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Alongside President Rowe’s launch of university-wide strategic planning, the William & Mary Alumni Association (WMAA) has also begun its strategic planning process. Alumni engagement is critical to the continued success of William & Mary, and fostering meaningful relationships long past graduation is vital. Some of the big questions we’re asking include: How do we better engage young alumni, graduate school alumni, international alumni and more? What does engagement look like in the 21st century, as work, technology and the expectations of our alumni change? How do we implement new ideas while keeping William & Mary’s unique culture and brand? As President Rowe has said, “We change to advance what we value most.”

Our alumni tell us that the William & Mary network is invaluable throughout their lives and careers, and our career and networking offerings continue to expand. One of the wonderful online resources available through the Alumni Association is William & Mary Switchboard, where members of the W&M community post “asks and offers” that range from internships and job opportunities, to requests to connect in a new geographic area. Check out William & Mary Switchboard and the other career and networking opportunities at wmalumni.com/career-networking.

Homecoming & Reunion Weekend also offers a tremendous opportunity for peer-to-peer outreach and strengthening the William & Mary network. We hope you will join us on campus October 17-20, 2019! It is a perfect time to reconnect with a roommate, classmate or teammate, or catch up with your fraternity, sorority or musical group. There is something for everyone — check out the event schedule at homecoming.wm.edu and on pages 26-27.

Finally, I’m delighted to report that the Alumni House expansion is well underway! The bulldozers and backhoes have moved in, the concrete and steel are being laid, and you will be amazed at the progress when you head back to campus this October. We look forward to its completion by summer 2020. Learn more and keep up with the renovation on our Facebook page and alumnihouse.wm.edu.

Whether in person or virtually, we look forward to our next opportunity to engage with you and welcome you back to William & Mary!
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– Hababo Jima ’21
The Long Game

BY KATHERINE A. ROWE
William & Mary President

First, knowledge. William & Mary’s core mission is simple: to bring exceptional students together with outstanding faculty to advance teaching, learning and research. In strategic planning, we will explore the potential of innovative, and even disruptive ways to enhance learning and research. For example, what if we reimagined the rhythms of the traditional academic year in order to create a robust and dynamic summer semester? This idea, which we are currently investigating, challenges centuries-old thinking about when learning happens. Its potential to catalyze new opportunities for creative pedagogy while utilizing campus facilities more fully is exciting.

Second, relationships. Last year’s university-wide Thinking Forward conversations underscored the importance of deep, lifelong connections as a hallmark of William & Mary. Collaborations that span multiple generations and engage people of all backgrounds and perspectives enhance learning and research. Strategic planning will look at how we strengthen these relationships, support a vibrantly diverse and inclusive community and serve as a resource to alumni in a rapidly changing work environment.

This leads me to the third area in which William & Mary must commit to future generations: resources. We are nearing the $900 million mark in our For the Bold campaign, with more than $276 million raised for scholarships. Because of the generosity of so many alumni, we can invest in knowledge-creation and reaffirm our commitment to affording opportunity to all who come here. As we develop our strategy for the decades ahead, we have a responsibility to position William & Mary for long-term financial sustainability. That means aligning our financial model — that of a state institution committed to affordability — with our academic model, that of the nation’s leading Public Ivy.

As we move through the year ahead, my next two columns will expand on the three areas of opportunity I’ve touched on here. In my winter column, I will focus on knowledge and relationships and dig deeper into the whole-institution approach we are taking in strategic planning. Then, in the spring, as we sprint toward the For the Bold campaign’s conclusion, we’ll explore the concept of organizational sustainability.

Like any championship team, we must set our sights long. Our Charter takes that stance, imagining a university “for all times coming.” As we enter year 327 and explore what it will mean to define liberal arts and sciences for the 21st century, let us invest in what compounds most powerfully over time.

This summer, I joined the William & Mary community in cheering on U.S. Women’s National Team Coach Jill Ellis ’88, L.H.D. ’16 as her team hotfooted it to a second consecutive FIFA World Cup victory. Their closeness as a team, their grit and their joyful virtuosity were inspiring. How did Ellis cultivate that fearless commitment to excellence? By developing a strategy that challenged an already talented team to keep climbing and to set their sights long. That long view is my theme in this column. In my last column, I discussed ways of thinking about change that I broached last Charter Day.

I started with the Renaissance concept of “kindliest change” to trace the forward arc of William & Mary’s exceptional history as a series of changes and pivots that advance what we value. Here I want to take up a related concept — the long game — as a framework for our process of strategic planning this coming year.

By playing “the long game,” I mean investing strategically in things that accumulate value over time. Wall Street thought-leader Shane Parrish writes, “In everything you do, time amplifies the difference between long- and short-term games. The question you need to think about is when and where to play a long-term game. A good place to start is with things that compound: knowledge, relationships and finances.”

Higher education’s strength is that we can play the long game over decades and even centuries. As Parrish observes, we cannot play the long game in everything. Over the coming year, I will be asking the William & Mary community to focus on our greatest challenges and opportunities in the domains that grow in value over time.
Every day at William & Mary, we witness how one gift, one person, can transform the moments that students, faculty and alumni remember over their lifetime. Today can be your moment.
TRADEITION MEETS A CONTEMPORARY EYE:
Jaune Quick-to-See Smith makes parallels with the old world and contemporary art.
Eight tubes of lipstick, each partially used, sit on a table. A quote from Coco Chanel accompanies the artwork: “If you’re sad, add more lipstick.” The wearer in the etching favors a bright shade of yellow — the lipstick tube is nearly empty.

In a painting a few yards away, a mother feeds a child sitting in a high chair. Halos adorn their heads.

Applying lipstick or feeding a child may seem routine, but the exhibit — “Objects of Ceremony: Effervescence, Decay and the Everyday” — forced the viewer to pause and find meaning in everyday tasks and objects. The exhibition was curated by William & Mary students under the guidance of Professor Alan Braddock, and was on display at the Muscarelle Museum of Art this past spring and summer. The exhibition was evidence of the museum still thriving in the midst of a construction zone.

Ultimately, the Muscarelle will be part of The Martha Wren Briggs Center for the Visual Arts — a multi-million-dollar, state-of-the-art facility slated to open in 2022. The center will be centrally located in the William & Mary Arts Quarter, which will include a completely renovated Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall and a new music building. The Muscarelle is
currently open, but is expected to close in 2021 as construction on the new center begins.

David Brashear HON ’07, interim director of the Muscarelle Museum of Art, says that it’s important to keep the museum open for as long as possible before its demolition to make way for the new facility. Brashear says by remaining open “we keep art accessible to students and the public, and also are able to remind donors that we are an institution worthy of their investment in philanthropy.”

“We are here to be a resource and a center of learning for William & Mary, and we also want to be a resource in the broader community, a cultural asset that really enhances the lives of people who live in Williamsburg, on the Peninsula, and in the greater region stretching from Richmond to Norfolk and Virginia Beach,” Brashear says. “We want visitors to view the Muscarelle as a museum that is presenting provocative ideas and provocative art and is a continuing canvas of activity and education in the realm of the arts.”

**A NEW HOME** The future facility will encompass several levels and approximately 60,000 square feet. The new structure will include classrooms, an auditorium and spaces for teaching and special events, as well as much needed space for staff offices and collection storage.

Robert S. Roberson M.B.A. ’73, chairman of the Muscarelle Museum of Art Foundation board, says the museum’s exhibitions and rich programming allow those with an interest in the visual arts to immerse themselves in the creative world. Roberson says the new facility is necessary in order to create the best experience for students and visitors.

“The Muscarelle is literally bursting at the seams,” Roberson says. “There is not enough gallery space to adequately present professional exhibitions exploring a wide variety of art topics, while also allowing room for students and faculty to investigate important art themes and museum practices. More space is needed on all fronts. The plans we are developing for the new museum address all of the current needs, while also enabling the museum to operate in a way that represents current best practices in the museum world.”

While the inside of the future structure will better meet the museum’s needs, the new facility’s exterior is expected to make a statement. The Muscarelle's current south façade features the iconic multicolor tubes designed by Gene Davis. Brashear says the plan is to ensure that the new design is as creative as the current one and serves as a signal to the public that the structure is more than another building on campus.

“The building is the most important piece in the collection,” Brashear says. “A new museum ought to be a work of art and it should demonstrate that it is the most important work in your collection. It should be done really well by great architects.”

**FALL EXHIBITIONS** Brashear says there are several exhibitions planned for the fall, including...
“1619/2019,” which will explore the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first Africans in Virginia, in conjunction with the statewide commemoration. The theme of the contemporary art exhibit will be inequality and the journey of Africans as they became African-Americans over four centuries.

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“We have a bright future at the museum as part of the new visual arts center, and I think the impact we’ll have on William & Mary and the student experience going forward is substantial,” Brashear says. “Our new museum will be a great opportunity to broaden our mission.”

**ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY** Sarah Gunn M.B.A. ’87, who served on the Muscarelle’s foundation board for 15 years, says the museum needs the support of the entire William & Mary community in order to raise additional funds for the new building.

“We need to get alumni as well as the community involved because the Muscarelle has been such a great resource for the public for years,” Gunn says. “Where else can you go to see artwork by Botticelli or Michelangelo? It’s very rare for a college museum to have such a prestigious standing in the art world.”

**THE ART OF PHILANTHROPY**

Lasting Generosity

*Major gifts provide a world-class experience at the Muscarelle*

**BY ASHLEY K. SPEED**

The generosity of donors like the late Martha Wren Briggs ’55 and Julian Fore ’71 allows the Muscarelle Museum of Art to continue to provide a world-class experience year after year.

Briggs’ gift of more than $30 million will be used to build The Martha Wren Briggs Center for the Visual Arts, which is named in her honor and will include classrooms and other facilities supporting the university’s visual arts program. The gift will underwrite educational program collaborations between schools and departments across the university, in addition to supporting the preservation and maintenance of the center.

Fore recently made a generous gift of nearly 60 pieces of artwork to the Muscarelle through his estate plans. Fore’s gift, known as the Julian W. Fore Art Collection, includes Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, Asian and American prints, paintings, drawings and earthenware from artists including Paul Cézanne, Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, Milton Avery, Pierre Bonnard, David Hockney and Sam Gilliam, among others.
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W&M Wellness at Forefront

The McLeod Tyler Wellness Center is making a profound impact on students

BY ASHLEY K. SPEED

A MODEL: The wellness center has become a national model for other universities that aspire to build similar facilities on their campuses.

For Kate Donati ’20, the McLeod Tyler Wellness Center is a place to study and meet up with her friends between classes. She says the serene atmosphere makes it unique from other spaces on William & Mary’s campus. It’s also a place that has created a fresh perspective about wellness on campus since it opened last year, she says.

“I have noticed an increase in positive attitudes toward wellness on campus since the center was built,” says Donati, who is a yoga teacher for Campus Recreation. “I think of the wellness center as a symbol of how serious the administration is about having well-rounded students — not just looking for students who want to spend 18 hours in the library. They really want to make sure that we are taking care of ourselves and taking care of each other.”

One year after opening, students say the center has left a lasting impact on campus life through services, education, programming and activities that promote a healthy lifestyle. The facility, which sits in the center of campus near the Sadler Center, houses William & Mary’s Office of Health Promotion, Counseling Center, Health Center, Campus Recreation’s wellness programming and the new Center for Mindfulness and Authentic Excellence.

“The McLeod Tyler Wellness Center is transforming the story of wellness at William & Mary,” said President Katherine Rowe. “We are one year out and already we can see it’s everything that we hoped for and so much more. Its location in the center of campus reaffirms the importance of wellness and recreation for this community.”

The wellness center was made possible by the support of the university’s administrative leadership team and the generous philanthropy of H. Elizabeth “Bee” McLeod ’83, M.B.A. ’91 and J. Goodenow “Goody” Tyler III HON ’11, who are longtime benefactors of the university. In addition to their initial gift of support of the facility, the couple recently established an endowment for wellness programs at the facility. Group health and wellness classes are now offered for free for all students at the wellness center and the Student Recreation Center. The endowment also funds professional instructors and equipment.

“Bee and Goody’s support has just meant the world to us,” says Kelly Crace, associate vice president for health and wellness. “They have always been
IMMEDIATE IMPACT: Yoga classes saw an uptick in attendance this past summer now that all group fitness classes are free for students.
champions of student wellbeing, student success and holistic excellence. They have been a beacon of holistic excellence for a long time through the things that they have supported on William & Mary’s campus.”

A SAFE ZONE
For many students the wellness center serves as an escape from the hustle and bustle of life on campus, a quiet place for self-reflection. While there are counseling services and medical care offered, students often sit outside in the blue lawn chairs doing homework or studying for exams. Others relax in the Zen garden.

Helen Tariku ’21, a cardio dance instructor at the recreation center, says the center has created quite a buzz among students because of its unique approach to wellness and its high visibility in the heart of campus.

“One of the reasons I decided to come to William & Mary is because I like the One Tribe, One Family aspect that we promote,” Tariku says. “I think the wellness center helps foster that sentiment because it serves as a hub for students to interact and study that is different from the usual places.”

Two-thirds of students who struggle with stress and anxiety do not seek treatment because of the stigma surrounding mental health and asking for help, according to the National Alliance on Mental Health. The wellness center is trying to change this by making total wellness the focus and putting five of the university’s wellness departments under one roof.

“...This is intended to be a learning center for students to be actively engaged about what wellness looks like for them, no matter what personal or cultural lens they have of wellness,” Crace says. “Our goal is that when students come here for a specific reason like an allergy shot, they leave feeling like something bigger is going on here and they feel intrigued by it.”

CHANGING PERCEPTIONS
Allison Moyer ’21 is a member of the campus group HOPE, which provides health and wellness education to students. The group holds their meetings at the wellness center.

“As a student involved in health education, it’s really nice to have a resource like the wellness center to point students to for services,” Moyer says. “It’s a place you can go get medicine or have a doctor look at your sore throat, but it’s also a place where you can get a massage, or take a yoga or tai chi class. You may be there for one thing, but you get exposure to all these other services because it’s all housed in one location.”

Donati says the center’s impact on her life will last beyond graduation.

“The building itself is a wonderful thing to have on campus, but the whole perspective that the wellness center brings has made the greatest impact on my life,” Donati says. “I plan to focus on my own wellness in the future. As opposed to just thinking that I have to work, work, work to get the career that I want, I know that I have to include wellness in my plan in order to build a life that I love.”

A RELAXING SPACE:
Some W&M students say the services offered at the wellness center have made them more aware of the importance of balancing academics with their wellbeing.
FOR THE BOLD NEARS $900 MILLION

William & Mary’s $1 billion For the Bold campaign is roaring forward, with nearly $900 million raised to date. The Alma Mater of the Nation maintains a firm grip on its position as the No. 1 nationally ranked public university for undergraduate alumni participation, surpassing several Ivy League institutions. In fiscal year 2019, William & Mary secured almost $92 million from a total of 42,556 donors contributing to areas across the university, and gifts of less than $100 collectively added up to nearly $1.8 million. This fiscal year, W&M saw the opening of the McLeod Tyler Wellness Center and the Shenkman Jewish Center, and construction began on the Tribe Field Hockey Center, the Alumni House expansion and the Reveley Garden. Additionally, the Raymond A. Mason School of Business launched a new Center for Online Learning. All of these initiatives and many more were made possible by the generous support of donors.

—JENNIFER PAGE WALL
On a steamy, mid-June afternoon, in his office in the Laycock Center, Mike London talks about providence. Or at the very least, about good fortune that he can barely fathom.

William & Mary’s head football coach cites the fortuitous confluence of good fortune that his new position brings: half-hour from where he grew up; aging parents nearby; wife’s mother close as well; return to the school where he held his first full-time position; world-class university; administrative support; friends and former colleagues dotting the league and area landscape.

Kind of surreal, he says, to return to the place where his coaching career began.

“I’ve been blessed, I’ve been really, really blessed,” London says. “To leave and go do your thing, and to have people think enough of you to bring you back and give you the opportunity to be a head coach, that’s a humbling thing.”

For the first time in four decades, William & Mary Football will be led by someone other than Jimmye Laycock ’70, P ’14. Laycock built a mountainous legacy, with conference championships, NCAA playoff appearances, stellar graduation rates and hundreds of successful student-athletes who are now alumni.

When Director of Athletics Samantha K. Huge searched for Laycock’s replacement, she quickly settled on London, who is W&M’s first African-American head coach of a men’s sport. He was just completing his second season as head coach at Howard University, his third head coaching position after stints at the University of Virginia and his alma mater, the University of Richmond.

“From afar I always admired him,” Huge says. “I always thought he was a really calm leader.” She says she thought he had the right demeanor and the right philosophy — the development of young people — to be a coach.

“It has been confirmed since his arrival,” Huge says. “He’s a man who cares very deeply for the people in his charge and he’s going to do all that he can to help them develop, both on and off the field.”

The William & Mary job interested London for many reasons, which only grew after meeting Huge. London has a gregarious, passionate presence and he saw those qualities in the athletics director.

“London turns 59 in October, but projects the vibe of a younger man. He wears his heart on his sleeve and lives by the credo of faith, family and football. For years, his mantra to players has been, “Go to class, show class, treat people with dignity and respect.”

London routinely engages with not just players and coaches, but with everyone. It’s not uncommon for a chance passing in a hallway to turn into a five-minute conversation about someone’s family or a player’s class load or general interests. He appreciates the kindnesses and opportunities both large and small he received from the people for whom he worked through the years and is determined to pay it forward.

London is eternally grateful to Laycock, who gave him his first full-time position when he was a volunteer assistant at Richmond. He hopes to extend and expand upon Laycock’s foundation. William & Mary’s emphasis on academic achievement and student-athlete engagement within the college community, while pursuing athletics excellence, meshes with his own view.

“When it all fits and it can work together,” London says, “you can boldly claim that a school like this can be successful, not only in the classroom, but on the field. To claim that and pursue that excellence, that’s what I’m all in on trying to do.”

London’s leadership was tested long before his first game at William & Mary. Only months into the job, sophomore running back Nate Evans was gunned down last March in Norfolk. Suddenly, London had to shepherd players and coaches, indeed, the athletics department and community, through a tragedy.
“He was empathetic, he was transparent in showing his own emotions to the student-athletes,” Huge says. “He grieved with them, he supported them in their grief. You hope to never have to go through a situation like that, but I was really thankful that he was our coach. Any number of our coaches would do the same, but it was clear his heart was so pure during that process, not only in support of our student-athletes but of Nate’s family and our whole community.”

London considers himself an optimist, a glass half-full person. He has experienced adversity, but maintains that the highs far outweigh the lows. His tenure at Virginia ended after four consecutive losing seasons, but Huge says that his record there didn’t give her pause. She sees a man who won a national championship at Richmond, was an ACC Coach of the Year, engineered a rapid turnaround at Howard and possesses qualities consistent with the type of person and leader that William & Mary should seek.

“The intent of what I try to do,” London says, “is educate young men, be a role model and mentor, and engage them on the field knowing that their identity is not tied to just being a football player. The whole faith, family, football [creed] needs to be demonstrated by what you say and what you do. The players should see it and hear it. When you’re passionate, they should see it. When you’re emotional, they should see it. Football is only part of it.”

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Grant Funds Inclusive Research

$1 million Mellon grant will also support community engagement at W&M and Highland

BY ASHLEY K. SPEED

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded William & Mary a $1 million grant to support inclusive research, teaching and community engagement around the legacies of slavery and racism. The Mellon Foundation is a longtime supporter of innovation in research and teaching at William & Mary.

The five-year grant will fund several key initiatives, including community-led research into the legacies of slavery at William & Mary and James Monroe’s Highland, an oral history project that documents the untold stories of descendants of enslaved men and women, new historical exhibits and university-wide courses that promote inclusion and civil discourse.

“The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant supports William & Mary’s commitment to partnering with our wider region and communities to illuminate our shared history,” said President Katherine Rowe. “By sharing authority to re-interpret the past with descendants of those who lived and were enslaved at Highland, we are taking a new approach to how we tell that history. We believe we will be able to tell a fuller story this way, and one with more consequence, today.”

The project, called Sharing Authority to Remember and Re-Interpret the Past, will be funded by the grant from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2024. The start of the project coincides with statewide public events that mark 400 years since the arrival of the first Africans to Virginia.

The project builds on the work the university has conducted in the past decade through the Lemon Project: A Journey of Reconciliation. Established in 2009, the Lemon Project was born out of a call to action to acknowledge and rectify wrongs against African Americans at W&M, whether through action or inaction.

Mary-Cooke Branch Munford Plaza

On April 25, President Rowe and members of the Board of Visitors dedicated the plaza and sundial in front of Earl Gregg Swem Library in honor of Mary-Cooke Branch Munford, the first woman member of the board. Munford was an advocate for education reform and women’s rights, and she was instrumental in bringing coeducation to William & Mary in 1918. The Board of Visitors also issued a resolution that lists Munford’s remarkable achievements and renames the plaza in her honor. “This area connects — physically via brick walkways — the fine arts, the sciences, literature, history, social sciences and more,” says the resolution. “These were opportunities that Mary-Cooke Branch Munford longed for as a young woman and fought for in her advocacy for coeducation.”

—UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS
Historic charm meets modern amenities at the William & Mary Alumni House! Whether you are having an intimate evening ceremony with close family and friends or a day-long dance party for 400, the Alumni House is the perfect venue for your special day. Choose from a variety of indoor and outdoor options to fit your style and budget. With flexible vendor options and personal attention from our coordinators, your special day will be just the way you want it. Book now for fall 2020!
The summer meeting of the William & Mary Alumni Association Board of Directors was held at Blow Memorial Hall in Williamsburg, June 20-21, 2019.

The full board convened on Thursday, June 20, and began with an introduction of new members and approval of consent agenda items, followed by a meeting overview by President Susan P. Manix ’79.

Executive Director Marilyn Ward Midyette ’75 briefed the board on recent activities and events:

• The inaugural Professionals Week, part of our expanding career program offerings, engaged more than 850 participants nationwide
• The Association-sponsored Alumni Induction Ceremony welcomed over 2,000 new alumni as part of the main Commencement ceremony at Zable Stadium
• The highly successful One Tribe One Day, which saw over 13,000 participants and $2.5 million in donations
• The revitalization of our veterans affinity group, the Association of 1775
• Traditions Weekend, which gathered more than 500 participants from the 50th Reunion class, Olde Guarde and Boyle Society

The board then deliberated on nominations for the Alumni Medallion and approved bestowing the award on Frances C. Engoron ’70, William C. Mims ’79, P ’16 and Peter M. Nance ’66.

The board reviewed nominations and approved the Douglas N. Morton ’62 Alumni Service awards for Christina Bianchi ’09, Jessica Chillin-Hernández ’12, Ben DeMaria ’05, Thomas Johnson ’92 and Sherri Phillips ’83, P ’14, P ’16.

Building committee member Todd Norris ’86, P ’18, P ’19, P ’22 updated the board on the Alumni House expansion project. Director of Development Richard Long M.Ed. ’18 provided an update on campaign fundraising for alumni engagement, and staff members Katie Lowe and Kelly Holdcraft provided an overview of the planning for W&M Weekend in San Francisco, scheduled for Sept. 3-6, 2020. In addition, Treasurer Scott Kelsey ’06, M.Acc. ’07 reviewed FY19 budget performance, year-end forecast and investment performance report and presented the FY20 annual budget for approval.

The board spent significant time, both Thursday and Friday, on strategic planning sessions facilitated by board member Dennis Liberson ’78. During a deliberate planning process around alumni engagement and the WMAA’s role, the board identified strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, cited possible strategies to address these areas, and began prioritization of possible strategies. The planning process will continue through the next meeting in September.

The board also:

• Approved a Faculty/Staff Service Award for Dr. Sara Bon Harper, executive director, James Monroe’s Highland
• Approved the Coach of the Year Award for Field Hockey Coach Therese “Tess” Ellis
• Reviewed and approved administrative changes to the Alumni Association bylaws, adjusting language for currency, accuracy and eliminating areas that are no longer in effect
• Approved changes to the Alumni Medallion Policy that clarifies policy verbiage and intent in relation to award eligibility by members of university boards
• Reviewed and approved a $1.33M operating budget for FY20
• Elected officers for FY20

This year, Carla S. Moreland ’81, J.D. ’84 will begin her two-year term as president of the board. Gerald A. ‘Jeb’ Jeutter ’82 will be vice president, Tina Reynolds Kenny ’92 will serve as secretary and George E. Cruser ’84 will serve as treasurer. New board members recognized at this meeting include Fred Palmore ’67, P ’02, Chase Jordan ’15, incoming chair of the Young Guarde, and Carol Evans ’64, incoming chair of the Olde Guarde. Outgoing board members recognized and thanked for their service were Sophie Lee ’90, Mark Linaugh ’84 and Anna Mahalak ’12, outgoing chair of the Young Guarde.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is Sept. 18-21, 2019, in Williamsburg.
THE 2020 ALUMNI MEDALLION

The Alumni Medallion is the highest and most prestigious award given by the Alumni Association and recognizes outstanding alumni for exemplary accomplishments in their professional life, demonstrated leadership in service to their communities, state or nation, and commitment, dedication and assistance to William & Mary. The award reflects the honor that recipients bring to the university and its alumni through their actions and contributions.

The submission form can be downloaded from the Alumni Association's website at http://wmalumni.com/medallion or it can be requested by emailing alumni.ed@wm.edu. Three supporting letters are required. Include up to three news articles, vitae, biographical sketches, etc. as supporting documentation. Deadline for submission of all nominations for the 2021 award is April 1, 2020.

HONORARY ALUMNI

The William & Mary Alumni Association grants the status of Honorary Alumni to non-alumni with a distinguished record of service, support, advocacy and commitment on behalf of William & Mary and its schools, departments, units, organizations and boards. To nominate someone, please submit a letter describing his or her visible and consistent involvement, loyalty, and affection for W&M, through active participation, leadership, generosity, assistance, advocacy and counsel. All letters must be signed.

Nominations may be submitted online at http://wmalumni.com/honorary-alumni. Mail your letter to Honorary Alumni Award, c/o Executive Director, WMAA, P.O. Box 2100, Williamsburg, VA 23187-2100. The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2020 Honorary Alumni Award is Jan. 15, 2020.

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARDS

The Douglas N. Morton ’62 Alumni Service and Young Alumni Service Awards are given annually to individuals in recognition of exceptional service, loyalty, commitment and leadership on behalf of alumni chapters, regional engagement, constituent organizations, and in special instances, William & Mary and its schools. The Young Alumni Award is specific to individuals age 25 to 35.

You may download a nomination form at http://wmalumni.com/service-awards. The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2020. The Board of Directors will select honorees at its spring 2020 meeting.

REFLECTING ON THE LEGACY

ASWAD’S BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

William & Mary will host the 10th Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD, aswadiaspora.org) Nov. 5-9, 2019. The conference brings world renowned scholars, artists and activists to explore “Remembrance, Renaissance, Revolution: The Meaning of Freedom in the African World Over Time and Space.” ASWAD 2019 will examine the legacies of enslavement, examine freedom across the globe and remember the Africans who arrived in Virginia 400 years ago in 1619. • The conference is a signature event for American Evolution, Virginia’s commemoration of 1619. “Williamsburg is the right place and 2019 is the right time for this historic event, since the year 2019 marks the 400th anniversary of the origins of slavery in what became the United States,” said Robert Trent Vinson, Frances L. and Edwin L. Cummings Associate Professor History and Africana Studies at W&M and project leader for the ASWAD 2019 Conference. — ASHLEY K. SPEED
Whether you wear it on your sleeve or hold it close to your heart, Tribe Pride is always with you.

It’s with you when you hear your favorite song from college. It’s with you when you sing “Our Alma Mater,” when you wear your green and gold and when you reminisce about the good times.

Because after all, this is the place where you found your own path, your own way. This is, and always will be, your William & Mary.

However you express it, this Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, come home and share your pride.
MAIN WEEKEND EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

OLDE GUARDE BRUNCH
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Join fellow members of the Classes of 1969 and before for a bloody mary bar, food and fellowship.
*Registration required

TRIBE TALKS
2:30-4 p.m.
Hear about some exciting news from William & Mary Athletics.

HOMEASSING PARADE AND REUNION PARADE WATCHES
4:30-5:15 p.m.
Participate in the fun or join your friends to watch along Richmond Road!

SUNSET CEREMONY
6-7 p.m.
Honor those who passed in the last year.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

MILITARY & VETERANS BREAKFAST
Hosted by the Association of 1775
9-11 a.m.
Enjoy a hearty breakfast for the whole family to honor W&M military and veterans.
*Registration required

HWA BRUNCH
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Join fellow black and African-American alumni for student performances and great food.
*Registration required

PRESIDENTIAL CONVERSATION
10:30 a.m.-noon
Join President Katherine Rowe for a discussion on the latest happenings at W&M and in our community.

CHILDREN’S CARNIVAL
Noon-3 p.m.
Enjoy this family-friendly carnival featuring inflatables, face painting and more.

WREN BELL RINGING
Noon-3 p.m.
Stop by the Wren to ring the bell and reminisce.

REUNION CLASS PICTURES
Noon-2:30 p.m.
Join your fellow classmates in making a memory by taking a class photo.

HOMEASSING TAILGATE
Noon-3 p.m.
Join the Tribe community for music, food and an open bar in the Sunken Garden.
*Registration required

FOOTBALL GAME – W&M VS. JMU
3:30-6:30 p.m.
Separate ticket required: tribeathletics.com

YOUNG GUARDE CELEBRATION
6:30-9 p.m.
Celebrate in the Sunken Garden with the Classes of 2010-2019. Includes the Class of 2014 5th Reunion.
*Registration required

LATINX ALUMNI RECEPTION
7-9 p.m.
The third annual LatinX celebration will be a night of live music, dancing, food and fun.
*Registration required

REUNION RECEPTIONS
7-9:30 p.m.
Celebrate your reunion in your own class tent, overflowing with food, beverages and friends.
*Registration Required

SATURDAY NIGHT BASH
9-11:30 p.m.
Fan-favorite band Attraction returns to the Sunken Garden to set the tone as you dance the night away!
*Registration Required

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

LGBTQ ALUMNI BRUNCH
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Close out the weekend with a drag brunch!
*Registration required

A full schedule can be found at homecoming.wm.edu

Register at: response.wm.edu/homecoming2019
Each year, the Alumni Association honors five professors in the early stages of their careers who exemplify teaching excellence at William & Mary.

The 2019 Faculty Fellowship recipients prepare students to thrive in a complex world that is rapidly evolving around them. They involve students at all levels in cutting-edge research with real-world applications; they form partnerships with communities and industry; they mentor and guide tomorrow’s leaders; and they are committed every day to providing a high-caliber, high-engagement educational experience.

