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ALUMNI FOCUS

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Learning, Work and Service

BY CHARLES BOWERY '92

Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired; President, Association of 1775

The Association of 1775 (Ao75) takes its name from the Revolutionary service of our student ancestors. This community of alumni has two important things in common with our forebearers: love for our alma mater and a passion for service and leadership.

Originally chartered in 1992 by alumni of W&M Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), the Ao75 existed until 2005, carrying out programs for the benefit of ROTC cadets and future Army officers, and serving as a touchpoint mainly for Army ROTC alumni. The demands of military service after September 11, 2001, forced the association's volunteer leaders to turn their attention toward service to country versus alma mater.

As an original member, I valued the connections membership helped me to sustain, so in 2016 I volunteered to restart this affinity group with the capable assistance of the Alumni Association. We decided to make the new Ao75 about establishing a robust network of William & Mary alumni serving across the U.S. government, not just in the military. The response has been overwhelmingly positive.

The Ao75 serves not only alumni but also as a resource for students seeking to enter government service or the military (whether as a part of ROTC or not)

and student military veterans. Together, we hope to advance President Katherine Rowe's vision of a university that leads the nation and world in the future of learning, work and service. Military and government alumni, future military personnel and civil servants, and student veterans have precisely the skills, experience and leadership to advance our university in all three areas. The Ao75 will use the passion for mentorship and leadership of our alumni to provide a helping hand and guiding force for these future leaders.

If you are working in the government or military, please visit the Alumni Association's volunteer portal at wmalumni.com/volunteer where you can reaffirm your interest in staying connected with the Association, offer suggestions on future programs and raise your hand to get involved in our leadership. You can also learn more at wmalumni.com under "Get Involved/Affinity Groups" and join our community on Facebook by searching "Association of 1775." Go Tribe!

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FROM THE BRAFFERTON

Kindliest Change

BY KATHERINE A. ROWE

William & Mary President

In my Charter Day remarks in February, I touched on two concepts that have been important throughout my career, in the different roles I have been privileged to play — as a leader, entrepreneur, teacher, scholar, coach, athlete, parent and more. The first was an idea about productive change — change that is durable, perhaps disruptive but ultimately positive: kindly change. The second was an idea about ambition and excellence: the idea of the long play and long game. My next two columns from the Brafferton unfold these two ideas.

The first of these core concepts — the concept of “kindly change” — is an important idea for the Renaissance culture in which William & Mary was founded. John Milton coins an apt phrase for this idea in “Paradise Lost,” describing a scene of hospitality in which an angel visits Adam and Eve for dinner.

Eve, an inventor in her test kitchen, prepares the meal. As Milton writes, *“She turns, on hospitable thoughts intent, What choice to choose for delicacy best, What order, so contrived as not to mix Tastes, not well joined, inelegant, but bring Taste after taste upheld with kindest change”* (5.333-336).

Change can be difficult to take kindly, especially when it is brought about by forces outside our control. Eve’s art invites us to think of change in a new way, however. In the Renaissance, “kind” was a synonym for “kin.” So “kindly” means “true, natural or innate.” As she combines ingredients harvested from the garden, Eve makes each delicacy taste more true to itself. The key verbs in the passage tell us more: kindly change *upholds* and *joins*, and to make change this way requires thinking, *thoughts intent*.

The philosophy of change that Eve concocts — change we choose thoughtfully, to advance our mission in an ever-evolving environment — is a surprising one for modern ears. I have explored it in conversations with faculty, staff,

students, alumni, parents and friends over the past months. Those conversations reflect excitement about the way this idea foregrounds a key aspect of our history.

William & Mary’s history is replete with innovation in the wake of dramatic political, economic, social and technological changes. The Jeffersonian Reforms of 1779 give us one example of this forward-looking disposition. Believing that education was essential to self-government, Thomas Jefferson, then governor of Virginia and a member of William & Mary’s Board of Visitors, introduced a series of proposals for William & Mary in 1779, among them the establishment of a law school. Jefferson aspired for the new school to educate citizen lawyers who would lead the recently formed nation. In a letter to James Madison in 1780, Jefferson writes, “Our new institution at the College has had a success which has gained it universal applause ... This single school by throwing from time to time new hands well principled into the legislature will be of infinite value.”

More recently, we’ve reflected on the centennial of co-education at William & Mary and the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the first African-American residential students to campus. These changes made William & Mary more inclusive, advancing our core mission of bringing the brightest minds together for the common good, enriching the intellectual feast we offer here.

Here are two initiatives currently simmering in William & Mary’s test kitchens.

First, faculty and staff from across the university are standing up a new learning studio to explore avenues for enhancing teaching effectiveness and cultivating lifelong learners. By bringing faculty, staff and graduate and undergraduate students together as empowered partners, the studio will serve as a tool for creatively responding to pressures generated by changes in pedagogy, technology and demographics. A mechanism for anticipating future needs, the studio will reinvigorate William & Mary’s role as the start-up lab for higher education in the United States.

Second, just as Jefferson imagined the citizen lawyer, William & Mary is preparing students to be citizens and professionals. Internships and externships create opportunities for mindful reflection that bridges learning across campus and around the world. Our professional schools, the Cohen Career Center, the Reves Center, the Charles Center and the W&M Washington Center are all creating such opportunities for students. Future partnerships with alumni could build on this excellent work around the globe.

In August, William & Mary will launch an intensive period of strategic planning. Together, we will continue to restock our test kitchen: with both well-tested and true techniques and new ones. I look forward to working with you to set the table for a future worthy of our historic past.

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INAUGURATION DAY:

Katherine A. Rowe was inaugurated as William & Mary's 28th president during the Charter Day celebrations.





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A NEW DAWN, A NEW DAY

Defining Moments

The curtain rises for Rowe

BY JENNIFER PAGE WALL

BOLD MOMENTS ARE MOMENTS THAT DEFINE OUR lives. For Katherine Rowe, one such moment was her inauguration as William & Mary's 28th president.

Standing before thousands of people gathered in Kaplan Arena in early February for the historic occasion, Rowe confidently said, "Now is the moment to reflect on the change that will make us more ourselves and make the Alma Mater of the Nation more the global leader we aspire to be."

More than 140 delegates represented academic institutions and learned societies across the country and globe. Three former William & Mary presidents were also in attendance: Taylor Reveley LL.D. '18, HON '18, Timothy Sullivan '66 and Paul Verkuil '61, D.P.S. '17.

During the ceremony, Arizona State University Professor Ayanna Thompson, president of the Shakespeare Association of America and a close friend and colleague of the president described Rowe's leadership style.

She said Rowe taught her how to be "a scholar who lifts as she climbs."

"Life, love and work are never seen as zero-sum games for President Katherine Rowe; rather, she operates as if the universe is expansive, and in which everyone can win, advance and thrive. She is

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A MEMORABLE OCCASION: *There were many bold moments during Charter Day Weekend 2019. Fun was had by all who participated in a wide variety of programming and events.*



the perfect person to lead William & Mary in the 21st century.”

Charter Day Weekend was a significant occasion not only for Rowe but also for the entire William & Mary community. As part of the festivities, Robert M. Gates ’65, L.H.D. ’98 was re-invested as the university’s chancellor and William & Mary saluted 326 years of history.

With so much to celebrate, there was no shortage of fun.

After the pomp and circumstance of the inauguration, there were opportunities for students, faculty, alumni, staff, family and friends to participate in a wide variety of activities and programming. From the Fire & Ice Party, which featured student performances, s’mores and food trucks, to sessions focusing on the future of work, knowledge and service, Charter Day Weekend was full of celebration, reflection and connection.

Another highlight was a conversation with President Rowe and Chancellor Gates titled “The Fine Art of Disagreement & Diplomacy,” a topic that has received significant media attention and also been a hot-button issue on college campuses.

Moderating the discussion was Jaime Settle, associate professor of government at William & Mary, who asked Rowe and Gates to provide their thoughts on the role of higher education in encouraging civil discourse around difficult issues and contrasting viewpoints.

Noting that this should be an area of ongoing conversation across university campuses and in public life, Gates said, “The promotion of disagreement is a critical tool of leadership. Any leader at



any level who wants to be surrounded by people who agree with him or her is taking a gigantic risk. I have always found, in the different institutions I’ve led, that forcing disagreement — making people disagree with me — has been a powerful tool.”

While the weekend wound down, another effort was just beginning. President Rowe transitioned her Thinking Forward effort to Moving Forward — and started to prepare for her strategic planning process, which will formally commence in August.

Rowe’s overarching goals for strategic planning will be to advance William & Mary’s distinctive excellence in a rapidly changing environment while building a stronger and more sustainable financial foundation for the university.

It was truly an extraordinary weekend. There will undoubtedly be many bold moments for Rowe during her presidency at William & Mary. We look forward to being a part of those moments with her.



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Big Ideas Live Here

Global Research Institute celebrates 10 years of cross-disciplinary studies

BY CLAIRE DE LISLE

HOME BASE: *The Global Research Institute's office on Scotland Street is a gathering place for students, and GRI hosts barbecues and community meals there throughout the year.*



THE GLOBAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE WAS BORN out of questions from students.

“How should I get this data on the impact of foreign aid on the environment? Official sources don’t have what I need!”

“Why is there a difference between how my professors teach and study international relations?”

Professors Mike Tierney ’87, M.A. ’88 and Sue Peterson began working together to find answers to questions like these, and had a question of their own: What would happen if William & Mary had an multidisciplinary center, where students could have real-world experience working on the world’s pressing problems?

Now, 10 years later, they are co-directors of the Global Research Institute, which this year will involve more than 200 students per semester, host more than 10 courses and engage nearly 250 faculty and student

researchers. Its seven research projects have been awarded more than \$50 million in investment from external partners. Its research has been covered by leading news outlets and published in major journals and by distinguished presses.

The Institute’s most well-known project, AidData, equips policymakers and practitioners with better evidence to improve how sustainable development investments are targeted, monitored and evaluated. In 2018, they mapped and released data for nearly \$274 billion dollars of Chinese financing, making transparent transactions that had long been hidden.

“Even as we’ve grown, our model remains the same. We work to incubate, pilot, scale and sustain ideas that make a difference in the world,” says Tierney. “We’ve kept students at the center of our work.”

More than 1,000 students have been involved with the Global Research Institute — formerly the Institute

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for the Theory & Practice of International Relations, or ITPIR — since it launched, taking classes, working on one or more of the many projects housed in the Institute and joining the global debate on some of the world's thorniest policy questions. From the sunny front porch of the Institute's house on Scotland Street, students have gone on to work in technology, government, law and more. They've built a community of alumni that remains strongly connected to William & Mary and the Institute that shaped their lives and careers.

Layla Abi-Falah '17, J.D. '20 has wanted to be a human rights lawyer since she was 14 years old.

"I was so frustrated thinking I'd have to spend years and years in school before I could do something to help people in need," she says. "But here, I found this community of professors and practitioners who felt the exact same way I do about bringing change to the world."

In her classes, Abi-Falah wrote papers on mass wartime rape, a crisis she is passionate about. But she wanted to do more.

So, as a senior, Abi-Falah became a fellow in the Project on International Peace and Security (PIPS), the Institute's undergraduate think tank, presenting her policy proposals directly to military, intelligence and public policy practitioners. Her experience is typical: in 2018 alone, Global Research Institute students had more than 150 meetings with policymakers.

"I wouldn't be involved in the global debate over mass wartime rape if it wasn't for the Institute and if it wasn't for PIPS. My faculty mentors said, 'We see your passion, we see your excitement, and we want to foster that. We will help you learn how best to talk about the issues that you care about in a way that resonates with a wider audience. You're not just an undergraduate. You're a policy practitioner.'"

Now, this summer, Abi-Falah will be working at The Hague, focusing on the cases and appeals that are left from the tribunals for international crimes in Yugoslavia and Rwanda. It's her dream job, made possible through connections with Global Research Institute alumni.

"There's a long line of William & Mary students who have been doing great work in The Hague. I hope these dictators who commit terrible atrocities are scared of us! We're a force to be reckoned with."

The multidisciplinary nature of students' work at the Institute opens a wide variety of opportunities for them to follow their interests. No two students' experiences are alike.

As a freshman, Kelvin Abrokwa-Johnson '18 became a geocoder at AidData, assigning latitude and longitude to development projects worldwide. When the Institute offered a summer class on data analysis, Abrokwa-Johnson thought it would be useful for the work he was doing at AidData. It was his first introduction to coding, and he loved it.



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SPEAKING OUT:
Layla Abi-Falah '17, J.D. '20 presented at the April 2017 PIPS Annual On-Campus Symposium.

He returned to AidData on the data analysis team, and his interest in programming led him to a math major and an internship with Google. Now Abrokwa-Johnson works as a software engineer for Square in San Francisco.

"The Institute showed me that it's really important to have a breadth of knowledge and breadth of experience," says Abrokwa-Johnson. "Being open to those new experiences really does pay dividends."

Alexander Nocks '19 has taken several Global Research Institute classes at William & Mary's Washington Center in Washington, D.C., asking questions directly of practitioners at the Pentagon, State Department, World Bank and more.

"You consume this ocean of information and see what's being debated at the cutting edge of these conversations — that's the easy part," Nocks says. "Then you try to take one step beyond the edge of the conversation. What isn't being discussed? What's next?"

For Nocks, what's next meant getting involved in the Institute's Shark Tank competition, in which students compete for funding for projects with real-world impact. His idea, to map Hezbollah-sponsored public construction projects, won funding at the competition during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2018 and is now in progress.

Ever busy, he's also working on the Global Research Institute's programs team and serving as a teaching assistant for a new Blockchain and Development class. Run by the Institute, the class attracted a diverse mix of students, including computer science students, development professionals and a business professor.

"Everything we do is hyper-collaborative and team-based in a very non-hierarchical way," Nocks says. "That's what I want from wherever I work in the future."

Students also spend significant time in other countries conducting research and working closely with international partners.

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Suzie Bae '20 spent 10 weeks last summer in Vientiane, Laos, as a Global Research Institute summer fellow, working for an international development organization called Village Focus International.

"Hopping from the U.S. to Laos is a complete 180-degree turn. I had to learn to think on my feet, adapt to new experiences and immerse myself in a new environment," Bae says. "It wasn't just an internship — I really was part of the community.

Even though we didn't speak the same language, they welcomed me into their lives."

Bae wants a career in federal consulting and saw this opportunity as a unique chance to get hands-on, boots-on-the-ground

experience working within another culture.

"The Global Research Institute gives opportunities to freshmen unrelentingly. They don't view freshmen or underclassmen as less experienced or less able to bring skilled contributions — it's indicative of the positive and inclusive culture that the Institute creates," Bae says. "They are willing to

invest in students' futures in a bold and nontraditional way."

Through all the projects, programs and classes offered by the Institute, a theme emerges: real-world problems don't respect disciplinary boundaries. They require ideas and methods from across the curriculum, throughout the world, to solve.

"At the Global Research Institute, we have an audacious goal: we want to be the best place in the world for undergraduate students to do applied, global research. We are equipping students with the skills and experiences they need to solve complex global problems, and we're having fun while doing it," says Peterson.

In just 10 years, the unique combination of students, faculty and staff working directly with alumni, policy practitioners and professionals has created a learning laboratory where big ideas can thrive — and be translated into actions that make a difference in the world.

To learn more about the Global Research Institute, visit www.wm.edu/globalresearch.



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JUICY GOSSIP

THE SCIENCE OF THE PERFECT STRAWBERRY



The old-fashioned strawberry is having a renaissance thanks to new genetic research. • "I always hear, 'Oh, these strawberries today aren't like the ones from my grandma's garden,'" said William & Mary Assistant Professor of Biology Josh Puzey. "So we built a tool by sequencing its genome. Now we can drill down and understand how flavor is produced, how texture is produced, how size is produced. It will help us understand other crops as well." • Puzey and two of his students joined a team of researchers to complete the first chromosome-scale assembly of the strawberry genome. The newly sequenced genome offers a window into global crop development. Their work, which also traces the origin of the North American strawberry, was published in February in the journal *Nature Genetics*. ONLINE: See more at magazine.wm.edu/strawberryresearch.

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A Space of Our Own

Shenkman Jewish Center is a home away from home for students on campus

BY ASHLEY K. SPEED



ENHANCED STUDENT EXPERIENCE: *Jewish students can prepare and eat kosher meals in the Shenkman Jewish Center.*

A STUDENT WANTS TO MAKE SURE HIS MOTHER'S memory lives forever. On the anniversary of her death, he will recite the Mourner's Kaddish and light a Yahrzeit candle. In Judaism, the candle is meant to burn for 24 hours beginning at sunset. He needs a space on William & Mary's campus to practice the sacred ritual.

That special space is the Shenkman Jewish Center, the first dedicated facility at the university for Jewish students to practice their faith.

"Attending a nearby synagogue is not the same as having our own Jewish center at William & Mary, where we can decide what kinds of events we host and what types of services we are leading," says Mollie Schichman '21, co-president of Hillel at William & Mary. "Already some of my favorite memories of my college experience happened at the Shenkman Jewish Center."

The center, which opened in the fall of 2018, was funded through a generous gift from Mark R. Shenkman HON '15, P '03 and Rosalind Shenkman

P '03. Located at the corner of Jamestown Road and Cary Street, the more than 3,000-square-foot facility includes a kosher kitchen, study lounge, meeting spaces and a sukkah.

The facility, which is owned by the William & Mary Real Estate Foundation, was created to provide a central location where Jewish students can participate in cultural, spiritual, social and educational activities and programming.

"The center feels like it's here for us — and that we belong here," says Ephraim Kozodoy '21, co-president of Hillel.

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

The center is operated by Hillel, a student group whose mission is to provide Jewish students a place on college campuses to freely express Judaism. In the past, finding places to hold events on campus was an ongoing challenge. Students would meet in different rooms on campus nightly because there was no central location prior to the center being built.

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"Our programming problem is now solved," Schichman says. "Just by having the house we are able to provide so much more to Jewish students on campus."

Approximately 450 Jewish undergraduate students attend William & Mary, making up about 7 percent of the undergraduate student population, according to Rabbi Gershon Litt, director of Hillel. There are about 150 Jewish graduate students.

"My vision is to reach as many Jewish students as we possibly can and let them know that they have a home here at the Shenkman Jewish Center," Litt says.

Hillel members say there is an uptick in students attending events hosted at the new center. Kosher food is eaten at many of those events. In February, a caterer was hired to prepare meals at the center. It is the only kosher kitchen in the Williamsburg area, according to Litt.

"One of the roadblocks for Jewish students coming to William & Mary has been not having kosher food available consistently," Litt says. "By making this available to students, we are widening the opportunities for Jewish families to send their students to the university."

Kozodoy was raised in Manhattan, New York City, in an orthodox Jewish family where eating kosher was a way of life.

"I come from a pretty religious atmosphere," Kozodoy says. "We follow all the kosher rules at home. It was impossible to do that here before the center opened."

Litt says they are still in need of utensils for the kitchen and are currently raising money through Tribefunding.

"We certainly want alumni to look back at their experience at William & Mary and consider what their time would have been like if they'd had a beautiful home on campus like the Shenkman Jewish Center," Litt says. "Maybe they will be inspired to pay it forward by enabling this experience for other Jewish students."

WE BELONG HERE

Ben Marcus '22, who grew up in Chicago, sought out the local Jewish community during his first semester at William & Mary. Most of those early interactions were through attending services at a local synagogue.

"It was very intimidating to worship alongside hundreds of people I didn't know," Marcus says. "Now that the center is open, it makes me feel like there is a Jewish community on campus. This is a place that we can come together to have Shabbat and Jewish holidays. By having the Shenkman Jewish Center, more students will come to William & Mary."

This past fall, students celebrated Hanukkah on campus for the first time. Previously, they were unable to light menorahs in dorm rooms because of open flame policies and setting off the smoke detectors.

Weekly programming at the center includes Shabbat dinners, student-led services, game nights and Challah for Hunger. In February, Hillel hosted a Gift of Life event, where bone marrow samples were collected from people with a Jewish genetic background, with the purpose of curing blood cancer.

Sidonie Horn '22, who grew up in Los Angeles, wanted to attend a university that had a strong Jewish presence. Horn learned the Shenkman Center was being built during her visit to W&M.

"It made me feel really good when I heard about the center," Horn says. "William & Mary's Jewish population isn't super large, but when you have your own space to congregate with other Jewish students it doesn't matter how large the numbers are."

Danielle Grae '21 agrees. "We really want anyone who identifies as Jewish to come here, whether you think you're barely Jewish or you're very religious," she says. "It's a home for everyone."

A BOLD STEP FORWARD

Hannah Chait '22, from the Bronx in New York City, was initially hesitant about attending W&M. She emailed Litt about Jewish life on campus and found out that the center was being built.

"That made such a big difference because I knew it represented a much more permanent existence of Jewish life," Chait says.

"I'm in the St Andrews Joint Degree Programme, so when I come back in three years it's not like Jewish life will be gone. If anything it's just going to get so much better."

Litt says the presence of the center has also set William & Mary boldly apart from other universities.

"It really makes a statement to institutions of higher education everywhere that diversity is important to William & Mary," Litt says. "Putting this building on Jamestown Road makes a major statement that W&M cares about all students who are here and wants to ensure that every student really does have a place they feel safe and comfortable. That was something the Jewish community did not have until now."

Schichman and other students say they have "immense gratitude" for the Shenkmans creating a home for them at William & Mary.

"They have made a huge difference in the lives of every Jewish student on campus, current and future," Schichman says.

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COME ONE COME ALL: Rabbi Gershon Litt says the creation of the Shenkman Jewish Center will expand William & Mary's applicant pool of Jewish students.



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LIFT WHERE YOU STAND

Women's Stock Pitch and Leadership Summit connects students and mentors

BY CLAIRE DE LISLE

KEYNOTE: *Todd Boehly '96 and Kelly Grier P '22 discussed getting started in a career, adding to the culture of an organization, giving and receiving feedback, leading in a team and advice from Grier's personal career path.*



THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S STOCK PITCH AND LEADERSHIP SUMMIT, now in its fourth year, is more than a competition or a conference. It's an opportunity for women students to demonstrate what they've learned and receive personalized coaching on key business skills from industry leaders.

More than 70 businesswomen (and a few men), many of whom are W&M alumni, parents and executive partners, returned to campus to serve as judges, panelists and coaches. They shared their expertise and provided valuable connections for students to Fortune 500 companies, consulting firms, startups and more.

Students from 23 U.S., Canadian and Australian universities attended the event, which was sponsored by some of the biggest names in financial services.

The two-day summit began March 29 with a welcome from President Katherine Rowe, followed by a keynote conversation between Kelly Grier P '22, EY U.S. chair and managing partner and Americas managing partner, and Todd Boehly '96, chair, CEO and controlling member of Eldridge Industries. Todd and Katie Garrett Boehly '95 established the

Boehly Center for Excellence in Finance at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business, for which the summit is the signature event.

Grier spoke to a theme recurring throughout the summit: the importance of emotional intelligence to career success. Emotional intelligence, often called EQ, is the ability to identify and manage your emotions and handle interpersonal relationships well.

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go with others. See their aptitude for change, meet them where they are and bring them along," said Grier. "Create relationships that transcend hierarchy. Ensure everyone is valuable and their contributions matter, in a safe environment where people challenge you and are heard."

The next morning, the students dove into the stock pitch competition, convincing panels of judges to purchase a real-world stock. William & Mary's team — Alicia Draper '20, Alden Wagner '21, Jay Thompson '19 and Vivian Xi '20 — pitched T-Mobile. They made it to the final round, but ultimately lost the top prize to the University of Pennsylvania's team, which pitched Wingstop.

Karen Kennedy Schultz '75 of the Board of

PHOTO: ERIC LUSHER

Visitors said she was “blown away” by the students. “Their maturity and their presence, and their ability to respond to pointed, complicated questions, gives me great pride in the next generation. I’m truly buoyed by this experience,” she said.

After the competition, Ann Benjamin, retired managing director of Nueberger Berman LLC, shared insights from her career, emphasizing the importance of passion for your work, advocacy for yourself and others, and taking initiative to actively manage your career from day one.

