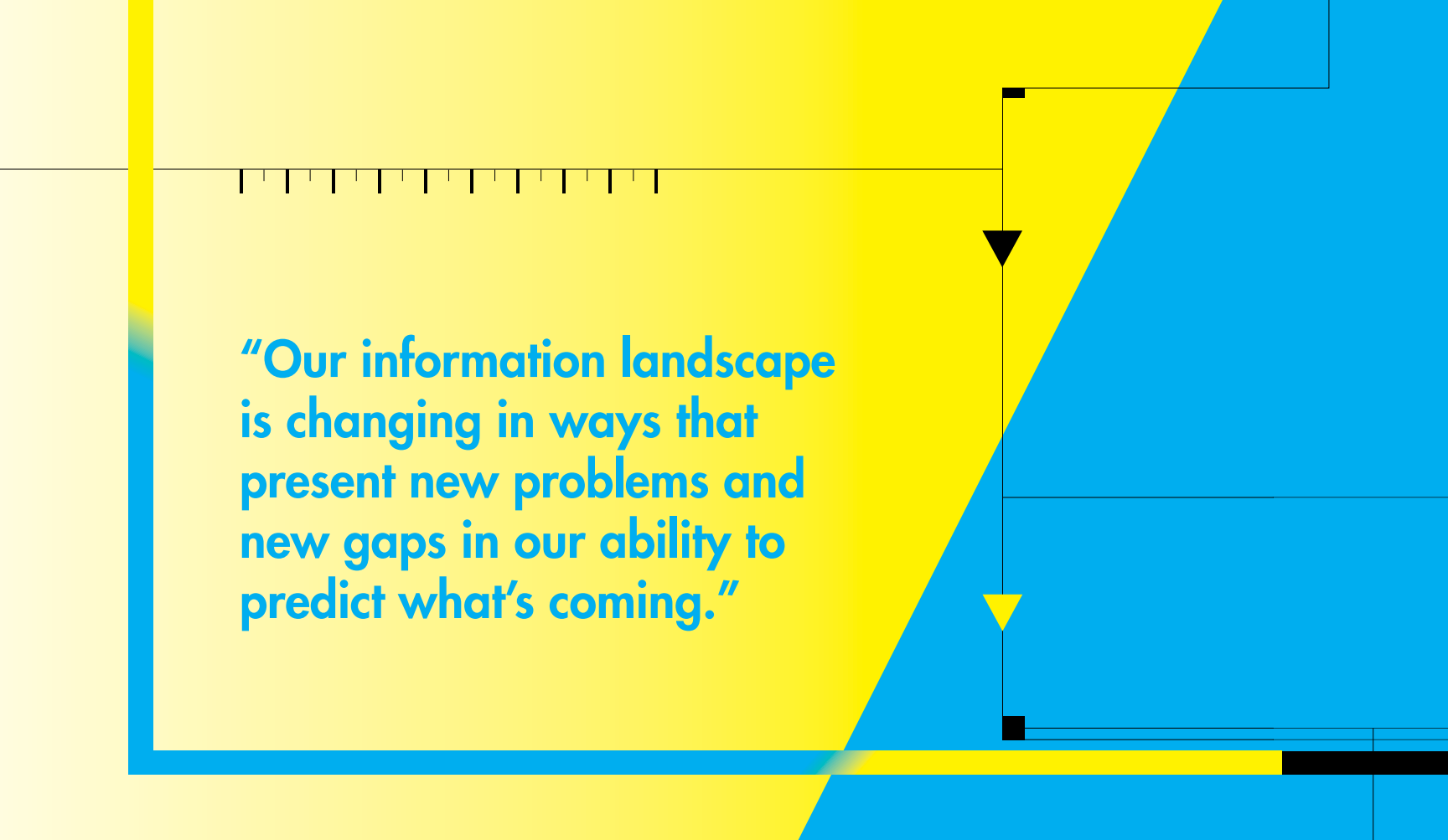
“AI is like a magic trick happening all around us. It writes, paints, sings, even drives cars. Zillow estimates real estate values using neural networks,” says Tingting (Rachel) Chung, who teaches in the MBA and Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSBA) programs at William & Mary’s Raymond A. Mason School of Business. “Buzzwords like deep learning and hyperparameters are everywhere, and yet most people feel like they are watching a magic show they do not understand.”

Chung, whose courses include machine learning and advanced modeling techniques, was addressing an audience at the Sadler Center during the “TEDx William & Mary 2025: Accelerating Innovation” event in March. It’s part of a mission she has taken on to help the community beyond the business school better understand AI.

When she started teaching an AI course at the business school in the spring of 2022, she says, very few students expected artificial intelligence to be a focus of their careers. “When ChatGPT came out in November 2022, the world turned 360 degrees,” Chung says. “Now everybody talks about AI.”

Learn more about the new minor in AI and paths of study at the School of Computing, Data Sciences & Physics at cdsp.wm.edu/about/ai/.





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Since then, she has facilitated programs for W&M faculty and staff, and has added a weekend elective course for students. The business school is encouraging faculty to incorporate AI into accounting, finance and marketing and other specialty areas. This past summer, Chung conducted a seminar at William & Mary's Entrepreneurship Hub called "How AI Works" for about two dozen students, faculty, staff, alumni and Williamsburg-area residents. She also co-wrote an activity book, "AI the Magic Box" — with Alisa Yang '25, Danielle Seay '25 and Rani Banjarian M.S. '20 — to foster technological literacy among middle school-age students.

Using artificial intelligence is a bit like driving a car, Chung says: "You don't have to be a mechanic to drive a car, but you need to know enough about how it works to know if it's operating correctly."

In her TEDx talk, she uses illustrations from her book to show how the "Magic Box" receives input, converts words or phrases — known as "tokens" — to numbers, assigns them weights and multiplies data values to predict an outcome. ChatGPT, for example, mimics interactions based on 500 billion tokens it accessed through the internet.

"The guess can be right, but usually Magic Box guesses wrong," she says. "Like a child learning

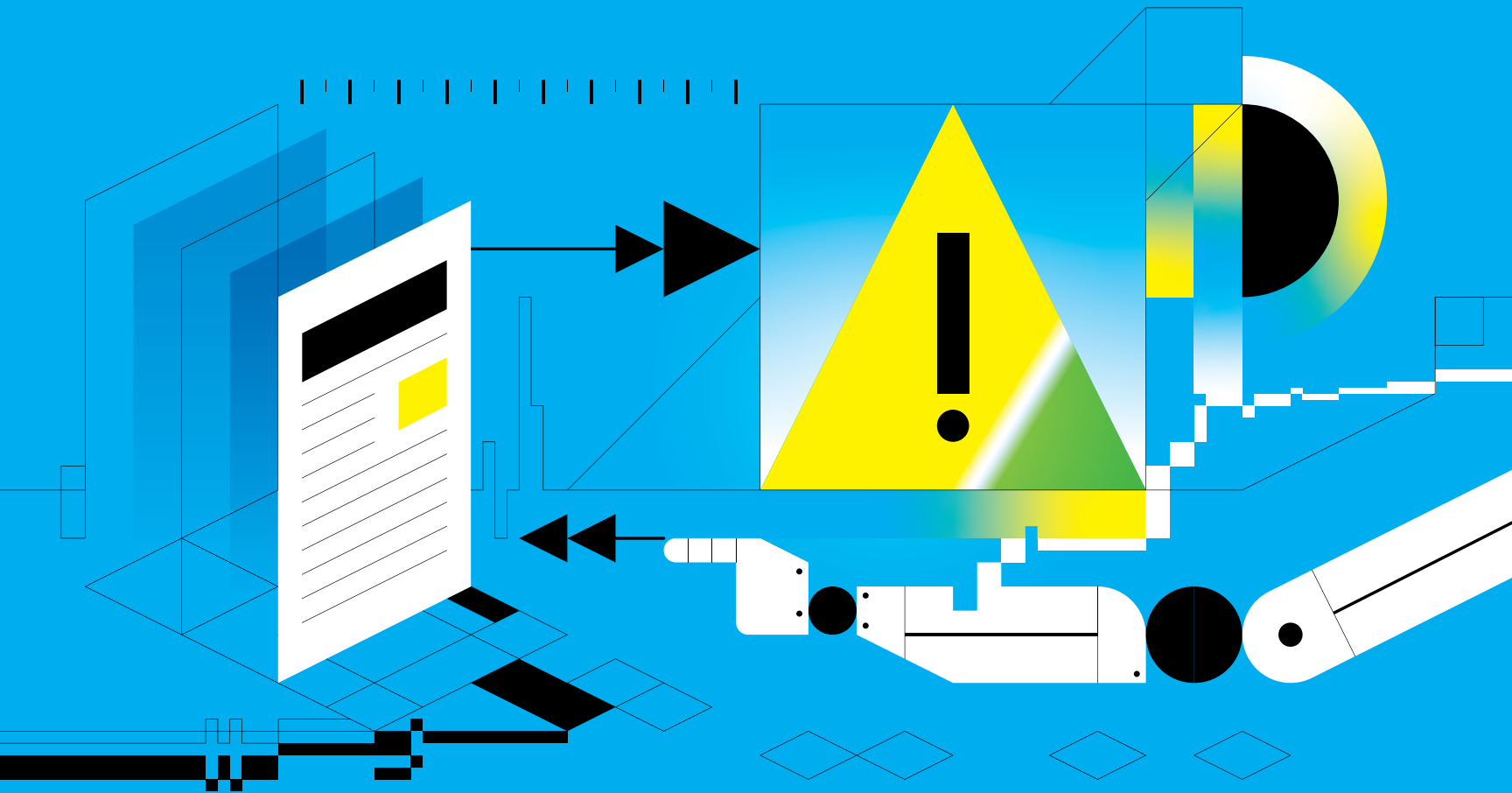
to ride a bike, Magic Box fails, wobbles and tries again by adjusting weights and refining guesses over and over again until he gets closer to the correct answer." At the end of her talk, Chung says, "We have pulled back the curtain and revealed AI as an adorable Magic Box that's really good at guessing, where its real magic is math."

However, the true power of AI lies in how we choose to use it, she says. "The real question is, are we going to let AI remain a magic trick or are we going to learn how AI works and use it to accelerate innovation, cure cancer and bring us world peace? The choice is ours."

SECURITY AND PRIVACY

"Our information landscape is changing in ways that present new problems and new gaps in our ability to predict what's coming," says Trenton W. Ford, an assistant professor of data science at William & Mary and director of the Ford AI and Society Lab. China, for example, used to have clearly defined paths in which to communicate with American citizens, he says. Through social media, "those paths are blown wide open in terms of the ability to engage and interfere and influence."

Ford, who teaches courses on machine learning and generative AI, was a featured expert in the



recent NATO academic conference on societal resilience in the digital age. Held in London from June 30-July 1, the conference considered how democratic societies can confront threats from disinformation and cognitive warfare in the form of AI-generated content and deepfakes.

Ford spoke about how technological tools such as those being created in his lab can be used to combat information warfare. He is the principal investigator on two projects with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), the central research and development arm of the U.S. Department of Defense. The projects simulate human behavior using digital “twins” based on the demographics of a community and leverage generative AI to create a modeling and simulation framework. The idea is to predict how people in a given community might respond to an event such as a disinformation campaign by an adversary and develop ways to defend against that.

The more sophisticated large language models like ChatGPT become, the more difficult it is to detect whether a message is coming from a chatbot, Ford says. For example, “it is entirely possible that in some of the most fervent arguments being had on social media, one of the parties is not human and the other party does not know.”

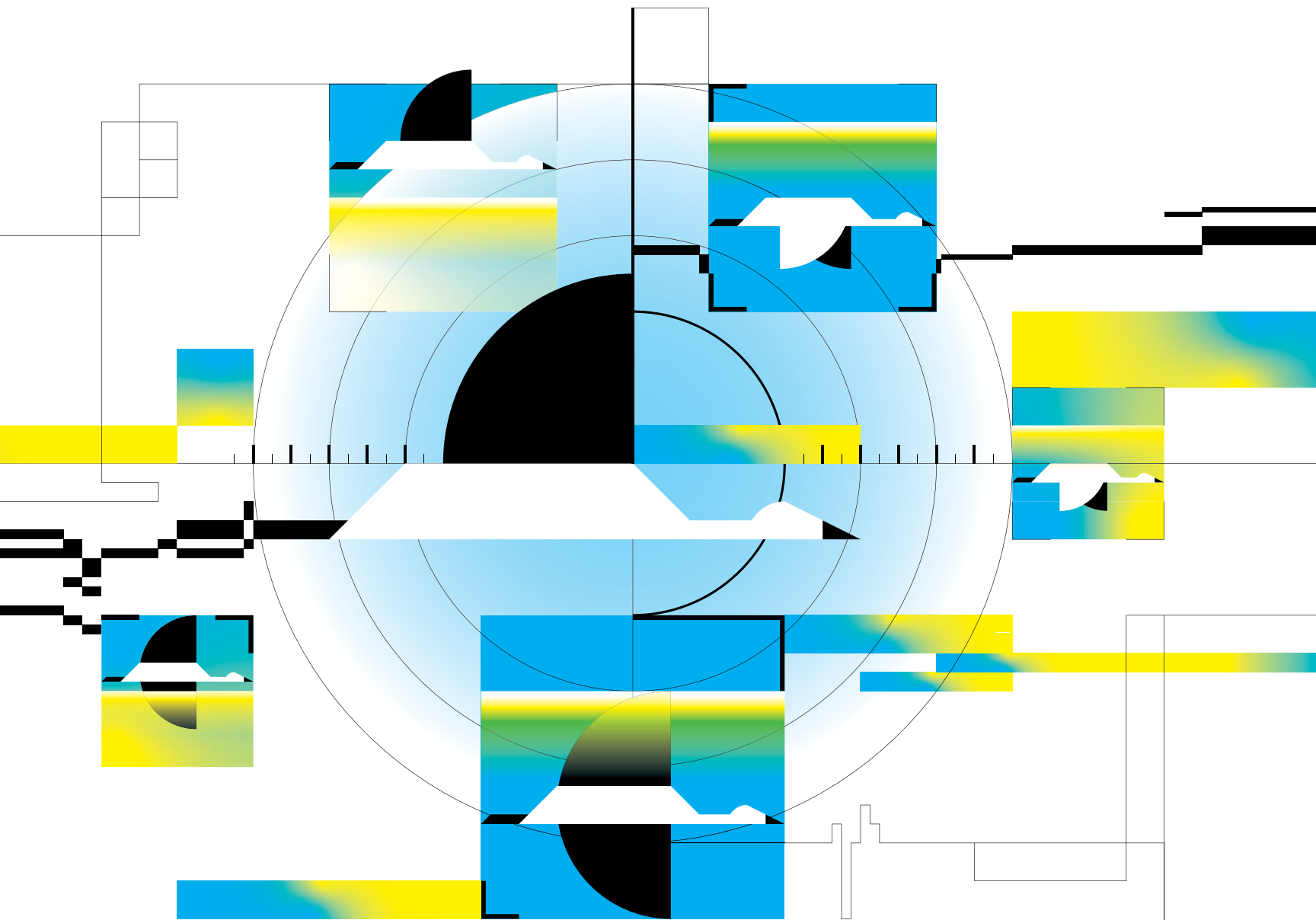
Experts at the conference considered how democratic societies can maintain trust in their institutions in such an environment.

“The large takeaway from the conference was, if you can’t quiet the messaging that you think is giving a distorted view of reality, you have to tell your story more convincingly,” he says. Appealing to the shared values of a country’s population can help guard against information warfare: “People will get better at digital literacy if they see it as patriotic to not be easily persuaded by enemies.”

William & Mary plays a role in strengthening democracy by equipping students to be leaders who understand how government systems are supposed to work, Ford says: “It’s hard to be misled if you’re at the front.”

Another faculty member advancing global conversations about AI is Margaret Hu, the Davison M. Douglas Professor of Law, founding director of the Digital Democracy Lab at W&M Law School and Global Research Institute (GRI) faculty affiliate.

Hu is a governance section editor for the online publication “AI in Society” published by Oxford University Press, among her other writing and media projects. She is also the author of a new textbook, “AI Law and Policy,” released by Aspen Publishing in July. Hu says the book, which covers



challenges presented by AI and other emerging technologies through a series of case studies, had been in the works for more than five years, but the timetable for publication was fast-tracked after the launch of ChatGPT.

“It used to be that AI in law schools was a sleepy subject,” she says. “Now every law school wants to offer it as a class.”

At William & Mary, the textbook will be featured this fall as part of the Global Scholars Program seminar on the topic of global policy, taught by GRI faculty members Ryan Musto, director of forums and research initiatives, and Kelly Houck '12, senior program manager of student initiatives.

A former White House policy advisor who has served as special policy counsel with the U.S. Department of Justice, Hu is regularly called upon as an expert witness by congressional leaders. She appeared most recently at a June

hearing, titled “Securing American’s Genetic Information: Privacy and National Security Concerns Surrounding 23andMe’s Bankruptcy Sale.”

The genetic testing company 23andMe, which holds personal data from millions of Americans, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in March. The hearing opened with House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer expressing concerns about whether the genetic database could fall into the hands of a foreign adversary.

As Hu explained in written testimony, the subject of the hearing was particularly urgent because “the topic of genetic data privacy, unfolding within the context of the bankruptcy proceedings of 23andMe, is simultaneously unfolding within the context of a larger crisis: inadequate federal data privacy and cybersecurity safeguards generally, and inadequate federal laws to address the challenges of the AI revolution.”



COUNTING CRANES: *Thousands of sandhill cranes forage in a field at a wildlife refuge. At right, Emilio Luz-Ricca '23 is shown next to the small airplane used to capture thermal images of the birds that were analyzed using AI.*



AI & CONSERVATION

“There is real potential with AI in terms of allowing us to see things from a zoomed-out perspective,” says Emilio Luz-Ricca '23, a Monroe Scholar and one of the first students at William & Mary to major in data science. Now a doctoral candidate at the University of Cambridge in England, he is combining zoology with computer science to explore how artificial intelligence can be used to advance conservation efforts.

It's a path he discovered as an undergraduate when he came across an application to work on a project to monitor populations of sandhill cranes in central Nebraska by using AI to analyze thermal imagery. Part of the Institute for Integrative Conservation's Conservation Research Program, the project involved William & Mary's Center for Geospatial Analysis, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the U.S. Geological Survey.

Although he had not taken a biology class since ninth grade, Luz-Ricca was drawn to the idea of applying technology to an environmental challenge. The Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) was looking for a more efficient way to count sandhill cranes, which are being monitored because overhunting has diminished the birds' numbers in the past.

Having a person manually count the cranes would be time-intensive and not cost-effective,

Luz-Ricca says. It's also difficult to count the birds during the day because they're dispersed over a wide area. They roost at night, when they're harder to see, and there could be up to 4,000 or 5,000 cranes clustered together. That's where thermal imaging comes in, since the birds' heads give off heat.

“It was an interesting methodological problem, too, because it we couldn't just take a machine-learning model off the shelf and apply it,” he says.

As a rising junior, Luz-Ricca worked with the conservation partners to develop and train an AI counting model, test which altitudes work best for the planes, collect the thermal images and figure out how to adjust for false positives — so the model doesn't mistakenly count rocks as birds, for example. He then became the lead author of an article about his research in the journal *Remote Sensing in Ecology and Conservation*.

Now in graduate school, he is researching the global effects of hunting in pushing mammals toward extinction.

“Artificial intelligence tools help us take raw field studies that only look at one population in one place and bring these together into a large aggregate data set,” he says. “If we bring enough of them together, we can start to make generalizations based on global patterns.”



Greg Wallig '94,
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Elaine Turville '96,
*managing director,
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TRANSFORMING THE WORKPLACE

"I believe there will be more job creation than destruction associated with AI," says Greg Wallig '94, chief strategy officer and an investor in THEIA Analytics Group. He cites estimates from the World Economic Forum that 170 million jobs will be created between 2025 and 2030, while 92 million jobs will be displaced. "That's disruptive and stressful, but the corollary is that there is more job potential. It's a matter of putting yourself into those new positions."

Wallig and Elaine Turville '96, managing director, strategy and consulting at Accenture Federal Services, spoke about "Building Purposeful Careers & Adapting to the AI Revolution" during this year's W&M Professional Development Week. His company assists stakeholders such as Wall Street investors and analysts, corporate advisors and public company executives in mitigating regulatory and policy risks. He says, "Not only is the product we created and are commercializing an AI product, but we also chose to create the company with an AI-first mentality."

When working with AI tools, he often gives the same prompt to different platforms to see which comes up with the best result. For example, he told Gemini, Copilot and ChatGPT, "I want to do a voiceover with certain criteria. Go to our website and create a storyboard for me." All three came up with different versions."

He uses AI in his personal life, too, as the father of children ages 9 and 13. "Just last night we were researching jet skis — should we get them and which one should we get, and all the criteria that we wanted as part of those considerations," he says. "We were using AI to game out these different scenarios and help us with decision making and total cost of ownership. It was actually a very useful way to utilize that technology."

Wallig visits William & Mary's campus regularly as a member of the academic advisory board for the MSBA program, and he participated in the business school's "AI in Business Education Summit" in April. At the summit, faculty members described how they're using AI in their classrooms. In one memorable example, David Long, the J. Edward Zollinger Associate Professor of Business, had trained an AI model to impersonate the CEO of Boeing as part of a case study.

"You have to focus on functions and topics where you are becoming the expert and they are not things that can be done by AI."

"Students could interact with that persona and ask questions like, 'Why did you make this decision?'" Wallig says. "And I thought, 'That's such a great extension of the classroom that doesn't detract from the professor's authority or ability to teach or communicate their message. Students can do this on their own and then engage in a different level of dialogue in class.'"

In addition to a net job gain, Wallig sees an opportunity for people to do more interesting and fulfilling work as a result of AI.

"We are entering an era of more entrepreneurship and less 9-to-5 hierarchical work in the same place for a long period of time," he says. "So if you're entrepreneurial and flexible and creative, and you're a William & Mary T-shaped person — with broad understanding and deep expertise in certain areas — I think you're going to be great."

Turville agrees: "You have to focus on functions and topics where you are becoming the

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expert and they are not things that can be done by AI — conceptually based, thoughtful work.” In the Professional Development Week talk, she advised listeners to keep up to speed by taking AI courses, listening to podcasts and learning how to leverage new technology.

At Accenture, her team uses generative AI tools to gather and sort through volumes of federal government data to research statutory requirements or to find out, for example, what policies a specific benefits program may have paid out in a given year and how those dollars compared to previous years.

“Organizations have massive documents explaining policies and procedures to obtain a benefit or complete an action like applying for a patent,” Turville says. “We load all of these public documents into AI tools, reinventing the process, cutting out wasteful or non-value-added steps.”

Like Wallig, she is optimistic about the potential for AI tools to reduce mundane tasks. She also believes that with greater efficiency, government agencies will be able to process requests for loans or benefits more quickly.

“Sometimes you hear about people applying for programs, and then it takes months to get approved,” she says. “But what if you were able to apply and the person who has to make that decision was able to access all the necessary information in about two minutes, and then could make that decision right away? Those are the things that get me super excited.”

A HUB FOR EXPLORATION

“Every single job in the next five years is going to require some understanding of AI,” says Tucker Peters ’28.

He’s already ahead of the game. Before arriving on campus for his first semester in 2024, he

developed an AI-powered stock trading application and created GenEdu.co, a website designed to help students succeed through personalized AI tutoring and research assistance.

Now in his sophomore year, he has launched the W&M AI Club to foster interdisciplinary exploration of artificial intelligence. He consulted with Schmidt, the CDSP dean, for advice on starting the club, which had attracted over 100 members as of Sept. 7.

“My goal originally was to help students with the knowledge I’ve gained,” Peters says. He also hopes to “switch the narrative” about AI so that those who might have a negative view the technology are able to understand its potential.

The club will host “cheat-a-thons” to show the ways AI can be used to complete assignments, helping faculty members create AI-resistant projects and exams. Peters is also planning an AI Week to educate the community about the capabilities of artificial intelligence and the importance of using it ethically and responsibly. (Read more at magazine.wm.edu/ai-club.)

Schmidt says the club will help students gain proficiency in using AI for all kinds of projects, adding, “I’m very optimistic that the AI Club will help change the future of William & Mary faster than deans or administrators conveying high-level visions, due to their grassroots approach and close connection with the student culture.”

The W&M AI Club exemplifies the university’s human-centered approach to AI that integrates responsible innovation, ethical considerations and critical engagement. In keeping with the character of the university, William & Mary is channeling interdisciplinary strengths with a sense of determination and a spirit of curiosity to meet the challenges and opportunities associated with this time of technological transformation. ☺



FLYING HIGH: *The red-cockaded woodpecker population, once reduced to two breeding pairs, is growing again.*

BACK from the BRINK

By Annie Powell M.A. '18, Ph.D. '24

THE REVIVAL OF VIRGINIA'S RED-CKADED WOODPECKER POPULATION IS JUST ONE OF THE SUCCESS STORIES FOR W&M'S CENTER FOR CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

*On a drizzly morning in May, Chance Hines, a research biologist with **William & Mary's Center for Conservation Biology**, climbed 60 feet up a 120-foot-tall loblolly pine tree in search of red-cockaded woodpecker chicks. He found four chicks in a nest cavity in that tree. After removing them one by one, to the dismay of their circling parents, Hines placed them in a sack around his neck and climbed back down.*

At 6 days old, the chicks looked like tiny ancient Pteranodons — featherless, with protruding wings, legs and necks. Their eyes, not yet open, could be seen under translucent skin. With time, the chicks will develop black and white feathers, with a characteristic red stripe, or “cockade,” along the side of the males’ heads.

Hines’ temporary removal of the blind, helpless chicks from their nest was in the service of a higher purpose — to save the red-cockaded woodpecker from extinction. Such efforts are working. The species, previously listed as “endangered” under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, was downlisted to “threatened” by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in October 2024. (It retains the “endangered” classification in Virginia.) Down to two breeding pairs 20 years ago, there are now over 100 red-cockaded woodpeckers in the state.



IN THE FIELD: *Mitchell Byrd's lab started the research that has been continued by the Center for Conservation Biology, which includes banding chicks to track the population.*

"The reclassification is indicative of successful conservation activities," Hines says.

Those conservation activities include monitoring the red-cockaded woodpecker population and revitalizing the birds' habitat of old-growth pine forests. That work has emerged largely from a successful partnership between the Center for Conservation Biology (CCB), which manages the population as part of its mission to restore the at-risk avian species, and The Nature Conservancy, which manages the habitat. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation are also partners in the endeavor.

The CCB has become a nationally preeminent center of avian research and conservation since its establishment in 1992, serving as a resource of reliable information for the conservation community and as a trusted advisor to government and nongovernment agencies. With a permanent staff of seven, plus graduate and undergraduate students, the CCB runs a robust research program, trains the next generation of scientists and educates the public on the importance of conservation.

THE BYRD LAB

William & Mary's numerous successes in bird conservation began with a Byrd — Chancellor Professor Emeritus Mitchell Byrd, a beloved professor in the biology department from 1956 to 1995. His research, teaching and mentorship initiated the conservation work that would flourish at William & Mary through the Center for Conservation Biology.

Byrd arrived at W&M after graduate school and a stint in the military, working at what was then called the U.S. Army Biological Warfare Laboratories at Fort Detrick in Frederick, Maryland, with diseases such as bubonic plague and a variety of parasites. In his academic career, he initially approached birds from a pathology background: For about two years, he worked on a study of the leucocytozoon parasite in wild turkeys. By the 1970s, he was engaged in conservation work in earnest.

From then on, the Byrd lab became, truly, the bird lab.

Bryan Watts M.A. '87, director of the CCB and the Mitchell A. Byrd Research Professor of Conservation Biology, was one of Byrd's graduate students. He studied night herons in Byrd's lab before earning a doctorate at the University of Georgia.

In the 1990s, Watts and Byrd worried that the research and conservation programs headquartered at the Byrd lab would disappear upon Byrd's retirement. So they wrote a proposal to then-Provost Melvyn D. Schiavelli to establish a center that would ensure Byrd's work would carry on. The proposal was approved, and the CCB was established in 1992 with Watts as director.

"The initial objectives were to continue a lot of the legacy programs that had been going on for decades," Watts says. "But the Center has expanded well beyond that. We've worked with hundreds of species throughout the Western Hemisphere, from the high Arctic down to Argentina."

The CCB has become an essential part of bird conservation in Virginia. With researchers working on about 40 field projects per year, Watts estimates that the CCB has conducted about 1,000 projects since its inception.

"Mitchell has been involved and has been at the foundational level of many conservation programs over the decades," Watts says. In the 1970s, for example, Byrd was part of the reestablishment of the peregrine falcon population in Virginia as well as the Chesapeake Bay bald eagle recovery team.

"We've been close friends and colleagues for decades," says Watts. "He's a Southern gentleman with an incredible wit, and so students really loved him. There are people all over the country that still contact me about Mitchell."

That feeling of respect is mutual. Byrd loved teaching and working with students, and he calls Watts the best graduate student he ever had. "It was



UP A TREE: *Bryan Watts M.A. '87, director of the CCB, places a red-cockaded woodpecker chick back in its cavity.*

obvious from two weeks in that he was pretty exceptional, and that's proven to be the case," Byrd says.

One of the most valuable aspects of the CCB is its institutional memory, with generational datasets that go back decades. Those datasets, many of which Byrd created, are critical resources for the conservation community across the U.S and have made the CCB a preeminent center for information and expertise. Their high value stems from the fact that most successful conservation work entails long-term commitments.

The red-cockaded woodpecker is one of those long-term commitments. Byrd conducted the first systematic survey in Virginia on the species in 1978, working alongside his graduate student Gary Miller '76, M.A. '79, who became the 18th president of The University of Akron before retiring in 2024.

"When you're in the conservation business for decades, you realize that the success or failure of these projects comes down to commitment. For the red-cockaded woodpeckers, The Nature Conservancy has been committed to the habitat, William & Mary has been committed to the population, and both of those things combined have led to the success that we've had," says Watts.

A RARE BIRD

Eating breakfast at the Virginia Diner in Wakefield during his early days surveying the species, Byrd saw a logging truck drive by with a red-cockaded woodpecker cavity in one of the logs. "That was rather upsetting," he says.

Habitat loss, primarily through logging, devastated the red-cockaded woodpecker species in the 20th century. The birds' original habitat spanned from New Jersey south to Florida and west to Texas. But decades of logging practices, combined with a national policy of fire suppression, reduced their numbers significantly: By 2002, only two breeding groups were left in Virginia, according to The Nature Conservancy.

Considered a "keystone species" by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, red-cockaded woodpeckers are an essential part of the Southeast's pine forest ecosystem. They adapted to the region's historically frequent lightning fires, preferring to create nesting cavities in live pine trees (the only

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Recognition of Excellence

Bryan Watts M.A. '87, director of William & Mary's Center for Conservation Biology, received the prestigious Eisenmann Medal this year for his contributions to ornithology. Read more at magazine.wm.edu/watts-award.

woodpecker species to do so) since dead trees are usually destroyed in fires. With a reduction in naturally occurring fires over time, deliberately planned and carefully supervised fires known as prescribed burns help to restore the habitat where the birds thrive by thinning out forest growth.

The birds "are constantly working on creating new cavities and often abandon older cavities after new ones are completed," Hines says. "These abandoned cavities provide nesting cavities for many other nesting birds as well as reptiles, amphibians and mammals. Because of this, the animal diversity at sites with red-cockaded woodpeckers is really great."

Red-cockaded woodpeckers can work for two years to create a nesting cavity in a live tree, an enormous investment of time and energy. They choose trees infected by heart rot fungus, which eats through the middle of a tree, creating hollow portions in the center. Pecking through to the hollow center of the infected tree, red-cockaded woodpeckers create their nests on the solid bottom of a hollow portion. Other animals ("secondary cavity users," Watts calls them) often try to take advantage of the woodpeckers' hard work.

"Their behavior evolved to be very protective of that cavity," says Bobby Clontz '89, a former undergraduate student of Byrd's and now the statewide fire manager and long leaf pine specialist at The Nature Conservancy.

Southern flying squirrels are one of the main competitors for the cavities built by red-cockaded woodpeckers. Those competitors are nocturnal, active during the night and finding somewhere to rest when the sun comes up. To



A PECK IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION: *Red-cockaded woodpeckers are unusual in choosing to nest in live pine trees and practicing a cooperative breeding method.*

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prevent the squirrels from taking their nests, red-cockaded woodpeckers have developed an efficient strategy — sleeping in.

“If you’ve ever been out at the crack of dawn and heard birds singing, that chorus doesn’t usually include red-cockaded woodpeckers,” Clontz says.

By staying in their nests a little longer in the morning, the woodpeckers force their nocturnal nesting competitors to find another place to spend the day and therefore hold on to their hard-earned cavities.

The species’ family system is also unique. As cooperative breeders, a family group consists of a pair of breeders and an assortment of helpers. The largest family group recorded at The Nature Conservancy’s Piney Grove Preserve consisted of nine members, according to Clontz.

They function more like a human family than other comparable bird species, says Dan Cristol, Chancellor Professor of Biology and director of the 1693 Scholars Program.

“The pace of their life is more human, where they’re waiting around for years to be able to buy their own home and move in down the street from their parents.” According to Cristol, that’s not the way most similar bird species live. “Most birds leave their parents when they’re 3 months old and never see them again. Their parents chase them away, and they settle down somewhere else, and that’s that.”

This rare breeding strategy likely developed because of spatial constraints. Without enough habitable territory for the progeny to create their own nests, they remain in the familial orbit.

RECENT REVIVAL

Collaboration between university, federal, state and private organizations has saved the red-cockaded woodpecker species. Thanks to the CCB’s monitoring of the population and its partners’ revitalization of the landscape, the number of red-cockaded woodpeckers in Virginia has increased to well over 100.

Such success does not mean that conservation efforts on behalf of the species will stop, however. “The downlisting from endangered to threatened will mean that there will be more flexibility for managers or industries that interact with the species. But the red-cockaded woodpecker habitat will still require management to sustain the existing population,” Hines says.

Cristol considers red-cockaded woodpeckers an ideal subject to study and teach. “They show how nature is connected, where it takes a bird, a tree, a fungus, all the insects the bird eats and fire to keep the trees the right size. It’s just an unbelievable system.”

He is passionate about sharing that sense of natural wonder with students and alumni, offering courses in ornithology, directing student research and guiding birding tours at alumni events.

There is definite interest in bird science and bird watching. A recent study by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service concluded that nearly 100 million people in the U.S. are birdwatchers — more than 35% of the adult population.

A widespread interest in the welfare of bird populations will help their preservation. Watts, who has seen bird populations fall and rise and fall again, is optimistic about the future of bird conservation.

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Cristol’s outlook is a little less bright: “I’m optimistic that we will save lots of nature,” he says. “I’m also quite certain that we’re going to live on a very diminished planet. We actually already do, but people don’t realize it because it happens so gradually. My children will not be able to show their children nearly as much amazing stuff as I have been able to show them.”

But it’s important to remember, Cristol says, that conservation work has seen great improvements. Seagulls, for example, almost endangered at the



TAGGED: *Research biologist Chance Hines attaches a series of bands to the legs of a 6-day-old red-cockaded woodpecker chick in Virginia’s Piney Grove Preserve.*

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turn of the last century from a demand for seagull feathers in hats, are now pests for beachgoers.

Watts highlights similar achievements from the work of the CCB. “We’ve had some tremendous successes,” he says. “We’ve reestablished peregrine falcons in the state, we’ve recovered bald eagles. Most of these vulnerable species face a long parade of challenges and so you need to be consistently vigilant about what’s happening within the population. That’s been a strength of the Center.”

THE CHICKS OF THE FUTURE

Back at the Piney Grove Preserve in May, before Hines returned the collection of chicks to their nest 60 feet above the forest floor, he and Clontz had work to do.

As Hines removed the chicks from the sack, he and Clontz weighed them (about 2 ounces each), estimated their age (about 6 days old) and recorded the measurements. Then, for each chick, Hines secured three colored bands around one leg and a single colored band and a single metal band around the other leg, which will serve as identification tools for researchers as the chicks advance to adulthood. The metal band even includes a unique ID number issued by the federal government.

These four chicks will face numerous challenges as they grow up — finding food, sheltering from weather and predators and attracting a mate. But, although they don’t know it, the chicks have teams of people on their side, working hard to ensure their successful addition to a thriving red-cockaded woodpecker population in Virginia. 🐦

NEXT GENERATION:
The red-cockaded woodpecker population has grown to over 100 in Virginia.