Meet this year’s faculty fellowship awardees.

BY CLAIRE DE LISLE • PHOTOGRAPHED BY ALFRED HERCZEG
“It’s remarkable that by doing the right experiments, using the right kind of thinking, we understand how the universe works at a fundamental level.”

Jozef J. Dudek
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS

Picture an atom, with protons and neutrons making up its center. They are 100,000 times smaller than the atom itself — a million billionth of a meter wide (10^-15)! Now zoom in even closer. Can you see the quarks and gluons that make up the protons and neutrons?

That’s the scale at which Professor Jozef “Jo” Dudek works. He studies quantum chromodynamics — the interactions between quarks and gluons, some of the smallest components of the universe. The interactions between these particles are hard to find and measure experimentally, but researchers use mathematical models to predict them. After getting his D.Phil. at Oxford, Dudek took a post-doc position at Jefferson Lab in Newport News, Virginia, where he became interested in a computational technique to study quarks and gluons called Lattice QCD. At William & Mary, he uses Lattice QCD in his teaching and research.

“The training my grad students get in high-performance computers allows them to apply their analytical skills to other fields, like technology, data science, finance, biological imaging and healthcare,” says Dudek. One of his favorite classes to teach is Quantum Field Theory, a graduate-level course that combines special relativity, electromagnetism and quantum mechanics — the big concepts in physics into one overarching theory.

“It’s really satisfying to see how everything fits together,” he says. “Quantum Field Theory — the work of many people over many years — is one of the greatest intellectual achievements of humanity.”

Dudek loves how enthusiastic and high-achieving his students are, crowding into his office each week for office hours and motivated to master even dry material.

“Our intention as professors is to teach a way of thinking, a rational and analytical framework,” he says. “I can be quite inventive at coming up with questions students have never seen before, because it’s all about learning techniques, not simply memorizing. As useful as lectures are, the real learning happens when you sit down and try to solve real problems.”
"It’s a great and a frustrating time to be an economist," says Professor John Lopresti. "There’s so much going on in the news, and interest in the field is at an all-time high."

This is especially true of Lopresti’s area of research, which is international trade policy. He studies the effect of international trade on labor markets — what does global competition mean for the people who live and work in certain communities? How has trade policy affected where people live and the level of education they attain?

"Young people in particular move away from or avoid places that were exposed to international competition," he says. "I come from the Midwest originally so it’s something I can relate to, seeing people going off to college but not coming back to where they were born."

As an undergraduate at Hanover College in Indiana, Lopresti was a math major at first but fell in love with economics because of its broad applicability to a wide variety of fields. After earning his Ph.D. at Purdue University, he moved to Williamsburg to join the William & Mary faculty. His wife Katie Lopresti teaches economics at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business.

John Lopresti particularly enjoys teaching his Trade Theory course, which connects classical economic models to real-world data to explain why and how the global economy works the way it does. He integrates psychology and behavioral science into his teaching and research, showing how humans — and markets — don’t always behave rationally.

"We don’t always have the answers,” he says. “I love coming up with interesting questions at the start of a research process and figuring out how to answer them.”

He wants students with a wide range of interests to see that economics not only has wide global implications, it matters directly in their lives as well.

“Ultimately, economics is about human behavior: why people make the choices they do, and how the constraints they face shape outcomes for people, societies and the world.”

"Economics helps us answer the big questions of the world."

John W. Lopresti
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS
“We can sometimes take our culture for granted, but it has a big impact on our health, our psychology and the ways we interact with the world.”

Joanna Schug
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Can you choose who to be friends with? If so, how do you decide who will be a good friend?

The answers to these questions vary widely if you are farming rice in China, herding cattle in Mexico or attending middle school in the U.S. Your culture, and how easy it is for you to move socially and geographically within it, greatly affects the friendships you can make.

Professor Joanna Schug’s recent groundbreaking research, funded by the National Science Foundation, looks at this “relational mobility” and how it develops in a culture over time.

“In most societies around the world, you’re born into a social network and you don’t have a lot of choice in your personal relationships. You have to think about your reputation and be vigilant about your interpersonal behaviors, because your neighbors all help enforce norms,” she says. “But if you’re a more mobile culture, you have more choice in who you interact with and who you avoid, and it becomes more about deciding which new people can be trusted.”

Schug uses data to measure and compare aspects of cultures in a scientific way. Her research and teaching uses a combination of psychology, sociology, anthropology, behavioral genetics, behavioral ecology and other social sciences — a truly interdisciplinary approach.

She’s also no stranger to moving between cultures. After getting her undergraduate degree in California, she lived in Japan for a decade, where she received her master’s and Ph.D. from Hokkaido University. When she’s able, she takes a few W&M students to Japan during the summer to assist her with research there.

In her Cross-Cultural Psychology and Advanced Research Methods courses, Schug encourages students to think scientifically and develop the skills to critically evaluate the world around them.

“I want them to be able to understand how to critically evaluate research findings that they come across, understanding the statistics and the methods that researchers use,” she says. “No matter what they end up doing, this will help them throughout their lives.”
Professor Fabrício Prado wants you to know that globalization is not new.

“Most people think of globalization as just a modern phenomenon, but it actually started 500 years ago when Magellan circumnavigated the world in 1522,” he says.

His latest book, tentatively titled “Inter-American Connections: Capitalism, Slavery, and the Making of the United States and Independent South America,” will follow the political and commercial networks linking the newly independent United States with South America, specifically Buenos Aires and Rio De Janeiro.

Prado became interested in these global connections growing up in southernmost Brazil, in an area that was hotly contested between Portugal and Spain during the colonial era. A native Portuguese speaker, he was fascinated by the people around him from Spanish-speaking cultures and how these two cultures mixed in this “borderland.” After receiving his master’s degree in Argentinian history, Prado came to the United States for his Ph.D.

At William & Mary, Prado has found a vibrant intellectual community of faculty and students. “I have the best colleagues I can dream of — there’s a strong culture of open doors, of talking about intellectual things over coffee,” he says. “My students are bright and they keep pushing me to learn more, dig a little bit deeper. They ask questions that make me see the world from a different perspective.”

Prado especially enjoys teaching his COLL 300 course on colonial Latin America, in which he can address students’ misconceptions about Latin America, Africa and the early Atlantic trade.

He prepares his students for today’s global world by bringing a little bit of the world into his classroom, through music, poetry and video.

“I want students to see that people are not just economic agents of developed or undeveloped countries, poor or rich societies. They are not just revolutionaries or bandits or smugglers,” he says. “People feel, people love, people die, people suffer, as we do here. I offer a window for students to empathize with their humanity.”

“The making of America is tied to trade to South America, China, India – we were founded on global connections.”
As science teachers, we can help address injustices faced by students in marginalized communities.

Did you ever sit in a science class and not really see the connection between your life and what you were learning? At William & Mary’s School of Education, Professor Meredith Kier trains and supports teachers in the use of more equitable teaching practices — ensuring students from all backgrounds can connect science concepts to their lives.

“As a former teacher, I have found that students, especially those in underserved communities, learn best and feel included in science when they can see real-world applications of content that connect to their values and experiences outside of school,” Keir says.

Through her classes and research, she prepares students to teach science in high-needs schools, which tend to have few resources, high teacher turnover, and a large proportion of students receiving free and reduced lunch.

“While a Ph.D. student at North Carolina State University, I worked with students in underserved rural communities and I saw the injustices those students faced,” she says. “It led me to want to address these inequalities with good science teaching practices, which help students imagine careers in STEM and connect them with mentors.”

One focus is teaching science through engineering design processes — showing students how to think like an engineer. “Engineering is one way for students to have a voice in the classroom and apply learning to explaining problems and designing solutions that affect their own lives and communities,” Kier says.

Her work has been supported through a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant in collaboration with Howard University. Through her recent NSF EAGER award, Kier will work with Newport News, Virginia, public middle school teachers and engineering undergraduates in local chapters of the National Society of Black Engineers.

“‘I’ve grown as an educator here, working with preservice teachers and undergraduates who are passionate about learning and equity,” she says. “I’m amazed every day by how brilliant and how committed to social justice our students are. It’s my joy as a teacher to see them evolve from content experts to working directly with the community.’

Meredith W. Kier
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SCIENCE EDUCATION
If anything, Williamsburg seemed too obvious a place for Robby Willey ’05 and Chris Smith ’07 to open a craft brewery. They met there while students at William & Mary, discovered craft beer at the Green Leaf Cafe and for several years each returned to town quarterly for Annual Giving Board meetings.

BY RONNIE CROCKER M.B.A. ’88
So when Willey and Smith decided they were ready to quit their corporate jobs to open a craft brewery, they looked at places like Northern Virginia, which had a proven market for the product they wanted to create; Augusta, Georgia, with its built-in annual tourist draw of the Masters Tournament; and Blacksburg, Virginia, a lively college town with a desirable demographic for people looking to make and sell beer.

“Williamsburg was not at the top of the list,” says Willey.

As the two did more research, however, they realized that Williamsburg had favorable demographics as well, plus a growing population. It, too, was an established travel destination in a significant tourism corridor. Critically, it also offered something that entrepreneurs in the U.S. craft brewing industry truly prize — an authentic story, based on their shared love of the place.

In the end, the location for The Virginia Beer Company really was an obvious choice.

“The short answer to that is William & Mary,” Willey says.

Robby Willey and Chris Smith are just two of the many alumni who’ve taken the leap into the dynamic craft beer industry that has redefined American beer.

A FIGHT FOR HEARTS AND MINDS

It’s no surprise to find W&M graduates among the growing tribe of brewers, homebrewers, beer distributors, bar owners and other industry professionals. As a journalist who has covered the craft brewing phenomenon for a decade, I’ve met hundreds of these men and women and I have always been struck by the creativity, intelligence, zeal and sheer energy they bring to their work.

Collectively, they have grown craft beer from a niche business into a $27.6 billion-dollar enterprise that is challenging, and even building partnerships with the global behemoths that for decades controlled what Americans could drink and what the rest of the world thought of beer made in the USA.

It is hard to imagine today, but as late as 1984 there were fewer than 100 breweries operating in the U.S., a crippling legacy of Prohibition and the massive consolidation that began in the middle decades of the 20th century. The raging debate was a marketing contrivance: “tastes great” vs. “less filling.”

Options for anyone seeking a fuller-flavored alternative were limited to homebrew clubs, import shops and pubs like the Green Leafe.

By 2018, though, the nation boasted 7,450 breweries, 98.6 percent of them microbreweries, regional craft breweries or brewpubs. Domestic output overall fell by 0.8 percent, but craft beer production continued to grow, rising by 3.9 percent. The Brewers Association trade group notes that craft’s share of the market grew to 13.2 percent, rivaling imports’ 18.4 percent share. In terms of dollars, craft beer grew by an enviable 7 percent.

So, of course W&M would be part of this transformation.
Already, in addition to the three-year-old Virginia Beer Company, you can sample the hand-iwork of a fellow alumnus while hoisting an IPA or pilsner at the Smartmouth or Pleasure House taprooms in Virginia Beach or enjoying a “real ale” pulled from a cask engine at Chesepiooc in Maryland. If you find yourself in the craft-beer mecca of Colorado, look for alumnus-run Beyond The Mountain in Boulder or check out Breckenridge Brewery, a national top-seller. And even in Beijing, there’s a W&M grad making a go of it at Jing-A Brewing, a hangout for ex-pats and locals alike.

A FROTHY LEAP OF FAITH

Jimmy Loughran Jr. ’05 studied history and education, but he was never meant for a desk job. After graduating W&M, he built homes with Habitat for Humanity in California. He returned to Virginia and served five years as a Newport News firefighter. When he took on a second job, it was cleaning kegs at a brewery in Norfolk and learning all he could.

Turns out he had a knack for brewing, which he developed with a career change and a job at the brewpub chain Gordon Biersch. That taught him how to be a better brewer, but he credits the lessons from college for helping him rise to the challenge in the first place.

“Through William & Mary, I recognized I can work through a lot of problems,” he says.

He’s now head brewer at Norfolk-based Smartmouth Brewing, which was co-founded in 2012 by another W&M alumnus, Chris Neikirk ’88. The big brewery in Norfolk is where Loughran and his team brew Smartmouth’s core beers, including a saison, an India pale ale and an amber, which are distributed across the state.

At the smaller, consumer-focused Pilot House location that opened two years ago, they experiment with new hops, new yeast strains and new combinations of ingredients. On a recent weekday, for example, Loughran and Neikirk brewed a double IPA with the relatively new and popular Mosaic and Enigma hops. That beer will be sold on site only. It may or may not ever show up on the menu again.

That’s not merely an artistic indulgence, but a business imperative. Craft beer fans are forever on the lookout for new tastes and the next new thing. To keep customers coming back, the Pilot House will probably release about 60 different beers this year, Loughran said.

It used to be about 10, but the marketplace has made its wishes known.

“There are so many small breweries and new breweries that you can find a new beer every day,” Loughran says.

He doesn’t mind the competition, though, or the grinding hard work that craft beer romantics don’t always appreciate.

“I’m drenched with sweat, but I enjoy what I’m doing,” he says.

Neikirk is pretty good at making beer, too, and in 1996 one of his homemade IPAs won first place in an American Homebrewers Association competition. Already he was toying with the idea of turning his hobby into a career, and he even worked on
a business plan for a brewery while an MBA student at the University of North Carolina. Ultimately, he and his wife decided it was “not the safe choice” and he stayed with his finance job — which he still holds and says he still very much enjoys — with the railroad company Norfolk Southern.

It would not be until 2010 that he would get truly serious about professional brewing. A long chat with a friend, Porter Hardy, on New Year's Day sealed the deal. They finished the business plan, raised about $1 million from a small group of investors, mostly friends, and leased a site in Norfolk. Smartmouth opened its doors in November 2012.

The next fall, Smartmouth’s high-octane Notch 9 double IPA won a bronze medal at the prestigious Great American Beer Festival (GABF) competition. The beer’s name is rooted in the railroads. Notch 9 is a “Spinal Tap”-esque reference to a train throttle, which has only eight notches. For this beer, the brewers really did turn the level up to nine, as in a walloping 9.1 percent alcohol by volume.

(Don’t fear, those who enjoy an easier-drinker can try the Virginia Craft Brewers Festival’s award-winning Safety Dance Pilsner, which is a little over half as strong.)

Neikirk hopes eventually to join his wife, also named Chris Neikirk, in working full-time at the brewery. That will have to wait, perhaps until he is fully vested in the Norfolk Southern retirement plan. In the meantime, the railroad company has moved its headquarters to Atlanta and is bringing the Neikirks along. But Neikirk says he will be back in Virginia after retirement, and will start spending some quality time in the brewhouse.

“My plan is to come back and actually brew,” he says. “That’s why I got into this.”

**THE HORIZONS GROW**

Chuck Hixon ’11 was introduced to homebrewing by a fraternity brother and he never looked back. He left school to learn the trade at Williamsburg’s Alewerks Brewing Company. After a couple of years, he moved to Colorado, which is a magnet for ambitious brewers. He honed his skills at Boulder's Twisted Pine Brewing Company, whose trophy case features nine GABF medals and three more from the World Beer Cup.

A childhood friend joined him out west, and soon the two men were looking for a place to start their own business. Their most important requirements, Hixon says, were tall ceilings and affordable rent.

They found a space in Boulder, not far from the local brewers guild, and opened the doors to Beyond The Mountain Brewing Company on Dec. 9, 2017. Because craft beer is so prevalent in Colorado, Hixon says, getting shelf space in stores is difficult. Thus, Hixon and business
partner Morgan Way focus on creating a fun atmosphere with live music and a continuously rotating mix of beers. Their slogan is “Improvisational Ales,” and one of Hixon’s personal favorites is a basil saison.

“That’s one I’m very proud of,” he says.

Another fave is a pale ale infused with passion fruit and guava. IPAs are the top sellers, but the tap list includes Scotch ales, imperial stouts and a raspberry stout. Hixon and Way like brewing varying styles. They’ve started a barrel-aging program as well for beers to absorb the flavor of whiskey, wine or other spirits.

“We’re all over the place,” Hixon says.

Colorado also has legalized medical and recreational marijuana, introducing a potential competitor to the beer business. Hixon, though, says the products coexist just fine, and he sees people enjoy both.

“You don’t get as many angry drunks when you’re combining the two,” he jokes.

Chatter among brewers now often turns to infusing beers with THC, the ingredient of pot that creates a high, and consumers have expressed interest as well. But so far, the murky relationship between federal and state regulations has made it too risky for Hixon’s taste. Besides, he says, he didn’t really like the one THC beer that he tried.

On the other hand, he’s intrigued by cannabidiol, or CBD, which is more broadly available and popping up in a host of candies, lotions and other products to soothe aching muscles or help people relax.

“I think a CBD beer would be really cool to make,” he says. “It’s a great way to ingest CBD for anxiety on a more casual basis.”

But he’s holding off for now, waiting until the legal questions become fully settled.

He’s also spotting what might be yet another new trend, with more people choosing to take their beer with them. Growler sales — in which customers bring in their own container for a to-go fill — now account for 15 percent of sales and appear to be growing.

That’s another reason for breweries like Beyond The Mountain to make their taprooms as inviting as possible and offer enough variety that customers will keep coming back for more.

TRANSLATING THE AMERICAN DREAM

Alex Acker ’00, whose mom is from Taiwan, minored in Chinese at William & Mary. After graduation, he went to Beijing Normal University as part of a W&M-sponsored fellowship to teach English there. That was followed by a 10-year stint in marketing and corporate communications for Ogilvy and Apple, also in China. Then he, too, climbed down from the corporate ladder to make his homebrewing hobby his job in his adopted homeland.

“I was here in Beijing when we started Jing-A and it was a side project at the start,” he said by email. “I left my job at Apple to go full time on Jing-A in 2013, once we started to get some more serious press.”

Acker very much shares American brewers’ fondness for experimentation as well as their commitment to making sure their beers are locally rooted, wherever those roots happen to be.

“We’ve pushed the envelope with beers and art that either incorporate interesting Chinese ingredients (like Koji Red Ale with fermented red sake rice, What about Mi, a mixed-fermentation rice wine farmhouse ale, or Mijiaya ancient ale collaboration with archaeologists from Stanford) or tie to Beijing life/culture (like with our Airpocalypse DIPA — hazy and unfiltered like the Beijing air on a bad day),” he says.

Popular beers include that imaginative rotation of smaller batches, as well as Worker’s Pale Ale, Flying Fist IPA and Mandarin Wheat.

“We’re maybe best known for our hazy (sometimes fruited) IPAs, our kettle sours and goses, and our mixed ferm/farmhouse ale projects,” Acker says.

Getting established took “many late nights and weekends working on our beers,” but Acker and his business partner now have help in the brewhouse and are

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ON THE RIDGE: Terry Usry ’88 and her husband Todd helped grow Breckenridge Brewery in Denver, which was recently acquired by brewing giant Anheuser-Busch InBev.

looking to expand. They have the same small brewpub that opened in 2013 and are preparing to open a new taproom in the city.

“We also distribute a core selection of our beers nationally across China, so they can be found in major cities, like Shanghai, Chengdu, Guangzhou, and many others,” Acker says. “We don’t export yet, but it’s something we’re keen to do!”

In a sense, though, Jing-A already has been part of the broader exporting of the American craft beer experience and its sensibilities.

HEADY DAYS MAY BE HERE TO STAY

Terry Usry ’88 of Breckenridge Brewery has seen the business grow in unexpected ways over the last three decades. She and her husband played a role in building craft beer from something that had to be discovered into a thriving industry that has gotten the attention of the world’s biggest beer companies.

Terry and Todd Usry, a Virginia Commonwealth University grad, were “ski bums” in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, in 1990, she recalled. On a family trip to California, Todd’s parents took the couple “to this cool place for a fresh beer — Seabright Brewery.”

“The concept of a U.S. bar brewing its own beer blew us away, and the beer was delicious!” Terry says.

They were motivated to get into the fledgling business for themselves, and discovered a recently opened brewpub called Breckenridge Brewery once they got back home to Colorado. It was one of just three in the state at the time. Over time — and over “many Avalanche Ales,” Usry says — the young couple and a good friend from Virginia decided to invest in the fledgling business.

“At the time, Breck was considering opening a packaging brewery in Denver,” Usry says. “We joined forces, moved to Denver, and helped get the second Breckenridge Brewery facility off the ground.”

The brewery today produces scores of beers, including such well-known brews as Vanilla Porter and 471 Small Batch IPA.

Todd is president of the company and Terry, though recently retired, continues to promote the brand and focus on its philanthropic efforts, including “Breck Gives Back,” a foundation that gives money to causes benefiting veterans, first responders, education, music and environmental action.

“We’re running a program right now through the summer called Pints for Parks,” Terry says. “For every Breck pint ordered at any bar or restaurant, we’ll donate a portion of the proceeds to support our National Parks.”

Earlier this year, she and Todd met with lawmakers in Washington, D.C., to promote law changes that would help the industry and preach the message of craft brewing’s “wildly successful and economically impactful” influence on their state.

That potential impact was multiplied in 2016, when Breckenridge was acquired by the craft division of global brewing giant Anheuser-Busch InBev — part of a spate of high-profile takeovers that, while disappointing to some longtime craft fans, infused these growing businesses with needed capital, and a lot of it.
So far so good, Terry Usry says. Todd was contracted to keep running the company for five years, and he and Anheuser-Busch InBev have already extended that.

“We’ve both benefited from the additional resources,” she says, “to improve brewery and restaurant operations, safety, quality, marketing, sales, public relations and philanthropy.”

REACHING NEW GENERATIONS

Craft brewing is about much more than the liquid in the bottle, can or keg. That liquid is undeniably better than it used to be, but the business is defined by community in ways that makes it stand out in American industry.

Take Willey and Smith of The Virginia Beer Company, two men whose friendship started in college but endured long after graduation. Willey was the best man at Smith’s wedding and the two often visited craft breweries while Smith’s wife Erin was busy studying veterinary medicine at Tufts University. They built successful careers in the Washington, D.C., area and Manhattan, respectively. And then they decided to build something from scratch.

Three and a half years ago, the longtime college chums opened a brewery in an abandoned auto garage and now brew thousands of barrels of beer annually, selling it from Virginia Beach to Richmond and in an onsite taproom that is open six days a week. They’ve added their own canning line and bought enough new fermentation tanks to double their output as they look to expand distribution to Northern Virginia next year and the western side of the state as early as the year after.

Virginia Beer also employs 14 people locally and supports other retail jobs. Smith and Willey are active in the Chamber of Commerce, the local economic development organization, and, of course, their alma mater. They support local charities and arts groups and each year they host the local One Tribe One Day reception in their taproom for William & Mary’s biggest day of giving.

“The community bought into us because we dived head first into the community,” Willey says.

The co-founders remain interested in finding “responsible” ways to support the university, mindful of the sometimes-fraught relationship between college students and alcohol.

So if you return to Williamsburg for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend this fall, be sure to look for a special-release beer that Virginia Beer Company makes and sells only during that time, in part to support the Scholarships Impact Fund.

What’s it called? Green & Gold Experimental IPA. &
Willie Anne Wright ’45 discovered pinhole photography by chance. Or perhaps it was fate. • When she and her late husband, Jack, moved into the Queen Anne-style brick row house in Richmond’s historic Fan District in 1972, she was already an acclaimed artist who had completed a master’s degree in painting and she wanted to learn how to photograph her work.

story by Tina Eshleman
images by Willie Anne Wright ’45
“Since we moved to this house and it was convenient to Virginia Commonwealth University, I thought I would see if I could take a summer class and learn how to use my new 35 mm camera that my husband had given me for my birthday — never knowing anything about pinhole photography. Never heard of it.”

The first assignment took her by surprise: Make your own camera, using a provided pattern. It was a complex process that took about two weeks.

“Everything had to be put together exactly because you couldn’t have any light leaks and it was a rather involved design,” she says. With that task completed, the class put photo paper in the cameras and went outside. Wright and a partner, Jane Ware, took pictures of each other.

“Then we came back in the darkroom and developed it, and I could not believe it,” she says. “I’ve still got that first one I did. It was just like magic.”

The long exposure, perspective, angles and light resulted in images with an unpredictable quality that intrigued her. Wright had been working on a series of paintings based on 19th-century albumen prints of young people on a picnic, but she wasn’t happy with them.

“I tried to capture that feeling of looking backward,” she says. “Everything I had done before was pop art.”

When she saw the wistful image of Ware lying in the grass, head propped up, emerge from the developer, Wright knew she had found a way to realize her ideas. At that time, the trend in painting was large, abstract canvases, while Wright preferred to work on a smaller scale. The old-fashioned photography technique also seemed to fit with her house, built in 1907, and nearby historic sites such as Monument Avenue, Hollywood Cemetery and the Maymont estate.

“This just hit at exactly the time we moved to this house and the time when my daughter was collecting Victorian white dresses,” Wright says. With pinhole photography, “it just felt like a lot of potential there. It was exciting.”

But Wright was doing more than recreating pictures of the past, using old methods. Her subjects included pregnant women with exposed bellies and female friends in bathing suits poolside, or at the beach, as well as still lifes using fruit, flowers, whimsical items such as Hawaiian leis and inflatable toys, and images within images.

“I think that Willie Anne tends to kind of push the boundaries of photography,” says Gordon Stettinius, founder of Candela Books + Gallery, which has shown her work and published a book accompanying Wright’s “Direct Positive” exhibition.

One of her major innovations was the use of Cibachrome, a material typically used to make prints from color slides, using light from an enlarger, Stettinius says, noting that she would place the printing material in pinhole cameras of various sizes, which she would make out of cigar boxes or suitcases, to create an image.

“She’s at her core very experimental,” he says. “She’s always been ahead of her time.”

Building civilization

Although she’d enjoyed drawing since childhood, Wright didn’t plan to make a career out of art. Her father encouraged her to go to business school after high school graduation, but Wright wanted to go to college. William & Mary, she says, was one of the few places that offered a tour to high school seniors. She applied at a friend’s suggestion, and when she was admitted, she was quick to accept. Heeding her father’s wish that she prepare herself for a career, Wright chose psychology.

“I thought it would be something fun and interesting and challenging that I’ve never done before, and then I can have a minor in elementary education and get certified to teach,” she says, “because there weren’t but so many jobs that were available to women.”
When Wright, then Willie Anne Boschen, entered William & Mary in 1941, she says, there were only two faculty members in the psychology department.

“I remember Dr. Edgar M. Fulton was from Austria, and he had actually studied with Carl Jung, the famous psychologist, and we thought he was extremely glamorous because of his background.”

Wright’s college experience took a dramatic turn when the attack on Pearl Harbor occurred during her freshman year and the United States entered World War II.

“There were girls in my dormitory whose fathers or whose kinspeople were serving in the United States Navy at Pearl Harbor,” she says. “That meant the men on the campus were going to be called up for service.”

Her fiancé, John H. “Jack” Wright Jr., whom she’d met during high school, was drafted into the Army when he returned home for a doctor’s appointment in Richmond during his second year at Virginia Tech. Part of an engineer regiment, he drove a truck carrying pontoon bridge parts.

“Everybody was worried,” Wright recalls. “By that time I lived in a sorority house, and our house mother’s son was an Army officer right in the thick of it. We’d go down and listen to radio returns to see what had happened. It was a very spooky time.”

Wright and other women students rode buses to military bases such as Fort Eustis and Camp Peary to dance with young men preparing for overseas duty.

“We visited the injured and climbed up to the top of a church steeple to look for airplanes,” she says.

There was no room in Wright’s course lineup for art classes, but she didn’t want to give them up entirely, so she audited them. One art professor, Thomas Thorne, was particularly influential.

“Mr. Thorne had special people whose work he was interested in, and there was a big room of supplies,” she says. “Because, see, this was wartime, and getting those art supplies was difficult. If you were one that he favored, he’d open the door and say, “Pick out what you wish.””

Thorne gave Wright access to the supplies, and he selected two of her watercolor paintings to exhibit in a 1944 show at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond of drawings, paintings and sculptures by students in college art programs. At the time, Wright says, she liked to paint landscapes, houses and gardens in Williamsburg, as well as fellow students sunbathing on the roof at Barrett Hall. Her watercolors were among 20 works by William & Mary students in the exhibition.

ONLINE: Check out magazine.wm.edu to see more of Willie Anne Wright’s artwork and photography.
“So it seemed he really thought my work was really worthwhile,” she says. “I saved all the write-ups from the Flat Hat.”

Wright also saved the exhibition program, which emphasizes the importance of creative and cultural courses at a time when there was a tendency to curtail them in favor of courses that more directly addressed wartime needs, noting, “It would be folly not to realize the responsibility which this present generation must assume in building up the civilization of the post-war world.”

“This thing that wouldn’t let me alone”  Jack came home from the war in the fall of 1945, after Wright’s graduation from William & Mary, and they married the next January. The couple then moved to Boston, where Jack finished his education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and began a career in industrial engineering. Willie Anne did intelligence testing at a private school where she also assisted in teaching fourth-grade students, and she later worked for the Johnson O’Connor Research Foundation doing employee aptitude testing, but she was still drawn toward art. She began taking evening classes at an art center in Cambridge.

“I realized that I cheated myself out of any kind of instruction, and if I were going to pursue this thing that wouldn’t let me alone that I’d better get busy on it and try to see what an art education meant,” she says. “So I started with night classes, taking mostly life drawing because that was available. Everywhere we moved with his job, I went to school at night — in Louisville, Kentucky, and when we were down in Florida I went to Florida State.”

After 10 years on the move and the birth of their three children, the Wrights returned to Richmond, where Willie Anne enrolled in art classes at Richmond Professional Institute (now Virginia Commonwealth University).

“One night this guy came up and said, ‘You know you should stop taking these night classes and go for a degree and take classes in the daytime.’ And I hadn’t even thought of doing that,” she says. “Then I went to see the head of the department and he said, surprisingly enough, ‘You already have a degree, so why don’t you go for a master’s?’ I had never even thought of it. After 10 years on the road and three children, that’s when I decided to really get serious about my art.”

In graduate school, Wright was 20 years older than most of her fellow students, some of whom became close friends. When she received her master of fine arts degree in 1964, the world was radically different than it had been at the time of her college graduation two decades earlier. In February, the Beatles arrived in the United States for the first time, and that spring, hundreds of students protested the Vietnam War in New York, San Francisco and other cities. Andy Warhol painted his iconic “Shot Marilyns” and Roy Lichtenstein created his comic-style work “Oh Jeff ... I Love You, Too ... But ...”