“One of the most challenging tasks in my 30-year career was recruiting talented, well prepared, articulate young women. Had this competition existed then, I would have known just where to look,” she said.

Students then broke into panel sessions: “Lift Where You Stand: Women Helping Women” and “Make Your EQ Work for You: The Key to Networking Success.” Panelists shared advice based on their extensive and varied experiences. Then, students discussed real-life scenarios in small groups with the coaches to guide them.

Tovia Rosner '19 wants to be a coach for this

event one day. She competed in the stock competition her sophomore year, which led her to the equity research job she’ll start after graduation.

“This is the most fun day of the year — it’s great to see all the alumni return,” Rosner said. “I —100 percent — want to come back as a coach or judge after I graduate. I want to pay it back to the many mentors I’ve had along the way. That’s how I’ll know I’ve made it, when I can share what I’ve learned with students like me.”

To finish the day, students created and delivered their elevator pitches, which are 20- to 30-second summaries of themselves. They also honed their networking skills by practicing entering and exiting conversations, asking relevant questions and more.

Students and coaches walked away with practical advice and new connections to industry professionals — and each other — that can help them throughout their careers.

“One of the benefits of this event is the people around you — your friends, peers and competitors. Get to know them and stay in contact. You will see them again,” Benjamin advised participants. “These are the future leaders of the business world.”

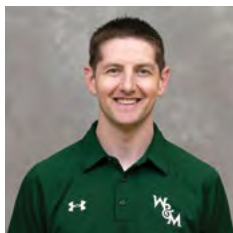
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CELEBRATING WOMEN: *President Katherine Rowe kicked off the two-day summit, which included a stock pitch competition.*



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NEW HOOPS COACH

In April, William & Mary announced that Dane Fischer will serve as the head men's basketball coach. A 16-year coaching veteran, Fischer spent the last four seasons as the top assistant at George Mason University.

Regarded as a tireless recruiter, an elite basketball tactician and one of the rising stars in the coaching business, Fischer has been instrumental in turning multiple programs into winners.

Fischer helped teams earn seven post-season appearances, six regular-season conference championships, three NCAA Tournament bids, three conference tournament crowns, two National Invitation Tournament berths and an NCAA Division III National Runner-up finish.

—W&M ATHLETICS



LEFT PHOTO COURTESY OF W&M ATHLETICS; RIGHT PHOTO: SKIP ROWLAND '83

GO FOR THE GOAL

FROM THE ICE TO THE FIELD

The hockey journey of Woodard Hooper '20

BY MONA SHARAF '19

WOODARD HOOPER '20 ALWAYS KNEW SHE was going to be a college athlete. It was never a question, but with her first love being ice hockey, Hooper never expected to be recruited for field hockey.

"As a high school athlete, I was focused on ice hockey, which I had played my whole life," Hooper says. "I was required to play a sport every season, so I picked up field hockey on a whim. It was really just a sport to keep me in shape for my ice hockey season in the winter, but I never imagined I would play field hockey in college until a coach approached me to say they wanted me to consider playing for them on a scholarship in college."

Hooper excelled on the field. She scored 28 goals and 17 assists in the 15 games she played her senior year of high school, earning her the MVP spot. While it came as a shock to Hooper that she was being recruited for field hockey, her commitment to both sports had proven that she was not only a star athlete but a leader.

"One of my greatest accomplishments in high school was to serve as captain on both the field hockey and ice hockey teams my senior year," Hooper says. "It showed that people saw me as a leader in both sports and I really enjoyed the opportunity to be in a leadership position for both teams."

Hooper knew she wanted to have the same impact on a college team; the challenge was choosing a school. Ultimately Hooper decided to play field hockey at William & Mary for two reasons: her scholarship and the encouragement of her godmother, Maryellen Farmer Feeley '85.

"My godmother is a dedicated alumna and played a pivotal role in my decision to come to William & Mary," Hooper says. "Seeing her excitement about William & Mary influenced my decision to attend."

Through the field hockey team, Hooper found a home she did not expect. Not only did Hooper fall in love with William & Mary from the first time she set foot on the campus, she knew that the school supported her by providing her a scholarship to study and play field hockey.

"Without this scholarship, I am not sure I would have been able to attend such an amazing school that has pushed me so hard," Hooper said. "I am surrounded by peers who are incredibly smart and

it encourages me to try my hardest to take advantage of what a William & Mary education has to offer."

Hooper's hard work on the team has paid off. This past November, Hooper scored one of the two goals that put the team ahead of the University of Delaware for its first conference tournament crown.

"Winning the Colonial Athletic Association Championship this year was a big moment," Hooper said. "It was something we've been talking about since my freshman year, so to finally get there this year was super rewarding. A lot of teams viewed us as the underdogs, but we just ignored them and kept fighting till the end. To have a role in that win was a huge moment in my career."

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IN IT TO WIN IT:
Woodard Hooper '20 helped the women's field hockey team win the Colonial Athletic Association Championship this year. Opposite page: Hooper studies in the research lab.



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For Hooper, college was not just about playing a sport, but having a balanced experience, and she knew William & Mary would provide her with that opportunity.

“My time at W&M has allowed me to grow as a student and as a person,” Hooper says. “Choosing my own academic path has allowed me to follow my passions and explore what I am truly interested in. My coaches work with me so that I can balance all the work required for my biology major with my practices. Coach Tess Ellis is so supportive and knows that my time here is about more than just being an athlete.”

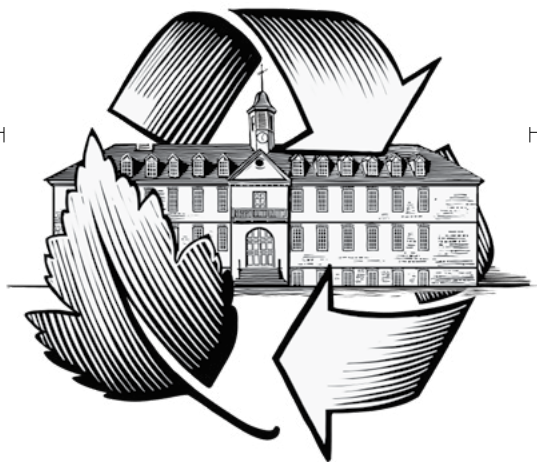
While Hooper prides herself on her position on the field hockey team, she has found that William & Mary has afforded her other great opportunities.

“In addition, being a part of the field hockey team has given me remarkable life lessons about leadership and responsibility. Being a student-athlete requires a huge commitment of time and learning how to successfully juggle practice and travel

schedules with my academics and all the other things W&M has to offer,” Hooper says. “With the help of people like Coach Ellis, many professors whom I consider mentors, and my friends and teammates, I feel I am prepared for success outside of the classroom and off the field.”

With Hooper about to enter her senior year, she is looking forward to staying connected with the school and the team. She hopes to share her experience as a student-athlete at William & Mary beyond her four years as an undergraduate. Connecting with passionate female-athlete alumnae has shown her the impact she can make after graduation.

“Every year I attend the Celebration of Women in Athletics event, where I have the opportunity to talk to some amazing alumni who were also student-athletes,” she says. “They come back to William & Mary to offer guidance and leadership and work as mentors to student-athletes, something I would love to do one day.”



GOING GREEN

W&M'S NEW PLAN FOR SUSTAINABILITY

William & Mary has adopted its first long-range, comprehensive Sustainability Plan, which outlines the university's vision for environmental and other forms of sustainability over the next five years. • As part of this plan, the university has signed onto the Sustainable Endowments Institute's Billion Dollar Green Challenge, pledging to grow its green revolving fund for environmental efforts from \$200,000 to \$1 million by 2025. The university is the first public institution in Virginia to join the challenge. • “William & Mary's 326-year history of exceptional academics, civic engagement and innovation equip the university to meet the challenges of a sustainable future,” President Katherine Rowe said. “As an institution that prepares students to be global citizens, we view our campus as a lab for generating innovative solutions to the many challenges confronting the world today — be they environmental, social, individual or economic. This plan articulates that vision.”

— JENNIFER L. WILLIAMS

YOU ROCK

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VIRGINIA'S FINEST FACULTY

Rowan Lockwood, a professor in William & Mary's Department of Geology, and Jeffrey Bellin, University Professor for Teaching Excellence at W&M Law School, are 2019 recipients of Virginia Outstanding Faculty Awards. The awards, which "recognize excellence in teaching, research, and service among the faculties of Virginia's public and private colleges and universities," are administered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and sponsored by Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Dominion. With 44 faculty recognized since 1987, W&M has received more Outstanding Faculty Awards than any other college or university in the state.

— ADRIENNE BERARD & JOSEPH MCCLAIN



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Board Notes

Report from the winter meeting of the WMAA Board of Directors

BY JOHN S. KANE

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the general membership of the Alumni Association was held Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in the Chesapeake Room of the Sadler Center. The president called the meeting to order and together with the executive director and treasurer presented the Alumni Association's "Year in Review," highlighting alumni engagement programming, priorities, funding and the Alumni House Expansion project. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. with members invited to attend the Alumni Medallion ceremony and reception.

NOMINATIONS FOR WMAA BOARD

To nominate a qualified individual to the Alumni Association Board of Directors, please visit <https://wmalumni.com/about-us/board-of-directors>. Nominations are accepted all year but must be received by **July 1** to be considered for the next election year.

THE WILLIAM & MARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Board of Directors held its winter meeting Feb. 7-8, 2019, in Williamsburg in conjunction with the university's Charter Day and Presidential Inauguration celebrations.

The full board convened on Thursday and began with the introduction of newly appointed member Alice Givens '94. President Sue Manix '79 called for approval of consent agenda items. Executive Director Marilyn Ward Midyette '75 reviewed FY18 events and activities, previewed upcoming significant events and provided an update on the Alumni House Expansion.

Select committee and task force chairs presented updates on activities and actions in their respective areas. Treasurer Scott Kelsey '06, M.Acc. '07 presented the year-to-date financial reports, reviewed board actions on an insurance demutualization and unclaimed property matter, and apprised the board of ongoing negotiations with our credit card affinity partnership. He also reviewed minor adjustments in the Association's investment portfolio that the committee will enact. Todd Norris '86, P '18 provided a brief update on the Alumni House expansion project. Howard Busbee '65, J.D. '67, M.L.T. '68, P '90, P '04, a member of the parking study task force, reviewed ongoing discussions about parking to facilitate campus demand and the expansion. Director for Development for the Alumni Association Richard Long M.Ed. '18 brought the board up-to-date on the campaign progress, board giving performance and plans for One Tribe One Day on April 16. The mem-

bers then discussed plans for the W&M Weekend in San Francisco, scheduled for Sept. 3-6, 2020.

Following lunch, the board received and discussed presentations on alumni engagement data, determining which data would be most beneficial in aiding the board ahead of its strategic planning sessions this summer. The board adjourned for the remainder of the day to participate in the Joint Boards meeting with the Board of Visitors, W&M Foundation Board and Annual Giving Board, held at the School of Education.

Reconvening on Friday morning, the board reviewed the findings from the 2016 PEG Alumni Survey. Following this discussion, George Cruser '84 was appointed to lead a task force to examine data needs ahead of the board's summer meeting. Communications Committee Chair AnnaMaria DeSalva '90 presented the message map her committee and Advancement staff have developed and sought board feedback. President Sue Manix '79 stressed the importance of board members providing their feedback on the upcoming member interest and board effectiveness surveys. She then reviewed meeting actions and tasks for members. Calling for new business and hearing none, she closed the open session of the board meeting and moved into the executive session. The meeting then adjourned at noon for all members to participate in inauguration events for President Rowe and Charter Day activities.

Significant discussion and decisions took place on the following actions:

- Approved the according of Associate Alumni status to 12 retiring faculty and staff members.
- Approved the awarding of Alumni Faculty Fellowship Awards to Assistant Professor of Physics Jozef J. Dudek, Assistant Professor of Economics John W. Lopresti, Assistant Professor of History Fabricio P. Prado, Assistant Professor of Psychological Sciences Joanna Schug and Assistant Professor of Education Meredith W. Kier.
- Appointed a data task force to examine alumni data needs and questions to facilitate strategic planning.
- Conferred Honorary Alumni status on R. Alexander Kurland.
- Approved A. Marshal Acuff '62, L.H.D. '07 as Homecoming Grand Marshal for 2019.
- Approved methodology and a communications plan for allocation of insurance demutualization proceeds to current and former staff as dictated by health plan participation levels.
- The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for June 20-21, 2019, on campus in Blow Hall.

W&M WEEKEND

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A full-page photograph of two men standing side-by-side in front of a blue wall. The man on the left is bald, smiling, and wearing a solid blue suit. The man on the right has short dark hair, wears glasses, and is smiling; he is wearing a dark blue pinstriped suit. The background wall features large, white-outlined letters spelling 'STUD' at the top and a banner below it with the words 'COURT HOUSE'.

STRONG BONDS

William & Mary ties strengthen the team behind
a new sports and entertainment empire.

BY TINA ESHLEMAN

PHOTO: ADAM EWING

INSIDE THE ST. JAMES ON A CHILLY FRIDAY MORNING in early spring, members of the D.C. United team mingle around high-top tables inside Vim and Victor, the elegant restaurant to the left of the entrance, where a coffee counter serves pressed juices, banana loaves, paleo cranberry scones and breakfast sandwiches.

The MLS soccer club's black and red eagle logos can be spotted elsewhere in the 450,000-square-foot sports, wellness and entertainment complex, as players practice moves on the FIFA-regulation-size turf field and lift weights in the training room. School is out today, so there are also children shooting down slides in the indoor waterpark, scaling colorful climbing walls and tying on figure skates in one of the center's two ice rinks. In the other, there's a hockey clinic going on, while a man working on a laptop watches through a large window in the adjacent lounge. A golfer practices his swing in one of six simulator bays, and in the health club, a woman relaxes in the sauna.

Another day, you might see a Washington Wizards basketball player shooting baskets next to a group of 7-year-old children in one of four basketball courts, which convert to nine volleyball courts. If your timing is right, gold medalist Katie Ledecky might be doing laps in the Olympic-size pool.

This mecca for serious athletes, fitness enthusiasts and entertainment seekers — young, old and in between — is the vision of Craig Dixon '97, J.D. '00 and Kendrick Ashton '98, two William & Mary graduates who went on to successful careers in law and investment banking before starting this venture. They named the business, which opened in September, after the Court of St. James's, the center of global affairs under the British empire for centuries.

"We wanted our brand to represent our ambition for the business, which was to be the center of the universe for each market that we serve," Ashton says. "We very much want to be as integral to people's lives as home and school or work are."

The name also recognizes the pair's link to William & Mary, he says.

"Craig and I met at a place that was discussed and ultimately approved and chartered in the Court of St. James's. It's a very important and formative place for us. We met our wives there. We started our friendship there and we grew as young people in ways that we probably could not have imagined."

During those formative college years, they connected with other students who became long-time friends and they entered a wide network of alumni, some of whom are investors in their new venture.

The entrepreneurial pair is backed by a William & Mary network including major capital partner Todd Boehly '96, part owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers and founder of Eldridge Industries, whose holdings include Dick Clark Productions, Billboard magazine and the Hollywood Reporter. Through its real estate company Cain International, Eldridge also has a stake in the Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills and Beverly Hilton hotels in L.A.

As impressive as The St. James is now, the partners are thinking even bigger — 20 to 25 similar facilities around the country in the next decade, plus international locations and expansion of its dining, retail, health spa and entertainment brands.



WARM UP: *The D.C. United soccer team trains on the FIFA-regulation-size indoor turf field.*

“Todd was such a strong believer in the model and the possibilities for the brand that he encouraged us to grow the platform from day one,” Ashton says. “Without his belief, we wouldn’t be building in Chicago as we are now and working to have six developments in the pipeline by the end of this year.”

Dixon, Ashton and Boehly shared significant things in common, as they would later discover.

A MEETING OF THE MINDS

Dixon and Ashton met in the fall of 1994 at “The Caf” dining hall, where mutual friends introduced them as both being from the Washington, D.C., area.

“Kendrick said, ‘Where in D.C. are you from?’ and I said, ‘I’m from Montgomery County,’” Dixon says.

“I immediately said, ‘That’s not D.C.’ — which he’s never let me live down,” Ashton says, laughing.

That geographical difference didn’t stop the two from becoming fast friends. They found many connections, Dixon says, including that both had younger siblings who attended affiliated schools on the campus of the National Cathedral.

Both were athletes with wide-ranging interests who enjoyed talking about economics, politics and philosophy, Dixon says. They both joined the Kappa Pi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, a historically significant national fraternity whose members have

included Martin Luther King Jr., Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and Duke Ellington. They also married alumnae and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority sisters — children’s book author and photographer Hilary Grant Dixon ’00 and Digital Pioneers Academy Founder and CEO Mashea Mason Ashton ’96, M.Ed. ’97.

“The thing about Craig I’ve always treasured is he’s a serious guy,” Ashton says. “That doesn’t mean he doesn’t have fun. He was in college with a purpose in mind — to grow and build a successful life. That was obvious when we met.”

Dixon went to William & Mary thinking he might pursue a career as a doctor, but changed course as he began to explore other subject areas.

“I quickly realized that medicine was not what I was passionate about,” he says. “I was more passionate about business, politics and history and how we human beings organize ourselves to do things.”

Dixon’s parents, Jamaican immigrants who were small business owners, envisioned their son going to college, then graduate school and working as a professional — in part, he says, because they believed that would be an easier life with less uncertainty.

“I did that,” he says, “but I always knew that I would, once I had identified the right opportunity, take a shot at building something.”

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Growing up, Dixon participated in any sport he could, including soccer, baseball, football, swimming and track.

“My parents believed that these experiences in athletics would help me develop mental toughness and discipline, as well as learn how to function as a team and how to take risks and push myself,” he says. “So just as they invested time in making me learn an instrument and making sure I read and did my multiplication tables, I also played sports.”

Dixon played football, wrestled and threw shot put and discus in track during his years at Episcopal High School, and took part in intramural sports such as basketball, soccer and flag football at William & Mary.

Football was Ashton’s main passion while attending Archbishop Carroll High School, though he also played baseball and basketball, and ran track. He didn’t see himself as an entrepreneur early on.

“I was very focused on being a good student and playing sports. I thought I might go to law school, thought I might go to business school, but I didn’t have any strong thirst or desire to start a business,” he says.

Ashton skipped a grade in high school and graduated at age 16. He wanted to play highly competitive college football and he thought he was being under-recruited, so he spent a post-graduate year at Fork Union Military Academy burnishing his reputation as a football player.

“We were playing a pretty competitive schedule against junior colleges and other post-graduate programs,” he says.

Recruiters noticed his talent, and more than 40 schools made him offers, including Harvard University and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

“I chose William & Mary because it was, as everybody says when they talk about William & Mary, the best combination of rigorous academics, a first-rate brand in terms of institutions of higher learning and a first-rate athletics program, in particular a football program.”

At William & Mary, Ashton says, “balancing the demands of the classwork with the demands of being a four-year contributor on the football team helped me learn how to manage a really, really significant workload, and it’s made the rest of my life seem significantly more manageable.”

Ashton earned a law degree and an MBA from the University of Chicago, worked as an investment banker at Goldman Sachs & Co., and became a founding member and managing director of Perella Weinberg Partners, a global financial services firm. Earlier, he entered the political arena as a congressional aide to U.S. Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton, a Washington, D.C., Democrat, and as deputy press secretary for Republican publishing executive Steve Forbes’ 2000 presidential campaign.

After receiving his law degree from William & Mary, Dixon served as a law clerk for U.S. District Judge James R. Spencer, then practiced

at the California-based Cooley law firm, in corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions at McGuireWoods, and at Smithfield Foods, where he focused on corporate transactions.

Their common experience at William & Mary served as a strong foundation, Dixon says.

“There’s no place to hide in the classroom and no place to hide intellectually. You’re going to be challenged by your professors, your fellow students, to communicate on a level that is at the top of the range. Those experiences prepared us well, both for graduate school and then going into professions where excellence is the norm. Because of our experiences at the university, we were already prepared for that. Those muscles had been built.”

LIGHTBULB MOMENTS

Dixon and Ashton stayed in touch as they began their careers and started their families, occasionally talking about business ideas they might pursue.

“We looked at medical device businesses, businesses in the storage industry. We looked at out-source services businesses and others that I won’t disclose because we still might do some of those,” Dixon says.

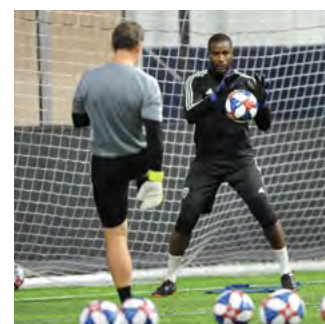
The idea for The St. James is rooted in their personal experiences as young athletes and the challenges of gaining access to the kinds of training and facilities that would allow them to pursue their sports at a high level. Exposure to a couple of other venues helped shape their idea. While Ashton was at the University of Chicago, the two visited the East Bank Club, which combined sports and fitness with dining, spa and salon features.

“It was a really enjoyable place to spend time, unlike the typical health club, where you go in and get your workout and then leave,” Dixon says. Later, seeing the Chelsea Piers sports and entertainment complex in New York City “was another lightbulb moment in understanding how you could create a large-scale destination to meet the needs of people who are passionate about sports and being active.”

They settled on a project that not only aligned with their love of sports, but that they believed they were uniquely qualified to nurture into existence.

“We had the background both as youth athletes and parents of active children to understand the customer,” Dixon says. “We knew the customer because we *are* the customer.”

Their professional experience also positioned them well for such a venture, he says. “Kendrick was an investment banker. I was an M&A lawyer for a long time, and we spent our careers learning how to develop a business case, analyze businesses and understand how businesses work and don’t work, so we could articulate why somebody should invest in an opportunity like this.”





A STRONG BEGINNING: Ashton and Dixon have played sports their whole lives. At William & Mary, Ashton was on the football team and Dixon played intramural sports such as basketball, soccer and flag football.

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK

They chose the Washington, D.C., area, their old stomping grounds, as a location, and began developing their business plan and raising capital.

The 20-acre site is about 3 miles from the Springfield interchange of interstates 95, 395 and 495, just 13 miles from the United States Capitol, in a mixed commercial and industrial area that includes an Amazon distribution center, a gravel yard at Vulcan Materials and the Fairfax County Archives and Records.

“One of the beauties of our location is that we’re highly accessible for the whole region,” Dixon says.

While planning The St. James, Dixon notes, the partners studied the D.C. region’s demographics and levels of participation in about 30 sports down to the ZIP code level.

“We looked at every competitive offering in the marketplace, literally every place that had a health club or basketball courts, golf courses, driving ranges, pools, ice, turf, etc. Every spa, every restaurant, how many courts, and the quality of all of those offerings.”

They invested their own money in the project, and received support from family and friends.

Among the investors in the project’s early stages were former Tribe football team captain and center Joseph W. Montgomery ’74, former co-captain and defensive tackle Craig Staub ’93 and Jimmy F. Robinson Jr. J.D. ’98, a managing shareholder at Ogletree Deakins’ Richmond office.

Montgomery was managing the William & Mary endowment when Ashton served on the Board of Visitors from 2012 to 2016. He also had observed Ashton as a football player with skills that tend to carry over into an athlete’s professional life.

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**INVESTING IN
SUCCESS:** *Todd
Boehly '96 is one of the
investors in the project,
which is the first
facility of many that
Ashton and Dixon hope
to open worldwide.*

“I had some sense of his work ethic and what it takes to excel in school and sports — the discipline it takes,” says Montgomery, managing director of investments with The Optimal Service Group of Wells Fargo Advisors in Williamsburg, Virginia.

“I was very excited when I found out about their venture and the plans that they have for the business,” he adds. “Anytime you start something new like that, it takes a lot of courage. It also takes a lot of confidence and a lot of preparation. Obviously, they put in the time.”

Staub got to know Ashton while serving on the William & Mary Foundation board, which Ashton had served on previously, when meetings at the college overlapped. During one of their conversations, Ashton told him about The St. James project, and the idea resonated with him. A managing principal with Odyssey Investment Partners in New York City, Staub is also a parent who experienced some of the same frustrations with a lack of adequate indoor athletic facilities that Dixon and Ashton had found.