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WE GOT THE BEAT

William & Mary's concert scene has kept the rhythm going for generations of students



Story by **Mary Beth Bauermann '24**

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ORIGINAL PHOTOS: NIRVANA BY ARI ROSEBERG '96 | PRETENDERS BY LAWRENCE T. ANSON | NEIL YOUNG BY RICHARD WALKER '79 | SLY STONE BY MARK SARFATI. WIKICOMMONS AND ADJUSTED FOR THIS LAYOUT

Skateboarding up and down the hills of William & Mary's campus in April 1975, Dennis Wilson of The Beach Boys cheerfully greeted everyone he met. Unexpected encounters with the freewheeling drummer are among many stories shared by alumni about visiting musical acts that rocked the university's stages over the past 60 years.

Deadheads camped out on the lawn at Yates Hall. Students frolicked in a Bruce Hornsby & The Range video. The Roots' Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson danced in the stands with the audience. Concerts that alumni attended at William & Mary are among the most vivid memories of their time as students. For some, the shows marked the beginning of a great romance or a bonding experience with lifelong friends. For others, they were a chance to gain an inside look at planning and running a performance. The concerts also helped define each time period with cultural touchstones.

William & Mary Hall (named Kaplan Arena since 2016) has drawn the Grateful Dead, Chicago, Bruce Springsteen, Alice Cooper, The Kinks, Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, Nirvana, The Go-Go's, R.E.M., Jimmy Buffett, Tom Petty, Kendrick Lamar, Ludacris and The Roots, among many others. While the artists and music styles have changed over the years, the university community continues to "dance to the music," as the late Sly Stone sang at the inaugural William & Mary Hall concert in 1971.

Initially, concerts took place at Blow Gym (now Blow Memorial Hall), which opened in 1925, and Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. Early shows included Captain Kangaroo's Children's Concert, a 1969 concert featuring Martha Reeves and the Vandellas with Rhinoceros, the Impressions and an IFC concert featuring rock groups Classics IV and Lighthouse. According to the 1970 edition of the Colonial Echo, members of Sigma Pi hosted The Classics IV for refreshments after their

performance. Bill Gibbons '72, P '14, P '17 and Bill Monday '72 remember fondly The 5th Dimension in 1969. For Monday, the concert was his first on-campus date with his future wife.

Dean Strickland '76 attended some of the first concerts at William & Mary Hall while still in high school and later worked backstage as a student liaison. "I was right in the middle of it," he says.

GOOD VIBRATIONS

Filling the need for a larger athletic arena that would replace Blow Gym, William & Mary Hall opened in December 1970. The first concert featured Sly and the Family Stone on Sept. 24, 1971, and was attended by 6,800 fans, who "shouted and stamped their approval of the charismatic star" and danced in the aisles, according to a 1971 Daily Press review.

Strickland was a keyboardist and vocalist in local bands including Stonehenge and Fox that played at W&M during his time at the university. Looking for student input, Lester Hooker '43, M.Ed. '48, P '69, the director of William & Mary Hall at the time, recruited him

to fill a student liaison position for the venue. Strickland also held leadership positions in the Student Association, the primary student organization facilitating the concerts. As a result, he had a front row seat to almost every William & Mary concert from 1974 to 1976. Strickland says he worked backstage for 80-90% of the shows, only missing a performance if his own band had a gig the same night.

Now a retired attorney living in Florida, Strickland has constructed a list of every W&M concert between 1972 and 1976, which boasts such legendary names as James Taylor, Fleetwood Mac and Jefferson Starship, among many others. He has fond backstage memories, as well. The Beach Boys, he says, "had a big spread of fruit, vegetables and cheeses backstage and invited the student stage crew and security officers to partake."

Strickland also snagged a unique keepsake from the band: "I grabbed a broken drumhead that Dennis was tossing out, got Carl Wilson and Al Jardine to sign it, and gave it to my brother, who was an aspiring drummer at the time." He adds that not long after The Beach Boys'

Williamsburg gig, Dennis Wilson broke his arm while skateboarding elsewhere.

The Grateful Dead's 1973 show turned into two consecutive nights of music. Dave Hinder '72, M.B.A. '75 (who initially suggested this article) remembers that the Dead played for four hours and, at the end of the show, announced that they would return the next night for just \$3 per ticket. The band's 1978 concert was recorded and is part of the "Dave's Picks" series of Grateful Dead archival releases, named for the band's audiovisual archivist, David Lemieux. The album "Dave's Picks: Volume 37," released in 2021, features an illustration of a William & Mary dorm room on the cover.

As much as the William & Mary community appreciated the concerts, the artists also seemed to enjoy playing at William & Mary Hall. In a letter shared in The Flat Hat shortly after the concert in April 1975, The Beach Boys' road manager, Rick Nelson, wrote a thank you message:

"TO THE PEOPLE AT WILLIAM & MARY HALL: The concert on April 7th was the best on our tour. The facilities were great and the backstage crew had everything together. The crowd was fantastic and we appreciated the reception. We now know that Tidewater Virginia and the College of William & Mary are truly BEACH BOYS fans! We understand that this is just the beginning of great concerts to come. If things continue to go as well as they did for us, everything will be beautiful in the future. Good Luck!"

What led to the influx of concerts during the '70s? As Strickland notes in

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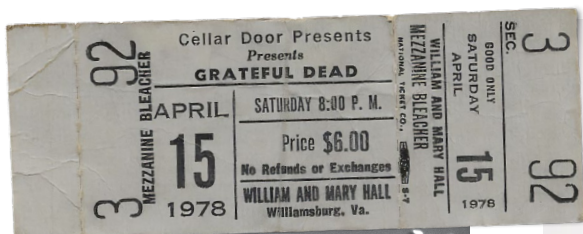
a September 1975 article for The Flat Hat, "television concerts like 'In Concert' and 'The Midnight Special' were nonexistent, and the avalanche of stereo and quadrophonic systems had just started to mount."

In 1974, David Ryan '75, the student liaison who preceded Strickland, conducted a rock concert survey and,



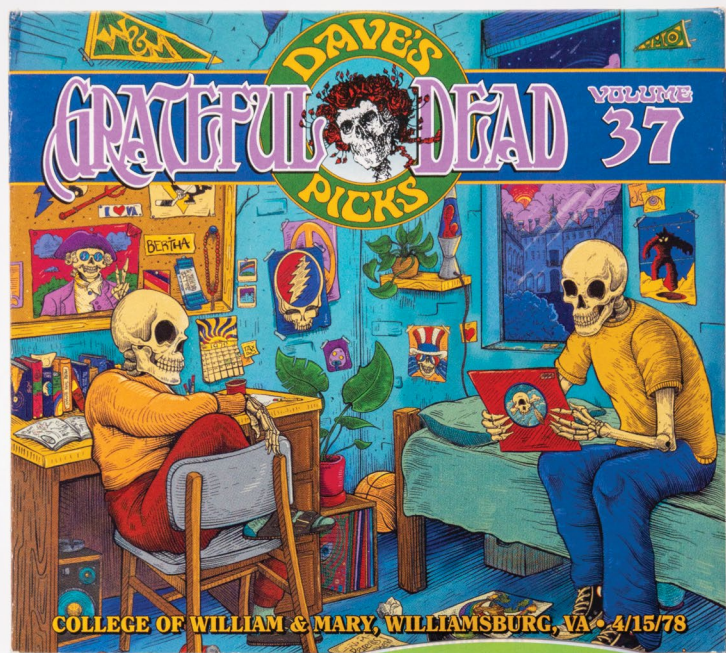
| *The Beach Boys, 1977*

ORIGINAL PHOTO OF THE BEACH BOYS BY RICHARD WALKER '79



DAYS OF THE DEAD: Jerry Garcia (above), the Grateful Dead's lead guitarist and vocalist, performs at W&M. Right: A recording of the band's 1978 concert was released in 2021 by Rhino Records with an illustration of a W&M dorm room by Helen Rebecchi Kennedy.

Below: Sly and the Family Stone played the first concert at W&M Hall.



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“Fond memories involve the opening years of William & Mary Hall (now Kaplan Arena), especially the early concerts Sly and the Family Stone, Fleetwood Mac, Stephen Stills/Manassas, Traffic, Jethro Tull and James Taylor (on my 20th birthday with Robin Kent '73).”

— Jack Hawks '73

“All of us who lived in Yates that year remember the Deadheads camping around Yates and coming into the dorm to use the bathrooms. It was quite a scene!”

— Missy Reeks Spring '81





| *W&M students fill Kaplan Arena for a Grateful Dead performance.*

according to Strickland, “made strong appeals to the administration to obtain more favorable terms to attract promoters and groups.” In 1973 and 1974, W&M Hall had only welcomed a few major acts, and the student body demanded more concerts.

Strickland remembers a gas crisis that made concert promoters apprehensive about transportation costs for performers and for fans. In the same 1975 Flat Hat article, he explained, “Inability on the part of promoters to make substantial profits has led to a steady decline in the number of concerts William & Mary has been able to present during the five-year existence of the hall.”

Strickland continued: “Despite conscientious efforts by the Student Association to increase use and effectiveness of campus communications, rumors of concerts and cancellations continue to haunt William & Mary Hall. It’s easy to criticize the evolution of a 10,800-seat facility from a widely reputed ‘no-hassle’ hall in its early days to a ‘no concert’ hall as of late. But how many people under-

stand the problems that have plagued concert promoters, not only here, but across the nation?”

EVERY LITTLE THING

In The Flat Hat article, Strickland emphasized organizers’ commitment to providing concerts. “We’re here to listen and bring the concert tradition back to William & Mary,” he wrote.

The efforts led to renewed concert success in the fall of 1975 and into the 1980s. Rock trio The Police visited W&M twice — once in 1982 as a stop on their “Ghost in the Machine” tour, and again in 1984 for their “Synchronicity” tour.

Alan Adenan ’89 remembers seeing The Police at W&M Hall in 1984, as well as R.E.M. twice, in 1986 and 1987. “R.E.M. was huge at the time,” he says. “Students used to call the radio station (WCWM 90.9) ‘WREM’” due to the DJs’ tendencies to fill the airwaves with the band’s music.

Adenan also saw Jimmy Buffett on the Fourth of July at Cary Field, an outdoor concert spot that is now the site of

Zable Stadium. Still an avid music fan, he fondly remembers standing in line to get tickets and enjoying concerts from the floor of W&M Hall, where he could see the band up close.

“IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE. I GOT TO SEE THE EVOLUTION OF SHOOTING A MUSIC VIDEO.”

Adenan also had a front-row seat when hometown celebrity Bruce Hornsby and his band The Range shot a music video for their 1988 hit song “The Valley Road” in Blow Gym.

Adenan walked out of his dorm next door in the Bryan Complex one day and noticed the truck for a familiar lighting company, Washington Source. As a student assistant for William & Mary TV who worked as a freelance grip

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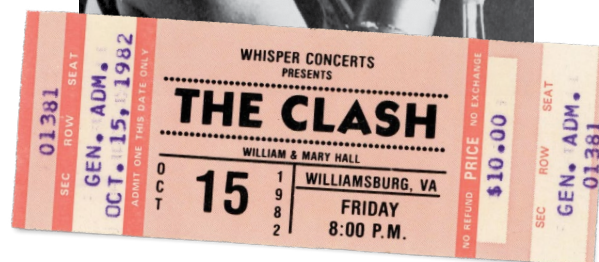
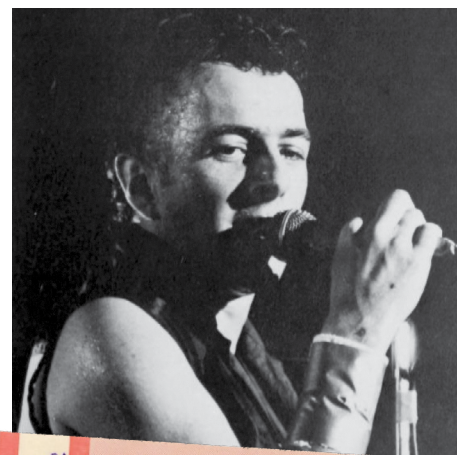
MUSIC MEN: Sting, Michael Stipe of R.E.M. and Bruce Hornsby are shown in a collage of photos from the Colonial Echo. Top right: Joe Strummer of The Clash took the stage at W&M in 1982.

"I remember during the Clash show, mid '80s, someone built a fire in the seats at the top of William & Mary Hall. Security got up there pretty quickly."

— Greg Faragasso '84, P '21

"The Go-Go's were the lead act to The Police. One of the best concerts I saw while at W&M!"

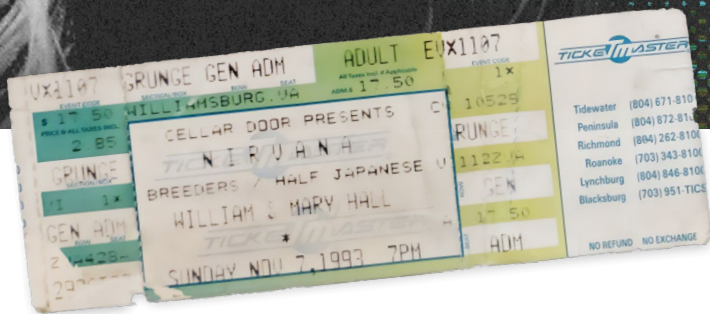
— Judy Dorow Conner '82



in Colonial Williamsburg, Adenan recognized one of the lighting company's gaffers and was offered an opportunity to help with the video. "It was a great experience. I got to see the evolution of shooting a music video," he says.

Adenan remembers that comedian, actor and author Patton Oswalt '91, D.A. '23 appeared in the music video, during the Blow Gym basketball court scene. In the video, several W&M students and community members dance around the band. He says that the video's director asked Oswalt to do something different, which is why he notably duckwalks in the video. Adenan and many other alumni remember Blow Gym as a space for undergrads, "so the video means more now that Blow isn't a gym anymore," he says. Adenan saw Hornsby again while working as a busser at the Williamsburg Inn after graduating, when he dropped by to play at the piano bar. Adenan now works as a chef, but he is still an avid music fan and concertgoer.

During the '80s, William & Mary Hall drew big names such as The Cars and The Clash in 1982, The Pretenders with Stevie Ray Vaughan in 1984, and Love and Rockets with the Pixies in 1989. William & Mary students did not have to travel far for great live music. Beyond the major concerts, Adenan adds, "there were also great local bands in Williamsburg who played at the Green Leaf."



HERE WE ARE NOW, ENTERTAIN US

Popular headliners continued into the '90s, including Nirvana on Nov. 7, 1993. At the time, the band was at the peak of its fame, and the William & Mary show was one of the final concerts before lead singer Kurt Cobain's death in 1994. Ari Rosberg '96, then photo editor for *The Flat Hat*, attended and had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to photograph the concert. The 18-wheelers parked on campus fueled a buzz in the campus community.

Rosberg describes the energy of the crowd as "rowdy." According to an article in *The Flat Hat*, a concertgoer threw a shoe at Cobain's head during the "Nevermind" hit "Lithium," which resulted in the band having to stop and restart the song. The experience of taking photos "under the armpit of an extremely tall security guard, who picked people up and pushed them back into the crowd," Rosberg says, was "equal parts exhilarating and terrifying."

While the lighting in W&M Hall made it difficult to photograph the concert, Rosberg shot three rolls of film. "I had about four photos that I thought turned out," he says. Many students took amateur photos. "The Williamsburg photo store was mobbed," he says, but Rosberg developed his photos in *The Flat Hat* darkroom. His photos have been used on the Nirvana fan website livenirvana.com.

Students were eager to get their hands on the Nov. 12, 1993, issue of *The Flat Hat*. "This was unusual," Rosberg says, "because people were not usually chomping at the bit to get their hands on



The Flat Hat." But students — especially those who missed out on seeing Nirvana — "wanted to see photos and hear firsthand accounts."

Rosberg remembers that class attendance on Monday was noticeably low, as attendees seemed to experience a "communal hangover." During his time at W&M, he also photographed W&M's 300th anniversary, when former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was on campus and named chancellor, "but nothing ever quite matched Nirvana," he says.

In the '90s, other major acts at William & Mary include The Cure in 1992, as well as Gin Blossoms and Smashing Pumpkins in 1994.

LISTEN AS WE GO

Following in the footsteps of Strickland, Adenan, Rosberg and many other students who had a chance to get up close and personal with the artists who visited W&M, Leah Wood Nelson '02 planned concerts through the University Center Activities Board (UCAB), during the early 2000s. UCAB also planned Homebrew and Fridays at 5 performances on the University Center terrace (now Sadler terrace, where Fridays at 5 events are still held).

"I recall this being the brainchild of Sam Sadler '64, M.Ed. '71, who allocated us the funding and let us run with it," Nelson says. To appeal to music fans across campus, she says, "We tried to get diverse acts that included a steel drum band and '70s disco, in addition to our typical college rock bands."

As chair of the Music Productions Committee for UCAB, Nelson called agents, representatives, sound companies and others to book artists and production companies. She also introduced Guster and Phantom Planet onstage when they played at W&M Hall in April 2002. Guster was a prominent band on the radio at the time, and Phantom Planet was up and coming. Their song "California" became the theme song of the show "The O.C." A student band, Turning to Tucker, was the opener. Nelson remembers the energy on campus, and the excitement when actor Jason Schwartzman, who played drums in Phantom Planet, and another member of the band showed up at the Green Leaf after the show.

Through UCAB, Nelson often worked alongside staff members in the W&M Student Affairs office. Wanting to support students in a similar role, she pursued an M.Ed. in higher edu-

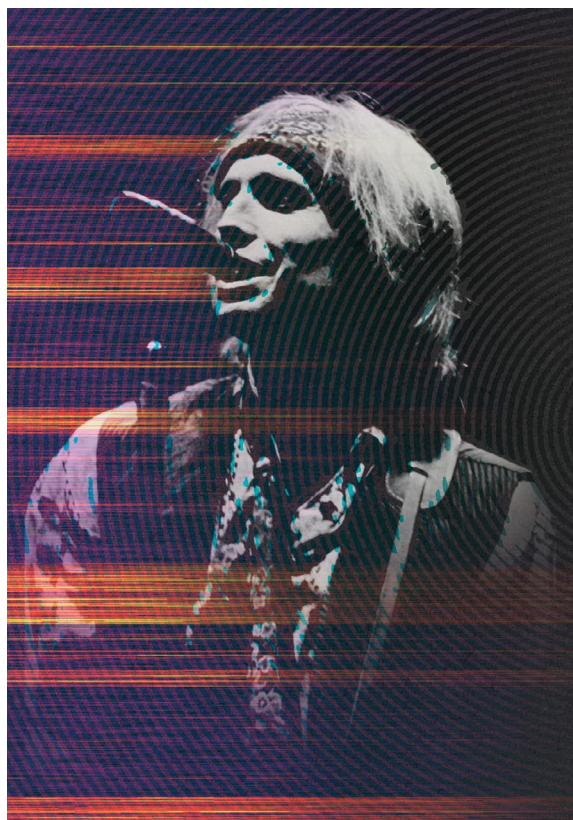
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cation after graduating from W&M. Now, working as a career coach at Brightpoint Community College, Nelson helps Virginia high school students explore their college and career pathways after graduation.

In 2008, UCAB was renamed Alma Mater Productions (AMP), but its activities and cooperation with Student Assembly (SA) continued. An article in *The Flat Hat* highlights the joint efforts between AMP and SA to compile resources and bring bigger acts to William & Mary. As "the direct result of individual student groups coming together to create larger events for the student body," hip-hop group The Roots played to a packed Kaplan Arena in 2011. Drummer Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson and percussionist Frank "F. Knuckles" Walker walked through the stands to dance with students in the audience. Rapper Kendrick Lamar, fresh off the release of his first studio album, "good kid, m.A.A.d. city," performed at Kaplan with Big Boi in 2013. The collaboration between AMP and SA to organize concerts continued in 2012, *The Flat Hat* reported, with a Charter Day Weekend concert featuring alternative rock band Third Eye Blind.

BEING THERE:

Nirvana's 1993 show at W&M (top left) was one of the band's final concerts before lead singer Kurt Cobain died. Right: Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers performed in 1991.



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"Bruce Hornsby, Tom Petty and James Taylor all early '90s. I was photo editor for *The Flat Hat*, so I got press passes. I remember waiting on hold for an hour listening to 'Free Fallin' on repeat to get the Petty passes. It was painful."

— Amy Katancik Jordan '93, P '19

"Dave Matthews Band opening for Toad the Wet Sprocket in 1993 when they were still relatively unknown outside of Virginia. If I recall correctly, one of the first things Toad did when they took the stage was to ask for DMB bootlegs."

— Mike Evans '96



ADRENALINE: *The Roots (top left) drew a capacity crowd at W&M in 2011. Right: Tyler Glenn, lead singer of Neon Trees, performs in April 2022. Lower left: W&M students light up the audience at the 2022 concert.*

COOL KIDS

A little over 20 years after Nelson graduated from William & Mary, students are still organizing and planning W&M concerts through AMP. Meredith Burpeau '24 chaired AMP's Live Committee, which, alongside Student Assembly, organizes an annual "Welcome Back" concert in the fall and a spring concert. Burpeau remembers W&M's first in-person "Welcome Back" concert after the COVID-19 pandemic, when indie pop band Echosmith performed at The Martha Wren Briggs Amphitheatre at Lake Matoaka in fall 2021. She doesn't know when concerts started being held at the outdoor venue, but Burpeau notes that when she became chair of the Live Committee, she followed a tradition of holding the fall "Welcome Back" concert outdoors and the spring concert inside at Kaplan Arena.

When Burpeau joined AMP's Live Committee, the current iteration of Nelson's committee, she organized many of the same events, including Fridays at 5. Additionally, she planned concerts featuring big names like singer-songwriter and viral YouTuber Rebecca Black, singer and rapper Sean Kingston and indie rock band COIN.

Burpeau explains that representatives from AMP and SA still join forces to form a concert committee, organizing the fall and spring concerts with a shared budget. The headliner

selection process involves using a predicted budget to create a list of desired performers. The committee follows a similar process to that of Nelson and UCAB before them. Based on the availability of performers, venue size and ticket price, the committee narrows their list and selects a headliner.

Like Strickland and Nelson before her, Burpeau was dedicated to serving the campus community's engagement in the concert tradition. She says that AMP attempted to get artists spanning different genres. Sean Kingston, for example, appealed to pop and hip-hop fans alike. Burpeau says, "We really wanted Doechii in 2024," a Grammy-nominated rapper and singer who rose to fame this year with the Billboard Hot 100-charting single "Anxiety." However, students responded positively to COIN and its opener, K Camp, who together reached indie rock, rap, hip-hop and pop fans.

This past spring, Kaplan Arena welcomed Memphis rapper and songwriter NLE Choppa, whose show attracted the highest attendance in recent years.

TONIGHT TONIGHT

This fall, AMP organized a new, well-attended event, "TribeChella," on Aug. 30 in the Sunken Garden with pop-rock band Hot Chelle Rae as the headliner. Student bands Ruth &

PHOTOS: TOP LEFT, PHOTO BY STEPHEN SALPUKAS, RIGHT AND BOTTOM LEFT PHOTOS BY ALFRED HERCZEG P '23



“I saw some great shows at W&M! Of Montreal, Mates of State, Dr. Dog, OK Go, Engine Down, My Chemical Romance, Matt Pond PA, The Wailers ... thankful for UCAB and WCWM at that time!”

— Jordan Leigh Coiner '08, M.Ed. '10

Sara, Royal Fish, F2L and Mugshot opened for the “Tonight Tonight” hitmakers. In true music festival fashion, TribeChella featured a Ferris wheel, food trucks and T-shirts for attendees.

AMP Live Committee Chair Matt Meyer '27 views the NLE Choppa concert as a turning point for W&M concerts in terms of attendance. He believes that the excitement surrounding TribeChella is “a good indicator of what students want,” and will shape AMP’s concert planning moving forward. For now, Meyer is looking forward to reviving the “Fridays at 5” series in collaboration with AMP’s Homebrew Committee. Both committees are joining forces to increase opportunities for student musicians to participate in their live music programming.

More than a half-century after the first concert at William & Mary Hall, students still eagerly await their next chance to see a great show on campus.🎸

Top left photo: Social House, 2022

Photo collage right: Hayes Warner, StaySolidRocky, Travis Clark from We the Kings, 2022 concerts







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CONNECTED PATHS

Students walk through and enjoy a spring day at the Mary-Cooke Branch Munford Plaza and Sundial in front of Earl Gregg Swem Library. Learn more about Munford's life and legacy at magazine.wm.edu/pointing-the-way.

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‘Zinkish’

A WINDING ROAD TOOK NELL ZINK '85
TO LITERARY FAME AND A GUGGENHEIM
FELLOWSHIP

ALUMNI PROFILE For Nell Zink '85, the course of literary life never did run smooth. After graduation, she worked first as a bricklayer with Jack Peet Masonry in Williamsburg and then as a secretary in Washington, D.C., before moving to New York, Philadelphia, Israel and Germany, finding work as a translator.

Through it all, Zink was writing. But she wasn't always writing for a reader. "I knew that writing was something that I did, that I'd always done and would always do, but it never occurred to me that anyone else would want to read it," she says.

People do want to read Zink's writing. So much so that three of her novels — "The Wallcreeper," "Mislaide" and "Avalon" — became New York Times Notable Books and one, "Mislaide," was longlisted for the National Book Award.

In April, she received a 2025 Guggenheim Fellowship in Fiction, becoming part of the 100th class of fellows supported by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. The prestigious award recognizes Zink's previous contributions to fiction and potential for future success. (James Dwyer, Arthur B. Hanson Professor of Law at William & Mary Law School, was also awarded a 2025 Guggenheim Fellowship, for his contributions to the field of philosophy.)

Zink was born in California and moved to Virginia's Tidewater region when she was 8 years old. She documented her observations of the region's social norms and prejudices in her novel "Mislaide," which follows a woman crossing sexual and racial boundaries in the mid-20th century.

In "Mislaide," the main character, who is white, assumes a Black identity for herself and her younger child to escape her failing marriage. "I wrote that book just to process the weirdness of Tidewater in my childhood," Zink says.

Staying in the Tidewater region for college was not Zink's first choice. She had been accepted to elite private schools in the Northeast but did not receive the financial aid she needed to fund her education. As a last resort, she had also applied to William & Mary.

"I remember that my essay for William & Mary was one sentence, like something out of an '80s movie: 'I intend to wear dark glasses, read poetry and get through it somehow,'" Zink says. Despite the less-than-

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enthusiastic essay, the straight A's on her high school transcript and high SAT scores got her admitted.

She entered W&M with an interest in biology, which quickly waned. First, the school closed Millington Hall to get rid of asbestos, then she learned that she didn't have the patience for lab work. Zink might have found a more natural fit in the English department, but she wanted to study something that she didn't have an innate talent for. She ended up in the philosophy department.

"Philosophy really interested me because there was a reality check. You would read something and then decide whether it was true, which you don't do with literature — at least back then," she says. "Literature lives in its own world."

If she could go back in time, she says, "I would have done the English degree, gotten straight A's and gone to grad school."

Zink wasn't completely separated from the English department, however. She worked part time with the department's secretary, stapling evaluations and running the mimeograph

machine. And Zink often took English courses when her GPA needed a boost. She remembers a writing class with Professor of English, Emeritus Peter Wiggins, who told her, "Your assignments are way too short," but was so impressed with her talent that he gave her an A anyway.

In hindsight, she says, "God bless and save Pete Wiggins."

Zink joined a playwriting club at W&M but soon found it didn't fit her style. While her fellow students practiced their craft by writing new episodes of the popular TV sitcom "WKRP in Cincinnati," Zink wanted to experiment with expressionistic, romantic and "very, very deeply felt" plays.

With her first novel, "The Wallcreeper," published at age 50, Zink had years to hone a writing style that is uniquely her own. Critics have collectively struggled to define that style. One called her "the English language's funniest literary novelist." Another found "willful eccentricity" in her novels. One critic called her first novel "a slim, strange masterpiece." And one gave up the effort entirely and coined a new word for her writing: "Zinkish."

The catalysts for Zink's novels originate with a climactic scene, which she then builds the rest of the novel around. In true Zinkish style, the climax can involve the most mundane topic — such as crushing a bug.

"If you write the book right," Zink says, "you can have a very significant crushing of a very significant bug."

Her next project, supported by the Guggenheim Fellowship, will be an entirely new endeavor: a historical screenplay. As an American expat living in Germany, she has become fascinated by the relationship between Walther Rathenau, an early 20th-century German politician who was assassinated in 1922, and Robert Walser, a Swiss-born, German-writing author.

"Walser wrote mostly autofiction. He said that all his little pieces are like an enormous portrait of himself," says Zink. "Rathenau was one of the most famous intellectuals and politicians of the age, and he was very attentive to Walser. Why, exactly, he was hanging out with Robert Walser we don't know, but we do know that he was really into tall, blond guys."

The research involved in that project is daunting but exhilarating for Zink. "I want it to be speculative but also as historically accurate as it can be," she says.

One thing is certain: It will naturally be Zinkish.

— ANNIE POWELL M.A. '18, PH.D. '24

"The spring of his junior year, Temple was nominated by the school district to attend Governor's School for the Gifted. It was a summer program to give Virginia's gifted students hope by exposing them to college-level work. He almost failed the qualifying test, which had been introduced to keep schools from appointing their best-dressed pupils. Arguably it retained a certain bias. One question was 'Boat is to sheet as car is to (a) fuel (b) accelerator,' and it was pretty easy to think the sheet was the sail if you hadn't grown up reading your father's copy of 'Royce's Sailing Illustrated.' Another question asked the gifted to distinguish between golf and bridge foursomes."

— "MISLAID," NELL ZINK

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The Business of Building Better

HOWARD TURNER JR. M.B.A. '02 IS MAKING SUSTAINABILITY PAY OFF



PROJECT GREEN:
Howard Turner Jr. M.B.A. '02, senior director of preconstruction and risk management at McKinstry, believes sustainability and profitability can go hand in hand.

ALUMNI PROFILE Sustainability is not an abstract concept for Howard Turner Jr. M.B.A. '02. It's a tangible, measurable pursuit that transforms outdated facilities into efficient, environmentally responsible assets. As senior director of preconstruction and risk management at McKinstry, Turner spearheads projects that reduce utility consumption, cut carbon emissions and save his clients money.

Blending engineering expertise with business strategy, Turner identifies opportunities for efficiency that are unique to each client. "We'll put together a portfolio of improvements, spend X to get Y, then implement, validate and even guarantee the results," he explains. "If we say your building will save you \$300,000 a year and it doesn't, we write you a check for the difference."

Turner's approach is deeply rooted in his connection to the environment. Growing up on Virginia's Eastern Shore, where his father worked as a farmer, Howard developed an awareness of the intersection between nature and humanity. "When you grow up on a farm, you become aware of what's

going on in the environment," he says. "You develop a sense of responsibility to be a good steward."

With engineering degrees from Johns Hopkins University and the University of Virginia, Turner began his career in Richmond, Virginia, during the late-1990s construction boom. Initially focused on greenfield development — construction on undeveloped land — he soon questioned why so much effort went into building new when so many existing structures already stood waiting for improvement.

That shift in perspective also made him realize that if he wanted to lead people and projects, he needed to develop new skills. "As an engineer, I could talk technical details all day, but I wasn't equipped to engage with CFOs or marketing professionals," he says. "I needed to be able to speak the language of business."

Enter William & Mary and the Raymond A. Mason School of Business Executive MBA (EMBA) program. Encouraged by mentor and EMBA alumnus J. Scott Heslink M.B.A. '00, Turner joined the 16th EMBA cohort in 2000. Designed for professionals on the path to senior executive and C-suite roles, the program's combination of academic rigor, weekly in-person sessions and real-world application solidified his decision. "William & Mary has a strong quantitative reputation, which appealed to my engineering side," he says. "The professors were excellent, and the weekly format kept me connected to campus."

The diversity of his classmates also made a lasting impression. "We had doctors, Naval officers, engineers, finance professionals and tech people," he recalls. "The conversations were rich because everyone brought different expertise to the table."

Turner's EMBA experience was not just about acquiring new skills, but it also marked a significant shift in his thinking. It propelled him from a role of project execution to one of leadership, where he could blend technical expertise with strategic decision-making.

In his current work, Turner addresses some of the century's most pressing challenges: energy use, carbon reduction and the infrastructure demand of new technology. Data centers, for example, are driving an unprecedented construction boom fueled by artificial intelligence and cloud computing. But rapid growth comes

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“YOU DEVELOP A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO BE A GOOD STEWARD.”

with constraints, from long lead times for critical equipment to limits on grid capacity.

“Understanding not just the solution, but the growth limiters and enablers that make it possible, is where the business knowledge from my EMBA comes into play,” he says. That perspective fuels his belief that efficiency and sustainability go hand in hand. “It is about doing your part, being efficient and making buildings better for both occupants and the environment,” Turner adds. “You can move past the politics quickly when you show that the investment saves money and improves quality of life.”

According to Turner, the EMBA program’s multidisciplinary environment mirrored the complexity of his work. “These are multimillion-dollar projects with layers of financing, tax considerations and technical execution,” he says. “You don’t need to be an expert in every area, but you need enough working knowledge to spot issues, connect the pieces and keep your team focused on optimizing the project as a whole.”

Turner remains a strong advocate for the program, recommending it to colleagues and even

his wife, Hanna Turner M.B.A. ’04, who graduated with the 18th EMBA cohort. “This isn’t surface-level training,” he says. “It is a place where, after you have been in the workforce, you go to elevate your perspective. You come out thinking differently, more strategically, about your work and your leadership.”

Looking back, Turner sees his participation in the EMBA program as a turning point. “You never know exactly how or when something will change your trajectory,” he says. “For me, the program was a differentiator. It gave me the tools to lead a business, the language to connect across disciplines and the perspective to navigate complexity with purpose.”

That perspective continues to shape his work today. From decarbonizing facilities to guiding organizations through new energy realities, Turner channels what he learned into practical problem-solving with purpose. “Every building we improve is better for the environment and better for the people inside,” he says. “That is the kind of impact I want to make.”

— JEREMY NORMAN

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AI Is a New Ball Game

ALUMNI LAUNCH APPS TO CONNECT PLAYERS WITH COACHES AND IMPROVE FANS' EXPERIENCE WITH FANTASY SPORTS

WINNING: *From student-athletes to founders and CEOs, Nyla Pollard '21 and Noah Kim '19 are changing the game with AI sports tech.*



ALUMNI PROFILES Nyla Pollard '21 and Noah Kim '19 know what success on the court, field and ice looks like. Now they know what success looks like as entrepreneurs in the digital space. They pursued interests formed at William & Mary to create artificial intelligence-based apps that they hope will shake up the worlds of recruitment and fantasy sports.

GAMIFYING PERFORMANCE & RECRUITMENT

Pollard is the chief executive officer of Ballin AI, an app that analyzes the performance of student-athletes and allows coaches to more efficiently find students who will fit in their college programs. The idea for Ballin AI came to Pollard during her first year at W&M, and she made it reality around five years later. This past July, the passion and excitement she built around the app secured her funding to close the company's \$500K angel round.

As a combo guard on the W&M Women's Basketball team, she had the skills and attributes of both a shooting guard and point guard — evaluating the game, initiating plays and scoring points in various ways. These skills translate directly into creating and running a successful business, she says.

"If there's something that's needed of you in sports and in entrepreneurship and you don't have that skill or capability, you must go develop it, because that's what your team needs," Pollard says.

At W&M, Pollard was an education and sociology double major. "Being able to impact a child's life in a positive way, I think that has ripple effects throughout the rest of their life," she says. Her love of mentoring and the art of teaching helped guide Ballin AI's purpose — to provide performance insights to students and allow for more students to be seen by coaches outside of games and travel competitions.

Professional sports teams, leagues and players all over the world will use the app to aid in recruitment and help improve performance. Athletes can upload videos to be evaluated and see how to improve their game. The app creates a personalized development plan based on their evaluation report, allowing athletes to track their growth. This gamification of improvement is closely related to Pollard's belief that "if it's not fun, I'm not doing it."

In addition to improving their skills by using the app, athletes can showcase them to be recruited by coaches. These coaches will be able to find players faster and maximize their roster. They are able to see which position the athlete plays, their level, school, location, year and the score Ballin AI has given them. Pollard wanted "a better way to connect the right high school basketball players with the right college program," not only helping the players, but helping the coaches see which players would click with the team. In addition to scores, the app provides compatibility insights to help coaches

COURTESY PHOTOS

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predict which recruits will thrive in their program, since team chemistry is beneficial to its success.