“Change fascinated me,” Wright says. In some ways, she felt more at home in this era than she did during the more traditional 1940s and ’50s.


The painting captures a moment of social change in a way that’s playful and witty, says Sarah Eckhardt, associate curator of modern and contemporary art at the VMFA, which has more than 40 of Wright’s works in its collection.

“It’s a beautiful dialogue because of the three Supremes and the three Elvies,” Eckhardt says. “There’s so much going on with color and pattern. To my mind, that painting pulls on the tradition of Matisse as well as Warhol at the same time.”

Eckhardt met Wright soon after arriving at the museum in 2011, when she installed “Civil War Redux,” a collection of the artist’s pinhole photographs from a series of reenactments during the 1980s and ’90s. In these images
and others, the curator observes, Wright often surprises the viewer by juxtaposing contemporary culture with history. “They seduce you into this sense that they’re historical,” she says. One example is a 1988 black-and-white photograph titled “Chancellorsville: Custer by a Pickup Truck.” Appearing hazy with age, the image shows the general in full Union Army officer garb, but standing next to a Dodge pickup.

The exhibition has also been shown at the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk and other venues in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and West Virginia.

As with her introduction to pinhole photography, Wright discovered Civil War reenactments by chance. After retiring from Reynolds Metals, her husband was looking for activities to be involved in, and with that in mind, they visited St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in downtown Richmond.

“We got there, and lo and behold it was the day the time changed, so we were an hour early to go into church,” Wright says. “So we’re sitting there across the street from Capitol Square and noticed that something was going on.”

They walked over to get a closer look and stumbled upon a recreation of Robert E. Lee’s appointment as commander of the Army of Northern Virginia.

“It was dead quiet,” Wright recalls, “and there were all these ladies in their dresses and then the carriage rolls up and a guy opens the door and a dead ringer for Robert E. Lee gets out.”

It was one of the first commemorations of the 125th anniversary of the end of the Civil War.

“We said, ‘Well, let’s go to the next one they’re having.’ So we started this trek following the troops. And we thought, ‘We don’t have to go very far, because most of the battles were fought in Virginia.’ But we went as far as New Mexico. We went south, we went to some in Louisiana and Mississippi, we went up and down the East Coast. It was great.”

With its long exposure time, pinhole photography “can’t play the accurate photographic game,” Stettinius says. “It ends up being mystical or theatrical.”


Eric Renner, founder of Pinhole Resource, calls Wright one of the best photographers to use the technique. In that photograph, she curved the paper around the inside of the camera for a wide-angle effect.

“I love her work,” Renner says. “She understands space and light and the emotional quality of an image.”

Another of Wright’s Cibachrome images features Renner’s wife and partner, Nancy Spencer, on the beach in Pawleys Island, South Carolina, in a long, white gown.

“With that image, there were people walking by with dogs and none of them showed up,” Renner says.

That’s because they weren’t still long enough to be captured in the picture. Spencer’s wind-blown dress and hair, meanwhile, give her an ethereal appearance.

“She has such an open mind and she’s so interested in experimenting with material and technique,” Eckhardt says. “I’m amazed at how she continues to reinvent her style.”
Wright’s more recent works, featuring trumpet-shaped brugmansia flowers, vintage photographs and early 20th century tarot cards, are photograms and lumen composites made without a camera using photographic paper exposed to sunlight. These also involve a fair amount of chance, Stettinius says. Moisture on the brugmansia blooms, clouds and the direction of the sun cannot be controlled precisely.

“She allows the unknown to enter into her work,” he says. “She’s mastered the process, but the process refuses to be mastered.”

For now, Willie Anne Wright isn’t taking any more pictures. Instead, she is focused on organizing, documenting and archiving her work, for which she hopes to find a permanent home.

“I can’t see myself having the energy to do it,” she says of pinhole photography. “Right now, my mind is taken up with getting rid of it.”

But in her upstairs studio room, there is a painting in progress. It’s a brugmansia flower from her backyard. Wright says she plans to put it away to make room for her archiving project.

“It would be nice to clear out all the stuff I’ve done before and then start something new,” says Wright, who shows no sign of stopping at age 95.

And what will that be?

“I’ll start by finishing that painting,” she says.

Art, it seems, still won’t leave her alone.

To see more of Willie Anne Wright’s original artwork and pinhole photography, check out her website at willieannewright.com
Sourdough bread loaves are made daily in the wood-fired oven at Sub Rosa, a bakery owned by Evin Dogu ’02 and her brother Evrim.
LOCAL AND FRESH: Dogu and her brother source ingredients for their pastries and breads locally as much as possible.
Sub Rosa

Evin Dogu ’02 creates community through bread

ALUMNI PROFILE It’s 6:30 a.m. in Richmond, Virginia, and in Sub Rosa’s small corner storefront in the historic Church Hill neighborhood, something magical is happening. Evin Dogu ’02 is pulling the first batch of pastries for the day out of the big wood-fired oven. What was just lumps of dough minutes ago is now golden, fragrant, layered and crispy.

The cafe has the heavenly smell of sugar and bread and coffee. Dogu takes a deep breath. This is the calm before the storm — at 7, customers will begin pouring into the bakery for their breakfast. The few cafe tables will quickly fill with people enjoying a fig and manchego croissant or a slice of quiche with their morning latte. The peaceful bakery will become filled with voices talking and laughing, the sound of the espresso machine, the clink of cups and forks.

For now, Dogu turns back to the hot brick oven to put in the next round of pastries, followed by the first of many loaves of bread. Her day started at 4:30 a.m. and won’t end until late in the evening. She owns this business with her brother, Evrim, and they have 12 employees, but the siblings are a constant part of the day-to-day operations. It’s long hours, but it’s worth it. “The energy coming from the customers is so motivating,” she says. “They are here because they want something tangible to eat, to drink, to take home. We’ve become a part of people’s lives.”

Sub Rosa makes five types of loaf breads (including light and whole rye, polenta and a rotating grain option) and two types of Pide flatbread (topped with either olive oil, sesame, and nigella seeds or rosemary and sea salt). Their sourdough breads are naturally leavened — risen with the naturally occurring yeasts in the air — and all their breads use organic and regional grains. Their pastries vary by the day and include all manner of sweet and savory treats.

Everything they make is baked in the 7.5-foot-deep, 8-foot-tall oven, which has two connected levels where fires are built each night. Then, in the morning, the ashes are raked out and the baking can begin. The temperature is different on each level and cools throughout the day, ready to bake different types of delicious foodstuffs. Each night, the doughs are mixed to rise to bake the next day.

Their baked goods are garnering national acclaim. Last year, Evin and Evrim were James Beard Award semifinalists and are nominated again this year. They are frequently listed as one of the reasons Richmond is a “foodie city.” Their name, “Sub Rosa,” is a Latin phrase meaning “confidentiality.” It comes from the origins of the
bakery, when word-of-mouth was everything. Around 2010, Evrim was using the brick oven in his father’s restaurant at night to bake bread, which he’d sell at Richmond’s Birdhouse Farmers Market. It was so popular he had a subscription list — only those who knew the secret of how to sign up for the bread could enjoy the bounty of this nighttime baking.

Dogu was an early subscriber.

“I loved the bread!” says Dogu. “I’d never had any bread like that. He started talking about how he wanted to open a storefront. Could we do this thing together?”

Hence, Sub Rosa was born.

Dogu and her brother grew up in Louisiana, in a Turkish household where savory pastries were always part of teatime and bread was part of every meal. They moved to Northern Virginia when Dogu was in high school, and her dad opened a chain of Mediterranean restaurants, where Dogu worked front-of-house.

Moving to Virginia meant a dream of Dogu’s could finally come true: attending William & Mary. When she was a kid in Louisiana, her class had taken a school field trip to Washington, D.C., and stopped in Williamsburg. Dogu fell in love with W&M.

“William & Mary was such a perfect fit. There’s many times in my life where I haven’t felt like it’s been the perfect fit — other jobs or places I’ve lived or friends I’ve had — but I felt that at William & Mary, and I feel that now, too,” Dogu says.

She applied early decision and became an education major, switching to psychology to take advantage of all the social science classes W&M had to offer.

During her junior year, she studied abroad for a semester in Rome — a place where she expanded her appreciation and palette for pastries and coffee.

“Evin has great love and appreciation of both food and people. At a time when most of us were content dining on pizza and ramen, Evin was relentless in her search for more delicious, nutritious and exciting fare,” says Amanda Abrell ’02.

After graduation, Dogu accepted a position as a New York City Teaching Fellow. After two years, she decided to take on a new adventure — Istanbul. There, she taught, visited her extended family, wrote restaurant reviews and took the occasional pastry class. But when she returned to Northern Virginia and ate her brother’s bread, somehow, owning a bakery together just felt like the right next step.

Dogu started interning at bakeries to learn more, Evrim found the storefront, and the rest is history.

“Everything all together shapes who you are and where you're going to go. I always admired at William & Mary the people who always knew what they wanted to do, but I've never been like that,” she says.

“There wasn’t any single moment that led me here — I’ve heard of other bakers who grew up baking with their mom when they were kids, and it wasn’t like that for me. I just ate such great food and had access to such great pastries — I feel really lucky.”
At William & Mary, Dogu made lifelong friends with her hallmates, classmates and professors.

“As a student at W&M, Evin embraced the ability to be part of and also play an active role in crafting a positive and supportive community. You could tell she valued making meaningful, personal connections. This, and of course her cherry pistachio croissants, have no doubt played a role in her success,” says Kathleen McCarthy ’02.

Now, Dogu is invested in her growing community of Church Hill. Dogu envisions Sub Rosa as more than just a bakery, but also a community gathering place. Sub Rosa has hosted musicians, fundraisers and authors. Other restaurateurs stop by to chat and buy their bread.

They’ve built up a base of loyal customers, too. A few months after they opened, a fire tore through their storefront, causing tens of thousands of dollars of damage. A customer started a GoFundMe page for them, generating enough donations to reopen.

This sense of community has stood out to Gul Ozyegin, the Margaret L. Hamilton Professor of Sociology, and Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies, one of Dogu’s professors at William & Mary with whom she’s stayed in touch.

“I am a great admirer of Evin and her kind, compassionate personality. She exemplifies one of the best that William & Mary has offered to global society,” says Ozyegin. “Besides being exciting, innovating and talented in multiple realms, Evin has a true passion for inclusive community building, for pushing boundaries, and for wanting to create spaces and opportunities that will have transformative power to change other peoples’ lives positively.”

The community spirit can also be seen in their breads. The Dogus buy from local businesses whenever possible, a commitment made back in Sub Rosa’s farmer’s market days when they got to know many local farmers. Evrim manages those connections and is working on expanding Sub Rosa to a wholesale location as well.

Dogu describes Evrim as the more easy-going sibling, coming up with the big ideas and working hard to make them happen without losing his sense of humor. Evrim describes Dogu as a perfectionist, providing balance to their team. As the general manager, she takes care of a lot of the day-to-day operations.

“The hardest part of working together is not being able to relax and just enjoy each other’s company,” he says. “The most positive part is that because you are working so hard together on a common vision, it doesn’t matter how differently you see the same issue, you have respect for each other.”

“It’s true,” admits Dogu. “Even sometimes when we’re hanging out outside the bakery, there’s a little bit of pressure, should we be talking about the business now? The only reason something’s not happening, within reason, is because you’re not putting in the energy or the time to make it happen.

“You just have so much potential in your hand when you’re the owner of a business. It’s up to you to use it.”

— CLAIRE DE LISLE
“I’m grateful to be part of this community, and I want to see it flourish and prosper.”

PART OF THE FAMILY: Alex Kurland P ’05 was inducted as an honorary alumnus during Commencement Weekend in recognition of his service and devotion to William & Mary.

Honorary Alumnus
R. Alexander Kurland P ’05 Inducted during Commencement Weekend

ALUMNI PROFILE R. Alexander Kurland P ’05 was inducted on May 10 at this year’s Honorary Alumni Ceremony, an annual event that honors non-graduates of William & Mary who have gone above and beyond in their support of the Alma Mater of the Nation.

Kurland has been a constant presence at the university, attending countless events and accompanying and supporting his wife Leanne Dorman Kurland ’75, P ’05 throughout her service on many boards. When their son, Lee Kurland ’05, chose William & Mary, Alex became an active William & Mary parent and helped Lee become an engaged alumnus as well.

Originally from the Midwest, Alex Kurland received his undergraduate degree from DePauw and his MBA from the University of Chicago. He and Leanne lived in Chicago for 30 years, where Kurland built a career in the financial sector. Now back in Richmond, Virginia, he also volunteers on the Richmond Regional Campaign Committee for the For the Bold campaign. In summer 2018, he and Leanne co-chaired the Chicago William & Mary Weekend.

The Kurlands are members of William & Mary’s prestigious James Blair Society for their lifetime of generous giving. They have endowed a scholarship and professorship, support the Alumni House expansion and more. Year after year, they have sponsored challenges for One Tribe One Day, which have helped the university consistently break records for the number of donors.

“Thank you to all my friends and fellow alumni,” he said. “I’m grateful to be part of this community, and I want to see it flourish and prosper.”

— CLAIRE DE LISLE
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If being part of history wasn’t enticing enough, the semifinal and final matches would be played in Lyon, a city that is known for its cuisine and gastronomy, in France, the land of wine and champagne.

Check, check and check.

My first real meal in France was with Lily and Betsy, the daughter and wife of U.S. Women’s National Team (USWNT) Head Coach Jill Ellis ’88, L.H.D. ‘16. Lily was in charge of finding us a place to eat and that led to a walk in a rainstorm around the block for some sushi. I learned about their month-long jaunt from city to city throughout France and how enjoyable it was to get to know the friends and family of the U.S. National Team players. After dinner, we hopped into an Uber and went to a pre-semifinal game party. As we were about to enter the building, a fan grabbed Betsy’s arm and said, “Make sure you read the name tags, Alex Morgan’s family is in there!” Betsy smirked and replied, “Isn’t that cool.” Lily and I looked at each other and chuckled.

The whole place was decked out in all things USA, and at one point in the night the DJ played the national anthem and sparklers were lit — there wasn’t a dry eye in the place. Pride was overflowing and everyone was game ready.

The next day I joined thousands of people who were walking to the tram station to catch the shuttle to the Parc Olympique Lyonnais. Despite the fact that it was three hours before kickoff, no one wanted to be late and miss a moment of the action, even if that action was watching field operators pick up clumps of dirt from the turf. The stadium was buzzing with fans from all over the world and joy was everywhere. Once the game began tensions rose and fell with each spin of the ball.

There wasn’t a bad seat in the stadium, and from every angle, watching professional soccer players and their footwork was fantastic. All of a sudden there went a cross by Kelley O’Hara and finish by Christen Press — GOOOOAAALLLL — the stadium exploded and then sighed in relief as we became one step closer to a World Championship. A later goal by Alex Morgan sealed the deal and the victory.

The next day I met up some of the Tribe crew also attending the games: Katy Neumer ’07, former basketball player, Meg Barber, a former basketball coach at William & Mary and current head coach at New York University, and one of Katy’s best friends, Natalie Patton. We rode around Lyon on electric scooters, doing our best to not get hit by cars or scramble our brains by riding over cobblestones.

We started our day at Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse, a “13,000-square-meter indoor market of regional delights” and enjoyed house wine, escargot and oysters. Meandering through the market only made us hungrier, seeing cases of cheese and meats arranged beautifully. We continued to zip about and stepped into a shoemaker’s store and other neighborhood boutiques. Before we left for semifinal game two, we walked up the seven stories of stairs to Katy’s Airbnb to catch a view of the Cathédrale Saint-Jean-Baptiste, a quick change and a toast of course!
This time at the stadium the experience seemed very different. First off, getting there by subway was sweaty. Have I mentioned that there was a heat wave? Certainly not a problem if the place you are staying has air conditioning and there was no one else in the city. Both were not the case.

One hundred and twenty-eight minutes. That’s a long time. Luckily we decided to only stay for half and watched the overtime game from the comfort of a local Lyon restaurant.

The final was now set: USA vs. Netherlands. But I would have to wait four days.

During that time I was able to live like a Parisian: I ate duck, lamb and rabbit, visited the lake city of Annecy and drank local champagne.

Now back to the main event. With the earlier game time and the fact that it was Sunday, many fans were in their game-ready gear, looking for something to do.

The game atmosphere was beyond bubbling and then I saw Jill. Jill was cool, calm and collected and I was bursting with happiness. This is the day she had been working for, fighting for. Today was the day.

The game was intense from the onset, and to add to the drama, goals would not be scored until the second half. Nail biter. Rapinoe penalty kick, clutch. Now victory within reach, and then Rose Lavelle twinkle-toes her way through the midfield and adds the cherry on top.

I believe this to be true about Jill and in my story as well: We are audacious. In our own hearts we are driven to make an impression on the world in our own way. We take refuge in our work. From the outside people might question what we are doing or how we are doing it, but in the end our success shows and we are not surprised.

And that is exactly what it felt like when the final horn sounded. There she was, embracing staff and players, goal accomplished — actually, goal crushed. During her time as head coach she has reimagined and reconfigured the USWNT while winning eight tournament championships and letting each team and those members be true to who they are.

In times such as these we need more leaders like Jill. She is a model for everyone. She is hard working, courageous, persistent and a brazen member of our Tribe.

On July 7, I watched Jill and her team being crowned as world champions yet again, with a smile and the knowledge that as William & Mary graduates we can take on the world ... and win.

— JULIA MARTIN '09

Over the past decade, Martin has spent her professional career in college athletics as a student-athlete, coach and administrator. Originally from California, Julia has worked up and down the East Coast over the last 10 years. She holds a B.S. in kinesiology with a minor in art from William & Mary and an M.S. in organizational dynamics from the University of Pennsylvania. On her best day she stands tall at 5’1”.
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THE OLDE GUARDE
Where could you see a group of septuagenarians enjoying one another’s camaraderie in a public display of commitment to a common purpose?

If your first thought was an AARP conference, you might be right. But if you are thinking about William & Mary, you are more likely remembering the 2018 Homecoming Parade where the Olde Guarde gathered for the 10th consecutive year to show their loyalty to and support for their beloved alma mater. As these spirited alumni marched in the parade, waved to the crowd or rode on the float, it was evident that time in no way has diminished the sentiment that these seasoned graduates hold in their hearts — even 50-plus years after graduation!

Participation in Homecoming & Reunion Weekend events officially began in 2009 when the Olde Guarde entry in the parade took first place honors. Over the next decade, Olde Guarde members have assembled for the parade, and with float themes such as Pluck the Hens, Whip the Tigers, and Plank the Pirates (for the football games against the University of Delaware Blue Hens, Towson University Tigers and the East Carolina University Pirates), they have demonstrated their creativity and exuberance by winning seven first-place prizes. It is just one example of how the Olde Guarde participates in the life of the university.

So what exactly is the Olde Guarde? It is a recognized constituent group of the William & Mary Alumni Association for classes that graduated 50 years ago or more.

The idea of having such an organization began in the early 1970s, when a group of alumni started asking what more they could do for William & Mary. As Fred L. Frechette ’46 wrote, “They were participating in their 50th reunion and did not choose to regard it as a step toward a tombstone. They wanted to make it a milestone.” The number of men and women graduates over 70 had shown a huge increase, and they wished to have a meaningful role and an identity of their own within the college community. In short, they did not want to be considered “over-aged castoffs.” Thus, the Olde Guarde was officially formed in 1975 when the Class of 1925 became its first members.

The Olde Guarde concept caught on rather quickly, and shortly thereafter members of each 50th reunion class were formally inducted into the organization in an official ceremony. In 1978, an annual Olde Guarde luncheon became part of the Homecoming program. Both traditions continue today.
FOOTBALL FANS: Bury the Bears! Plank the Pirates! Cage the Tigers! Each year, the Olde Guard’s Homecoming float cheers on the Tribe to defeat their football opponents.
How to organize the Olde Guarde in a more official and efficient capacity became the focus in the early 1980s. It was clear from the outset that this new alumni organization was not going to be a “sit on your hands and wait for things to happen” establishment.

The Olde Guarde Council was set as the governing body, comprised of two representatives, a man and a woman, from each represented class. The Council instituted official bylaws to guide its business. Leaders determined that its main purpose was to coordinate activities so that all Olde Guarde members would have an opportunity to stay connected with and develop close bonds with the university as it continued to grow and change.

The Olde Guarde strikes a balance between reemphasizing the priorities and traditions of William & Mary and, at the same time, keeping abreast of the university as it makes advancements and modernizes its approaches to teaching and learning.

The Olde Guarde has provided financial aid for various groups such as the William & Mary Choir and the Queens’ Guard, developed close relationships with administration, faculty and student groups, and established the Olde Guarde campaign for the maintenance of the Alumni House. While fundraising is just one of the Olde Guarde’s initiatives, its more than 8,500 members have amassed over $700 million for the university over their lifetimes.

As we look to the future, we will welcome each new class to the fold with open arms with the reminder of what the Olde Guarde is. Sallie Moore Daggett Dievendorf, a 1969 inductee, eloquently wrote that “Olde” does not refer to age; it refers to the maintenance, heritage and traditions of William & Mary. “Guarde” refers to us as a group that has the experiences and influences to ensure this maintenance.

It is with great pride that we support the William & Mary of today as we anticipate the excitement of watching the university blossom and thrive under Katherine Rowe’s leadership. And yes, we will still be participating in each Homecoming Parade!

— BRUCE OLIVER ’68
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— For more information, see “From Student to Warrior,” by Willard Kale ’66, P ’19.

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‘45-’50

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1951

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On a cold January day, I was delighted to receive a warm note from Billie Jo Hickman Emerson. She is living in Duxbury, Massachusetts, and was probably in the midst of shoveling snow herself. In glowing terms, she complimented our W&M Alumni Magazine and didn’t forget to mention my column which she consumes with relish, she says. She wrote further, “I am sure you find that our world gets a bit smaller with each passing year. I was especially saddened to read the In Memoriam section and see that we have lost Fred Kovaleski ’49, who was always a graceful vision on the tennis court. And if memory serves me well, he moved around the dance floor with equal grace. As for me, I retired four years ago and though I miss the human contact with my colleagues, I don’t miss the daily routine. But I do stay active as a trustee for my condo association. I have been widowed for a number of years and have two very dear children: one, a mid-wife in Deerfield, New Hampshire, has three perfect grandchildren (all our grandchildren are perfect, Billie) providing me endless joy. My son is a music promoter in the Los Angeles area and this is how I stay in the musical ‘loop.’”

By the way, Billie, did you know that Fred’s talented son Serge Kovaleski ’84 was a Pulitzer Prize winner in 2009 in the Breaking News Reporting category? And in 2016 he won the George Polk award for outstanding radio and television journalism. Google is a good source of information about these two interesting alumni, along with many other W&M graduates!

Tennis was an exciting and popular sport during our years. In addition to Fred, our 1947 stars included Tut Bartzen ’48, Jim Macken ’49, Bob Doll ’49, B.C.L. ’51 and Howe Atwater ’50.

During tournaments, I sometimes served as a line umpire and substituted in practice volleys. I was not a competitor! Our young lives were securely in a future cemented in place by many of our veterans who served in WWII, Korea and later Vietnam, and we were, thanks to them, enjoying the freedoms which they reclaimed for us. Fondly we remember our professors, the parties at the fraternity lodges, fierce football games, and forays into our historical surroundings.

Speaking of our many freedoms, especially the famous “speech, worship, want, and fear,” at our age when we should be enjoying traveling with our grandchildren, we are witnessing tragic invasions by demented criminals into our own private lives. “Freedom from fear” has left the building replaced by nightmares of imagined demons and human shooters who pursue our uneasy youths at all levels. Modern kids now file into their classrooms each morning trembling with apprehension, often discussing the latest mass shooting with each other. Sometimes youths and parents hold passionate protests. The public sympathizes at the moment but soon forgets. The deaths of two youths at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte happened about two hours from me. They were attacked while trying to protect their classmates and several other wounded were hospitalized. After the tears dried all we could do was hold our breaths until the next assault a few days later in Colorado. It would appear that it is bad form to criticize the U.S. Constitution and to expect rational reviews or changes to an outdated amendment ratified in 1791. Our public’s reactions and inertia are unacceptable. We cannot sacrifice our children to the gods of greed or insanity. Gun regulation and control deserve our uncompromising attention. Children must be included in the legislative process.

Dave Klinger called last spring to tell me he was recovering from a critical stroke. He spent three months in rehab and was ready to return home to pick up the pieces with the aid of his cane. Dave was 90 in June. Great going, Dave. Congratulations.

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‘52-’54

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There will be a Celebration of Life Service and reception for Gordon Cheesman Vliet ’54 in the Wren Chapel and Great Hall on Sunday, Oct. 20, in the afternoon following Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. Gordon served the Society of the Alumni from 1966-1982, rising to executive vice president in 1972. He was responsible for many innovative programs that continue, such as the Olde Guarde, Alumni College and Alumni Journeys programs. He proposed and oversaw the acquisition, fundraising and renovation of the Bright House for William & Mary’s first Alumni House.

Seating in the Wren Chapel and Great Hall is limited and seating cards are required. Those who would like to attend, please RSVP no later than Sept. 30 via email to Gordon’s wife, Dr. Lee Vliet ’68, M.Ed. ’71 at LeeVlietMD@ViveLifeCenter.com or PollyLeigh@ViveLifeCenter.com. Seating cards will be mailed prior to Homecoming.

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KEY: BIRTHS MARRIAGES OLDE GUARDE REUNIONS
John B. Lowell passed away in April 2018. John was an economics major. He worked for a Japanese electric company in New York after graduation and he was a private pilot. Jim attended dental school at UVA and practiced until he retired in 1990. He also worked with the Red Cross as a historian.

I received an email from Margaret Owens Wolfe ’54. She and her husband Carvel live south of Annapolis, Maryland. They have three children, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. All the adults graduated from college. Margaret received her M.A. from the University of Maryland. She is retired from Anne Arundel Community College where she taught English. She now keeps busy by playing bridge, working out at an exercise class, doing volunteer driving, working at her church and singing in a choir.

I am hoping we will be able to go to Homecoming & Reunion Weekend — see you there!

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First-time contributor Betty Anne Passamanek Soffin and Michael have four lovely granddaughters and they are enjoying watching them grow and mature. In the spring, the Soffs attended three college graduations at Princeton, Cornell and Virginia Tech. The fourth granddaughter is a sophomore at Virginia Tech.

Dolores “Dodie” Diggs Fauber writes that last February a surgeon inserted a titanium rod in her dangerously thinning left femur. It has been a tough recovery, but with the help of God, her dear husband, and some PT, she has pulled through.

Sad, but true; Hugh MacMahon says he won’t be attending any more reunions — too far and too old/not really, but travel (from Seattle) is more difficult nowadays. He is in good health and the brain is working fine. William & Mary was great for him in many ways and he will miss seeing classmates! If he wants updates on Williamsburg, there are a number of classmates living in the area!

For instance, Will Monineux told us he watched Phi Beta Kappa Halla being built and now he’s watching part of it torn down. He attended the fire in the old Phi Beta too.) Will also mentioned that at the date of the 2019 graduation at the football stadium, we 1956ers would have been finishing our papers and taking exams for a June graduation! Will is getting in some reading time — one advantage for seniors — my trips to a bookstore are like a child in a toy store. So many books, so little time!!

Congratulations to Stewart Sell who was the commencement speaker at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School last month. He has always played in a “big band,” presently “The Swing Docs.” Check the web page.

Several submissions on Traditions Weekend and Olde Guarde events in April: Tricia Kizzia Landen reported that John Hummel and Nancy Harshbarger Hummel received the Olde Guarde Distinguished Service Award for all they do for W&M and the community. Congratulations, you two! Tricia says at the luncheon in the big tent in the Sunken Garden, she is very impressed by her and her table. The Klapps have a very inspiring event.

The Chamberlin in Hampton, now an upscale retirement community, ’56ers attending were Jane Kaplan, Nancy Hummel, Tricia Landen, Stewart Sell, Lynn Wheeler and Les Sykes Waldron. Ginny Broadbloom’s summer lives there. Beautiful view of the water.

In our last column, we rejoiced with Ginny von Breitenfield Ferre over 60th anniversaries, weddings and new great grandchildren. Her latest news is not happy. In December, Dave, her husband, experienced problems as a result of 56 years of Type 1 diabetes. In late January, he was put under hospice care and passed away, peacefully, at home. They had a beautiful Celebration of Life in March, when all the family could come together. Ginny says that with support from family, friends and church, she is doing OK. She visited family in St. Simons Island in mid-June. Spring was later than usual in Montana. Dave Ferriday wrote a while back that Cary A. James had died. Follow- ing W&M, they both studied architecture and kept in touch over the years, by mail and a few visits.

More news, but running out of space. Ed Watkins took a spill in March and broke his left wrist — still hangin’ in there!

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1957

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Margie Helter Melnick visited William & Mary over Charter Day for the inauguration of our new W&M president, Katherine Rowe, and was very impressed by her and what Margie reported as a very inspiring event. Margie’s grandson Jack Scott ’20 is a qualifier and is a junior government major. She is planning to take her grandson Marshall, a junior in high school, on a trip to Niagara Falls.

It was very nice to receive a long letter from Patricia Lee Moyer Allred ’57, M.Ed. ’75, Ed.S. ’95, who was a day student in our class at W&M who now resides in Williamsburg. A grandmother of five, Pat has two graduate education degrees from W&M. She worked many years as a teacher, primarily in Texas, with her husband David Allred, a newspaper reporter who was also a seven-time representative in the Texas State House of Representatives.

Mary Ripley Harris and her husband Tom attended a William & Mary function in Naples, Florida. President Rowe attended. They met up with Fay Smith Schefer and Ed Schefer and Marilyn Council Colclough and Phil Colclough. Mary and Tom expect to be in Williamsburg in June.

It was lovely to get a note from Alice Matthews Erickson ’57, M.A. ’75. She told us about a favorite memory from W&M days. Alice, as an English major,
took many classes in the Wren Building and Dean Lambert, knowing this, asked her to be on hand when special guests would be touring. This had her personally greeting Prince Akihito of Japan, King Paul and Queen Frederica of Greece, and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother at the Wren doors. She especially remembers the Queen Mother with her signature hat and purse being escorted by John Humelsine with no visible pomp or security.

Ann Lee Bruen writes she was about to take her grandson on a cruise to Spain as a graduation gift. Ann reports she was unable to convince him to come to W&M instead of going to JMU!

Malcolm Anderson, W&M class of ’57, reports he still is actively singing, recently performing the Verdi Requiem with the Santa Barbara Symphony and Chorus, after retiring from the Escondido Civic Choral Society. He is a member of the Vista Civic Choral Society, an a cappella choir, for 25 years.