“There’s a huge demand and there doesn’t seem to be enough supply of these kinds of options,” he says.

“As I walked through their plan, their preparation, I was very impressed with Craig and Kendrick,” Staub says, adding that the partners seemed to have thought out every element of building, staffing and opening The St. James. “It was a combination of understanding and buying into their vision and my belief in their ability to execute.”

Dixon says such support has been important to the project’s success.

In addition to the investors, “We also have a couple of alumni working here on the team as well. In fact, Ken Tyler '87, M.Ed. '89 is our director of athletics. He played basketball at William & Mary.” Our

strategic planning analyst Aaron Swinton '17, M.Acc. '18 was a defensive back on the football team.

“William & Mary prepared us, but also, the William & Mary community has continued to help sustain us as we’re building and growing this business.”

ENTER TODD BOEHLY

After an initial round of fundraising, Ashton and Dixon needed a financial partner to help them bring their vision to fruition.

“We hired Kendrick’s old firm to help us identify a partner who would help finance this business and this concept,” Dixon says. The partners talked with a variety of financial institutions and prospective investors.”

“Many of them said no because this is a fairly unique thing,” he says. “You have to be successful as both a developer of real estate and an operator, which is not something that typically is necessary in one team and organization.”

With Boehly, it was different. Like Dixon and Ashton, he has ties to the nation’s capital, having grown up in the Northern Virginia town of Vienna, and he shares their love of sports. As a student at the Landon School in Bethesda, Maryland, he was a member of the championship-winning wrestling team. Like them, he married a William & Mary alumna, Katie Garrett Boehly '95, and is a father of activity-loving children. He was also familiar with the Chelsea Piers location in Stamford, Connecticut.

“So he understood intimately both the problems we were solving and how The St. James would be well positioned to build a big business nationally in this space,” Dixon says.



As with the early-stage William & Mary investors, Boehly learned about the project through a conversation with Ashton. At the time, he was on campus to participate in a panel that Ashton was hosting.

“We started chatting about what he was doing,” Boehly says, and Ashton told him about The St. James.

As it turns out, Boehly had looked at the property that became Stamford’s Chelsea Piers location, a former Clairol hair product distribution facility that had moved to Mexico, with the idea of building an indoor go-kart track.

“I had already been familiar with that site and saw, then, what Chelsea Piers was able to do with it,” he says, noting the project’s success despite limitations posed by the existing floor plan, which could not accommodate regulation-size ice hockey rinks, for example. “The whole idea of building 450,000 square feet from *de novo* and really thinking about what’s the right way to organize it and then the right environment to add to it, was something that when Kendrick told me about it, I was immediately drawn to.”

Boehly says that his and his business partners’ role as a capital provider is to support the vision of Ashton and Dixon.

“We’re very much in belief that their vision is right and that we’re building hubs of community,” he says. “It’s lining up with a lot of similar themes that are going on in the world. You have work and leisure, and it comes down to being super efficient with time.”

At The St. James, while children are training for hockey or swimming or gymnastics, for example, parents can take a yoga class, practice their golf swing, receive a massage or eat lunch in the restaurant overseen by former “Top Chef” contender Spike Mendelsohn.

Boehly says he has offered feedback based on his experience with moving large crowds in and out of Dodger Stadium, on issues such as lighting, security and accommodating ride services such as Uber and Lyft.

In terms of programming for The St. James, “I don’t want to get involved because I’m shooting from the cheap seats,” he says. “I’ve found there’s nothing more frustrating for entrepreneurs trying to build things — because in my heart I’m an entrepreneur as well — than when I’m told what to do by someone who has one-tenth the line of sight into something that I have.”



SPACE FOR

EVERY SPORT: *The 450,000-square-foot complex contains fields, courts, weight rooms, golf simulator bays, climbing walls, ice rinks, swimming pools, a health club and more.*



Boehly has also encouraged Ashton and Dixon to look outward toward developing their next facility — set to open outside Chicago in 2020 — and other potential locations such as Dallas and Los Angeles, even as they fine-tune the operation of their first one.

“The St. James has a lot of markets where we’ll be highly in demand over the years,” Boehly says. “You need to be cultivating that demand at the same time you need to be making sure that the model you’re operating is refined to the point where you want to roll it out.

“There’s a balance to growing and maintaining,” he adds. “If you try to grow too quickly, oftentimes you lose what it is that you’re maintaining.”

Boehly says he believes that any market that supports a professional sports team can support a St. James center, a number he estimates at 30 to 40. With a national network of that scale, he sees revenue opportunities such as sponsorship and product placement from companies that want to reach an estimated 2 million visitors at each location per year — or a total of 60 million people at 30 facilities.

“Let’s say half of those visitors are probably under 15, or maybe under 18,” he says. “That pop-

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ulation is in high demand to Nike, Under Armour, Adidas, EA Sports, Fortnite, Netflix.”

Boehly talked about the project during a visit to his alma mater, where he participated in the Women’s Stock Pitch Competition and Leadership Summit at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business. The summit is the signature event for the Boehly Center for Excellence in Finance, created with a gift from Todd and Katie (see page 18).

Like Dixon, Boehly thought when he first arrived on campus as a student that he might be interested in studying medicine. He considered English and philosophy, but didn’t find those subject areas to be a perfect fit, either. Then he applied to the business school and found himself captivated by a corporate finance class taught by Professor Bill O’Connell, followed by a study of equity capital markets with Professor James Haltiner and a class on money and debt markets with Professor Bob Williams.

“That was when I really started getting interested in the idea of finance,” he says.

After spending his senior year studying at the London School of Economics and working for CitiBank through the BUNAC Blue Card program, Boehly moved to New York City to start his career. Like Ashton and Dixon, he experienced the benefits of the William & Mary alumni network. Boehly says that about 10 members of his fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, ended up in the Big Apple.

“A lot of that was driven by a gentleman by the name of Scott Mackesy ’91, who was a very successful tennis player here,” he says. A fellow Lambda Chi Alpha member, Mackesy got a job at Dean Witter & Co. “He was then able to introduce all of us to that world.”

Boehly says that Mackesy helped him get his first round of interviews, which then led to job offers.

“Figuring out how to find your first job is probably the hardest step out of school,” he says. “If you have a trusted relationship to help you navigate that process, you’re in a much better position than if you’re working in a more formal format.”

In terms of his current engagement with William & Mary, Boehly strongly believes that students benefit from exposure to the real world, and businesses benefit from engaging the academic community in helping to solve problems that businesses often don’t have time or resources to address.

To that end, The St. James will participate with the Mason School on a student capstone project as part of a one-year masters program in business analytics.

“We have a lot of data coming out of The St. James that we want to figure out how to do more with for our consumer and our customer,” he says, “so if we can figure out how to deliver things that make their lives easier, we’re doing a better job as a business.”

Meanwhile, Ashton sees daily indications of progress and success at The St. James.

One is that every time he drives into the parking lot, it seems to be more full than it was before. “I compare Mondays against Mondays, Tuesdays against Tuesdays,” he says. “We pay a lot of attention to how many cars are in the parking lot, and that is definitely trending in the right direction.”

What’s even more important, he says, is “it’s enormously gratifying to see hundreds of 8- 10- and 12-year-olds walking in our doors with a sense of purpose ... and leave a field with confidence and excitement about what’s next for them in their sport.” ☺

MAKING A SPLASH:
An Olympic-size pool and an indoor waterpark are just two of the many amenities offered.

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Jen Chaney '94 Talks TV

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Olivia Newton-John didn't know it, but in the 1980s, her biggest fan was a third-grader living in the D.C. suburbs.

"When I was 7 or 8, I would watch 'Grease' over and over again, and I had the 'Xanadu' soundtrack practically memorized. If she was on TV, I had to record it so I could re-watch it and analyze it," remembers Jen Chaney '94 with a laugh. "I liked her for simple reasons — she seemed really nice, she was pretty and she had a great voice!"

Little did she know that her early obsession with a cultural icon was the embryo of a career immersed in television and popular culture. Chaney, who is now a television critic for the media outlet Vulture, doesn't remember a time when she wasn't obsessed with the small screen. She always knew more about her favorite shows than anyone else around her and found ways to incorporate her TV hobby into her schoolwork.

"Once we had to choose a person we admired, write a report about them and then attempt to do their job. I picked Steven Spielberg and I made a movie about a superhero who helped people become better at video games," she recalls. "I was the first female director for a superhero movie!"

With such a strong affinity for popular culture, it seemed destined that Chaney would enter the entertainment industry in some capacity, but she points out that there were no people in her orbit that she could look to for inspiration. She wanted to be a writer, but her mother was concerned she wouldn't be able to earn a living doing something creative. Once she came to William & Mary, however, she found herself molding her coursework to accommodate her passion for the arts.

"I was a DJ for WCWM, the campus radio station, and was also a features editor for a news program called Brave World News. We would try to feature local arts events like plays or exhibits at the Muscarelle, but sometimes there weren't enough events to cover, and we would fill in with movie and TV reviews," she says. "I started by recapping 'Beverly Hills 90210' and eventually added in 'Melrose Place' — really exploring the breadth of the genre!"

She parlayed an internship at the DC101 radio station into her first post-college job working for a small-town paper in Montgomery County, Maryland, following the time-worn advice that a journalist can only move up by starting at a small paper and gradually jumping to more prestigious publications. Deciding she wasn't cut out for the vagabond lifestyle, she once again considered her options, at one point even working for nearly a year as a mid-career fellow on Capitol Hill. Eventually, she decided she wasn't interested in politics and decided to aim big — working for The Washington Post.



BLAZING THE DIGITAL TRAIL It was the early 2000s and traditional news outlets were just beginning to explore the possibilities of online media. As a web producer and writer for The Post's digital arm, Chaney was on the cutting edge of online content. In those days, the newsprint edition was governed by separate leadership than the digital version, but the old-fashioned rules that often define venerated institutions were still there.

Post employees were not allowed to attend political events for fear of being seen as partisan, and one editor famously did not even vote. Opinions were only appropriate in the editorial section. Even as they chafed against those traditional journalistic conventions, those on the digital side of the paper also sometimes felt like they worked for a start-up because there was a constant sense of innovation.

One of the ways they experimented was with entertainment reporting and blogging. When Liz Kelly created the Celebritology blog for The Washington Post in 2006, Chaney started writing celebrity news and, as in her college days, television recaps, which were still rare. When they started writing about ABC's hit show "Lost," that's when their following really picked up.

"There was an entire online network that developed around this show, studying the background, looking for 'Easter eggs' and clues, writing entire posts dedicated to the significance of a book that showed up in a single scene," she says. "Going online and doing research was as much a part of the experience as watching the show itself, and we wanted to be a part of that."

Chaney sees the evolution of this online television community as a huge step forward in television criticism. Whereas a critic used to receive a handful of episodes of a new show and write a review and recommendation based on this small sample, now they are invited to delve into individual episodes, continually grappling with a show and recalibrating, allowing their opinion to evolve over time. The critic becomes part of an ongoing conversation, instead of making a one-time pronouncement and moving on. Chaney cites the Netflix series "American Vandal," a true-crime satire, as an excellent example of a show that benefits from such ongoing scrutiny.

"This is a show where it takes a few episodes to get invested in the characters — if we were using the old model, those few episodes were all that I, and by extension, my readers, would have had to go on when making the decision to watch, and I might have told people to pass," she points out. "But by episode 5 or 6, I got really invested and by the end, I had completely changed my opinion, and I was able to write about that transformation in real time."

The new model is also forgiving in that it allows critics to chime in on a show well into its run, which would have been unthinkable in the old print model. As long as the critic thinks they have something

new or insightful to add, all voices are welcome. Critics and readers alike are also now encouraged to focus on smaller details, like costumes and production design, things that might have gone unnoticed before. So, when Chaney, who became a TV critic for Vulture in 2016, wanted to write an article devoted to the ponytail of the female lead on AMC's "Better Call Saul," her editor didn't bat an eye.

"Kim Wexler has a perfect ponytail," Chaney says. "When she's got her life together, it's tight, has a perfect curl and not a hair out of place. And as things go wrong, so does her hair. It's a true litmus test for the character. These are the details I always wanted to read about as a child and didn't even realize it."

As the market for television criticism has grown online, so has Chaney's profile, and now she sometimes gets to meet the people she writes about. She is occasionally invited on-set and into the writers' rooms of some of America's most beloved shows, including NBC's "Parks and Recreation," FX's "The Americans" and, most recently, HBO's "Veep." It has given her a new appreciation for the sheer degree of thought and detail that goes into every episode of television, and she's gained insight about the creative process.

With that closer connection comes the awareness that her subjects are often part of her audience. She was delighted to learn that Rhea Seehorn, the actress who plays Kim Wexler on "Better Call Saul," re-tweeted her ponytail article. More surprising was the time she was chatting with "Lost" creator Damon Lindelof at a party, and she mentioned in passing that The Washington Post had done a basketball-style bracket to determine which was the best character on the hit ABC show. To her surprise, Lindelof was familiar with the bracket — he had participated in the contest.

Another time, she was in the writers' room for HBO's hit show "Veep," only to find several of the staff in conversation about the early 1980s sitcom "WKRP in Cincinnati," which she had written a piece about the week prior. It had been passed around the set ahead of her arrival. These are the interactions she tries not to think about when she's writing.

"These conversations with directors, writers and show runners help inform what I write, because I learn their thought process," she says. "But I can't think about their feelings when I'm writing or else I'll censor myself. And that would be a disservice to the readers."

AN EMBARRASSMENT OF RICHES In this age of "Peak TV," one would imagine there is no better job than being a television critic. Watching incredible programming, getting to think deeply on what you watch and write about your opinions, and having them be considered authoritative — for some, this is their idea of heaven. But for Chaney, who reviews

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an average of three shows a week, sometimes it can feel like too much of a good thing.

"Netflix will give you an entire season, so to do their reviews, I have to watch the whole show," she points out. "That's great if it's an eight-episode season with 30-minute episodes, like Netflix's 'Russian Doll,' but that's not always the case. And there are always more shows coming down the pipeline, and sometimes you want to go back and check in with a show that you started earlier, so the work is never done!"

The increasing quality of the directors and actors coming to television has, for the most part, been a blessing. With this influx of quality talent has come a rich array of insightful, imaginative programming that allows a high level of viewer introspection and engagement. This represents a break from the traditional network television model, which emphasized formulaic plotlines and semi-predictable outcomes — TV that you don't really have to pay attention to in order to enjoy.

Likewise, Chaney is among a chorus of voices pointing out that Peak TV on cable and streaming is a much more welcoming place for female and racially

diverse talent than network television. There are more challenging parts for older actresses — Chaney cites Jessica Lange's mesmerizing work in Ryan Murphy's FX series "American Horror Story" as a great example — and streaming channels also seem more open to diverse directors and producers.

However, this isn't to say that this increase in quality doesn't come with its own set of problems. With a higher caliber of talent comes a degree of artistic freedom that can sometimes be taxing for both critics and viewers alike, especially when it comes to superstar show runners pushing episode lengths to the extreme. Chaney cites the 2018 Netflix series "The Romanoffs," created by "Mad Men" show runner Matt Weiner, as a prime example.

"I saw that the first episode was 90 minutes long and I actually cursed out loud," she confesses with a laugh. "Sometimes the ability to add that extra 10 minutes contributes something important to the story, but more often I wish they had to adhere to the same strict time constraints as network shows."

With content flooding the streaming channels and companies like Disney and Warner Bros. looking to



create their own streaming sites, viewing is increasingly segmented, with ever-smaller groups of people creating devoted fan bases for niche programming, a business model that would have been untenable even 10 years ago. Because media outlets like Vulture have up-to-the-minute data on the ever-expanding viewing preferences of their readers, occasionally critics sometimes have to engage with shows they don't personally enjoy. For Chaney, that means the Emmy-winning HBO series "Westworld," which has earned much critical acclaim. While others fawn over the science fiction western, the show leaves Chaney cold. She prides herself on keeping her prejudices and preconceived notions in check when doing a critique, but this show is a bridge too far.

"I have watched several episodes of each season and it puts me to sleep. This is not a premise that interests me at all," she says. "It's well-made and the acting is good but I can't connect with the characters. It feels like an intellectual exercise with no heart, and I need both."

SPLINTERED NOSTALGIA As a critic, Chaney is well-positioned to notice how trends in television have a larger impact on American culture. More than anything, she has noticed how streaming and the internet have completely changed the nature of nostalgia.

"You can go down a rabbit hole on the internet for any decade, so you have to wonder what nostalgia is for anymore," she ponders. "I go to my 12-year-old son's career day at school and they ask me about 'Back to the Future' and 'Gilmore Girls.' I go to their dances and they're listening to Joan Jett and singing along. My son knows 'The Sound of Silence' from a meme! Our references are now their references, and they don't know that there should be a difference."

Granted, co-opting nostalgia is not exactly a new concept. Even Chaney admits to watching episodes of 1960s sitcoms "Gidget" and "Dobie Gillis" on Nick at Nite in the 1980s. She also points out that the 1983 Christmas classic "A Christmas Story" was meant to appeal to the nostalgia of those in her parents' generation, while her own fond memory of the film is wrapped up in childhood memories. But now, she notes, this cribbed sense of sentimentality for the past has become the standard instead of the exception. Netflix's smash hit "Stranger Things" is an excellent example.

"If you look at that show, the creators are famously channeling 1980s nostalgia," she points out. "But they were born in the mid-80s, and their understanding of the decade admittedly comes from watching old videos. They latched on to someone else's nostalgia and made it their own."

CLUELESS Since becoming a TV critic, Chaney has wondered if there's an expiration date for her career.

Hollywood is historically unkind to those who have the temerity to age, and doubly so for women, even those whose work is off-camera. To some extent, she is shielded by the internet, where readers often mistake her for a millennial because she writes for Vulture. But like many members of Generation X, she often feels part of a forgotten generation, sandwiched between the outsized Baby Boomers and the oft-dissected Millennials, ready to be cast aside for the younger generation at any time.

On rare occasions, though, her age has actually led to some serendipitous moments.

In 2013, a Vulture editor was interested in doing a series of micro-histories. Chaney, who was freelancing at the time, chose to write an oral history of the Valley party scene from the 1995 teen comedy classic "Clueless." The film, which came out the year after Chaney graduated from William & Mary, was approaching its 20th anniversary, and the oral history provided her with the opportunity to do a deep dive on a long-forgotten favorite. The piece, provocatively titled "Suck and Blow" after a game played in the film, was a hit, and shortly after, Chaney heard from an agent asking her to write a book-length treatment of the entire movie.

"It turns out, there are a lot of women my age choosing the books that get published, so they loved that idea because the film was part of their childhood," she says with a laugh.

This was something of a dream come true for Chaney, who had toyed with writing novels since she was a child, but never finished one. But now, she was under contract. Six months later, she had the first draft of "As If!: The Oral History of Clueless," published by Simon & Shuster in 2015.

"My favorite part of that experience was going back and reading 'Emma,' the Jane Austen novel upon which the film is based, to see all of the things that the director did to make an old story new again," she says. "The director, Amy Heckerling, has a truly impeccable eye for young talent, and every one of the actors truly inhabited their part. They made it seem both of the moment and timeless, all at once."

Getting the opportunity to do a book-length examination of a pop culture favorite has left Chaney wanting more. While she doesn't expect to make the move to writing for television, she hopes to one day write another book, perhaps on the influence and impact of Generation X.

For now though, Chaney is content to rave over "Russian Doll" and Hulu's "PEN15," and put the finishing touches on an upcoming post commemorating the series finale of "Veep."

"My capacity to sit on my butt and watch TV is very high," she says with a contented laugh. "I never even thought it was possible to have a job like this, and it is everything I dreamed it would be and more." ☺



• BY NOAH PETERSEN '19 •

Charles Bowery '93 stood among flags and headstones, waiting in Arlington National Cemetery for the funeral of Jim Dorsey '60. • For 25 years, Dorsey served in the U.S. Army, completing two tours in Vietnam and retiring as a lieutenant colonel. After his military career, he worked at Jamestown Settlement and lived in Williamsburg, Virginia. Dorsey was a regular at campus events and football games, driving a truck covered in W&M decals.

SILENTSTORIES

A few years before his death, Dorsey approached the Alumni Association with plans to relaunch the Association of 1775 (Ao75), William & Mary's military, veterans and government alumni group, which had been inactive for years. Around the same time, Bowery had a similar idea, and behind the scenes they worked to reinvigorate the organization.

Ao75 is now back in action and moving forward. Networks are strengthening and infrastructure is growing. Part of a larger, campus-wide focus on William & Mary's veterans services, Bowery, staff across campus and others are working hard to improve the organization, sometimes on nights and weekends.

But Dorsey, who passed away in January 2018, didn't see the results of their success. He saw only preparation, a glimpse of the vision: to give those who've served and sacrificed so much the community they deserve. That vision, though, was the first step toward the eventual reality. By believing, Dorsey helped others see.

So Bowery stood there, on the dry, cloudy January day, and waited to tell the story of Jim Dorsey, one story of thousands in a nearly 250-year university legacy; a veteran, a William & Mary graduate, a man who made his nation — and his alma mater — proud.

244 YEARS

William & Mary's history with the U.S. military began before the United States existed itself. In 1775, a group of students organized a militia unit, and two years later, even while exempt from military duty, students and faculty formed a College Company for service in the Continental Army.

They called it the "William & Mary Company."

George Washington was the university's first American chancellor, and James Monroe, an officer on Washington's staff, is an alumnus. William & Mary graduates helped earn America's independence and for centuries have fought to preserve it. After all, Chancellor Robert M. Gates '65, L.H.D. '98, while serving as Secretary of Defense, was sitting across from President Obama on the night Osama Bin Laden was killed.

And not only have university graduates served in every major American war, the university itself has transformed because of them. It took herculean efforts from university President Benjamin Ewell to rebuild campus after it burned during the Civil War. World War I led to the university admitting women for the first time in 1918, and after World War II, William & Mary opened up the St. Helena Extension in Norfolk for returning soldiers continuing their education. Lewis B. Puller Jr. '67, J.D. '74, who lost both legs and much of his hands during the Vietnam War, won a Pulitzer Prize for

his biography, "Fortunate Son," which began as an article for the William & Mary Alumni Magazine. Two alumni, Ryan McGlothlin '01 and Todd W. Weaver '08, and one MBA student, Kyle Milliken, died while fighting in Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia, respectively. Their names are written on a plaque in the Wren Building, honoring fallen service members from the university.

Starting with militiamen in 1775, William & Mary's legacy with the military continues 244 years later in 2019.

'ANOTHER WORLD'

Transitioning from military to civilian life has always been difficult, but a rapidly changing 21st-century landscape has made that adjustment even harder — especially for those resuming their education or reentering the workforce.

Phillip Sheldon '20 is making that transition now.

In 1944, Sheldon's grandfather landed on Utah Beach in World War II, lost a big toe to frostbite in the Battle of the Bulge and later helped liberate the Dachau concentration camp in Southern Germany. At the same time, his great-uncle was fighting in a Pacific-Theater submarine division, sinking ship after enemy ship. Members of his family have served in the military since the Revolutionary War, and when Sheldon came of age, he continued the tradition.



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WOUNDED WARRIOR:

Lewis B. Puller Jr. '67, J.D. '74, for whom the law school's Puller Clinic is named, lost both legs in the Vietnam War. His autobiography, "Fortunate Son," won a Pulitzer Prize.



A LEGACY OF SERVICE:

Left: Chancellor Robert M. Gates '65, L.H.D. '98 in the White House Situation Room; Below: the St. Helena Extension was established by William & Mary to educate veterans.

In April 2011, Sheldon enlisted in the Marines, hoping to be on the front lines. Two tours followed: one in Afghanistan and another in Romania. It was eye-opening — to encounter new cultures for the first time, to learn what it feels like to be shot at, to see firsthand that many don't come home.

Sheldon finished his service after four years and returned to Virginia, where he started taking classes at his local community college and soon realized he could transfer to a four-year university. With multiple acceptance letters, he chose William & Mary.