At William & Mary, Pollard started the first student-athlete mentorship program through the Student Athlete Advisory Council. “Student-athletes would come and we would pair them with mentors who could help them in their career,” she says. Now she is a mentor to current students through the Entrepreneurship Hub, and in June, she spoke at Mosaic Weekend to encourage fellow alumni to do the same.

Joining Pollard in leading Ballin AI is another member of the Tribe, Bianca Boggs ’19. Boggs was a shooting guard on the court with Pollard and is now the chief operating officer. Ballin AI’s first hire, Danielle McTeer ’24, started as an intern and is now the project manager.

DATA SCIENCE MEETS GAME DAY

While Pollard and her team are helping athletes and coaches connect more effectively, Kim is focused on improving the fantasy sports experience for fans.

Kim is the co-founder and chief executive officer of SportAI, “a mobile app integrated with generative AI that democratizes fantasy sports analytics and helps anyone get into fantasy sports,” he says. “We want to make it easy for the user to understand and decipher player data and not be intimidated by playing it.”

As a W&M student, he double majored in data science and anthropology. “I wanted to do data science to gain technological skills. Anthropology helped me understand humanity and societal interaction at a granular level. This way, I not only knew how to build AI, but I also knew how new technologies go hand in hand with social trends, humanities’ trajectory and where exactly my impact would be,” Kim says.

Kim’s early experience with data science and coding was in high school when he showcased his creations in a video game competition and an animatronic competition, bringing home second place in both. His interest in data science led to him being part of the first graduating class of data science majors at William & Mary in 2019.

The experience of being a college athlete — football, ice hockey and weightlifting — at a prestigious school helped him learn how to manage a schedule. “It was like working a full-time job as an 18-year-old kid,” Kim says. “I did block scheduling, where I would block off certain times for athletics, academics, roadmap planning and socialization. I think part of that was why

William & Mary is such an amazing institution; it allowed me to customize how I wanted my academic journey to go.”

Kim compares each of the three sports he played at W&M to an aspect of running a startup. “Football is my big-corporation experience. Across the many positions, it’s a massive organization that needs to work together. For hockey, it’s a smaller team, so even with a full roster, there’s less people, just like a startup. I played center — you have to be responsible for all different responsibilities on the ice from faceoffs to defense to scoring,” he says, adding that weightlifting taught him the individual aspects: “For the startup world, or creating your own business, there are going to be a lot of solo battles where you are going to have to continuously improve.”

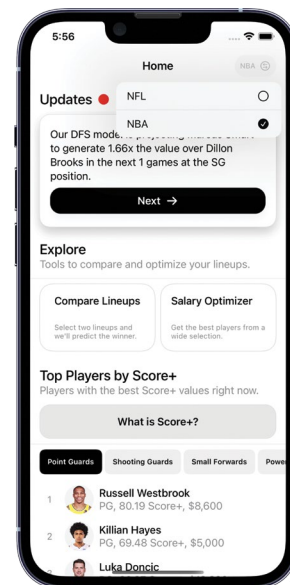
Using the skills he gained through academics and sports, Kim created SportAI with fellow W&M data science alumnus Charlie Strohl ’20 to help people build their fantasy leagues. The idea for the app came during the COVID-19 pandemic when fans turned to fantasy leagues to stay connected with the sports they love, but they lacked reliable data to make informed decisions. Tapping into data analytics and machine learning, the app will create a metric for each player, allowing the user to adjust their choices into an optimal fantasy lineup.

Kim’s mentality in creating SportAI was that of empathy and curiosity. His faculty mentors are Tomoko Hamada, who taught him about understanding human interaction in business and that data is unbiased; Sasikumar Balasundaram, who taught him to question everything; and Dan Runfola, who showed him the importance of combining humanities with the STEM sciences. Kim pays forward the support he received at William & Mary by speaking with students at the Entrepreneurship Hub.

W&M’s School of Computing, Data Sciences & Physics will prepare students for the growing field of computing sciences. “We need more people who can understand technology, humanity, how they connect, and then communicate how to bridge that gap effectively,” Kim says.

From Ballin AI’s performance and recruitment insights to SportAI’s accessible fantasy league metrics, Pollard and Kim are proving that William & Mary alumni don’t just play the game, they change it. For both, success is no longer measured in just points or goals but in the connections and opportunities their innovations create.

— ANNA KORMIS



DREAM TEAM: *Kim’s app, SportAI, is making fantasy sports accessible to fans at every level.*



You Belong

W&M HOSTS INAUGURAL MOSAIC WEEKEND



ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT “Who comes here, belongs here.” This famous line from the W&M 1949 student handbook has come to be the university’s unofficial motto — and Mosaic Weekend, June 6-8, reflected the university’s commitment to this ethos. Bringing together the W&M Alumni Association’s Hulon Willis Association, Crim Dell Association, APIM Association and Familia, as well as friends and allies, Mosaic Weekend celebrated the varied backgrounds, experiences and identities that make up our community.

The weekend kicked off with an inspirational keynote speech from Anika Noni Rose, best known for her voicing of Tiana in Disney’s “The Princess and the Frog.” On Saturday,

Mosaic Talks centered the voices of alumni, faculty and staff, as they reflected on their W&M experiences. That night, a Sneaker Ball filled the Alumni House with the sounds of laughter, music and dancing.

A signature moment of the weekend was the Mosaic Alumni Celebrations, drawing from a new Commencement tradition founded by students. Each participant received a specially designed stole, symbolic of their identity and heritage, which was placed around their shoulders by a family member or friend — a meaningful gesture honoring culture and community.

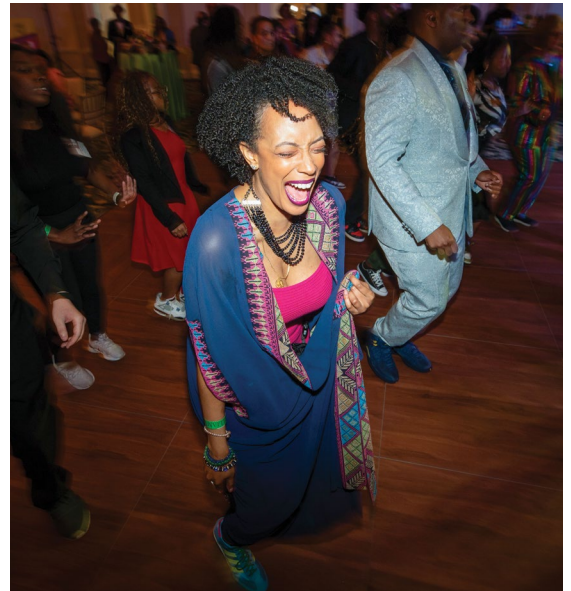
Read the full recap story at magazine.wm.edu/mosaic-weekend-2025.

— CATHERINE TYSON '20

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MAGIC IN THE AIR:
Opposite: Anika Noni Rose spoke about the power of family, the value of community and the importance of mastering your craft. Top: In the alumni stole ceremony, each participant received a specially designed stole, symbolic of their identity and heritage, which was placed around their shoulders by a family member or friend. Below: Alumni and friends of all ages enjoyed panels, receptions and opportunities to connect.



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Celebrating W&M Women

W&M WOMEN'S WEEKEND BUILDS CONNECTIONS, SHOWCASES EXPERTISE

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT Campus buzzed with a special energy the weekend of Sept. 12-14: W&M Women's Weekend was back. Sponsored by the William & Mary Alumni Association and the Society of 1918 — the university's giving society committed to growing the engagement, leadership and philanthropy of W&M women — Women's Weekend 2025 celebrated the accomplishments, passions and connections of W&M women.

More than 45 alumnae, faculty, staff, parents and friends gave presentations during the weekend, sharing their expertise on topics ranging from hormonal health to human rights to marine science. To kick off the weekend, Reshma Saujani, founder of Girls Who Code and Moms First, sat down for

a keynote conversation with President Katherine A. Rowe. Together, they delved into the joys and challenges of navigating life as a woman, drawing on Saujani's experience as an entrepreneur, CEO, activist and mother.

The weekend also featured a collaborative mural project with artist Zara Fina Stasi '12, service projects, reflections from W&M Women's Basketball Coach Erin Dickerson Davis and a dessert reception with a live band and dancing. On Sunday, Mary Talks — dynamic 20-minute presentations — highlighted the stories of W&M women and how they hope to change the world in ways big and small.

Read the full recap story at magazine.wm.edu/womens-weekend-2025. — CATHERINE TYSON '20



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2026 Alumni Service Awards

HONOREES ACTIVELY CONNECT ALUMNI TO W&M AND TO EACH OTHER

ALUMNI AWARDS The Douglas N. Morton '62 Alumni Service Awards recognize alumni who are constantly working to engage and support alumni, connecting them to each other and the university. The W&M Alumni Association Board of Directors will present this year's awards at a ceremony on **Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026**, during Charter Day Weekend. The ceremony will be held in the Sadler Center's Commonwealth Auditorium at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a reception in the Alumni House.

Visit wmalumni.com/awards to see all W&M Alumni Association awards and submit nominations for deserving individuals. For details about the ceremony and to read more about each of the winners, visit magazine.wm.edu/service-2026.

NANCY COTÉ KANE '84, P '22



Though her Navy family took her many miles from William & Mary after graduation, Nancy reconnected with her alma mater when she attended her 20th reunion at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. She hasn't slowed down since. She brought her extensive

fundraising experience from more than 20 years with Feeding San Diego to the Society of 1918, W&M's giving society committed to advancing women's leadership and philanthropy. After joining as a charter member, Nancy became a champion for the society, encouraging others on the West Coast to join. She uses that same enthusiasm for peer-to-peer outreach as a class ambassador and as a member of the Annual Giving Board of Directors, which she joined in 2020.

During the *For the Bold* campaign, Nancy was a member of the West Coast steering committee, helping to successfully close William & Mary's largest campaign. She hosts Yule Log celebrations at her home in San Diego, bringing this meaningful campus tradition to local alumni and their families, and helps plan and host other university events for West Coast alumni. Nancy was also a sponsor for William & Mary Weekend in San Francisco. This year, she supported the Pi Beta Phi Centennial Celebration to commemorate 100 years of her sorority. Her son Christopher also

made the trek East to attend William & Mary, graduating in 2022.

"My involvement with William & Mary and our alumni has helped me to see how giving back to my alma mater strengthens all those who have attended the university and all those who will attend someday. I believe in giving back because my education has given so much to me," she says. "My hope is that my involvement inspires others to give back and get involved."

REBECCA MCBRIDE KLEPSER '99, P '26 AND DAVID KLEPSER '97, P '26

Rebecca and David have been active in the William & Mary community since they were students, and their commitment has only deepened with their son Drew following in their footsteps to attend W&M. As members of the Parent & Family Council, the Klepsers prioritize



unrestricted annual support through the Parents Fund, advancing undergraduate research, career and leadership development, academic enrichment, and wellness resources. They welcome new families to the Tribe and share their insights on the parent and alumni experience with their peers and university leadership. David is also a new member of the Boehly Center Board of Advisors, helping to ensure students are able to earn the best jobs in finance, no matter their major.



The Klepsers have hosted the Charlotte Yule Log for more than a decade, graciously opening their home to fellow alumni and local W&M families for this beloved tradition. It is the network's most popular event and an opportunity for this regional community to forge strong connections and welcome new arrivals. They also coordinate with the Boehly Center and Raymond A. Mason School of Business on the Charlotte Trek, an opportunity for W&M students to explore career opportunities in the city by meeting with business leaders there. The Klepsers have hosted welcome receptions for participating students, recommended fellow industry leaders to the program and introduced students to David's firm, Ram Realty Advisors, furthering William & Mary's commitment to being students' career partner for life.

"For us, it's not just about reflecting on fond memories; it's about actively investing in the university's future. We feel a strong sense of responsibility to help both W&M and its students continue to thrive as a place of learning, growth and achievement," they say. "We hope that our service leaves a lasting, positive impact on both William & Mary and the individuals it supports. Within the alumni community, our goal is to strengthen connections and foster a network that mentors, supports and warmly welcomes new members of the Tribe."

SUSAN SNEDIKER NEWMAN '79, P '12



In the D.C. Metro network, Sue ensures alumni of all ages can meaningfully connect with one another, learn from each other and have fun. When she served as D.C. Metro's networking chair, she spearheaded the network's book clubs as well as its popular "Welcome to the Real World" series for new alumni, which taught valuable life skills. Always willing to volunteer to plan and staff events, Sue also took on updating the network's bylaws and reviewing board member applications, improving those processes for the future. As a member of the inaugural W&M Weekend committee, her insights helped make the signature event's debut in D.C. a resounding success.

Her impact also extends far beyond D.C. Sue served on the W&M Alumni Association Board of Directors from 2011-2015, including as secretary and as chair of the Tribe Ties committee. As a class ambassador since the program's inception, Sue connects her classmates to the university and opportunities to give back, including in support of their reunions. As co-chair of her 30th reunion, she helped the Class of 1979 achieve a record 45% participation in their class gift. She currently sits on the W&M Reves Global Engagement Board, advocating for the university's international initiatives. Sue is also a member of the Society of 1918, W&M's giving society committed to advancing women's leadership and philanthropy, and shares her love of W&M with her husband, Bob Newman '78, P '12, and her daughter, Ali Newman '12.

"I love William & Mary and have always wanted to give back to the university. My experiences at W&M helped shape the person I am today. My volunteer work on W&M boards and in leadership positions furthered my personal and professional growth. I have lifelong friends from my time at W&M and continue to make new friends from all generations of alumni through my involvement," she says. "I hope that my service will encourage others to volunteer and become more engaged with the university."

ANNE "WIN" WINSLOW WHITEHURST '69, M.ED. '72



This is not the first time Win's name has appeared in the W&M Alumni Magazine — far from it. Her name has graced the pages of every issue of this publication for 36 years. As class reporter for the Class of 1969, Win compiles the latest news from her classmates and their families into a column in each magazine's Class Notes section. Her warm, accurate and often amusing reporting of the news keeps fellow alumni connected to each other and to W&M.

While never seeking the spotlight, Win has held a leadership role in all milestone 1969 class reunions, including as co-chair of her 50th reunion and chair of the activities subcommittee for the

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class's Traditions Weekend events. She serves as a class ambassador, encouraging her peers to stay engaged with their alma mater and to give back. She is also a Greek ambassador for her sorority, Chi Omega, leading the sorority in 2024 to win the Fraternity & Sorority Challenge trophy for the highest participation rate in giving to William & Mary. She helped organize the sorority's centennial celebration, spearheaded fundraising for the Chi O House Fund. Since 2019, she has sent more than 900 handwritten thank you notes to sisters and donors.

"Like many, I found my four years at the College the most formative of my life, and the friends I made there the most important. I realized early on that I couldn't give lots of money, but I could give my time. I chose two things that I hoped would help keep my class in touch — class reporter and helping with our reunions," she says. "I hope that both have helped keep my classmates informed and connected ... like a Tribe! In return, I have received so much more than I have given."

W&M ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD NOTES

Visit magazine.wm.edu/board-notes for a summary of the June 5-6 and Sept. 11-12, 2025, meetings of the William & Mary Alumni Association Board of Directors.

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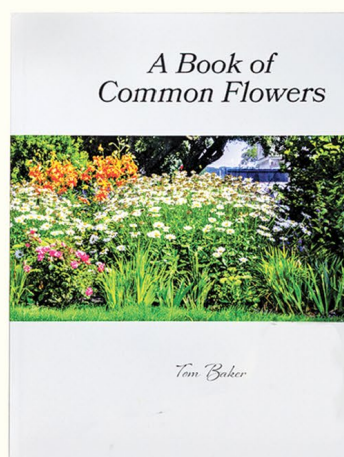
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VICENTE "JUNE" LAO

Vicente "June" Lao is an indispensable member of the W&M facilities management team, helping make each Alumni House event a success. From custodial support to event setup and breakdown, Lao ensures the Alumni House always looks its best, ready to welcome the next guests who walk through its doors.

At each of the last three Homecoming & Reunion Weekends, Lao devoted over 14 hours of his Saturday to supporting the many tailgates and events on the Alumni House lawn. He was there from start to finish, late into the night — with a smile on his face and a constant willingness to help. Lao's dedication is a true reflection of W&M's values in action.

"June's work ethic, humility and dedication set an inspiring example for us all. His contributions are essential to the success of our events, and his presence is a source of reassurance to everyone on our team," says Virginia Hall, senior director of alumni experiences & business development. "Simply put, the Alumni House would not operate as smoothly as it does without him, especially during major events."

STEVE TEWKSBURY

During his 22-year tenure at William & Mary, culminating with his retirement in June 2025 as executive director of university events, Steve Tewksbury brought W&M's most cherished traditions to life. A gifted and gracious leader, Tewksbury managed a small team to execute some of William & Mary's largest events. His work touched everyone in the community, from new students passing through the Wren Building during Opening Convocation to alumni and their families returning to campus. He orchestrated over 60 board meetings, 10 Convocations and 14 Charter Day celebrations, in addition to countless other events.

Representing the university with pride, Tewksbury never settled for anything less than excellence. Despite the complexity of major campus events, his quick thinking and calm demeanor smoothed many a last-minute wrinkle, helping to ensure everything ran seamlessly. These skills were especially appreciated during the 14th Dalai Lama's visit to W&M in 2012 and the visit of Queen Elizabeth II in 2007.

"Steve is the epitome of service — to the Alumni Association, to the boards, to President

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Rowe, to the university and to our community. His impact ripples through every event for which he is responsible — directly or indirectly — and he ensures that each event bears the highest quality of his exacting standards,” says Lisa Roday HON ’23, P ’13, P ’14, a former member of the Board of Visitors. “He is truly a treasure and one of the finest people I have the pleasure of working with at W&M.”

ERIN DICKERSON DAVIS

Not long after Erin Dickerson Davis arrived at William & Mary in 2022, she began making history. In her first season as head coach of the women’s basketball team, she led the team to 18 wins, the most of any first-time coach. This March, she helped the Tribe realize a long-sought-after dream: its NCAA basketball tournament debut. The William & Mary Alumni Association Board of Directors is proud to name her Coach of the Year.

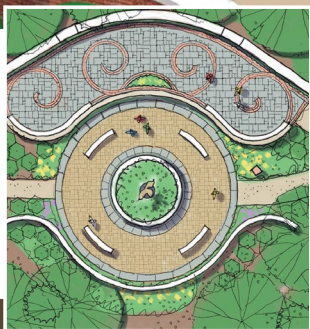
Heading into the 2025 CAA Championships, W&M Women’s Basketball was ranked No. 9 out of 14. Dickerson Davis, or as her players call her, “Coach E,” galvanized her team, transforming this string of losses into the most spectacular winning streak W&M Basketball has ever seen. Defying the odds, they won four games in four days and clinched their first-ever CAA Championship, securing their spot at the Big Dance. They went on to win their first March Madness matchup against High Point before ceding victory to No. 1 ranked Texas. The key to this historic turnaround was a deep self-belief and determination, instilled in them by a coach who never doubted their potential.

“At the end of the day, Coach E is always pushing us to be better women on and off the court,” said fifth-year center Kayla Beckwith ’23, M.B.A. ’25. “She expects the best from us at all times and wants to push us outside of our comfort zone as players because she believes in us.”



W&M Memorial Garden

Expansion To Begin This Fall!



The W&M Memorial Garden serves as the final resting place for many in our university community. Plaques on the surrounding brick wall commemorate each person whose ashes are placed in the garden. Once completed, the Memorial Garden will also feature a new zoo-niche columbarium, a second brick wall of remembrance for the garden, a welcoming entryway, additional seating and improved walkways.



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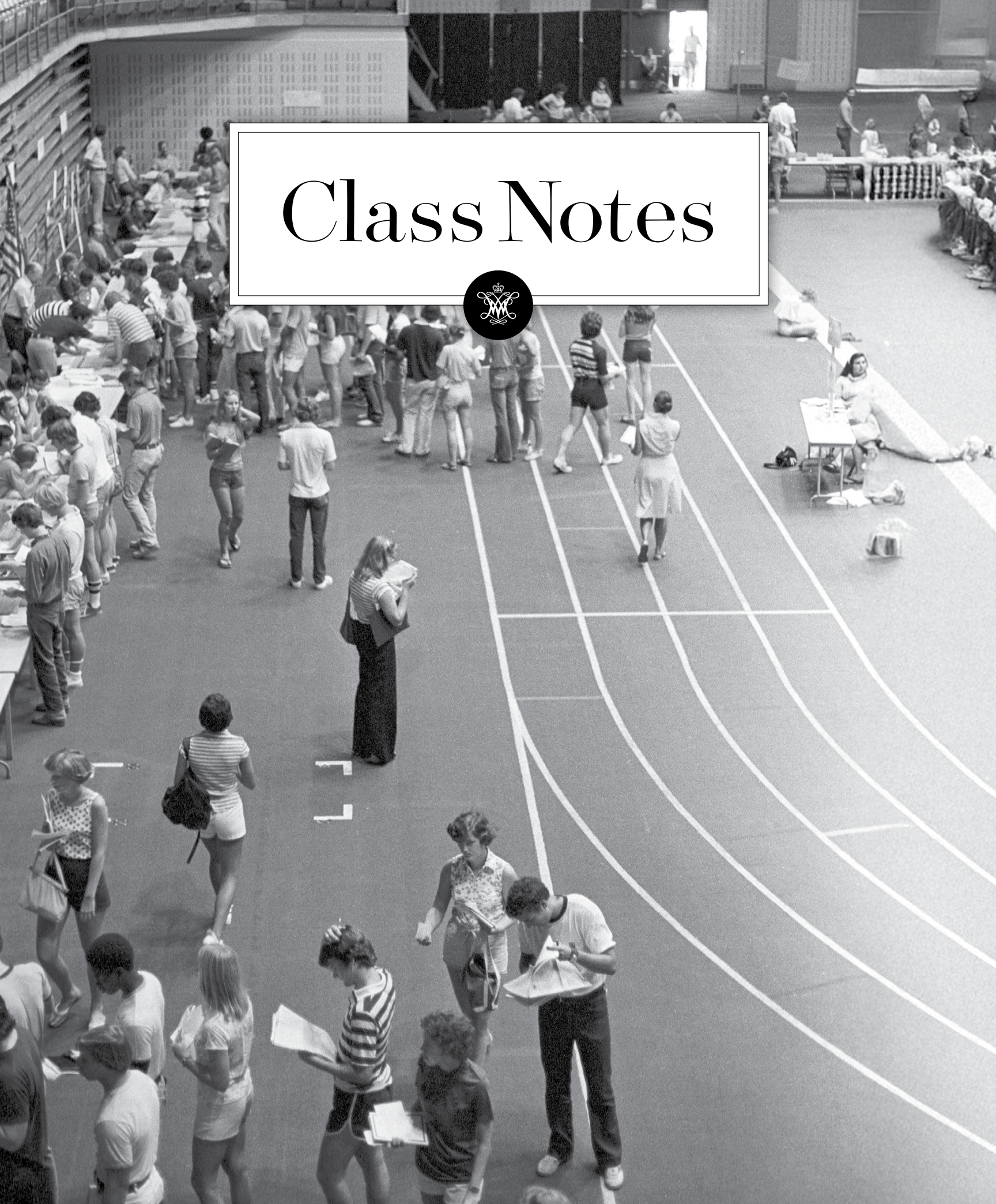
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Class Notes



WHAT'S THE STORY?

Students registering for classes, circa 1978, in Blow Gym. Blow Memorial Hall is no longer used as a gym, and the current registration system is entirely online.

— Photo by Richard Walker '79, W&M Alumni Association Archives

Class Notes has been a William & Mary tradition for decades, made possible by the dedication of our volunteer class reporters. While we make every effort to collect columns and check facts, each column is the responsibility of the class reporter. To submit your news, contact your class reporter or email alumni.magazine@wm.edu.

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Gerry Angermann sends greetings from Virginia Beach. He lives at Atlantic Shores, a senior independent community, and is enjoying life. He is no longer playing golf but is still quite active. He reads, does chair yoga, bikes, plays several card games and is a "beginner" painter. The only other classmate he communes with is **Bruce Ramage**, who lives in a senior facility in Jacksonville, Florida. Gerry did comment to Ed about when he was a young sergeant tank commander, enjoying good German beer in Kitzigen, Germany (when the Watkinses were enjoying good beer in the Würzburg area!).

Will Molineux informs us that, as of this writing, the Wren Building is encased in scaffolding as workers replace shingles that were only 21 years old when we enrolled. Will still finds himself in the classroom as he has been presenting a revised story

of Williamsburg's colonial restoration for attendees of William & Mary's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. He plans to continue in the fall with a little help from his wife, Mary, "madam librarian." Will still enjoys the weekly meetings of the Pulaski Club on the benches in front of the Cole Shop on Duke of Gloucester Street for the free exchange of wild memories and bold opinions. "There is nothing so marvelous as to relish another year in Williamsburg!"

Les Sykes Waldron reports her apartment at Brookdale Chambrel has plenty of room, and her three daughters have made many visits and have been great help.

Always good to hear from **Jane Thompson Kaplan**, who had lunch with **Bill Marfizo** and his wife, Angela, when they were visiting Williamsburg. Bill is one of the few "Iron Indians" left. Jane will see them again in October! Jane "ran into" **Anne Callis Jones '57**, the first time in over 20 years. They were both picking up meds at CVS! Jane often speaks to **Dr. Terry Slaughter '57** and **Barbara Higbee Slaughter '55** who live in Salinas, California, where they raised their

four daughters. While Terry plays golf, Barbara keeps in touch with the grands and their 16 greats. Jane celebrated her 90th birthday last November with a trip to the Utah national parks with her daughter and two sons — "just the four of us — fabulous." Jane talks somewhat regularly to **Joan MacWilliams Russell** in Minneapolis and **Jane Dougherty Marfizo** in Pennsylvania.

Last, but not least! **John Hummel** writes that at Traditions Weekend this April, 1956 was (for the third time) the most ancient class represented. He thinks the Williamsburg-Peninsula Chapter of the W&M Alumni Association is working well with monthly meetings, usually with a speaker from the College with free food and a cash bar at a restaurant. John also mentions the magnificent Michelangelo exhibition at the Muscarelle Museum of Art. The new Muscarelle is a first-class museum. John says he and **Nancy Harshbarger Hummel** are "winding down." When you read this, they will both be 91. Their volunteer hours are winding down! John is a docent at the York County

Historical Museum (John grew up in Yorktown), and says he is a bit of an historical exhibit on his own. John and Nancy eat out two or three times a week, and John admits to learning to cook (with Nancy supervising).

Ed Watkins and I are hanging in there — don't expect to do any traveling (although we did a lot in our lives).

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Class Reporter
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To the Great Class of '57: I have to apologize to everyone for missing writing our Class Notes, having missed the deadline due to a badly broken wrist. First column in many, many years I've failed to produce since I've had the honor of writing about our Class of '57 for all of us.

Please send to me any news included in the following:

Family news ... moves, health, awards/achievements, children/grandkids, great grandkids (any who are going or have gone to W&M).

Communications with other '57 alumni.

W&M visits ... are you planning for Homecoming? Have you seen the wonderful new buildings and additions to our beautiful campus?

When was your last visit to W&M and what did you think?

Always my best to you and yours,
Pete

1958 ☛

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Dear Super-Agers, as always, the news I report here is a tiny portion of what you will find if you go to the much more extensive online version of our alumni Class Notes. There are photographs, documents, articles, reports, full obituaries (sadly, in May, including **Beverly Burgess Burchette**), and memorabilia of our class that are included there because of the flexibility of space online. You will also find oral histories from **Merritt Ierley**, **Bob Bradley** and **Ed Walton '58, J.D. '63**, a tribute to **Peter Neufeld's** confederate **Linda Lavin '59, D.A. '09**, plus Peter's 60th anniversary booklet and other goodies about the history of the College.

How many of you remember **Virginia Harris Holsinger**? She attended, like many other classmates, Washington & Lee High School in Arlington, Virginia, before graduating from W&M with a degree in chemistry. While here, she also was a member of Eta Sigma Phi, the Chorus, Backdrop Club, the Canterbury Club and, not surprisingly, secretary-treasurer of the Chemistry Club. Photos of her while at W&M and afterward are in the online version.

Virginia then went to work as an analytical chemist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service in its dairy products laboratory in Washington, D.C. In 1974, she transferred to the USDA's Eastern Regional Research Center in Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania, and she stayed there until her retirement in 1999, except for completing her doctorate at The Ohio State University in 1980. On Sept. 4, 2009, she died of cancer at the age of 72, in Fairfax, Virginia. Perhaps one of my predecessor editors reported that as well as her other honors

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and activities.

Fast forward to May 8 this year when she was posthumously inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame, in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), for her dairy product innovation. The tribute praised her for the following: "Her research on enzymes and digestion advanced the dairy industry, improved nutrition in American schools and international food donation programs, and created the foundation for Lactaid brand products, making milk digestible by those with lactose intolerance."

Let's hear from the rest of you! I get the usual jokes from **Bob Bradley**, who is still working in the Boston area, while celebrating his 90th birthday. His photos can be found in the online version — don't miss them!

On June 12, Tina Eshleman, **Claire De Lisle M.B.A. '21** and, newly, **Annie Powell M.A. '18, Ph.D. '24** — our wonderful alumni magazine liaisons — invited all of us reporters for a first online session. Claire appeared with her new baby — wow! Thanks, Tina, for pointing to yours truly for suggesting such a get-together. But, although only a few were able to attend, I really think it was great to have a very lively exchange of ideas amongst us and look forward to more.

Hearing nothing drop into my inbox at this time of deadline, you will see that the rest is from this very (still) active reporter.

The quadrennial political transition in Washington, D.C., continued through the summer, with more than usual displacement and "sturm und drang" (storm and stress). Or at least, some think of it that way. After 11 presidents and 19 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) secretaries, I must confess to just consoling my friends on the way out and congratulating my friends

on the way in. There is always an enormous opportunity to work through some new/old ideas (e.g., artificial intelligence and Opportunity Zones) and challenge the status quo, both in our personal as well as our public lives.

I am leading the American Academy of Housing and Communities in its 56th year and celebrating HUD's 60th anniversary with various programs, articles and books.

Playing tennis tournaments remains my main physical activity, and I am aiming for furthering the United States Tennis Association (USTA) national ranking when I reach the 90s in two years. Other sports challenge me through the Maryland Senior Olympics and the World Huntsman Games.

My granddaughter **India Walsh '28** is loving W&M and spent the summer session at the W&M German department's "branch" abroad in Berlin. My grandson, Hayden, registered at Indiana University for the fall. My daughter, Heather, kept her No. 2 USTA national ranking in 55-and-over doubles. She is also playing a new sport called "padel!"

I also prepared a fall course for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University on dreams, dreamwork and AI.

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*Editor's note:
We are looking for a
new class reporter. If
interested, please
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During Traditions Weekend in April, **James "Jim" H. Dillard II** was awarded the Olde Guard Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding work serving his community, the environment and his alma mater. Jim worked in Fairfax County Schools

for many decades and also served as a legislator in the Virginia General Assembly for 32 years.

The Shubert Organization momentarily darkened the marquee lights of Broadway's Broadhurst Theatre on March 11 to honor Tony Award winner **Linda Lavin '59, D.A. '09**, who passed away on Dec. 29, 2024, at age 87.

The W&M community also mourns the loss of **Raymond A. "Chip" Mason '59, L.H.D. '98**, who passed away on Aug. 22. Known for building one of the nation's largest and most respected investment firms, Chip was also a devoted alumnus. In 2005, the Raymond A. Mason School of Business was renamed in his honor.

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James Egan wrote that he recently retired after having served as director of psychiatry at Children's National Hospital in Washington, D.C., and professor of psychiatry at The George Washington University. He added that he is divorced and has five children and 12 grandchildren. Two of his daughters are nurses married to doctors, and one son is an otorhinolaryngologist.

Marga Larson Bales reported that Pi Phi from the class of 1960 — namely **Nancy Moore Kiser, Twyla Willey Kulp, Jackie Good Legg** and Marga — were getting together for lunch at Le Yaca in Williamsburg and sharing news with each other in May.

Dick Neely wrote that he had "recently returned from a two-day visit with my remaining sailing friend in Oxford, Maryland. We get together twice a year to celebrate

and remember our band of sailing mates who have since passed. Oxford is a small, quiet slice of paradise on the eastern shore of Maryland, bordering the Chesapeake Bay ... it is my favorite place on this planet." In keeping with his custom of shaming the more sedentary of us, Dick reported that he has "added tai chi stretching to my daily routine. It is active stretching versus static stretching. Its dynamic movement helps with my posture, overall flexibility and general sense of well-being, and it's fun, but it does not grow hair."

Miles Chappell sent a note from his part-time home on St. Eustatius "where time stands still." Miles reports that he "keeps busy writing about a portrait by Michelangelo's disciple Sebastiano del Piombo and traveling for art history projects." Miles added that the new Muscarelle Museum of Art is "an asset with great potential for the educational program ... a knockout. Be sure to check it out when on campus." Di and I saw the Muscarelle expansion last year, and we heartily agree.

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Paul Verkuil '61, D.P.S. '17 and Judy Rodin biked with friends from Salzburg to Venice through the Dolomites in June, a spectacular trip organized by Backroads. They will be in the 'Burg for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend seeing their freshman granddaughter, **Lucy Verkuil '29**, while Paul is giving a talk at W&M Law School on the future of the civil service in these tough times for government employees, many of whom

are proud W&M grads. In March they will be going on the W&M Alumni Journeys trip to Bhutan.

Ron Monark writes that he just completed eight years (six as chair) on the board of trustees of The Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra and was elected to the status of trustee emeritus. His time as chair included coping with a 20-month interruption of live concerts due to COVID-19, a search for a new music director, and changes in concert locations to accommodate the growing subscriber population. Ron says, "We not only survived, but emerged much stronger."

From **Don Weissman**: "So now I find myself 86 years old. Is there anything I can do to give promise to our future? Well, I started writing opinion letters to the newspaper. I have commented on everything from world economics, to immigration, to favoritism in government, to high prices, to restrictions on education, to nepotism, to you know what! Many of my letters have been published! I am convinced that graduating from William & Mary, an institution that pre-dates the Constitution by almost 100 years, and being excited by its growth, diversity and proud affiliations with today's patriots, can make my voice an important and useful part of our national growth."

Good news from **Bill Nicolai**: "All is well. Life is good in East Hampton and Manhattan. I went to Africa for three weeks last year which was an amazing trip! Got to see all my favorite animals running around free."

Allan Brownfeld '61, B.C.L. '64 wrote: "I recently had a nice visit from my son Peter, who is a diplomatic representative of our country in Italy. My oldest grandson, Dario, also visited. He is finishing his first year at the University of Prada. Now 18, he just received his driver's license. Here in Virginia, my son

Burke Brownfeld '04 and his wife **Amelia Kissing '04**, both William & Mary graduates, have two terrific daughters. My daughter **Ali Brownfeld '99** and her husband, **Alexi Papandon '90**, are also in Northern Virginia." (*Editor's note: We were sad to learn of Allan's passing on Aug. 4, as we prepared to go to press with the magazine.*)

From **Ellen "Bunny" King Neff**: "I don't know about the rest of you, but 86 is getting on my nerves! I finally got my Ph.D. a few years ago, from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, and it's fun to tell yourself you have it, but I'm not going to work again! My husband, Jim, and I are in Tidewater Virginia at The Chamberlin retirement community. Jim is tired of taking care of me! I'm not sick, just achy. I love living at The Chamberlin (hotel, done as a retirement center). Check it out, it's right on the bay! I haven't done much at the College, but boy am I proud I went there! I'm finding that everyone is impressed! I'm a legacy as both my parents were alumni!"

From **Ken Lounsbury**: "This year we've enjoyed a reminder of the increasing greatness of our W&M. **Dorcas Miller Lounsbury '62** and our daughter **Anne Lounsbury '85** were joined by our son's mother-in-law (Katsue) in a day-long visit to VIMS in Gloucester. The docent-led tour was most interesting to Dorcas, a biology major and former technician at Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego. The tour focused on the nurturing of the oyster population in the Tidelands, also a topic of interest to Anne, whose husband, **John Scaife '86** (retired), is raising oysters at their second home on the river at Callao. The VIMS project is making great strides in filtering and cleaning the tidewaters.

"The calendar here is still focused on grandkids.

One (Will) has entered the world of AI employment in NYC. George is in China, studying advanced Chinese language in a Princeton-based course of study. Xander is matriculating to Point Loma High School, while Abi is moving into middle school. We are no longer in charge — just interested bystanders. Spare time is devoted to board participation for several local charities."