Don Harris lives in Williamsburg with his wife Ruth. All three of their sons are William & Mary graduates: Christopher Harris ’98, Tim Harris ’91 and Jonathan Harris ’94. Christopher’s wife, Rian Harris ’94, is a graduate also, as is Tim’s wife Harker Harris ‘98, and daughter Thomas Harris ’98, and son Jonathan Harris ’94 and Tim Harris ’91.

Yes, it is true — you can’t escape the rain on the trip but a great time on their luxury boat despite the precipitation.

This class letter is not as long as usual, as we had a smaller response this time around. I hope you will inundate me with emails next time, and anytime you have news just drop me a line or give me a call at (757) 345-6078. I hope to see many of you at Homecoming!

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Sally Gearhart Gillmore: “As we all know at this age, it’s just nice to be able to write a note. I keep too busy serving in positions for which I volunteer or was elected. We even had several issues on the May ballot and I worked for the Board of Elections. I also belong to two book discussions, which each meet once a month. Read an important nonfiction book for last month titled ‘Eviction,’ which deals with poverty and contributing causes.” Sally is nine years out from pancreatic surgery. Wonderful!

Melissa Smith FitzGerald and Bev Wilson Palmer and husband Hans hang out in Arlington to enjoy D.C.’s cultural life. Joining in are Bud Mooney and Muffie Funk Houstou.

Tom Lightner: “Recovering from a foot operation! Result of running in combat boots in my early years, but some say it is because I put my foot in my mouth too often — with a boot on!!! Should be back to normal in a couple of weeks.

“A story: Remember (Pat) gave me a bar of soap as a gift for helping with our 60th reunion in October? The soap bar had the American flag molded in it. I have been using that bar of soap each day since then and remarkably it is almost the same size and Old Glory in it as vivid as ever. To me, this suggests that our class is sort of like the flag in the soap, despite usage (the aging process if you will) and the passage of time, we remain as vivid to one another as our flag!! Thank God one cannot wash either away!”

On a sad note, Bob Bradley’s wife of 60 years, Traudl, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Mother’s Day, a real shock for the family. Bob said I should share the sorrow with the W&M faculty, as it was a marriage truly blessed.

I just returned from a William & Mary trip following Lewis and Clark down the Snake and Columbia rivers. You all should love this Geographic-Lindblad cruise as we learned of Thomas Jefferson’s amazing vision and courage. Also representing W&M on the adventure were past Board of Visitor member Christopher Little and his wife Betsy, plus John and Debe Garrison, friends of the college. We six W&M fans laughed and lauded the journey. At W&M we majored in chemistry and got his master’s degree at Johns Hopkins. However, he preferred math, so he came back to William & Mary to get a master’s in math. In fact, he taught math at William & Mary from 1963-1965! Next, he got his doctorate from Carnegie Mellon and then taught at the University of Richmond from 1975-2001. But here’s the real kicker: in 1973, UR needed a golf coach and asked Nat to fill that position as well as teach math. So he did! My observation is that with all that math background, he’d better add his golf score correctly!

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Traditions Weekend, April 5-7, was so much fun. Of course the Class of 1969 had many more people since it was their 50th reunion and time to be inducted into the Olde Guarde on Sunday morning. There were lots of activities for all throughout the weekend — golf, campus tours and special programs of interest to our age group. On Saturday night there was a lovely reception in the Wren Building with cocktails and heavy hors d’oeuvres. Sunday morning, after the Class of ’69 was inducted into the Olde Guarde, we had a lovely luncheon for everyone in under a huge tent in the Sunken Garden.

I’m sorry to say that there were only four people from our class: Jay Lawler and I, Nat Withers ’59, M.A. ’63, and Jerry Welborn. It was fun catching up with Nat there and then on the telephone later. He lives here in Richmond, but our paths crossed at the luncheon also. At W&M he majored in chemistry and got his master’s degree at Johns Hopkins. However, he preferred math, so he came back to William & Mary to get a master’s in math. In fact, he taught math at William & Mary from 1963-1965! Next, he got his doctorate from Carnegie Mellon and then taught at the University of Richmond from 1975-2001. But here’s the real kicker: in 1973, UR needed a golf coach and asked Nat to fill that position as well as teach math. So he did! My observation is that with all that math background, he’d better add his golf score correctly!

I had a great note from Jeannie Dinsmore, as she was in college, but is now Arla Jean Lewis. Her husband Jack Lewis ’56 died in April 2008. She had a very exciting story. In the Middleburg area she and Jack lived in a 200-year-old stone house built on rock, when one day the house shuddered violently as if a plane had hit it! Actually there had been alfalfa stored prematurely, before properly field dried, and gas built up, spontaneous combustion occurred, and the lid exploded off of the silo, sending rumbling along the ground a mile away! Jeannie at the time was recuperating from a fall off a horse and was on the sofa, and Jack’s take on the explosion was that she had fallen off the sofa! They still stayed married for 50 years! She keeps up with her music for the love of it and presently is doing something rather fun by having two 20-something male interners from Berklee College of Music live with her for three months while acquiring required hours in music therapy with “A Place to Be.”

I had some information on Jim Dillard in my last column, but an important add-on is that he is an active member of Virginia Friends for Parks lobbying the General Assembly to increase its support for our state parks. Thank you, Jim!

Jim Osbon ’60 wrote that his friend and basketball teammate Roy Lange died Jan. 9 of this year. To quote Jim, “He was a semi-gruff man with a big heart, and one of our best players ever. He was an All-American and was drafted by the champion Boston Celtics. Rather than trying pro basketball, this math major used his other skills to become a manager for Boeing in Seattles.” Jim sent this to me as our class reporter as he probably knew Roy better than any other remaining alumnus.

I had a letter from Susannah Sterling whose husband, William H.
to pursue his master’s degree at W&M after the Army. He and Betty Lee Powell Squatriglia lived on N. Boundary Street, and he played softball as a member of the Jolly Green Giants with teammates Bill Chambers ’53, Ed Jones ’57, M.Ed. ’63, Joe Agee ’52, M.Ed. ’56, Les Hooker ’43, Howard Smith ’43, Bob Hunt M.Ed. ’60, C.A.S. ’72, Larry Pecciotti ’58, M.Ed. ’59, etc.

Beverly Davis recalls the choir singing for Queen Elizabeth and her singing in “The Common Glory” at Lake Matoaka. One summer, they all got “giggies” while sitting backstage on the log fence. Bill Horton says “hel-lo” to all.

Per his wishes, he and Susannah created an endowment for the Art and Art History Department to be close to their oldest grandchildren. They have three daughters. They have three grandchildren. Jim was active in the Student Government Association when he was a special note. Bill was having his 60th Reunion and will celebrate his 80th birthday in July.

Marga Larson Bales and Bill are moving to Williamsburg Landing next year.

Jim Odell’s wife Pat updated Jim’s doings. Jim practiced law in Lexington, Kentucky, and retired in 2010. They moved to Marietta, Georgia, to be close to their oldest daughter. They have three daughters and five grandchildren. Jim was active in the Student Government and the Debate Association.

Jim Osborn has been composing musicals so that his children and grandchildren will have some insight into who he was as a young student at W&M. I only have 650 words and that will not do to completely describe Jim’s summer of ’57 and the following years. Between being the parking attendant for “The Founders” and “The Common Glory,” he assumed the role of Chief Powhatan in “The Founders.” He purchased a blue 1947 Ford coupe (no cars allowed) and signed up for flying lessons. His flying antics included flying only 6 feet over the James and York rivers, cruising up and down the rows of mothballed freight cars near Fort Eustis, bombing buoys in the river, and landing on the newly opened Colonial Parkway. With the start of classes, Jim again joined the baseball team. On the night of Dec. 3, the team was driving in two cars to Philadelphia when the car carrying Jim, Bobby Brown ’59, Harry Connell ’58, Alan Miller ’58, Bev Vaughn ’61, M.Ed. ’69, Ray Varga ’59 and Bernie Goldstein ’58, B.C.L. ’60 was hit head on. All the teammates were injured. Jim’s hip was dislocated and he spent seven months on crutches, thus ending his baseball career.

Thank you all for sending your memories and news. Remember that we will celebrate our 60th reunion at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend in October 2020. See you there!

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I am so lucky that Betsy Holland Lunger and George Lunger have family in the Philadelphia area. It means I can share a meal with them and catch up on what they are doing. What they are doing is traveling. They have also traveled with Kaye Battenfield Cragg and Dick. I learned more about their volunteer work with the Kentucky Refugee Ministries. It is really nice to keep in touch.

Marie Lynn Hunkin “so enjoyed a visit with former roommates, Bonnie Higgins Barnes, in her lovely North Carolina retreat last fall. Always fun to catch up with dear friends from college days.”

My daughter and I are going on another quilt cruise to Cozumel, Jamaica and Grand Cayman soon. On past excursions we have ridden camels in Mexico and driven dune buggies in Jamaica. This time it will be monster jeeps in Cozumel. Those are the exciting tours; I’m also happy to quilt while at sea.

As you can see, people like to keep in touch so drop me a line or two so your classmates can read what you are doing.

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Hello Class of 1964. I hope this finds you all well and witnessing the global warming of where you live. Washington, D.C., is heating up in more ways than one! The Virginia Gazette shared news from the Riverside Cancer Care program of their annual John Randolph-Dr. Mark Ellis Memorial dinner in support of cancer research. We all remember John Randolph ’64, M.Ed. who was our beloved classmate and later as the athletic director of William & Mary from 1985 to 1995.

Cancer seems to be an integral part of our lives these days. I had news from Terry Kester and an article written about him and the Wilsonville Stage, in Wilsonville, Oregon. It was noted that the theater skipped their usual winter production after discovering that “their beloved, long-time artistic director, Terry, was diagnosed with advanced stomach cancer.” But by May, they were back in business and making up for lost time with the production of “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare” (abridged and revised). It’s nice to hear that Terry is now on his road to recovery. He continues to give praise and credit to W&M that gave him his beginning and his lifetime privilege of directing, producing, educating and scriptwriting for over 200 shows... as he says, “a very rich life.”

Gail Blake Wright and Harry cruised the western Caribbean with a short stop in Cuba. They also made a three-week trip including San Francisco and Singapore, and then cruised up the Pacific rim to Japan. The Alpha Chi Omegas are planning a reunion in Asheville, North Carolina, in October.

Ed Horton writes that he has settled into a pattern of spending the fall and part of the spring in Williamsburg. The rest of the year he is in Naples, Florida. Shortly after 9/11, Ed retired as a captain with American Airlines. He has written a book, “Memoirs of an Aviator,” to be published this fall. He is also a part-time arbitrator in the securities industry (FINRA) and is finishing training to become a mediator in the state of Florida.

Victoria Williams Giraud “remains enthusiastic about family, friends, and for expressing herself through writing and editing. She is the former W&M English Department and the Flat Hat for starting her on the writing path. She has written seven books, available on Amazon, and edited about 20 books over the years. Viki lives in Los Angeles, where “life is not boring.”

Peter McPhee and Karen spent an annual get-together with Tony Gillies at Birch Bay, in northern Washington state. From there they drove to Point Roberts, a U.S. exclave (population of 1,314) and one must drive through British Columbia to get there by road. Niki and John-Murphy and James traveled to visit their son and daughter-in-law who are stationed in Misawa, Japan. Wasn’t on their bucket list... well, one’s children are always on the bucket list and sometimes you get to interesting places.

Sue Roche Warner retired last December after a long and delightful last work experience with W&M in University Advancement. Sue and Ray Warner ’63 made two trips to Florida, one to Sarasota in the reserved condo of Sherry and Vic Maloney ’62. Sue made a trip to visit Ann Tomlinson Barton and Tommy. Their second trip was to St. Simon, Captiva and Charleston with Pam Brown Michael ’65 and Bobby. Now they are confronting their biggest challenge of all ... a standard poodle puppy!! I’d like to give a “shout out” and thanks to Carol Evans and Don Beck. Carol and Don represent our class on the Olde Guard Council. This year is the second year that the Olde Guarda will sponsor a 55th Reunion at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. Since 2019 is our 55th class reunion year, there will be a cocktail party on Friday evening, Oct. 18.

Every year for One Tribe One Day, Don has sent greetings to classmates and fellow alumni (with whom he has shared a beverage) to pay homage to our Alma Mater. He reminds us that last year W&M athletes held the highest graduation rate of any public university and that W&M had the highest giving rate among all public universities ... we’re No. 1 among approximately 630 four-year colleges and universities in the United States. Now, that’s something to bring proud smiles to us all.

Hope to see you at Homecoming.

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Everyone is busy. The people we heard from are busy, and we must assume that the multitudes we didn’t hear from are really busy because... well... we didn’t hear from them.

Libby Gebhart Cottingham starts us off with “I have had a very busy year.” First of all, she celebrated her 75th birthday all year long with 10 days in Tuscany in May with her family, and in Miami with Becky Ruthin Collins in January. She just finished her term on the board of directors of Welcome to Florida International National Club, and is now serving on the board of the umbrella organization, Welcome Clubs International. This organization concentrates on building bridges of friendship among all countries worldwide. (What could be better than that, we ask you?) While she still lives in Naples, Florida, she has bought a condo in Atlanta to be close to her son and his family. She has a granddaughter, and a grandson in Atlanta. Becky was almost too busy to make the deadline but just reported on her visit with Libby in January. They were joined by Barbara Watson Clarke and Ann Singleton Beebe and had a great reunion. Becky still lives in Springfield, Virginia, and visits often with Sharon Spooner Gray, Diane Rassiga Clark and Pat Trevvett Lucy who live in the area.

Tom Hollowell is busy going to parties. He says the Class of 1965 was well-represented at the retirement party for Lee Foster HON ’13, who retired from William & Mary’s development office after 30 years of service. She “cut her teeth” assisting our class’ 25th reunion committee. Also busy partying with Tom were Howard Busbee ’65, J.D. ’67, M.L.T. ’68, Rich Kraemer and Pam Brown ’67. Retired Chesterfield County attorney Tom Steger ’65, J.D. ’69 is busy painting. Tom had a showing of his watercolor and acrylic paintings and graphite sketches at the Midlothian Library in early 2019 and had a second exhibition at Richmond Public Library during the month of
August. As a member of Marshall-Wythe School of Law’s 1969 class, he was inducted into the Olde Guarde at the class’ 50th anniversary reunion in Ann Arbor. Fran Green is busy with her new puppy, a toy poodle named Baguette. The “adorable” new pup is the latest in a long line of bread- and grain-related B names: Biscuit, Buckwheat, Bagel and Early. (Dare we suggest “Brioché” for the next one?) Since there were so few responses this time, we’ll now talk about how busy we are. As I write, Ginny Blout Fluett and Joe are busy in Amsterdam where they are hanging out for a few days after a relaxing Tulip Time river cruise. Few tulips and not-so-nice weather is all that’s stopping them from having a wonderful time. Gin says she has already bored you with Facebook pictures, so we won’t say anything more about her.

Barb Wampler Melby is still busy trying to save the world from itself, and has too many meet- ings. She was surprised on her 75th birthday last September with a visit from her three daughters from Maine, Massachusetts and Oregon. No spouses, no children! A rare treat. She and Tom took a cruise to see the fjords in Norway, and the Russians. An SNP ship, and some delightful ports in between. They spent six summer weeks at the cabin in Northern Minnesota, and several weeks in warm places in the winter. They stayed with Jay Anthony ’65, M.B.A. ’70 and Glenda Hudgins Anthony in one of the warm places. They still have three daughters, and five grandchildren who are also busy.

On a more serious note, “Life is good again,” says George Dupuy. His wife Beth passed away two years ago, and after much work, George made a fresh start by moving to St. Simons Island off the coast of Georgia. He lives just two blocks from the beach and is busy every afternoon as he and his rescue dog romp on the beach. We send George our sympathies, and wish him well with his fresh start.

Thanks for the news. Would like a tad more next time, so GET BUSY! Your Class Reporters, Ginny Fluett and Barbara Wampler

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And a Happy 75th Birthday to us! Lots of celebrations going on. Dana Gaebe and Beth Distlter Gaebe ’68 celebrated Dana’s a day before their 50th anniversary. Flossie Bishop Wolin ’66, M.Ed. ’69 celebrated with Ellen Roberts Morrison in Dallas with family. On the Southwest Airlines flight home, 148 passengers sang Happy Birthday to Flo and bought her a drink! Another celebration is planned with Sheila Thibeaut. Keith Taylor extended his celebration over several days as he was supposed. Jake Jacobsen missed the last deadline because he is recovering from aortic valve replacement in November which followed a carotid clean-out earlier. Maureen and Vic Bary took a three-week trip to Chile with unexpected rain in their starting place, Atacama — which is known as the driest place in the world. They did get to Santiago, the Lake District, Patagonia and Easter Island. They ran into Philadelphia Eagles’ owner Jeff Laurie at Gray Glacier in Patagonia on top of a mountain. Since Vic was in graduate school in Philadelphia, he was thrilled with the chance meeting. And I love this idea: Vic’s high school is having a 75th birthday celebration for classmates.

And a correction, Pat Walsh and his son-in-law made a stem cell donation — got my twins mixed up! Pat and Margaret Conn Walsh are going to Morocco in the fall.

Wilford Kale’s son, Carter Kale ’19, graduated from William & Mary and was named outstanding male athlete — the Griffy Award — selected by all athletes. He is an award-winning swimmer. But Wilford will still have a son in college at the University of Richmond, so tuition bills are still in his budget.

Jack Cole has been living in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, since 1976 and retired on HIV disability in 1995. He is the corporate benefits manager for Levitz Furniture. He has been a member of the original Fort Lauderdale Gay Men’s Chorus since 1995. Jack has had several serious health issues as a result of being HIV positive since 1985 and thanks to modern medicine is “still hanging in there.”

Larry Paffrath ’66, M.Ed. ’67 and Nora Morsch Paffrath ’68 had a granddaughter in the W&M Class of 2019. Madison Paffrath ’19 has plans to attend law school.

Newton Newton ’66, J.D. ’69 attended his 50th Marshall-Wythe reunion. He also attended a ceremony honoring his late son, Edward Colston Newton, a retired Army master sergeant, who after 14 combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan succumbed to melanoma three years after retirement.

The Annual Chi O trip to Cuba and included Judy Hein Harrell, Sandy Odum Glennie, Mary Ellen Downing Gordon-Scudder, Susan Embrey Coleman and Louise Hudgins Cole. Judy has given printable details!

A little birdie told me Mike Greenwood shot a golf game below his age — and he hasn’t reached the three-quarter century mark yet!

Bob Sigafeso is a retired dermatologist with homes in San Diego and Alexnir.

Woody Caine discussed his Vietnam War and European Cold War experience with a seventh-grade social studies class in Charleston. He and Elaine are vacationing in Maine this summer.

Susan Bunch Blanchard and Bob have now purchased a Stuart, Florida, condo after many years of wintering there.

Dave Kern ’66, M.Ed. ’68 and Sandy McNeil Kern ’68 celebrated Sandy’s birthday — not her 75th — in Puerto Vallarta with their daughter and husband. A highlight was a dinner at Taylor’s former home, which included a bridge across the road to Richard Burton’s house. The Pi Phis had a five-day reunion in Charleston enjoying “great food, a smidgeon of wine, and many laughs.” The group included Pat Patterson Van Tyle, Tricia Patterson Riley, Cathy Quirk Hitchcock, Margaret Conn Walsh, Maureen Baber Parel, Margie Jensen Murphy, Betty Kent Swayne Hills, Robin Jenks Wintzer and Marie Fridesrén Willams.

As we often say, even though we don’t always see good friends (of 57 years!) as often as we’d like, we can always pick up our friendships and proceed.

My turn — Dick Kern ’64 and I celebrated my 75th in New York City — but it was a lot more than a birthday celebration. A year ago, after doing four DNA tests, I had a big match on Ancestry.com. I was literally adopted on the day I was born in Staten Island — and after growing up as an only child, I now have a half-sister! After a year of emails, family pictures and lots of sharing, we met sister Laurie and her husband and honestly, if she wasn’t my own sister, she’d be a BFF for sure! Not all of these reunions go smoothly, so I know I am one of the lucky ones — and I am thrilled. This story will definitely be continued.

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Barbara Baird Uyhelyi is putting her life together after her husband’s death two years ago. Cancer is a horrible disease and seems to be pervasive in our age group. She is living in a downsized home in Williamsburg in a fantastic community. Her neighbors take care of each other and are always there for each other. She feels blessed to be a part of this neighborhood. Her daughter and her family are only 45 minutes away in Seaford, Virginia. Her grandson is a total delight. They are kindred spirits and have a great time together. Their birthdays are only one day apart. She volunteers in the library in her school and has lunch with him every week. She had one spectacular trip during the past year — a William & Mary trip to St. Moritz and the Lake District of England. It was the best trip she has ever been on. She would recommend William & Mary trips to anyone. Other trips with her family, an amazing Sunday School class, and a marvelous group of friends fill her life with joy. She is truly living the best part of her life.

Allice Boone Riecks wrote that she and her husband Chuck Riecks ’65, M.Ed. ’69 spent an interesting day at the Hudson River Museum in Yonkers, New York, during Earth Day observances. A local group
played familiar songs by Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie and talked about Seeger’s environmental crusade to save the Hudson River. An exhibit of lunar photography included iconic photos, many from the 1960s. (More nostalgia!) To their surprise and delight, the museum’s planetarium show included the just-released photo of a black hole.

She reflected that we have lived in challenging, yet exciting times and added that she and Chuck enjoy sharing memories with their grandchildren.

Louise Hudgens Cole just returned from a “trip of a lifetime” visiting Israel. It was beyond description — she was in awe to be standing/sitting where Jesus and the apostles had been. Interesting to see three world religions living together in near peace. She floated in the Dead Sea, got baptized in the Jordan River, and almost got lost in Bethlehem (Palestinian-controlled, so that would not have been good). She and her husband traveled from the Golan Heights in the Sea, got baptized in the Jordan River. An exhibit at the museum’s planetarium show included the just-released photo of a black hole.

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Alexander Patico recently stepped down as president of Maryland Search and Rescue, Inc., an all-volunteer crew that responds to lost-person events in a several-state area. He had earlier retired from a career in international education and training followed by leadership of a religious peace fellowship. Alex and his wife, Elaine, live in Columbia, Maryland, where they have been since 1975. Their three daughters and five grandchildren live in Columbia and Brookville, Maryland, and Decatur, Georgia. While at William & Mary, Alex majored in philosophy, sang in the concert choir, protested the war in Vietnam and taught in the short-lived Free College at Williamsburg.

Robert Stroube retired after nine years as the state Health Commissioner for Virginia and 34 years with the Virginia Department of Health. He wrote, “Love travel and am off to Portugal and Spain this afternoon.”

This spring Marsha King Carter and her husband Reid (University of Virginia ’68 and ’71) along with their family (all UVA) enjoyed March Madness. Marsha emailed, “On January 1, 2019, Reid sold our third and last Growler to go store in Duck, North Carolina. He really and truly retired, to everyone’s surprise. We go to Hawaii in September for nearly two weeks and otherwise will be in Duck most of the summer. Our seventh grandchild will arrive in June to our Atlanta family.”

Shannon Patterson McCall has just published her ninth adult coloring book, “CELLULARITY.”

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Dear Friends:
Our 50th Reunion was so much fun! About 150 of us showed up — with spouses or guests — and spent a great weekend of catching up, remembering our shared past, and celebrating the university that launched us. Let’s start with a note from Gale Gibson Kohlhaagen who chaired the Reunion Committee:

“Our budget! A big thank you to all of you who attended our reunion weekend April 5-7 and to all who supported the College with financial gifts in honor of our 50th.

“The Reunion Committee, 30 strong, stretched our proposed $13 million dollar goal to a remarkable $20,776,405. And, at 54%, we reached the highest participation percentage ever achieved by our class.

“A very special and heartfelt thanks to our co-chairs: Jim Taylor, for ‘working the numbers’ with me; Win Whitehurst for planning an extraordinary weekend; Donnie Chancellor Winternute for encouraging us to bring in classmates who had never contributed so that we exceeded our participation goal; and Donn Wonnell for heading up Planned Giving and for teaching all of us that you don’t have to be a millionaire to leave money in your will to W&M — small gifts do add up, to big numbers! We were helped so much by the alumni staff of Sarah Garrett, Katie Lowe and Kirsten Kellogg ’91 who kept us on track.

And most of all, thank you, Class of 1969, for giving graciously to our two projects: the Alumni House Expansion ($564,000) and the Class of 1969 Scholarship Endowment ($899,725). Our results were remarkable. Thank you all for your generosity and your abiding love for William & Mary.

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IT’S COMING! April 23-26, 2020! Our 50th Reunion. If I can be of any help reconnecting you to classmates or long-lost pals, please don’t hesitate to contact me! Watch for contact and/or updates from our fellow class-mates on the planning committee, co-chaired by Betsy Calvo Anderson ’70, HON J.D. ’15 and Barbara Pate Glacel.

After 10 years of part-time writing, Ed Klein’s book is finally out. It is a collection of stories about interesting and/or famous musicians Ed has worked with during his career as a piano tuner. The title is “Piano Dance: Extraordinary People, Places, and Pianos” by Ned Klein. Ed used the pen name Ned Klein, as there is already a well-known author Edward Klein. One can read snippets of four stories and order a copy at PianoDance.net.

In late April, Marilyn and John Moses, of Mobile, Alabama, took their “almost-three-year-old” grandson, John Michael, for his first trip to William & Mary’s campus. He enjoyed playing in the Wren Courtyard as seniors tolled the Wren bell for the last day of classes. Two alumni staff members presented young John with a William & Mary pennant and “Go Green” button, which he wore proudly all day. In sorority court, the Kappa Deltas grouped around him on their porch for a great photo. Lunch at the Cheese Shop and the purchase of a W&M hoodie rounded out the day. John said “we have him on track for the Class of 2030!”

John met his wife Marilyn (a Hollins graduate) while both were in grad school in Boston after he left the Navy (he took a commission with the Navy and attended Officer Candidate School after W&K). They have lived in Mobile since 1982, and last December he sold his Chevrolet dealership and retired.

A few notes from 2018 travelers via Christmas emails!

A 2018 travel highlight for Susan Barber Minter was a tremendous cruise via the Caribbean, around the entire east and west coastlines of South America (with several side trips and Stops along the way) and returning via the Panama Canal! A fall 2018 trip to Spain, a cruise on Douro River, Portugal and Madeira, trips (Disney World) and activities (baseball championship in Virginia) with grandkids, neighborhood Bunko in Florida, and family in New York, and Phi Mu alumnae activities continue to keep Susan and her husband very busy!

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We hope you all had a great summer. Here is some news from our classmates.

The following is an excerpt from William & Mary Advancement News on Feb. 24, 2019. “Julian Fore has never forgotten the generosity of the donor who funded the scholarship that made it possible for him to spend one year abroad at the University of St Andrews. While there he was exposed to works of art that forever changed his perspective of the world outside Virginia … Fore is giving a significant portion of his artwork through his estate plans to William & Mary’s Muscarelle Museum of Art Foundation. Julian Fore Art Collection includes nearly 60 pieces of Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, Asian and American prints, paintings, drawings and earthenware from artists Paul Cezanne, Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, Milton Avery, Pierre Bonnard, David Hockney and Sam Gilliam, among others … The collection will be showcased in the new and expanded Muscarelle. There are some students who don’t have the opportunity to see the world broadly … but they can experience the joy of the culture, the music and the art as part of their William & Mary education,’ said Fore.” A link to the full story can be found at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1971.

Hank Bahr writes:
“Lane Winfree Bahr and I are well and living in Knoxville, Tennessee. Can you believe the woman has been married to me for over 47 years?! Her place in our hearts is assured. Our daughter Katie Bahr Williams ’05 is also here in Knoxville and is expecting my first grandchild in August. Our son Robert Trent is also here in Knoxville working as a commercial property appraiser, and our son Michael Henry is a surgeon in Campbellsville, Kentucky. I have a small risk management consulting firm here in Knoxville, and do some teaching at the University of Tennessee Haslam School of Business.”

John Hempel reminded us that 2019 is the 50th anniversary of the “Virginia is for Lovers” ad campaign. How many of you knew that the first ad appeared in Modern Bride in March 1969 and starred Hempel, Jim Baldwin ’70 and their Phi Tau buddies? Find a link to the ad at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1971.

For more news from our class-mates, read the story about William & Mary small-world stories from us. Although Lynn knew about her “cousin,” she actually met George “Scooter” Smith the first day of our college orientation. Julian Fore’s brother William & Mary showed Scooter his family and their Phi Tau heritage.

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The calendar says spring has arrived, but we are waiting for the warm weather to follow. I'm hoping some of you will send news about your vacations and reunions with classmates!

Art Thomas sent a message saying he retired in 2017 from being a full-time pastor in the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church in Maryland, but his list of activities sounds like he's as busy as ever. He now lives in a retirement community in his hometown of Richmond. He also retired in 2017 from his position as a professor at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. In Richmond, he became a part-time pastor of Willis United Methodist Church in Henrico, Virginia, and he now teaches as an adjunct professor of the history of Christianity and spiritual- ity at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., where he has taught since 1992. Currently, Art is working on a book on the Second Great Awakening in Virginia and slavery reform to show the impact of faith on the emancipation of enslaved people during the antebellum period. He arranged for W&M Professor Emeritus David Holmes to speak in his course on American religious history and to speak on Methodist history at a conference in Williamsburg in July 2018. Art visited Wayne Smith, a retired attorney, at his home at Williamsburg Landing and his former roommate, Dr. Edmund Creekmore, a clinical psychologist in Richmond. Let us know when your book is published, Art!

In 2018, Susana Hernandez-Kurtulus posthumously received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Richard Bland College Foundation. She was one of three alumni honored with this prestigious award recognizing leadership, outstanding professional accomplishments and distinguished service to the community. After earning her A.S. from Richard Bland in 1970, Susana received her B.A. in Latin American studies from William & Mary and her M.S. in library science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For more than 30 years, she served veterans as a medical librarian at the McGuire Veterans Administration Medical Center in Richmond. She was also an active member of the Greater Richmond Association of University Women.

We spent several days over spring break in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, for a high school softball tournament; David is one of the coaches. On our way home, we stopped in Southport, North Carolina, and had lunch with Peggy Gordon, who enjoys her retirement there. As always, I would love to hear from you all out there.