Adjusting was a challenge. When you leave the military, you also leave a regimented schedule from sunup to sundown; facing the newfound freedom, many struggle with self-discipline.

Readjusting to the educational system itself was also difficult. Sitting in math and science classes, Sheldon would think about how he hadn't attended a class, studied for tests or taken notes in more than four years.

Even for someone who considers his transition relatively smooth, Sheldon still encounters misperceptions from the public.

"There's definitely a perception out there among some employers that returning veterans are damaged goods, and that's just not the case," Sheldon says. "People often approach you and think you're some kind of killer or have PTSD, when in reality, many don't even see combat."

Sheldon's time in Romania helped him gradually adjust out of the military in a relatively stable country. He says he can only imagine what it's been like for his friends who returned to the U.S. after two tours in places like Iraq and Afghanistan and were

discharged, after just a month of debrief on base, into civilian life.

"It's like coming back to another world," he says.

BRIDGING THE GAP

Both the civilian-military divide and the difficulty involved in transitioning back into civilian life make veteran support services even more important, especially in the world of higher education. Compared to traditional students, veterans returning to the education system face systematic disadvantages.

According to a report from the Student Veterans of America, veterans returning to higher education are more likely to be older, have a family, work full or part time and have a disability. The National Institutes of Health estimates post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) affects anywhere from 10 to 31 percent of veterans. PTSD requires a personal and often nonlinear recovery process and can lead to substance abuse and depression. While the term is very general, both its symptoms and causes are unique, requiring individualized attention.

At the same time, according to Government Professor Lawrence Wilkerson, there is a growing national divide between military and civilian populations. The faculty advisor to the Student Veterans of William & Mary and a 31-year veteran himself, Wilkerson says military and veteran citizens make up less than 1 percent of the U.S. population, and in terms of average income and education, now have less in common with civilians than ever before.



TRAINING: Students in the ROTC program participate in training exercises including a “ruck march” through Williamsburg with full gear.



Mary. “She recognizes the progress that’s already been made, and is looking to build even greater momentum.”

In other words, one of Rowe’s top priorities is bridging the gap.

THE BRIDGES

University services supporting veteran and military populations begin at the undergraduate level, with a focus on problem-solving, advocacy and leadership.

A few years ago former University President Taylor Reveley LL.D. ’18, HON ’18 established a working group to explore issues confronting student veterans. After a year-long study, the working group delivered its report but then stayed on to help address the outlined challenges. Patricia Roberts J.D. ’92, vice dean of the law school, initially chaired the group, and after two years, former Education Professor Jacqueline Rodriguez took over.

The working group, now open to everyone regardless of military experience, meets once a

month and now has around 40 members, comprising faculty, staff, alumni and students. At each meeting, they discuss issues facing military and veteran members of the university — then they discuss solutions.

One of the group’s larger initiatives has been its Green Zone Training, a day-long program that educates faculty and staff on issues specific to military-affiliated students. Students in the Military and Veterans’ Affairs Working Group wrote the entire curriculum, and Rodriguez says not a moment was wasted.

“Our student veterans are tenacious, dedicated, persistent and loyal. They never take no for an answer. They always find a way,” she says.

The pragmatic problem-solving approach of the working group is mirrored by the Student Veterans of William & Mary, an advocacy organization for undergraduate student veterans.

A former Marine, Corey York attended his first meeting out of curiosity. By the night’s end, York had been elected president.

“I guess I’m president now,” he thought. “Let’s rock ‘n’ roll.”

Working strictly as volunteers, York and others in the group mobilized students, faculty and administrators, resolving problems faced by student veterans and making the campus community as a whole more aware.

Ultimately, he believes traditional and non-traditional students each have complementary skill sets and form effective partnerships. Just as it’s said in opening Convocation, “those who come here belong here.”

“We’re all in this together in the end,” York says. “We’re all part of the Tribe.”

In addition, the university’s Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) program, run through the

“WHAT YOU LEARN IN THE MILITARY OFTEN HELPS IN THE CLASSROOM, ESPECIALLY DISCIPLINE AND LEADERSHIP. THE MARINES HAVE AN OLD SAYING, ‘ADAPT AND OVERCOME.’ IF THE MISSION CHANGES, WE’RE READY FOR THAT, IN THE MILITARY OR OUR CAREERS.”

Department of Military Science, gives students the chance to enter the U.S. Army as commissioned officers after graduation. The key to their curriculum, says Department Chair Lt. Col. Dustin Menhart, is leadership. Students enrolled complete the equivalent of 32 total credit hours, each semester building on the last.

“It’s not just push-ups and sit-ups,” Menhart says, surrounded in his office by memorabilia from his almost 20-year career in the Army. “The bottom line is that we’re just like any other department at the university.”

ROTC isn’t easy, and neither is it meant to be. It takes sacrifice and discipline, training at 5:45 a.m. regardless of the weather and enduring whatever six-mile run lies ahead. It takes accepting the equivalent rigors of another major, in addition to students’ other coursework. It’s difficult — but according to Menhart, difficulty builds resilience and teamwork builds leadership. ROTC students emerge from their four-year crucible prepared for the sacrifice and commitment required ahead.

Capt. Emily Bessler ’14 of the Army’s 25th Infantry Division relied on the skills she learned in ROTC when she was commissioned five years ago. When she arrived, there were only two women in her battalion; when she left, there were 15.

“I told my guys from the get-go, ‘I’m just another lieutenant — don’t change your vernacular or behavior on my account,’” she says. “I want them to treat me the way they would any man, and the

fact that they do is the greatest compliment they could give me, and affirmation that I’m doing my job the best way I know how.”

‘THE BEST OF THE BEST’

The university’s military and veterans services continue at the graduate-school level, where William & Mary continues to receive statewide and even national recognition.

“They’re the best of the best,” says Amanda Barth M.Ed. ’06, the director of MBA admissions at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business for their active duty and military students. “And our services for them are unparalleled.”

The business school’s MBA programs are widely recognized for their attention to the needs of service members. It’s a combination of simple things done well and a personalized approach that sets the programs apart. They host a yearly Veterans Day celebration and recognize students’ promotions with special events, but they also give military applicants high-priority status and understand their often non-traditional backgrounds. Through personalized career counseling and alumni networking, the business school helps military and veteran students build on the strengths they already have.

The business school’s services have continuously attracted military and veteran students, so that they make up more than 20 percent of the student population in each of the three MBA programs.



SEMPER FIDELIS:
Phillip Sheldon '20 served tours in Afghanistan and Romania with the Marines and is now a student at W&M.

"WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER IN THE END. WE'RE ALL PART OF THE TRIBE."

LOYAL SERVICE:
*William & Mary students
have participated in every
major American war, from
the Revolution to the wars
in Afghanistan and Iraq.*



That service and commitment to military members of the student body is paralleled by programs in the School of Education.

In 2018 the school received a five-year, \$1.9 million state grant to continue its Troops to Teachers program, training veterans for second careers in K-12 education. Launched as a pilot program in 2017, Troops to Teachers seeks to address Virginia's state-wide teacher shortage by training veterans, a group uniquely suited to that field.

"What you learn in the military often helps in the classroom, especially discipline and leadership," says Charlie Foster M.Ed. '17, the program's veteran liaison and a Marine himself. "The Marines have an old saying, 'adapt and overcome.' If the mission changes, we're ready for that, in the military or our careers. At the end of the day, it's all service."

During the grant evaluation process, William & Mary's Troops to Teachers branch was given an A+ rating and labeled a "rock star program."

And it's not the only program they offer.

Over the next year, the School of Education will develop a master's degree in military counseling,

working with a nearly \$300,000 state grant. Mental well-being, they believe, is the foundation for success, and the program will help those who have sacrificed so much continue to live healthy lives.

"Be there for veterans you know and listen to them as much as you can," Foster says. "There's a lot to learn, there are fantastic stories only they can tell. The only way to understand their sacrifice is to talk and listen."

'SHOUTING IT FROM THE ROOFTOPS'

And then there's William & Mary Law School, which ranked on the list of Top 10 2019-2020 Military Friendly Graduate Schools this year. Its veterans services aren't just well-known, they've become a national model.

Just ask James.

Asking to be referred to only by his first name, James is a former military policeman in Iraq. After returning from his tour of duty, James suffered a heart attack, related to a pulmonary embolism, in his mid-30s which doctors said stemmed from a time he fell sick while in the military. He couldn't find insurance, at least none cheaper than his already enormous medical bills. People with his condition, he says, have a 50 percent mortality rate within five years.

"I thought I was going to die before anything was going to be figured out," James says. "There's a saying people applying for disabilities claims have: 'delay, deny and hope that I die.'"

Not only is the paperwork arcane, but James says the application process is wildly inconsistent. Forms are often rejected without explanation; some claims get approval within months, others years. Early on, James was told by a representative that he'd be lucky to get an aspirin.

Then a family friend told him about the law school's Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Veterans Benefits Clinic. And everything changed.

The Puller Clinic's mission is to advocate for veterans navigating the Department of Veterans Affairs disabilities claims process. While working with full-time veterans' law attorneys in a three-credit course,



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students in the clinic provide free legal representation to two or three clients a semester. Students get intensive hands-on training, and their clients get invaluable advocacy.

The Veterans Benefits Manual is over 2,000 pages, and those applying are often already struggling with a physical or mental ailment, which for non-experts can make an already difficult process nearly impossible.

At the same time, Hampton Roads has the most densely distributed military population in the U.S., with more than six active military bases, over 100,000 active-duty and reserve personnel and thousands of veterans. It's a perfect home for the program.

James applied to the clinic around 2010, paired up with a representative at the law school and immediately felt a sense of relief. The clinic provided support, expertise and persistence and helped to navigate a complex system, filing necessary paperwork and overcoming obstacles. Even with the clinic's help, James is just now receiving his government benefits.

"It was nothing but frustration beforehand, like beating your head against a wall. There's no way I could have stuck with it this long," James says. "I don't like to think about a world without the clinic, but honestly without them, I'd probably be in a room at my mom's house right now trying to find money for blood thinners."

"They basically saved my life."

Through a partnership with Starbucks, the Puller Clinic also hosts select Military Mondays for veterans working through the claims process. The program, which has since been recognized and replicated nationwide, provides free legal consultations over coffee for veterans in the local area. Each year, Military Mondays provides nearly \$50,000 worth of pro bono legal services, assisting more than 360 veterans since its inception in 2015.

"This isn't assistance, this is what veterans are entitled to because of their service," says Patricia

Roberts, who is also co-director of the Puller Clinic. "I don't know if I have adequate words to convey the sense of admiration I have for the sacrifices they make. I just try to sit and talk, listen and say it's an honor to meet them."

THE FACES

Bowery is standing at the funeral, still waiting to tell the story of Jim Dorsey. Dorsey, of course, was an exceptional man, but there are thousands of other stories waiting to be told. They make up a legacy so wide and deep there's no one way to understand it. No one story is enough.

Every service member at William & Mary is a part of that legacy. Each of their stories is part of a larger, changing narrative, which at the same time is the story of our nation, the story of the university and the stories of millions of lives, all worth our eyes and ears. That legacy — of patriots, warriors and leaders — is always in its next chapter, always waiting for its next story.

"It's not about just one face, it's all the faces. You can't always tell if the people around you are veterans, and the thing that's upsetting is not being able to honor each story," Foster says. "It feels like sometimes there's just not enough time. We owe service members and veterans more than a thank you. But, you know, if we all listened, all asked questions, then hopefully that would be enough."

Dorsey's family didn't know Bowery was coming to the funeral. In fact, that was the first time he ever met them. But he wasn't going to let a member of the community pass away unnoticed. He wasn't leaving a story untold.

Bowery came to the funeral to represent the Association of 1775, which plans to honor Dorsey with a scholarship in his name. Bowery came to honor a member of the William & Mary legacy. Bowery came because he had a story to tell. ☺

CLAIMS OVER COFFEE:
The law school's partner program with Starbucks has become a nationwide model for veteran outreach.





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SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Students enjoy class outside on a beautiful spring day in Williamsburg. With wireless internet connectivity now throughout the Sunken Garden, it is easier than ever to study in the sunshine.

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“... IS IT THE RIGHT TIME? CAN I SURROUND MYSELF WITH GOOD PEOPLE? CAN I RAISE THE MONEY?
AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, CAN I WIN? AND EVENTUALLY, I GOT TO YES ON THEM ALL.”

PREPARED FOR THE HALLS OF RICHMOND:
Jay Jones '10, a government and history major, says his time at William & Mary taught him to think critically about the legislative process.

Heir Apparent

JAY JONES '10 LIVES UP TO
LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

ALUMNI PROFILE When the Virginia General Assembly is in session, the office of Jay Jones '10 runs like a well-oiled machine. His days are filled with constituent phone calls, emails, and visits, committee meetings and caucusing. Although the legislative building in Richmond is pure energy and chaos, Jones doesn't seem harried. At 29, he is the youngest member of the Virginia legislature, but he carries the position with grace and ease. After all, it's a role he was seemingly born to play.

Indeed, Jones is as close to royalty as one can get in Norfolk, Virginia. The seat he holds in the Virginia legislature, representing the 89th District, was once held by his father, Jerrauld Jones, who is currently a judge on the Norfolk Circuit Court. His mother, Lyn Simmons, is also a judge, in the Norfolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Jones' maternal grandparents were college professors, and his paternal grandparents, Hilary and Corinne Jones, were civil rights heroes in the area, helping to integrate the local schools, with his grandfather serving as the first African-American member of the Norfolk School Board. It's a legacy of which he's always been highly conscious.

"I have good memories of driving around the city with my dad when he was a delegate, but I also spent years studiously trying to avoid political life," Jones says. "Every day I'm surprised to find I'm living it."

Jones spent his young adulthood pursuing other paths. A graduate of Norfolk Collegiate School, he came to William & Mary on a full academic scholarship as a W&M Scholar, breaking the family's long tradition of attending Hampton University. Although he knew of William & Mary as a rigorous academic institution, he admits that the university was not initially on his radar.

"I always saw myself going to a large urban state university, somewhere in D.C. or the Northeast," he recalls. "Williamsburg didn't register as an option because it was small and just too close to home."

After enjoying a weekend with friends on the William & Mary campus, Jones quickly changed his mind. He majored in government and history, which he credits with teaching him to think critically about institutions of government and the legislative process.

"Tommy Norment was one of my professors at William & Mary, and now he's my colleague in the General Assembly,"

PHOTO: ERIC LUSHER



A DESTINED POST:
Despite Jay Jones '10 winning a seat in the Virginia legislature at the age of 27, his career path was not always directed toward politics.

Jones marvels. “It feels like we came full circle on our relationship, and that’s surreal.”

He also embraced the campus ethos of community service, doing everything from joining the Honor Council to serving as a tour guide and orientation aide. When he started his job search, it was the height of the Great Recession — a scary time for young graduates.

“I had spent most of my college career hearing about the financial crisis, but not really understanding what that meant for working people,” he remembers. “It became real when all of a sudden, classmates were having their job offers rescinded and companies were telling people they weren’t hiring, or even laying off employees.”

He considered Teach for America and law school before turning to, of all places, Goldman Sachs. After a chance meeting with the company’s chief risk officer, Craig Broderick ’81, P ’16, Jones found himself working for the global investment firm just a few months later. Although he ultimately decided the finance world was not for him, it was an experience for which he is grateful.

“Craig was my guardian angel — I still tell him that every time we talk,” Jones effuses. “The day he hired me was the best day of my life, better than passing the bar or even getting elected.”

After two years working in finance and risk management, Jones went to law school at University of Virginia before taking a job with a firm back in Norfolk. Although that hadn’t been his plan, he found himself jumping in with both feet, getting involved in the community and reconnecting with old friends. Then, in 2017, Delegate Daun Hester announced she was stepping down from her role as delegate of the 89th District, and suddenly Jones found himself confronted with the possibility of running for public office.

“I was 27 then and thought of politics as something that you do when you’re older,” he says. “But I took the time, talked to my family, and asked myself all the necessary questions. Is it the right time? Can I surround myself with good people? Can I raise the money? And most importantly, can I win? And eventually, I got to yes on them all.”

On the campaign trail, his age sometimes worked against him. People often knew him because of his family, but they also knew he was young. It was a running joke among his constituents to ask him if he was even old enough to vote. However, he found that his district was more than ready for a fresh face.

“The people knew my family, but ultimately I was the one on the ballot, and they had to decide if

I could do a good job for them,” says Jones matter-of-factly. “My goal is just to live up to that faith and trust.”

It’s a job that he finds much different than anticipated. For one, he is able to help his constituents on an individual level. He describes helping families navigate the bureaucracy of adoption, and in one case, helping an elderly, housebound constituent get her cable television fixed. The biggest surprise? That, for all the contention that is so endemic in modern American politics, Virginia Republicans and Democrats often agree more than they disagree.

“Ninety-five percent of the stuff we vote on is either passed or rejected unanimously. It’s that other five percent that makes the news,” he points out. “Every one of us just wants to make Virginia a better place to live. We disagree on the particulars of how to do that sometimes, but ultimately, we are on the same team.”

— SARA K. ESKRIDGE



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A SOLID FOUNDATION:
Ruth Jones Nichols '96 says she uses her strong sociology background, which began at W&M, to guide her work as a social change advocate.



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A Seat at the Table

RUTH JONES NICHOLS '96 TACKLES HUNGER

ALUMNI PROFILE Ruth Jones Nichols '96 saw a familiar face in line that day. It was an elder from her childhood church. Years before, the woman was known for filling the bellies and cupboards of fellow church members who needed food. A recent retiree, her money hadn't stretched as far as she thought it would. On that Friday afternoon, she stood alongside others in line at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore trying to make ends meet.

It was more than chance that the two women's paths crossed. It was an answered prayer. Jones Nichols had asked for a sign from God that her new job as CEO of the food bank was where she was meant to be.

"Seeing her reinforced to me that people are in our lines for different reasons," Jones Nichols says. "Some people are in our lines because of choices they made, some folks are there due to circumstances, others are in our lines because of the context into which they were born, but regardless of why they are in our line we have a responsibility not to just feed them, but to really address the root causes."

Jones Nichols, who has led the food bank since 2016, was previously the executive director of the YWCA South Hampton Roads. A sociology major while at William & Mary, she says the seeds were planted for her more than 20-year career in the non-profit sector during her freshman year.

"I want to be a person who brings about systemic change in society — a person who challenges the social structures and the status quo," says Jones Nichols, who describes herself as a social change advocate. "I want to do that in a way that levels the playing field for marginalized people who have not been represented at the table."

PUTTING FOOD ON THE TABLE

Based in Norfolk, Virginia, the food bank is a 75,000-square-foot warehouse that serves as a distribution center for 18 million pounds of food per year. That equates to 15 million meals annually, Jones Nichols says. Families are provided with fresh fruit, lean protein, dairy, vegetables, pasta and other cooking staples intended to last a few weeks to one month.

Jones Nichols says the goal of the food bank is not simply to eliminate hunger, but to address food insecurity.

"The difference between hunger and food insecurity is that you're hungry when you miss a meal," Jones Nichols says. "You're food insecure when you can't put the meal on the table."

The food bank's three main food sources are the United States Department of Agriculture, retail donors and purchased food. Jones Nichols says they partner with outside agencies to get the food out into the community. Outside agencies are often churches who secure the food from them for free or at a reduced cost before distributing it through their networks.

The food bank also uses mobile food pantries to deliver food to people. The refrigerated food trucks used for their Mobile Pantry Program travel to neighborhoods known as food deserts, where residents don't have easy access to grocery stores. They also have a Backpack Program that provides food to families by filling children's book bags with healthy food before sending them home for the weekend or holidays.

PREPARED FOR THE WORLD

Jones Nichols was told twice she shouldn't attend William & Mary by her guidance counselor, but was encouraged to apply by a high school mentor and the late Dean Carroll F.S. Hardy HON '12. Hardy served as associate dean of multicultural affairs and later as associate vice president for student affairs at the university from 1980 to 1995.

"There were students from my high school who were headed to William & Mary, but they weren't students who looked like me, so I didn't think William & Mary was an option," Jones Nichols says.

It wasn't until she experienced the university's former STEP summer program for high school students and had the opportunity to meet Hardy that she knew she had to apply. Jones Nichols, who received a scholarship to attend W&M, initially wanted to be a pediatrician, but decided to major in sociology after a freshman science course proved more difficult than she expected and her science lab reinforced she didn't like the sight of blood. Sociology came naturally to her.

"Ruth was here at a time when the population of African-American students on campus was still pretty small," says David Aday, professor emeritus of sociology. "I always felt she had a very keen analytical sense about the effects of race and class and



the difference between those things. Ruth was particularly smart and thoughtful as a student.”

While at W&M, Jones Nichols was a founding member of the E.S.S.E.N.C.E. Women of Color student organization. She says Hardy prepared her for leadership roles during her time at W&M and beyond.

“Dean Hardy, for me as for many other students, was the other mother, she was the auntie, she was the mentor, she was the dean and she was Dr. Carroll F.S. Hardy,” Jones Nichols says. “She was so many things wrapped into one profound person. Dean Hardy always encouraged me to pay it forward. I’m supposed to use my education and the opportunities I’ve been afforded to be an advocate for others.”

GETTING TO THE ROOT

Jones Nichols has poise. She has a professional, yet personable, manner as she walks through the food bank explaining the logistics of their

operations. There is focus and enthusiasm in her voice as she speaks about the work that the food bank does to help others, and she speaks highly of the team of 55 staffers and over 6,000 volunteers who make it possible. Jones Nichols passes at least 15 members of her team during a recent walkthrough of the food bank. She greets them all by name.

Every day Jones Nichols draws on her strong sociology background, which began at W&M, to get to the root causes of why people stand in line at the food bank.

“As opposed to us saying, you have to show up in our line to get food, we are now looking at places in the community where we need to go and partner with other organizations to make sure we have a more holistic model for assisting people,” Jones Nichols says.

“Seems pretty complicated, right? You almost have to be a sociologist to see it.”

— ASHLEY K. SPEED



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Leading Through Service

DOUGLAS N. MORTON '62 ALUMNI SERVICE AWARDS

SERVICE AWARDS Named after alumnus Doug Morton '62 for his distinguished volunteer leadership at the university, these awards are given annually to recognize individuals for their exceptional service to the Alumni Association and the university through their efforts to connect and engage alumni.

In this issue, we profile three of the seven 2018 recipients and the Staff Service Award recipient. To read the profiles of previously featured winners, visit magazine.wm.edu/issue/2019-winter.

LATOYA ASIA J.D. '09

While a student at William & Mary Law School, Asia served as president of the school's Black Law Student Association, leading the group to win the school's first

also served as co-director of the VSB's Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Pre-Law Institute, a one-week summer program designed to encourage young people from all backgrounds to think about a career in law. In 2014, she was recognized with the W&M Law School Association's Taylor Reveley Award for her outstanding commitment to public service.

"By volunteering my time and resources to William & Mary, I am paying it forward and hoping to ensure that the next generation of lawyers are committed to the citizen lawyer ethic," says Asia. "To whom much is given, much is expected."

KATHRYN "KAY" H. FLOYD '05

Floyd is the director of William & Mary's Whole of



National Chapter of the Year Award in 2009 for service to the community. She also serves on the board of the William & Mary Law School Alumni Association and served as the co-chair of the 2018 African-American Reunion Committee.

Asia's commitment to increasing diversity in the law profession extends outside the university as well. For example, for the past six years, she has served as a member of the Virginia State Bar (VSB) Diversity Conference Board of Governors, which aims to promote diversity and inclusion in the legal profession and ensure that Virginia meets the legal needs of an increasingly diverse population. She



Government Center for Excellence, which provides public policy professionals and military officers in federal, state and local agencies practical training on interagency collaboration, complex national security and other public policy problems. Her leadership was instrumental in its creation.

As a former member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, Floyd has worked tirelessly to improve alumni engagement and chapter organizations. In her various positions in the D.C. Metro Chapter, including as its vice president, Floyd built connections with other universities and professional organizations, raised scholarship funds, planned

LEFT PHOTO COURTESY OF LATOYA ASIA; RIGHT PHOTO: ALFRED HERCZEG

events and ensured the best possible experiences for our alumni.