From **Charlie White '61, B.C.L. '63**: "**Tricia Lee White '63** and I are currently on a 12-day cruise to Alaska. We did another cruise from Boston to Montreal earlier in the year. I am still going to the office five days a week and pretending to work. However, we still have room to travel and go places. Recently became great-grandparents for the first time. It is not surprising, but it is shocking to know that our daughter **Laurie White Wrigley Wilkey '86**, another W&M graduate, is now a grandmother. Our son **C.M. Jeffrey White '87**, likewise a W&M graduate, is a Delta Airlines pilot flying international routes, and his son is also a pilot for a charter aircraft company. We are looking forward to the days when Jeff and Tim are both pilots for Delta and take a flight together."

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Not much news from our classmates.

On June 5, I received an e-mail from **Nancy Kent Young** that her husband, **Bill Young**, also our classmate, died peacefully that evening. The memorial service was held on June 21 at Westminster Canterbury in Lynchburg, Virginia, where they lived. Nancy says thanks to all the won-

derful thoughts, hugs and all the things that came her way. I remember Nancy and Bill were always together when we were at the College. Bill graduated from W&M in 1962, received his master's from Duke University and got his doctorate from Emory University. He was a professor at the University of Lynchburg. I often saw him when I was getting my master's at Lynchburg. To Nancy we offer our sincere condolences.

We also lost prominent businessman and devoted alumnus **James "Jim" W. McGlothlin '62, J.D. '64, LL.D. '00**, who passed away Aug. 6.

Please send some news for our next issue.

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Michael Hodges took the plunge and wrote about what he has been doing. (Note to the rest of you, follow Michael's lead and let us know how you are doing). Michael retired in December from 53 years of teaching philosophy at Vanderbilt University plus three years at the University of Tennessee. He has been back to Williamsburg a few times over the years. He found the campus pretty crowded, but the students who directed Michael and his wife to the philosophy department were very nice and helpful. Thanks for writing, Michael!

I entered an article for a Valentine's Day feature in the online W&M Alumni Magazine article "From Classmates to Soulmates: William & Mary Love Stories." I'm including my story here for those of you that missed the online version. The title given was "A Twist of Fate." **Don Snook '61** and I had some funny/inter-

esting times during our four-year courtship. Don borrowed my meal card and got caught. Instead of him really getting in trouble, Miss Tinker gave me a card inviting Don to join me for pecan pancakes for breakfast sometime. They were delicious. Don graduated and went to The George Washington University. On one of his weekend visits, his black VW bug, aka "The Lemon," broke down in front of the Governor's Palace. His college roommate, **Owen Knopping '61, J.D. '63, M.L.T. '64**, was then in law school, and the two tied Don's car to Owen's, and we drove to Richmond. I held my breath while watching Don steer the VW, but we made it. After serving his residency in hospital administration, Don joined the Army as a second lieutenant stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky. I taught fifth grade in a suburb of Philadelphia. Phone calls were few and far between, as in those days it was expensive. Finally, we were married. How did Don pay for our honeymoon? By selling The Lemon!

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Congratulations to **Bill Fleming** and his wife, **Pam Wandell Fleming '65**, who recently received the service award from the Society of Cincinnati at the Washington National Cathedral. "Pam and I just returned from a trip to Miami to raise funds for the charity that we have supported for many years — Universal Aid for Children in Ukraine. One of the orphans that we had supported during her attendance in medical school in Odessa is now living with us and working

as a nurse at Holy Cross Hospital. You may have met Ekateryna as she was with us at our 60th reunion last October. Other than that, Pam and I are fortunate to have our two daughters living close by and enjoy frequent visits by nine grandchildren between the ages of 13 and 25, as well as a 3-year-old great-grandson." Go to the 1964 online Class Notes to view the photos.

Also in the online version, please read thank you notes from several recipients who received scholarships from the Class of 1964 50th Reunion Scholarship Endowment established in 2013 with gifts from our class. There are notes from **Hanna Biedron '28** and **Patrick Kiely '27**. Other recipients were **Ryan Lee '25** and **Joshua Murray '24**. This foundation endowment activity was shared by **Don Beck**. In addition, Don and his late wife, **Susie Beck HON '01**, were highlighted in an article about W&M's One Tribe One Day. As a class ambassador, Don has enhanced this university tradition established in 2014. In its first year there were 1,700 donors raising \$150,000. Over 12 years, this expanded to 63,000 donors raising \$27.9 million!

Sam Sadler '64, M.Ed. '71 spoke to the Class of 1975, their friends and family during the Olde Guard Induction Ceremony for Traditions Weekend 2025. Look for a link to the recording in the online notes.

Susan Trice Fieglein: "Mike and I just returned from a trip to Ireland and Scotland. We hiked around one of the uninhabited Shetland Islands; it was quite a challenge. Back at home in Austin, Texas, I go to water aerobics/swimming classes four days a week, and Mike goes to the gym at a local YMCA. We drive to California with our dog a couple of times a year."

Charles Thomas lives in Lottsburg, Virginia,

on the Northern Neck on the Yeocomico River: "Still doing safety patrols for the Coast Guard Auxiliary in the Lower Potomac and Middle Chesapeake Bay. Have fond memories of my time in the concert, marching bands and pit orchestras for the many stage musicals we did."

Leland Orr, from Shalimar, Florida: "Advise everyone my health is failing, but I still remember my days at William & Mary with great fondness. Met a lovely woman named Caryn and have been married 52 years. Two children and four grandchildren have blessed my life also. Best wishes to all."

Susan Johns-Murphy: "We recently traveled, via a wonderful Viking ship relocation trip, from Tokyo, across the Pacific and down the Alaskan coastline. Unfortunately, as is happening in other parts of the world, some of the Alaskan ports were overly crowded from mega ships. Travel is not as fun as it used to be."

Edmund Watters: "Comly and I have just downsized to an independent living unit in a retirement facility in Oakmont, Pennsylvania, just about five miles from the community in which we have spent the last 54 years. We overlook Oakmont Country Club, home to the recent U.S. Open, and can actually see our previous home across the Allegheny River. We will be leaving next weekend for our annual family trip to Bald Head Island in North Carolina with all 16 of us attending once more. That would include our three children, their spouses and all eight grandchildren. We have been doing this for 25 years and really look forward to this annual family gathering."

Here's a question ... what did **Dan Root** just find in the back recesses of his sock drawer? It was his freshman beanie (see photos online). Did he ever wear it? Did you ever wear yours and recite

the W&M Priorities or sing "Our Alma Mater" to superior sophomores? What else, Dan? "I just completed 27 enjoyable years of serving on the board of directors of the Crown Point Community Foundation. My wife, Carol, and I visit our daughter, Sarah, and her delightful family in Apple Valley, Minnesota, to be with our two adorable 9- and 10-year-old granddaughters and see some girl's softball games. Occasional trips into nearby Chicago for music or theater productions. Later in the summer I will be joining four Navy buddies for our annual Northwoods Wisconsin lake-front cabin outing. I am thinking about a fall trip to Williamsburg." Wear your beanie, Dan!

Bill Corley wrote that he and Angela are in good health: "I'm still working as a board member for Frontier Nursing University. You need to Google FNU. They have educated nursing midwives and advanced nurse practitioners for a hundred years in America."

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Always happy news from **Judy Pollard Harned** and **Dave Harned '62**! Their greatest joy is family — with two daughters and five grandchildren, there is LOTS of joy! The five grands are great friends and when gathered at the Rappahannock River House, they create a "Summer Spectacular" performance! Their first grandchild is heading to Auburn University to study architecture. They

are kept busy taking care of two homes, the one in Richmond, and the river house. They walk, listen to music, and we KNOW they still dance. They have a great church family and enjoy so many activities there. Judy does the flowery, which she loves. Judy wishes everyone the same health and happiness.

Jean Freeman Reed

"traded flamingoes for cowboy hats," moving from Florida to Austin, Texas, last November. Jean joined her son and his two children there. She confessed that these grandchildren are "absolutely amazing!" Of course they are!!

Ted Fecteau and his partner are planning to move into a retirement village in Waikanae, New Zealand, around the end of this year. Paring down has been a daunting task, as it is for all of us who attempt to do it. In May and June, Ted lived vicariously through his two adult sons' visit to the States. They attended his grandson's graduation from Harvard, then spent a few days visiting his paternal family in Maine (first-time meetings) with his brother, nieces/nephews and cousins. Then five days in New York City before returning home to Wellington, New Zealand. Ted says watching was almost like being there himself without the hassles of actual jet lag. Ted is keeping warm now in the cold and wet New Zealand winter.

Bonnie Cheshire Greenwalt renewed her real estate license for two years. Way to keep at it, Bonnie! She keeps in physical shape with spinning class, and in mental shape with Hand and Foot and Bunco games. She is still active in garden club and book club. Her grand dog, Buddy, keeps her from misbehaving!

Five years ago, **Bob Andrialis** and his wife, Cindi, moved permanently from New York City to Remsenburg, New York, a small town with

no commercial activities at the beginning of the Hamptons. Bob, Cindi and their two children enjoyed life in the Hamptons for 50 years on weekends, holidays and summers. Bob formally "retired" five years ago from an exciting career on Wall Street. His most memorable stint was at Standard & Poor's running the S&P Bond Rating unit. Over the past 15 years he enjoyed both the monetary benefits and the fun from buying and selling firms as part of the private equity world. He remains active and recently took on the challenge of reading his late friend Ted Turner's book, "It Ain't as Easy as It Looks," the story of Turner's fascinating life.

Our 60th reunion will be Oct. 17. See details at homecoming.wm.edu. Your on-the-spot class reporters hope to fill a column with the history-making happenings from that weekend. We hope that we see many of you there! Until that exciting reporting, we wish you health and happiness wherever you are. (P.S. ... we DON'T know where you are unless you send news.)

1966 ☾

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Thanks for the help with this column. When I send out a note asking for news ASAP, it usually means I needed it last week! I did have a Zoom call with other class reporters, so I'm not as special as I think I am with these pleas. Here goes ...

In my search for news, I commented on how lucky we were to live in dorms and not off-campus apartments like my grandsons. That definitely made for much closer relationships and hence

the need for class notes to keep in touch. My dear friend **Carol Boysen** quickly replied that the Ludwell group didn't fit that category at first, but they managed to be part of the Jefferson fold of freshman girls pretty quickly. Carol's ChiO group is great about keeping in touch and making monthly Zoom calls in addition to their COOT's annual trips.

Martha Graham

Orton has young grandchildren, and 4-year-old Celeste has gotten the family going to dance recitals. Martha and Robert took a W&M Alumni Journeys cruise ("Panama Potpourri") this spring and traveled to Honduras, Belize, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Panama.

Carlton Hardy '66,

M.Ed. '67 traveled to Beaufort, South Carolina, and added two new paintings to his collection. Carlton is very active with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is a member of the Virginia Synod Council which met in Salem, Virginia, and then on to Phoenix as a delegate to the Church Wide Assembly. He also represents the Virginia Synod on the advisory council for the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary meeting in Hickory, North Carolina. Carlton traveled to Baltimore and Annapolis, Maryland, and then took a New England/Canada cruise with friends.

It's time to start thinking now about our 60th reunion. **Cam Buchanan** and **Keith Taylor** will head up the reunion committee. These special reunions for Olde Guard members will be included in Traditions Weekend in April. Wouldn't we all like to renew all of our friendships from the years past — remember how special No. 50 was?

It's always fun to hear how **Bernard Leigg** and **Sharon Moore '95** are getting along with their young children. Their twins are now high

school juniors! Bernard reports that Sharon just got her second master's degree while he continues in "the college of hard knocks and old age but not looking to graduate."

Judy Poarch Nance '69 and **Pete Nance** do not stay put for long! After wintering in Florida, they traveled to London and visited old haunts from their time there. Then off to Boulder, Colorado, and Santa Fe, New Mexico. They will summer again in Greenport, Long Island, on the North Fork where the farm stands, wineries, oysters and restaurants have won their hearts. Pete will have many subjects to paint with a swan first on his list.

Marilyn and **Dan Nase** continue their work with Gospel Express Prison Ministry. After the COVID-19 pandemic, Dan returned to conducting Spanish worship services in three prisons, and Marilyn teaches a women's group there. They have shipped over 2,200 Spanish Bibles to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention centers after receiving written notes requesting them.

Woody Caine has added to his responsibilities at Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum in Charleston, South Carolina, as the primary interviewer for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project with videotaped interviews of the veterans and their varying experiences. The veterans are led to talk about their training, duty, special events and memories, special people, promotions, long-range impact on their life, their families and post-service experience and education. We had residents in our retirement community who also held these interviews and the impact on all concerned has been special. This project is in addition to Woody's role as coordinator for the Vietnam Veteran's Day events and being a

guide and storyteller at The Vietnam Experience exhibit at Patriots Point.

I saw that **Joe Plumeri** presented the 2025 Plumeri Awards in May. These prestigious awards of \$20,000 are given to professors and coaches who are exceptional members of the campus community. There's no need to list all of Joe's business successes in industries from banking to insurance to technology, but I do want to put in a quote from the W&M article on the ceremony and his speech: "Attending William & Mary was a turning point for Joe, who arrived on campus in 1962 from Trenton, New Jersey, looking like The Fonz from 'Happy Days.' He said, 'Nobody looked like me. I didn't have a crew neck sweater. But I was accepted for who I was, and this place had a positive effect on me.'" Did it ever!

Susie Romans is in the "bionic" group with new body parts. She hasn't decided which knee to replace first. She loves her garden and sent lovely pictures to prove her point, which you can see in the online Class Notes. She visited Washington in March and caught up with **Bette Scott Spengler Meuleners '68** and **Louise Roberts Price**. Susie is enjoying her Vermont life and has a summer family reunion with family coming from 27 states! I had a fun catch-up phone call with **Mary Ellen Coleman Culp**. **Clyde Culp '65** is slowly getting out of the restaurant business with the sale of the iconic Pusser's Caribbean Grille dock bar in Annapolis.

Clare Smith-Lawson mentioned keeping up with W&M with notes from the administration and Tribe Weekly. She has received notes from current field hockey players but has realized she has no idea what her jersey number was or even if they had numbers back in our day.

I've exchanged delight-

ful emails with **Grace "GiGi" Guin Cramer '66, M.F.A. '67**. "I'm now an accomplished No. 1 Amazon Best Seller having recently published my first book, 'Miracle Warrior.' I spent the COVID pandemic writing this book and with proper promotional efforts and miraculous marketing for the last two years, my book finally hit No. 1 on Amazon which is a tremendous accomplishment that I'm now proudly celebrating." From Amazon I read, "GiGi Cramer's 'Miracle Warrior' is a deeply moving memoir of strength, survival, and unshakable spirit. A story for single mothers. For cancer survivors. For anyone who's ever faced the unthinkable — and found a way through. ... If you need a reminder that healing is possible and resilience is real, this book will speak to your soul." Impressive write-up for sure.

Sliding in at the last minute — I just got a letter from **Jimmy Johnson** and wanted to add his news. I haven't heard from Jimmy before but I do remember his name when he was a star runner at the College. He is in the W&M Athletics Hall of Fame and continued his running connection teaching in Newport News, Virginia, and successfully coaching the track teams. Jimmy married **Celia Curlee Johnson '65**, and together they taught for 30 years. Celia passed away in 2023. They had two daughters and now four grandchildren. As I compared notes with Jimmy, I realized our lives were parallel yet didn't intersect, so now I have a new friend.

I'm making my way through all of those "firsts" that come after the loss of a loved one. I can't recommend moving to "The Home" more enthusiastically — family and a close community are lifesavers as I take baby steps each day.

1967 ☼

Editor's note: We are looking for a new reporter. If interested, please contact alumni.magazine@wm.edu. The following news items were compiled by our magazine staff.

Georgetown University Press recently published a book by historian **Susan Cooke Soderberg** titled "My Name Is Not Tom — the Life of the Reverend Josiah Henson." Although Henson is known for inspiring the character of Uncle Tom in Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel "Uncle Tom's Cabin," the reality is more complex. According to the book's description, Henson was born enslaved in Maryland, eventually escaped bondage and became a respected minister and famed secular leader who played a role in the dissolution of American slavery. The biography is the result of 12 years of research.

A W&M Athletics article described how women's basketball alumnae felt while watching the current W&M women's team make their historic trip to the NCAA. **Terry Thompson** was among the former Tribe athletes who traveled to Washington, D.C., for the championship game. "Honestly, it felt like a miracle particularly because in the last few games of the regular season, we were so erratic," Terry says in the article.

1968 ☼

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Pat Milliren wrote, "I went into the Peace Corps the fall after graduating from W&M and taught/

learned biology and English for two years in Fiji. I was very fortunate to get into the National Park Service (NPS) a few months after my return (a dream from Williamsburg days), and I spent nearly 10 years working as an interpreter/environmental educator before resigning to attend graduate school at Western Washington University. With a Master of Science in biology (focus in plant ecology), I worked odd jobs, got married and amazingly got back into the NPS working in plant ecology, eventually for the Wilderness District at North Cascades National Park. I retired somewhat early in 2006 because I wasn't ever that good at backpacking, and especially not at 60. We now live west of Seattle on the Olympic Peninsula with mountains and sea nearby. Age has brought its health issues, but we do what we can do, grateful for life. My passion has been trying to tie love for the biological world with Christian responsibility to care for creation."

Jim Stout emailed, "I turn 80 this year and am thinking of retiring after 54 years in the furniture industry. My wife, Mary Catherine, and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary at the end of February and took a cruise to Alaska this past summer in honor of it. Our home of 50 years is nestled in the Southwest Virginia countryside between farms and woodlands and is a Civil War battle site. Our three sons are spread over the country in Florida, New York and Washington state, along with our three granddaughters. Mary Catherine, my University of Virginia grad wife, is heavily involved in volunteer service to the local community, and I expect retirement will direct me to some type of volunteerism to make my continued existence worthwhile. Thus far, we are well and life is good."

Back in February, when many of us experienced

winter storms and low temperatures, **Rodger McKain** and **Sheila Winchester McKain '69** were enjoying their winter home in Arizona and missing the 5-inch snowfall at their summer home in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. While in Arizona, they attended the MLB Spring Training Cactus League games.

Another couple traveling in the spring were **Sandra Smith** and her husband, Andy. They took an expedition cruise on the Great Lakes in May starting with a pre-cruise stay in Chicago. Sandy said, "The time in Chicago reminded me of a '68 Thetas reunion when **Betsy Cherry Queen** lived there some years ago." They left from Milwaukee and ended up in Toronto. Sandy noted, "We continue to try to age gracefully."

If you watched the Kentucky Derby and the Belmont, did you realize that **Robert Clay** was the breeder and minority owner of Baeza, who was third in those races?

The W&M Alumni Magazine wrote an online exclusive about the Mangum Fellows program. This program was created through an alumni-sponsored endowment to honor beloved Professor Charlotte Mangum. **Lynn Amende '72** helped spearhead efforts to create the Mangum Endowment along with **Lou Burnett '73** and **Karen Gray Burnett '72**, **Malcolm Shick '69, M.A. '71** and **Jean Michael Shick**, among others. Look for a link in our online Class Notes.

The Olde Guard Council's purpose is to keep our class connected to William & Mary. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns about how the Olde Guard Council can be helpful, please contact **Kathy Burge Callaway** (kbcallaway@aol.com) or **Bruce Oliver** (bruceoliver1968@gmail.com) and let them know what your thoughts are.

By the time you receive this, you should have received an update from the Olde Guard Council with information on parking for events at W&M. Also, Bruce has pictures of an entry into the Sunken Garden for those in wheelchairs or with walkers.

Please send your news for our column. Your classmates love your updates!

1969 ☾

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Dear Friends:
Had a nice note from **Jan Ernstmyer Brodie** today. She and **Glenn Brodie '66, M.Ed. '68** are in the travel mode this year. They have been to Japan and are leaving in a couple of weeks for Norway and Iceland but did manage to carve out time for some R&R at Corolla, North Carolina. Jan is still working part time as a replacement judge for the court system while Glenn prepares for retirement at the end of the year. Fortunately, Jan is often in my county or nearby, so we get the occasional lunch together.

Pete Nance '66 and **Judy Poarch Nance** spent part of the spring in England — both London and the Cotswolds; then a quick trip to Boulder, Colorado, for their goddaughter's graduation and on to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Now they are headed to Long Island for the summer. Sounds like a good way to spend the year.

Hope you saw the online W&M Alumni Magazine article about the Mangum Fellows program. **Jean Michael Shick '68** and **Malcolm Shick '69, M.A. '71** were part of the group who pulled that together a few years ago in Professor Charlotte Mangum's memory, and

Malcolm is quoted in the article.

As usual, most of my "news" is obituaries, which makes me sad. This time it's **Robert "Bob" Works** and **Robert "Bob" Kieffer**, who both died in 2024.

Bob Works began his career as a teacher but then moved to real estate and investment management. He became a partner at LaSalle Investment Management in Chicago and later was a board member at Arch Capital Group Ltd. After retiring, he spent 20 years as a sheep farmer in Vermont. (I remember well talking cheese with him at our 50th.) Later he had a farm in Wisconsin and took up pickleball. He is survived by his wife and sister, as well as four children and five grandchildren.

Bob Kieffer was a chemist who worked in testing fertilizer samples and improving the quality of pet foods. He was part of the Magruder Fertilizer Proficiency Testing Program that provides fertilizer samples for labs around the world, and he was part of the American Association of Feed Control Officials, which monitors and works to improve the quality of feeds and fertilizer. He and his wife had a small business for the last 20 years of his life. He is survived by his wife, three children and three grandchildren.

Condolences to their families and friends ... they will be missed.

Milton and I are well in Richmond. I am still painting and gardening but now spending a lot of time with Hollie, our adolescent Sheltie. Milton specializes in Starbucks these days.

Homecoming is Oct. 16-19. Hope to see you there. And, since it will be nearing the end of the year ... think about adding the Class of '69 scholarship to your year-end giving plan. We currently have about half of what it would cost to fully support one student. (Inflation has caught up with us, so we need another million!)

Hope you will enjoy your end-of-year festivities and that 2026 will be good to all of us. Write me!

Go Tribe!

1970 ☾

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On Charter Day this past February, **Betsy Calvo Anderson '70, HON J.D. '15** was awarded the Alumni Medallion, the Alumni Association's highest award, for her philanthropic, volunteer and leadership contributions to the William & Mary community. She was also commended for her dedication and commitment to the College through two scholarships — the Alvin Anderson Scholarship at W&M Law School in the name of her late husband, our classmate **Alvin Anderson '70, J.D. '72**, and the Calvo-Anderson Scholarship at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business. For her service to the law school, Betsy was awarded honorary law alumni status in 2015! Congratulations, Betsy.

Congratulations to **Steve Isaacs '70, J.D. '73**, named to the W&M Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2025. His induction was scheduled for Sept. 19 at Kaplan Arena, followed by a celebration at the home football game on Sept. 20. An article on the W&M Athletics website enumerated his accomplishments during his 1967-68 and 1968-69 seasons and noted that Steve holds "the highest career and single-season winning percentages in the school's history."

I believe I missed noting that **Mary Jo Monk White** was the speaker at the May 18, 2024, Commencement Exercises for W&M Law School. Her extensive outstanding resume

includes litigation partner at Debevoise & Plimpton in New York City, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York and chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Since most of my news was gleaned from university sites, I have been brief. Please check those sites for details on the great accomplishments of all three — Betsy, Steve and Mary Jo. Looking forward to seeing you at our 55th reunion on Oct. 18! Go to homecoming.wm.edu to see the details. My next Class Notes deadline is mid-October.

1971 ☾

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It will be early fall when you receive this report. We hope everyone had a happy and healthy summer.

It appears that the W&M Alumni Association is in the process of making two changes/additions to Homecoming & Reunion Weekend and Traditions Weekend. **Kathy Plasmati Baldwin**, our unofficial liaison to the Alumni Association, received an update from **Mark Wilson '71, M.Ed. '76** and **Char Sandquist Phillips**, who are members of the Olde Guard Council. Kathy summarized as follows: "Because of growing class sizes, from now on all 55th and 60th reunions will be held in the spring. **Our 55th reunion will be held during Traditions Weekend, April 24-26, 2026.** There is no class gift, so no fundraising is involved — just an opportunity to catch up with each other and enjoy being together. Mark and Char have asked for a luncheon at The Martha Wren Briggs Amphitheatre at Lake Matoaka on Saturday, April 25 (with

the Raymond A. Mason School of Business as our backup location in case of bad weather). This is where we had our luncheon for the 50th reunion, and it seemed to me that everyone loved it. There is parking nearby, and there will be golf carts that can shuttle people to and from the amphitheatre. When the College sends out information for next year's Traditions Weekend, information on our class events will be included — I hope you will be able to come."

Regarding Homecoming, the College's events planning team is considering experimenting with identifying places around campus including cafes in the library, the business school, the Muscarelle Museum of Art and the Sadler Center, which would be open throughout the weekend and available for alumni to take advantage of for casual gatherings. The advantage to alumni is that we would have places to meet throughout the weekend that don't require advance planning on our part or the purchase of tickets. This is an experiment, so if you are going to Homecoming this fall, the more support you give to these options, the more likely they will be available to us every year. Watch for information on these meeting places in the W&M Alumni Magazine and in emails or mailers you receive between now and Homecoming.

Our only update is from **Bob Foster '68**. Last year, the U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation endowed the Honorable Robert M. Foster \$10,000 Scholarship for high school students in Nassau County, Florida. The trajectory of Bob's story continues to be very interesting.

Lynn Greenwood Friscia '71, M.S. '74 and I are doing fine and staying busy splitting the year between New York and Florida. If anyone winters in the Stuart/Jensen Beach area and would

like to meet up, please get in touch. We took a quick trip to San Diego to welcome a new granddaughter who arrived in April. It's true what San Diegians say about their city — if it is 74, it's too hot and if it is 72, it's too cold.

Throughout the year we continue to hear from a core group of classmates. You know who you are and we thank you. Our goal when we started writing this column was to engage classmates who we knew at the College and we never heard from and also from those who we never knew at the College. We have had limited success. If you fit into one of the above categories, please pick up your mouse and keyboard and send us a note. You might be surprised how many of your classmates would be interested in your story. We don't want to get fired!

1972 ☼

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Heat wave! Sounds like a popular song from our past but as I'm writing this, we're looking at triple-digit temperatures, and I'm heading indoors for air conditioning. A summer to remember! I hope you are well and enjoying each day.

Barry Kinnaïrd was pleased to be reinstated after a lengthy absence from the distribution list for the W&M Alumni Magazine. He retired in August 2024 after 50 years of employment with the state health service in New South Wales, Australia. Last September/October, he took a catch-up trip to visit college friends in Colorado, Virginia and Germany. He also met twice last year with Jay Gaidmore, Marian and Alan McLeod Director of Special Collections at Swem Library, and has

become happily involved in enhancing the library's resources. Apparently, all the books housed in the Wren Building library were lost in a 1705 and subsequent fires, so Barry has been working with Jay to build Swem's collection of books, maps and other material related to the reign of William III and Mary II. Who knew such a library existed? His research subjects include history, religion, dramatic art, music and legal matters. If any of you are interested in getting involved with this type of work, contact Barry at barry.kinnaïrd@gmail.com or 61-412-373-837 (Australia). New hobbies and interests are just around every corner!

That's it for our official news. Your classmates would love to hear where you are and what you're doing. Happy trails to you!

Peggy

1973 ☼

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Greetings and salutations. In June, the country witnessed the juxtaposition of a military might parade in Washington, D.C., and national rallies under the moniker "No Kings" in cities big and small, in states blue, red and purple, and we have survived.

With his artificial intelligence (AI) computer skills and creative eye, **Steve Lancashire** keeps providing Crim Dell imagery that makes the real thing/place seem quite pedestrian. **Ed Coleman, Sally Brecht** (still in the Trenton, New Jersey, area) and **Rick Belcher** are now members of the private W&M '73 Facebook group, which has over 165 of us as potential

contributors.

Robert Gottke and his better half, Michelle, in addition to posting pics of the grandkids, were part of a group of W&M alumni in Charleston, South Carolina, who toured Fort Moultrie, a Revolutionary War-era fort built with palmetto logs, hence the state's nickname. **Ford Robinette '75** reminded me of the W&M Athletics banner in Kaplan listing individual NCAA DI champions, i.e., Ford himself in 1973 as tennis champ — I wonder what his NIL (name, image and likeness) deal would look like had it been 2025?

Continued props to **Matthew Asai**, our intrepid wedding anniversary archivist, who just in the month of June chronicled his own nuptials to Becky (29 years) and 13 other couples with at least 48-53 years. To see the whole litany, join the private W&M '73 Facebook group. One notable mention, **Tom Flesher** and Adam Verret (17 years); Tom continues to post mighty organ recitals and keyboard opportunities he has witnessed or "tickled the Ivories" at in their travels.

Allen Sullivan, Taliaferro and Tyler dorm survivor, sent me a stream-of-consciousness set of emails covering his latest exploits, recapping his early '70s journeys and that of fellow dorm denizens **Les Davenport, Jack Matthews** (of 400-meter hurdles fame), **Richard Meier, Bob Frank** and **Lee Griffin** and their trusty four-legged companion, Elvis the Trinkle food dog. The men of Taliaferro/Tyler endured two years of Spartan gladiator living conditions and lived to tell about it. Allen is now in Easton, Connecticut, just up the road from his Fairfield, Connecticut, roots. His documentary filming career and junior year abroad at Oxford turned into his latest

venture on Facebook Business — Dogstock CT — with an ongoing focus on basset hounds and other canine photogenic escapades. I'll save more of Allen's ruminations on Woodstock, Carlos Santana and Sly and the Family Stone for later this year.

James Onderdonk '69 and our own **Mary Timmins** just completed a 2,973-mile trek from Chicago to Santa Monica Pier in their red Mustang along the iconic and scenic Route 66 with daily pics of landmarks and the occasional post card to memorialize their two-lane blacktop adventure. Jim, who received a Ph.D. from Old Dominion University in 1995, was on the University of Illinois faculty from 1997-2011 and is now a consultant/project director in his "spare" time.

RIPs for this edition include **Mary Hook Korty**, married to fellow alum **Robert Korty** for 52 years. Mary passed earlier this month in College Station, Texas. A teacher in the Portsmouth, Virginia, schools for 47 years, she and Bob raised two sons, Robert and David. Her dear friend and our classmate **Carol Cummings Fox** provided this update. Also **George Snead** in Stamford, Connecticut, a magna cum laude grad and one of 13 brothers, was a founding partner for over 25 years with his husband, Robert Hanley, of an interior design firm on the Connecticut Gold Coast, Wakefield Design Center, that was featured on the "Today" show and "The Oprah Winfrey Show." **Richard Rennolds**, of Richmond, passed in December 2024. A 14th generation Virginian and Tappahannock native, Richard was a major education foundation fundraiser for Richard Bland College in Petersburg, Virginia. He and his partner in life, Roberta Walker Cart-

wright, have two sons, Richard and Davis.

Upbeat finish:

Michael Pollack was presented with the Marquis Who's Who Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award for excellence in genealogical research and advocacy and as an expert witness, helping set new legal precedents in Virginia and other states. Bravo Michael.

Our own **Lou Burnett** and **Karen Gray Burnett '72** helped create an alumni sponsored endowment in honor of beloved Professor Charlotte Mangum. The so-named Magnum Fellows program was also facilitated by **Lynn Amende '72**, **Malcolm Shick '69, M.A. '71** and **Jean Michael Shick '68** et al. — quite a Boomer enclave.

Be well, be safe. Drop me a line, email or Onderdonk-type postcard of your "elder"/Olde Guard life and regale with your exploits.

1974 ☾

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Thank you to **Phil Schofield** for sending in his first-ever news about his life during the half-century since graduation. Phil thought he remembered me as having been the bat girl for his freshman baseball team ... sorry, Phil, 'twas not I. It does sound like a great chance to meet freshman boys, though — sorry I missed that. So the mystery remains — who was the bat girl? Speak up, now.

After graduation, Phil spent six weeks in Malaysia visiting **Mike Yap**, followed by three years in the Peace Corps in Zaire, teaching calculus in French to high

schoolers and training new volunteers. He "never felt more needed or appreciated" in his life. He was stationed about 90 miles and most of a day's travel from **Janice Marshall '76**. Upon returning to the States, he taught eighth-grade math near Charlottesville, Virginia, on the same core team as **Tom Heitz**. After a year, he went back for a master's degree in math from Virginia Tech. From '81 to '85 he worked in flight simulation for a NASA contractor in Houston. Though he planned to get back to Virginia, he ended up in Maryland where he met his future wife and worked 30 years for Pepco in software development and maintenance — ironic, he says, in that he flunked the only computer science course he ever took — CS 141, FORTRAN programming. Today Phil and his wife live outside Frederick, Maryland. They have three children, including **Matthew Schofield '12**, and two grandchildren.

Upon retiring in 2017, Phil's studies in theology and early church history led him to be confirmed into the Catholic Church. Today, he and his wife are involved in church activities, babysitting the grandkids, gardening and pickleball. Phil writes, "When I get the W&M Alumni Magazine, I turn immediately to the Class Notes. I know there are many of you out there who do the same, from whom we haven't heard. Please send in your news." Amen, folks. Time to share your stories.

This past Valentine's Day, alumni were asked to share their W&M love stories. **Hal Carter** told how he fell for **Elise Walker Carter**: "On entering W&M, I was considering whether to try out for the soccer team or the marching and symphonic bands. Fortunately, I decided

on the bands. Several weeks into my freshman year, I found myself marching next to a cute little blond co-ed who played the clarinet, as did I. By November, I had worked up the courage to ask her out and we went on a number of dates over the rest of that semester. But my love truly blossomed in late December, when we sat together for the bus ride to Orlando, Florida, where the marching band performed at halftime during the William & Mary football team's loss to Pittsburgh in the Tangerine Bowl. Being next to someone on an uncomfortable bus for 14 hours and still craving more time with her made me realize how special she was. The band director, Charles Varner, noticed our budding romance and for the next 3 1/2 years made sure that we always shared a music stand. Now, 55 years later, we are still together, and I have never stopped craving more time with her." Awwwww. And kudos to the band director!

Congratulations to **Lawrence "Larry" Pulley** on receiving the Alumni Medallion during the 2025 Charter Day Weekend. With a tenure spanning nearly four decades, including 24 years as dean of the Raymond A. Mason School of Business, Larry's leadership defined an era of innovation, growth and values-driven education at the university. Larry earned his undergraduate degree in mathematics and economics from W&M and a doctorate in economics at the University of Virginia. From there he taught at Brandeis University, then returned to W&M in 1985 to teach managerial economics in the business school. Over the next 37 years, he dedicated himself to uplifting excellence at the

university, serving as a professor and ultimately as dean of the business school for an extraordinary 24-year tenure from 1998 to 2022.

1975

Class Reporter

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Bill Smyth's 20th journal article will appear in the next issue of the Virginia English Journal. The Journal, read by many teachers, is a highly esteemed resource for new and original ideas making learning more relevant, meaningful and interesting for all learners. Other articles by Bill have appeared in Educational Psychology, Reading Improvement, Gifted Education International, the Journal of African American History, Preservation Progress, the College Language Association Journal, Writing and the Lamar Journal of the Humanities.

Marcia Carl Simpkins '75, M.Ed. '77, M.B.A. '78 and **Tom Wilke '75, M.A.Ed. '77** are now our Class of '75 Olde Guard representatives! This is old news (no pun intended!) as they began serving on the committee last June. Thanks so much, Marcia and Tom, for taking on this role. Having worked with Tom and Marcia on our 50th Reunion Committee, I can tell you all that we could have no better, more enthusiastic representatives for '75 BCE (Best Class Ever). Thanks to you both and we look forward to hearing what lies in our future with Olde Guard activities. Marcia provided dates for Traditions Weekend 2026 — April 24-26. As Marcia put it so cleverly as well as accurately ... "The BCE

will raise the bar for the Olde Guard weekend again!" Also, Marcia still has a good supply of '75 BCE buttons that she will bring and will be available at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2025.