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Greetings and Salutations. Our alma mater is still undergoing a number of changes to complement the “new” president, Katherine Rowe. New Men’s Football and roundball coaches — Mike London and Dave Fischer respectively — are in full recruiting and commitment mode, while trying to retain those already in the fold. The 100th anniversary of co-education at William & Mary is being celebrated with now five buildings and an athletic field having their female noteworthy names being championed. You may recall all the fun we had with “in loco parentis,” monitored female dorm visitation, dorm mothers and other arcane restrictions which fueled the annual Spring Breakout across the Sunken Garden. I’m noticing more and more retirements among our ’70s cohort. Tamara Lucas Copeland of D.C., author of “Daughters of the Dream,” stepped aside as president of the VCU Regional Association of Grantmakers and Ami Cueva ’74, M.Ed. ’77, after her most recent 20 year stint with the Departments of Justice and Education working in safe and effective schools, post-Columbine and No Child Left Behind initiatives; both ladies are upping the family and friends connections and traveling. Congrats. Another “education” high note — Lynda Butler, with four decades of W&M Law School faculty tenure, received the Thomas Ashley Graves Jr. Award for Sustained Excellence. Professor Butler has specialized in fielding young law students in the areas of land use, climate change (does it really exist?) and property and sustainability. Similarly, Debra Prillaman ’73, J.D. ’76 in Richmond is on the board of directors of the John Marshall Foundation, which received an award from the Richmond Bar Association for its body of work to educate the public about the rule of law under the Constitution (very timely in light of the shenanigans up 1-95 in the swamp). Speaking of which, if any of you got to the July 26 W&M Night at the Nationals Park, hopefully you saw Tom Monday ’74, M.Ed. ’79 and Jim Distill ’75 in the stands rooting for the Nats.

John Kloster is in Punta Gorda, Florida. He has just kicked prostate cancer’s butt while anticipating the arrival of grandchild No. 3 and spending some quality time in his old stomping grounds, Chicago/Downers Grove, Illinois.

Andy Mosney, pride of Glen Rock, New Jersey, and back in the day an aspiring Frisbee golf “jock” and pretty good 880 runner, is pushing regional MetroPCS in Loomis, California.

Another tracklete, Flip Toepke, right in the ‘Burg, had an unexpected stay in VCU Hospital. But since he couldn’t drive his own vintage ambulance to the treatment, he’s now mending and always a Distinctly American Original. Had a great phone conversation with Lew- is McGehee ’74, the Virginia Beach music man, after his family trek to New Mexico with his all-female posse: his wife and four daughters (at least two of whom are also in the “business”). Lewis is living the dream and making new music with at least 3-5 gigs per week in the Peninsula region.

I’m noticing more and more 50th high school reunions for our kind, pre-W&M lives and more and more retirements and next-stage-of-life careers. Keep us updated on those milestones and keep on truckin’!

1974

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Some of this quarter’s news comes from our class’ creative side — people like Cornell Chris- tianson, whose play, “It Came From Beyond,” has had a long run off-Broadway. “Most musicals close in one month, but mine has run for one year, which means it’s a ‘success’ in the theater industry,” he said.

“Weigh Each, the audience laughs at my jokes, sometimes hysterically. It gives me great pleasure to make people happy.” With the success of his first musical, Cornell is excited to keep working and already has his next one lined up. “I have written a musical that is a murder mystery about Marilyn Monroe called ‘Marilyn Exposed.’ It is going to open off-Broadway in summer 2019, backed by the same producers and theatre. It will be a new form of entertainment called a ‘docu-musical,’ which is part documentary and part stage musical.”

In the publishing arena, new authors from our class include Susan Gail Arey of Norfolk, who has published a book, “Life After the Appalachian Trail: A Thru-Hiker’s Re-Entry into Normal Society.” Not a memoir, this is a compendium of other people’s hiking experiences. How does hiking the trail affect hikers after they get home? This book contains answers and comments from more than 60 through-hikers with illustrations. The gear used in the ’70s and ’80s, “At least I’ve accomplished something in my life!”

Another author, Maggie Linehan Percy ’74, M.A. ’77, has published a fiction series called “Autumn in the Desert” — appropriately set in Arizona, where Maggie and her husband Nigel Percy have lived for many years. Using a pen name, Maggie McPhee, she writes stories about life in a fictional retirement community in Arizona in the 1990s that are based on her own experiences. There are currently four novels in the series, and she just published a prequel novella that anyone can download for free by visiting http://maggieempclee.com. “Yes, I
am an indie author, and it’s been quite a journey learning the publishing trade. I would characterize my series as boomer women’s fiction that is an enjoyable beach-type read.” Maggie is a W&M double-dipper, with both her undergraduate and master’s degrees in biology from W&M, and she has fond memories of biology club activities.

News from the medical community comes from Kaethe Post Ferguson, associate professor of pediatrics and recently retired director of community health and research at a division of Eastern Virginia Medical School Pediatrics. Kaethe joined EVMS as division director in 2009. “Dr. Ferguson has done an amazing job as division director,” says Dr. CW. Gowen Jr., professor and chair of pediatrics. “Under her leadership, the division has grown not only in the number of faculty members, but also in scope and depth of research projects. Dr. Ferguson has increased significantly. We are delighted that she will remain with us part time to lead the 2019 Summer Scholar Program, as well as to write manuscripts and evaluate work on several grants.”

And Dr. Laurie Baxter retired a year ago after working for 39 years as an ENT surgeon with the UK National Health Service. She continued to live in Dartmoor National Park, located on the southwest tip of England, but she will be splitting her time between there and San Diego from now on because in April, she married Californian Richard Patrick Edwards, a friend from the past. “We both grew up in Lockport, New York, and began our 53-year-long relationship in the ninth grade,” Laurie has identical twin daughters Lisa and Sarah Pobereiskin from a previous marriage. The girls live in London and NYC/Washington, D.C., respectively. “So between the four of us, we have close relationships with Virgin Atlantic, British Airways, and the lounge staff at Heathrow, JFK, and SDIA. WhatsApp video is a blessing!”

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Bruce Falk and wife Di-anne gathered with Mike Madden ’75, M.Ed. ’77, Chris Jackson ’77, Jan Jackson ’78, M.Ed. ’86, Steve Hendricks ’77 and Andy Vanderheiden ’77 for the wedding of Andy’s son Zach. Jan Booker added a new granddaughter to her tribe. Olivia was born to son David and Caroline on April 22, joining two-year-old Henry. Jan’s other grandson and granddaughter, courtesy of Armistead Booker ’02 and Elisa, bring grandchildren total to four. To quote Jan: “Life is good!”

Judith Raine Baumgarten was appointed to the board of directors of the Public Diplomacy Association of America and was selected as chairman of the Awards Committee. She recently retired from 20 years in the Foreign Service and continues working at the State Department.

Arthur Cone lives in Colorado, retired from Co- Cola in 2015 and is now an advisor with Prudential, specializing in retirement planning. He has two daughters in high school.

Cindy Holbrook Gubb retired in April as director of advancement at Burr and Burton Academy in Vermont. During her 13 years, she helped raise over $50 million for the school. She is now involved in a variety of volunteer services and is preparing for a bike ride fundraiser for the Norris Cotten Cancer Center in Vermont and New Hampshire. Traveling, skiing, hiking and home-based projects keep her more than busy. Retirement has a new meaning these days!

Roy Terry and Jane Koenig Terry, with a small alumni army, organized dinner for the William & Mary Choir’s Spring Tour final concert held at River Road Church in Richmond. Cooks and waiter were Van Black, Debbie Graves D’Angelo ’76, Tom Ferguson ’75, M.B.A. ’78, Willie Jones ’74 and Norah Lubich Jones, Nancy McMahan, Terri McMahan ’79, Jeff Mincks ’75, J.D. ’78 and Kym Powell Mincks, Mark and Terri Bartlett Osborne ’75, M.A.Ed. ’80, Francis Ferguson Walinsky ’76 and Mark Walinsky ’77 and Ann Spielman Woolley. Choir alumni joined in the singing of “Shenandoah,” which closes each concert.

Russell Ellisson III shared sad news of his father’s passing, Russell P. Ellisson, Jr. ’48 was a member of the W&M national championship tennis team. Russ recalls his dad’s many stories from the forties, including giving up his dorm room for Secret Service personnel when President Truman came to town. Russ worked for the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for 42 years and his son, John Ellisson, is now the third generation of W&M Ellisons.

Nancy Kohlias Gatschet was in D.C. in April for a “Lobby Day for Lung Force,” a woman’s advocacy and support organization for lung cancer research, and met up with Nancy Tienken Milburn. The two Nancys met on their first day on campus and have remained friends since graduation.

Bill Smyth lives in Charleston, South Carolina, is active in several Charleston historic preservation organizations and continues teaching at the School of Arts where he has taught for the last 15 years. Bill has two daughters he visits often, one in Maryland and one in Seattle, and he maintains ties with many W&M friends.

James Harmon already has reservations for our 2020 45th reunion! He and a large group of classmates always stay at Colonial Williamsburg’s Chiswell Bucktrout House. We should all follow your lead, James, and make our reservations now!

Peter Logan worked for Colonial Williamsburg for several years after graduation, moved to Detroit and then has been in Ann Arbor for 27 years. He and his wife Elaine have two granddaughters that live just up the street.

David Fedeles sold his house in St. Croix, but will still rent a home there to continue his St. Croix real estate business. He has several enviable residences and will be enjoying retirement soon. Look for him somewhere between Vermont, New Jersey and New York City. And I have a surprise news! My husband, Alex Kurland HON ’19, was made an Honorary Alumnus during this year’s Commencement! (See story on page 56.) It was, and will always remain, a beyond imaginable honor. Now we both call the College “Alma Mater.” Go Tribe!

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Greetings and salutations fellow ’76ers. How was your summer? Or maybe you have an endless summer now because you’re retired? Either way, why not let us know about it? Let’s get right to the news, shall we? Our classmate, Mark Earley ’76, J.D. ’82, was one of 25 honorees at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the opening of Indian River High School in the Tidewater Virginia area. Mark, who served as attorney general of the Commonwealth of Virginia and who now has his own law practice with the Earley Legal Group, LLC in Northern Virginia, was honored as one of five individuals in the Community Servant category.

Coach Ivan Fears ’77, about whom the New England Patriots offensive coordinator said “He’s still full of piss and vinegar,” has been with the Patriots since 1999 (one year longer than Coach Belichick), and believed he would be the second-longest tenure with a single team of any currently active coach. Ivan has been serving as the running back coach. As you no doubt are aware, the Patriots won the Super Bowl in February and that game marked the 9th time Ivan has been to the game as a coach. (Ivan is not aW&M graduate) he is not a graduate but working to get his degree in Business Administration from the University of New Hampshire.

I received a press release about Gary Bliss back in December. Gary joined the Institute for Defense Analyses as an adjunct research staff member in the Institute’s Cost Analysis and Resource Division. The IDA is a nonprofit corporation that operates three federally funded research and development centers in the public interest, providing objective analyses of national security issues and related national challenges, particularly those requiring extraordinary scientific and technical expertise.

Back in November, Suffolk County, New York, District Court Judge Marian R. Tinari ran for New York State Supreme Court, 10th District. She was appointed as a Suffolk County District Court judge in March 2015, and in 2016 was elected to that position for a six-year term. From 2011 to 2015,
Marian was an attorney with the Suffolk County District Administrative Judge’s Office after serving as an attorney with the Suffolk County Supreme Court Law Department. She previously served as a principal law clerk to the Suffolk County Surrogate, a law clerk to Judge Michael F. Mullen, an assistant district attorney in the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office, and an investment banker at Chase Manhattan Bank in Manhattan. She received her law degree from Capital University in 1981, where she was senior notes editor of the Law Review. In 1982, she received a certificate from the American Bankers Association’s National Trust School at Northwestern University and was admitted to the New York State Bar.

Marian is co-chair of the Suffolk County Court’s Children’s Center advisory board, co-chair of the Suffolk County Women’s Network in the Courts Mental Health subcommittee, and a member of the Suffolk County Bar Association’s Bench Bar committee. She is past president of the Suffolk County Bar Association’s Women’s division and was a past member of the Suffolk County Supreme Court Committee. She served as chair of the Suffolk County District Administration Judge’s task force on the Supreme Court. She also served on the New York State Court System’s Foreclosure Program and on the Board of Managers of the Suffolk County Bar Association Pro Bono Foundation. She is a member of the Suffolk County Bar Association’s Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

Also got an informative update from Corey Trench saying “Since my last update, we were again added to the Virginia budget. This time it was more specific, saying: ‘The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall lease 25 acres of land at Eastern State Hospital to Hope Family Village Corporation for one dollar for the development of a village of residence and common areas to create a culture of self-care and neighborly support for families and their loved ones impacted by serious mental illness. The department shall work with the Hope Family Village Corporation to identify a 25-acre plot of land that is suitable for the project.’ Since March, Lisa Thomas, George Duke and I have been meeting with State General Services, Real Estate Division, the Department of Behavioral Health and James City County. All has been going well. With assistance from other W&M faces such as Van Black ’75, Beth DiPace Livak, Barb Ramsey ’75, David Mims ’64, Marcia Partch and Bart Partch ’62, it has become a real W&M alum-driven pursuit.” Keep up the good work Corey!

So another edition of the ’76 News comes to a close. Send us your news so that we can keep our readership informed.

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While the U.S. Navy was born in October 1775, it was not until 203 years later, in July 1978, that Judge John Sirica, still famous from his pivotal role in the Watergate case, ruled that it was unconstitutional for Congress to bar women from serving on U.S. Navy ships. That November, a handful of women made history when they became the first female crew members of a non-hospital naval vessel. Among those first eight women were two of our classmates, Mary Pat Carroll and Jo Anne Carlton, who spent her entire career in the Navy, retiring in 2004.

Carolyn Testa Rye attended Charter Day weekend. She shared that Cynthia Casson Morton was honored with the Alumni Medalion Award. Congratulations to Carolyn on her re-election to the Virginia Beach School Board.

Bob Motyka was selected to work with the vice chair of the Federal Reserve in his new role as chair of the Financial Stability Board. The FSB, located in Basel, Switzerland, is an international organization that oversees and monitors regulations of the global financial system. He lives in Washington, D.C., where he teaches business classes to undergraduate liberal arts students. Bob is active in greyhound rescue along with his wife (who also works at the Fed) and he works as a part-time consultant for nonprofit organizations in the area. He just returned from a long trip to China and Japan.

Paul Staneski spoke to two of Carl Moody’s economics classes in April, in one case in the very same room in Morton where he took the same class from Carl 42 years before. He wonders how many other professors who taught us are still teaching.

Following graduation, Hank Hoffman worked for a Connecticut consumer/environmental organization, earned a master’s degree at Wesleyan University, was an award-winning news and arts journalist for an alternative weekly, and currently is programming director for the nonprofit Best Video Film & Cultural Center. Hank has led the New Haven-based psychedelic rock band Happy Ending since the early 1980s. He has been married almost 35 years to Jane McNichol, an admiral. Their kids have property issues at the state capitol. Their son Matt — a writer, video editor and amateur stand-up comic — lives and works in New York City.

Christine Westberg continues to enjoy life in Williamsburg with her mother Patricia Peggs Westberg ’55, Craig Hoffman and his husband Albert Lauber, who is a judge on the U.S. Tax Court, just returned from two weeks in Bhutan. Craig has been on the faculty of Georgetown Law for 25 years; he also teaches in the Georgetown Linguistics Department. In celebration of their 40th in 2017, Craig established an endowment to support undergraduate research at William & Mary. He is easy to find on the Georgetown Law website; please say hello.

Richard Morey Sherman ’77, J.D. ’80 is grand marshal of this year’s federal service, almost all at the State Department in the Bureau of Consular Affairs. He is looking to reduce to part-time work in 2020 and retire in 2021. His daughter, Maryssy Sherman ’14 will be married to Carl Haines in Brighton, England, in July.

Let us offer our condolences to Pat Giermak’s husband, Tom Sherman, who died on Oct. 10, 2019. Pat is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Maryanne Nelson Smith 1978

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Class Notes is a great way to reconnect and can lead to some pretty incredible opportunities. Our most recent personal example is climbing Mount Killimanjaro with two classmates, John Friedery and Melissa Dozier Friedery. When I submitted my last column, Rick Smith and I were packing and repacking our gear as we stripped the basics for trekking up 19,341 feet to the “Top of Africa.” You must read on if you want to find out if all four sexagenarians (Ooooo, love that word!) made it to the summit.

While we were on the trek with no cell phone coverage, Gerry Wass emailed a most fascinating update: “My wife Neal and I moved to Purdy, Missouri, 16 years ago. We were weary of Minnesota winters, so we made the leap. We ended up with a bigger farm than we had in Minnesota, albeit so rocky that it has been a puzzle to figure out how to work with it. I am an avid student of biodynamic agriculture. My wife took the experience she gained in being a loan officer and applied it to creating her own housing business; it was an amazing feat that allowed me to retire ... But I use the word ‘retire’ loosely. I have a lot more variety in my days now, loosely. I have a lot more variety in my days now, but they are more packed than ever. The most last part of my teaching career was organizing a school and community recycling program ... it grew to become a full-fledged business which is still going, closing in on 1.5 million pounds of material recycled ... I was supposed to leave that behind in 1980. Williamsburg had so much to offer, so we moved here and never have looked back.”

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I am excited to announce that Kathy Yankovich Hornsby is the 2019 recipient of William & Mary’s Prentis Award, presented annually to individuals in the Williamsburg community who have demonstrated strong civic involvement and support for William & Mary. Kathy was recognized for her “work with dozens of community organizations in the Hampton Roads region throughout the past three decades ... plus her close relationships and contributions to William & Mary.” I saw Kathy here in California recently when she flew out to catch a performance by her husband Bruce in ‘Sweeney Todd.’ Bruce played a selection of music from his recently released “Absolute Zero” album, which has received outstanding reviews. Check out the album and Kathy’s artwork on the “vinyl” cover.

Nancy Fahey Smith sends greetings from beautiful Tucson, Arizona. Nancy took early retirement after a decade of working for the local community, most recently in training and education for court employees. She recently co-founded a business to teach senior court officials how to coach their employees to improve employee retention, satisfaction and performance, and is looking to expand her client base to other businesses and nonprofits. Nancy has worked hard to get out the vote in 2018, and she is proud to say their efforts resulted in a large increase in voter turnout for the midterm election. Nancy and her husband Paul are looking forward to their upcoming trip to Montenegro for the wedding of their oldest son. The Smiths currently have four grandchildren and are expecting new ones to arrive before too long. Nancy is very sad she will not be able to make it to Homecoming and says she will miss seeing everyone!

James Schwarz and his wife Trisha Meili sponsored the exhibit “Augusta Savage: Renaissance Woman (2018)” curated by fellow W&M alumna Jefreen M. Hayes, Ph.D. ’12 at the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens in Jacksonville, Florida. The exhibition showcases the art of Harlem Renaissance artist Augusta Savage, and “is the first to reassess Savage’s contributions to art and cultural history ... as artist-activist.” Jim lives in Jacksonville, Florida, where he runs his own business, Compass Development & Governance Group, Inc., providing governance consulting and training for nonprofit boards of directors.

In the category of small (zen) world, Anna Barron Billingsley reported that she and David Morgan take a yoga class together at 6:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Both are living the good life in Fredericksburg, Virginia. While David is retired, Anna still heads up university relations at the University of Mary Washington.

I received this update from Meredith Bean McMath: “Happy to say my play, ‘All For The Union,’ was accepted into the 2019 Capital Fringe Festival ... and it will also be produced at historic Aldie Mill in Aldie, Virginia. I’m a playwright and producer, but I’ve put my history major to good use whenever possible.” The play is based on the true story of Virginia’s first female newspaper editors, three young women from Waterford, Virginia, living in the middle of the Confederacy. To learn more, visit Run Rabbit Run Theatre at RRRtheatre.org.

I am sorry to end this column with some very sad news. Classmate Mark Risinger died suddenly and unexpectedly in March while hiking in Hawaii with his wife. The Risingers have lived in Minnesota for many years and have three grown sons.

By the time you read this, Homecoming weekend and our 40th reunion (Oct. 19-21) will be right around the corner. Hope to see you there!

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practice in Abingdon for a time. She became chief deputy Virginia attorney general in 2002 and served two terms on the Virginia Court of Appeals before being elected to the Supreme Court in 2011. Virginia Speaker of the House Kirk Cox proclaimed that Justice McClanahan’s “commitment to the law of the commonwealth and serving its people has been steadfast and unswerving.” Senate Majority Leader Tommy Norment J.D. ’73 said that she “has served the commonwealth with energy and distinction, bringing credit to the bench by faithfully adhering to and interpreting the Constitution and the Code.” Justice McClanahan leaves big shoes to fill. Best of luck in your retirement.

W&M was privileged to have a visit from Tom Shannon, diplomat, former acting U.S. Secretary and Deputy Secretary of State, and former ambassador this spring. Tom was very busy during his three-day visit to Williamsburg — he delivered an “Insider Insights” talk on the crisis in Venezuela, gave a lecture in a course on policy tools in national security, provided advice on student Diplomacy Lab projects and participated in a dinner seminar led by Associate Government Professor Marcus Holmes. Oh, and he delivered two more lectures: reflecting on “A World of Your Making: How to Think About the 21st Century and Your Role in It,” and in the second reflecting on globalization, authoritarianism and his 35 years in the foreign service. I am exhausted just hearing of all that Tom accomplished in that short visit.

Cary Holladay has published a collection of short stories that portray the roles of women during periods of American history through fictional characters, though one story does include an actual historical figure — Cynthia Ann Parker. Ms. Parker lived her life with the Comanche people and returned to her birth community as an adult; the story imagines what her life was like after her return to her place of birth. Cary’s collection is called “Brides in the Sky: Stories and a Novella.” From Kirkus Reviews: “In spare but evocative prose, Holladay skillfully and subtly recreates those earlier times while making clear their parallels to the present. … Women and girls often overlooked by history are given compelling voices in this collection.” Cary’s latest work is available from Swallow Press.

Well, that’s all that I have for now. Enjoy the summer and happy trails! Please remember to drop me a line when you return from vacation. Until then, be well!

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Class Reporter

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Hello Again ’81ers, Mike “Fitz” here — hope this finds everyone well.

We received a couple of updates this time around.

Dave Raney ’81, M.A. ’86 wrote in from his adopted hometown of Atlanta. He has been living there for many years, doing his English-major stuff as chief editor for the Southern Regional Education Board, a 16-state compact to improve education at all levels, pre-K to post-doc. Dave will be hooking up with some W&M friends, Jeff Barnes ’81, J.D. ’86, Mark Rhoads, Mark Pennington ’82 and Chuck Kelly ’80, for a few days this fall in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Additionally, through the “magic of the internet,” he has reconnected with Charlie Price ’82 and Jim Reagan ’80. Thanks for the update, Dave.

Next we had a nice message from Duane Williams. Duane retired in December 2018 in the Hillborough County/ Tampa, Florida area, and is looking for other alumni in the area with any knowledge of local alumni activities or get-togethers. Duane attended William & Mary as a 10-year enlisted veteran and received a commission through William & Mary’s ROTC program in 1981. He served an additional 18 years as a U.S. Army officer and retired with 28 years in 1998. In 1999, he started D&T Associates Investigations, a private investigative business agency and veteran-owned business. In fall 2006 he was featured in the W&M Alumni Magazine in “Just Off Dog Street.” Duane managed his agency as a professional investigator until deciding to close its doors 19 years later and retire at the end of FY2018. Thanks to Dave and Duane, and all the best to all our classmates.

Go Tribe! Mike “Fitz” ’81

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It is mid-May and graduation time as I write this. I hope you all have fond memories of graduation weekend at W&M, as I do. Perhaps you have a child graduating this year? I am between graduations — my son Noah is a junior at the University of South Carolina and Olivia is a junior in high school. Next year is the big one for us!

Eric and I were delighted to have dinner with Paul Boykas ’83, who was post-doctoral Dallas a few weeks ago. Paul is still with PepsiCo working in government relations. His job actually has him collaborating with CocaCola … and I can tell you that is unique at Pepsi, having worked at Frito-Lay a while back and seeing interns getting sacked for ordering Domino’s Pizza! Paul keeps in touch with a lot of folks from ’83 and recently went on a river cruise with Becky Voslov ’83, M.A. ’89, Tracy Baynard, Mark Forde and Mary Obuta Forde ’84, and several others from the Class of ’83. It was wonderful to catch up.


Beth Comstock was in the news. Frederick Douglass Elementary School in Winchester, Virginia, announced the dedication of the school’s library to former teacher Shelby Comstock and a donation of $100,000 from her daughter, Beth. Beth’s mother was a teacher at Frederick Douglass from 1975 to 2001. Beth’s gift to honor her mother will enable the creation of the Comstock Family Imagine It Forward Makerspace Initiative to implement makerspaces in all schools in the school division. Beth grew up in Winchester and graduated from Handley High School. Beth is currently a director at Nike, trustee of the National Geographic Society and a former board president of the Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian National Design Museum. Beth’s book, “Imagine It Forward,” offers practical advice on finding the courage to defy convention to reinvent what is possible. Beth currently lives in New York.

Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, announced the promotion and award of tenure for several faculty members, including Dr. Valerie MacPhail.

Valerie came to Converse in 1994 after having earned her master of music degree from Florida State University and her doctor of musical arts degree from the University of South Carolina. Valerie is currently the coordinator of the voice faculty and also serves as director of the Lawson Academy of the Arts. Her students, ranging from younger students in the Lawson Academy to graduate students, have been successful in national and local competitions, winning the Hal Leonard Art Song Competition and advancing to the national semifinals in the National Student Auditions of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. Valerie is herself a gifted soprano and has given dozens of vocal recitals at colleges throughout the country. Congratulations to Valerie!

And that’s the news! Remember, the door is always open for YOU in Dallas! Hope to hear from more of you this fall — your classmates want to hear from you!!

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William & Mary hosted a new program for alumni called Class Ambassador Academy in 2018. It’s a fun competition between all classes to encourage giving to W&M. There are “celebrity” speakers...
throughout the day. Coach London inspired us just like he does for his players. We also heard from the director of programs and outreach for the Global Research Institute, David Trichler, and we got to see renderings of what the renovated and expanded Arts Quarter (which includes PBK) will look like. I was the only ’83er in attendance so my goal is to recruit a team for future academies. What does it take to become a Class Ambassador? Basically you just sign up. Contact Chris Stratton at cmstrata@wm.edu for details.

Sabrina Kidd Long was featured in the Orange County Review as part of their series on long-serving teachers. Sabrina has taught for over 25 years, starting as a music teacher and most recently teaching fourth and fifth graders with learning disabilities, autism or other special needs at Locust Grove Elementary School in Orange County, Virginia. She reminds her students that “each day is an opportunity to start anew and try it again. So, the only thing that I require of each and every one of my students is that they try.” Sabrina earned a master’s degree is special education from Loyola University in Maryland. In addition to teaching, Sabrina has written and self-published two books of her own fiction and is working on a third. Sabrina is married to George Long Jr. ’82. They have two children, George Long III and David. Sabrina and George perform at the “Red, White, Bleu & Brew” in Locust Grove, where they both play guitar and George sings and plays harmonica.

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan has appointed Calvert County Circuit Court Judge Edward Gregory Wells to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals, the state’s second highest court, as an at-large member. After graduation, Edward earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia and went on to become an assistant attorney general for the criminal appeals division of the Office of the Attorney General. Judge Wells has served on the circuit court since 2012.

In other news, Bud Phillips ’82 and I are moving to Williamsburg (maybe even already have since this article was written). Hope to see you when you’re in the ‘Burg and maybe meet up for Cheese Shop!

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Summer greetings, Class of 1984! I am writing from South Carolina, but I will be heading back to the D.C. area later today. I was there last week too, celebrating the gradation of my niece from Georgetown and my mother’s 80th birthday. There was plenty of William & Mary talk among the family members present, as my sister Jennifer Horrocks Francois ’91, her husband Kent Francois ’91, their daughter Natalie Francois ’22. Her brother Andrew Horrocks ’87, and my son Alec Miller ’18 all share our alma mater.

Speaking of William & Mary families, George Foreman and I were in touch recently. He and his wife Lynne Helms Foreman recently attended the wedding of Oscar Deaver ’15 and Ye Na Kim ’15. Oscar is the oldest son of Monica Johnson Deaver and her husband Eric, and Oscar’s best man was his younger brother Jacques Deaver ’17, who also attended William & Mary. Luanne Spruell Gutermuth, Monica’s roommate for all four years, was also in attendance at the wedding. Lynne and George’s son Blake Foreman ’17 graduated from William & Mary, and Luanne’s son Matt Gutermuth ’22 is a rising sophomore.

It was great to hear from Hope Solomon Young, who has published a memoir entitled “The Foreigners Are in 709.” The book shares the experiences of Hope, her husband, and their two adopted Chinese daughters when they moved to an ancient Chinese section of Beijing on a tourist visa. They set up a household, worked odd jobs, enrolled their daughters in a public Chinese school, and, to comply with visa requirements, traveled throughout Asia every few days during the year they were there. The book shares their many adventures and some of the unexpected challenges that occurred due to language and cultural differences. Hope and her family reside in Charlotte, where Hope is both an author and an entrepreneur.

It was wonderful to hear from William Joyner, recently finished his fifty year of teaching voice at the University of North Texas College of Music. In addition to teaching, Bill is still performing, recently singing two concerts of Mendelssohn’s oratorio “Eliazi.” He will perform the role of Siegmund in Wagner’s opera “The Valkyrie” with the Philadelphia Opera this summer. He says he has adapted to being a Texan, wearing boots and cowboy hats most days, and he greeted me with a “Howdy!” He is sorry that he may not make it to our 35th reunion, but he will be in Williamsburg in December to sing in a concert performance of Massenet’s opera “Thais” with the William & Mary Symphony.

While in the D.C. area last week, I had afternoon tea with Alison Hawley Ewing, Linda Reynard Basnight and Joanna Atwood. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone at our class’s 35th reunion, which is coming up this fall! Be sure to make your plans to attend Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, Oct. 17-20, 2019. I hope many of you can make it to the reunion celebrations. Watch for details about our class reunion plans, and hope to see you then!

In the meantime, if you have any updates to share, please let me know — it is always great to hear from you! You can send updates via email, text, phone, Facebook message or mail. I look forward to hearing from you and including your updates in the next issue of the W&M Alumni Magazine!

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Class Reporter

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I am writing this latest column on May 12, exactly 34 years to the date since we walked across campus from the Wren Building to the graduation ceremony at William & Mary Hall. So many events have happened in our lives in those years, and this column is the place to let your fellow classmates know what you have been doing.