Floyd has been intensely supportive of the Project on International Peace and Security (PIPS), William & Mary's undergraduate think tank. It was because of her that the D.C. Metro Chapter began to support the PIPS symposium in Washington, D.C., which is among the most popular alumni intellectual events each year. Floyd was also instrumental in bringing the Georgian Papers Programme to William & Mary.

"I believe we have a duty and obligation to give back to the next generation. I would not have had the opportunity to go to a school like this one without the support of others," says Floyd. "Follow what you love and make that part of what you can do to give back."

THE HONORABLE T. "MONTY" MONTGOMERY MASON '89

As the representative in the Virginia Senate for the first district, Mason represents the needs of the William & Mary and Williamsburg communities to

Tribe at home games. He is an integral supporter of William & Mary Athletics and has served as peninsula region president and chair of the Tribe Club. He has also supported his class reunions on their Reunion Gift Committees and served on the Young Guard Council and Charlotte Alumni Chapter boards. Most of all, he embodies Tribe Pride with his loyalty, enthusiasm, understanding, compassion and work ethic.

"Personally, professionally, even in my work as a legislator, so many of the things I draw on I learned here," says Mason. "As a volunteer, particularly at William & Mary, you get so much more back from it than you give."

SANDRA SCOTT — STAFF SERVICE AWARD

In May 2018, Scott retired from her role as parking enforcement supervisor after 30 years with William & Mary. She made sure parking for all alumni events, from Homecoming & Reunion Weekend to football games to law school reunions to the Women's Stock Pitch, was as easy as possible. Though parking is



Richmond. In 2017 and 2018, he authored and passed resolutions honoring William & Mary's commemoration of the 50th anniversary of African-American residential students and the 100th anniversary of coeducation. He often interacts with students, regularly attending Convocation, Commencement and other university celebrations and offering multiple internships to give students an inside look at state government and public policy.

Mason is an active and enthusiastic member of the town and the Tribe, showing his sincere love for alma mater and her neighbors. A proud graduate of the Class of 1989, he always makes time to cheer on the

scarce on campus, Scott worked to alleviate parking headaches through her patience and attention to detail.

Scott's guidance has helped not just the Alumni Association, but also the Tribe Club, Admission, Law School, Business School and many more, provide the best parking experience possible on our campus to our alumni. The Alumni Association is grateful for Scott's commitment to all her campus partners.

"It means a lot to me, working here, getting to know the people, getting to know the students year after year and getting to help where I can," says Scott.

— CLAIRE DE LISLE



Family Vacation

ALUMNI JOURNEYS BRING ALUMNAE AND THEIR FAMILIES TOGETHER



INSPIRING SCENERY:

In summer 2017, alumnae, friends and family took a special trip to the Hudson River Valley in honor of William & Mary's commemoration of 100 years of coeducation. There, they explored the stories of women artists, activists and more.

ALUMNI JOURNEYS Mother-daughter time can be hard to come by when your children are grown and out of the house. But in the 100th anniversary year of coeducation at William & Mary, many alumnae and their mothers or daughters used Alumni Journeys as a perfect opportunity to get together — while sailing the Mediterranean, walking a pilgrimage trail, exploring the Hudson River Valley and more.

Dottie Nowland Gabig '61 turns 80 this June, and she knows exactly how she wants to celebrate: exploring Spain, France and Italy this summer with her daughters Lauri Gabig Dragelin '89, M.A.Ed. '91 and Karyn Gabig Bowman.

She and her husband Jack Gabig HON '05 have been on seven Alumni Journeys together, and have kept in touch with the friends they've made during their travels. But going with her daughters will make this trip special.

"Both daughters studied abroad in college, and some mothers went out to visit their children and

see the sights with them. Now I can do that with my daughters," she says. "Mother-daughter time is so important, especially at my age."

Mary Beth Bracken's '90 mother Arline also celebrated her 80th birthday on an Alumni Journey — last year's Walking Tour of the Way of St. James trip, in which participants walked the famous pilgrimage trail, El Camino de Santiago, through Spain. They took the trip with their good friends Sophie Lee '90 and her mother Katherine.

"I am incredibly proud of my mom, because she and Mary Beth's mother were the two oldest people on the trip," says Lee. "They became rock stars on the tour. We kept passing other groups who asked, 'Did you see those two 80-year-old women? Wow!'"

Leading the trip was Professor George Greenia, an internationally recognized authority on medieval and modern pilgrimage who has, over the years, biked and walked more than 4,000 miles of trail. His expertise and connections with people along the way helped make the trip special.

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“Going with someone like George who has such an intimate knowledge of the Camino de Santiago, its history, people and religious aspects, was invaluable,” says Lee. “That’s something you can’t get from reading about a place on your own.”

When the group arrived at the Cathedral de Compostela at the end of their journey, Katherine Lee was particularly looking forward to seeing the incense being swung as the priest carried it down the aisle. While the priests don’t carry the incense every time, Greenia specially requested it and made sure Katherine was sitting in the perfect seat to see it.

“It’s something she will never forget,” says Lee.

While this trip was Lee’s first, Bracken has been on several Alumni Journeys trips with her mom, and she says this personalized attention is typical.

“It’s a small group, and you get so much access to the knowledge of local experts and William & Mary experts in that field,” she says. “The trips are well-organized and expertly planned, you get great accommodations, great food — but best of all, fantastic, expert guidance.”

Alumni Journeys also enable her to share a piece of her William & Mary experience with her mom, who isn’t an alumna but loves William & Mary just as much.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Clockwise from top left: Ginny Glover '55; Katherine Lee P '90 and Arlene Bracken P '90; Kykuit in Tarrytown, New York; Mary Beth Bracken '90 and Sophie Lee '90.



TOP LEFT AND BOTTOM RIGHT PHOTOS: BETH HUDGINS; TOP RIGHT AND BOTTOM LEFT PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARY BETH BRACKEN '90



"The fellow alumni are great, and through their eyes I get to know the college better. Mom's been able to explore it through the eyes of some of her peers who went there during the years she would have been there," Bracken says. "It's a great opportunity to spend quality time with each other exploring the globe, hanging out with like-minded people, because William & Mary alumni are all incredible. I'm honored to be a graduate of the College and I love the people that I've met."

Lee agrees. "William & Mary alumni are so genuinely curious, about the world and about each other," she says. "My parents have fit right in and are already planning an El Camino reunion next year!"

Beth Hudgins and her husband Howard enjoyed experiencing a little piece of William & Mary when they took an Alumni Journey with Hudgins' mother Ginny Glover '55. They attended "Exploring the Stories of the Hudson River Valley" in June 2017, a special trip in honor of William & Mary's commemoration of 100 years of coeducation.

The trip was led by Jennifer Putzi, associate professor of English and women's studies, and Val Cushman, senior director of engagement and inclusion initiatives, who shared their insights into the art, history and scenery of the Hudson River Valley along the way.

Says Hudgins, "I'm an artist and my husband is a landscape architect, so this trip had all our interests

wrapped up together — plus my mom was going on it! Everyone was really welcoming. Jennifer Putzi and Val Cushman were so energetic and enthusiastic, they made me want to go to William & Mary!"

Hudgins especially liked spending the time with her mom.

"It gave us time and an opportunity to see something new and different together," she says. "When you share those experiences, you not only have those memories as you go forward in life, but it also brings up certain memories — mom might talk about something that I hadn't heard before, some new piece of family history. It was interesting to see our journey through her eyes."

While this was Hudgins' first Alumni Journey, Glover has been on more than a dozen William & Mary trips.

"Don't hesitate to go," Glover says. "There are so many wonderful opportunities, and you'll meet many pleasant, compatible people. I like the new experiences and being with people who have had similar experiences to me — and this time I could introduce Beth and Howard to my William & Mary family."

The Glover family ended the trip in New York City where Hudgins' daughter lives — three generations of women coming together to share the stories of their adventures.

— CLAIRE DE LISLE

RETREAT: For "Exploring the Stories of the Hudson River Valley," alumnae, family and friends stayed at the Victorian resort Mohonk Mountain House.



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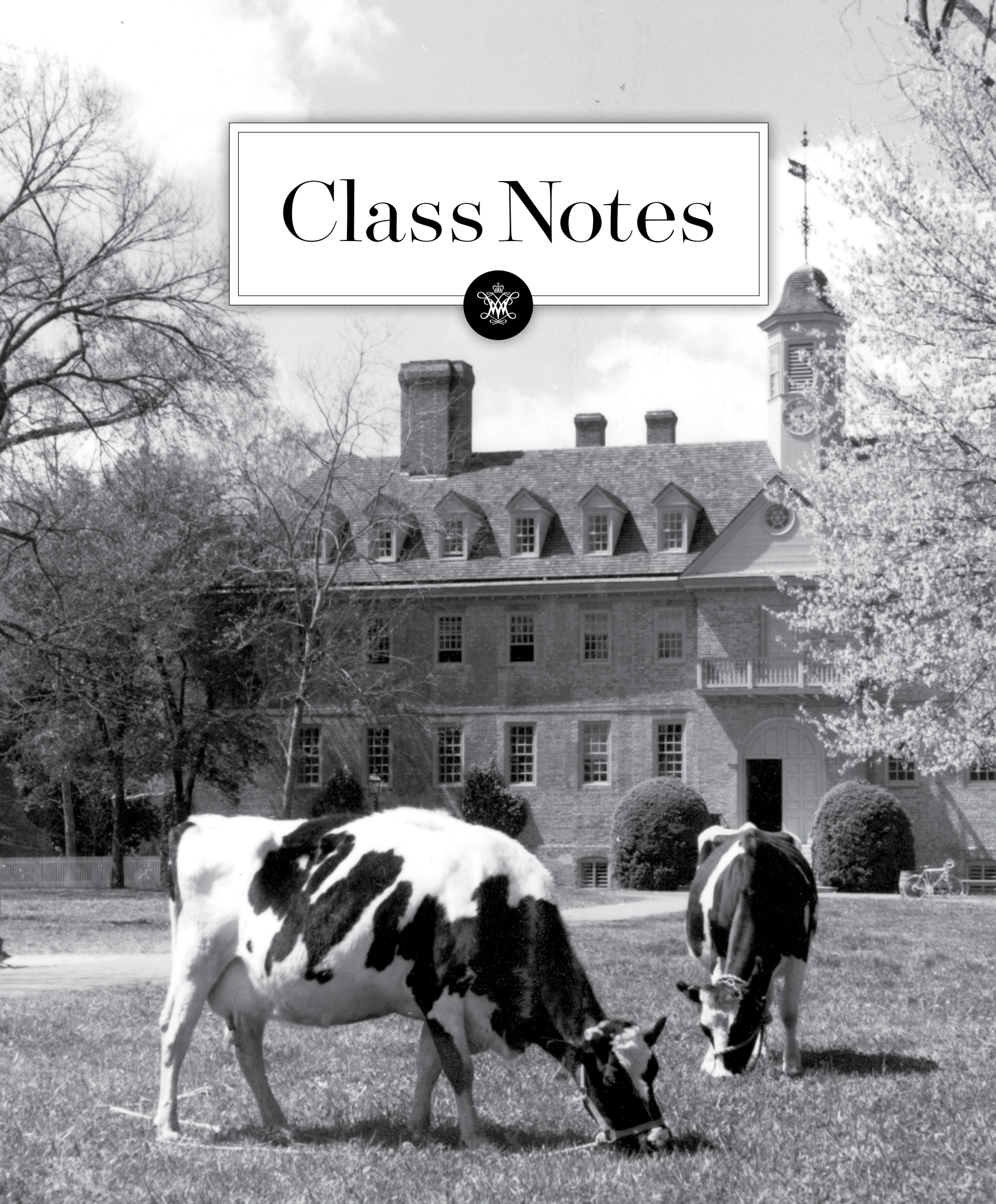
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In 1973, local historian Parke Rouse published "Cows on Campus: Williamsburg in Bygone Days," an illustrated history of Williamsburg's quieter rural years between 1780 and 1926. While cows are no longer a common sight in the Wren Yard, goats recently cleaned up overgrown vegetation around Crim Dell.

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1945

Class Reporter
RUTH WEIMER TILLAR

EDITOR'S NOTE: With sadness we report the passing of **Ruth Weimer Tillar**, class reporter for the Class of 1945 for 57 years. Her obituary will appear in the next issue of the W&M Alumni Magazine.

I enjoyed Homecoming & Reunion Weekend with my son Tom and my cousin Buddy Cato. I had the honor of being the grand marshal for Friday's Homecoming Parade. While waiting in the car near Merchant Square for the parade to start, I got to speak with **Betty and Butler Barrett J.D. '68**, Billy and Terry Fields, Bill and **Kay Tillar Montgomery '74** and her son **Mason Montgomery '10**. I also enjoyed meeting our new president, Katherine A. Rowe, who also was a guest of honor in the parade. I was fortunate to have the assistance of Katie Lowe before the parade. She was in charge of many parade details, assuring that all went smoothly. Katie did an excellent job.

Saturday I was happy to have an extended conversation with President

Rowe while enjoying the game from the new president's box. I'm certain she will make us all proud as the new president of William & Mary.

Nothing could be more exciting than being honored with the Grand Marshal Award at mid-field at halftime. It was a wonderful weekend.

Upon returning home I received a gracious letter from President Rowe wishing me well on my my 95th birthday. She said she was honored to celebrate my 77th — her first — William & Mary Homecoming with me. She also included an invitation for lunch in Williamsburg soon.

Since the last newsletter I have enjoyed visits from Terry and Billy as well as from Kay and Bill.

On Sept. 29, 2018, Kathryn Pope Montgomery, daughter of Kay and granddaughter of Dr. **Vernon I. Tillar '32**, married James August Drake at the Boathouse at Sunday Park in Midlothian, Virginia. Mason Montgomery, Kathryn's brother, was a member of the wedding party. Other W&M family attending were **Ruth Weimar Tillar '45** and family friend **Randy Mathis '74**.

As Jan. 18, 2019, I'm still excited about being

grand marshal and the Homecoming Weekend activities.

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'45-'50

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The recent publicity campaign emphasizing The Year of Women was certainly beautifully planned and colorfully presented. It was exciting to read stories about our forebears' accomplishments over the first 100 years of women's admittance. We women were serious contenders for higher education and thus acceptance of women on campus has been carefully woven into the fabric of our college's history. We made our mark in those early years, and now we are on a roll. Just watch us!

Danella Hewitt Pearson '53 sent greetings from Massachusetts, reporting that although she and Dick have lived at their retirement community for almost two years, they are still adjusting to the downsizing experience common for most of us. "We still miss our days in New London," she adds, "and we keep in touch the old-fashioned way — by ordinary land telephone and email." Smartphones are not listed in their personal inventory. Happily, they are now closer to their family now in Marlborough, Massachusetts. Danella explains, "We are less active here than we were in New London, but we are not vegetating." Danella belongs to a book club, and they both enjoy reading. They also take regular advantage of a convenient fitness center right there on the grounds for scheduled exercise.

Wasn't last fall awful? Hurricanes followed by terrible flooding here in the East, fires in the West, and painful accusations and aggravations from political candidates on every TV channel! My prescription for these assaults

was a nice long weekend in New York City. What a stupendous idea! In spite of a busy schedule, I managed to cover three Broadway shows, two within sight of our hotel on Broadway. My daughter Marie, my flight attendant and benefactor, and I joined the ever-present horde of gawking tourists. It was not the first time for either of us, but we heeded advice for first-timers. By choice I avoided visiting very tall buildings and floating restaurants, even while being egged on by my relative, who called me a sissy. There was plenty to do without ascending to the stratosphere, such as shopping at Tiffany's or riding on the carousel while emboweled in pastel plastic fish at the Battery. "Phantom of the Opera" soothed our tired bodies while the "Book of Mormon" launched needles which painfully stabbed my psyche. The Oculus displayed deliciously mouth-watering Italian groceries, Saks was decorated for Christmas and ice skaters were testing the rink at Rockefeller Plaza. A delayed musical treat a few weeks later was an invitation to "Hamilton," which played in Durham, North Carolina. Of course, that beat all previous shows by a long "shot" (if you remember the song).

On our return, we sadly discovered that **Shirley Spain Smith**, my long-time travel buddy, had died in the nursing home where she had resided for a number of years. I will miss her good-natured ability to get along well with her many friends, including me. We

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intentionally banned political discussions among ourselves — just in case! Shirley and I started out in Richmond, Virginia, at the same elementary school, separated during junior high, and regrouped in high school, finalizing our academic relationship at William & Mary while living at opposite ends of the third floor of Chandler dorm. After retirement, we decided to take several tours together, racking up about five European countries and several historical spots within the U.S.

Happy memories but further bad news revealed that Betty, **Louis Compo's** wife, died early last year. And in another note, in late 2017, we lost beautiful **Mary-Jo Finn Aarestad** and her sunny disposition. She, her husband Jim and I shared our interesting family histories during Traditions Weekend.

Stay well, keep your appointments and follow the doctor's orders. If you are madly spending your children's inheritance, let me know how because we need news of you in future issues.

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'52-'54 ☾

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I want to dedicate this issue of our class notes to one of the nicest people I've ever known. She always had a good word to say about everyone, and if anyone was in need of encouragement, she was the person to call. She was a transfer from the Norfolk division, so she was with us for only two years, and I really didn't get to know her until we met at alumni events. **Yolanda Grant Harrell** passed away in September. She will be missed.

The only other news I have comes from **Floie DeHart Burns**. She became a great-grandmother on Dec. 24 when her granddaughter Candice gave birth to Corbin. He weighed almost 10 pounds.

The shortness of this class letter means I need to hear from you!

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"It's not easy being green," nor is it easy getting old(er). However, some of us continue to "trip the light fantastic"! Most exciting news came from **Mary Tine Peckens**, who with friends traveled by train to Washington, D.C., to see "Hamilton" at the Kennedy Center. (We didn't even attempt to get tickets when it played in Atlanta. Maybe in two or three years, seats will be available.) Mary's group stayed at the Watergate Hotel. The food and show were "fabulous." In September, there was also a family birthday get-together at a newly refurbished home in Nags Head. Mary plans a trip to Williamsburg to see

the Hummels and Booths and attend the lunch bunch gathering.

Tricia Kizzia Landen and Bob Landen '52 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July. Congratulations!

Also celebrating their 60th milestone in July were **Ginny Von Breitenfeld Ferre** and Dave, whose three sons hosted a party for them at the Gallatin River Lodge in Montana. In the fall, they traveled to Staunton, Virginia, to attend the wedding of their oldest grandson, Dane Ferre. Dane is the son of **Peter Ferre '85**. Peter also has two daughters, one attending Stanford University and one looking at colleges. Ginny and Dave's great-grandson is growing fast and lives on St. Simons Island where the rest of the Georgia family lives. Ginny says she loves living in Bozeman, Montana, where they are surrounded by mountains.

Good to hear from **Hugh MacMahon** — a little reminiscing. He received a call from **Sandy Rawn Burcham**. "She is still around! It was good to hear from her; she was Hugh's lab partner eons ago in Qual & Quan." Hugh flunked the latter. He took it over again junior year and got a B. Dr. Armstrong gave him a good recommendation for medical school. Hugh says "I had to learn how to study." Sandy spent her career in chemistry.

Les Sykes Waldron and Jim spent Christmas week with daughters in Pennsylvania. Her oldest daughter just moved to Bethlehem — what better place to spend Christmas!

Got a great photo of **Nancy Harshbarger Hummel** and **John Hummel** enclosed in their Christmas card. They are finally "empty nesters." The fall fires in California fortunately missed where daughter Judy and her family live.

Joan MacWilliams

Russell and Jim had a busy 2018. Their second great-granddaughter was born in August in Durham, North Carolina. Joan was there for a few days. Their grandson in Minnesota was married in September. Two weeks later Joan and Jim took off for Canada where their last granddaughter was married. They are happy to have their three sons and families living nearby. There is always some activity involving them — recitals, plays, concerts. One "of the crew" just started engineering studies at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, a campus on Lake Superior. Joan keeps busy with swimming exercise classes, investment club, Pi Phi bridge group and feeding lots of guys who drop in frequently. The Russells are still in their three-story house. They spend summers at a lake and go to Delray Beach, Florida, for six weeks in the winter. "Still in decent health which I hope lasts!!!" (And still climbing stairs.)

Ed Watkins and the Atlanta Symphony Chorus are preparing Verdi's "Four Sacred Pieces" for two performances in Atlanta and one in Athens at the University of Georgia. For Ed, the singing is the easy part — it's the long standing and the harrowing drive down I-85 that get you! This year, he has a fellow bass riding with him each week. Like many, we're "hangin' in there!"

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1957 ☾

Class Reporter
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To lead off, I'm sad to tell you of the passing in December of one of our classmates, **Barry "Spider" Levy**. Spider and I were friends for all these years, meeting in

New York City from time to time for wonderful long dinners. Marsha and I also visited Spider and Pam at their beautiful home in the Hamptons for a memorable weekend several years ago, and we often met at Homecoming. The "Spi-DAH" was a grand guy and will be missed.

Kay Wirth Novotny and her husband reside in lovely Venice, Florida, and reports recent visits from her two sons and grandchildren. She spends time playing lots of duplicate bridge.

Ken Wallace had a difficult 2018, what with cataract surgery and prostate cancer. Neither stopped him from still assisting Appalachian Trail hikers. Ken has himself hiked more than 1,200 miles of the trail!

Diana "Dee-Dee" Daniels Mahoney and husband **John Mahoney '55** reside in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. She tells of having four sons residing within an hour of their home. They have nine grandchildren, topped off by two great-grandchildren born last year. They have one grandson playing basketball at Boston University (we all remember John starring on the Blow Gym court). They also found time for two trips to the Caribbean.

Jo Ann Thompson Walburg '57, M.Ed. '73 and her husband Gerald paid a visit to Williamsburg last year. The highlight was dinner with **Don Harris** and his spouse Ruth at Don's very popular Williamsburg Spanish restaurant La Tienda. During Don's years in the Navy, he spent much time in Spain, where he learned to love the food and made contacts with top Spanish food and wine producers. Don's very popular restaurant and adjoining Spanish food products shop is owned by Don and his two sons, and it's quite the spot. Marsha and I have eaten there several times

with **Jane Thompson Kaplan '56** and **Jim Kaplan** and once with Don and his wife. We find it the equal of any Spanish restaurants anywhere.

Faye Jones Burke and **Tom Burke '56** had a busy 2018 while living in Charleston, South Carolina. They went on an August family trip to Alaska and spent Christmas with their daughter **Kathy Jones Koch '80** and family in Richmond. Faye and Tom are active within their continuing care community and contract bridge leagues.

Mary "Mickie" Curro spent the holidays in Atlanta with her daughter and two granddaughters. She continues to paint and has had some work exhibited locally.

Lilli Kocher took a grand trip horse packing in the Sierra Mountains with the California Alpine Club. Her home escaped the tragic California fires but she reports getting used to wearing a face mask throughout the ordeal. By the way, Lilli and our above respondent, Mickie Curro, were roommates at W&M.

Rick Asals visited Greece for a month in 2018 and spends part of the winter in Palm Springs, Florida.

Harriet Rippel Doub has spent 31 years selling Virginia Beach real estate and is currently working for Berkshire Hathaway. She continues to play tennis actively to stay in shape. She has four children with families to visit.

Sandy Cromwell Moses lives in Phoenix at a retirement community resort. She is busy with nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and also finds time to attend jazz festivals all over the West. Sandy would welcome visits from classmates — her phone number is (480) 249-4397.

Vince DeVita '57, D.Sc. '82 and his wife **Mary Kay Bush DeVita** celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary last

year and hope very much to get to Homecoming this year. Vince's monumental textbook, "Cancer: Principles & Practice of Oncology," had its 11th edition published this past December. The 37-year-old book is the most popular cancer textbook in the world. The DeVitas' daughter, **Elizabeth DeVita Raeburn '88**, returned to W&M for the first time and is stunned by the marvelous changes at our college. Vince also notes the passing of his W&M swim coach, **Dudley Jensen**, who passed away in 2018. Dudley was a fixture as a physical education professor and swim coach for decades.