Rick Krizman

(Emmy Award-winning composer and songwriter) announced the release of his debut novel, "Big Sausage," a vibrant historical fiction set in Depression-era Kansas City that weaves humor, heart and heritage into a rollicking tale of immigrant ambition and illuminates the immigrant experience during one of America's most challenging periods. Rick, a Kansas City native, said this story grew from seeds of his family's history in Kansas City. It is fiction, but it gets at the essence of the immigrant experience ... the struggles, humor and stubborn determination to build a better life. Rick earned his MFA in writing from Pacific University and, after a successful career as a songwriter and composer for film and television, his short stories and essays have appeared in numerous publications. He currently resides with his wife and animals in Santa Monica, where the garden is blooming and sausage is smoking. "Big Sausage" is available now through Amazon and IngramSpark. See rickkrizman.com.

Stephen Morewitz '75, M.A. '78, lecturer at San Jose State University (SJSU) and member of the Forensic Social Sciences Association, has won two prestigious awards. Both are 2024 SJSU Annual Author, Artist, and Inventor Awards — the first for co-editing the "Handbook of Understanding Terrorism: Forensic Social Sciences Case Studies" (Springer 2024) with Professor Martine Herzog-Evans, University of Reims, and the second for pub-

lishing “Klinische und Psychologische Perspektiven der Feststellung von Fremdverschulden” (Springer 2024). While I (and most of your classmates!) probably cannot appreciate the content of your awards, Stephen, we all congratulate you in your success and noteworthy contribution to your field.

As I type this in June, I know everyone is enjoying vacations, beach week excursions and fun summertime activities. Would love to hear updates and news from you for the next Class Notes in the winter 2026 issue. Best, and as always ... GO TRIBE '75 BCE!

Leanne

1976

Class Reporter

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Hello fellow '76ers! Hope you are all well. A number of you responded to my desperate plea for news of your goings-on, and I thank you for that. As such, the abbreviated version of this edition's column appears here in the print magazine, while a much longer and newer version (including some pictures!) can be found online at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes.

Our most frequent contributor, **Jim Romano**, wrote from his home in San Francisco, where he is still engaged in the private practice of plastic surgery. Jim has an academic teaching appointment at the University of California, San Francisco, while also spending time restoring old cars and traveling, both in the U.S. and abroad.

First-time contributor **Donna Zgutowicz Rubenstone**, aka DZ Stone, wrote a book about Dieter Vaupel, a German teacher who, in the early 1980s, worked

with a group of students to uncover their town's hidden Nazi past. The book, “A Fairy Tale Unmasked: The Teacher and the Nazi Slaves” (Vallentine Mitchell, 2021) was translated into German and published by Schüren-Verlag in 2023.

Madonna Moss (who recently retired after teaching for 32 years at the University of Oregon) wrote in to say that she attended Traditions Weekend for the Class of 1975. In Madonna's words, “I would recommend Traditions Weekend to anyone from our class. The activities were all very meaningful and the Olde Guard Ceremony in front of the Wren Building was awesome.” See what we have to look forward to?

Mike Johnson, a Yates 3rd North freshman year hallmate of mine, provided an update: “I did finally retire at the end of last year. I started a bank in Williamsburg years ago and then was the founding member of Atlantic Union Bank's Wealth Management division here in town. I'm going to Paris in the fall to see Notre Dame and camp out at the Louvre.”

Coincidentally, Mike's freshman year room-mate, **Dave Drummond**, also wrote in, for the first time ever. Here's some of what Dave had to say: “I retired at the end of September 2022 after 44 years, three months and 19 days of federal service. I worked through the pandemic but then decided 44-plus years was enough, took a month off and then agreed to return to my old unit as a contracting consultant. I plan to quit working finally around the end of January 2026. After that, we likely will move to the Raleigh, North Carolina, area. My wife and I decided it would be nice to celebrate my birthday this year in Normandy, France, since I was born on the 10th anniversary

of D-Day (June 6).”

Betsy Moore Hanlon was another who responded to my irksome pleas for news. She says, “I have had the good fortune to visit several European countries, China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Peru, Argentina and Costa Rica, and this fall I head to Iceland. I retired several times after spending most of my career as CFO/COO of organizations. My fourth try at retirement from paid work in 2023 seems to have stuck, but I am currently on the board of the Muscarelle Museum of Art, BlackRock Center for the Arts and Choralis, a choral group based in Northern Virginia which has a number of William & Mary grads as singers. Visiting Williamsburg for the Muscarelle meetings keeps me engaged with the College and other friends who have retired there, and I occasionally get to Society of 1918 meetings and the W&M Weekends (New York, Chicago and California), which have all been great fun.”

The longest update came from **Tommie Driscoll**: “The biggest bit of ‘news’ is that I came out as a transgender female in July 2023. To those who knew me as Tom Driscoll at W&M, I am now Tommie Driscoll. My public transition has gone extremely well, and I am incredibly happy and stress free, living ‘authentically’ after nearly 69 years of concealing who I truly am. **Linda Singleton-Driscoll '77** and I just celebrated our 48th anniversary since meeting while working as students at the law school library and marrying in the Wren Chapel.” In 2004, the couple started their own marketing research and community outreach consulting firm, Chleire Consulting, Inc. Tommie and Linda are currently wrapping up their final Chleire Consulting projects and looking forward

to being completely retired this summer.

Last October, a group of 10 '76ers met up at The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort in South Carolina, to reunite for the first time in years. Nine Pi Phis, **Marsha Faison Peters**, **Sue Hanna Gerdelman**, **Mickey Kersey Naff**, **Patricia Kruger**, **Karen Larson Gillespie**, **Karen Maples '76**, **M.B.A. '78**, **Marty Murphey Parrish**, **Beth Sanders Welsh**, **Debbie Stanley Davidson**, and one Kappa Kappa Gamma, **Karen Kreutzinger Waggener**, were all able to rendezvous for a few days at the beach. They biked on the sand, took yoga classes, ate fabulous meals, laughed and reminisced.

Fellow retired actuary **Dave Syrett** also chimed in with an update. After working at the Williamsburg Inn for a couple of years after graduation, Dave became a life insurance product development actuary in Greenville, South Carolina, and then in Washington, D.C. In 1985, he moved into the pension actuarial field, eventually becoming a sole practitioner in 1989 in Newport News, retiring in 2016 at the ripe old age of 62. Dave now spends his time traveling, volunteering, attending sporting events and running/walking (as knees permit). Dave has kept in touch with fellow classmates **Buster Blystone '76**, **M.S. '81**, **Bob Bernstein**, **Al Buchanan**, **Stu Wenzel**, **Jane Barret McCroskey** and **Jon Lightner**.

Jim Klagge retired at the end of the spring semester after teaching philosophy for 42 years — the last 40 of them at Virginia Tech. But he still has one book in the works and another in mind. And he is planning a trip to Greece — home of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle! Congrats on a great career, Jim.

Dick Rhine and his

wife, Susan, in Austin, Texas, attended the first-ever W&M NCAA Basketball Tournament appearance in March with the women's basketball team. In April, Dick and Susan, along with **Tom Carmine '76**, **M.B.A. '81** and his wife, Linda, from Newport News, shared a trip together with a few other friends to the Netherlands and Belgium. Dick writes, “We do hope to get back to Williamsburg in 2026.”

Remember, April 24-26, 2026 we are scheduled to be inducted into the Olde Guard, so contact some old friends and make plans to attend the weekend or just get in touch with someone from your past to catch up. I think you'll be glad you did. Hope to see you there. Go to traditionsweekend.wm.edu for more info.

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Class Reporter

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As your class reporter, I'm thrilled to share updates from our incredible classmates. With our 50th reunion two years away, they beautifully reflect the bonds we've built and the journeys we've taken since graduation. I hope they spark fond memories and inspire you to reconnect. Here are the updates I received through mid-June. You can view photos and extensive updates from **Alexandria Forte-Nijssen**, **Mary Addamiano Redline**, **Amy Hunt Adams** and **Christine Westberg** in the online Class Notes.

Thanks to **Susan Forbes Dewey '78**, **M.B.A. '80** for sharing her heartfelt tribute that follows: Sadly, **Joanna “Jody” Patterson Enoch** passed away peacefully last December

after a yearlong battle with a brain tumor. Many will remember her sweet smile, particularly as a Tribe cheerleader and a sister at Tri Delta. While at W&M, she met the love of her life, **Mike Enoch '78**, and they enjoyed 43 beautiful years of marriage. Jody was a true public servant and had an impressive career as a public health nurse. She was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, grandmother and friend. She is known for her unwavering kindness and found true joy in other people's happiness. Many W&M alumni were part of the gathering in January to celebrate her legacy. She was an inspiration for so many of us. On behalf of our classmates, I offer deepest condolences to Mike and his family. May Jody's memory be eternal!

Kathi Lentzsch

participated in a panel discussion at a Road to Women's Weekend event in Seattle in March called "Leading the Way: A Conversation With W&M Women Executives." Kathi has pursued a career of leadership spanning multiple roles and companies. Most recently, she has been named the CEO of Rad Power Bikes, North America's largest electric bike brand. She previously served as CEO at Bartell Drugs, where she led the company through the pandemic, strategic changes and its merger with Rite-Aid. Kathi also dedicates time as a board member and sits on for-profit, nonprofit and advisory boards while focusing her community work on supporting women in leadership.

In March, my wife and I attended the Monteverdi Vespers at The Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta performed by its choir and its Atlanta Baroque Orchestra. To our great surprise, we were seated adjacent to my classmate **Cathy Wilson LaMon** and her husband, Bob Seymour. We had a great time catching up. During college, Cathy and I were

on the Honor Council together. She and Bob have been extremely successful at The LaMon Team, one of Atlanta's premier real estate teams that Cathy founded.

Three days later, **Betsy Page Sigman '78** surprised me with an update that involved yet more churches! Betsy and her husband, Chuck, were in Roanoke, Virginia, in March for a board meeting of The Fellows Initiative, a church-related board she serves on. We were blessed that Betsy attended our wedding in 1980 and very thankful that she wanted to visit and tour Holy Trinity Church, where Marinda and I were married 45 years ago. They had a wonderful tour and shared a beautiful photo. In the summer, they also toured Greece. I thank them for their thoughtfulness.

Kathy Benson Meredith shared that she recently retired after 18 fulfilling years in various administrative roles at Old Dominion University. She notes with pride that many fellow W&M alumni are part of the ODU community as well. In May, Kathy made a nostalgic visit back to Williamsburg to catch the spectacular Michelangelo exhibition at the Muscarelle Museum of Art. She was thrilled to see the campus looking more beautiful than ever and felt immense pride showing it off. Of course, no trip to the 'Burg would be complete without a stop at Paul's Deli — still delicious after all these years.

Continue to send updates and know that the Class of '77 cares.

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Congratulations to former W&M Men's

Basketball phenom **John Lowenhaupt** on his induction into the W&M Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2025! The induction ceremony was scheduled for Friday, Sept. 19, followed by a celebration during the Tribe's home football game against Charleston Southern the next day. John graduated as one of the top basketball players in W&M history, helping lead the program through one of its most successful eras.

As noted in the Hall of Fame announcement, "Playing small forward, Lowenhaupt could do it all for the Tribe, as he graduated in the top 10 all-time in points, rebounds and assists. Lowenhaupt's 1,866 career points (in 112 career games) was third all-time in program history at his graduation and remains fifth overall. His average of 16.7 points/game remains in the top 15 all-time in program history. A career 51.7 shooter, he led the program in shooting percentage all four years on campus ... He graduated as the school's all-time assists leader and remains third on the all-time list. At 6 feet, 5 inches tall, he was the team's leading rebounder in three of his four years on campus and graduated eighth all-time with 669 career boards (which remains 11th). Lowenhaupt was a two-time All-Southern Conference Selection, receiving first-team honors in 1976 and a second-team nod in 1977. His No. 42 jersey was among the program's first to be retired and hung in the rafters. He remains one of just six players in the program's history to receive the honor."

In our senior year, John helped power the Tribe to arguably its most significant single game victory, scoring a team-high 21 points against a then-second-ranked University of North Carolina team in Kaplan Arena. The Tar Heels were led that evening by Hall of

Fame Head Coach Dean Smith and All-American Phil Ford. The victory remains the highest-ranked team that W&M Men's Basketball has defeated. I was among the fortunate to be in Kaplan Arena that night cheering on the Tribe. The crowd was as electric, passionate and frenzied as I have ever witnessed, and the feeling of Tribe pride is forever seared into memory!

Julie Dobson spoke at W&M's Professional Development Week 2025. Julie, whose former positions include chief operating officer of Telecorp and president of Bell Atlantic Mobile New York now sits on the board of directors of Fortis Inc. and is chair of the board of directors of Sunrise Senior Living.

College roommates **Patty Gilboy Mulligan**, **Allison White Matsik** and **Mel Dozier Friedery** had a mini reunion this past May. Patty and her husband, **Les Mulligan**, were heading west from Virginia to attend a wedding in Colorado, while Allison and her husband, George, had a high school graduation to attend there. Since Melissa and her husband, **John Friedery**, live in Louisville, Colorado, they decided to take advantage of the serendipity and spent a few hours all together on Memorial Day in Denver. (Photos are included in the online edition — they all look fantastic!) According to Melissa, it had been a couple of decades since they've all been together, so they had lots to catch up on!

So, what's new with YOU? Please send me an email TODAY. Carpe Diem!

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Since I'm writing this column on Juneteenth, I want to mention the historic Williamsburg Bray School and the archaeological excavations going on under Gates Hall (formerly Brown Hall). The Bray School is the oldest known school in North America for enslaved and free Black children. Having recently discovered the identity of the Bray School building, William & Mary is collaborating with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation to research and share its history. Somehow omitted from its history is that eight of your classmates, myself included, lived in the Bray School building during our sophomore year at W&M. The other residents of the upstairs of what was then called Brown Annex were **Donna Hume O'Donnell**, **Ellen Etheredge Bender**, **Anne Stephan Henkel**, **Kathy Yan-kovich Hornsby**, **Joan Fabrizio Berlin**, **Elizabeth Rothberg-Smith** and **Charlotte Sharp Lucas**. Although we didn't make the history books, we will never forget our year of living under that historic roof!

And speaking of W&M history, 2,800 digitized photos from 1975-79 are now available for viewing and downloading from the Swem Library Special Collections website, thanks to classmate **Richard Walker**, who was a photographer for The Flat Hat, Colonial Echo and the theatre department during our college years. They are categorized by various campus life topics, such as sports, Greek life, people, places and theatre productions. You can access the photos by going to the W&M Special Collections Research Center homepage, clicking on "Digital Archive," "Collections," then "Richard J. Walker Papers." The website permits only one photo to be downloaded at a time, but Richard has

offered to assist anyone wishing to download a substantial number of the photos (his email address is in the alumni directory). Wow, Richard, what a gift this is to our class! Thank you!

Other classmates have been publishing as well. **Harold Martin** co-authored the book "Financial Valuation: Applications and Models," a comprehensive valuation text that aims to serve as a reference guide for professionals and a teaching tool for educators in accounting and finance. Harold is an adjunct faculty member at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business at William & Mary. He has spent over two decades teaching forensic accounting in the Master of Accounting program and guest lecturing on valuation topics at W&M's business and law schools.

Woody Hawthorne's book, "Billy: One Family's Insane Journey Through the Virginia Mental Health System," tells the story of Woody's son, Billy, who battled and ultimately triumphed over mental illness and a debilitating addiction to drugs and alcohol. The book shines a light inside the Virginia mental health and criminal justice systems that Billy and his family battled relentlessly for five years.

Congratulations to **Janice Lewis Hoffman**, who won the D.C. Bar's 2025 Beatrice Rosenberg Award for Excellence in Government Service. Janice recently retired as associate general counsel at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, where her three-decade legal career spanned sweeping changes in government regulation and provision of health care services. During her tenure at HHS, Janice received five of the agency's highest awards. Before joining the federal government, she worked in the health care practice of Casson, Harkins & LaPallo P.C. She received a B.A. in government and

economics from William & Mary and graduated from the George Washington University Law School in 1985.

Last, but certainly not least, **Lee Acors '18** and his wife, Debbie, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, **Brittany Acors '18 to Connor Symons '17, JD '22**. Brittany's sister **Elizabeth Acors '20** was maid of honor. The marriage took place at the Mill at Fine Creek near Richmond and included many W&M alumni in both the wedding party and as guests (more details under Class of '17 and/or '18).

That's it for this time. I look forward to hearing and sharing your news in my next column!

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Hello and happy summer! I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying friends, family and the great outdoors! I have heard from only one person lately, so please remember to drop me a note with your trips, family and other noteworthy news.

The one person I did hear from was none other than our esteemed class president, **Suzanne Doggett**. Suzanne has been involved with many of the W&M celebrations throughout the years, and to no one's surprise, she is involved with the planning for our 45th reunion this fall — mark your calendar for Oct. 16-19. Suzanne wanted to spread the word about a class cocktail hour to be held during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. The event is a combined event with a discussion with author **Lee Pearson Knapp** on her book which I mentioned in my column last fall. That was

a sneak preview, and this event promises to be a more in-depth discussion.

From Suzanne: Our 45th reunion is rapidly approaching — after all, at our 50th (gulp) we become members of the Olde Guard. Let's celebrate our class with a get-together on Friday afternoon (Oct. 17) from 2-4 p.m. at Swem Library. We will have refreshing drinks and light bites to enjoy before and after a discussion with our very own **Lee Pearson Knapp**. Lee has written a thoughtful, and laugh out loud, memoir, "I'm History... but Do I Repeat Myself?" She discusses growing up in Virginia as a member of the high school class of 1976 (the bicentennial!), going to William & Mary and life beyond. As one reviewer wrote: "The memoir's exploration of historical parallels to contemporary issues [allows] readers to reflect ... on the cyclical nature of history and its impact on individual lives. Knapp's natural voice is both engaging and thought-provoking, offering valuable insights that sound like they're coming from a dear old friend."

Go to homecoming. wm.edu for more info. Hope to see you and other "dear old friends" from 2-4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17. Thank you, Suzanne, for letting us know and for the invitation. We look forward to celebrating Lee's book and our classmates!

I will close on that note as I don't have any other news. Enjoy the summer, happy trails and hope to see you in the fall in Williamsburg!

1981

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Hello Fellow '81ers,
We received one ex-

cellent update from the former class reporter — **Dave McIntyre**.

Please see his news below.

"I retired from the federal government at the end of 2024 after 22 years as a public affairs officer for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. It was a great career, and I am proud of my public service.

At the same time, I retired from my freelance gig of 16 years writing the weekly wine column for The Washington Post. Becoming the wine columnist for my hometown paper was my dream when I started writing about food and wine back in the '90s (the 30th anniversary of my first published piece will be this October).

As I explore another potential writing project for my retirement, I am keeping busy as associate wine editor and columnist for The SOMM Journal, a trade magazine, and writing my own newsletter, "Dave McIntyre's WineLine" on Substack (dmwineline.substack.com — subscribers welcome!). I actually started "WineLine" in 1999 between freelance gigs and have kept it off and on over the years.

I'm still in Silver Spring, Maryland, with my wife, daughter and two dogs who keep me active hiking the Rachel Carson Greenway Trail along the northwest branch of the Anacostia River."

Thanks for the great update, Dave, and happy retirement.

Please send other updates about your retirement adventures.

Go Tribe!
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Greetings! As is always the way after a newsy column, I haven't heard from many of you! It is June as I write this, and Eric and I seem to be just following our kids around at the moment. Our oldest son, Nick, lives in New York City's Brooklyn borough, so we visited him and his girlfriend as they ran the New York City Half Marathon. Our middle son, Noah, is getting married in September in Knoxville, Tennessee, so we are excited about that and celebrating him and Sarah, his fiancé, in a couple of weeks when they commandeer our lake house for the Fourth of July weekend. Our youngest, Olivia, is about to move from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., so we've been out to see her a couple of times this summer to take her to Santa Barbara, which none of us had been to (wonderful city with delicious wines!), and then have a mother/daughter trip to make sure she checked everything off her bucket list before moving to D.C. (and that Mom paid for it all!) Miss them all!

In April, I enjoyed another girls trip with a W&M group to D.C. The group included **Barbara Cole Joynes, Beth Alford Wolfe, Brenda Bloomer Hargett, Debbie Pierce '82, M.B.A. '89, Diane Ratchford Murray, Jenny Wauford Flanagan, Katie Winter Gray, Kristine Winegar Adkisson, Sammy Sanford Fant and Susan Newell Jaffee**. We very much missed **Mary Przypyszny Pennington '82, M.Ed. '84**, who sadly passed away earlier this year. We enjoyed walking and touring around D.C., but mostly just enjoyed being together. One member of our group had a health scare, which was a reminder to never be too far from a medical complex! All is/was well and just made getting togeth-

er as often as possible even more precious.

On that note, I'll finish! As most of us near Medicare enrollment (when did THAT happen??!!) it's a reminder to reach out and connect!! Please send me YOUR updates! I love hearing from you!!

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Super excited to share what a great celebration the W&M Pi Phis had in April in honor of 100 years on campus! W&M welcomed back to campus a good representation of many decades, especially our intrepid sister from the Class of 1952, **Elizabeth Beard Patterson '52** (mom of **Bruce Patterson '80**!). She really was the queen of the weekend, traveling all the way from Detroit to celebrate the Virginia Gamma Pi Phi Centennial. She never seemed to tire and participated in all the events, starting with the welcome at the Pi Phi house Friday afternoon, which was followed by dinner and drinks at the delis. She was up early Saturday morning for the special Pi Phi collections at Swem Library and then the behind-the-scenes tour of the basement vault! Thanks to **Carrie Cooper Ed.D. '24** and Jay Gaidmore at Swem Library for the lovely continental breakfast and hysterical memories they found in the archives. A highlight was when **Cynthia Vick Choate '82** discovered a flyer featuring her future husband as the auctioneer of the pledge auction (kind of like in the movie "Oklahoma"). From Swem, it was a short walk to the newly expanded and renovated Muscarelle Museum of Art to get a private tour of

the Michelangelo exhibition (including works that won't be shown again for the next five years!), followed by a catered lunch. Much thanks to **David Brashear HON '07** and **Julie Sizemore Tucker '01** from the Muscarelle. Some of the alums took campus tours guided by current students to see all the new construction projects of the last 50 years. Saturday night was the cocktail hour and gala at the Alumni House's Hunter Hall (funded by Pi Phi **Hunter Jones Smith '51, L.H.D. '18**), where we had a delicious meal and danced the night away. We were the inaugural test group for the new dance floor at the Alumni House. Three surprise engagements were announced that night: **Thompson Brownlee '22, Sarah Weber '22** and **Ally Phillips '16**! So fun and brought back memories of senior year at the Pi Phi house when there were 10 engagements that year! Now girls can go all four years and no one gets engaged; no candlelight ceremonies at all. It was fun to see all the excitement as we shared this tradition. Sunday's annual Founders Day Brunch, sponsored by the chapter, was held at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business. We had a terrific turnout with lots of students in attendance. Shout out to **Jules Colombo '25** and **Sarah Singer '25**, our student centennial committee, and to **Sue Roache Warner '64**, my partner in planning. We couldn't have pulled it off without you! A special thank you to **Matt Brandon '92** and the William & Mary Alumni Association for their support. To list everyone who attended would take up all the space, so I'll just stick with the '80s: **Dana Disque Hearn '82, Cynthia Vick Choate '82, Janet Lawson '86, Leslie Hornaday Hoff '88, Mary Gallagher Martel '88** and her sister **Kathleen Gallagher**

Jaye '91. And from the Class of 1983: **Laura Weaver Sullivan, Dru Mears** and I. Check out the online Class Notes for a group photo.

Very sad to report that **Robert Scott Gregory** passed away at his home in Richmond, Virginia, on July 13. Raised in Virginia Beach, Scott joined Theta Delta Chi at W&M and was chairman of the College Republicans. After graduating he interned for U.S. Sen. John Warner. He had a successful career as a political strategist and consultant. He served on the W&M Board of Visitors from 1994-2000 having been appointed by Govs. Allen and Gilmore. Scott will be greatly missed by the W&M community.

Congratulations to **Thomas Brooke '82, J.D. '90** on the occasion of his son, Max, reaching the rank of Eagle Scout! The Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. It's quite an accomplishment as fewer than 5% of Scouts earn this rank.

After reading the Class Notes in the previous edition, **Michael Porch** was inspired to send his own note. He writes that after being the marketing manager for the Cape May-Lewes Ferry for the last 15 years he has been promoted to deputy director of business development and community relations for the Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA). The DRBA operates the ferry and the Delaware Memorial Bridge along with five airports in Delaware and New Jersey. Hope you're inspired to send in some notes too!

Cheers to **Teresa Ann Broyles '83, M.A.Ed. '93** (aka Tab), who has been employed by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation (CWF) ever since graduation. She is currently director of teacher development. In April, the CWF celebrated the debut of the Teresa Ann

Broyles Teacher Institute Garden. Tab lives in Williamsburg with her husband, Bob Tassone.

If you're looking for a copy of the Colonial Echo from 1982, **Rob Guillen** (who was editor in chief) has a few extra copies that he has moved around for the last 40-plus years as he and his wife, **Kim Clarke Guillen**, have moved from house to house. Please reach out to Rob via Facebook, and he'll be happy to deliver at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend!

Looking forward to football tailgating in the fall and Women's Weekend (Sept. 12-14) sponsored by the Society of 1918.

1984

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Greetings, Class of 1984! I hope that many of you are making plans to attend Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2025, which is planned for Oct. 16-19. Even though our big reunion celebration was last year, it will be great to see you all back at alma mater!

Doug Schmidt '84, M.A. '86 is the inaugural dean of the new School of Computing, Data Sciences & Physics at William & Mary. An internationally recognized scholar and computer scientist, Doug previously served as the director of operational test and evaluation for the U.S. Department of Defense and as a senior advisor to the U.S. secretary of defense. Read more about the new school on page 18.

Rick Hill is vice president of industry technology at the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) and acting president of the Mort-

gage Industry Standards Maintenance Organization. Before joining MBA, Rick was the director of data strategy at Fannie Mae. After earning his undergraduate degree in accounting at William & Mary, Rick became senior auditor at Deloitte and a certified public accountant. He was recently featured in an industry publication article titled "Taking Tech Innovations to the Next Level," that discussed his career in mortgage technology, artificial intelligence and marketplace trends.

On a very sad note, we lost another classmate earlier this year. **William "Bill" Scott** passed away in February. He and his wife, **Meg Hunter Scott**, met and fell in love during freshman year, and the two were married for 38 years. During his college years, Bill served as chairman of the Honor Council. He was an active member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and a member of several honor societies, including Phi Beta Kappa. After college, Bill attended the University of Virginia School of Law, graduating in 1987, and he began his legal career in Dallas. He and Meg relocated to Greensboro, North Carolina, where Bill worked in various roles in the motorsports industry for most of his career, primarily for Richard Petty Motorsports, retiring in 2024. After Bill's passing, the number 43 car in the subsequent NASCAR races displayed a "Bill Scott" logo in his honor. Bill and Meg have three sons, William, Michael and **John Scott '16**, and five precious grandchildren.

A beautiful celebration of life was held for Bill in June. Although the occasion was a sad one, it was nice to see so many fellow alumni together to remember a dear friend and to support Meg and the Scott family. Bill's cousin, **Tom Hearn '82**, was one of the speakers,

and **Cooper Wamsley '81**, played the bagpipes. Among the other alumni who attended the event were **Dana Disque Hearn '82**, **Tamara Blosser Wamsley '80**, **Margee Mulhall**, **Anne St. Clair Woron**, **Kim Staples Hundley**, **Susan Frier Wiltsie**, **Amy Marcos Drake**, **Michelle Albert Vachris**, **Suzanne Sweeney**, **Rob Marchbank '82** and **Barbara Jerome Marchbank**, **Jeff Hughes '85** and **Sherry Leigh Gill Hughes '85**, **Paul Kuhnel** and **Chris Robertson '83**.

Bill will be among those remembered this fall at the Sunset Ceremony held at the Wren Building each year during Homecoming. This year's ceremony will be held on Friday, Oct. 17, at 6 p.m., and I hope to see some of you there. Gifts in Bill's memory may be made to support William & Mary's Scholarship Impact Fund.

It is always great to hear from you, so please send along any other updates you'd like me to share in the next Class Notes.

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Helen "Nell" Zink is among the 2025 Guggenheim Fellows. Read more about Nell on page 48.

During the Charter Day celebration of William & Mary's founding 332 years ago, former W&M Rector **Todd Stottlemeyer '85**, **D.P.S. '25** received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree.

I know through social media about a few classmates who have recently retired. I hope to hear from them personally soon so I can share their stories with you. Defi-

nately reach out to me via my email or Facebook with your news!

My family just came back from the trip of a lifetime to Greece, where I was finally able to see in person the archaeological sites and ancient artifacts I remember studying in my classical civilization classes! The slides Professor Baron used to show us in the classrooms of Mor-ton Hall (now Boswell Hall) came to life as I toured the Acropolis and saw the Parthenon up close, as well as several archaeological digs and museums. I loved every minute of it and got a huge surprise as I was in the gift shop of the Acropolis Museum. I heard a voice say "Mrs. Pitts?!" and I turned to see a former student whom I had taught back in 2002! He was touring Athens for the day and we happened to be in the same place at the same time, which is crazy!

Looking forward to hearing about any trips you have taken, classmates you have seen or whatever you would like to let us know. Valeté, omnes!

1986

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Hello classmates!
In May, **Mike Atherton** made a trip to Iceland to travel above the Artic Circle and to go on a photo adventure. The landscapes were fabulous and the Puffins hilarious.

Dave Anderson and his wife, Anne, welcomed a second granddaughter and love being grandparents. He reported that getting old has some advantages.

I learned that **Diane Coulter Brown** volunteers with a Richmond,

Virginia, organization called From the Heart Stitchers, as do I. Our members make hand-made items like hats and blankets, which are distributed to organizations that serve individuals in need of support or comfort. I hope Diane and I will connect in person soon.

Susan Maxson Lyons retired in September of last year from her job as an attorney at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Her daughter, Linda (a 2021 Virginia Tech graduate), received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy, graduating summa cum laude.

Jane Fanestil Peterson has been retired for a year from a career coaching volleyball and teaching physical education at Central Lakes College in Brainerd, Minnesota. Last fall, she took a celebratory trip to Switzerland with her sister **Kay Fanestil Gilbert '87**.

Richard Carter sent greetings.

Heidi Carr has spearheaded an effort to create a new social media minor at the University of Miami, and it was approved to start this fall. The University of Miami is also a leader in communication literacy and, in addition to creating a new minor in that area, Heidi worked with a task force organizing a global conference in April on the topic of artificial intelligence.

John Skinner wrote in May from the airport in Bergen, Norway, where he was on holiday, visiting his cousin, who is teaching in Moss, a coastal town in Ostfold County, Norway. He also spent time with **Brad Staubes '85** and Brad's husband, Trond Valldal. Brad and Trond have lived in Oslo for 17 years.

Mary Boyes is a professor in the Honors College at Virginia Commonwealth University. She

recently spent a few days on a writing retreat in the Northern Neck area of Virginia with **Judy Cicatko Strang '86**, **M.A. '90**, who works in the Writing Center at Washington and Lee University. In June, Mary visited the artist **Tracey Cockrell** with whom she collaborates on art installations. Tracey has moved to Portland, Maine, where she has taken a job as a professor at Maine College of Art & Design. Mary also gets to see **Terri Erwin** frequently, as Terri relocated to Richmond, Virginia, a few years ago and serves as director of the Virginia Consensus for Higher Education in Prison, an initiative of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy. Mary keeps in touch with **Katie Hoffman '85**, who works as executive director for Create Appalachia. Mary does not get to see **Monica Tetzlaff** in person very much, but they stay in close touch. Monica is a professor of history at Indiana University South Bend. Mary recently caught up with **David Macauley '84**, who is a professor of philosophy at Penn State. Mary also stays in contact with **Patricia Massard**, who works at Duke University.

Kevin Gentry has produced a podcast with W&M President Katherine Rowe titled "Leading a Legacy into the Future: Katherine Rowe on Tradition, Innovation and Going Big."

Terry Ayotte retired from teaching preschool special education classes for Fairfax County Public Schools in June 2024. This year, along with her husband, Howie Uman, she attended the graduation of her daughter, **Tallie Uman '25**, from the William & Mary School of Education.

According to Virginia Business magazine, Chesapeake-based Fortune 500 discount retailer Dollar Tree named **Stewart Glendinning**

as the company's chief financial officer, effective March 30.

Pam Krulitz spoke at W&M Professional Development Week 2025. Look for a link to the recording in our online Class Notes.

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Jeff Spoeri is still in Texas but moved several months ago to Wichita Falls, where he serves as vice president for university advancement and executive director of the Midwestern State University Foundation at Midwestern State University (MSU). He started at MSU Texas in February and has been enjoying the new gig and the community. Though he hasn't found a lot of William & Mary folks there, he proudly displays a small W&M flag in his office. Like many of us, he enjoyed cheering on the women's basketball team in the NCAA tournament! Jeff and his fiancée, Tan-ya Westerkom, have been together for over 16 years now (they first dated in high school in Florida in 1982). They have five adult children between them (ranging in age from 19 to 29). Jeff's son, Drew, is an Air Force captain and will be starting flight training soon as he shifts careers, and Jeff's daughter, Kendall, is at college in Florida. They traveled to Williamsburg for Homecoming 2022 and look forward to the next reunion in 2027.

Congratulations are in order for **Mike Atherton '86** and **Christine Kubacki Atherton**, who celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary! Theirs is a Tribe love story: They met in the breakfast line at the Colony Room in the Campus Center. After many

breakfasts and sorority dances, they started dating and married in 1988. Mike traveled this spring to Iceland and the Arctic Circle on Grimsey Island. He drove the Ring Road around the country and spent most of his time on wildlife and landscape photography. Christine is currently living out her dream of taking a Spanish masterclass, and it has been her best Spanish experience ever!

The 60th birthday milestone has arrived for most of us. **Laura Belcher** has celebrated 60th birthdays with her Tribe on trips to New York City; Raleigh, North Carolina; and on a Bourbon Trail trip to Kentucky so far. I am sure there are more celebrations to come!

Congratulations to **Karen Griffith Gryga** and **Mark Sweeney '86** who were married in a beautiful ceremony in Praiano, Italy, on the Amalfi Coast in May. Karen and Mark live in Annapolis, Maryland, and if you're looking for them, you can usually find them on their boat!

Tom Kennedy and **Marty Armel Kennedy** met up with **Eric Fedewa**, **Bill Sullivan '89** and **Dan Sheehan** in Alexandria, Virginia, on St. Patrick's Day. They spent time with **Sara Sawyer**, who lives in West Virginia, where she is a professor at Glenville State University. Marty has seen **Cassandra Jones** several times this year. Tom recently caught up with classmates **Pat Schembri**, **Thad Doumar** and **Richard Goldstein**.

Theresa Jacoby **Massie** and the "Lodge 5 Crew" chose Bethany Beach for their joint 60th birthday celebration in June. **Suzie Gruner McMullen** hosted Theresa, **Liz Hunter '87**, **M.A.Ed. '90**, **Sara Sawyer**, **Beth Stanford Fuchs**, **Carrie Taylor Lang** and **Karen Sheehan-Maher**.

Ted Zoller and **Ed**

Hohmann played golf at Duke University's golf course in May. (Ted and Ed were roommates all four years at W&M). Ed now lives with his wife, Karen, on the North Carolina coast, and Ted and his wife, **Allison Powell Zoller M.A.Ed. '90**, live in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Ted is finishing his 26th year as a professor teaching entrepreneurship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Kenan-Flagler Business School and says he was both "shocked and flattered" when he recently learned that former students have named a classroom in the new business school building in his honor! Congratulations, Ted!

Liz Haddad Martin retired in June after a career in health administration working for Riverside Health and Virginia Commonwealth University Health. After earning her master's degree in health administration from Duke University, Liz spent 20 of her 36-year career as CEO/president of Riverside Tappahannock Hospital, which was acquired by VCU Health several years ago. Liz held leadership roles for many community organizations including the Essex County Chamber of Commerce and the Essex County School Board.

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Alicia Lockheed Godrow and **Cary Ruscus Jimenez** escaped frigid February winds on a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico, as part of an Urban Sketchers adventure. Alicia was celebrating the relaunch and growth of her law firm, GoodBiz Law, and her successful hip replacement. Alicia also reconnected with

Carl Hahn this past winter, helping him launch his new consulting and legal practice in Washington, D.C. Alicia caught up with **Amy Hartman Roby** in San Antonio in June and hoped to see several other classmates, like **Jennifer Tanner Hahn** and **Lynn Kerr McKay**, when she visited Baltimore in May. With empty nests, many are finding time to reconnect with classmates on fun adventures.