Dr. Katai Hoffman is the marketing and promotions director of Fall Line Farms & Local Roots and The Center for Rural Culture. She also has her own consulting business, Appalworks, which promotes Appalachian arts and cultural heritage. She is currently serving as president of the board of Nature Camp, Incorporated — an environmental education camp that was founded in Vesuvius, Virginia, in the 1940s. Katie is involved in several projects, including the Central Appalachian Folk and Traditional Arts Project and the Mountains of Music Homecoming Fourth Annual Festival series. Find out more about these projects at www.appalworks.com.

Leslie Lautenslager is on the international speaking circuit with a beloved global leader with whom she’s worked for more than 20 years. On the side she serves as president of Protocol & Diplomacy International-Protocol Officers Association (PDI-POA), a volunteer membership organization for protocol professionals throughout the world. Leslie has been involved with the association in some capacity since its founding and has served on its board of directors for the last several years. Her interest in a protocol career may have started with a little seed planted by President Graves’ wife, who invited several classmates sometime spring semester senior year to join her at the President’s residence for tea and etiquette lessons. That seed years later grew into a passion for organizing and managing everything from state visits and other international events involving chiefs of state and heads of government (and knowing the difference between them), foreign ministers, and the diplomatic corps; as well as lecturing and writing about orders of precedence, cultural differences, honorifics and titles, seating, flag protocol, etc. Leslie enthusiastically invites any fellow W&M alumni who work in federal/state government, academia, NGOs, or corporate protocol, to take a look and consider joining www.protocolinternational.org.

Kellie Larsen Murphy is a freelance writer and author of the Detective Cancini Mysteries. The Central Virginia Chapter of Sisters in Crime, an international organization offering networking, advice and support to mystery authors, just published its third anthology, “Southern Deadly Charm,” featuring Kellie’s short story “Burn.” In addition, several Tribe alumni have contributed to and/or edited this anthology. Kellie’s other works include the novels “A Guilty Mind,” “Stay of Execution”
and “The Last Sin.” She spoke in May at the Malice Domestic mystery writers’ conference in Baltimore.

I heard from Dave Os- lin and Sharon Archer Oslin. They are doing well and living outside of Philadelphia. However, they passed along sad news that Paul Jackson died this winter. He lived in Richmond, Virginia, and is survived by his wife and children.

Sad news also about an alumnus who died suddenly: Robert Noone Zaza, who had lived in New Mexico for many years. Patricia Massard ‘86 says that Bob (known as “Zaz” at W&M) was also in ROTC. He leaves behind a wife, a daughter about to start college, as well as an 8-year-old son.

Story starts on a somber note, but news from our fellow classmates can range from happiness about careers, family or travel, to sadness about the passing of parents, children or other loved ones. Whatever your story is, I know that others would like to hear from you. Continue to email me with your updates; I appreciate reading your messages. Valete, omnes!

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Thomas Weidner works as an attorney in Staunton, Virginia. His daughter Lucy is a senior at Northwestern University and his son Quin is currently working in Austin, Texas. You can find Thomas most weekends toving gliders out of Rockfish Airpark (VQ22) in Nellysford, Virginia.

Jim Judy writes movie reviews for parents at Screen It (www.screenit.com). As a voting member of the Broadcast Film Critics Association, he, along with his wife, gets to attend the nationally televised Critics’ Choice Awards in Los Angeles each year. At the January show, he had the pleasure of meeting Glenn Close ‘74, D.A. ‘89 and chatting with her about the late Professor Catron, who taught both of them.

Bill Sodeman lives in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he is chief learning officer for Seven Hills Foundation, a nonprofit human services provider. He teaches management courses at Clark University and the University of Alabama in Huntsville and speaks at professional and academic conferences around the world. He end ed his running career a few years ago when he started weightlifting. Bill and his wife, Jackie Wolf, recently adopted their fourth rescue dog, a Jack Russell mix named Faith. Bill and Jackie met in Honolulu, where he was a management professor and department chair at Hawaii Pacific University.

Richard Carter sent a brief note to say hello. He has a busy family which includes two daughters and a son.

After 32 seasons in the football program at William & Mary as a player and then a coach, Bob Solderitch ‘86, M.B.A. ’90 was recently appointed as a new role as assistant director of athletic development with the Tribe Club. Reconnecting with former teammates, players and fellow alumni has been tremendous so far. He encourages classmates to help him insure the future of our alma mater. For the Bok! Go Tribe!

Bob Reiley and Mary Gair Reiley celebrated the graduation of their son Quinn Reiley ’19 from W&M in May with a double major in accounting and computer science. Their daughter Eileen is a senior at the Virginia Tech; she is studying geo-sciences. Their younger daughter Rachael, a freshman at Penn State, was accepted into the School of Education and plans to be a teacher.

The board of trustees of Merion Mercer Academy in Merion Station, Pennsylvania, has appointed Laura Moreci Farrell as head of school, effective July 1. Having served most recently as the dean of faculty for St. Catherine’s School in Richmond, Virginia, Laura has more than 25 years of experience in education.

In May, Jennifer King Chacon and her husband Omar attended the second W&M graduation of their daughter, Emma Chacon ’18, M.A. ’19, who received her M.A. in education.

Janet Lawson reported on her life during the last decade. In 2010, she left W&M to begin her CPA career in Washington, D.C., Richmond, Virginia, and Virginia Beach, Virginia, to move to Mexico. Since returning to Chick’s Beach in Virginia Beach, she has rejoined and enjoyed a variety of W&M events, including the W&M Women’s Weekend and a 35-year gymnastics reunion meet. She is the new financial advisor to the Pi Beta Phi Alumni Advisory Council. She made a 20-mile Grand Canyon hike from rim-to-river-to-rim in 125-degree heat, all on one day. Currently, she continues some client accounting work while expanding into wellness/meditation with her health coach certification. Additionally, she enjoys ballroom dancing and beach volleyball. The Virginia Society of CPAs recently spotlighted her in their online publication.

I was a little short on news this time, but not quite short enough to include a gardening report. I’m sorry to disappoint those who were hoping to hear about my Knock Out Roses, overgrown azaleas, and this year’s bumper crop of chickweed. Thanks for all of your notes, photos and encouragement.

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Matt Seu ’86, M.B.A. ’89 and I were so happy to get to William & Mary for a quick visit this spring. We drove down for a weekend to see the spring football game and the Women’s Soccer alumni game, and we caught the Tribe baseball game against James Madison University. Best part was that we got to hang out later at the Delly with our girls Marsha Fishburne Lycan and Julie Shack ford ’88 just like the old days. Can’t wait for the fall football and soccer games to start! Hope to see you there.

Back in February, several Tribe alumni in Conway, Arkansas, met to celebrate Chaneye Darby at the home of Vicki and Clayton Crockett. Fred Ablondi and Tracy Flora McGar rity represented our Class of ’87. Susan Metcalfe Ablondi ’89 joined in the fun along with Anne Goldberg ’91 and Krist en Epps M.A. ’05. The best part may have been the food that was served that always brings back the vibe of Williamsburg. Guests enjoyed versions of Hot Chandler sandwiches, Virginia peanuts and bread ends with house dressing, all accompanied by Virginia wines.

Nicole Drapeau Gil len is in Boston and now works for Acumen Solutions, where she oversees their marketing consulting. Her daughter Tara graduated this summer from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, and her daughter Samantha is attending George Mason University this fall.

Anthony Kanakry is a veterinarian working in Columbia and Crofton, Maryland. His oldest daughter Alexa graduated in May from Lebanon Valley College in Pennsylvania with a double major in music education and cello performance. She was honored this year to be named a Fulbright Scholar. She will use this opportunity to teach English in Spain for a year. Congratulations to Alexa!

Jay Black was recently promoted to senior vice president–investments at Davenport & Company LLC where he has worked for 27 years. Jay works in the firm’s Kilmarnock, Virginia, office on the Northern Neck and lives in Mathews County. Jay’s stepson Tyler will begin his freshman year at Virginia Commonwealth University this fall to pursue a major in business. His stepdaughter Reagan Jackson ’21 just completed her second year at W&M and has enjoyed every minute.

Michael Richards has been serving as the chief of staff for the superintendent of Loudoun County Public Schools for the past four years. He was recently appointed as the new superintendent of Harrisonburg City Public Schools. He is a Northern Virginia native who previously worked in the Del Valle Independent School District in Texas as the director of data and accountability. Mike will move to Harrisonburg with his wife NoNiega Ramos Richards and their two children.

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Eric B. Grosflis ’89, Mark G. Gartner and Ann Lanman Gartner planned on meeting up on Cape Cod this summer. Eric and Mark were roommates for two years at W&M, and Eric was in Ann and Mark’s wedding in the ‘Burg in May 1988.
Though they’ve stayed in touch, it’s been 31 years since the three have been in the same place! **Landon Taylor** was promoted into the Senior Foreign Service and is serving as the U.S. Consul General in Panama City, Panama. He is married to the former Christina Marie Weber (Wayne State then George Mason University for her M.Ed.), a special-needs teacher. Their daughter Laura was on track to graduate this summer with a degree in digital journalism from Mary Washington. Their son Ben is majoring in engineering at GMU and is on the GMU track team. They were looking forward to catching a few baseball games when Landon returned for Laura’s graduation, and hoped to hit the ‘burg, one of their favorite vacation spots. Well, next to spring training in West Palm Beach.

In October, **Lynn Kerr McKay** made the switch from private law firm practice to in-house counsel. She is now the assistant general counsel for emissions at Volkswagen Group of America in Herndon. Lynn’s new job involves regular travel to the Detroit, Michigan area, which has its perks — namely, more opportunities to visit with **Jenny Whittaker Guthrie** and her family.

In April, **Audrea Topps-Harro** started production on a movie, a drama called “The Available Wife.” [https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0754002/](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0754002/)

**Sydney Baily** continues to write historical romance (available on Amazon) under her author name Sydney Jane Bailey, with a new publisher, Dragonblade Publishing, which specializes in historical romance, “Lord Despair,” “Lord Anguish,” and “Lord Vile,” Books 1, 2 and 3 in her Beastly Lords series, were published between November 2018 and February 2019, with three more in the series coming out by the end of 2019. Also, “Lord Corsair,” a Pirates of Britannia series book, was published on April 16, 2019. **Cary Ruscus Jimenez** let us know that she and her family were planning a move from Northern Virginia to Johannesburg, South Africa, in August, for a three-year tour with the State Department. They welcome any friends who might be passing through.

**Mark Gardner** and his wife **Ann Lanman Gardner** were excited to visit Mark’s W&M roommate **Eric Grossfils ’89** (an ’89 because he did a fifth year to pick up a second major!) and family out on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, this summer. Mark works at high school from which he graduated, The Peddie School, where in June he was inducted to Peddie’s Hall of Fame for being the track coach for the past 29 years.

**Steve Selby** shared that after spending most of his post-W&M years in California where he earned his JD and MBA, he is living in Minneapolis with his wife Suzi and their 7-year-old daughter Mckenna. Steve is the vice president of compensation for UnitedHealth Group. He and his family enjoyed a break from the Minnesota winter with a spring break trip to Atlantis, Paradise Island in the Bahamas.

**Scott Harris** had a regional geology meeting in April with **Katie Luciano ’07** and he were the co-chairs. Katie isn’t in the group photo Scott shared of the event, but everyone in it is a W&M geology undergrad or alum, including Scott. **Laura Jarrait ’90** and **Chuck Bailey ’89**.

**Jenny Burris Gayline** stays in close touch with her college roommate **Susanna Young** (Cambridge, Massachusetts) and friends **Robin Warvari Costanza** (Centreville, Virginia) and **Brien Poffenberger ’87** (Annapolis, Maryland). Susan and Jenny attended the William & Mary Women’s Vegan and **Carrie September** and had a wonderful time! Jenny brought along her daughter Becca to tour the campus and interview for admission and is delighted to report that **Becca Gaylin ’23** is joining the W&M freshman class this fall!

Check out the online edition for more news and photos.

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A big thanks to all who gave to William & Mary on One Tribe One Day! It was a record-breaking day for the Tribe, with more than 13,000 people donating back to W&M! The Class of ’89 showed up in a big way. Thank you! Gifts made on that day also count toward our reunion class gift; our goal is to have 35% or more of our classmates give back to W&M in honor of our reunion. There’s still time to give (hint, hint), so if you haven’t already, please help us hit our goal or break a record! Track our progress at homecoming. wm.edu/reunions/1989. php and make a gift at giving.wm.edu.

Congratulations to **Scott McElvein ’89** and Kim McElvein who got married in April!

**Shannon Watson, Gretchen Hohweg Lasby** and I had a lovely evening in a restaurant in Old Town Alexandria when Gretchen was visiting from Florida in April. **Cathy Puskar, Kim Hoge Reilly** and **Liz Victor ’90** were at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Fest the same weekend Doug and I went, but somehow we never managed to meet up.

**Tom Moliterno** has been with UMass Amherst for eight years, six of them in administration, including last year as the interim dean of the Isenberg School of Management. Tom launched the school’s first course on social entrepreneurship in 2012; his research is in areas of strategic management and organizational theory. Tom is also an award-winning teacher.

**Chris Hahn** lived in Yates, studied computer science and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha at W&M. Several classmates contacted me about his sudden passing in March, accompanied by stories of Chris’ humor, love for others and willingness to try new things. **Joann Adrales Ruh** wrote, “Chris was a true source of joy when he was in college and he made my life better.” Heartfelt condolences to **Mary Grace Wall Hahn ’90**, sons Liam and Kieran, **Tony Hahn ’86**, and all who were touched by Chris. William & Mary will honor Chris and other alumni who have passed in the last year at the Sunset Ceremony on Friday evening of Homecoming weekend.

Speaking of Homecoming, this year we celebrate our 30th reunion! Our class party will be held on Saturday night near the Sunken Garden. Arrive early as the Homecoming Parade steps off on Friday afternoon. Other William & Mary signature events include Virginia Uncorked on Friday night, the Homecoming Tailgate on Saturday before the football game, and the **Saturday Night Bash.** Departments and student organizations host events too. Almost everything happens on campus. Check homecoming.wm.edu or our Class of ’89 Facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/wm1989 for updates. Check out W&M’s special lodging rates at www.wm.edu/about/visiting/accommodations. Visit tribeathletics.com for tickets to Tribe football against JMU and other sporting events. We’re expecting a big turnout, and I really had to see you there! I can’t wait!

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**Debbie Morris** lives in Brooklyn Heights with her husband Andrew and their two children, Sophia (14) and Benjamin (13). Sophia has Down syndrome, which led Debbie to cofound a nonprofit in 2012. GIGI’s Playhouse NYC (https://gigisplayhouse.org/newyork) is a community, education and awareness center for people with Down syndrome and those who care for them. Programming is free for people with Down syndrome, from birth through adulthood. She previously spent 26 years working for AIG — seven years in London and three in Hong Kong. Debbie currently works at Verisk, providing data analytic insights to the insurance market, and loves it. Debbie stays in close contact with **Julie Gaydos Hayes** and **Kristine Long Nelson**.

**Nick Lashutka** is president and CEO of the Ohio Children’s Hospital Association and president of Children’s Hospitals’ Solutions for Patient Safety (SFS), which received the most prestigious award for patient safety last year. Nick helped start the organization in Ohio and, 10 years later, the network includes 140 children’s hospitals across North America. SFS efforts have saved 10,206 children from serious harm and led to an estimated savings of more than $173 million, with consistent progress toward the goal of eliminating serious harm. Hospitals in the network share information and data to learn best practices and share those publicly, along with results.

**AnnaMaria DeSalva** was recently appointed global chairman and CEO of Hill+Knowlton Strategies, one of the world’s leading public relations and communications firms,
with more than 80 offices in 40 markets. She also serves as vice chairman of the board of directors of XPO Logistics (NYSE: XPO), a technology-driven, Fortune 200 global provider of transportation and supply chain solutions, and as a member of the Board of Governors of Argonne National Laboratory, a leading science and engineering center of the U.S. Department of Energy. AnnaMaria was most recently chief communications officer of DuPont, where she developed the corporate affairs capability and successfully guided the company through a period of extensive transformation, including DuPont’s $130 billion merger with Dow. She has held leadership roles at Pfizer and Bristol-Myers Squibb and was the global practice leader of healthcare at Hill+Knowlton and GCI Group.

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Greg Schueman has lived in Maine for 12 years. His twin daughters, Alina and Chloe, turned 15 in April. During winters, they cross-country ski, skate, downhill ski and snowshoe and in the warmer months, they surf. This year, Greg picked up Lindy Hop dancing in addition to yoga (22 years and counting). He is a program manager implementing software solutions in supply chain.

After many years of medical/surgical practice, first in the Navy and then private practice in Charleston, North Carolina, Cary Fishburne was recruited to Charleston, South Carolina, to start a program in his surgical subspecialty. Along with his wife Gina and two teenaged boys, he has enjoyed the move and all Lowcountry living has to offer.

Scott Miles is living in Chesterfield County, Virginia, with his wife, two teenagers, three dogs and six goats. He is the Commonwealth’s Attorney for Chesterfield County, having won a special election last year. Scott buys into Matt Domer and his wife, Dr. Jennifer Hollar Domer ’91, who has been our pediatrician since forever; Mike Gunlicks, who also practices law in the greater Richmond area; Ali Amirshahi J.D. ’92, a lawyer and substitute judge; and Alane Cameron-Fair ’91, who is a hospice chaplain.

Michael Carita is married to Maureen and has two children, Katie and Daniel. Katie Carita ’23 is entering W&M in the fall. Michael has more than 25 years of experience as a civil litigator and has been at his own firm for the past 14 years in Alexandria, Virginia.

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Derika Wells Mercer won the Blue Door Award from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana, in Louisville, Kentucky. The award recognizes a volunteer for her dedication to the mission of the Boys & Girls Club. Her whole family has been active with the Club — I love reading about her interactions with the kids they work with.

Zack Matzanias and Heather Rotter Gaus ’91, M.Ed. ’92 both sent me updates on the Sigma Nu reunion that took place last spring in Richmond. Brad Haneberg ’90 and Vicki Lawton Haneberg ’90 hosted the event at Virago Spirits, their rum and gin distillery. Jason Hancock ’91, M.A.Ed. ’95 and Melanie Summerlin Hancock hosted a pre-game gathering at their house so everyone could watch the Kentucky Derby. The list of attendees was impressive; Adam Dobrin, Ben Dobrin, John McMicken, Adam Braun and Margot Stanley-Bram ’90, Earl Wise ’83, J.D. ’87 and Cheryl Sparks Wise ’89, Greg Farkas ’89 and Jennifer Farkas-Cornier ’86, Bill Stokes ’86, Andy Yacos ’86, Mark Jenkins ’88, Andrew Goldkuhle ’89, M.B.A. ’01 and Sandy Heeren ’88, Chip Harding ’91, Tom Kuester ’87 and Julie Wagner Stewart ’90, Dean D’Angelo ’89, David Garland ’84, Dan Kern ’92, Doug Hechtman ’92, Geoff Goodale ’89, M.A. ’92, Ken Blackwell ’88, Curt Overman ’89, Michael Gunlicks ’90, Michael Vadner ’90, J.D. ’93, David Calabrese ’88, Brian Daugherity ’94, Ph.D. ’97, Alena Maari ’90, Matt Manning ’92, Jason Matus ’90, Matt West, Eddie Phillips ’90, Curtis Flynn ’89, Tom Fahey ’90, Chris Soholt ’85 and Chris Kaczmarek ’86. Zack organized the event. He has been back living in Richmond the past two years after four years in North Carolina, all while working for BB&T Bank. His wife, Cheryl Morris, also works in banking, having recently been named senior vice president and chief credit officer for QNB Bank in Pennsylvania. Cheryl has been employed in banking for 10 years and has an MBA from Lehigh University.

J. Ronald Johnson is now director of the Hunter Holmes McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia. Ronald himself is an Army veteran and previously was head of the Hampton, Virginia, VA hospital. He has a master of health administration degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. The hospital serves an estimated 200,000 veterans in central and southern Virginia and parts of northern North Carolina. It has outpatient clinics in Fredericksburg, Charlottesville and Emporia.

Most of us are turning 50 or have already turned 50. I love hearing about how people are celebrating this milestone, so send me an update on what your celebration looked like — a quiet evening at home, a party to enter full-spirited, or anything in between! My celebration was an amazing family trip to Rome, Florence and Venice during my daughter’s spring break. I wanted to be sure I saw Venice before it sank!

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If you’d be up for guest writing an entry in our sporadic column or taking over, let us know! Happily, though, we managed an update for this issue.

Shuchi Sharma ’92, M.A. ’93, John Deni and their two girls relocated from Heidelberg, Germany, to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, seven years ago for a job. John took at the Army War College. In 2016, Shuchi took on a new role within her company, SAP, which required her to be closer to major airport and SAP’s Reston, Virginia, office. So, they moved to Frederick, Maryland, which is closer to all of that but not too far from John’s War College job. As John shared, they were lucky enough to find a house to purchase in a picturesque neighborhood close to schools, parks, and the downtown, and they later learned that the woman they purchased the house from, Louise Thomas Cooley ’45, was also a William & Mary graduate. Mrs. Cooley, the wife of famed heart surgeon Denton Cooley D.Sc. ’87, passed away in October 2016.

Just this May, Brian Slaughter formed a new solo law firm, Virginia Work Injury Law, PLLC. He represents people hurt on the job in Virginia and draws clients from the eastern third of the Commonwealth. Brian lives in Virginia Beach with his wife Kelly and their five kids.

Matthew Brandon also has a career update, as he was recently appointed to be the chief advancement officer for inclusion and diversity at Virginia Tech. Before this, he was the executive director of the Ridley Scholarship Fund at the University of Virginia Alumni Association. In addition to his undergraduate degree (in economics) from W&M, Matthew has a master’s degree in journalism from Ohio University.

Also taking on a leadership role in higher education, Mohamed Noor has been appointed the dean of natural sciences at Duke University beginning July 1. Mohamed is also professor of biology at Duke and a recipient of the Darwin-Wallace Medal, given by the Linnean Society of London in recognition of those who have made major advances in evolutionary biology. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. As part of his academic work, Mohamed recently published a book, “Life Long and Evolve: What Star Trek Can Teach Us about Evolution, Genetics, and Life on Other Worlds.” It teaches
concepts in genetics and evolution using examples from Star Trek. One of the reviews on Amazon was written by now-retired W&M biology professor and Mohamed's former research mentor Bruce Grant. Mohamed has been incorporating this approach of using science fiction to teach biology in the classroom at Duke University and by giving presentations at science fiction conventions. He even got to meet up with fellow alum Jennifer Forrest Meekins, who is now a faculty member at Elmira College, at a Star Trek convention in Albany.

Speaking of authors, in our last column we mentioned Cecel Bell Angleberger and Tom Angleberger, who were married to each other and both children's book authors. Tom has a new book out—"The Princess and the Pit Stop"—which celebrates girl power and car racing, and that has a poignant connection to the next update.

Many of you likely heard the sad news that J.D. Gibbs died from complications related to a degenerative neurological disease. After playing football at and graduating from W&M, J.D. joined and eventually ran his family NASCR business, Joe Gibbs Racing (JGR), including supporting championship drivers Kyle Busch, Denny Hamlin and Tony Stewart. J.D. was known for being dedicated to his family, including his wife Melissa and their four sons.

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Whose job is it to stay in touch? Having just attended a memorable 30th high school reunion, it's clear to me that it is everyone's job to stay in touch. If you are reluctant in any way to share, I want to encourage you to reach out.

If it's not typical for you to jot a quick note or send a picture, please be atypical and do it! I'm genuinely interested in hearing your news. If you married, had a child or had some other life event worth sharing, please write. Have you lived abroad, did you recently move or are you about to travel somewhere? That's news!

For those of you who do not know or remember me, allow me to (re)introduce myself. My name is Greg Imbur. I grew up in Virginia Beach, graduating from Norfolk Academy in 1989. I arrived in Williamsburg with a love of the arts and the outdoors, things that have nurtured and still enjoy.

As a freshman I called Faquier Hall home, sharing dorm life with Harris Kay. For some reason, Harris had a group of "fans" that would throw soft-serve ice cream cones at our second story window. Thwack! Others from my high school were in that dorm, too: do you have fond memories of roommates and fellow residents?

Beyond dorm life, I dabbled in several social circles and interest groups. For general health and wellness, I joined the somewhat informal Rock Climbing Club, but I mostly ran a variety of circuits around campus, including a Lake Matoaka loop and places farther afield. By the end of 1990-1991 I became active in Greek life, specifically the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, a motley crew of athletes, artists and revelers.

When social lives weren't interfering with academic lives, did you and I cross paths while working at The Flat Hat? If you were an English major or education minor, we might have had classes together. Were you on a literary or art committee for A Gallery of Writing? Were musical events your thing? Did you live on campus all four years, or did you venture into off-campus housing? What are your memories?

From 1993 to 1995 I lived in Budapest, teaching International Baccalaureate (IB) English. Trading big city life for Finland's natural beauty, I continued teaching IB English from 1995 through 1999, with adventures including traveling with a men's choir and a teachers' soccer team, as literary translator of Finnish-Swedish poetry, and as coach of Finnish students competing in the World Schools Debating Championships in London.

Leaving Vaasa in 1999, I began a doctoral program in education at the University of Virginia. Having already completed a master of arts in English at Middlebury College with John Elder and others, I examined health questions through the "social foundations of education." Highlights from graduate school include work in Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group, part of the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference; work as a nutrition educator in the schools of Charlottesville and Albemarle County; joining a men's group through the Mankind Project; and living in a stone cottage on Foxhaven Farm, where I could run among the Ragged Mountains.

Since that time I have been a professor of education and a stay-at-home parent, and I currently work in the natural foods industry. My kids, 5 and 8, keep me happy and alert, and I live in Goshen, a progressive little town in northern Indiana, not far from Chicago, Detroit and Indianapolis. In fact, if you're anywhere near this region, I'd welcome the chance to reconnect with you.

My main goal as class reporter is to relay your news to the Class of 1993. Thanks in advance for reaching out!

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1994

Class Reporter
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Happy fall to the Class of 1994! I'm hoping I saw a bunch of you at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend and our 25th reunion. I'm really hoping I got a ton of sound clips for the next magazine post.

I read this article from the blodter and it gave me the warm fuzzies. Dr. Robert Campolattaro has been a hand surgeon at Tidewater Orthopaedics for nearly fifteen years. He joined the practice to be near the 'Burg where he earned his bachelor's from our faithful alma mater. The only other update I have to share is my own promotion from director of customer success to director of sales operations. I'm doing a bit more travel for work, so if you are or travel for work, so if you are or reports.

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1995

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Mitzi Lazarich Batterson of James River Cellars in Glen Allen, Virginia, was recognized as the 2019 Virginia Wineries Association Wine Person of the Year. Rev. Jake Marvel was featured in the Albany, New York, Times Union newspaper discussing his role as a chaplain-in-residence at the Department of Pastoral Care Office at Albany Medical Center.

"When I hold someone's hand and we're facing that ultimate unknown together, that moment is powerful," he said. "It feels sacred."

Brandi Burgess was named the administrator of assisted living and memory care for Plymouth Harbor on Sarasota Bay in Florida. She started there in 1999 as an activities coordinator and has been there ever since.

David Cox '95, M.A.Ed. '96 is in his first season as the head men's basketball coach at the University of Rhode Island. He's had a lifelong love of coaching. "But I live, sleep, eat, drink basketball."

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1996

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You can learn new things about people you've known for years when you invite them to be guests on your podcast. As host of "Five Questions with Betsy Rosenblatt Rosso," I've interviewed many fellow Tribespeople, including Matt Core '93, Susan Lambo '96, Dan Storer '95, Luanne Sullivan '95, Susan Lacelife, Sumi Vatsa '97, Anne Mitchell Dailey, Wade Minter '97, Nancy Polo '95, Genevieve Hofmann, Forrest Pritchard, Donnie Bledsoe, Michael Poteet '94, Keith Humphrey, Mark Ryan, and Chris Wharton '95.

People are always more fascinating than they think. When I interviewed Mark Ryan, I learned that he's a motorcycle enthusiast and makes medical missions to Latin America and the Caribbean. Mark is a family physician on the faculty at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine and serves as medical director for a safety-net clinic in
South Richmond, where he sees patients who would otherwise lack reliable and affordable health care. Donnie Bledsoe works as a hospice nurse in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he lives with his wife Cara and their son Evan. Donnie finds that his theater background and sense of humor are essential skills in his work, as he gets to know patients and their families and puts them at ease.

Genevieve Hoffman works as a women’s health nurse in Colorado, where she and her family love doing anything outdoorsy. No doubt because of their inspiring William & Mary education, many of our classmates have careers helping to educate others. Mark Roberts lives in Michigan with his children, Henry, 10, and Eliza Jean, 5, and serves as the vice president of advancement at Notre Dame Prep, an independent K-12 school. Mark previously worked at VCU, Catholic University and the University of Michigan. He caught up with Forrest Pritchard and Keller Grayson on a recent trip to Washington, D.C. (Forrest Pritchard is an organic farmer and New York Times bestselling author in Berryville, Virginia. You can buy delicious food from his farm at many farmer’s markets in the D.C. area.)

Keith Humphrey is vice president for student affairs at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, where he lives with his husband Brett and their two boys. Keith is a soccer dad who practices yoga daily to stay sane. He still loves Madonna.

Callan Bentley teaches geology at Northern Virginia Community College. He writes for EARTH magazine and is writing a book about D.C.-area geology. Callan, his wife Lily and their son Baxter enjoy living in the Fuß Valley of Virginia with horses and bears as neighbors. Martha Davis is the incoming president of the Mt. Vernon Community School PTA in Alexandria, Virginia. MVCS is a Spanish-English dual language elementary school. Martha is taking over from fellow W&M graduate Maureen McNulty ’92.

Matt Siano teaches at William & Mary’s Raymond A. Mason School of Business while working as general counsel for a New York hedge fund firm. Matt, his wife and their boys — 11 and 14 — live in Rye, New York.

Also in the legal world is Sam Ozeck, a government lawyer recently elected as the first male vice president of the 40-year-old professional organization Women in Housing & Finance. Sam lives in Arlington, Virginia.

Across the country in Los Angeles, writer and director Franklin Rho recently joined the writing staff of “Pachinko,” a new show being produced for Apple’s streaming service, based on the bestselling novel by Min Jin Lee (which I highly recommend). Frankie’s previous show, “Swamp Thing,” will drop on the DC Universe streaming platform this summer. Frankie and Tracy Carrier Rho have a 9-year-old daughter, Siena. They both still enjoy ultimate friebee, and Frankie co-founded the pro LA Aviators for three years. Frankie recently met up in North Carolina with W&M friends since freshman year Anne Elise Thomas, Emily Buehler and Laura Keyt Kelley.