John Oellermann was heard from and, after a difficult 2018 for he and Barbara, is looking forward to a better year in 2019. He hasn't been back to W&M in some time but wants all to know he looks back at our W&M and remembers, especially, putting one over on Dean Lambert in the Sunken Garden by convincing our memorable dean that they weren't imbibing a few.

Thanks to everyone for a splendid response to my imploring requests for news! Have a great 2019 and when you get to the 'Burg, please call Marsha and me at (757) 345-6878. We are always, of course, the Great Class of 1957.

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1958 ☾

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Dear Class of '58,
Sad news. **Ginny Fleshman Gada** passed away Jan. 1, 2019, from Parkinson's disease in Raleigh, North Carolina. We all knew Ginny as the sweet, lovely music

major and Homecoming queen, not to mention Phi Beta Kappa. I knew her as my freshman roommate, sophomore suitemate and junior roommate and close friend. We were in each other's weddings. Ginny was a friend to all who knew her.

Bob Bradley shared, "Sorry to hear of Ginny ... always a nice smile and 'hello' when we passed on campus, that I fondly remember."

Diane Montague Belford: "I'm sorry to hear about Ginny — doesn't seem right for any of our 'young' classmates to be passing away!"

Jan Walker Pogue, one of Ginny's freshman suitemates, lamented her passing and commented on how "old friends can pick up right where they left off" when they reunite. So true, Jan.

Alice Perry Linker: "I was so sorry to learn of Ginny's passing. It was a true pleasure to have known her. Ray and I enjoyed our days at Homecoming this year. Since we live in Vancouver, Washington, we don't travel to Virginia as much as we'd like. Reconnecting with all our old friends is always a joy!"

Received a wonderful article from the college on **Alan Miller '58, D.P.S. '14** and Jill. They were written up in Main Line Today for their generous donations to the Ronald McDonald House and the Museum of the American Revolution, both in Philadelphia. Bravo Millers. We are so proud to claim you as classmate and friends!

Bill Mitchell: "Really don't have any news, but want to say that our reunion was just great fun!! I hope we can do it again. I think everyone had a good time! Fun to see everyone and after everyone started chatting, it was just like the old days, and people really had changed very little!"

Bev Wilson Palmer: "Hans and I have spent the fall and early winter in Arlington and

so have been able to see fairly regularly friends from our class: **Muffie Funk Houstoun, Bud Mooney, Polly Stadel Wrinkle** and of course **Melissa Smith Fitzgerald**. And every now and then I spot a W&M logo or come across someone who's a more recent graduate than we are! Happy New Year."

Carter Cowles and **Suzanne Proudman Cowles '65** spent two weeks after the holidays with their daughter and family in Denver, where they enjoy some fresh cold air.

Tom Lightner captured our Homecoming spirit. "Our 60th was REALLY special!! It was like a time warp despite the gray hair and, for some, bulging waistlines! And Bill Mitchell and I did stuff we wouldn't have attempted in the days of Deans Farrar and Lambert, like commandeering a golf cart and joining in the Homecoming Parade!! Bill was afraid they would recall his Phi Beta Kappa pin, but for me, not much to lose other than my yellowed diploma!! **Pat King Sell** did a wonderful job of harnessing (perhaps badgering!) the somewhat depleted energies of several classmates to put the event together! Pat — the '58ers lifelong cheerleader! But I think even the Alumni Association was taken by our kindred spirits — and we gave some of them a chuckle or two! I have my badge ready for our 65th with each of you — so don't die!!"

My report: Homecoming found 50 '58ers signed up for our 60th reunion event. What a wonderful turnout. We gathered, courtesy of **Walt Leyland's** widow Shirley, at WindsorMeade's clubhouse for fabulous food and fellowship. It was as if we had never been apart. Lots of laughs, just good fun. **Carter Cowles** and **Bob Hardage** coordinated the refreshments. **Kent Watkins** put together a marvelous, nostalgic slideshow (look

for it coming soon to you). **Polly Wrinkle** and **Tom Lightner** provided the flowers, but the joy emanated from all who came.

I will list names, and I apologize for missing any. Here goes: **Tom** and **Carol Lightner**, **Carter** and **Suzanne Cowles**, **Bob** and **Susan "Moe" Hardage '61**, **Mary Ann Breese Brendel**, **Diane Montague Belford** and **Bob, Betty-Wright Fraher Armbruster** and **Bill Armbruster '57**, **Larry Peccatiello '58, M.Ed. '59** and **Betsy Treiber Peccatiello '59**, **Bill Mitchell**, **Joe Watson** and **Karin**, **Ginny Wachob Shine**, **Polly Johnson Rowlett**, **Ed Walton '58, J.D. '63**, **Maryaleese Shaw Schreiber**, **Polly Stadel Wrinkle** and **Davis**, **Eve Mapp McCray**, **Julie Vokos Nordstrom** and **Clyde Nordstrom**, **Arch Turrentine** and **Blair**, **Stewart Sell '56**, **Melissa Smith Fitzgerald**, **Carolyn Scheele Fakadej**, **Bev Burgess Burchette** and **Bob Burchette**, **Denys Grant** and friend **Grace**, and **BJ Nunn McKnight**. Classmates who signed up to come and could not for various reasons include **Mary Dyekman Leshner**, **Alan Miller**, **Bob Bradley**, **Ann Richardson Tankard**, and **Ginny Gada**.

Carter Cowles closes the column with his Remember. Read it online at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1958/.

Go Indians! Go Big Green! Go Tribe! For the Bold!

"Just Down the Hall,"
Pat for Pete

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By the time you read this in the May/spring issue, we will have had our Traditions Weekend in April and will be looking forward to our 60th reunion year at Homecoming! Our 60th?! That just can't be possible!!!!!!!!!!

Things are so exciting at the College. William & Mary President Katherine Rowe came to Richmond before Christmas to celebrate the W&M Yule Log ceremony at the Jefferson Hotel and many people came to hear our new president. She is so easy to know and so enthusiastic. She's also a sports fan and, as she said in her talk, she wants to win!

I heard from **Charlotte Tolley Etgen**, and though she had some serious health issues with her carotid artery, she came out on top and said she "cheated death" with modern medicine and **Garry Etgen's** great nursing.

Jim Dillard writes that he has finished his term on the State Board of Education, but he continues as a member of the Commission of Civic Education, organizing an annual teacher conference and advising the Board of Education on matters promoting civic education and the training of students to be effective participants in our democracy. What a great project. He continues with his love of sailing and racing his Lightning sailboat.

In September, my husband **Jay** and I, with **Jim Ukrop '60, L.H.D. '99** and **Bobbie Berkeley Ukrop '61**, sailed from Montreal, Canada, for a 12-day Canadian Autumn cruise up to Newfoundland and then back to Montreal, stopping at various sites along the way. It was a lovely cruise, made even more fun because we ran into three couples with W&M connections: **Walter Wenk '66** and his wife Mary Kay, **Jim Korman '65** and his wife **Babs Lewis Korman '66**, and **Pat Walsh '66** and his

wife **Margaret Conn Walsh '66**.

In the last issue I mentioned that **Penny Witzeman Nelson** is a trustee for High Hopes Therapeutic Riding in Old Lyme, Connecticut. They have over 240 participants each week. These include children, stroke victims of all ages, veterans and women who have experienced abuse, and they have an autism immersion program coordinated with Lawrence + Memorial Hospital. Their budget is over \$1.5 million. At their last benefit, an evening of dancing in their large indoor arena, they raised more than \$275,000. She said, "I volunteered to give back to my community, only to find out that I was the one who was enriched. It is wonderful to still be able to be productive in your retirement. W&M taught me well." If you want to learn more about it, check out www.highhopestr.org. It sounds like an incredible project!

Dave Edmunds and his wife Jean just celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on Dec. 30. Congrats to you both! Earlier in the year, Dave worked very closely with our state senator (Glen Sturtevant, 7th District in Virginia) to pass Senate Bill 755, which provides more protections for all retirees/pensioners in the state of Virginia. The bill became law in July 2018 and is now one of a kind in the entire country. Thank you, Dave, for staying involved.

Here's a good reason to wear something on vacation that identifies you with William & Mary. **Jay** and I brought in 2019 in Costa Rica with our daughter **Terry Lawler Usry '88**, her husband Todd and their two children. It was wonderful. Our granddaughter, 17, saw a man with a W&M logo and feather on his hat when they were out by one of the pools. She asked him about it and took him over to meet Jay. There were three

couples, **Rob Goetz '80** and his wife Susan, **Dave Clark '80** and his wife Lynn, and **Steve Staples '76, M.Ed. '83** and his wife Barbara. In talking with the men, Jay found out that they have season tickets to both football and basketball and they sit fairly near us at both. How crazy to meet them not in Williamsburg at the games, but in Costa Rica!

I received a note from **Barry Martin** just in time to get it in this issue. He and his wife Carolyn won't be able to come to Traditions Weekend because her birthday is in April and they are going to Nashville, Memphis and the region to celebrate. But the good news is that they have already made their motel reservations for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, coming all the way from Sacramento. That's wonderful, Barry!

I hope to get a lot of news to share at Traditions Weekend. Do keep in touch telling me about travels, etc. I love to hear from you. And as always, GO TRIBE!!!!!!!!!!

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Hello, missing classmates. If "no news is good news," then all the news is good with you. You didn't fill up my inbox as I requested. But Dr. **Wilma Fowler Bergfeld** advised that she has been elected president of the American Dermatologic Association (the honorary dermatology association). **John Fronefeld** has moved south from Alaska to La Jolla, California. This must have required a complete wardrobe makeover!

The Olde Guard Council, at my urging, amended its bylaws to change the council membership requirements so that all members remain class representatives throughout their terms. This deleted the member-at-large status.

The W&M Alumni Magazine now has an online version. Have you viewed the Class Notes and obituaries online at magazine.wm.edu?

As I said in my request, "I didn't know whether to laugh or cry with the end of 2018." In the fall, I developed a condition called Raynaud's syndrome, which led to several hospitalizations, multiple specialists, and finally operations on the blood vessels in my hands to increase blood flow into my fingers. I lost a piece of one finger, so now I hunt and peck on my computer keyboard. It is not comforting to have doctors say they have never seen anything like that before.

Ken Rice and **Roby Schrom Schmidt** both inquired about our 60th Reunion. Yes, we will reunite next year at Homecoming in 2020. If you would like to join our little band of planners, let me know. Let's try to do a better job with news for the next note.

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Ron Willard recently reached the 30-gallon blood donation level for the American Red Cross. Ron's first pint was donated at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Naval Shipyard on Dec. 7, 1966, while employed there as a

civilian. Ron and Joan live at Greenspring Village in Springfield, Virginia, and they hope to attend Ron's 60th reunion in 2021 (and the 50th anniversary of OWJ in 2022)! Thanks, Ron, for writing.

From **Dave Heenan**: "All well here. We'll return to W&M in March where I've been teaching global strategy to second-year MBAs. Then we're off to Vienna for a two-week river cruise."

Tony Gallo writes that Everipedia has written an article about him. To read it, go to everipedia.com and put Anthony E. Gallo in the search box. Do not hit return but click on the box with his name and picture.

We are lucky to be near friends **Warren Joblin '60** and **Nancy Carolin Taylor Joblin '62**. Getting together is always a treat.

We had special visitors this past year. **Sandra Styron Wilbur '59** and Harry visited from California, where they recently retired from Virginia. Sandra was my Alpha Chi big sister and being together again was great fun.

Joe Alexander '60, M.A. '62 and I are enjoying lots of travel, having recently returned from a Greek Island cruise. We're looking forward to the next few years with upcoming 60th reunions. Time seems to be flying by so very fast and with our class size dwindling, it's more important to fill this column with news. So — please write!!

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Beth Poole Radford and her husband Wade live in Maryland. They

are close to their son Richard and his family. He has two teenagers: Madison (16) and Andrew (14). Wade broke his hip in October but is doing well with physical therapy.

Linda Lester Hagen and her husband Jim live in Kent, Washington. Jim is presently going through radiation treatment for his esophagus.

Jane Noble Lundy and her husband Rick live in California. They just added another grand to the family. It was a granddaughter named Quinn.

Bob Stephens '61 wrote me that **Roger Hale** had passed away.

Sandra Hancock Martin and David Martin M.A. '63 live in New Jersey. They planned to spend the first two weeks in January 2019 in Mataró, Spain. She is still teaching both college students and retired people. David volunteers for Meals on Wheels. They have three grandchildren who are in college.

Nancy Kent Young and **Bill Young** have moved from their home to Westminster Canterbury in Lynchburg, Virginia, and are enjoying it.

Jim and I are doing fairly well. I had to go to Norfolk Heart Hospital on Dec. 21 for a heart ablation. I did well and came home the next day. Jim is doing well with three days per week in dialysis. We will be married 50 years on June 21, 2019. Hope all goes well so we can celebrate our milestone. I am now the manager of the Parish Book and Gift Shop at Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown, Virginia.

News is always welcome.

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Rosemary Brewer Philips wrote of being involved with township activities, gardening, living near to her son and his family, and traveling to Cape Cod. Far away travels included Maui, Ireland, Norway, Iceland, Greenland and Newfoundland. Rosemary found it all beautiful and interesting.

Kathy Dudley Okada and her husband reveled in their Viking River Cruise along the Rhine spent with cousins who fortunately talked them into the trip. Perhaps four years of Williamsburg's streets prepared Kathy for the cobblestones of Germany, France and the Netherlands.

Dale Harris Cohen got a healthy new knee and **Dick Cohen '61, B.C.L. '63** immediately started on travel plans. They went to Iceland and Italy, Hilton Head, Vermont and the Williamsburg area, where their 13-year-old grandson was especially interested in the history.

Vi Sadlier Huse and Ron enjoy the opera, theater, museums, concerts and fine dining of nearby New York City. Vi likes to garden and has recently begun classes in tai chi chih.

Sherry Parrish Swan and Al hike, row and sail with their dogs. They traveled from the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas to Florida and Virginia. A helicopter ride in the Grand Canyon was nice but not "nearly as impressive as when Al flew our plane into the canyon years ago before it was illegal." A big family Disney cruise to the Bahamas was in December.

Betsy (Liz) Holland Lunger and **George** have taken short trips here and there. They did go to Williamsburg for our 55th Reunion and also to the Outer Banks. They both volunteer at the Kentucky Refugee Ministries through a program that provides lunch and conversation

with new refugee men and women.

Jim Scott went to our 55th reunion meeting up with **Jeff Allen** and **Harry Green**. Jim said **Sue Warner '64** and **Ray Warner's** home reception was a wonderful place to see the '63 Olde Guard folks. Jim and his wife have a summer home in the mountains of West Virginia, although winter is spent in Boynton Beach, Florida. The Scotts spent two-and-a-half months camping to 17 national parks in the Northwest and Canada.

Karen Harkavy Toker helped with getting the book written by her husband Cyril published as an ebook. "The Final Diagnosis: A Surgical Pathologist Remembers" is also available on Amazon Kindle in the medical books category. Karen visited India and saw the Taj Mahal, the Ganges, and a tiger in an animal preserve. She also went to Iceland with her daughter. Karen is working on her family tree, archiving papers of her own and Cyril's, and has taken on the project of getting the archives of her synagogue in order and transitioned into digital archiving.

I have had more time to travel and quilt since retiring in September. The highlight of a recent cruise was going through the Panama Canal, first on the big cruise ship and then the next day going through on a smaller ship and seeing more closely how things worked. Touching the walls was surprisingly squishy and wet. Riding a camel in Mexico was quite an experience too.

Thank you all who have written and sent Christmas and holiday cards! As you can see, many can now read about what you are doing. Keep up the good work. Don't wait until next December!

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Russell Benjamin Gill has some much belated news. In 2015 Gill received the Elon Medalion, the highest honor the university bestows for meritorious service. Backstory — in 1976 Gill joined the faculty at Elon University as a professor of English. He went on to serve in many important leadership roles: as Distinguished University Professor, chair of the Department of Literature, Languages and Communications, director of General Studies (now known as the Elon Core Curriculum), dean of Arts and Humanities, and faculty fellow for the living-learning community initiative, and he was awarded the Daniels-Danieley Award for Excellence in Teaching. He advocated for better faculty compensation and spearheaded revisions in the General Studies curriculum. He was chair of Elon's Phi Beta Kappa Steering Committee and led the university's quest for a shelter, which eventually became the Eta chapter. Gill was instrumental in establishing the Global Neighborhood, a residential initiative in which students are engaged in discussions about international happenings. One of the three residence halls was named for Gill. He is now retired as professor emeritus of English.

Dick Goodwin always has some news ... he is the effervescent Duracell bunny. His latest saga is too long to include in this column, so please check it out at the online version of our Class Notes (magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1964).

Tom Brennan wrote an article in the New

York Warwick Valley Dispatch, "One Veteran's Stories." Tom attended a monthly gathering of the Veteran's Heart Georgia, a service organization reaching out to vets and their families in the Atlanta area with PTSD. Tom was one of the speakers. A month earlier he was with a Long Island contingent of Vietnam veterans on a trip sponsored by the History Channel, Honor Flight Network and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund for the ceremony at the wall. After graduation, Tom attended the Navy's Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, followed by Communications School, and an assignment on the only Navy surface ship that test-fired the Polaris missile. In 1967 he was in the Mekong Delta. He left Vietnam safely during the Tet Offensive early in 1968. He worked 31 years with the Suffolk County Department of Social Services and is now retired.

Marynell Roberts Gordon and Stephan Gordon, like many of us, have enjoyed traveling for the past few years. Trips have included South America and Antarctica; a cruise to the British Isles, Greenland, Iceland and Canada; land trips to China, Southeast Asia, France and the Czech Republic; and a cruise to the Norwegian fjords. But their best trips were to see their five grandchildren, ages 18 to 9, in Boston and Seattle. Stephan plays tennis and golf and they're both involved in community projects.

Lucy Hummer Richards also spends her time traveling: to Patagonia and the Torres del Paine in Chile; a cruise in the Philippine Islands and snorkeling with whale sharks; from Sri Lanka, a cruise to the Maldives and the Seychelles; finally to India and the national parks in the central highlands and near the Himalayas. As a bonus to her end-of-year

travels, she took an trek on an elephant. When we next hear from her, she will have been to Lapland, spending the night in an igloo and gazing at the northern lights.

Mary Jane Mitchell Stewart lives in Vero Beach, Florida. She and **Bill Stewart** had three children; their son **John Mitchell Stewart '92** graduated from W&M. After a divorce and many years, Mary Jane became the director of volunteer services at Indian River Medical Center. She is now retired and involved with the Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club. She is interested in genealogy and also belongs to the literary society. Last fall, Mary Jane was elated to return for Homecoming with her brother, **Bill Mitchell '58**, for his 60th reunion. She surprised her Pi Beta Phi big sister **Lesley Ward '63** and her Pi Phi house roommate from junior year **Cynthia Fulwiler Puskar '63**. They were all staying with **Sue Roache Warner** and **Ray Warner '63**, and they attended the **Chip Esten '87** concert under the tent in the Sunken Garden.

That's all for now. Please keep in touch and let me know what you've been doing.

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Grandchildren, travel, anniversaries. Let's play Class of '65 News:

Think we're finished reporting new grandchildren? Not so fast!

The fourth grandchild of **Chuck Riecks '65, M.Ed. '69** arrived in November, compliments of his daughter. Chuck thought perhaps he had set a record, but alas, **Larry Fennelly** beat him by a couple of months. Larry became a first-time grandfather in August. Larry continues serving as senior lecturer at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, and takes various classes for pleasure at Georgia State University in Atlanta. Congrats to both granddads!

Ginny Blount Fluet and Joe may have some record, as they became grandparents of three Ukrainian children whom their daughter's family adopted. The process took four years, and now the children are settled in and a joy to all. To celebrate this and their 75th birthdays, Ginny and Joe took a three-week cruise around Cape Horn in South America, sailing from Buenos Aires to Santiago, Chile.

Judy Pollard Harned and **Dave Harned '62** love having their 12-year-old granddaughter and family from New Zealand living with them. The Harneds' whole family was with them at Christmas.

Dabney Delaney Leonard has six grandchildren; three in Bethesda, Maryland (their son's), and three in Wilmette, Illinois (their daughter's). Dabney and her husband Ron celebrated their 50th anniversary in February. They keep busy with yoga several times a week, and Dabney serves as a Red Cross volunteer at Fisher House at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. This is a service for active and retired military members and their families while in treatment at the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital. Dabney has been doing this volunteer work for 45 years at various military installations (Ron is a retired Army Infantry Ranger). She also serves

on the Altar Guild at the Falls Church Anglican Church.

Jim Korman and **Babs Lewis Korman '66** cruised in Eastern Canada with **Pat Walsh '66** and **Margaret Conn Walsh '66**, Mary Kaye Wenk and others. They had lots of fun and wine and laughter. Jim wrote that he had to be the "mature influence." Now I'm laughing!

Bonnie Cheshire Greenwalt is still enjoying her career as an active Realtor. She does spinning and plays Bunco. It is up to you to look up both of those! Husband Frank is fully retired and "addicted to the DIRECTV Western Channel!"

Glenne Hines Harding sent her Christmas letter filled with travel and activities. The best news is that she and Dave are back into their home after the 2017 California fires. Glenne is on the Annual Giving Board for William & Mary and traveled to Williamsburg for W&M's 325th Charter Day in February and the W&M Women's Weekend in September. Other travel included Yokohama, Japan, a high-school 75th birthday party in Chattanooga, their annual trip to Hawaii, Chicago for the W&M Weekend, and a Panama Canal cruise. She and Dave are very active in their retirement community in Santa Rosa, California, and travel and party with their friends there.

Speaking of the Women's Weekend, Gin and I also celebrated the 100 years since women were admitted to William & Mary. Just like old times, we "roomed" with **Glenda Hudgins Anthony** and **Jeanne English Bedell**. We saw **Ann-Meade Baskerville Simpson**, **Pam Brown Michael** and **Glenne Hines Harding** from our class. **Sharon "Teddy" Hall McBay '63** gave a touching and inspirational talk at one of the sessions. It was a wonderful weekend!

Martin Morris wrote of his journey from the "blue-collar/no-collar side of Lynchburg, Virginia" to William & Mary. While never expecting to attend college, Martin was offered a basketball scholarship by Coach **Bill Chambers '53**, and after visiting the campus in the springtime, he couldn't resist the Call of the Beanie. In Martin's words, "Becoming acquainted and developing friendships with my classmates — special, talented and genuine people — over the next four years contributed in large part to my higher education and transformation. Thanks to you, my classmates, for your influence on my life's journey." Lovely, Martin. Thanks.

Becky Ruffin Collins reports she has no news, but wishes everyone a happy and healthy New Year. We do too. Thanks for the news.

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After the snafu in the last issue, I'm trusting our Class Notes make the next one. Many thanks to all of you who do send me news when asked — it does get used.

It is with great sadness that I report the death of **Debbie Thomas Pomeroy '66, M.Ed. '69**. Debbie was married to **Ben Pomeroy '67** and they had three children and seven grandchildren, all living near them in Richmond. Debbie was constantly involved in family and church activities and she and Ben have been avid W&M supporters over the years.

Jake Smith '66, J.D. '74 and **Ginger Graef Smith '69, M.Ed. '74**

reported that several members of Jake's family went to Shadwell Farm in Charlottesville last summer, being invited by the Thomas Jefferson Foundation. Shadwell was the birthplace of Thomas Jefferson. Jake's family bought the property in 1880 and in the 1940s sold it to the Foundation. Jake participated in the Poquoson Veterans Project last fall and visited several Washington memorials with a group of veterans. The Vietnam Wall was special to Jake, where he found the names of two of his fellow crewmen. Another part of the celebration had Jake as honorary captain at a Poquoson High School football game. Being a part of this project helped erase the unwelcome reception received by Jake and many returning veterans from Vietnam almost 50 years ago.