Since 1992, **Douglas Huszti** has been living in New York City's Brooklyn borough and working in the entertainment industry, first designing sets for theatre and assisting on Broadway. For a little more than the past two decades, he has been designing and art directing for film and television. Doug just finished working as the supervising art director on Josh Safdie's new film, "Marty Supreme," which should be released at the end of 2025. He is married to Radha Korman Huszti, and their daughter has just completed her freshman year at Skidmore College. Doug periodically keeps in touch with a number of classmates, including **Michael Lynch**, **Sheri Holman** and **Audrea Topps Harjo**. Doug wishes all of his classmates the best!

Randolph N. Reynolds Jr. is founding partner of Reynolds Development, a private real estate management and development company which he co-founded in 2001. Randy keeps very busy with community activities in Richmond, Virginia. He is currently serving on the board of visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University and on the board of directors of Blue Ridge Bank. He is also the current vice president of the Henrico Police Foundation. This summer, Randy took off for Delray Beach, Florida, for some relaxation.

Chris Campbell is

still sailing the waters of Alaska as an ordinary seaman for the Alaska Marine Highway after 18 years as a conductor and engineer for the Alaska Railroad. Occasionally, Alaska Railroad puts Chris in the engine room when needed, which he enjoys as a nice change. Chris wishes all well and provided some beautiful pictures for the online edition!

1989

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Steve Brockelman recently retired from the federal government after 14 years at the General Services Administration. He held various leadership roles, including chief customer officer, deputy performance improvement officer and director of a CEO advisory board that provided recommendations on best practices in management and operations to former President Barack Obama and his cabinet. Steve plans to return to the 'Burg more often to visit his daughter, **Nia Brockelman '26**.

Shannon Watson retired from the Department of Transportation (DOT) after 35-plus years of government service. Highlights include working for Sen. John Glenn and at the DOT during the Clinton administration. Most recently, she earned the DOT Secretary's Gold Medal for her work leading boards, including the Women of Trucking Advisory Board and the Truck Leasing Task Force (TLTF). Fun fact: **Paul Cullen** served on the TLTF and contributed greatly to its success.

Anson Christian has retired from Covington & Burlap LLP. He's split-

ting his time between Tidewater Virginia and the DMV (District of Columbia-Maryland-Virginia) area.

Vincent Howell has retired after 30 years at Mars Inc. He and his wife, Lisette, celebrated their 20th anniversary with a huge bash in New Jersey. **Karen Hohnacki Perigard** and **Greg Perigard**; **Allison Bell Royer** and her husband, Shannon; **Michelle Wade Scheuerman** and her husband, Craig; **Jim Smith**; **Davie Fletcher** and his wife, Alyssa; **Dave Link** (from Australia); **Deb Calusine Nelson**; **Alicia Meckstroth**; **Tom Hamilton '88**, **M.A. '89** and **Jill Watson Hamilton**; **Anne Humphries Arseneau '89**, **M.A.Ed. '92**; and **Alan Adenan** attended.

Alan is helping to grow Catalogue, a local restaurant group in the Washington, D.C., area; he opened Ted's Bulletin in Alexandria, Virginia, and Honeymoon Chicken, named one of the Washingtonian's Best New Restaurants, this year. Alan spent last December traveling throughout Southeast Asia with his wife and daughter. He remains active with Christ Church in Alexandria and coordinated Thanksgiving dinner for 250 families with **Liz Denson '04**. He says it was great to see so many from the Class of '89 at the Homecoming reunion tent they hosted last year. Look for them again this year — all are welcome!

Brian Coleman is a senior vice president for J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.; his job is sending him to emerging markets in Asia: Hong Kong, Seoul and Singapore.

John Fedewa and his wife, Narali, live in their newly completed house in Arlington, Virginia.

Aimee Richardson and her family are still in New Mexico; they were in the DMV for a family wedding. Her daughter

has her driver's license!

Kim DiDomenico
Duty is running a trade association of equity investors (banks and insurance companies) in affordable housing from her home in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. She and her husband landed there after a year of being nomads during the COVID-19 pandemic. Nomad life can be addictive, so this year they are back on the road and working remotely from locations around Mexico with a summer hiatus in the Pacific Northwest.

Paul Cullen and **Marianne Mannschreck Cullen, Pat Dueppen '90 and Muri Jacobs Dueppen '91** and **Gene Foley** met me and Doug in New Orleans for the Jazz & Heritage Festival. It was so fun to introduce some W&M friends to one of my favorite festivals and happy places! Paul and Marianne are vice chairs of W&M's Parent & Family Council.

Maisie O'Flanagan joined the William & Mary Foundation board.

Mike Savage '89, M.B.A. '95 is the chair of the Mason Corporate Acceleration Council at William & Mary's Raymond A. Mason School of Business. He's the chief growth officer at Quantum Rise.

Nancy Hill and **David Nowland** have joined the Reves Global Engagement Board; I started as chair in July. Nancy works for Newport News Shipbuilding, including on international projects. David's the global marketing director for La Tienda, purveyor of artisanal food and products from Spain. Join us and **Scott Rhodes** at the Wines of the World event at the Reves Center for International Studies on Friday afternoon before the Homecoming & Reunion Weekend parade.

Doug and I sold our home and properties in Florida and will spend the fall as nomads in

Spain and Costa Rica and visiting family in the U.S. We'll be in Williamsburg for Homecoming and Charter Day.

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Hello, everyone. It's almost Homecoming & Reunion Weekend (35 years! How is that possible?). Go to homecoming.wm.edu for more info about our reunion. I'm hoping to be there Thursday evening through Saturday morning, so please try to find me and say hello if you're in town. Better yet, send me all the juicy details of your HoCo escapades for our next Class Notes edition.

William & Mary Men's Basketball alumnus and former Major League Baseball player **Curtis Pride** was back on campus on April 9 for an event sponsored by the W&M American Sign Language Club. The spring W&M Alumni Magazine covered Curtis' time at W&M and his professional journey.

Virago Spirits owners **Vicki Lawton Haneberg** and **Brad Haneberg** were profiled in a W&M Alumni Magazine online exclusive article. Look for a link in our online notes.

Robyn Lady contributed a quote to the spring 2025 W&M Alumni Magazine feature about the women's basketball team's NCAA run.

I enjoyed a week in Des Moines, Iowa, in July for the National Senior Games, competing in women's volleyball, both 55-plus and 50-plus age groups. My 55s team (Lokahi East Coast) went undefeated and won the gold medal, while my 50s team came in fourth. We tried to convince **Kerry Major Carr, Tanya Mitchell '95** and **Jen-**

nifer Torns Petrie '92 to join us, to no avail. The invitation is open, ladies!

1991

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Like many of you, I was thrilled when the W&M Women's Basketball team made it to the NCAA tournament last spring. **Angela Evans Romano** and **Tiffany Stone**, co-captains of the Tribe's 1990-91 team, were at Washington, D.C.'s CareFirst Arena for the exciting Coastal Athletic Association tournament win that propelled the women's team into the tournament. Look for a link to the W&M Athletics article in our online Class Notes.

The 2025 Ampersand International Arts Festival in March included guest conversations, films and industry summit events featuring many W&M alumni, faculty and students, including **William Coughlan**. His film, "Unresolved," was featured in the shorts program.

Hopefully you saw the article in the last W&M Alumni Magazine about construction beginning on the Mackesy Sports Performance Center, which will be located next to Kaplan Arena. "The Mack" is named in honor of donors **D. Scott Mackesy** and **Jennifer Tepper Mackesy**, both former Tribe student-athletes. A key component of the reimagined W&M Athletics Complex, the center is expected to open by the end of 2025.

I really enjoyed going to some of the Road to Women's Weekend events in Baltimore and Washington, D.C., over the past year. By the way — if you have not been to the W&M Washington Center, it is worth a

visit! Classmates **Catherine Fisher Carr** and **Nicole Ducat Grogan** participated in a panel for the Seattle Road to Women's Weekend event titled "Leading the Way: A Conversation With W&M Women Executives." Cathy is the founder of Vitamin C Creative, a Seattle-based boutique brand strategy practice launched in 2010 and has partnered with companies such as Brooks Running and Kohler. Nicole is the chief people officer at Intellectual Ventures, where she is accountable for the human resources and corporate communications organizations and is the executive sponsor for the women's community.

In June, **Susanne Stagg Cooper** moved to Comox Valley on Vancouver Island in Canada, an area her husband, Kevin, is from. They are looking forward to being closer to their adult children and spending a lot of time gardening and enjoying the outdoors.

Chris Sterling is the new president and chief executive officer for the Virginia Community Development Corp. (VCDC). VCDC's mission is to foster vibrant communities through strategic investments in affordable housing and economic development. He has worked at VCDC for over 20 years, most recently as the chief operating officer.

That is all I have for this time, but please write me! Would love to include your update next time.

1992

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Happy fall to all of you!
Congratulations to

Corinna Barrett Lain, whose book, "Secrets of the Killing State: The Untold Story of Lethal Injection," came out in April — the product of seven years of deep research into the subject. Check out a synopsis and reviews on her website: corinnalain.com. She is the S.D. Roberts & Sandra Moore Professor of Law at the University of Richmond School of Law. Corinna did a book event in Williamsburg and was thrilled to reconnect with her economics professor and adviser from William & Mary, Elaine McBeth, with whom she has stayed in contact since graduation.

This spring, **Charles Bowery** gave a talk, "France, America, and the Colonial Atlantic World," as a guest lecturer on an Alumni Journeys cruise along the Seine River in France. The talk outlined our historic alliance with France and the essential nature of France's participation in the American Revolution. As a warmup for this exercise, he kindly gave a Zoom presentation of this talk for the Alliance Française chapter in Charlottesville, Virginia, the day prior to his departure. Charles is the executive director of the U.S. Army Center of Military History in Washington, D.C.

Led by **Alison Dwyer-Selden '86**, about 20 Charlottesville-Highland Alumni Network members, including several alumni spouses, participated in the annual beautification of James Monroe's Highland on a wet Saturday in April. Highland was the property of fifth U.S. President James Monroe and is located south of Charlottesville and owned by William & Mary. We pulled brambles out of a wooded area within the property and did some weeding in the gardens and walkways. We enjoyed a light lunch and conversation at the end of the morning.

In March, the University of Tennessee hired veteran NFL coach **Alan Williams** as a senior defensive analyst. Alan most recently served as defensive coordinator for the Chicago Bears. His specialty has been coaching defensive backs, against whom he matched wits during his college days as a receiver at William & Mary.

Jane Carpenter-Rock and **Anne Powell Lyons** spoke at W&M Professional Development Week 2025. Read more and watch the recordings in our online Class Notes.

Chris Ralston was recently re-elected to another term as chair of the national board of directors of the American Diabetes Association (ADA). He continues to serve as community leadership board chair for the ADA in Louisiana and Mississippi, and is still a commercial litigation partner and litigation practice coordinator in the New Orleans office of Phelps Dunbar LLP.

Have a lovely holiday season! It's not too late to send your news for the winter 2026 edition of our magazine.

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Greetings, fellow alumni, I hope this correspondence finds you well. Once again, I have received no direct updates from classmates. Despite this, I am happy to report that **Erin McGonegal Entlich** was named as an inductee of the W&M Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2025. As a student-athlete, Erin served as an elite midfielder, helping keep the women's soccer team in the top 15 nationally between 1989 and 1992. Erin was named Second-Team All-America, and she also earned

First-Team All-Region honors. Read more in our online Class Notes.

In addition to Erin's accomplishments, I found an inspiring quote from **Michelle Carney-Ray-Yoder**, once a 6-foot-3-inch center herself, who attended the semifinal win over Drexel. Quoted in an article about the W&M Women's Basketball team and their historic trip to the NCAA this year, Michelle says, "I had no doubt ... they played so well together, and you could tell they believe in the coaching staff and each other." Well done, Tribe!

Since my last submission, my one and only brother, John Imbur, passed away on May 13, 2025. His passing was abrupt and unexpected, owing to complications during surgery for a cardiac event. Although John was a dyed-in-the-wool Hokie from Virginia Tech, who ended up becoming a long-term resident of Blacksburg, Virginia, he visited me in Williamsburg numerous times over the years, both on and off campus. John also knew at least two W&M alumnae, one as a girlfriend and the other as a close friend. Neither was from the Class of 1993, but both are deserving of mention.

Shirley Coggon '94 is today a writer and editor for Alteryx, as well as a trombonist in JazzKatz Orchestra, a band she helped create. She and John dated briefly while both were living in Northern Virginia almost three decades ago. Both were playful, fun-loving and intelligent, as evidenced by their National Merit Scholar finalist status and scholarships. Shirley was also a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society (and John graduated radio too laude). According to Shirley's LinkedIn profile and Facebook page, she now resides in San Diego

and still plays trombone, something she has done in jazz bands, quintets and orchestras. I hope to cross paths with Shirley again to reflect more on her time together with John, "an amazing, playful spirit."

Another person who I'm now happy to call my friend — and indeed, it feels very much like she's my sister now — is **Molly Schaefer Lazar '97**. Molly and her husband, Peter, have two wonderful young women as daughters, and I got to meet all of them during John's memorial service and celebration of life, held on June 14. According to Molly, John was "the first friend she made as a young adult living in Northern Virginia," when he casually went up to her and befriended her at a Unitarian Universalist church social in Arlington. That was the kind of person John was. In any case, John moved away from the Washington, D.C., area but remained friends with Molly and her husband. Several years later, when she and her husband visited John in Blacksburg, they were drawn inexorably by the pull that came from the intentional community found in a cohousing group called Shadowlake Village (SLV). After more than two decades living in community with John, Molly and her family have experienced the loss of John as much as I and my parents and extended family have. Molly helped organize a GoFundMe campaign to raise over \$20,000 for my brother's daughter, River, who is not quite 15, as of this writing. Additionally, Molly and her husband have several software products, including Scanlily, an artificial intelligence-enhanced inventory software, which she used to help me organize and catalog all of my brother's music, books and other personal effects.

Although my brother's passing was indeed

tragic and unexpected, I am grateful for the life he led, the legacy he left and the new friends and sisters I have because of him. Rest in peace, John.

1994

Class Reporter
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Summer teaches us patience — because when it's 95 degrees in the shade, you realize some things really can wait until tomorrow. Albeit, I'm inside writing up these Class Notes and using a little artificial intelligence (AI) to make that happen. For what it's worth, I just wrapped up being emcee for western North Carolina's third annual AI conference, "brAIIn Hub 2025: Pioneering AI Possibilities for Regional Growth." On to our updates, with many thanks to the W&M Alumni Magazine editors for feeding me information (I'm smiling at you, Tina.)! Look for links in our online Class Notes.

Scholastic, the global children's publishing, education and media company, announced that **Chris Lick** was appointed executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary, effective June 1. Chris will provide strategic legal counsel for Scholastic and its board of directors, both in the U.S. and abroad. Thank you, Chris, for the fantastic work that helps educate and entertain generations to come.

Another classmate is also focused on youth development programs. The Richmond Free Press wrote a spotlight on **Melody Randolph Walker**, president of the Richmond Chapter of The Society, a national nonprofit organization of women dedicated to enhancing, exposing and promoting children in the arts for the better-

ment of our communities.

The board of NumbersUSA Education & Research Foundation named **Anne Beale Manetas** as co-CEO with Roy Beck. The two have been leading the immigration policy-focused organization on an interim basis since October 2024. Anne has devoted 24 years to NumbersUSA, with the last 20 of them as the second-in-command, involved in every aspect of the organization.

Wrapping up our highlights, **Greg Wallig** spoke about AI at W&M Professional Development Week 2025. A recording is available, and I will be watching it shortly.

To sound like a broken record: It would be a pleasure to hear your news and updates. It's been way too long — let's change that. Send me a quick blurb about what's happening in your world. Big news, little news or just "still standing" — I'd love to hear it!

1995 30

Class Reporter
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Big news before our big reunion this year — how did that happen??? **Jen Volpe Herink**, who is on the Reves Global Engagement Board, would like to invite the Class of '95 to the Reves Center for International Studies for the Wines of the World event, Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. There will be so many events over Homecoming & Reunion Weekend as we celebrate. Check them all out and have fun catching up with everyone. Visit homecoming.wm.edu to learn more!

Mike Tomlin '95, L.H.D. '08 was highlighted by WSLs 10 News during Black History Month. Mike was named head coach of

the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2007, becoming the first Black head coach in the franchise's storied history. Many analysts and outlets were shocked by the hire, calling it "unconventional," but 18 years later, the Steelers' head coach has thrived on being unconventional.

In March, **Jennifer Vranek** participated on a panel at a Road to Women's Weekend event in Seattle called "Leading the way: A conversation with W&M women executives." Jenn is the founder of Education First, a mission-driven organization that has shaped education policies in more than 30 states.

Bella Ciao!

1996

Class Reporter

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Congratulations to **Jenny Ozawa**, who married her partner of seven years, Elsayed Talaat, on May 23. In attendance were **Thomas Hubschman '97** and **Marietta Krebs**, **Jack Medinger**, **Rachel MacCleery**, and Jenny and Elsayed's four children. The wedding was held at the historic Savage Mill in Savage, Maryland. See the online Class Notes for a photo.

Donnell Kearney wrote about celebrating his 50th birthday last December with a festive party in Washington, D.C. The guest list included **Channing Jones '98**, **Kiki Somerville**, **Lauresa Moten Wigfall '97**, **Barella Shakkor Roberson '97** and **William Kearney '92, J.D. '96**. "The celebration continued with me visiting **Saidah Nash Carter** in Cape Town, South Africa, in January 2025." See the online Class Notes for a photo.

Sam Ozeck reported that, before the federal hiring freeze, he had

been recruiting at W&M for his employer since the COVID-19 pandemic. "Initially, the recruiting was through virtual career fairs, but it later transitioned to in-person and on-campus. I attended both business school and campus-wide career fairs. Last year, I saw **Mike Groenert**, who was at the same career fair. I also conducted information sessions at the law school and was a guest lecturer in a government class of recently retired Professor John Gilmour, who came to the government department in the 1990s while we were at W&M. In January, I hosted two W&M students for the TribeShadow program. I understand they are always looking for more alumni volunteers to have students join them for a day to see what W&M alums do after earning their degree." As it turns out, after submitting this update, Sam wrote again saying he has retired from the federal government after two decades of service.

Meanwhile, in February, **Matt Memoli** was named the acting director of the National Institutes of Health.

Rachel Kahan, who has lived in New York City for nearly 30 years, was back in Virginia in October to speak at the James River Writers Conference in Richmond. "I'm now a vice president/executive editor at HarperCollins Publishers, where I specialize in bestselling fiction and nonfiction. Books I've edited have been made into Oscar-nominated movies: 'Hidden Figures,' nominated for the National Book Award, and 'A Council of Dolls' are on stands in every airport in the country. You really can monetize everything you learn as an English major! I live in Brooklyn with my husband, Taylor (a poet and teacher), two young kids and a friendly rescue pit bull."

Russ Glenn's latest single, "Half-Life," has been selected as a finalist in the Rocky Mountain Songwriting Contest. He's touring throughout the country. Go to our online Class Notes to listen to the song.

Chris Keup premiered selections from his new musical, "Anna K.," at NYC's Joe's Pub with a concert performance featuring Tony winner Norbert Leo Butz, Grammy nominee Rachael Price (of Lake Street Dive), Schuyler Fisk and other special guests. Chris wrote the musical with acclaimed novelist and screenwriter Arthur Phillips. A strong W&M crew supported the show, including **Phil Hatfield '94** and **Anna Dinwiddie Hatfield**, **Cindi Zacko**, **John Luczaj**, **Jen Bresler '98**, **Jeremy Herron '94**, **John Cosenza '98**, **Chris Lick '94** and **Tina Estes Novogratz '98**.

Chuck Nachman wrote in with news from several of his fellow Kappa Alpha brothers, **Justin Zandri**, **James Pierce**, **Clay Kellam**, **Matt Weinberg**, **Philip Mazzola**, **Kevin Yungmann**, **Brad Richards**, **Thomas Ball** and **Stephen Williams**. The updates on Chuck and his friends were extensive, so you can read about their careers, families and other adventures in our online notes.

1997

Class Reporter

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Hello, 1997 Classmates!

I'm happy to share the updates that continue to roll in from our class.

I'll start with a first since taking over as class reporter: **Rachel Graham Wood** shares that she's embracing empty nest life now that her kids are all off to

college (one at Virginia Commonwealth University, one at the University of Virginia and one at Liberty University). As a human connection researcher, Rachel is currently the U.S. lead for a multicountry exploration of social connection, isolation and loneliness. She also enjoys her work in workplace transformation and leadership development with health systems across the U.S. and managing multisite health system research.

Shannon McClure Roberts '97, J.D. '02 joined Blank Rome as a commercial litigation partner in February. She loves the supportive culture of her new firm and living in Philadelphia with her husband, Josh, and their 10-year-old son, Ezra. See a photo in our online Class Notes.

Shannon's fellow law school graduate **Aaron Goldsmith '97, J.D. '00** is senior litigation counsel at the Department of Justice, Civil Division. He has litigated in federal district and circuit courts throughout the country. He lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

Melissa Sampson recently became the vice president of business development at Orbit Fab Inc., a Colorado-based aerospace startup focused on its trademarked "gas stations in space" and space infrastructure. After completing her bachelor's degree in chemistry, Melissa received her master's degree and doctorate in aerospace engineering at the University of Colorado. Her career has spanned rockets, lunar exploration and infrastructure, and satellites, while working with NASA, the U.S. Department of Defense and in industry. Having worked as an executive for Lockheed Martin, Ball Aerospace and United Launch Alliance, she is excited for this next step in her career and building the in-space economy.

Speaking of the chem-

istry department, **Terry Halpin Levinson** sent an update at the encouragement of Professor Robert Pike. Despite her degree, Terry's career started without much chemistry — first as a computer science consultant and then as an outdoor educator. In 2006, she returned to chemistry, completed a nursing program and now works as a family nurse practitioner in Placerville, California. Terry finds plenty of time to ski, kayak, go rock climbing and explore with her husband, 16-year-old daughter and 14-year-old son.

Kleinschmidt Associates, an engineering, regulatory and environmental consulting firm, recently welcomed **Jason Romine '97, M.S. '05, Ph.D. '08** as a senior scientist. With a background focusing on bull trout, lake trout, sturgeon and Pacific salmon, Jason specializes in research that helps inform fishery management decisions.

Jane Choe Long has been serving with D-Group International, which exists to help people read, understand and love the Bible. Through her work with the organization, she's been able to reconnect with fellow classmates **Carol Davis Del Priore**, **Connie Davis Cummings** and **Ashley Quarles Tarter**. Jane lives in Oak Hill, Virginia, with her husband, Jason, and her son, Joshua.

Scott Redd was recently named the next lead pastor of Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Scott received his Master of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary and his Master of Arts and doctorate from The Catholic University of America. After serving Reformed Theological Seminary as faculty and administration for the past 16 years in the Washington, D.C., area, he and his wife, **Jenn**

Harvie Redd '98, and their five daughters are excited about this transition to Birmingham.

Laura Stevenson Canfield celebrated her 50th birthday by taking a trip to London and Paris with her husband and two teenage children. The trip included pilgrimages to big soccer stadiums and a live Chelsea women's match on Easter. When she's not vacationing, Laura works in people advisory consulting and spends her free time driving her kids to soccer domes and tournaments.

Happy fall, y'all! Keep the news coming.

1998

Class Reporter
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Hello, Class of 1998! I hope to see some of you at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, Oct. 16-19. Much of campus has been under construction for the past year or so and many of those projects are set to be completed this fall, so campus will likely look quite different.

A few bits of class news to share ...

Julian Pittman wrote to say that after many years as a professor and medical scientist, he's now pursuing a new career direction this fall at Yale Divinity School. He says, "Anyone living in New Haven or the surrounding area, reach out!"

Bryan Alvarez lives in Denver with his wife, Gretchen, and his son, Jaxon, who turned 3 in August. Bryan was promoted to captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve last summer. He has a civilian medical practice, runs a medical legal business and does consulting.

Please continue to send your updates my way at amcoxx@hotmail.com. I always appreciate when people take the time to share their news. If you have any photos to

accompany your updates, be sure to pass those along too for the online version of our Class Notes. I'd love to hear from you and so would your classmates!

1999

Class Reporter
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It is exciting to see the children of our classmates going on college tours or starting their own university journeys, several at our alma mater! If a high school student asked you why you chose William & Mary and what it has meant to you over the years, what would you tell them?

Rachel Boyd Potter '99, M.A.Ed. '00

shared that with an empty nest (both kids in college), she moved from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in late 2024. She still works as the program director for (and professor of) applied behavior analysis at Mary Baldwin University and is a fully remote employee. Rachel is still getting used to the tornado warning sirens and intense summer storms, but being near loved ones makes it all worthwhile. She is also now convinced that Oklahoma has the best barbecue. She is glad to add another "blue voter" to her local community and looks forward to volunteering for Oklahomans for Equality. Her eldest (Eric) will be a junior at Bridgewater College this fall, studying music, and her youngest (Nora) will be a sophomore at Virginia Commonwealth University, studying political science.

Amanda Sontag has been a licensed veterinary technician for 23 years. She worked at the Cat Hospital of Tidewater in Norfolk, Virginia, from her freshman year at W&M until July 2018

when it closed. She began working with both dogs and cats at Edinburgh Animal Hospital in nearby Chesapeake in October 2018 and is now the head veterinary technician of the hospital. Amanda recently branched out into speaking at veterinary conferences and local continuing education meetings; topics of lectures she has given include thyroid issues and monitoring diabetic pet patients. Later this year, at the Virginia Association of Licensed Veterinary Technicians Fall Conference, she will be giving the lecture "A/C Unit: The Technician's Manual for Addison's and Cushing's."

In the news: **Matthew T. Lambert**, senior vice president for university advancement at W&M, is quoted in a NonProfitPRO article about the launch of a new artificial intelligence (AI) virtual stewardship officer by Version2, Givzey's AI research and development lab. "The partnership William & Mary has developed with Givzey and Version2 enables us to develop a comprehensive digital labor plan specifically for advancement that expands our reach and the impact of philanthropy while empowering our human fundraisers to focus on their highest-value activities," he says.

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We were right. It is a lot warmer now than the last time we wrote. Seasons are great. Now in mid-June, we have survived our first year of middle school and a week's worth of the Cinderella ballet. Summer thus far has brought swim camp, tennis team and local swim meets

that last four-plus hours. The only place we'd rather be is in Williamsburg, with our 25th reunion right around the corner. By the time this is published, that will have happened, and I assume we will have stayed up until at least 9 p.m. On to the news!

Jessica Lévai, author of "The Night Library of Sternendach: A Vampire Opera in Verse," saw her second book published on May 13. "The Glass Garden" combines space horror and family drama and is inspired in no small part by the author's study of Egyptology at Brown University. Visit JessicaLevai.com for links and more.

In December, **Tunisia Riley** caught up with fellow alum **Yuri Siñeriz '02** in the vibrant city of Medellín, Colombia, where he and his fellow colleagues of the Comuna Project, a community-based organization, provided an amazing tour, art walk and history of the Comuna 13 section of Medellín. In February, Tunisia also caught up with her former college roommate, **Rebecca Fleming**, in New Orleans. Tunisia continues to keep in touch with her W&M Tribe and looks forward to seeing some more of her Class of 2000 throughout the year and at our milestone Homecoming reunion.

Milan Chakraborty is executive producer of the film "McVeigh," about Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, which was screened at the Ampersand International Arts Festival in March. Milan and producer **Joe Pirro '08** participated in a conversation about the film. Milan is head of film at Marginal Media-Works. He has produced and executive produced over 30 features, most recently "Black Barbie: A Documentary" and "She Taught Love," which were both nominated for NAACP Image Awards.

Milan taught a one-credit class this past spring in the W&M Department of Film and Media Studies.

Andrea Coleman and **Sara Schaefer** were featured guests in a live episode of "Like Minds," a comedy quiz show, at the Ampersand International Arts Festival. Host **Joey Bland** took four comedian competitors and faced them off in a head-to-head trivia match, along with lots of help from the audience. The show is produced by **Greg Hess '03**. Andrea also led a workshop at the festival on "How To Pursue Your Passion When It's Not Paying You," and she performed in an original one-woman play titled "3 White Guys Named John" at Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall's Studio Theatre. You can watch Andrea on Amazon Prime in "Iconic Justice," "Hot Haus" or on YouTube in the critically acclaimed web series "All My Friends Are Married."

Keep those updates coming. We look forward to hearing from you at williamandmary2000@gmail.com.

Kelly and Mike

2001

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A book by **Augustine Sedgewick**, "Fatherhood: A History of Love and Power," has been chosen as one of the 40 best books published so far this year by The Economist, which wrote: "An American scholar describes how thinking about dads has changed over time. What is striking is the sheer variety of nonsense that people have believed." The book has been covered by The New York Times, NPR and Time magazine, among other outlets. Look for links in our online Class Notes.

2002

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Class Reporter

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Hey there, Class of '03!

Tracy Candler Howard was the only one to accept the prompt and challenge that I put forth in the last issue. But she did it with enough vigor to extinguish any dismay I had about being ignored by the other 1,800 (?) of you. Almost.

Here's Tracy's update: "My current job is unpacking and launching teenagers into the world: catching up on driving hours, learning how to do job interviews and write resumes and well, you know. A friend described it as being deeply proud but also in complete denial. That about nails it.

"As far as unpacking the house: We just moved back from central Honduras, where I was serving for the past 10 months as an interim director of a medical and dental clinic at El Ayudante. We were missionaries there when our three boys were younger and, due to some unforeseen circumstances, there was a leadership gap in the clinic. Our three boys were supportive, and Mark was already working remotely, so we embraced the opportunity. I had recently graduated with a master's degree in public health and worked in health education when we were there previously. So, between my studies and pre-existing relational equity, someone (ahem, my husband is the one who threw my hat in the ring at a board

meeting) believed in me more than I believed in myself. It was amazing and challenging and inspiring. I'm so grateful we got the opportunity to serve together as a family. God was so faithful in Mark's job and with the boys' schooling and with my Spanish. The first time we lived there I was mostly a mom to three littles and didn't learn as much of the language as Mark did. Immersion is where learning is at, but I was grateful for the staff who are bilingual. Now, we are home in central Texas, once again settling in, and I will be looking for a job in public health over the summer. If it ends up being cooler, although I highly doubt it, I will send you an update."

That's it from me because I'm late on submitting this and about to jump in the car to drive a kid to freshman orientation. We're here. How are we here? Send me your news and non-news! Go Tribe.

2004

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I am so glad fall has returned, even though during my schooling I always felt a little bit of dread when fall arrived with the longer shadows, the sun not as high in the sky, etc. I knew the long nights of schoolwork and those dreaded syllabi would dominate my life for the next nine months. Now, all those long nights and dreaded deadlines continue year-round, so actually, as an "old man" in my mid-40s, I find respite in autumn that I never noticed as a youth. Okay, enough of my Faulkneresque prose. We are here for the entertaining, in touch/people type of news! However,

before we start, I just wanted to let you know what is going on with me. I am still working here in Salt Lake City (still longing for my Montana life in Billings), but I still travel back to Oklahoma to see family. Even though nothing noteworthy is happening in my life right now, it's always nice to drop a line or two to let us, your fellow classmates, know how you are doing.

During William & Mary's Professional Development Week 2025, **Pilar Mejia '04, M.B.A. '13** spoke as part of a panel about being a part of a culture of authenticity and openness. Pilar is a staff ecosystem manager at GitLab, a web-based open-source platform built around Git. Git is a distributed version control system used for tracking changes in computer files and coordinating work on those files among multiple people. (I did have to use Google AI to assist me with those computer terms.)

Well, that is all I have for this installment, folks. As always, drop me an email or an old-fashioned card with a cute stamp on it. (I still get my mail from my Oklahoma address.) Hope you have a wonderful fall and early winter, and I hope to be sharing your news with your fellow classmates in our next column!

Take care,
Owen

2005 20

Class Reporter

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Happy 20th reunion, Class of 2005! To celebrate, here are some memories of college. (See our online version for extended memories.)

Cristina "Tina"

Viray Keeton: "Studying abroad in Cadiz, Spain, with my roommate **Stephanie Rudloff**

Brown and our professor, Francine Cate-Arries! It was the first year the University of Cadiz partnered with our school. It changed my life forever, and I am so grateful for the experience!"

Aaron Mosby: "One of my fondest memories of our senior year was the movie power hour we did in Tucker Theatre toward the end of the second semester. It was in that moment I realized that we had figured out the balance of access, responsibility and fun. As we watched and toasted 60 one-minute movie clips, I felt this sense that we were ready for the real world and that we were lucky to have prepared for it at William & Mary together."

Jacqueline Langholtz: Check the online edition for more about Jacqueline's favorite memories. Those include **Kevin Kilroy** getting stuck in the moat around Stith Hall in the wee hours of the night and the fateful trip line strung across the Sunken Garden during the infamous DoG Street Journal naked dash. She wrote, "Oh, wait — pirate adventure and the group jump off the Crim Dell bridge! I declined to jump. If I could do it over, I'd have jumped."

Carla Novella

Wiggins: "Yay, you got accepted to Class of '05. Here's the catch: You have to live in a hotel first because of asbestos in your freshman dorm. Freshman hall friendships with s'mores every December, synchronized swim club and let's join all the clubs, hermanitas and their dinner parties, sociology dream major but let's try art/art history too, parties with suitemates, mixed CDs love language, Muscarelle afternoons and Swem library nights, beer mug Sundays, Spring breaaaaaak in Florida! Camp TigerClaw and local music scene. Do I have time to add another minor? Whoa, it's time to

graduate!"

Andy Lau: "Dear Class of 2005. Wow, 20 years! I am still astounded by how my experience at W&M continues to shape me. We were the class bookended by the unimaginable and the inevitable — 9/11 at the beginning, Facebook at the end. We were among the last to know the glory of Ebirt, ride the Green Machine and study in the dark corners of Swem while it was being renovated, hoping we wouldn't become a ghost story. We saw the lights go on in Zable Stadium for the very first time and experienced Friday Night Lights Colonial Williamsburg-style.

Here's to the Tribe of '05: the last class to live without social media for most of college, but the first to immortalize our awkward years in pixelated glory shortly after. We laughed, we cried, we AIMed."

Amanda Alba: "Getting locked in one of the Wren Building historic rooms when security didn't see me studying. (Luckily someone heard my knocking before the ghosts got me.) Quiet memories of drawing in the empty Matoaka Art Studio during summer sessions. How much fun I had performing with the Cleftomaniacs: a cappella concerts in the Wren portico and karaoke nights at the Hospitality 'Ho' House."

Adam Gismondi remembers a rare snowstorm in Williamsburg. In addition to some snowball fights and sledding, he and friends turned the Thomas Jefferson statue into a snowman!

Alex Leslie remembers the pirate adventure and wearing silly hats to the final dinner at the Caf before it moved to the tent.

Seth Finck '05, M.Ed. '08: "We had two very weird traditions post-Caf. Fall semester, we would try to build the tallest ice cream cone, then we would play ice

cream bocce in the field on the way back to DuPont. Spring, we took to attempting to launch fruit onto the roof of W&M Hall. Cops saw us once and buzzed their lights at us and started coming for us, so we all bolted. It was pouring rain. That is a very fun memory.”

Meghan Ewell Powers remembers meeting her now husband, **Chris Powers '04**, in the business school. They also played on the club baseball and softball teams.

2006

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I hope everyone is doing well. Like many of you, I turned 40 in the past year, and I've been reflecting on how quickly the years have gone by since college. Aging can be scary, and I know we all face challenges that wouldn't have crossed our minds 20 years ago. But getting older doesn't mean we are stuck in a rut, as you'll see when you read the fabulous news your classmates shared in this column.

This time around, I have some news of my own. After spending several years working at an independent bookstore, I decided to take graduate courses to get a library information specialist endorsement on my teaching certificate. This past year, I worked as the library assistant at my daughter's elementary school, which was a rewarding and memorable experience. With my endorsement complete, I am now a school library

media specialist at a high school. Working at Swem Library during my undergraduate years was a dream job for me, so I'm thrilled to find my way back to the library.

James Ambrose and **Catherine Williams Ambrose** welcomed their first child, Eden Michelle Ambrose, on May 19.

Kelsay Books published **Christopher Fried's** second poetry collection, "Analog Synthesis," in April. Several of the poems were inspired by his experience as an advisor on the '80s sci-fi documentary film "In Search of Tomorrow" (2022). Since 2018, he's lived in Richmond, Virginia, working as an international logistics analyst for the ocean carrier company Ocean Network Express.