I love hearing from classmates I know and those I will enjoy getting to know. Keep me posted!

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Thanks to all of you who sent in your news. I received such a great response that we’ll have to hold some of your updates until our next issue. In the meantime, here’s what some of our classmates have been up to:

Molly Lehner Wolff has been working with a committee of alumni to establish the William & Mary Washington Center’s first Advisory Board. Molly is serving as the board’s chair for the first year.

Luke Brooks-Shleser married Christel Kesler in 2014. They met in 1996 during their junior year in Germany, but had not seen each other for 15 years. They have two children: a girl, Toryn, and a boy, Emerson. In 2012, Luke obtained a Ph.D. in industrial and organizational psychology from George Mason University. When he’s not chasing after kids, Luke is a research associate at Colby College, president of the Waterville Parent Teacher Association and chair of his Unitarian Universalist church’s worship committee.

Mike May won his primary election to become the Republican nominee for Commonwealth’s Attorney (prosecutor) for Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park. This summer, he campaigned alongside his wife and law firm partner, Amelia Woehrman May. Mike has been an attorney for 15 years, simultaneously serving in elected office for nine of those years on his County’s Board of Supervisors. Mike and Amelia live in Lake Ridge, Virginia with their three children and enjoy knocking on doors in their free time. See www.votemikemay.com for more info.

Mike Choi and his wife Sophia changed their surname to Chekim in 2017. Mike said that he and Sophia returned to Northern Virginia in 2016 for his current domestic assignment at the U.S. Department of State. They were at the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines from 2012 to 2014 and the U.S. Embassy in South Korea between 2014 and 2016. Before that, Mike was at the U.S. Department of Commerce (International Trade Administration) since 2006 mostly working on negotiating, educating the public, and implementing our Free Trade Agreement with South Korea.

Jennifer Hall Cosgrove has nearly completed year one of the online MBA program. Jennifer said: “The caliber of professors and course content has been a wonderful experience so far. Also, the Raymond A. Mason School of Business chose to include me in one of their web banner advertisements for the Online MBA program so if people see my picture pop up, yes, it is me. Professionally, I have been in pharmaceutical sales for 17 years, the last eight of which have been promoting an epilepsy medication to neurologists and long-term care providers.”

Jill Twiss is still living in New York City and writing for “Last Week Tonight with John Oliver.” She was the author of the show’s “A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo” book last year, and came out with her second children’s book “The Someone New” in June. With the book, she has partnered with the children’s charity KIND, which provides support for unaccompanied immigrant and refugee children. This year Jill spoke at W&M’s Global Film Festival about writing for television, along with fellow alumnae Megan Gilbride ’00, Chitra Sampath ’06, Kristin Boos ’08 and Kim Wilcox ’88.

Bryan Alvarez is a Navy physician working at U.S. Northern Command in Colorado Springs, Colorado, planning the military’s response to natural disasters and public health emergencies. This fall, he’ll leave active duty after 14 years and transition to the Navy Reserves. Bryan said: “It was a tough decision and I have enjoyed every day of active service, especially my time as a doctor for a Marine combat battalion during the Iraq War. My plans are to settle in the Denver area, finish an executive MBA program and work as a senior physician executive or in consulting.”

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1999

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Hello, Class of ’99! Twenty years have come and gone since our graduation from William & Mary. Can you believe it? I hope reading some updates from classmates will inspire you to head to Homecoming & Reunion Weekend in October to celebrate our 20th Reunion!

Walt Latham ’99, J.D. ’03 is the voter registrar and director of elections in York County, Virginia. He’s also the president of the Voter Registrar Association of Virginia.

Heather White Beato and her husband, Virgil, have been married 11 years. Virgil is a high school government teacher, and they live in Sebring, Florida, with their two children, Micah (8) and Raquel (6). After W&M, Heather went to Florida State for law school, graduating in 2002. Since then she has been working as a criminal prosecutor for the 10th Circuit State Attorney’s Office.

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For five and a half years, Dave Barak worked at the Student Conservation Association, a service nonprofit specializing in the conservation of natural, historic and cultural resources. This summer, he returned to the National Park Service as a park ranger at Timpanogos Cave National Monument outside Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Fox family has experienced lots of professional success — Don Fox was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, of pharmacology and cancer biology at Duke University Medical Center. Anne Boro Fox was promoted to associate university counsel at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Congratulations, Don and Anne!
Sarah Shallercox
Fox and her husband Brett welcomed a beautiful daughter in April. Emma Rachel is doing well and is beloved by her 3-year-old brother Soren.

Carter Higgins
wrote “Bikes for Sale,” an illustrated children’s book that shows what happens when coincidence, in the form of a lemon peel and a branch, introduces two bicycle-riding strangers and turns them into friends.

To Christopher Ross
Donald ‘00 and Rebecca Lynne Rigiel, a daughter, Wesley Grace, 7/01/2018.

To Sarah Shallercox
Fox ‘00 and Brett Alan Fox, a daughter, Emma Rachel, 4/2019.

To Douglas Brent McQuaid ‘00 and Marion Petersen McQuaid ‘00, a son, Patrick, 4/22/2018.

To Judith Marie Fontana Minkoff ‘00 and Jonathan Minkoff, a daughter, Aria Delphine, 11/19/2018.

To James Riley Sever Jr. ‘01 and Megan Rudolph Sever ‘00, a daughter, Sidney Jillian, 3/2018.

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To James Riley Sever Jr. ‘01 and Megan Rudolph Sever ‘00, a daughter, Sidney Jillian, 3/2018.

Catherine Elizabeth Easterling ‘01, M.S. ‘03 to Stephen Hopper Jr., 11/11/2018.

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2002
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Greetings Class of 2002! I’m excited to report some happy news from quite a few classmates. As always, feel free to send me an email anytime if you have anything to share.

Laurie Bronson
Stradley was appointed chief program officer of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, one of the nation’s preeminent children’s health organizations working to reduce childhood obesity and empower kids to develop lifelong healthy habits across the United States. As chief program officer, Laurie will lead Healthier Generation’s nationwide suite of programs, which seek to drive sustainable, healthy changes in all the places children live, learn and play. Congrats, Laurie!

Shana Hinton Williams was recently recognized by the Delaware Business Times as one of their “Top 40 Under 40” for her work as owner of Cecile Boutique in Newark, Delaware. If that wasn’t exciting enough, she also welcomed a baby girl, Harmony Rain, in October 2018. She joins two big brothers, Hunter Steele (5) and Weston Slade (3). Congrats to you, Shana!

Eileen Kiley Curren and her husband, Steve, welcomed daughter Nora Judith, on September 24, 2018 in Fairfax, Virginia. Big brother John (3) is enjoying his new baby sister.

Also, Dan Miller and his husband welcomed a baby girl, Anoosh, in March 2019.

Congratulations on all of your new additions!

To E. Ashleigh Schuller Lee ‘02, J.D. ‘06, Ph.D. ‘15 and Daniel Scott Lee, a daughter, Lucia “Lacy” Ashleigh Lee, 06/17/19.

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Congratulations to Kathryn Markell McMurray ‘03 and Christian McMurray ‘02, who welcomed their daughter Leighton Wren McMurray on Dec. 3, 2018. She joins big brother Aidan and big sister Cavan. The McMurrays are enjoying life in Houston and actively involved in the William & Mary Alumni chapter there.

Nick Block wrote to say that he and his wife Sara Slater Block ’08 live in Boston with their four children. Nick is happy to have accepted a job as assistant professor of the practice in German Studies at Boston College.

Arthur Traldi’s work along with the work of Judge Camille Bibles J.D. ’87 was recently featured in a documentary on PBS’s Frontline. The episode titled “The Trial of Ratko Mladic” details the war crimes trial of one of the most infamous figures of the Balkan wars. In Arthur’s own words: “Camille Bibles (now a federal magistrate judge) and myself served as members of the prosecution team. Judge Bibles was a senior trial attorney and I was a trial attorney and led the team prosecuting one component of the case.

Kendra Wergin ’07 also served on the team as an intern during some of the prosecution proceedings included in the film.” Congratulations to each of these alumni on this important work!

We are heading into summer in Williamsburg as I write, and I wanted to give a brief reminder to all of you near and far that as W&M alumni you can get a Collegiate Pass to Colonial Williamsburg at no charge. I just discovered this. An email was sent at some point, but I never saw it, and I share now in case you missed it as well … With the pass, which is good for a year, you have access to every exhibit and event in CW and discounted rates on tickets for families and friends.

So this fall, come back and visit your alma mater, be nostalgic, buy some gear, then get Cheese Shop and lose your kids in the maze behind the Palace. It will be a day well spent. Also, keep sending me your news so I don’t have to do shameless local promotions. Go Tribe!

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2004

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So far this year, my life has been pretty constant (aka bland); however, my sister and her family moved from Owensboro, Kentucky, to a small enclave outside of St. Louis. I took a trip out to visit them, and it was really nice to see my niece and nephew, who call me “Oka-Nown.” It kind of sounds like Okinawa. Well, enough fluff about your class reporter. For this installment, we have a lot of news to share, so plop yourself down, grab a delicious snack or adult beverage, and keep on reading!

I recently heard from Rachel Sigourney Nonaka and her husband like Nonaka. She let me know that Mike is the co-chair of the Financial Services Group at Covington & Burling LLP, which advises banks and financial services providers on compliance, enforcement, transactional and legislative matters. He has won several awards related to his legal work in the financial tech and bank regulatory space. Congratulations, Mike!

A frequent friend of our class, William C. Smith, Jr., ’04, J.D. ’09 is the current Maryland state senator from Montgomery County. He was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 2016 and was appointed a state senator in 2016. He won his state senator seat outright in 2018. While being a state senator and vice-chairing the Maryland Judicial Proceeding Committee, William is also an active lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserves. On Mar. 29, William was deployed to Afghanistan for Operation Resolute Support. He has a daughter named Jacqueline. Look William up on Wikipedia. He has had a stellar career so far. To William, and all our other classmates serving in the military and in the public service realm, I say a great big thank you for your hard work and dedication to our country and community.

Okay, I am nearing my word limit, so until next time! Keep sending your good news and updates. We all like hearing from you.

Take care,
-Owen

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Megan Carole Gagnon ’04 to Robert Guzman, 2/18/2018.

Gilda Ingle Wilson ’04 to Chris Wilson, 5/19/2018.

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2005

Class Reporter
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Oh, My. Gosh. I’m finally a reporter! I didn’t even have to go to journalism school! Take THAT crippling student loan crisis! (Touches finger to earpiece.) Oh, actually I’m told that volunteering to be the William & Mary Alumni Magazine’s 2005 class reporter DOES NOT in fact make one a real reporter. I’ll stop checking the mail for that White House press pass.

My name is Patience Burke, formerly Bosley-Burke. I am the new class reporter. Many thanks to Trump-voting (sigh) professor Jackson for her nearly 15 years at the helm! Please rise and join me in applause! (Touches finger to earpiece again.) Ah, it seems the live studio audience is simply in my head… well, Sandra, thanks all the same!

In May, many of you were kind enough to respond to my email asking for “tidbits of wow” to share with fellow alumni. SO MANY that I don’t have the print space here to tell you about my own awesomeness. (Thanks?) Check out the online version for that, as well as about 600 extra characters of fun, and magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/2005. Oh, and pictures!

Babies … marriages … amazing professional pursuits. Oh my!

Last October, Jackie Kosakowski Prack and her husband Mark welcomed baby Natalie Loraine. They also recently moved from Greenville, South Carolina to Chagrin Falls, Ohio, buying a 150-year-old house!

Rami Fakhouri and his wife Dale Heidekatz Fakhouri ’06 welcomed their second child this March. Rami was named a partner in his Chicago law firm, Goldman, Ismail, Tomaselli, Brennan, & Baum LLP, this past year.

Jacqueline Langholtz married William Taylor on June 1 in a family-only ceremony in Charlottesville, Virginia. Attending were Gabrielle Langholtz Haney ’98 and W&M Professors Danielle Moretti-Langholtz and Harvey Langholtz. Jacqueline manages education programs at Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello and is pursuing her doctorate of education at the University of Virginia. She just wrapped up her tenure as president of the Charlottesville W&M alumni chapter.

Brad Pearson tied the knot in April to Kelsey Duniker at the Morris Arboretum in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Just what “knot” they tied, I am not sure. Perhaps they’re really into sailing.

Weijia Jiang and her husband, Luthie Love ’06 welcomed their first child, Frances Mei Jiang Love, on Christmas Eve! Last year, Weijia was named a White House correspondent for CBS News! She’s traveled to several countries and across the U.S. covering the Trump Administration. Maybe she can help me with that press pass … Katie Searce and Bryan Conti live in New York City. This September, they’re headed to Williamsburg to get married at the Williamsburg Inn.

Daniel Clark married Brenna Broadus on June 8 in Sabillasville, Maryland. Jess Kobrin wrote and directed the feature film “Young and Innocent.” It won the Audience Award for Best Feature at the Richmond International Film Festival and Best Feature at the Fort Lauderdale Film Festival!

Stephen Kilroy contributed music to and plays a part in the film.

Meghan Ewell Powers and her husband Chris Powers ’04 welcomed their baby boy, Seán Jacob, in January, making 4-year-old Nicole the World’s Greatest Big Sister!

Carla Novella Wiggins and her husband of 150 years to come, Chris Ray, earned her master of arts degree in human services at the University of Virginia. She just wrapped up her tenure as president of the Charlottesville W&M alumni chapter.

Gabriel Kauper lives in Santa Monica, California, and has launched his enterprise as an energy coach for sensitive and empathic people.

Chris Ray, owner of the Ashland, Virginia-based Center of the Universe Brewing, took his annual Southern Food Festival on the road to Williamsburg. The event took place last spring at Sullivan Square.

Jimmy Nguyen released a 15-minute-long film this summer entitled “Milk Money.” It was filmed in Faquier County, Virginia, and focuses on the struggle dairy farmers face with historically low milk prices, as well as changing consumer tastes.

Catherine Byrd Miller ’05 to Clark Moulton Avery, 10/18.

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2006

Class Reporter
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Hi! Hope this finds everyone doing wonderfully! But I wouldn’t know… because no one has been checking in! I know we have tons of noteworthy accomplishments and life changers to share with our W&M friends and family! Write in and tell us about them already! The less you write in, the more space I get to fill with my own family adventures! I love to brag on my kids, but I need new material too!

Life for our family of four is always wonderful, busy and jam-packed full
of love and excitement! Recent milestones for us include visiting New York City and taking our oldest to her first Broadway play, kindergarten graduation for our “baby” (I’m getting old!) and celebrating 17 years with my husband. (No! We aren’t that old! We started dating in high school and I believe in celebrating everything! The 17 years is of us starting to date!) So, with no job change, no new babies on the way, and no W&M alumni friend gatherings, I’m running dry on news. Stop right now and send me an email, text, Facebook message or an owl if you’ve got one handy! I’ll be anxiously awaiting your submissions!

Thankfully I did have one Class of ’06 friend write in and share some fabulous updates in June. A few are regarding her newest little love! Matthew “Matty” James Higgins came into the world on Nov. 27, 2018, and his parents cannot wait to bring him on campus and get him all decked out in W&M colors! His proud mom and dad, Ann Marie Higgins ’06, M.Acc. ’07 and Greg Higgins ’05, M.B.A. ’07, say they are keeping their fingers and toes crossed that he will be a future W&M student! Look for him in the Class of 2036! The Higgins couple got their start way back when Greg and Ann were in the Raymond A. Mason School of Business for grad school. It was then they realized there was a spark and started kindling their romance. Following graduate school, they moved to New York City and even Switzerland for a couple of years. They are currently raising baby Matty in Atlanta and are excited at the southern hospitality their little lad is enjoying. Matty has since started donning some of his Tribe pride apparel, including a green and gold blanket, made especially by his Aunt Amanda Rowe ’06, M.B.A. ’08 and a Mason School of Business alumnus that came from the business school. We are so excited for the Higgins family and look forward to many more updates and adventures of this newest little W&M representative!

Until next edition, keep jotting down those announcements and updates to share! May your next season of life be filled with wonderful and amazing opportunities to go out and try something new. You never know what new hobby or adventure awaits just around the next bend! Yours, 

Amber

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2007

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Hello, Class of 2007, I’ll start this issue off with some of my own news. In February of this year I choreographed the musical “Newsies” at a local high school, and we received an Illinois High School Musical Theatre Awards nomination for Best Choreography. However, I’m hanging up my dancing shoes for now; this fall I will be back in the classroom teaching high school English. I’m excited to return to the career I love, although I can’t believe my daughter will be in school full time next year.

Katie Midland Anderson and her family welcomed their daughter Eleanor Louise on April 26.

Mary Catherine McGinn married Bradley Mohr on Oct. 27, 2018, at Ford’s Colony Country Club in Williamsburg. She is still an active dentist in the U.S. Navy, and Brad is an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. Her maid of honor was Malone McGinn ’09. Bridesmaids included Jennifer Hoyt ’06, Amy Wrisley Asel ’07, Katherine Hogan ’08 and Meredith DiSandro Parkinson ’08. Groomsmen included James McGinn ’10 and the mother of the groom is Donna Fowle Mohr ’70. Other alumni in attendance were Caitlin Curry Lowery ’05, MA.Ed. ’06, Lesley Hunley ’07, M.Ed. ’11, Ashley Perry de alla ’08, Kathryn Bruce Hardin ’08, Ashleigh Holt ’10, Erin Duggan Lockwood ’09, Elizabeth Payne ’14, Sarah Carlsern ’17, Taylor Zevanove ’17 and Hannah Oren ’18.

Deana Miller and her husband Ronald Miller welcomed Ada Jane Miller on April 15. Her big sister Helen is very proud! Deana and her family are still living in Wilmington, North Carolina, and enjoying the warm weather. She sent me this news at the end of April, when we still had snow in Illinois. I felt no bitterness at all.

Ross Perkins married Francisco Ruscalleda in Washington, D.C., on April 22, 2018. Ross and Francisco had been together for more than six years before they finally decided to make it official. It was a (very) small ceremony at the city courthouse with two other friends. Ross told me that being the Type A people they are, they both went back to work the morning after getting hitched.

Thank you so much to everyone who shared their news with all of us! I look forward to more wonderful news from our amazing class.

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2008

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I hope everyone had a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you next month at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend!

Kristin Boos ’08 spoke on the “W&M Women in TV” panel during the 12th Annual W&M Global Film Festival in February. She is the network creative director for TNT. She creates advertising and marketing campaigns for the network’s programming.

In July 2018, Emily Reynolds was elected council member on the Strasburg, Virginia, Town Council. Her term lasts until June 2022. She is the first in her family to hold elected office.

Karen Miller ’08, M.Acc. ’09 and Christopher Miller ’08 adopted a son, Joseph Edwards Lyric, in October (he was born August 17, 2018). Katie Reilly has been awarded the Dean's Medal as the top graduating MBA student in the Class of 2019 at California State University, Fresno. She and her husband also welcomed a daughter, Elizabeth Reilly Low, in 2017.

Erica E. Smith earned a Ph.D. in epidemiology from the Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, in Philadelphia, in January. Her dissertation was titled “Social determinants of health as upstream risk factors for Salmonella and Campylobacter infections in Pennsylvania.”

Jim Faggio ’08, an attorney with the National Labor Relations Board, LLC, was named the head of production at Symbolic Exchange, a film and television company based in New York City.

Joe’s first film as a producer, “Driveways,” stars Brian Dennehy and Hong Chau and had its world premiere at the Berlin International Film Festival in February. He was also an executive producer on two films (“Adam” and “The Tomato Tree”). He was recently named a Convergence Mentor for Sundance in January.

Devin DeBacker recently joined the Office of White House Counsel as associate counsel to the president. Before that, he was a litigation partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP with a practice focusing on legal strategy, appeals and critical legal issues in complex trial litigation. Earlier in his career, he clerked for Judge Amul Thapar on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky and for Judge D. Brooks Smith on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Devin and his wife Rachel Florek DeBacker live in Silver Spring, Maryland, with their five children.

To Tanner Jennings Crowder ’08 and Alyson Imani Parker ’08, a daughter, Delaney Gertrude, 1/20/2019.

Kelley Lindsay Carrieff Fenster ’08 to Sidney F. Goudie, 6/17/2017.

Leslie Diane Scanlon ’08 to Jacob Weber, 1/12/2019.

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2009

EDITOR’S NOTE: We are looking for a new reporter. If you are interested in reporting for the Class of 2009, please contact the magazine staff at alumni.magazine@wm.edu or at (757) 221-1167.

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I hope you’re enjoying a beautiful fall wherever you are, Class of 2009. Please send me your news at ChristinaBianchi@gmail.com.

Danni Derringer Zhang and her husband Shen Zhang welcomed a baby girl, Olympi Anhua on Aug. 11, 2018. Dani started a new job as the curriculum designer at Expii, Inc. just a few months before.

Phil Hernandez is running for the 100th District seat in the Virginia House of Delegates. Phil served in the Obama White House as a senior policy analyst for four years. He earned a law degree from Berkeley Law, University of California in 2016 and is currently an attorney with the National Employment Law Project.

Wendy Acevedo started a small business two years ago called Ace Bath Bombs. She is thankful that she turned a hobby into a family business and that she is doing what she loves! She homeschools her two sons Elijah and Jacob and incorporates the business into their lessons.

Kate Lawlor Albert lives in Boston with her husband Tim and their two sons, who are 3 and 1. She works part time as an admission coordinator at Boston Trinity Academy and is helping coach the varsity girls’ lacrosse team at Milton Academy.

David Libertson married Danielle Vildostegui, Princeton University ’11, a litigator at Debevoise and Plimpton, in a ceremony outside of Barcelona, Spain, on August 1, 2019. He is also opening up a new gallery in New York City. The culmination of a two-year renovation of Andrew Carnegie’s historic Engineers Club, the new Ronin Gallery is slated to open in September 2019.

Jessica Eschmann-Kusaj Barnes and her husband Chris are excited to announce the birth and adoption of their daughter, Emma Hope, on Jan. 15, 2018.

Will Huberdeau taught at Norfolk Public Schools and moved to Norfolk State University for the 2018-2019 school year. He will move back to the public school system in Newport News in the fall of 2019. He is also volunteering with Humanities Behind Bars teaching a public speaking class at the Norfolk City Jail and is a foot soldier for the global migrant movement with the Tidewater Immigrant Transit Assistance network. He also has a freelance karaoke business and took a trip to Kenya with the Summer Literacy Seminars program in 2018. As if that weren’t enough, he also bought a house in 2018!

Valerie Hopkins started working for the Financial Times as their southeast Europe correspondent in 2018. She is based in Budapest.

Brett Rector and Ashley Bevis Rector welcomed their second child, Mary Katherine Rector, on June 25, 2018.

Ethan Theuerkauf and his wife Kristen welcomed a baby girl, Harper, to their family on Aug. 27, 2018. Ethan started a new position as an assistant professor at Michigan State University in the Department of Geography, Environment, and Spatial Sciences in the fall of 2019.

Dianne Brewster Saal ’09, M.A.Ed. ’12 and her husband Scott Saal ’11 welcomed a baby boy, James Raymond Saal, on July 6, 2018.

Pam Bailey is finishing her infectious diseases fellowship at Virginia Commonwealth University Health System and will be staying at VCU for another year to work in hospital epidemiology and obtain her master of public health.

Marcus Singleton ’09, M.Acc. ’10 graduated from Columbia University and returned to work in his MBA in May 2019. After graduation, he is headed to San Francisco to work for Google.

To Robert Samuel Franklin ’00 and Erin Franklin, a daughter, Virginia Parker, 3/17/2019.

To Kristen Kirkpatrick Hall ’09 and Michael Stephen Hall, a son, Parker, 4/08/2016.

To Brett Willis Rector ’09 and Ashley Bevis Rector ’09, a daughter, Mary Katherine, 6/25/2018.


To Ethan John Theuerkauf ’09 and Kirsten Gibson Theuerkauf, a daughter, Harper, 8/27/2018.


Danielle Wendy Bourget ’09 to Devin Angle, 9/15/2018.

Emily Gourdine Brown ’09, J.D. ’13 to Stephen Hingston, 7/07/2018.


Anna Rachelle Hunt ’09 to Austin G. Earp, 11/01/2017.

Abigail Jane Lemon ’09 to Adam Kirkman, 10/07/2017.

Samantha Ruth Profit ’09 to Bryan M. Glass, 9/16/2018.

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2010

Class Reporter
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As we close out this decade, there are lots of professional changes to report on! To start, Maggie Seegers Kelley was one of 35 teachers nationwide awarded a Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching for the 2018-2019 school year. She was working in New Zealand, where she focused on special education inclusion and the effects of the country’s Learning Support Update.

Dani Hoover was named customer service and marketing manager at Hoover & Strong, her family’s precious metals manufacturing business.

Michael Callahan ’10, M.Acc. ’11 was named vice president of acquisitions and development at Benchmark Construction.

Maya Horowitz joined the Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona as a project manager.

Through the prestigious First Place award, Lamar Shambley recently received her doctorate of veterinary medicine from Washington State University, and her husband Jeff Dailey received his master of science in computer science from Washington State University.

Hannah Debelsius graduated with an M.S. in sustainability management from American University in May. After seven years of teaching in Brooklyn, Lamar Shambley left the classroom to launch Teens of Color Abroad (TOCA), a nonprofit initiative that provides high school students of color with language immersion study abroad programs. In March, Lamar won both the prestigious First Place and People’s Choice awards at Diversity Abroad’s 2019 Innovation Competition in Boston. He’s currently fundraising to kick off TOCA’s pilot program in July 2020. To learn more about TOCA, check out www.teensofcolorabroad.org.

Since I’d include it in this column if it weren’t me, I will also mention that I spent this summer as a Rapra LS Policy Fellow working in the May- or’s Office of Workforce Development in Boston, focusing on expanding the city’s Tuition Free Community College Plan. It was a great experience, and I’m looking forward to year two of my policy master’s program.

In wedding news: Bry- ana Carey married Lukas Bylund, a U.C. Santa Cruz grad, in a small ceremony in El Cajon, California, on June 30, 2018. The pair met in law school in San Diego and had three bridesmaids from W&M in their wedding party: Abigail Owens ’09, Sarah Virginia Bray ’11 and Katherine McCarney.

I’d also like to make the correction that Meg Higgisch both married a Bryan Flaherty who has no affiliation to William & Mary in August 2018. Sorry about the mix up! Fellow alumni Nathan Hoback ’10, Meg Higgisch and Anna Mackin, Seira Nakagawa and Mary Williams attended the wedding.

Ed Baumann ’08 and Meghan Baumann celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary in April and entered the wonderful world of elementary school when their oldest child Will began kindergarten this August. As of May, Meghan was currently substitute teaching and applying to return to teaching full time in Fairfax County Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year.

Paul Hickman and Erin Hickman ’08, M.Acc., welcomed their second daughter and Tribe-member-to-be on July 31, 2018, Christina Joy Hickman, who joins their first daughter Alexandra.

Erin continues to work part time as an accountant for Floris United Methodist Church while Paul continues his role at Learning Tree International.

Stephanie Winkeljohn Black and David Black welcomed their first child, Charles Gabriel, on Jan. 26, 2019. Stephanie and David finished their Ph.D. and D.M.D., respectively, at the University of Louisville in 2018 and have relocated to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Stephanie is now an assistant professor of psychology at Penn State.
State Harrisburg and David recently bought a dental practice.

Katelyn Allison and Kyle Allison ‘11 also welcomed a baby girl into the world this spring. Lydia Leigh Allison was born on April 27, 2019, in Walnut Creek, California. Gabrielle Brooks Kessler and Joseph Kessler also welcomed a daughter, Hannah Christine Kessler, on May 6, 2019.

To Brett Melmester and Kristen Fletcher Meulmester, a son, Nathan Daniel, born 10/26/18.

To Kayley Cerney and Michael Cerney, a daughter, Sawyer Grace, born 12/6/18.

To Lauren O’Hagan Corasaniti and Ralph Michael Corasaniti, a son, Ralph Augustus, born 1/16/19.

To Sara Guruswamy and Samuel Ford, a daughter, Lily Jay, born 2/13/19.

To John Morgan and Colleen Morgan ’11, a son, Leo C., born 4/27/19.

To Jacqui Mooney and Chris Pascal ’09, a son, William John Pascall, born 5/20/19.

To Dustin Glasner and Charlotte Roh, a daughter, Naomie Peregrine Saelit Roh Glasner, born 2/10/19.

To Theresa Crockett and Seth Berman, a son, Liam Crockett Berman, born 4/5/19.

To Elizabeth Mas- trogiacomo and Tim Mastrogiacomo, a daughter, Grace Katherine, born 5/13/19.

Lauren Kelly O’Hagan to Ralph Michael Corasaniti, 8/8/15.

Bryana Rose Carey to Lukas Bylund, 6/30/2018.

Katherine Ann Radloff to Daniel Thomas O’Donohue ’12, 8/2017.

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2011

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Alison Louise Schoettler, J.D., ’18 to Jordan Harnes, 9/08/2018.

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2012

Class Reporter MADELINE BRADSHAW ROWLEY (703) 669-0570 maddie.b.rowley@gmail.com

Just from perusing the ‘gram lately, I see lots of exciting life developments happening with our class. Several have recently graduated from business school, law school, and other higher education programs at the likes of MIT, Wharton, Harvard, Columbia, and the list goes on! Crushing the game, you guys! You know what they say, you can take the TWAMP out of Williamsburg, but you can’t take the TWAMP out of, well...you.

This leads me to my latest news. I’m moving to Monterey, California, where my husband, Jay and I, will both spend a year taking Hebrew classes at the Defense Language Institute (DLI) before moving to Jerusalem, Israel for two years. Yes, you read that correctly, YES, I was hoping we’d be settling here in Maryland for the next five years, but alas, Jay was awarded the Olmsted Scholarship by the U.S. Army and, after much research, it’s truly something we can’t turn down.

It’s hard to quit yet another job and to feel like my career is taking yet another turn, but I’ve had time to think and here comes my latest thought blip: Play the long game.

I don’t know if this is a W&M thing, but I feel like I have a penchant to push for what I deem as “constant progress” or instant satisfaction when it comes my work/career life, my workouts or physical goals and even my social life.