Now on a personal note, Jake mentioned that his wife Ginger has located her birth family from a 23andMe DNA test. She now has four half-siblings and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Well, I have also had a similar experience as an adopted-at-birth baby when all records were tightly sealed. After doing four DNA tests, I had a big hit, and have found a half-sister and half-brother. My new sister and I have been in regular email contact since late May and this has been an exciting adventure. With the rise of these DNA testing kits, these stories will be popping up everywhere — I was just super lucky, and so was Ginger, that my appearance on the scene was heralded — these "new relative" situations can go a lot of different ways.

There was a great article on the W&M website on the funding from **Pete Nance** and **Judy Pearch Nance '69** for the Sara E. Nance Professorship of English in their daughter Sara's

memory. Professor Deborah Deneholz Morse is the first recipient and she presented a lecture at Homecoming. Professor Morse also received the 2013 Plumeri Award, so she has been well-recognized by '66 classmates.

Vic Bary and Maureen Strazdon did their annual Holiday Dive Vacation in Roatan and in February are due to go to Chile (Patagonia) and Easter Island.

Bob and **Susan Bunch Blanchard** are wintering in Florida just as another storm is set to hit the northeast. Bob had very serious knee surgery last year so they are excited to be able to make this trip.

Keith Taylor and **Carl Brown Taylor HON '14** can spend all of their travel time visiting their families in Pittsburgh; Wilmington, North Carolina; El Paso, Texas; and Northern Virginia.

Carlton Hardy '66, M.Ed. '67 is winding up his numerous volunteer positions and enjoyed a visit to Natural Bridge and a play at the historic Barber Theater in Abington, Virginia.

I had two notes about an upcoming Pi Phi reunion in Charleston, from **Jeannie Williams** and **Pat Patterson Van Tuyle**. Now I'll be expecting news, girls.

Denny Taylor Kelly and I had a great time at the Greensboro Alumnae Tri Delta Founder's Day celebration.

Christine and **Jack Drew '66, M.B.A. '67** had a three-week cultural experience in China with their adult children. The electric cars have definitely reduced pollution since their visit 10 years ago. They stayed a week in Old Town Shuhe in the mountains along the Tea and Horse Caravan Trail near the Tibet border and 8,000 feet above sea level. Jack reports that Disney is now building a theme park next to the preserve.

I love this story. Dana and **John Tudor '66,**

M.Ed. '69 took a re-positioning cruise from Southampton to Boston, New York and Bermuda last fall. The cruise was to commemorate John's first Atlantic crossing when his family immigrated from England in 1957. At that time, the family was on a French Line passenger ship, the *Flandre*, which weighed 21,000 tons. The recent cruise on the 120,000-ton *Celebrity Silhouette* was considerably more traveler friendly. John was able to take pictures of the same sights he had captured in 1957. And now they are off on another cruise to Belize with friends who have moved there from the Cayman Islands.

Congratulations to **Bettie** and **Butch Schilling '62** on their marriage last fall.

Sandy and **Keith Daur** were in Paris last October seeing museums and cathedrals and having picnics on the Seine, and then they headed to Williamsburg for Homecoming where we had a quick visit. Keith and Sandy hosted several Fulbright scholars for Thanksgiving and then had a reception and symposium for Connecticut Fulbrighters. And now, back to traveling — a Western Caribbean tour and then a trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos in May. Meanwhile they are looking into buying a home on the west coast of Florida to escape their frigid winters.

Speaking of Homecoming, we had a small group but warm fellowship. We spent a couple of evenings with **Gene Griffin** and **Betty Bishop Griffin '67, M.A.Ed. '73** and met up with the Nances, **Mike Greenwood** and **Julia Ann Dickinson Greenwood '67**, Ben Pomeroy, and Ann Marie and **Ken Williams '67**. The Williams celebrated their 50th anniversary in Hawaii, Los Angeles and Dallas last year. A special moment for me at Homecoming was the concert by **Chip Esten '87**, since

we were avid followers of the "Nashville" TV series. I also had a tour of Jefferson Dorm — talk about things changing — boys on one end of the hall, girls on the other.

At the Homecoming Sunset Ceremony class members who were memorialized included **Thomas Browne, Graham Flowers, Bob Gatten '66, M.A. '68, Steirling Gunn, Roy Hartless, Paula Lippard Justice, John Kirkpatrick, Debbie Thomas Pomeroy, Mary Sherman, Doris McCauley Smith '66, M.A.Ed. '85, Ruth Cadd Walton and Martha Holbrook Wonnell.**

Virginia Cherry was one of our representatives on the Olde Guard Council and because of family commitments has had to resign. She and Keith Taylor have been on the council since our 50th reunion. I have agreed to fill in Virginia's spot after getting a call from Olde Guard Council Chair **Howard Busbee '65, J.D. '67, M.L.T. '68** — Howard and I were on the Student Council together in high school, so it's a natural fit!

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Larry Marchant often thinks of the good years at William & Mary. Friends and good William & Mary experiences never fade from his memory. Since our amazing 50th Reunion, he has enjoyed getting back in touch. Old friends from his W&M days are a great gift at this point in life. He and his wife Heather are retired and grateful for a quieter life and a manageable schedule. One learns to recognize

and wisely accept new limits, while becoming ever more aware of how fortunate and appreciative we need to be. Each day is more precious than ever. Go Tribe!

Larry Weinstein had an interesting year in 2018. Glad it is in his rearview mirror. His 23-year-old son Peter moved back home for a bit. He was going to study HVAC at a for-profit college in Alabama to the tune of \$18,600 in tuition for a 13-month course. Manatee Technical College, three miles up the road, has the same program for \$5,300. His course ranger job at a local country club was getting to be like real work, so he went looking for something else. He found a 40-hour-a-month year-round job with the Census Bureau. (Your tax dollars at work.) If any of you are ever near Sarasota, please visit.

Alice Boone Riecks and husband **Chuck Riecks '65, M.Ed. '69** welcomed their fourth grandchild (second grandson) in early November in Pittsburgh. They rented a small apartment near their daughter's home and spent almost two months there. Their favorite assigned task was holding the baby. Their other daughter and her family, who live in New York City, spent a week in Pittsburgh at Christmas so the whole family could share the holiday. They felt very blessed by the time together. They returned home to Charleston, West Virginia, in early January and since then Alice has been busy with GFWC Woman's Club, church activities and the book group at her local library.

One of our classmates wrote to me a while back about why I wasn't hearing from our class. He said our news is hardly newsworthy at this point. Share in honor of the long road we've traveled and the wisdom we've picked up along the way.

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In April 2018, **Ken Himmel**, president and CEO of Related Urban Development, was in Palm Beach, Florida, as featured speaker at the Kravis Center Corporate Partners Business Speaker Series. Palm Beach Society magazine covered the event and quoted Michael J. Bracci's introduction of Ken, "Mr. Himmel is an expert in creating thriving developments that bring forth the energy and vitality of an urban destination that resonates with the existing local lifestyle and culture. Under his leadership, Related Urban has captured the world's attention with iconic, award-winning destinations that include City Place in West Palm Beach; Time Warner Center and Hudson Yards in New York; Grand Avenue redevelopment project in downtown Los Angeles; Related Santa Clara in Santa Clara, California; and the Galleria and Central in Abu Dhabi, UAE." My favorite quote about Ken occurred in *The Real Deal* magazine. CBRE's Richard Hodos said, "Ken Himmel is a genius. If anyone else was opening Hudson Yards, there would be a big question mark. ... It's not the easiest thing to lease these days, but if anyone can do it, they [Related Urban] can. Himmel is the Steven Spielberg of the business."

I've heard from three members of the popular group *The Strangers*, who played many weekends during our years at William & Mary. **Andrew Reeve** wrote, "I

am regaining my strength after cancer treatment, the bone pain has been banished, and I can once again pick up drumsticks without pain. What a fabulous turnout that was in April 2018! We were a monster class at Orientation, set records with our SAT scores to be admitted to W&M and were the largest class ever to hold a 50th reunion. Who says size doesn't matter? Like most of us, I'm retired, but look back fondly on our four years. Not only did we survive the turbulent '60s, but we did so with style."

Arnie Reed stated, "I lost my wife Suzanne to cancer in early 2016 but am now happily married to Lydia. Our 50th reunion was the perfect opportunity to introduce her to my college classmates and brag on my grandson **Micheal Crotty '19**, who graduates from W&M this spring with a degree in physics. I still play keyboards professionally here in Nashville, accompanying singer-songwriter Gordon Ellis on his original tunes and playing in a Roy Orbison tribute band, Roy and The Orbits. While researching my ancestry, I discovered that my 8th great-grandfather Thomas Ballard Jr. (1655-1712) sold the Middle Plantation estate shortly after his father's death in 1688. Most of it went to form the campus of the College of William and Mary."

Harvey Bryant emailed, "Retirement is, and has been, pretty good over all. Much time is spent attending to my 92-year-old mother and my 92-year-old father-in-law, both of whom are in nursing homes. I had a bout with prostate cancer two years ago, but everything is fine now. For our 50th wedding anniversary, our children and grandchildren feted my wife and me for a week at Walt Disney World in December 2016. My daughter **Laura Bryant Myer '96** is in

Alaska right now with her husband and three of our grandchildren. Our son is in the Atlanta area and has an 18-month-old boy and is expecting a girl in June. While we didn't make it to Traditions Weekend or Homecoming, we do get to Williamsburg fairly often. We stay there during the year in connection with meetings of the criminal law section of the Virginia State Bar and board of directors meetings of the Virginia Criminal Justice Foundation. I'm in Williamsburg, often with Donna, for quarterly Board of Directors meetings at WindsorMeade, a senior living facility now under new branding as Pinnacle Living, formerly United Methodist Homes. God continues to bless us. It's not original with me, but when I'm asked how I'm doing, I try to remember to respond, 'Better than I deserve.'"

I look forward to seeing you at Olde Guard events and receiving your information for the column.

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Dear Friends:

As I write, it's January, there's snow on the ground and our reunion is exactly three months away ... but you will be reading this in May, so here's what I can tell you now.

First, huge thanks to **Gale Gibson Kohlhaugen** and her co-chairs (**Donnie Chancellor Wintermute, Jim Taylor, Donn Wonnell** and **Win Whitehurst '69, M.Ed. '72**) for putting together a great, fun weekend and for

raising a wonderful sum for William & Mary. The fundraisers were: **Al Albert '69, M.Ed. '71, Sally James Andrews '69, J.D. '73, Jim Barton, Lynn Howell, John Keiter, Bob Kelly, Steve Kohlhaugen, Woody Lookabill, B.W. Marshall, Tim Marvin, Judy Poarch Nance, Mary K. Thompson Pruiett, Bob Pumphrey '69, M.S.W. '77, Liz Ramsey '69, M.A. '74, Susan Spaulding, Rick Spurling '69, M.B.A. '71 and Jane Youngblood Spurling, Ronnee Repka Taylor, Lou Tonelson '69, M.Ed. '71, Mary Chris Schmitz Williams, and Dwe Eaton Yearick.** The activities subcommittee was **William Ivey Long, George Nance, and Susie Smith Stewart '69, M.A.Ed. '72.**

Thanks to their hard work and your generosity, we raised \$20.7 million for William & Mary — much of it in "planned giving" through estate gifts. Included in that is more than \$500,000 to fund the maintenance endowment for the Alumni House and nearly \$900,000 added to the Class of 1969 Scholarship fund. If you have not yet given, please consider adding to the scholarship. We raised \$50,000 to establish it for our 25th Reunion, but it now takes a \$1 million endowment to fund one student completely for one year. We would really like to reach that \$1 million mark. I'll be able to update you on the total raised and all the other good information about our reunion in September.

There is other news. I had a long email conversation with **Malcolm Shick '69, M.A. '71**, who is now retired from the University of Maine where he taught for 40 years, first in zoology and later in marine sciences. His second book "Where Corals Lie" was published in 2017 and

now he is adjusting to the mundanity of retirement — travel and home maintenance. He and his wife **Jean Michael Shick '68** have a daughter in Alexandria, Virginia.

Giles Ryan sent me a nice email to catch up: "After graduation I joined the Peace Corps and went to Korea as a school teacher, which led to over 20 years working in Asia. I married, and my wife Kyongsook and I had two boys who are now grown and on their own. For the past two decades we've lived in Bellevue, Washington, and I retired almost three years ago. Several years ago I walked across northern Spain, walking along the old pilgrimage roads to Santiago de Compostela. On these journeys, I wrote essays which I put together in an ebook, 'Three Caminos,' and put this out on Amazon. Last year my wife and I spent a few weeks in Lisbon, and later this year we plan to spend some weeks in Andalusia and I hope to write about this too, for it seems I've taken up writing as a hobby."

Linda Shickel Bowyer also wrote: "After W&M, I got a M.S. in computer science from Rutgers and later graduated from Harvard Business School's executive education program. I worked at Bell Labs as a computer scientist and then moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where I spent 25 years as a software engineering executive in the computer industry (Digital Equipment Corp and EMC Corp). I'm now retired and living in the Washington, D.C., area. I have two delightful sons, and I love to travel and work out and am active in numerous committees and clubs."

Sadly, we lost several classmates last year. The list as of Homecoming 2018 was **Robert Boal '69, J.D. '72, Jim Clark, David Cooke, Bill McKinnon '69,**

J.D. '80, Vincent O'Bryan, Robert Ruben and Norm Smith. Our condolences to their friends and families.

Milton and I are well and hoping to see lots of you in April. I start my new drawing class in two weeks and life is good! Happy spring!

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Congratulations to **Wrinkle Rankin** and **Mark Cole '71**, who met as Flat Hat staff reporters in 1967 and were married Oct. 19, 2018, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in West Dundee, Illinois, in the presence of their children, grandchildren, family and friends!

Mike Campana, a professor at Oregon State University's Water Resource Graduate Program, celebrated his 70th birthday and 25th wedding anniversary with his wife Mary Frances with a weekend at Fairmont Empress in Victoria, British Columbia. International trips took Mike to Stockholm twice, Brazil and Honduras, where he dedicated another village water project completed by the Ann Campana Judge Foundation, now in its 18th year. Fortunately, Mike left Honduras before a mudslide took out the road leading out of the mountains!

And from the Tri Delts' 70th birthday party/reunion in Nashville last fall ...

Molly Shryer Boast retired from the law firm of WilmerHale, having previously served in the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division. She lives in New York City with her husband of

47 years and is happily planning the 2019 wedding of her daughter Emily!

Barb Waesche Cummings (retired attorney from Rye, New York) and **Mary Anne Darragh** (retired, from Pittsburgh) were also there.

Eric and Cheryl Elrod Fauerbach have "moved into town" and enjoy living in Staunton, Virginia. Cheryl supervises James Madison University student teachers and volunteers as a tutor trainer for LEARN English, an organization providing classes and tutors to help adults in the area improve their speaking, reading and writing skills. Rick volunteers for Renewing Homes, a nonprofit which does home repairs for local people in need. They both enjoy being active, walking and going to the Y and are happy to be able to continue to travel.

Alice Derr Peters retired in 2015 after a career in education as a teacher, college professor and school psychologist. She is still in Clemson, South Carolina, with her husband Chris. Their two daughters are also educators in South Carolina, one as a special education teacher and the other as a school counselor.

Gina Garrett McKinnon (Seattle), **Pam Allison Barger** (Del Mar, California) and **Berie Gomez-Grobe** (Coronado, California) were there. Berie is busy giving back to her community as a volunteer driver for Coronado Seniors Out and About, a volunteer at a new center for activities for adults, a volunteer for Coronado youth recreation programs, and she also takes care of her first and only baby granddaughter.

Jane Neff Thompson and **Randy Pearson Van Dam** flew together from Baltimore. Jane lives in Denver and Bozeman, Maryland.

Retired lawyer **Rhonda Curry** lives in Lewisville, Kentucky. Last September, Rhonda celebrated her 70th birthday on the Amalfi Coast, Italy, touring

with a Road Scholar program. Last October she joined friends for her first trip to Santa Fe, where she enjoyed the art galleries and museums. Rhonda, a Chi O, loves being a part of the Tri Delta reunions!

Ron Stewart and **Susie Smith Stewart '69**, **M.A.Ed. '72**, **Ted Zychowski '69** and **Cathy Coleman Zychowski**, **Walt Jones** and **Jim Husband** attended W&M-Maine Homecoming game and the Tribe won! Ron and Susie's daughter, **Megan Stewart Bowder '98**, celebrated her 20th reunion and had their grandson there for his first parade and first football game!

Check out "Go Like You'll Stay Forever" and "125 Years of Football," about **Jimmy Laycock**, at magazine.wm.edu/issue/2019-winter.

About 30 Pi Lams (alums from '66-'70) and spouses had their annual (15th?) Homecoming gathering. **Herb Armstrong '70**, **Ed.S. '89** from Florida brought Janie Schofield (University of Tennessee) for his sixth reunion and her third. Pi Lams watched the parade from their two bed and breakfasts on Richmond Road. In the spirit of a true ROTC officer, **Don Gates** marched in the parade. Don and his wife Su were there from Plano, Texas, and Ann and **Jim LePrell** from Richmond, Virginia. The weekend started with a dinner and singing old songs at Giuseppe's and ended with a catered dinner dance at Kaplan Arena (William & Mary Hall) with music courtesy of **Bob Ridout '68**.

My next deadline is May 16!

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While it is fresh in your mind, please take a few minutes to email us your news. The good news is that we have heard from many of our classmates; the bad news is that we have space limitations. Please go online to magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1971 for the almost-unabridged version of this column.

Tom Buehler and his wife, **Naomi (Colleen Kappes Perkins '69)** have retired after 40 years as financial planners in Bethesda, Maryland. They built their dream home in Richmond, Virginia, a free school and prayer/meditation center. All classes are offered free of charge and include a hot meal. Their five children and 20 grandchildren are fairly settled now. Colleen and Tom were both active in gymnastics from 1967-1971 and would love to hear from any retired gymnasts out there.

Beth Harris McMullen emailed her first update since the '70s. After W&M, she taught school for a year, but decided it was not what she wanted to do for the rest of her life. She enrolled at Penn State as an accounting major, spent five years at Arthur Andersen & Co. in Washington, D.C., and served as audit manager for two savings banks. She married Tim McMullen in State College in 1977 and they have one daughter, Erin. To keep busy when she went off to college, Beth opened a store on eBay and earned enough money to visit their daughter who had a Fulbright year at University of Helsinki. That trip was the adventure of a lifetime. In 2004, she moved to Indianapolis, where she spent 10 years working as an auditor for Indiana Public Retirement system, before retiring in 2014 to Happy Valley in Central Pennsylvania to be closer to family.

Will McAllister and his wife Gracia

have lived on the West Coast for more than 30 years with only sporadic contact with Williamsburg and W&M. Will has stayed in touch with **Ben McKelway** (high school friend) and **Mark Cole** (W&M friend) and tries to return for Homecoming "on the fives." His last visit was for our 45th reunion. Gracia and Will were married in June 1971 and have a son, Dil, and two grandsons and live on Lake Washington in Kirkland, Washington. After graduation, Will was commissioned as a second lieutenant, spending his entire time of service at Fort Bragg. After the Army, Will joined IBM and lived in Indianapolis, Atlanta and finally Portland. From IBM, he joined Cellular One in the mid-1980s, retiring in 1998 after Cellular One merged with AT&T. He spent the next few years owning and operating a manufacturing company. After selling his company in 2004, he and Gracia have spent most of their time either traveling or home with family. They follow a pattern of summers in Kirkland, international or domestic travels in the fall and spring, then winters in Palm Desert, California. They have done many trans-ocean crossings and endorse it as a comfortable way to travel to/from Europe or Asia.

Ed Hartman visited Moto (**Ken Sanders**) in June and reported that he was a fantastic host and they enjoyed his wine cellar, ate great food and viewed his gun collection. Ed wrote about their three weeks visiting and hiking Yellowstone, Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon and Zion national parks in the western U.S., spending two days at each hiking the many trails — totaling 120 miles — and seeing amazing sights. Ed has five grandchildren: three in Phoenix and two on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, keeping the grandparents on their toes and on the move.

And here is **Bev Sauer's** "Bottom line: 1. I got divorced last year. 2. After a hip replacement in September 2017, I rehabbed myself vigorously, learned Spanish, played a lot of tennis, and traveled to Cuba to play tennis with the National Team in October 2018. And danced the salsa and ate. And ate. 3. I moved back to D.C., seven minutes from my daughter and adorable grandkids. 4. I see **Cathy Bryan Johnson** regularly to do lunch and museums in D.C. 5. I'm enjoying life in the city after 10 years in Arlington. Visit me in Cleveland Park!"

From **Bill Sizemore**: "...My new book 'Uncle George and Me: Two Southern Families Confront a Shared Legacy of Slavery' is now available in electronic format. All of my profits from sales of the book are donated to the family scholarship fund for descendants of the Sizemore slaves."

Wrinkle Rankin '70 and Mark Cole were married on Oct. 19, 2018, in West Dundee, Illinois, in the presence of their children, grandchildren and other family and friends. The couple met in 1967 as staff reporters for The Flat Hat. Wow!

Can you believe that most of us are turning 70 this year? Let us know if you are interested in having a class birthday celebration during Homecoming weekend in October. Details will be in the next issue. Please write!!!

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The ground is covered with snow at the moment, but spring will be arriving when you read our notes. Happy spring!

Cheryl Menke lives in Annapolis, where she is an elementary school ESOL teacher. She is an active member of the American Association of University Women and loves sailing and gardening.

Kathy Wommack is loving life in Richmond. She is mostly retired from a career in marketing and asset management. She enjoys the beach and mountains, going to Bath County and travel with friends. Check out the happy things she posts on Facebook!

Stewart Gamage is involved in a program to build relationships with other countries. Young people, many from African countries, come to Charlottesville, Virginia, for a six-week program and then return home to help build governments in their countries. The program is a partnership effort between the University of Virginia and William & Mary.

Lindy Allmond Emory and her husband Bob live in New Bern, North Carolina. She retired after 11 years as the office manager for the Office of Pastoral Development for the Episcopal Church. Retirement plans include traveling and visiting friends. They enjoy their five grandsons and having their daughters close by in New Bern and Raleigh, North Carolina.

Brooke Coleman Taylor and her husband Bob live in the museum district in Richmond. Their travels took them to Cuba in late 2016. They enjoy playing tennis and spending time with their grandchildren — two sets of twin granddaughters and two grandsons.

Mike and Jean Henry Stakias live in Philadelphia, but their house in Rehoboth Beach sounds like a great retirement destination. Jean retired from teaching and Mike is cutting back on his work at a private equity firm. They have a son and daughter and one grandson.

Anne Iarrobino Barter and her husband Jim live in Bethesda, Maryland. Their two children live nearby, and they enjoy their three grandchildren.

David and I had a busy fall, traveling to Vermont and New York for weddings. This was the year of our 50th high school reunions that we all either attended or heard about. Just like our reunions in Williamsburg, mine brought many happy memories to mind.

I received a message from **John Hempel '71** asking if anyone has contact information for **Michael Thomas Driscoll**. Driscoll was only in Williamsburg for freshman and sophomore years and came from McLean. Fifty years ago, he and John were in the original "Virginia is for Lovers" ad and Virginia Tourism folks are planning an anniversary celebration. If you can help, contact John at hempel@earthlink.net. John has been camped out in Pittsburgh since 1985.

That's the end of my Homecoming news so I'm waiting to hear about your great travel adventures, retirement projects or reunions with classmates. Take care and have a great day!

Peggy

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As I write this update, the dysfunction in Washington, D.C., has hit 28-plus days of partial shutdown, while 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue and the 116th Congress daily prove that the federal government can't fight its way out of a paper bag and 800,000 federal employees aren't getting paid and many are still working. Following

this dire thread, W&M roundball fortunes are again looking meager for the NCAA's postseason round of 64 teams, but new Tribe Football Coach Mike London brings promising credentials to Zable Stadium.

D. Bruce Christian hopefully has been elected to the W&M Alumni Association Board of Directors by the time you read this. The Lynchburg, Virginia, resident has been a proactive and stalwart rep of our Baby Boomer-era alumni and William & Mary overall.