Alicia Frame and **Alex Mills** welcomed a son, William, in October 2024. They continue to live in New York City's Brooklyn borough, where Alicia manages a team working on large language models at Microsoft, and Alex is a professor of operations management at Baruch College.

Brittany Garcia-Martin and her husband, Ryan, welcomed one more to their crew this spring! Rowan Katherine Garcia-Martin was born April 11. Their daughter, Kaia, and son, Gray, love their new baby sister. The Garcia-Martins currently reside in Maplewood, New Jersey, just outside of New York City, where Brittany works as a director of product management for Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital.

Lauren Kloss Jacobson, chief investment officer at Hamilton College, was named one of the top 25 women chief investment officers of 2025 by the organization Women We Admire.

Dylan Waugh recently published "Thaddeus Stevens: Forgotten Champion of Racial

Equality," a nonfiction book for readers ages 9-12. It explores the remarkable life of Thaddeus Stevens, a Civil War-era congressman who fought tirelessly to end slavery and secure equal rights for Black Americans. Dylan hopes to inspire young readers with Stevens' enduring principles of equality, integrity and personal growth.

Adrienne Wong and **Jeannie Rose** celebrated their 40th birthdays the last weekend of November 2024 in Alexandria, Virginia. The party was hosted by fellow Tribe friends **Eva Malliarakis DeBalla '08** and **Tore DeBella '08** in their home. **Helen Wong Taylor**, **Laura Newkirk Bowles** and **Chris Bowles**, who lived with Jeannie and Adrienne in Spotswood Hall as freshmen, were also in attendance.

2008

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I hope you all are enjoying fall! Thanks to everyone who submitted notes for this issue.

In January, **Rob Tisdale** started a new position with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services as a supervisory asylum officer in the Program Management Office. Rob is working to reduce the asylum backlog and examine new methods that may help his team complete their work in a way that more efficiently serves their applicants, their staff and the asylum system.

Olivia Lucas was promoted to associate professor of music theory at Louisiana State University, where she has taught since 2019. In 2019, she married Andrew Dietz. **Josh Stevenson '08** was in the wedding. Andrew and Olivia welcomed

their daughter, Ivy, in 2022.

Shariff Tanious was appointed as chief medical officer for the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services in January. He and his wife, **Sarah Brod-fuehrer Tanious '07, M.A.Ed. '08**, and their three daughters, Lydia, Julia and Delia, recently moved to the Richmond, Virginia, area as well, and are excited to be closer to Williamsburg again!

Lauren Queen Ramirez never in a hundred guesses of her future career would have guessed that she would be a homeschooling mom of three, but here she is! Her economics and business degree is not going to waste as she teaches real life lessons, alongside reading and math, to her kids. While she's their primary teacher, this is teaching her even more, and lifelong learning is a gift.

Jacob Dreyer continues to live and work in Shanghai, where he publishes books for Palgrave and contributes to Nature and The New York Times on the subject of Chinese science and technology. In February, he came back to W&M to give a lecture, invited by Michael Hill. He's working on a book, "Human Nature" for Berggruen Press. On June 12, his second son, Samuel, turned 1 year old. His oldest son, Joseph, started school in September.

Samantha Hazzell-O'Brien and **Eric O'Brien '08, M.B.A. '10** welcomed another baby boy to their family in the spring, Cullen O'Brien! They are adjusting to being a family of four (five, with their dog, Boo). See the online magazine for a picture.

Joe Pirro is head of production at Symbolic Exchange, a development and production company based in New York City. Joe's most recent film, "The Wedding Banquet,"

premiered at the 2025 Sundance Film Festival. Joe was chosen as one of seven fellows of The Gotham Film & Media Institute's 2025 edition of the Festival De Cannes Producers Network Program.

Olympia Ochoco Trumbower moderated a panel at a Road to Women's Weekend event in Seattle in March called "Leading the Way: A Conversation With W&M Women Executives." Olympia is the executive briefing lead at UiPath, an agentic automation company.

Charlotte Savino and her husband, Lee, welcomed their daughter, Celeste, in January. Celeste joins big brother Guy (3 1/2 years old) at home and eldest sister Daria, who passed away in December 2020, in spirit.

If you need to update your contact information, you can do so at this website: wmalumni.com/update. Thank you!

2009

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Hello Class of 2009!

I'm lowkey mad none of you wrote in about seeing the Cowboy Carter tour, but I also understand you don't want to flex too hard on your classmates. Good for you!

Be sure to send me any updates and life milestones you are celebrating so they can be featured here and on the online Class Notes. Your class wants to hear from you, whether it is a new job, a wedding, a new family member or something outside of the norm. It is all important and worth sharing! Just send them to me at afoiles@gmail.com. There is also an online version which also supports photos, so feel free to send those in along

with your updates. While you're at it, send me your favorite jokes too!

Go Tribe,
Andy Foiles
This issue's update:
Matt Beato, Nick Hoelker and Alex Kyrios enjoyed a trip to Tokyo together in May. Highlights included attending a Nippon Professional Baseball game (go BayStars!), a day trip to the foothills of Mount Fuji, botanical gardens and, of course, karaoke.

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Katelyn Schrider Allison and Kyle Allison '11 celebrated the first birthday of their second daughter and future W&M student, Naomi. Soon after, Katelyn was promoted to director at Guidehouse Consulting within the communities, energy and infrastructure practice.

Caitlin Boverly participated in a panel for a Road to Women's Weekend event in Baltimore in May titled "From the Tribe to the Tide: Women in Water Conservation." Caitlin is rehabilitation manager at the National Aquarium.

After a decade teaching high school English, **C. Brynn Downing** started a new role in communications at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in August.

John Harras and his wife, Alexandra, welcomed their first child, a beautiful baby boy named John Francis Harras, in July 2024. In early 2025, John started working as counsel at Venable LLP, where he practices employee benefits law. Previously, he served as senior counsel at Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC and as a partner at Virginia & Ambinder LLP.

Kelly Heath was

married this past October in Puerto Rico, where her wife, Ana Leon-Santos, is from. The couple recently moved to the New York City area for Kelly's job promotion, regional sales manager at Avanos Medical.

Laura Condyles Houck '10, M.B.A. '15 and her husband, **Ira Houck IV M.B.A. '19**, were both selected to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army. They both serve on active duty in the Washington, D.C., area.

Jay Jones won the Democratic primary for Virginia attorney general. He will face Republican incumbent (and W&M Law School alumnus) **Jason Miyares J.D. '05**.

Joe Kessler and Gabby Brooks Kessler were married in 2016 and reside in Burke, Virginia, with their three children, Hannah, Zoey and Miles. Gabby is a special education teacher with Fairfax County Public Schools, and Joe is a data analyst, most recently serving as a contractor for the U.S. Coast Guard's business intelligence program.

Christina Kim married AJ Fernow in April 2022. The couple have two dogs, Cooper and Kinnik. Christina currently practices as a sports medicine physician for Mass General Brigham in Boston and is team physician for Boston College, the NHL's Boston Bruins and the PWHL's Boston Fleet.

Andrew McCartney is teaching in Kyiv, Ukraine, and loving every minute of it.

The debut young adult (YA) novel by **Susan Metallo Olivier**, "Reasons to Hate Me," was scheduled for release Sept. 2 from Candlewick Press. It was recently selected by the American Booksellers Association as one of six debut YA novels for their nationwide promotional campaign Indies Introduce.

Virginia Newton

was promoted in seniority as a product insights manager at Google. Virginia resides in the San Francisco Bay area with her husband, **Jarryd Hammel**. Jarryd, also at Google, leads the sales workflow and intelligence global product team in the company's Customer Solutions organization.

Eric Schmalz was interviewed for the spring W&M Alumni Magazine feature "History in Hindsight." Eric, a former William & Mary history major and Monroe Scholar, works at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum as community manager and project lead for the museum's "Americans and the Holocaust" traveling exhibition tour.

Robert Ressler recently moved jobs to Boston University and was promoted to research scientist at the Institute for Equity in Child Opportunity & Healthy Development. He continues to live in Cambridge, Massachusetts, with his husband, Joshua Shank, and their orange tabby cat, Obergefell.

2011

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It's weird writing class notes intros three months before publication, especially right now, as I literally have no idea what the world looks like as you're reading this. All I can say is I hope your coffee is strong, your pillow is cold and you're still hanging in there. Be well, Tribe.

As of April 2025, **Cristina Hughes Blough** serves as the senior director of philanthropy at the Trust for the National Mall. In this role, she plays a leadership role in elevating the individual, corporate and foundation giving programs across the trust. In addition to mentoring a team of gift

officers, Cristina supports the management of the major gift pipeline and collaboratively guides strategy for relationship-based cultivation, solicitation and stewardship.

A huge congratulations to **Caitlin Clements** for winning her SECOND Tony Award this month as part of the producing team for "Sunset Blvd.," which was named Best Musical Revival.

Laura Evers married Michael Dexter-Luffberry in Sarasota, Florida, on Feb. 1. In attendance were William & Mary alumni: **Kevin Buckler '12, Katie Stiffler '13, Elizabeth Tompkins '13, John-Daniel Kelley '13 and London Reinhard '13**. Laura and Michael currently live in St. Louis.

Grace Golden married Patrick Saracino on March 22 in Belmar, New Jersey.

Grace Golden and Sarah Jonson, who both played lacrosse during their time at William & Mary, entered the W&M Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2025.

Bert Mueller was recently profiled by CNBC! Inspired by a trip abroad to India, Bert began a California-style burrito business, which is very popular. Today, 12 years after opening the first location of California Burrito, there are 103 locations across the country.

Sarah Oweremohle joined CNN as a reporter covering health policy and politics in March. Previously, Sarah was on staff at STAT, where she was a Washington correspondent reporting on the federal government's health care agenda, policies and politics.

Molly Wannen married Brian Haas on May 2, in Ellicott City, Maryland.

Amber Bruce Woods and Jayson Woods welcomed their fourth child, Alan, in March.

Look for photos with several of these news items in our online Class Notes.

2012

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Hello Class of 2012! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is enjoying all the "newness" that fall brings — new school year, new baby, new wardrobe for the kids (no one warned me about this aspect of parenthood!). Maybe you've moved to a new neighborhood or are starting a new position at work or a new job.

On the other hand, maybe you're in the midst of what some might call "the trenches." I find that at age 35, I've certainly spent many months in the grind of the routine. It's a sort of "sameness" that often comes with parenthood or being settled into a home or career.

I'd say I'm experiencing a bit of both at the moment, and I'm sure many of you can relate. In September, I gave birth to our second child, Jack. With a second baby I'm revisiting the notion that "everything old is new again." I've done "the newborn routine" before with our almost 4-year-old daughter, but I've forgotten all that it entails over time. Luckily, it's a little like riding a bike — and I find that my body lurches into gear before my brain registers what's going on. Now, the new part? Juggling a 4-year-old and her schedule while doing all the newborn things. Please send any and all tips my way! For now, I'll share an anonymous quote that made me chuckle: "If parenthood came with a GPS, it would mostly just say ... recalculating."

In Tribe We Trust,
Maddie Bradsher Rowley

Here's what's new with our classmates:

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has appointed **Max Glober** to the Jacksonville Transportation Authority. Max is the vice president of marketing at First Coast Energy LLP. He previously served as a member of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission.

Alanna Wildermuth Calcagni led a talk on "Rights and Clearances — A TV/Film Department You Might Not Have Heard Of" at the Ampersand International Arts Festival in March. Alanna has worked on narrative projects for film and television as well as late night talk shows and programs.

This past Valentine's Day, W&M asked alumni to share their love stories. See **Andy Rudd '11** and **Zara Fina Stasi**'s story below. Read the full article online.

"We met while we were both on the undergraduate honor council. We started dating a few years out of college when we were both living and working in Washington, D.C. We've been married six years and have two little kiddos, Theo and Lila. Andy is the best! Thank goodness we both picked W&M."

Jerome Carter is quoted in a story about the Hulon Willis Association in the Tribe section of the spring 2025 W&M Alumni Magazine. Read the article online for more details.

Vicky O'Brien and her husband, **Francis Dejonckheere '13**, who reside in Rome, welcomed their first child, Hadrian, on Dec. 1, 2024.

Wren Satterly Goff and her husband, Will, welcomed their second child, Louise, on March 10 in Sedona, Arizona.

Melissa Trask and her husband, Dave, welcomed their second child, Luke, on Oct. 31, 2024, in Richmond, Virginia. She also became the vice president of implementation at Foodsmart, where she

oversees client delivery and project management.

Katherine Covino joined Athena Actuarial Consulting as chief strategy officer, where she leads client delivery and business development, overseeing strategic growth, revenue goals and partnerships across the firm's portfolio.

Becky Koenig and **Andy DeSoto '09** welcomed a new daughter, Ivy Lynn Koenig DeSoto, in December 2024. Little Ivy has already made two trips to Williamsburg to visit her great-grandparents and surely hopes for many more.

Janice Van Years '12, M.A.Ed. '13 and her partner welcomed their second child, Giulia, on April 26. Janice received her doctorate in administration and supervision from the University of Virginia in December 2024. Her dissertation studied the best practices of culturally responsive central office leaders in K-12.

2013

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Happy fall, Class of 2013! I hope you all had wonderful summers. Thank you to everyone who sent me updates, and please continue to reach out! I love hearing from you, and I know many of you enjoy hearing what's going on in our classmates' lives. Look in our online Class Notes for links and more details.

The 2025 Ampersand International Arts Festival (formerly the W&M Global Film Festival) in March featured guest conversations, films and industry summit events from dozens of W&M faculty, students and alumni, including **Ryan Vaughan '14** and **Alison Freedman**. Ryan, who is a re-recording mixer and

dialogue editor in Los Angeles, as well as a part time professor at the University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts, led a workshop titled "The Art of Cinematic Sound." Alison, who is a member of the collections team at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina, and has worked on projects for Walt Disney Imagineering, Apple TV+, Amazon Prime and others, led a workshop titled "Conducting Research for Your Next Creative Project."

Gabrielle Mizerak Aguirre '13, M.Acc. '14 welcomed their son, Paul Javier Aguirre, in April.

Amanda Cacich married Matthew Davy on June 21 in Evanston, Illinois. The bride's Alpha Chi Omega sister **Jordan Peterson** served as a bridesmaid. Also in attendance were the bride's freshman hallmates from Fauquier 2nd Upper: **Lauren Greene, Youngshin Han, Afifah Khan, Julianne Sangimino** and **Sarah Hancock Sinclair**. The happy couple live in Milwaukee.

A horror-comedy film called "Happy Ending," produced by and starring **Bradford Downs '13, M.B.A. '19** was released on Amazon Prime Video in June, with more platforms to follow.

Horace "James" Johnson III '13, M.B.A. '18 was married on Sept. 6 in his home state of Georgia to Chelsea Wortham, a University of Miami graduate. **Jarrett Walker, Brandon Britt '14, M.B.A. '18** and **Mikal Abdul-Saboor '15, M.B.A. '18** were groomsmen.

Elizabeth Smith is moving to Portland, Maine, for work as an emergency room doctor. She would love to hear from any "Wamilly" in the area!

Former Tribe football player **B.W. Webb**, who

played professionally for the Cincinnati Bengals, entered the W&M Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2025.

2014

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Congratulations to **Zachary Nicholls**, who has this news to share: "I'M GETTING MARRIED!!! In September 2025, I will be marrying Courtney Conroe. She's not a W&M alumna, but we met in Williamsburg and honored the time-old tradition of walking across the Crim Dell bridge together (so we're bound for life)! The wedding will take place at the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art in Virginia Beach." Congrats again!

Blank Rome LLP sent news that **Gregory "Greg" Ranzi** has joined the firm's Wilmington, Delaware, office as an associate in the Business Litigation group. Greg, who received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, also has an active pro bono practice, handling civil rights and post-conviction litigation matters.

Isabel Hiram '14, M.S. '17 spoke at W&M Professional Development Week 2025. See our online Class Notes for a link to read more and watch the recording.

Erin Spencer was interviewed for the winter 2025 W&M Alumni Magazine cover feature, "For a Flourishing Planet." As a marine ecologist and science writer, she's traveled the globe, exploring the wonders of the underwater world and sharing them with others through stories. She now works as a communications manager for the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation.

Erin, along with **Ciara Cryst**, participated in

a panel for a Road to Women's Weekend event in Baltimore in May titled "From the Tribe to the Tide: Women in Water Conservation." Ciara is manager of experiential development at the National Aquarium.

2015

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Hello, Class of 2015! It's been a busy year in our lives as alumni. We got to watch the women's basketball team take us to our first March Madness ever, and we are now gearing up for our 10-year reunion. I'm making my plans to be there, and I'd love to hear about what you did and who you saw in Williamsburg for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend for my next column.

Catching up on recent events, **Garrett Hendrickson** and his wife, Isabel, welcomed Henry Thomas Hendrickson in May, which slates baby Henry to be in the class of 2047. Congrats as well to Garrett for his recent promotion to the rank of lieutenant commander in the Coast Guard, along with my other W&M and Officer Candidate School classmate **Chris Weber**.

On the nuptials front, **Kaylie Rayber** married Dr. Simon Wilkinson on Jan. 25 in an intimate ceremony in Reading, Berkshire, England, where they reside. Meanwhile, **Madison Swart** is excited to announce her engagement to Blair Roberts. Blair proposed during a morning ski tour this spring in Park City, Utah, where the couple currently resides.

Charlotte Lessa married Chris Mumaw on May 3. Charlotte writes, "My husband went to Roanoke College, so we would regularly drive across the state to see each other while

in college. I remember introducing him to my friends at the Green Leaf back in 2014. Thankfully, our circle of W&M friends has grown in the years since. Not only did many members of the Tribe join us in Winchester in May, but two of my closest friends (and freshman hallmates!) were part of our wedding party."

James "Jamie" Biron '15, Ph.D. '23 married Haley Howard at St. Bede's in Williamsburg on April 26. In addition to completing his doctorate in computer science in 2023, Jamie interned at Meta twice and is now a principal engineer at HART Technologies. Jamie and Haley met on Bumble and plan to make their home in Williamsburg. Read more and look for a photo in our online Class Notes.

Arya Espahbodi has both marital and professional news. In May 2024, he finished a doctoral program at Vanderbilt University in education leadership, policy and organizations, earning his Ed.D. With that in hand, he planned to get married in August.

Lastly, **Josh Fleitman** is running for local office in Shaler Township, a suburb of Pittsburgh. He had a strong showing in his primary election and is working hard to win on Nov. 4 and bring the next generation of leadership to his community. Best of luck, Josh!

2016

Class Reporter

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Class of 2016,
I hope everyone is doing well! I'm excited to share some new updates from members of our graduating class below, as well as one of my own:

Emily Nye graduated from the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts

with her MFA in writing for screen and television. Just ahead of graduation, she was signed as a screenwriter by Fourth Wall Management in Los Angeles.

Alex Foster has released his first single under the name Brookhouse with a song titled "American Sounds," which combines bossa nova and funk-rock into an exploration of identity for immigrants and their descendants. Available everywhere as of July 4! Look in our online Class Notes for a YouTube link to a Brookhouse performance.

Caroline Stuart was quoted in an article about W&M One Tribe One Day: "We could all make our annual gift on any day of the year, and that'd be great, but by doing it all at once, it shows that no matter what size gift you are making, you are part of a larger movement." Read the full article online.

Nate Hatter '16, M.Acc. '17 married Ruth Douglas on April 5 in London. W&M was well represented at the celebration, with attendees including Nate's sister, **Christine Hatter Slayton '18**, and father, **Jeffrey Hatter '84**. Nate's cousin Max will be joining the Tribe as a freshman this fall.

Max Mohr is currently working as the CEO of Gig Strategic, a digital marketing company based in Charlottesville, Virginia. He also remains active as a solo musician under the name "Max Mandu," performing on acoustic guitar, vocals and piano in venues around Virginia. At this writing, he was in the running for "Best Solo Musician" in the yearly Best of C-Ville contest.

Nicholas Valle and Valerie "Val" Yarema got married in March in Cartagena, Colombia (where Nicholas' family is from). They were joined by their William & Mary community, including groomsmen **Robert**

Rucks, Brij Dhanda and Thomas "Ryan" Perry '17.

Thank you to everyone for your updates! Best wishes until next time.

2017

Class Reporter

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Hey everyone! This is a full column, thanks to you all! It means so much to me that you open your email and send me an update. Look in our online Class Notes for photos, links and more details.

Some notes from me:

In June I went up to Camp Cedarbrook in the Adirondacks for an alumni weekend. While there I had on my Phi Mu Gamma Alpha quarter-zip which got the attention of **Mary Elizabeth Brock Caramagno '93**, a fellow member of the Tribe and Phi Mu. She and I went to the same summer camp growing up! How fun to have so much in common.

I also recently got to see my former coworker, who came to Long Island to visit from Georgia, **Karen McDade DiRugiero '94**.

Now here's some updates from our class!

From the Baptist Collegiate Ministries newsletter, I read that Sarah and **Andrew Wray** had twins Heidi and Felicity on June 20, 2024.

On March 30, **Emily Zinger** and **Kyhl Stephen** welcomed the birth of their son, August Zinger, in Ithaca, New York.

Also in March, **Molly Atwater-Pulisic '17, M.S. '18** and her husband, **Thomas Pulisic '16**, welcomed their son, Timothy. As a prospective member of the Class of 2047, he joins a large W&M family, including grandparents **Peter Atwater '83** and **Janet Rollins Atwater '84** and uncle and aunt **Bennett Atwater '20** and

Abby Horgan Atwater M.Ed. '21. He's looking forward to eating his first Cheese Shop sandwich and learning to run in the Sunken Garden.

Andrew Torma and **Madeline Greathouse** got engaged in Lecce, Italy, in May.

Connor Symons '17, J.D. '22 and **Brittany Acors '18** were married in Richmond, Virginia, on May 25. The two have been together nearly 10 years since meeting on the fencing team. The wedding party included **Elizabeth Acors '20, Kaitlin Opie '17, M.A.Ed. '18, Brianna Meeks '18, Presley Ashley '18, Mike Kikta, Dakota Hunter '17, M.S. '19** and **Daniel Glenn J.D. '22**. Many other alumni attended the celebration, from the classes of 1979 through 2021!

Isabel Hirama '14, M.S. '17 and **Jonny Mills '17, M.S. '18** spoke at W&M Professional Development Week 2025.

Mallory Walker Wareham was recently recognized as a Library Journal 2025 Mover and Shaker as a Community Builder.

I have an update from **Jessica Van Dyke** of Columbia, Maryland: "I'm reaching out to share an exciting milestone that's been years in the making — I've officially launched my first business: Paws Up Veterinary animal hospital. Our flagship location, based in my hometown, was set to open its doors in August, and we're already deep in discussions for practice No. 2. Last fall, I was honored to donate a Paws Up Wellness Plan to William & Mary's Silent Auction at the Washington Center — a full-circle moment that reminded me just how influential my W&M experience has been on this journey.

"To back up a bit — I graduated in 2017 with a degree in finance and a concentration in entrepreneurship. I was also a proud member of the

women's soccer team. My brother, **Nick Van Dyke '17** (an economics major), was captain of the men's gymnastics team, an All-American and all-time W&M record holder in rings. He now works in investment banking at Houlihan Lokey in Los Angeles and has been instrumental in helping me launch Paws Up."

2018

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Class of 2018

As I type this, I am currently preparing to see **Sarah Anderson '17, Hunter McConville, Lauren Hoak Ambers, Dillon Hayes** and **Ryan Harriss** at the wedding of **Matt Phillips '17** and **Anna Wilson '17** on the weekend of July Fourth. I couldn't count all the hours we spent together in college, but these days, we are all together only for weddings. In honor of our former shenanigans, we've promised to be on our worst behavior.

Ryan graced us with his presence for the months of March and April in between the end of his time as a ship navigator in the Navy and moving to Austin, Texas, for music. Matt flew out to San Diego to drive cross country with Ryan back to the East Coast, and the two stopped in Roanoke on the last leg of their trip to visit me. A few weeks later, Hunter, Ryan and I convened at Matt and Anna's new house in Manassas for a weekend. If you haven't bought a wedding gift or housewarming gift for Matt and Anna, consider patio furniture: I'd prefer not to drag inside furniture outdoors while balancing a glass of champagne in my free hand the next time we smoke cigars.

Sometime in April, I caught up with **Connor Glendinning '19**, fellow

class reporter and lawyer, via telephone after work one evening. We agree that the practice of law is not all we dreamed it would be and lament the former, more life-filled versions of ourselves that we were while galivanting around to sorority events and fraternity parties.

In May, I watched **Laura Nadolski '20** go cross country at the Virginia Horse Trials in Lexington. She had a lovely round and placed third in her division, which is quite the accomplishment. Laura is a beautiful rider, and I am lucky to have such inspiring horse friends to help me set goals for myself and my little horse. I hope she will come foxhunt with us this fall.

Briana Kulisch and **Lilliana Starsiak '20** both graduated from The George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences this past fall and married their respective fiancés afterwards. Lilliana's wedding party included Phi Mus **Gabrielle Concepcion '20** and **Erin Paasch '20**.

Two ladies whom I met while living in Jefferson Hall our first year have likewise married. **Delaney McAleer** and **Irina Gavrila** both had spring weddings.

Cheers,
PMB

2019

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Class of 2019, worry not, notes are back.

I am sorry for my hiatus in the last issue. I just needed a little break while adjusting to life in New York City and my post-law school routine. That adjustment is happening slowly but surely with some thanks to the many William & Mary friends now on hand. The occasional dinner with **Mary Burns** and **Cyn-**

thia Wang always lifts my spirits, beach days with **Kat Danstrom '18** and **Julia Stumbaugh** have been a great escape, and the odd run in with someone I know on the subway (**Joel Calfee '20**, for example) makes the big city feel a little smaller. **Matt Parciak** and I have also enjoyed living near **Amy Zhang** and **Collin Ginsburg** in Brooklyn. **Caroline Pellegrin** is also nearby, and she hosted such a fun birthday party for Amy on a crisp day in the spring. But enough about me — on to your news.

Luke Esposito sent in a picture with his cousins **Sydney Greco '23** and **Clem Greco '25** at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. He also said that he's been attending lots of Tribe weddings recently, including one for **Trond Berg**, his freshman roommate, who married Sarah Lord. Luke and **Jacob Rexrode** recently found their own apartments after sharing four homes together since graduation, but I think they are still close by. Hello to Luke's mom, **Jewell Esposito '87**, who I am told will be excited to see this feature!

I also heard from **Rebecca Hall**, who shared that she and **Aaron Spitler** were married in April, with alumni including **Patrick Poehailos '18**, **M.S. '19**, **Lydia Funk**, **Lani Wolf**, **Sarah Mehaffey**, **Conrad Gehrki**, **Raquel Miralles**, **Deb Kornblut**, **Brian Anyakoha '18** and **Yosselin Turcios '20** involved in the ceremony. Another Monrovia, **Emily Hynes Rakos**, emailed that she and **Nathan Rakos** were also married in April, with **Jamie Lanzalotto**, **Claire Galvin**, **Kang-gee LaRoque**, **Drew Ingram '20**, **Andrew Peritz**, **Daniel Herrera** and **Davis Gold** in the wedding party.

My dear friend **Emily Deem** was also married this summer! She and **Chris Parios '20**

planned an intimate family wedding in Greece overlooking the Mediterranean. Taking a different tack, a number of you hosted beautiful weddings where your stories began — in Williamsburg. I saw that **Noah Kim** and **Brianna Ferebee** were married in Williamsburg in March. **Maddy Dwyer** and **Tim O'Neill '20** were then married in Williamsburg in May. **Emily Steele Moriarty '19**, **M.Acc. '20** and **Kenyon Moriarty J.D. '22** were also married in Williamsburg, in the Wren Chapel in 2023, and the W&M Alumni Magazine recently shared their love story.

There are also a number of engagements to celebrate. **Kara Brads**, who is currently completing her residency at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii, was recently engaged to Julian Fogel. **Riley Corona** was also recently engaged to Garrett Liebe, as were **Mbyie Kasonga** and Sean Dickey, and **Riley Woron** and Ashley Kelly. Congratulations to you all!

I have news from former Tribe athletes, too. **Misha Jones**, **Chandler Smith** and **Bianca Boggs** were all featured in an article about the W&M Women's Basketball team's NCAA tournament debut this past season. Plus, **Bill Murray** signed a new contract with the Chicago Bears. He played in five games last season before an injury kept him from playing past week seven.

All right, that's all from me as I get back into this. Please pass along any news I missed for next time.

2020 5

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Hi all,
Here are some updates from the Class of 2020!

In February, **Mathew Ciurash** married Mariam Samuel at the Cummer Museum of Arts & Gardens in Jacksonville, Florida. They had live performances including a belly dancer and DJ Dikin Sidah.

Ayush Joshi has spent the past five years working as a professional musician in Columbia, South Carolina. His main "job" is working as a music director for a local church. When he is not doing that, he's busy working as a music director and pianist at Trustus Theatre, where he has contributed to productions of "Sweeney Todd," "Dandelion: An Original Musical," "Ain't Misbehavin'" and "Aida." Ayush also works parties, weddings and funerals; plays jazz or other types of music in bars and restaurants; has the occasional arranging gig; teaches, does session work and juggles a handful of different original music projects — namely with his band "FAQ." The group just put out an EP! He has also gotten to work with the ColaJazz Foundation and play at the South Carolina Jazz Festival.

Anna Rader Groves published a column in The Virginia Gazette in June about the value of investing in the future of science in America. She wrote, "The effects of the recent 280,000-plus jobs cut or in limbo at federal agencies ripple far into our communities. Of these quarter of a million jobs affected, I have witnessed firsthand the impacts in my own network, as friends have lost exciting new jobs at the National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or stand in uncertainty about the fate of their research on stroke treatments for veterans. ... We cannot make scientific progress as a nation and remain at the helm of innovation if we do not invest in the people making this prog-

ress." Look for a link to the full column in our online Class Notes. Anna is a Ph.D. candidate in the Neuroscience Institute at Georgia State University and an NIH (National Research Service Award) predoctoral fellow studying adolescent development and schizophrenia. This piece was written as part of the McClintock Letters initiative.

Martha Gizaw graduated from Virginia Tech in May with a master's degree in biomedical engineering. Congratulations, Martha!

David Goulden-Nai-tove graduated from Villanova University's Charles Widger School of Law on May 17. Dave graduated magna cum laude in the top 5% of his class and was inducted into the Order of the Coif, the national law school honor society. Following graduation, he will be working as an associate at Richards, Layton & Finger P.A., the oldest and largest corporate law firm in Delaware. Way to go, Dave!

Sarah Ball married Allen Madigan on April 26. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Andrew Gonzalez moved from New Jersey back to his hometown of Los Angeles this summer to begin a career in venture capital. If you're in the area, give him a shout!

Until next time,
Devon

2021

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Hey Class of 2021!
I hope you have all been enjoying 2025 so far. A few updates from me: I got to meet Sanjay Gupta, Emmy Award-winning chief medical correspondent for CNN, in April during a work event. I also had the pleasure of attending the

wedding of my sophomore year roommate, **Gabby Baasandorj '20**, in April (we lived in a triple at Chandler Hall!) and got to reconnect with a few other Class of '20 W&M alumni like **Hannah Park '20**, **Daniel Kim '20**, **Sam Roh '20**, **Chris Kim '20**, **Sarah DiPa-trizio Bae '20**, **Nathan Park '20**, **Joshua Oh '20**, **Evan Wong '20** and **Isaac Ahn '20**!

Here are the updates from your fellow classmates:

The 2025 Amper-sand International Arts Festival featured guest conversations, films and industry summit events from dozens of W&M alumni, students and faculty. One of those films was "Group d'Etat," featuring **Nadia Cooper**, **Zoë Bowen Smith** also participated in the weekend, presenting the film "The Trip."

Gregory Alan just started his fourth year of medical school and is currently applying to residency programs in general adult psychiatry.

2022

Class Reporter
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Hello Class of 2022! Thanks to everyone who responded! I've been getting a few inquiries about how to join the email list with a non-W&M email address. To receive future correspondence, update your contact information via my1693.com to reflect your updated email address! Please spread the word!

Ava Maghouli, **Colleen Rodgers '21**, **M.A. '22**, **Tom Slaight** and I (**Selam Berhane**) took a weeklong trip to Mexico City in March. We had a lovely time traversing the city, immersing ourselves in the language, eating at

a total of 25-plus spots in a day and visiting all the museums we could cram in (the city has over 170!). Look in our online Class Notes for a picture of us at a tequila tasting. We had a lovely time and I highly recommend paying CDMX a visit if you can!

Jeannine Brokaw Freeman and **Sam Freeman '23** got married last year, and celebrated their first anniversary on May 26. Happy first anniversary and here's to many more!

Jordan Landrum joined the U.S. Peace Corps Response as a data analyst in fall 2024, swearing in as a volunteer with Peace Corps in The Gambia. She is proud to be one of the 17 alumni currently serving abroad. Jordan is placed in the city ("kombo") area of The Gambia, working at the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA). She utilizes her W&M spatial data science education and remote piloting knowledge to train the geographic information system and information technology (GIS/IT) team on data capture and analysis, as well as unmanned aircraft system (UAS) and unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) image processing (using open-source software) and remote sensing, with a focus on disaster risk mitigation and response. Jordan is working on a paper for publication, in collaboration with a W&M professor and a World Bank contributor, on how drones can be used throughout the lifecycle of Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) interventions.

Nathan Dudani began his independent research at Swem Library in 2022 and was recently published by Cambridge University Press & Assessment's Law and History Review (Vol. 42, Issue 3). Nathan is at Drew University pursuing the nation's only Master of Letters

in history. After that, he plans to continue his studies toward both a Doctor of Letters in history and a Doctor of Juridical Science. His dissertation work has already produced a 1,500-page textbook manuscript on "400 Years of English Slavery in America." In recognition of America's 250th anniversary, he has also authored a 250-page legal history of naturalization now under review for Cambridge's Studies in Legal History book series (co-edited by a W&M Law School professor). With the issue of naturalization currently before the U.S. Supreme Court, he hopes this timely volume will strengthen his application for a fellowship at the Library of Congress' John W. Kluge Center — the world's largest law library — directed by a William & Mary alumnus. Finally, he hopes that this corpus will establish sufficient standing for his thesis on the English common law basis of American slavery to be accepted as a doctoral dissertation.

Nitya Labh graduated from Tsinghua University with a master's in global affairs on June 22. She is one of three William & Mary alumni to complete the Schwarzman Scholars program, one of the world's most prestigious graduate fellowships. During her time in China, Nitya worked as a consultant to the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue supporting regional conflict prevention in Asia. Following her year in Beijing, Nitya will move to London to work as a Queen Elizabeth II Academy Fellow at Chatham House (the Royal Institute of International Affairs). Her research will focus on transboundary conflict and dispute resolution under the institute's International Security Program.

Last month, **Mary Worrill** started a position at Capitol Christian Music Group, a record label under Universal

Music Group! She is now a project manager in the marketing department.

That's all for now, till we chat again!

2023

Class Reporter
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Happy Fall, Class of 2023! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready for the fall weather. Though summer is unequivocally my favorite season, I know we all have a soft spot for Williamsburg in autumn. I'm happy to report that we got many updates this go around! Thanks to everyone who wrote in. Keep 'em coming!

Garrett Weinstock and **Ella Novogratz** got married in Colonial Williamsburg on May 31. Congratulations to the happy couple!

And another love story: **Jeannie Brokaw Freeman '22, M.S. '23** and **Sam Freeman '23** got married on May 26, 2024. **Caitlin McCaslin** was a bridesmaid! Congratulations to the Freemans, and thanks to Caitlin for writing in! Another update from Caitlin: "I'm studying for an M.S. in speech-language pathology at JMU, and I should graduate in May 2026. I co-authored a short article about neurodiversity-affirming assessment in the ASHA Leader magazine with my program director. I am also currently assisting with a research project about neurodivergent identity." Very cool, Caitlin! Check out some photos of the wedding and a link to Caitlin's article in our online Class Notes.

If you want to read another love story, check out **Bronson Yoder** and **Erin Liebe's** section in the online exclusive, "From Classmates to Soulmates: William & Mary Love Stories."

Justin Oei finished his master's degree in organ performance and was recently appointed director of music at The Falls Church Episcopal in Falls Church, where he'll be directing two choirs and building a children's music program. He wrote to me, "Moving back to Virginia is a dream come true and I will be hunting down any of my fellow Class of 2023 graduates in the area to sing in my choir :). In a twist of fate, Bots alum **Jim Shaffran '79** and his wife, Mary, serve as the bass and soprano soloists at this church, respectively!" Congratulations, Justin!