I realized this mindset doesn’t bring me much joy, and I even reached out to Shawn Achor, a famous author and speaker known for his in-depth research on positivity and happiness. He was recently on Oprah’s Super Soul Conversations podcast (the episode is called “The Life Altering Power of a Positive Mind,” definitely listen to it if you can!) And by some miracle, he responded with some sage advice:

“Diversify where meaning comes from. If it’s mostly from work, it can be hard to find a new job. Maybe lose yourself in something you love in the periods where you think the move might be hardest—art, cycling, exercise, gardening. I don’t know what it is for you, but your brain needs something else to focus on to move forward.”

His thoughts, along with starting a Gratitude Journal made me realize that life isn’t this thing you can wipe dry. It’s not a race. Maybe this experience will help launch me to bigger and better things down the road. Who knows? I’m playing the long game. L’Chaim!

James Kroll and his business partner, Victoria Goldsby ’17, launched new coffee brand, Column 15. They’re opening a brick-and-mortar store in Williamsburg that will include a showroom where community members can come in for a cup of joe as well as a production facility for wholesale.

Andrew Carter is on a nationwide tour with his Richmond, Virginia-based band, Minor Poet. An EP of their debut album called “And How?” released this past spring.

Katherine Mize graduated from MIT Sloan School of Management with an MBA in June and started her new job at Goldman Sachs in July. She currently resides in New York City.

Carter Rosekrans graduated from Harvard Law School in May. He moved to Washington, D.C., where he works for Hughes Hubbard & Reed.

Becca Gildea graduated with an MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in May.

T.J. Thompson and Joanna Sandager ’11 were married on Aug. 10, 2018, at the Williamsburg Inn.

Jacqueline Styes graduated from Columbia Law School in the spring of 2018 and currently works for Quinn Emanuel in New York City.

Matthew Schofield graduated from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law in May. He currently works for Venable LLP in Baltimore.

Katy Money is engaged to marry Tim Cannon on Oct. 26, 2019, in Kiawah Island, South Carolina. The wedding party includes 2012 classmate Carter Rosekrans and Jordan Slick. Katy and Tim currently reside in Washington, D.C.

Blair Saunders Allais and Luca Allais were married in September 2017 in Princeton, New Jersey. Blair graduated from VCU School of Medicine last year and is currently in Washington, D.C., for her residency.

Annie Mackson Gerstenmaier married Chip Gerstenmaier in St. Michaels, Maryland, on Sept. 29, 2018.

2013

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Happy fall, all! I hope everyone is doing well and you all had enjoyable summers. Don’t forget to email me your news at lkbond@wm.edu, and check out the online class notes for some more details on the below!


Devan Grayson ’13 graduated in 2018 with her master’s degree in mental health counseling from Reformed Theological Seminary. She is currently working toward becoming a licensed mental health counselor.

Allison Oldfield Luedtke ’13 graduated in May 2018 with her Ph.D. in economics from the University of Virginia, then moved to Charlottesville, Virginia, to Burlington, Vermont. Allison started a job as a professor of economics at Saint Michael’s College in August and traveled to New York City in March 2019 to present some of her research at the Eastern Economic Association Conference.

Allison’s husband Benjamin Luedtke ’13 was promoted to captain in the United States Army in August 2018 and is currently stationed at Fort Drum, New York.

Elizabeth Blair Dunlop ’13 married Christopher Courson on Nov. 11, 2018. Sarah Hancock ’13 was the maid of honor, Rachel Bowman ’14 was a bridesmaid, and Beth-
any Jones Rolando '13 and Katrina Eisenhauer ’13 were in attendance.

Naid Allasan '13 mar-
ried Ashby Muse Sturgis '15 on Jan. 18, 2019, in Koh Samui, Thailand. They have since relocated to Houston, where Naid works in surgical oncology and Ashby is an archaeologist.

Remy O’Neill ’13 and Philip Hart ’13 were married on March 16, 2019. Also in March 2019, Avery Danforth Newton ’13 completed her Ph.D. in measurement, evaluation, statistics and assessment at Boston College. She currently works at American Student Assistance in Boston, building research capacity and generating data-driven insights for key initiatives concerning college and career readiness.


Fenner Gibson also got married this summer, to Victoria Gangotena, whom Fenner met while teaching in Washington, D.C.

To Stephanie Lash Traylor ’13 and William Traylor, a daughter, Jose-
phine Marie, 9/2018.

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Stephanie Perdita Lash ’13 to William Traylor, 2/17/2018.

Tyler Blaine Minn-ich ’13 to Katherine May Skochdopole ’14, 8/04/2018.

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Class Reporter THOMAS E. VEREB tevereb@email.wm.edu

Greetings, Class of 2014! Let’s get right to it:

Zachary Webb Nichols received the Gold for Nonfiction from the Florida Author’s and Publishers Association for his latest project, “The Bull Shark Compendium”; he is currently working on a sea novel set in the Outer Banks.

Tim Rusthoven accepted a job at Arrow Payments earlier this year as their enterprise sales executive. They are headquartered in Chicago and help universities navigate the world of payment processing and data security.

Andrew Shelton proposed and is now engaged to Catie Pavi-
lack — congratulations! Members of our class have been busy this year; here are a few notes from local newspapers:

The Yorktown Crier reported in January that the team that Congresswoman-Elect Elaine Luria (VA-02) had assembled, and among that team stands Kate Fogley, managing Congresswoman-Elect Luria’s daily agenda as scheduler.

The Home News Tribune of East Brunswick, New Jersey, reported in January that Allen Blehi has been appointed as chief of staff to State Senator Patrick J. Diegnan (D-18th District). Also this past January, The Gazette-Journal in Gloucester, Virginia, reported that Joey Thompson was the guest speaker at the John Clayton chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society, sharing his “research findings with respect to the recent increase in cover of native wax myrtle (Myrica cerifera) on several barrier islands.”

In March, The Union Leader in Manchester, New Hampshire, reported on Hayley Fallon and her work with the Children’s Nutrition Program in Haiti, a humanitarian organization that fights malnutrition and seeks to create local, sustainable solutions to addressing poverty. She was there only seven weeks before the U.S. State Department advised its citizens leave due to civil unrest in Haiti, but she looks forward to returning and continuing the work with local community leaders.

Aryn Martin ’16 and Brett Prestia were married Feb. 16, 2019, in Savannah, Georgia. Many alumni were in attendance for this joyous event! That’s all for this issue.

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Tyler Blaine Minn-ich ’13 to Katherine May Skochdopole ’14, 8/04/2018.

Tamara Middleton Elamin ’14 to Alix N. Elamin, 9/02/2017.


Ian Gordon Lewis ’14 to Maura Marlene Bren-

Raquel Marie Tripp ’14 to Christopher Kilgore, 5/26/2018.

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2015

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Howdy, Class of ’15! Some updates from some of our classmates doing awesome things all around the world.

Lizzie Salita recently received a Values in Practice (VIP) Award from Booz Allen Hamilton. It is Booz Allen’s highest individual honor, awarded to recognize those who exemplify the firm’s core values in their work, in their interactions with clients and colleagues, and in their personal conduct. Congrats!

Congratulations are also in order to Dr. Stephanie Winslow, who graduated with her M.D. from the University of Florida in May. She will be completing her residency in emergency medicine at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

Lucy King has been globe-trotting lately, recently presenting at the World Maritime University’s Conference on Empow-ering Women in the Maritime Community in Malmo, Sweden. Her presentation was titled “The Impact of Digital Transformation on Gender Disparity in Maritime Shipping.” Gratia!

Emily Nye Byrd graduated with a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree from Queens University of Charlotte Presbyterian School of Nursing as a member of Sigma Theta Tau Inter-national Honor Society of Nursing. She successfully completed her boards and will be starting as an RN in the Emergency Depart-ment for Atrium Health in Charlotte, North Carolina, this May.

Zack Fetters is cur-rently teaching special education in the Williams-
burg-James City County School Division, and will be teaching at Laurel Lane Elementary School in the fall.

Micayla Costa is a master’s of public administra-tion degree candidate at University of North Carolina, in addition to being a 2U admissions counselor at the University of California, Berkeley Master of Information and Data Science program. She is also a business resource network member, a research associate intern in diversity and inclusion at Center for Labor, Human Services and Population at

2016

Class Reporter EMILY NYE emilynye01@gmail.com

Hello Class of 2016! I hope everyone is doing well. It’s hard to believe that it’s been seven years since we first set foot on campus, excited to start our journeys as members of the Tribe. It has been truly incredible to see and cele-brate the things our class has gone on to achieve since those very first steps on the cobblestones.

Many of you have achieved recent career milestones in the three years since graduation. To name a few:

Esther ‘Esty’ Byrd graduated with a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree from Queens University of Charlotte Presbyterian School of Nursing as a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. She successfully completed her boards and will be starting as an RN in the Emergency Department for Atrium Health in Charlotte, North Carolina, this May.

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Urban Institute to Teresa Derrick-Mills on diversity in the workplace, a BIED Society Senior Fellow and D.C. metro-area manager, a InterNations D.C. ambassa- dor and a Wedu Mentor. Catherine Korizno now produces the 5 p.m. news broadcast for the Charleston, South Caro- lina, NBC affiliate station WCBD, completed her first active year with the Junior League, published two pieces in their magazine “Cobblestones,” and was invited to be a part of the Leadership Board for the Charleston Alumni chapter for W&M.

Anthony Smith has been busy handling the finances at Oleta Coach Lines, Inc. and running his own driving school business that is based out of Richmond (Blue Ridge Driving School, LLC). In addition to this, he has been work- ing to establish the first dairy processing plant in Williamsburg, where he has been partnering with Profes- sor Ronald Monark ’61 of the Raymond A. Mason School of Business. Anthony’s farm is actually in the United States!

Paige Stuhlmuller ’16, M.A.Ed. ’17 moved from California, where she was working as a marine educator, to Oregon, where she is teaching middle school science in Portland.

Yuezhong Zheng graduated with her master of arts in student access & success in higher education from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in May this year. And finally, Linh Vinh received her master’s de- gree in sociology from the University of Virginia and is entering her third year of her Ph.D. program. She is a legal observer coordinator with the National Lawyers Guild where she works with the People's Coalition for Criminal Justice in Charlottesville, Virginia, in support of the establish- ment of a Police Civilian Review Board. She also works with Lending Hands, an organization which helps ex-offenders re-enter the community and advocates for pretrial justice in Virginia.

For others, the recent months have been filled with exciting news on love and relationships: Jen Vogt is marrying Charles Loughery J.D. ’16 on Sept. 21 in Gwyn- edd, Pennsylvania. Mimi Carolus-Hager will be her maid of honor.

Jackson Eskay is mar- rying Courtney Mizerek on Saturday, Aug. 17. The following Monday he will start class at Emory Law School.

Laura Sperry became engaged to Jason Bond and graduated with her masters in public health from the University of Texas Health Science Center. She recent- ly moved to Binghamton, New York.

Erin O’Brien and Me- adee Neslin will be getting married in October this year in Northern Virginia.

Alex Lum married Laurel Hopkins (now Laurel Lum) on Dec. 16, 2018, in Glastonbury, Connecticut. Emily Stites and Will Manion were married on June 7, 2019

Victoria Gum and Waverly Garner ’17, M.A.Ed. ’18 were married in the Wren Chapel on June 22, 2019.

Thank you to everyone for your updates! Best wishes until next time.


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2017

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2018

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The saying goes that “we don’t change; we just get older.” For me, it’s proven scarcely accurate. I’ve traded William & Mary’s swamp for our nation’s swamp, and I spend (waste?) just as much time sipping on G&Ts as I did as an undergraduate.

Some of us, however, have been putting our degrees to good use.

As I write this, Mary Turgeon has just finished her first year of law school, Hunter “Mac” McCon- ville has just finished his first year of studying British literature at the graduate level and Hollie Soave has just finished her medical master’s program.

Ballet Wu ’17 started a new job a few months ago.

Sarah Anderson ’17 constantly amazes me with her work at NPR and my mind is lucky enough to pick her brain about any bill that comes before Congress for a vote. Irina Gavrila has started medical school at Wake Forest University.

Kathleen Pron ‘17 has been devoting 10 months of her life as a teacher’s aide in California with the Augus- tinian Volunteers.

Don’t worry too much, Admissions Office: I’ve written a couple of speech- es that have been given on the floor of the House of Representatives, so I suppose you didn’t entirely throw away the slot you gave me five years ago.

Self-congratulations aside, holding a degree from William & Mary continues to shape me half a decade after we all took our first steps on that campus as students. As I stood in Luke Maclay’s ’17 apartment this past April celebrating Sarah Anderson’s birthday, I was suddenly struck by how many lasting connections those short years in the grueling heat and humid- ity had formed: everyone in that room also held an illegible diploma written in Latin, and whether we knew each other during college had found each other afterwards, the quirks those brick pathways either instill or amplify in every person who chooses to walk them were almost tangible.

So tangible, in fact, that people who attend other Virginia institutions can instantly recognize women who’ve attended W&M. We all have something called “Typical William–Mary- girl hair.” It’s not a compli- ment, but it is a badge of honor for surviving a few credit hours. If anything, it helps you network.

Let me know how your TWAMPy traits have aided you in postgrad life. Send me updates to include in our next notes at brannock. notes@gmail.com. Until then;

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2019

Class Reporter

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Hello Class of 2019!

First, CONGRATULA- TIONS! Four years (give or take a few for trans- fers!) of hard work and memories have hopefully culminated into a glorious college experience! I know that they have for me. If you don’t know me, I am Mona Sharaf, a fellow class of 2019-er. Since the fall of my sophomore year, I worked as an editorial intern at UMAC, where I wrote some of the articles that you have (hopefully) read in the magazine and online platform over the years! Now that I have graduated, I have transitioned roles and am now the class reporter for our class, which means that I will be updating the many of you who read the magazine on what our fel- low classmates are doing beyond graduation. From job changes, continuing edu- cation, marriages, births and beyond, I want to hear and share all of the won- derful things that you guys achieve post-grad! To start this off, I will share that I am headed to Chicago where I am working at a middle school teaching English and language arts through Teach For America!

Hopefully I will hear from many of you soon and I look forward to seeing where the journey of life takes all of the Class of 2019! Feel free to email me at monasharaf.96@gmail.com with any news, updates, or just to say hi!

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It has been exciting receiv- ing all of this news from you! Keep it coming as we stroll into autumn!

Leslie Bellais M.A. ’87

(U.S. history) has retired as curator at the Wisconsin Historical Society after more than 28 years and is finishing up her Ph.D. in U.S. history and material culture from the University of Wisconsin.

Allan Kirkpatrick M.S. ’74 (applied science) is retiring after 40 years at Colorado State University where his teaching and research focused on energy systems. After graduation from William & Mary, where he was chair of the Graduate Student Associa- tion, he received his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from MIT in 1980, and then headed west to Colorado. He now will have more time for hiking and snowshoeing.

Jeffrey Hayes Ph.D. ’12 (American studies) is the curator of the exhibit “Augusta Savage: Renaiss- ance Woman” (2018) currently on display at the Palmer Museum of Art in State College, Pennsylvania. The exhibit features nearly 80 works of art, including sculptures, paintings, and works on paper from artist
Augusta Savage (1892–1962) and was previously at the New-York Historical Society in New York City and the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens in Jacksonville, Florida. Overcoming poverty, racism and sexual discrimination, Savage became one of this country's most influential artists of the 20th century, playing an instrumental role in the development of many celebrated African American artists.

Margaret Cook M.A. ’60 has been a staple in Swem Library's Special Collections Research Center, serving in various roles from graduate student, archivist, volunteer and researcher. She has curated several booklets including the pamphlet “An Anti-Slavery Letter written by Mary Booth, plantation mistress.”

Timothy Paul Grady Ph.D. ’06 (history), a professor at the University of South Carolina Upstate, co-edited “Recovering the Piedmont Past, Volume 2: Bridging the Centuries in the South Carolina Upcountry” (USC Press, 2019), which explores untold stories in that region.

Whitney Battle-Baptiste M.A. ’01 (history) is an associate professor of anthropology and director of the W.E.B. Du Bois Center at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She has her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. Her research focuses on African Americans’ living quarters in the 18th and 19th centuries, and more recently, on events, people and objects associated with today’s most critical social issues. One of her books on these topics is “Black Feminist Archaeology” (Left Coast Press, 2011).

Christopher Shepherd M.A. ’09, Ph.D. ’17 (anthropology) has served as a project archaeologist at the William & Mary Center for Archaeological Research since 2016 and is on the executive board of the Council of Virginia Archaeologists. He spoke at the February meeting of the Historic Triangle Chapter of the Archaeology Society of Virginia on his paper entitled “Repurposing the Fort: Archaeological Investigations of Redoubt 9, a Confederate Fort Turned Union Encampment on the Williamsburg Line.”

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Mason School of Business

Graduate School Reporter
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John Ashbury M.B.A. ’88 is the president and chief executive officer for Union Bankshares Corporation, headquartered in Richmond, Virginia. Through his 35-year career in banking, he has moved up the ranks of such notable financial institutions as, among others, Regions Bank and Bank of America. Just prior to joining Union, John held the same top position with First National Bank of Santa Fe, John earned his bachelor’s degree from Virginia Tech.

Robert “Bob” Ramsey M.B.A. ’04 was recently named chief financial officer for BankMobile, a division of Customers Bancorp, which has its headquarters in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. His previous experience includes a great deal of work as an equity research analyst covering financial institutions. Bob graduated from Hampden-Sydney College with a bachelor’s degree in managerial economics and is a Certified Financial Analyst.

A. Taun (Thomas) Dell’Armo M.B.A. ’72 has set out on a very specialized endeavor, with the partnership of two Japanese swordsmiths, to create “The 8 Samurai.” Each of the eight swords will take two years to create and the entire project will extend for a decade. This project is a culmination of his study of the martial arts, which began during his time in the Air Force at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. His journey led ultimately to Iaido, which utilizes the Samurai sword, and is his life’s passion. There is a potential documentary in the works about the project. Taun had a career in advertising, reaching senior management positions with Ogilvy & Mather.

Brian Andrew M.B.A. ’12 is the vice president to northern California for Millie and Severson, in Pleasanton, California. His role is managing LEED building projects and he has worked with such companies as BMW and Amazon. Brian earned his undergraduate degree in civil engineering from Virginia Military Institute. In addition, he served the country in Iraq as an officer in the U.S. Army.

Kim S. Johnson M.B.A. ’11 is the director of marketing for Homeboy Industries, a nonprofit located in Los Angeles. In her role, Kim directs all aspects of digital and traditional marketing in support of the organization as well as the nine social enterprise businesses that Homeboy Industries seeks to provide critical services to gang members and previously incarcerated men and women, allowing them to redirect their lives and become contributing members of the community. Kim received her undergraduate degree from the University of Connecticut.


Adam K. Pendergraph M.B.A. ’14 to Sarah Findley, 4/13/2019. See more at magazine, wm.edu/class-notes

School of Education

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Lori Andersen Ph.D. ’13 writes, “I just accepted a faculty position at University of Hawai’i at Manoa beginning August 2018. I will be an assistant specialist, developing K-12 science curriculum as part of the Curriculum Research Development Group, a research center at UH.”

Shelby Glass Dodd C.A.S. ’74 is currently traveling the world as a cruise ship lecturer. After a successful career as a school psychologist, Shelby became a lecturer 15 years ago. She has traveled to Egypt, Russia, Malta and many other countries around the world.

Sue Henshon Ph.D. ’05’s newest book, “Teaching Empathy: Strategies for Building Emotional Intelligence in Today’s Student,” will be published by Prufrock Press in October 2019. In spring 2019, Sue published four books through Amazon Kindle: “Winter Haiku,” “Spring Haiku,” and “Summer Haiku” and “Write Your Book This Week.”

Dr. Alvin Lomax C.A.S. ’75, Ed.D. ’79 recently presented a lecture on formal education for African Americans beginning in 1869 at the King and Queen County Historical Society. Alvin served in the United States Army for two years of active duty. Later he was a longtime faculty member at Norfolk State University, finishing 31 years of service.

Kelli Mansel-Ar bucke M.Ed. ’87 was recently appointed to serve on the Williamsburg Health Foundation Board. For many years, Kelli served as the human resources director for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation before retiring.

Kylieh Parsons M.A.Ed. ’02, Ph.D. ’12 helped organize the HBCU (Historic Black Colleges and Universities) Showcase at Oscar Smith High School in Chesapeake. At least 500 students attended this event, and 200 students filled out college applications that day, a record high.

Coralie Raunig M.Ed. ’79 was recently profiled in The Health Journal – Williamsburg Edition for her accomplishments as a skater and teacher. At 87, Coralie skates twice a week and just celebrated her 65th wedding anniversary. In addition, she has mentored hundreds of special education students and skaters in Virginia. She is a proud grandmother to 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

To Dr. E. Ashleigh Schuller Lee ’02, J.D. ’06, Ph.D. ’15 and Daniel Scott Lee, a daughter, Lucia “Lucy” Ashleigh Lee, 6/17/19.


Caroline June Ott M.Ed. ’17 to Adam Jay Wagner, 12/14/2018.

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School of Law

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I wish each of you fair winds and following seas. It has been a true pleasure and honor serving as your law school class notes reporter for more than 12 years. Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity to serve William & Mary. Go Tribe!

Adam Casagrande J.D. ’01 is the general counsel and executive vice president of ADS, Inc. based in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He was named one of Virginia’s best lawyers.

Douglas Christian J.D. ’78 is the general counsel of specialty beverage retailer BevMo.

Audra A. Dial J.D. ’98 is a managing partner with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton’s Atlanta office and was featured in the Atlanta Business Chronicle’s 2019 “Atlanta 500” magazine.

Cheshire L’Anson Eveleigh J.D. ’90 has practiced law in Virginia with the firm of Wolcott Rivers Gates for the past 28 years.

Samuel Franck J.D. ’02 practices in real estate law with the North Carolina firm of Ward and Smith P.A.

Carrie Harris Grundmann J.D. ’08 has joined Spilman Thornell & Battle in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and maintains a practice in its Roanoke location as well.

Cynthia Hudson J.D. ’94 serves as chief deputy attorney general of Virginia and was selected as attorney general of Virginia in the year.

Virginia Institute of Marine Science
Graduate School Reporters
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It is always awards season for VIMS graduates! NOAA Fisheries scientist Tom Munroe Ph.D. ’87 received the 2018 Robert H. Gibbs, Jr. Memorial Award in recognition of his outstanding body of published work in systematic ichthyology. This prestigious award is presented annually by the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists to an individual engaged in systematic studies of fishes. Tom is a senior scientist at the NOAA Fisheries National Systematics Laboratory located at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. He is regarded as a world expert and authority on flatfishes. He has described 28 new species of flatfishes in his more than 30-year career at NOAA and is currently involved with several studies that will describe another 15-plus new species. Tom has produced an impressive 115 peer-reviewed papers (over 50 as first author) and an additional 20 book chapters.

Alana Marie Bilucci J.D. ’15 to Henry Fitts, 6/16/2018.

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Jennifer Martin Ph.D. ’15, biology professor at Thomas Nelson Community College, was selected as one of the Commonwealth’s outstanding faculty members by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).

Janet Nestlerode M.S. ’96, Ph.D. ’04 was recently named branch chief of the Biological Effects and Population Response branch at US EPA Office of Research and Development’s (ORD) Gulf Ecology Division. Janet joined EPA in 2005 as a postdoctoral fellow. Her research focuses on benthic ecology, specifically organism-sediment interactions and is applying Sediment Profile Imaging (SPI) to study habitat condition in Pensacola Bay and most recently in the Great Lakes with her VIMS lab-mate Beth Hinchee Malloy M.S. ’96, Ph.D. ’02. Janet has also served on several ORD and EPA teams including the ORD Wetlands Condition Assessment Team and cross-agency Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Planning Team.

Amy Shields M.A. ’04, Ph.D. ’07 began a new appointment in April as the branch chief of the Standards and Water Quality branch in US EPA’s Region 7 (R7) in Lenexa, Kansas. Previously, Amy served as the ORD Regional Science Liaison for R7 where she helped to build research partnerships and communicate state-of-the-art EPA ORD science to the region. She began her career with EPA as a postdoctoral fellow in the National Risk Management Research Laboratory in Ada, Oklahoma.

Readers, call in more “Quips” to share with fellow alumni — y’all know who you are!

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Virginia Institute of Marine Science
In Memoriam

Read Full Obituaries Online

Below, you can read the names of members of the William & Mary community whose passing was reported between Jan. 17 and May 16, 2019. To read extended obituaries written by Sara Thomas Hunt, please go online to our magazine website at magazine.wm.edu/in-memoriam.


Juanie Christine Campbell Ford ’40 of Redondo Beach, CA, died Feb. 25, 2018.

Betty Whitehill Blanton ’41 of Austin, TX, died Dec. 3, 2018.

Harriet Elizabeth Murray Mears ’42 of Springfield, MO, died March 18, 2019.

Donald “Don” Hahne ’43 of Sun City West, AZ, died Jan. 31, 2019.


Nancy Guitpill Searle ’43 of Williamsburg died April 2, 2019.


Sally Glen Raschi ’44 of Groveland, NY, died April 23, 2019.

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

David Sanford Williams ’44 of Atlanta died Jan. 16, 2019.


Barbara Humbert Handy ’45 of Lynchburg, VA, died Jan. 7, 2019.


Ruth Weimer Tillar ’45 of Emporia, VA, died Jan. 21, 2019.


Dorothy “Gina” Virginia Lewis Glass Lynch ’47 of Tulsa, OK, died July 13, 2017.

Ann Coffey Miles ’47 of Bedford, VA, died Aug. 21, 2018.

Joan Shanahan Symmes ’47 of Winchester, VA, died March 22, 2019.

Jean “Jeannie” Lindsay Bevans ’48 of Palmyra, VA, formerly of San Antonio, died Jan. 9, 2019.


H. Vivian DeFord ’48 of Virginia Beach, VA, died Feb. 18, 2018.

Russell “Pat” Patterson Ellison Jr. ’48 of Richmond, VA, died April 9, 2019.

H. Vivian DeFord ’48 of Virginia Beach, VA, died Feb. 18, 2018.


William James Moody Sr. ’49 of Portsmouth, VA, died March 27, 2019.

Harry Tanzer ’49 of Midlothian, VA, died April 6, 2019.

Donald Harvie Doctor ’50 of Boca Raton, FL, died April 3, 2019.

David Martin Eissnenberg ’50 of Cohoes, NY, died April 1, 2019.


Nancy Lawrie Kurtz Falck ’50 of Fairfax, VA, died April 26, 2019.


Jeanette Hedman Ormonston ’51 of Newport News, VA, died March 6, 2019.


Kathleen “Kathy” Smith Hilmo ’52 of Colorado Springs, CO, died June 18, 2018.


Mary Rogers King Thomas ’52 of Atlanta died March 5, 2019.


June “Lee” Garrenton Fitzgerald ’53 of Pompano Beach, FL, died April 26, 2019.


Evelyn Kool Humphrey ’53 of Roanoke, VA, died Feb. 6, 2010.


Molly Weaver Petty ’53 of Port Republic, MD, died April 29, 2018.


Mary Betty Fichtenger Sellers ’53 of Roanoke, VA, died July 19, 2018.


Barbara “Bobbye” Brown Thorp ’53 of Williamsburg died March 1, 2019.


Bruce F. Bower ’54 of Needham, MA, died July 6, 2018.

Alan D. Canfield ’54 of Waldport, OR, died Nov. 29, 2018.

Alice Long Castillo ’54 of Durham, NC, died March 1, 2019.


Thomas Tom” N. Hummecutt III ’54 of Newport News, VA, died April 3, 2019.


William “Bill” Key Wilde ’55 of Houston, TX, died March 26, 2019.


Samuel David Cole ’56 of Walnut Creek, CA, died Feb. 7, 2019.


John C. Cayward ’57 of Tolland, CT, died May 2, 2019.

Joanne Wray Finlaid ’57 of Santa Barbara, CA, died July 29, 2017.


Virginia “Ginny” Fleshman Gada ’58 of Raleigh, NC, died Jan. 1, 2019.

Phyllis Tatum Jenness ’58 of Seabrook, TX, died Dec. 11, 2018.


Jacqueline Wilson Mace ’58 of Poquoson, VA, formerly of Virginia Beach, VA, died Feb. 12, 2019.

Ronald Cole Jordan ’60 of Front Royal, VA, died March 14, 2019.


George Stakias ’60 of Leesburg, VA, died Feb. 23, 2019.

Barbara Hoey Jackson ’61 of Harrisonburg, VA, died June 3, 2017.

Jean Christian McCumber ’61 of Branch, MI, died April 6, 2019.

Patsy “Pat” Hobbs Morton ’61 of Williamsburg died March 8, 2019.

James L. Hartz ’59 of Midlothian, VA, died Feb. 6, 2019.

Roy Thomas Lange ’59 of Benton, WA, died Jan. 9, 2019.


James Mark Cross ’60 of Salem, OH, died March 11, 2019.

Clyde R. Franklin Jr. ’60 of Johnson City, TN, died April 15, 2019.


Henry F. Martini ’61 of Virginia Beach, VA, died April 18, 2019.

Barbara Tuck Wittan ’64 of Richmond, VA, died Dec. 2, 2018.

Joseph “Hayes” Holden ’65 of Ashburn, VA, formerly of Vienna, VA, died April 22, 2019.

Sue Blanks Wilmencuster ’65 of Yorktown, VA, died Feb. 12, 2019.

Lynd Efird Burnet ’66 of Niceville, FL, died March 17, 2019.


Robert “Rob” F. St. Alan Ray Mitsdarffer
Marybeth Ryan Landon
of Thomas “Tom” Gamble
Robin Shakshober
Stuart Desmond Martin Jr.
Christopher “Chris” Grant Wright ’71, M.Ed. ’77 of Newton, NJ, died Jan. 21, 2019.
Lynne Ann Holm ’73, M.Ed. ’76 of Bend, OR, died in Feb. 2018.
Stuart Desmond Martin Jr. ’73 of Richmond, VA, died April 19, 2019.
Judy Brandon Owen ’73 of Danville, VA, died March 25, 2019.
Robin Shakshober Selby ’73 of Richmond, VA, died March 6, 2019.
Thomas “Tom” Gamble Duncan ’74 of Fairfax, VA, died Jan. 18, 2019.
Alan Ray Mitsdarffer ’76 of Katy, TX, died April 25, 2019.
Alexander “Alex” Paul Divaris ’01 of Virginia Beach, VA, died April 8, 2019.
John Demian Strunk ’01 of Mount Holly, NC, died Feb. 27, 2019.
Herman Calvin Daniel III M.L.T. ’80 of Richmond, VA, died Jan. 18, 2019.
Samantha “Bunny” DeLong ’08 of Mechanicsville, VA, died March 21, 2019.
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Julian Fore ’71
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