Ben Williamson just made his MLB debut, joining the Seattle Mariners in April and becoming the 12th Tribe alumnus to play in the majors.

Erik Wells presented his film, "Group d'Etat," at the 2025 Ampersand International Arts Festival, featuring **Eamon Raftery-Sweeney** and **Christian Huggard**, **Joshua Mutterperl '24**, **Zoe Powers '24** and **Nadia Cooper '21**. The description reads, "Can eight college students find truth, justice and maybe even love before an undercover cop tears their group apart?"

Recently co-published in the Journal of Black Psychology, **Raven Pierce** is making waves in the research community for her study on the empowerment of women of color within higher education. The article, "A Single-Session Wellness Initiative for Black College Women: Integrating Expressive Arts, Spirituality and Political Resistance," uses an interdisciplinary approach to illustrate the inspiring and culturally affirming impacts of creating thriving, diverse community spaces for Black women to connect. Raven, who is working toward a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling at W&M, serves as a graduate

assistant for the William & Mary Scholars Undergraduate Research Experience (WMSURE).

Kayla Beckwith '23, M.B.A. '25, a W&M Women's Basketball player, is quoted in the spring 2025 W&M Alumni Magazine feature story about the Tribe's NCAA run. Kayla finished her career ranked 13th in school history in blocks (60).

From my end, I've resigned my lease in New York City and will be staying another year and a half (at least!) **DJ Olson** is settled in his new Boston apartment and is running the Marine Corps Marathon in October. I regularly keep up with my Theta family: **Rebecca Rogers '22**, who's nearly done with her physician's assistant degree, **Kate Vermilyea '22**, who's headed to Georgetown Law this fall, and **Deirdre Ambrosi '24**, who's loving nursing school. That's all for now!

2024

Class Reporter

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Happy fall, everyone! Thank you to everyone who sent news this time around!

First, congratulations are in order for **Catherine Freemon** and **Ian Stapleton '23**, who got married in Williamsburg on June 13!

Catherine Grossman writes: "I recently transitioned into the role of sales and client success manager at StretchLab in Short Pump, west of Richmond, Virginia. This new position has been both challenging and rewarding, pushing me to grow as a leader and expand my understanding of health and wellness — both as an industry and a personal practice. It's been incredibly meaningful to listen to clients' stories, understand their challenges and

contribute to a community that prioritizes healing, well-being and personal progress." Congratulations, Catherine!

Kate Balint shares: "I'm interning at Oak Ridge National Laboratory this summer, doing epigenetics research and using the Frontier supercomputer (second fastest in the world)!" Go Kate!!

Now, to spotlight a few of our classmates making headlines:

The 2025 Ampersand International Arts Festival featured guest conversations, films and industry summit events from dozens of W&M alumni, students and faculty. One of those films was "Group d'Etat," presented by **Erik Wells '23** and featuring **Joshua Mutterperl** and **Zoe Powers**, along with **Eamon Raftery-Sweeney '23**, **Nadiah Cooper '21** and **Christian Huggard '23**.

Next up: NFL-bound **Charles Grant**! As reported by W&M Athletics, "Charles started 41 games for the Tribe, including his last 36, and became a consensus All-American left tackle as a senior. He could have transferred to an FBS program for a higher profile. But he stayed, and his reward came when the Las Vegas Raiders chose him in the third round (99th overall) of the NFL Draft — by which point he had earned his degree in psychology."

Congrats, Charles, and we wish you luck in Las Vegas! Look for a link in our online Class Notes to read more.

In other sports news, **Rebekah Frisby-Smith '24, M.S.B.A. '25**, a W&M Women's Basketball player, was mentioned in the spring 2025 W&M Alumni Magazine feature story about the Tribe's NCAA run. "She finished as William & Mary's record holder for games played (132). She started against Campbell in the title game of the confer-

ence tournament and contributed 12 points on four 3-pointers in 38 minutes of play." Way to go, Bek!

As for me, I'm heading into the second year of my Ph.D. program. I'm looking forward to being a teaching assistant for "History of Jazz" this semester and checking out more live music in Charlottesville. I'm also excited to get all decked out in my green and gold for the W&M vs. UVA football game at UVA in September! Go Tribe and be well!

2025

Class Reporter
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Hello all,

I hope this email finds you well, and once again, congratulations on our recent graduation! My name is **Jackson Maynard**, and I am excited to serve as your class reporter. I'm currently interning with Krispy Kreme down in Charlotte, North Carolina. It is an honor to help keep our class connected and celebrate all the things you're accomplishing!

I'm thrilled to share some wonderful news about our classmate **Emma Henry**, who recently received one of William & Mary's largest awards before graduating — a \$40,000 H. Mason Sizemore, Jr. Journalism Fellowship for graduate studies at Northwestern University's renowned Medill School of Journalism in the fall. Emma, a history and environmental humanities double major from Wallingford, Pennsylvania, will pursue a Master of Science in journalism with a health, environment and science specialization. During her time at W&M, she participated in the Charles Center's 2022-23 Sharp Journalism Seminar, completing her first long-form piece of scientific

reporting. Her article on the challenges of invasive spotted lanternfly research on the East Coast of the U.S. was published on the Pulitzer Center's website.

I'd love to hear what you've been up to! Please send me your updates, whether big or small, so we can celebrate together in the next Class Notes. Whether it's a new job, a move, further studies or a fun adventure, your classmates want to know!

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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.

Happy fall, y'all! (IYKYK — John Oliver comes to mind.)

Daniel G. Graham Ph.D. '16 (computer science), assistant professor of computer science in the University of Virginia's School of Engineering & Applied Science and a former program manager at Microsoft, joined the authors of the authoritative "Metasploit: The Penetration Tester's Guide" for the book's second edition (No Starch Press, 2025).

James E. Rainey M.A. '08 (American studies) has been appointed as the sixth president of Westminster, an independent Christian day school in Atlanta, as reported by Rough Draft Atlanta in May.

Douglas C. Schmidt '84, M.A. '86 (sociology), the inaugural dean of W&M's new School of Computing, Data Sciences & Physics, delivered the spring Tack Faculty

Lecture: "Surfing the AI Wave: A Human-Centered Approach to Innovation and Ethics."

Michael Tierney '87, M.A. '88 (government), director of W&M's Global Research Institute (GRI), co-authored an article in Foreign Policy Magazine about how international relations scholars view Donald Trump's first 100 days in office. He also spoke about the impact of a recent \$900,000 grant to GRI in a March W&M Alumni Magazine online exclusive article.

Amy Green Stallings '06, M.A. '09, Ph.D. '16 (history), W&M adjunct professor, discussed on C-SPAN the history of Jamestown, including how Americans have tried to preserve and remember the first permanent English settlement in the Americas.

Jody Allen Ph.D. '07 (history), W&M associate professor and former Robert Francis Engs Director of the Lemon Project: A Journey of Reconciliation at W&M, spoke about "Roses in December: Black Life in Hanover County, Virginia From the Civil War to Civil Rights" at the Virginia Museum of History & Culture this past March. A recording of her talk is available on YouTube.

Zack Potts M.P.P. '25 was the subject of a W&M Athletics profile in March for his accomplishments in baseball. He was on the CAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll three times (fall 2023, spring 2024, fall 2024).

Isabel Jenkins Ziegler M.A. '01 (anthropology), supervisory museum curator for the National Park Service, gave a presentation at a Road to Women's Weekend event in March at Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park in San Francisco.

Troy T. Wiipongwii M.P.P. '18 was named in Virginia Business' "40 Under 40: Celebrating the rising stars shaping Vir-

ginia's future" as reported in May.

Thomas A. Chambers M.A. '94, Ph.D. '99 (history) has moved from Buffalo, New York, to serve as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Loyola University New Orleans.

Scott Atwood M.A. '91 (history), stockholder at Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt P.A. and the chair of the firm's Labor and Employment Law Group, has been appointed to the board of directors of SHRM Naples, where he will serve as legislative affairs chair.

James L. "Larry" Hunt M.S. '68 (physics) passed away on June 23 at age 86. Larry began a career at NASA in 1962 that spanned more than 30 years. In 1990, he was awarded the NASA Exceptional Engineering Achievement Medal.

James "Jamie" Bieron '15, M.S. '16, Ph.D. '23 married Haley Howard on April 26 at Saint Bede Catholic Church in Williamsburg. Jamie is a principal engineer at HART Technologies.

John Schminky M.A. '79 (history) wrote an article in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in December about his solo bike ride from Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C., and has received quite a few positive responses to the article, including being an inspiration for others!

Stephen Morewitz '75, M.A. '78 (sociology) co-edited "Handbook of Understanding Terrorism: Forensic Social Sciences Case Studies" (Springer, 2024).

Mason School of Business

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Reporter

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I'm enjoying my time thus far serving as business graduate school reporter, and I appreciate those who have responded with updates. These Class Notes are such a great way to reconnect with classmates and to stay connected with W&M. I invite you to share your news, both professional and personal achievements, and notable life events. Please email me and include your update, name and year of graduation, and I'll be sure to add your update to the next issue. I look forward to hearing from you!

John C. Asbury M.B.A. '98, CEO of Atlantic Union Bankshares Corp. in Richmond, Virginia, was included in "The Virginia Power 50 List" by Virginia Business magazine. John has led Atlantic Union since 2016. He is also the 2024-25 chair of the American Bankers Association.

Kathy Chudoba '77, M.B.A. '81 joined IBM in Tucson, Arizona, following graduation, and rotated through positions in operations, information technology and financial planning. In the late 1980s, she returned to graduate school and earned a Ph.D. in management information systems from the University of Arizona. After time at the University of Virginia and Florida State, Kathy and her husband returned to the Intermountain West and Kathy joined the faculty at Utah State. They both love the geology and history and beauty of states in the "Four Corners," and they spend lots of time hiking and camping. Kathy retired in 2021 after almost 30 years in academe and now performs volunteer work focusing on services for the unsheltered and people with food insecurity. When not volunteering, Kathy enjoys traveling and hiking around the world, most recently

in Peru, southern Italy and Morocco, with more adventures planned in the next couple of years. She would love to catch up with classmates as they're transitioning to second, third or fourth life experiences.

I am again the bearer of some sad news, this time reporting that **Kay Chessen Moffitt M.B.A. '81** passed away in April 2025. Following graduation from W&M, Kay enjoyed a distinguished career in the medical supply industry before turning to a different career path and becoming an award-winning artist specializing in oil painting from her studio in Charleston, South Carolina. She also became a gourmet chef, honing her skills at Le Cordon Bleu culinary institute, and was an avid golfer. What a talented person! Our sincere condolences to Kay's husband, Bill, their two daughters and the entire Moffitt family.

School of Education

Graduate School
Reporter

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Chon Glover M.Ed. '99, Ed.D. '06, senior advisor to the president at William & Mary, and **Emily Jasper '06**, director of company information services for S&P Global Market Intelligence, were named among "The Top 50 Women Leaders of Virginia for 2025" by the organization Women We Admire.

Hannah Askin Franz '07, Ph.D. '19 of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, is a recipient of the 2025 CCCC Richard Braddock Award for "Black Linguistic Justice from Theory to Practice," published in

the June 2024 issue of College Composition and Communication and co-authored with Michelle Petty, Angela Rowell, Marie Tano, **Sierra J. Johnson '22** and Anne Charity Hudley. This award is presented for an outstanding article on writing or the teaching of writing.

Cassie Keene M.Ed. '22 married Samuel McGhee on June 17, 2023, in Charlottesville, Virginia, and just celebrated two wonderful years of marriage. This past March, she attended the NODA Region VIII Regional Conference at Christopher Newport University, where she presented her very first conference session and was awarded Region VIII Outstanding New Professional. Cassie and Sam also recently relocated to Richmond, Virginia, where she recently started a new job as the student services coordinator of student engagement at Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing.

Parker Mercer M.Ed. '22 recently relocated to Florida to start a new job as an associate for Lucky Duck Group, a family-owned real estate investment and development company. Parker also recently became an uncle when his brother and sister-in-law, **Nick Mercer '15** and **Meghan Musgrove Mercer '16**, welcomed a daughter, Hazel Blake Mercer, on April 26, 2023.

Joe Dowell '20, M.Ed. '23, recently completed the Emerging Talent Program under Team Operations for the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers and started working as the team operations staff assistant for the Miami Dolphins and Hard Rock Stadium.

Graduate student **Raven Pierce '23** and Janise Parker, associate professor of school psychology, were recently co-published in the Journal of Black Psychology for their study on the empower-

ment of women of color within higher education. Their article is titled "A Single-Session Wellness Initiative for Black College Women: Integrating Expressive Arts, Spirituality, and Political Resistance." Raven, who is pursuing her master's in clinical mental health counseling, also serves as graduate assistant for the William & Mary Scholars Undergraduate Research Experience (WMSURE), a program dedicated to increasing the number of under-represented students engaged in faculty-mentored research.

Law School

Graduate School
Reporter

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As always, more details online.

The W&M Law School family lost the following members: **James "Jim" W. McGlothlin '62, J.D. '64, LL.D. '00** (Aug. 6, 2025); **James A. Roy '64, J.D. '69** (Oct. 29, 2024); **Lawrence L. Bruckner J.D. '73** (June 3, 2025); **Charles R. Allen Jr. J.D. '74** (Jan. 12, 2025); **E. Randy Leach J.D. '82** (Jan. 12, 2025); **Judith Alison Ott Lee J.D. '87** (May 13, 2025); **Alan A.B. McDowell J.D. '90** (Nov. 10, 2024); **Michael F. Cox J.D. '95** (Dec. 21, 2024); and **Jessica Aber J.D. '06** (March 22, 2025).

Steve A. Isaacs '70, J.D. '73 was inducted into the W&M Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2025.

"Conspiracy Ignited" (Amphorae Publishing Group), written by **Raymond P. Johnson J.D. '83**, was selected as "Legal Thriller of the Year" by The BestThrillers.com Book Awards.

The Hon. **James A. Shapiro J.D. '85** got

married in 2022 and became a grandfather in 2023.

Joseph S. Gerbasi J.D. '89 recently retired after a 28-year career as a prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice's Criminal Division. He last served in the Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section as acting deputy chief for policy.

James R. Goldman J.D. '89 was appointed chief executive officer of Cove Communities.

Kevin L. Antoine J.D. '90 published his first book, "New Black Power: A Memoir of Kevin LaVigne Antoine," available on Amazon.

Cameron N. Cosby J.D. '90 has joined Sullivan & Worcester's marquee real estate investment trusts and tax practices as a partner in the Washington, D.C., office.

Andrew R. Livingston J.D. '90 was appointed leader of Or-risk's leadership team as global head of offices.

Steffanie N. Garrett J.D. '91 became the chief legal counsel for the Illinois State Police last year.

Lt. Col. **Keenon C. Hook J.D. '95** was promoted to deputy superintendent of the Virginia State Police.

Alisa Pittman Cleek J.D. '96 has been hired as chief legal officer with Church's Texas Chicken.

Global law firm K&L Gates announced the appointment of **T.R. "Rick" Giovannelli J.D. '96** as co-chair of its Management Committee.

W. Chris Shea J.D. '96 joined MedQuest Associates as chief legal officer.

Timothy Hughes J.D. '97 was W&M Law School's Commencement speaker. He is the senior vice president of global business & government affairs at SpaceX.

Dawn Figueiras J.D. '00 was recently promoted to associate professor of law at the Appalachian School of

Law.

Virginia Attorney General **Jason Miyares J.D. '05** is seeking another term this fall.

Staunton Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney **Joseph D. Perry J.D. '05** announced in April that he will run for the position of commonwealth's attorney this November.

Shukita Whitaker Massey J.D. '08 was elected by members of the Virginia General Assembly to fulfill a judicial vacancy in the Hampton General District Court.

Karen L. Rowell J.D. '08, a partner with Clark & Bradshaw in Harrisonburg, Virginia, has become one of only 15 certified elder law attorneys (CELAs) in the Commonwealth.

The General Assembly of Virginia elected **Michael W. Smith J.D. '09** as a judge of the Seventh Judicial District. He will preside in the Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court in Newport News.

Jessica A. Gordon J.D. '10 joined the real estate practice group of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney as counsel.

Colin McCarthy J.D. '10 has joined the Richmond, Virginia, office of Kaufman & Canoles.

Kevin W. Weigand J.D. '10 was elected partner at Venable LLP.

Lauren Manns Clegg J.D. '12 is now with Bracewell's Energy Regulatory Practice as counsel.

Littler announced that **Alexander "Alex" T. MacDonald J.D. '12** has been appointed to help lead the firm's esteemed Workplace Policy Institute (WPI), alongside current WPI chair Maury Baskin.

Christina Cerutti J.D. '14 was included in "The Rising Star Women Leaders in Law for 2025" by the organization Women We Admire. Christina serves as director of compliance counsel at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals.

Andrew L. Steinberg J.D. '14 was elected to Venable's partnership.

Andrew D. DeVore J.D. '16 was elected to the 2025 class of new counsel at Vinson & Elkins.

Chasity L. Bailey J.D. '19 was profiled by The Virginia Gazette in advance of a panel discussion she participated in for W&M students in May.

Jamie E. Eisner J.D. '21 joined Offit Kurman's labor and employment practice group in Bethesda, Maryland.

Batten School & VIMS

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Editor's Note: Last summer, Jane Batten HON '17, L.H.D. '19 established the Batten School of Coastal & Marine Sciences at W&M and VIMS with a \$100 million gift. Read more at magazine.wm.edu/batten-gift.

Roving reporters **Leah McDonald Oliver M.A. '00** (biology) and **Jacques Oliver M.S. '99, Ph.D. '05** shared an update that **Brett Falterman M.S. '99** and his family visited them in Northern Virginia this summer. Brett is a fisheries program manager at the Mendez Group USA and owner of Fisheries Research Support LLC, based in Mandeville, Louisiana, specializing in fish tagging, marine species surveys and designing and installing acoustic telemetry arrays.

Speaking of telemetry, **Jason Romine '97, M.S. '05, Ph.D. '08** joined

West Pacific/Northwest Kleinschmidt Associates, an engineering, regulatory and consulting firm, as a new senior scientist. Jason specializes in using passive integrated transponder (PIT) and acoustic telemetry to inform fishery management decisions. His work has been instrumental in evaluating fish passage dynamics nationally.

Thanks to **Katie Farnsworth M.S. '97, Ph.D. '03**, who let us know that **Andrew Wozniak Ph.D. '09**, a chemical oceanographer at the University of Delaware, was featured in a New York Times article in May about his recent research expedition in the submersible Alvin to the Tika hydrothermal vent, about 2,500 meters below the surface on the eastern Pacific mid-ocean ridge off the coast of Costa Rica, where volcanic eruptions were first witnessed in person. You can find videos from their dive on YouTube. Exciting stuff!

Two esteemed Batten School & VIMS colleagues retired from the Environmental Protection Agency this summer. **Luis Cruz-Rodriguez Ph.D. '02** retired from the Office of Water's Office of Science and Technology after 23 years, where he focused on ecotoxicology and aquatic life water quality criteria development. Luis plans to head south to warmer climes to spend his retirement.

Giancarlo Cicchetti Ph.D. '98, retired after nearly 27 years at the Atlantic Ecology Division in Narragansett, Rhode Island. He was initially hired as a postdoc by Charlie Strobel, who collaborated with **Morris Roberts Jr. M.A. '65, Ph.D. '69** (who passed away in 2009) while at VIMS. Giancarlo specialized in fish habitat utilization, wetland ecology and development of innovative video and autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) methods to assess benthic habitat quality. Your reporters have Giancarlo

to thank for inspiring us to seek careers at EPA, which led us to recruit **Joel Hoffman Ph.D. '06** to an EPA career as well! Or, as Joel says, we cornered him at a Coastal & Estuarine Research Federation (CERF) conference and told him he needed to apply because he would love it. We also thank Giancarlo for some of the most legendary field sampling adventures ever at Goodwin "Good Time" Islands and for introducing us to the wonders of dumpster diving for field gear and other treasures at graduation time. Wonderful memories we will never forget!

We are saddened to share that **Gary Anderson M.A. '82** passed away in April. He had worked at VIMS for 46 years. We remember his kindness, always helping students with information technology-related matters and supporting our science and learning. He was an upbeat person with a memorable smile who sure knew how to problem solve! Memorial contributions in honor of Gary can be made to the VIMS General Graduate Student Support Endowment (tinyurl.com/GaryFA).

Art Trembanis Ph.D. '04 wins the Glo Quips shout-out award for his post with **Steve Goodbred Ph.D. '99** and **Catherine O'Neill Goodbred M.A. '95** in Corinth, Greece, checking out some terrestrial archaeology. Keep 'em coming!

Readers: We need your news to make this column a fun read, so don't be shy and call in your "Quips" (classic Glo-Quips-style Readers' Call-In news stories are always welcome!) to your class reporters, Scoop Hinchey and Newshound Nestlerode, 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 Feb. 1, 2025 and May 31, 2025.

To read extended obituaries, please go online to 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.

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Rhea Mirmelstein Wolfram '39 of Dallas died Jan. 16, 2025.

Emilia Garcia Carlson '43 of Granville, Ohio, died April 6, 2024.

Shirley Mason Paxton '47, M.Ed. '66 of Lynchburg, Virginia, died April 13, 2025.

Marian Wadsworth Hamlin '48 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died July 16, 2024.

Michaela Grenata McIntyre '48, P '81 of Winchester, Virginia, died March 6, 2025.

Sybil Schwartz Shainwald '48, LL.D. '19, G '20 of New York died April 9, 2025.

Marianne "Lou" Lewis-Jones Canoles '49 of Norfolk, Virginia, died May 18, 2022.

Sara Wilson Harold Saunders '49, P '78, P '81, P '82 of Lynchburg, Virginia, died Feb. 3, 2025.

Harrison Ruffin Tyler '49 of Charles City, Virginia, died May 25, 2025.

Virginia Gallaher Sharp '51 of Rockford, Illinois, died March 1, 2025.

Dorothy "Dotty" Urban Wright '51 of Fayetteville, New York, died Sept. 5, 2024.

Peter Joseph Brady '52 of Staten Island, New York, died April 29, 2025.

Lois Smith Clark '52, P '80 of Petersburg, Virginia, died Aug. 18, 2024.

Inga Youngquist Fisher '52 of Gainesville, Florida, died March 8, 2023.

Miriam Fitchett Middleton '52 of Westminster, Colorado, died Nov. 6, 2024.

Violet "Vi" Marsland Raymond '52, P '84 of McLean, Virginia, died Oct. 23, 2024.

William "Bill" C. Allison IV '53, P '86 of Naples, Florida, died May 20, 2025.

Henretta "Retta" Trent Band '54 of East Lansing, Michigan, died March 19, 2025.

Conrad Mayo Guthrie '54 of Waynesboro, Virginia, died Oct. 21, 2024.

John Davis Laughlin '54 of Salisbury, North Carolina, died Feb. 13, 2025.

G. Revell Michael Jr. '54 of Alexandria, Virginia, died April 7, 2025.

Ann Dietrich Pelletier '54 of North Kingstown, Rhode Island, died April 22, 2025.

Henry Alexander Harper Jr. '55 of Pacific Palisades, California, died Nov. 22, 2023.

Marcia Silfen Weisser '55 of East Williston, New York, died March 3, 2025.

Beatrice Ellen Verra Wissel '55, P '89, G '27 of Mountainside, New Jersey, died Feb. 19, 2025.

Nancy Gibb Crowley '56 of Jacksonville, Florida, died May 16, 2025.

Peter Edward Ellenbogen '56 of Washington, D.C., died Dec. 6, 2024.

Mary Dolores "Dodie" Diggs Fauber '56 of Lynchburg, Virginia, died March 1, 2025.

Sylvia Evans McRae '56 of Drexil Hill, Pennsylvania, died.

Barbara Jones Smith '56, P '83 of Quinton, Virginia, died Sept. 27, 2024.

William Edwin Dick Jr. '57 of Macedon, New York, died April 14, 2025.

Carolyn Virginia Meachum Hawxhurst '57 of Kalamazoo, Michigan, died March 6, 2025.

Albert "Brown" Carlos Oliver Jr. '57, P '78 of Lanexa, Virginia, died Feb. 4, 2025.

Claude Duke Perkins Jr. '57 of Toano, Virginia, died May 26, 2025.

Beverley "Bev" Burgess Burchette '58 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died May 17, 2025.

Robert "Bob" Morris Burchette '58 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died March 22, 2024.

Mary Kaknis Gage '59 of Winchester, Virginia, died March 27, 2025.

Kathryn "Kathy" Rogers Watson Lawler '59, P '83, P '85, P '88, G '13 of Midlothian, Virginia, died April 4, 2025.

Barry Stuart Martin '59 of Sacramento, California, died Feb. 26, 2025.

Eva "Eve" Green McClintock '59, P '82, G '17 of Jacksonville, Florida, died March 29, 2025.

Walter Lee Piotrowski '59 of Locust Grove, Virginia, died Feb. 3, 2024.

Cleveland "Sonny" Howard Porter Jr. '59 of Lynchburg, Virginia, died March 7, 2025.

J. Carolyn Thackston Snyder '59, G '17 of Hingham, Massachusetts, died Feb. 4, 2025.

George Andrew Baker '60 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Feb. 10, 2025.

Dana Brenner Brinkley '60, P '82, P '86, P '88, G '15, G '18, G '19 of Towson, Maryland, died March 23, 2025.

Gloria Marr Gassman '60 of Carmel, Indiana, died Dec. 26, 2024.

Lauren Forrest Kardatzke '60, M.Ed. '61 of Maryville, Tennessee, died Aug. 13, 2024.

Graydon "Buck" Dale Lynn Jr. '60 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died March 11, 2025.

Abigail "Abbie" Falvey Albright '61 of Aspen, Colorado, died.

Thomas "Tom" Earnest Dellaero '61, P '90 of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, died March 28, 2025.

Betty Parker Featherston '61 of Richmond, Virginia, died Feb. 18, 2025.

J. Hunter Todd '61 of Houston died Feb. 9, 2025.

M. Janet Cross Booth '62 of Tucson, Arizona, died Nov. 13, 2024.

John "Buddy" H. Carver '62, P '11 of Yorktown, Virginia, died April 14, 2025.

C. Lacey Compton Jr. '62, B.C.L. '65 of Park City, Utah, died Feb. 2, 2025.

Margaretta “Margie” Spencer Hartley ‘62 of Waynesboro, Virginia, died Feb. 14, 2025.

Nancy Harris Williams ‘62 of Yorktown, Virginia, died May 18, 2025.

Barbara Joanne Larson McKenney ‘63 of Fairfax, Virginia, died March 25, 2025.

Alan “Scotty” Richard Scott ‘63 of Clarkston, Michigan, died May 8, 2025.

Bert Leon Anker ‘64 of Potomac, Maryland, died Feb. 24, 2024.

George Walter Bressler ‘64 of Bristol, Virginia, died April 20, 2025.

Cynthia Ann Harris Cashore ‘64 of Williamsburg died April 2, 2025.

T. Alois Tinsman Egan ‘64 of Clarke County, Virginia, died March 29, 2025.

Ray Lawson Hartless ‘64 of Suffolk, Virginia, died Feb. 13, 2025.

Roger Leroy Miller ‘64 of Gainesville, Virginia, died.

C. Marshall Davison III ‘65 of Mechanicsville, Virginia, died Aug. 22, 2024.

Richard Conway Hagan ‘65 of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, died Feb. 21, 2025.

Jack Francis Peet ‘65 of Williamsburg died Jan. 28, 2025.

Michael “Mike” George Weaver ‘66, M.Ed. ‘70 of Chantilly, Virginia, died.

Sally Janet Maxwell Dafashy ‘67, M.A.Ed. ‘77 of Williamsburg died Feb. 15, 2025.

Charles “Chuck” Oellig Keagy III ‘67 of Cary, North Carolina, died March 8, 2025.

James Samuel “Sam” McIntyre ‘67 of North Chesterfield, Virginia, died May 6, 2025.

Franklin “Frank” Leatherbury Wright Jr. ‘67 of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, died April 24, 2025.

Richard “Dick” Edmund Korns ‘68 of Clifton, Virginia, died Feb. 5, 2025.

Cynthia “Cindy” Trice Lowery ‘68 of Chesapeake, Virginia, died March 16, 2025.

O. Van Thomas Jr. ‘68 of Troy, Idaho, died Feb. 3, 2025.

Paul Gandy Lankford ‘69, P ‘13 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died May 7, 2025.

Theo Joseph Majka ‘69 of Dayton, Ohio, died Sept. 19, 2024.

Raymond Mason Prickett ‘69 of Metuchen, New Jersey, died March 13, 2024.

Louis Owen Tonelson ‘69, M.Ed. ‘71 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died March 15, 2025.

Virginia “Ginger” Smith Chambless ‘71 of Dublin, Georgia, died Dec. 18, 2024.

William “Will” J. Hausman ‘71 of Williamsburg died April 17, 2025.

James “Jim” Arthur Ward Sr. ‘71 of Norfolk, Virginia, died April 17, 2025.

Mary Ann Vick “Vicky” Graves ‘72 of Atlanta died March 28, 2025.

A. Richard Harrison ‘72 of Annandale, Virginia, died Dec. 28, 2024.

George Douglas “Doug” Markham IV ‘72 of Naples, Florida, died Dec. 15, 2024.

Aubrey Lee Mason ‘72 of Lynchburg, Virginia, died Feb. 1, 2025.

Ann Johnston Parker ‘72 of Stafford, Virginia, died April 27, 2025.

Robert “Bob” Alan Keith ‘74 of Fairfax, Virginia, died Feb. 20, 2025.

Judith Dean Evans Layne ‘75 of Henrico, Virginia, died Sept. 21, 2024.

Joanna “Jody” Patterson Enoch ‘77 of Midlothian, Virginia, died Dec. 18, 2024.

Timothy “Tim” Ernest Allmond Jr. ‘78 of Silver Spring, Maryland, died March 12, 2025.

Douglas “Doug” Martin Bell ‘78 of Copper Hill, Virginia, died May 23, 2025.

Katherine “Kathy” Szymanski Campen ‘78 of Cape Carteret, North Carolina, died April 10, 2025.

Leonard “Len” Brooks III ‘81, P ‘18 of Phoenix died March 17, 2025.

Linda Lynch ‘82 of Port St. Lucie, Florida, died Dec. 7, 2024.

William “Bill” Cooper Scott Sr. ‘84, P ‘16 of Greensboro, North Carolina, died Feb. 18, 2025.

Mary Lynn Dotson ‘87, M.A.Ed. ‘89 of Gloucester, Virginia, died May 20, 2025.

Brian Sharp Campbell ‘88 of Richmond, Virginia, died Feb. 12, 2025.

Jonathan Andrew Markham ‘89 of Chesapeake, Virginia, died Feb. 14, 2025.

Andrew J. Kang ‘93 of Union City, California, died Oct. 11, 2024.

Danny Sumner ‘10 of Woodbridge, Virginia, died March 22, 2025.

Timothy “Tim” Justin Thomas-Warguleski ‘12 of Washington, D.C., died Sept. 18, 2024.

Benjamin Eliezer Neider ‘18 of Eagleville, Pennsylvania, died Feb. 25, 2025.

Shengxin “Echo” Chen ‘20 of Shanghai, China, died Aug. 30, 2024.

Tanja Tuulikki Manninen Rounds ‘22 of Lawrence, Kansas, died Jan. 10, 2025.

GRADUATE ALUMNI

Anthony “Tony” Ralph Hage Jr. M.Ed. ‘61 of Norfolk, Virginia, died April 21, 2025.

Patricia “Pat” Hight Copley M.Ed. ‘66 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Jan. 24, 2025.

Charles Wesley Erasmi M.Ed. ‘67 of Yorktown, Virginia, died May 1, 2025.

Homer Lee Elliott J.D. ‘69 of Philadelphia died Jan. 28, 2025.

Don Belk Murray M.B.A. ‘70 of Monroe, North Carolina, died June 19, 2023.

John William Bleloch III M.Ed. ‘72 of Hampton, Virginia, died Feb. 8, 2025.

Margaret “Maggie” Ruth Hormel M.A. ‘72 of Cambridge City, Indiana, died May 8, 2025.

Joan “Ruth” Schick Byrne M.A.Ed. ‘73, A.C.E.A. ‘80, Ed.D. ‘83 of Yorktown, Virginia, died March 16, 2025.

John Michael Sando J.D. ‘73 of Tucson, Arizona, died.

Nancye P. Smither Morris M.Ed. ‘74 of Weems, Virginia, died Feb. 18, 2025.

Mary Lou Walden Wagner M.A.Ed. ‘74 of Williamsburg died April 3, 2025.

Alice Jacqueline “Jac” Gilliam Locke M.Ed. ‘76 of Williamsburg died Jan. 16, 2025.

Michael Alan Randall C.A.S.E. ‘76 of Christiansburg, Virginia, died Feb. 24, 2025.

Nancy Hopkins White M.S. ‘77 of Poquoson, Virginia, died Oct. 19, 2024.

Jose Lored M.B.A. ‘79 of Parkland, Florida, died Jan. 21, 2025.

Gary Franklin Anderson M.A. ‘82 of Gloucester Point, Virginia, died April 27, 2025.

Gertrude “Trudy” Gilleland O’Connell M.B.A. ‘82 of Gainesville, Florida, died Jan. 27, 2024.

Robert “Bob” Conley M.B.A. ‘84 of Waunakee, Wisconsin, died April 13, 2025.

Kimberley “Kim” Sands M.Ed. ‘85 of Newland, North Carolina, died April 9, 2025.

Judith Alison Lee J.D. ‘87 of Chautauqua, New York, died May 13, 2025.

Garry Cass Gaylord M.B.A. ‘89 of Damascus, Maryland, died March 5, 2025.

Daniel “Danny” James Ludeman Sr. M.B.A. ‘91 of Weems, Virginia, died March 9, 2025.

Mary “Marie” Patricia Geraghty M.A. '93 of Milford, Connecticut, died April 9, 2025.

Joseph “Joe” William Gibson M.B.A. '93 of Williamsburg died May 6, 2025.

Kermit Arno Buntrock M.B.A. '94 of Williamsburg died April 21, 2025.

Stephen Ray Hawkins M.A. '97 of Williamsburg died April 15, 2025.

Alessandra Sagasti Ph.D. '00 of Takoma Park, Maryland, died Jan. 15, 2023.

Shannon Sheila Mahoney M.A. '03, Ph.D. '13 of Richmond, California, died Feb. 3, 2025.

Jessica “Jess” Diane Aber J.D. '06 of Alexandria, Virginia, died March 22, 2025.

Maria Vlasidis Kokolis M.Ed. '06 of Williamsburg died May 3, 2025.

Michael Robert Krol J.D. '10 of Midlothian, Virginia, died April 1, 2025.

STUDENTS

Edwin Jay “EJ” Baum '25 of Alexandria, Virginia, died April 3, 2025.

John Ekow Deacon-Dickens of Accra, Ghana, died Feb. 8, 2025.

FACULTY & STAFF

Richard “Dick” J. Ash of Monroe Township, New Jersey, died Jan. 27, 2025.

Clayton Mentley Brooks of Charles City, Virginia, died April 25, 2025.

Donald Edward Campbell of Williamsburg died April 30, 2025.

Michael “Mike” Alan Comeaux of Toano, Virginia, died May 23, 2025.

James “Jim” Deffenbaugh of Fredericksburg, Virginia, died March 14, 2025.

Michael Douglas Dickens of Charlottesville, Virginia, died Feb. 18, 2025.

Joseph “Joe” Galano of Williamsburg died March 4, 2025.

Martin Allen Garrett Jr. P '88 of Williamsburg died March 31, 2025.

Margaret “Marty” H. Holland of Williamsburg died Jan. 28, 2025.

Louise Traylor Lambert Kale HON '09 of Williamsburg died March 26, 2025.

Betty Alma Freeman Kelly of Yorktown, Virginia, died March 30, 2025.

Anthony “Tony” Deron Minor of Newport News, Virginia, died Feb. 17, 2025.

Edgar Warren Williams II of Williamsburg died Nov. 14, 2024.

Robert “Bob” Evan Williams P '89 of Williamsburg died May 23, 2025.

FRIENDS OF W&M

Lois M. Critchfield HON '06, D.P.S. '13, G '96 of Williamsburg died in late March 2025.



On Oct. 17, 2025, at 6 p.m.,
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in the Wren Yard will honor members of the W&M community who passed during the year.

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