Nancye Scott Noel Alley was inducted into the Fuqua School's Foreness Hall of Fame (Farmville, Virginia) as a skilled debater and team captain of the same. Nancye, who got her juris doctor degree from St. Louis University, lives in Richmond, Virginia, with her husband, the Rev. Dr. **Charles Alley '71, M.A. '72**. She was appropriately working in the Virginia Department of Education in the Office of Dispute Resolution.

Robert "Bob" Wallace came out of retirement last August to take over as principal at Flagler Palm Coast High School in the Volusia County, Florida, school system. Bob has been a teacher, coach and administrator in that system for 35 years and originally retired in 2015. He also has advanced degrees from Eastern Illinois University and Stetson University.

John S. Norris Jr. was recently named Lawyer of the Year by his peers in construction law in the 2019 edition of Best Lawyers in America. His law degree is from Washington and Lee (they keep an eye on VMI) University Law School.

Elizabeth "Liz" Deis and her husband Lowell Frye both retired in June 2018 from their teaching and administrative careers at Hampden-Sydney

College. Their son Lowell Charles works for Columbia University Press and their daughter Alice is working on her marine science degree at the University of Miami. Presently residing in Farmville, Virginia, they like traveling to Oak Island, North Carolina, which gives a "break" from longstanding research projects — always the academics!

Other loose ends. **Jim Bigger '72** is finally retired from Fairfax County schools and now lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Congrats James. Other Christmas updates are from **Margaret Ann Dahlgren Martin** and her husband **Ron Martin '74** in Fords Colony in Williamsburg. Their son **Andrew Martin '01** and his wife **Holly Corbin Martin '02** live in Chesapeake, Virginia, with two granddaughters, while their daughter **Sarah Martin Miller '03** and her husband **Jason Miller '96** live in the 'Burg with another grandson. Ron has been dealing with a number of health issues but they still do lots of volunteering at Colonial Williamsburg and judging for Colonial Relays and walking their two Bernese mountain dogs.

Sue Stephens Greenplate '74 in Manchester, Missouri, has a new grandson, John (after his grandfather/my running teammate, **John Greenplate '76**, who passed away two years ago this month) courtesy of his daughter Rachel, who lives in Alabama. Sue and her daughter Julie and her family may be in my neck of the woods this summer taking in the Niagara Falls splendor and the Watkins Glen NASCAR onslaught.

Sad notes: **Gerald "Jerry" Hughes Mathews '73, M.Ed. '75** passed away this past June. He transferred into W&M from Virginia Military Institute and spent a career in the Virginia De-

partment of Education as a principal specialist before retiring to Rio Vista, California.

Thomas G. Duncan '74 just lost his battle with pancreatic cancer on Jan. 16, 2019. Tom, armed with his University of Virginia law degree, had a distinguished career in the House of Representatives as deputy parliamentarian and then general counsel.

Tom and his wife **Ali-son Williams Duncan '75** have two daughters, Kate and Taylor, and a granddaughter, Elizabeth. Tom was one of the four horsemen of the National Association of College Basketball Writers who in 1973 created a national "faux news" stir by arranging for and naming an All American NCAA D-1 Rookie team that the Wall Street Journal named one of their best fake news/sporting stories. His fellow pranksters — **Steve Noll '74**, **Paul Pavlich '74** and **Reed Bohne '74** — form the nucleus of the W&M mid '70s group aptly named the Sewing Circle.

Happy 2019. Please get me more updates, likely retirement news and grandchildren sitting/visits or just let us know if your stint in witness protection has become your lot in life. PEACE!

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While Jim and I missed Homecoming this year, I heard from several people that many classmates were there even though it wasn't an official reunion year. **John Hostetler** and **Lynn Adams Hostetler** wrote that they went to **Joe Montgomery's** tailgate party before the game and

then the party afterwards on Saturday. "It was a good thing that Joe had arranged for a tent," Lynn wrote. "It was a rainy afternoon. Of course, the highlight was seeing **Billy Gardner** (recently recovered from heart and liver transplants). He and his wife Trish were there. They stayed with **Kevin Rogers**. We didn't see Kevin because he was in the press box, but talked with his lovely wife Betty. We also saw **Ronnie Chappell** and his wife Susan and **Dave Coblentz '74** and Judy. Dave and Judy, along with **Bob Stohner '73** and his wife Melanie, are now living in Colorado, so we see them whenever we are out there visiting our kids. One other classmate and Kappa Sig was **Rusty Bruni**. No big news — everyone seemed to be doing well, loving retirement and enjoying being grandparents!" I already knew that Dr. Bruni had retired, because he has been our family dentist for the past few decades. He recently sold his Richmond practice. I'm delighted for him but will miss the good care my children and I had for all those years.

Jim Theobald and I have been traveling a lot lately. In June we spent two weeks in the Alsace region of France in a large 1604 house that we filled with friends and family, including John and Lynn Adams Hostetler. Turns out that the Hostetlers' Amish ancestors came from a small town, St. Marie des Mines, just a few miles west of the village where we were staying, Hunawehr, so we motored over one day to have a look at John's ancestral town. In October, Jim and I took a three-week trip to Central Asia (aka the "Five Stans" or the Silk Road countries). Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan were our favorites, with splendid architecture, both historical and modern. It was a treat to visit

countries that are not overly touristy, and we can't recommend them enough.

Cornell Christianson's off-Broadway musical "It Came From Beyond" has now run for more than eight months at St. Luke's Theatre in New York and will continue in 2019. Looking ahead, Cornell has raised the money for his 1940s film noir musical "Naked City Blues," which will open off-Broadway in May. It is unheard of for a playwright to have two musicals running off-Broadway at the same time. And speaking of acting success, congratulations to **Glenn Close '74, D.A. '89** for winning the Golden Globe award for Best Actress in a Motion Picture for "The Wife."

Phil Mott wrote with the sad news of **Dave Johnson's** death in December after a long battle against MCF and acute leukemia. After leaving W&M, Dave obtained a Ph.D. in neurophysiology from the University of Connecticut, a Doctor of Medicine degree from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, and he completed his residency at the University of Michigan's Kellogg Eye Center, where he served as chief resident. He was an assistant professor of ophthalmology and pediatrics at their school of medicine and director of pediatric ophthalmology at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in the early 1990s. Following his academic career, he became an accomplished private practice physician in Wichita, Kansas, then in Wilmington, North Carolina, from 2005-2016. Dave was elected to the prestigious American Ophthalmological Society and throughout his career was recognized as one of the best doctors both in North Carolina and in America. His passions in life included spending time with his

wife Pat and their family, involvement in Boy Scouts, long-distance cycling, fishing, crabbing and bird-watching.

As more and more of you retire, please send news — travel, volunteer work, grandchildren, hobbies — whatever is bringing joy to your life.

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After 40 years, **Bill Prince** has partially retired from his law practice in Columbia, South Carolina. His oldest son just became a member of the bar and his youngest has been accepted to W&M Law School.

Arthur Cone left Transamerica Financial Advisors last July and is now a senior financial advisor with Prudential Advisors, specializing in retirement planning and small business benefits programs.

Connie Warren Desaulniers just completed her fourth commissioned portrait for the university, this one of **Charles Quittmeyer '40**, first dean of the W&M Business School (now the Raymond A. Mason School of Business). Charles was dean during our college years. Connie knew him through her father, Bill Warren, a business school professor at that same time. Visit her website to see her amazing works: www.moonshadow.design/portraits.

Carmella Maurizi Bladergroen and **Mark Bladergroen** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sept. 2, 2018, in Williamsburg. Carmella is now retired from her solo law and mediation

practice and keeps up with her Kappa sisters. Mark continues his 30-year career as a heart surgeon and is the medical director for cardiac surgery in Richmond at Bon Secours. They have four grandchildren, ages four to seven.

Marcia Carl Simpkins '75, M.Ed. '77 and her husband, **Fred Simpkins '69, M.B.A. '78**, met at W&M Business School and just celebrated their business school class' 40th Reunion. They have both been at Wells Fargo Advisors in Washington, D.C., Marcia for 40 years. Their son and daughter, Crawford and Alice, live and work in the same area. They stay connected with classmates **Sharon Pandak '75, J.D. '78, Linda Cleek Gray, Amanda Linden Moody, Joan Harrigan** and **Jim Weekley**. Fred celebrates his 50th reunion this spring.

Heldur Liivak and **Beth DiPace Liivak '76** have moved to Yorktown, Virginia, just across the river from their previous home in Gloucester. They upsized and have lots of room for travelers and guests. Drop in! Their new address is 804 Marlbank Drive, Yorktown, Virginia.

Jack Blush, a collector for 40 years of memorabilia, photos and relics about Washington, D.C., legendary brewer Christian Heurich, has made possible an exhibit at the Heurich House Museum in the nation's capital. Interesting fact: when Heurich died in 1956, he was the largest nongovernment employer and landowner in Washington, D.C. Go to bizjournals.com and search "Heurich" to learn more.

Cathy Wilson sent news that Kappas and Tri-Delts gathered last October in Williamsburg for a great 65th birthday celebration. Activities included tours of Barrett Hall, Sorority Court and Special Collections at

Swem Library. There was a trunk show at Blink featuring Connie Desaulniers' clothing and plenty of partying! In attendance: **Annelle Vaden Hodges, Barb Ramsey, Barb Tatem Kelley, Connie Desaulniers, Mary Beth Barney '75, Lynne Shackelford, Pat Ferguson Watkinson, Terri Bartlett Osborne '75, M.A.Ed. '80, Carmella Maurizi, Leslie Scent Knecely, Lynn Smith Swanson, Mary Lou Giermak Nexsen, Diane Cale Stewart, Marilyn Ward Midyette, Megan Philpotts Padden, Debbie Allen Hewitt, Barb Briesmaster Sensabaugh, Jan Johnson Oxford** and surprise guest **Ann Ruble '77** at Saturday festivities.

John Gerdelman says he retired in 2018. I am skeptical, knowing how busy he always is. But he's still enjoying living in Williamsburg and spending plenty of time at W&M events. This was John's first news to Class Notes, so everyone, do as John did and send me your news!

Van Black sent a note of thanks to those classmates who expressed interest in the work **Corey Trench '76** is doing with the Hope Family Village mental health initiative. Check the updates at hopefamilyvillage.org. The first house could open as early as summer while plans continue to develop a full village in the future.

Jonathan Jarvis '75, D.P.S. '12 retired from the National Park Service after 40 years, seven of those as director under President Obama. He launched the Institute for Parks, People and Biodiversity at the University of California, Berkeley, bringing the best science to the future of our parks reserves.

Apologies to **Richard Lampman '75, M.A. '75** and **Marty Kress Lampman**. Did not want to short-change your news. Will send it, and others'

updates, in an all-class email as well as in the next magazine edition.

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Greetings fellow '76ers. Hope you've made it through the winter OK. It's getting harder isn't it? Have any of you become snowbirds? Tell us about it. Maybe I'll come visit.

News this time comes from two fellow Yates 3rd North freshman year hallmates. First-time correspondent **Jon Reagan** wrote to say how much he has appreciated hearing the periodic news of classmates in these columns. Jon shared that he moved to Tucson, Arizona, about 10 years ago, after having worked in the Washington, D.C., area for quite a few years, including a stint as store manager of the main Woodward & Lothrop store at Metro Center in downtown. With some family members still in Reston and Springfield, Jon still gets back to Virginia a couple of times a year. He asked me if the rumor regarding the demise of The Wigwam on campus was true; Jon, next time you're in Virginia, you gotta get back to campus, cuz you won't believe what else they've done! Anyways, great to hear from you Jon, don't let another 40-plus years go by until you check in again.

The other correspondence came from one of the stalwart soccer players in our class, **Jim Fox**. Here, in his own words, is Jim's update: "Greetings to the Class of 1976. Just a quick update from me, Jim Fox, in light of a recent issue of the W&M

Alumni Magazine, which gave us updates from **Bob Boyd '80** and **Trevor Smith**. I congratulate Bob on his doctorate as well as Trevor on completing his challenging Ph.D. in theology from Oxford Centre for Mission Studies through Middlesex University in London, U.K. I had the privilege of spending several years serving with and working for Bob at New Fire for Christ Ministries. I also had the privilege of playing alongside Trevor Smith as a member of the William & Mary soccer team in the '70s. I was blessed in being named Captain, All-State and All-Conference.

"I am presently married to my wife of 31 years, **Betsy Coleman Fox '75**, who also attended W&M in the 1970s. Surprisingly we never met at W&M but met in the 1980s in Los Angeles at William Carey International University. In 1989, we moved back to Hampton Roads, and I began studies for an MBA degree (I graduated in 1991 with a nonprofit management concentration). I've worked in ministry management operations and taught at a very competitive Christian school (administration and teaching computer science to students and teachers) for many years. I spent a campaign season working on the staff for Dr. Ron Paul's presidential run (Dr. Paul has set the table for his son Rand's present success in the Senate) and I'm presently working with the TRUMP2020 Campaign. In the past I've also worked for over three years as the "Exec" to the head of Campus Crusade for Christ's Military Ministry.

"I presently work as a hands-on shelter manager at the Union Mission Ministries (a ministry to and for the homeless in Norfolk, Virginia). I also work as a chaplain and director of the International Student Christian Fellowship at Old Dominion University.

"I spend some of my free time as minor editor

of books in the genre of completing the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) by the end of 2025 through effective multiplying church-planting methods among Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, Sikhs, Tribal peoples and Nones (non-religious). I'm also involved in educational and patriotic activism through The Foundation for Christian Education and Infowars, as well as other venues. If any W&M alumni would like to contact me, I can be reached at foxfrontiers@gmail.com or jimfoxe@iscf.global. It would be great to catch up with you!" Jim, thanks so much for that update, sure sounds like your days are full.

Well folks, as usual, I wish you good health, good luck and good computer skills so you can send me an email update for future editions. I am in my 41st year of employment with my company, now known as Willis Towers Watson. My wife wonders frequently when I intend to retire, but there are still weddings to pay for (this coming November), grandkids to take to Disney World (in a couple of weeks from this writing!), etc., etc., etc. Those of you lucky enough to have retired already, why not write in and let us know about it; maybe the rest of us can pick up some pointers!

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Classmates, a new feature of the W&M Alumni Magazine is its website, magazine.wm.edu. Class Notes and obituaries are accessible without a password and will benefit those who don't receive the print magazine or

who wish to read it online.

Rick Reinhard shared that members of Christ Reformed United Church of Christ in Middletown, Maryland, recognized the 30th anniversary of the pastorate of **Mark Wakefield** on Nov. 11, 2018. Mark and his wife, Mary Owens, celebrated with the congregation. His Facebook post included: "... retirement is still off in the future. They're going to have to listen to lame sports metaphors, dated TV references and self-centered whining about getting older for a while yet."

David Croall offered thanks for our reunion-year gift that led all reunion classes in both dollars and "participation rate" in 2017. As chair of the W&M Annual Giving Board, he asked for our support this fiscal year (which began on July 1, 2018 and ends June 30, 2019).

John Cooper '77, M.Ed. '80 and **Nancy Severin Cooper '76** have semi-retired and moved to Davidson, North Carolina, where they spend time with two grandsons who live nearby.

Mary Langford is in London working at Dwight School London and also running her own company, which offers mother tongue literature supporting 40 languages to over 100 International Baccalaureate students around the world. She started her doctorate in international education at the University of Bath and is a trustee of Hoghton Tower with the London International Gallery of Children's Art and the Friends of Cricklewood. Mary also works to support a project to heighten awareness of plastic in the sea by staging a series of underwater photographs that will be used by the Marine Conservation Society in June for World Ocean Day. She recently met with **Amy Bartow-Melia '93** and

Greg Melia '93, who were visiting from D.C.

Michael Mack wrote that in March 2018, Sergei Skripal, a former Russian military officer and double agent for the British intelligence services, was poisoned in Salisbury, England. In response, the American government ejected 60 Russian officers from the United States, and the Russians then ejected 60 American diplomats from Moscow, including Michael and his wife Maria Olson. They have returned to Vienna, Virginia, where Mike is the regional director for Europe for the Diplomatic Security Service, and Maria is the spokesperson for the European Bureau at the State Department. Mike's first daughter Lara is expecting his first grandchild in May.

Bartell Drugs named **Kathi Lentzsch** to run the storied 128-year-old drugstore chain. Lentzsch was publicly named CEO of Bartell Drugs on Jan. 19. Bartell Drugs Vice Chairwoman and Treasurer Jean Bartell Barber said, "She is a visionary in merchandising and marketing and has already made a significant impact. She is also fabulous at team-building. She is a great addition to our company."

This past December, **Carol Baranofsky Pugh** and **Mark Pugh** spent their fourth Christmas in the New Hampshire Seacoast area of Durham, New Hampshire. They visited Williamsburg last April and celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary in May at the Mount Washington Hotel and Resort in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire. Mark continues his creative woodworking, focusing on making wedding presents for his family. Carol remains employed at UNH Health & Wellness (student and employee health). She stays busy with her crafting hobbies, including the installation of her 20-by-55-inch

stained glass panel for the chapel at St. George's Episcopal Church in York Harbor, Maine.

This year, my wife Marinda and I will stay close to home while she undergoes two total knee replacements. We are grateful her first procedure was successful and appreciate your prayers and encouragement. We are pleased to announce the engagement of our second son Andrew to Rita McCort. They and our two other children, John and Katie, together with their spouses and our three grandchildren give great joy to our lives.

Thanks to our classmates who shared news for this issue. Remember to send your updates and know that we, the Class of '77, care.

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1978

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Our 40th reunion was certainly a fun celebration. As you can see from the '78 class photo, we had a terrific showing! It was great to catch up with fellow classmates in person and hear what they've been up to these last four decades. **Rick Smith** and I enjoyed meeting up with folks while parade watching, walking down DoG Street and meandering across campus. To top it off, Tribe football delivered an exciting victory at Cary Field and weekend festivities culminated with dancing the night away in the Sunken Garden. In case you missed it, you can catch a glimpse of classmates with dancing feet in this Homecoming weekend video: youtu.be/uqutgmckPFQ.

Unfortunately, space doesn't permit me to

recount all the "news" I heard and, to be honest, I don't trust my memory on some of the details, but below are a few tidbits.

Diane Andaas Topping and her husband **Rob Topping M.B.A. '77** have been living in Williamsburg the last 15 years or so. Two of their four children, **Brooke Topping Carpenter '03** and **Paige Topping Wilt '05**, are also W&M alums!

Roger Crook and his wife Susan, of Yardley, Pennsylvania, enjoy spending part of the year at their second home near DoG Street. They also have a son, **Christopher Crook '09**, who is a W&M alumnus.

Nancy Smith Miller lives in North Carolina, has two grown children and is thoroughly enjoying being a grandmother.

Anita Hoy Gambke and her husband **Fred Gambke '77** celebrated their 37th anniversary!

Farley Shiner celebrated his retirement at the end of 2018 — congratulations and welcome to the seven-day weekend, Farley!

Lydia Spindle Masterson and her husband **Joe Masterson '75** are both retired and now reside in Watchung, New Jersey. They enjoy living less than 10 minutes from their grandchildren.

Sue Olsen Rowland and her husband **Rick Rowland '78, M.B.A. '83** live in Glen Allen, Virginia, and also have a home in Virginia Beach. They enjoy being new grandparents to the daughter of their son **Doug Rowland '12**. Their daughter Callie will be graduating in May from Virginia Tech, pursuing a career in public health.

Julie Dobson Thaker and her husband Chet live in Potomac, Maryland. Her son **Elliot Thaker '19** is president of Kappa Sigma fraternity. After the parade, Julie was able to nab two much coveted "Kappa Sig & Chi Omega" 2018 Homecom-

ing float T-shirts for me and Rick. (Thanks again Julie and Elliot!)

We visited with **Michele Zimmer Ball** and her husband **Steve Ball '79** at their beautiful home on the James River at Kingsmill in Williamsburg. The Balls were eagerly awaiting the arrival of their newest grandchild.

I also received some follow-up email updates which I greatly appreciate.

Storm Simenson and his wife Ricarda write: "We continue to benefit from small town Vienna offerings in Good Ol' Virginny, while fully exploiting the nation's capital's theater/concert options, outdoor/wildlife forays, gourmet cuisine and the company of close family and good friends. We have happily settled into the three R's — retirement, renovation and relaxation. Storm's retirement sometimes keeps him busier than prior to the conclusion of his career ... highlights were a Swiss family reunion and renewing ties to William & Mary classmates during Storm's 40th reunion."

Donna Robusto Krache, writes from Atlanta: "I had a great time at Homecoming, so glad I went. I had second thoughts about flying solo (I think you know I lost my husband Dave in 2009), but it was a blast! So good to see old friends and classmates I hadn't seen in decades.

"To catch up: After 22 years at CNN, I retired in 2014 and am now teaching journalism at Georgia State University. I really like working with the next generation of journalists, though they certainly have their work cut out for them. I stay busy with that and some speaking engagements, as well as the Dave Krache Foundation, which my daughter started after Dave died. We help pay fees for kids who want to play sports but whose families have come into

rough times and can't afford it. To date, we've helped more than 600 kids in metro Atlanta."

Rick and I visited with **Jane Tylus** and her husband Bill Klein. Both are faculty members at Yale College and currently live in Branford, Connecticut. They also maintain a residence in New York City. We met up at the Stony Creek Brewery on the Connecticut Coast. After getting her Ph.D., Jane taught at the University of Wisconsin and later at New York University, where she also held the title of provost. During a stint in Italy, Jane authored "Siena: City of Secrets." Jane has written several books. She is very excited about W&M's new president, Katherine Rowe, as they have collaborated on the published work "Reading the Early Modern Passions: Essays in the Cultural History of Emotion."

Well, there you have it ... if you were one of those I asked for an update during Homecoming weekend, or even if you weren't, please send us your news. Carpe Diem!

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1979 40

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One of my favorite Christmas traditions is the exchanging of cards and letters containing photos and news from the preceding year. Here are a few holiday updates that I received from some of our classmates:

Brad Eure '79 and **Chris Smith Eure** are always among the first to send out their holiday greetings. They continue to enjoy living in Charlottesville, Virginia, where Brad runs a consulting business with their daughter Clay, and Chris serves as execu-

tive director of the historic Paramount Theater. Chris not only supports the arts through her work, she is also an artisan herself, designing and making notecards that are featured on Etsy. Brad and Chris vacationed in France and Belgium this summer, visiting the beaches and WWII sights in Normandy while studiously avoiding museums.

Nancy Dahlman Guy and husband Richard also traveled to France this summer, celebrating their anniversary with visits to Paris, Provence and Bordeaux. Nancy spent the second half of the year working on her newly elected congresswoman's campaign and was featured in one of her TV commercials. We always knew Nancy was fearless, but even appearing in a political TV ad requires less courage than taking a 4-year-old grandchild to Disney World on their first solo trip, which is something Nancy did.

Kitty Wetterer Eason '79, J.D. '82 shared her joy over spending time with her 2-year-old granddaughter (who belongs to her daughter Meg), and also in announcing her son Tripp's engagement. Kitty and husband **Ward Eason J.D. '79** live in Suffolk, Virginia. Kitty took a glass-blowing class at Tidewater Community College last fall, and has a collection of cups, pitchers and vases, along with a few singes on her forearms, to show for it. She says she will NOT be taking Glass-Blowing II in January, but rather will be heading to Florida, where she looks forward to playing tennis and enjoying other warm weather activities with friends and family.

Carol Arnold Hollenbeck and her husband Grant also traveled to warmer climes last winter with a relaxing vacation on Maui. Carol is still working for McKesson, and also in her yard and garden (her favorite pastime) at their home in Mechanicsville, Virginia.

Liz Rothberg-Smith and her husband Ron celebrated their anniversary in Hanalei (Kauai) and enjoyed other travels that included Washington, D.C., Yosemite, Lake Tahoe, Monterey, Ukiah and San Diego. Liz lives in El Cerrito, California. She is still working in government affairs at the (Kaiser) Permanente Medical Group, and is also still zydeco dancing with Ron.

Kevin Ellis is enjoying retirement in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he and his wife, Laura, enjoy running on scenic Lookout Mountain trails. Kevin also spends time mentoring inmates at Walker State Prison.

Amy Moll Newman and **Pattie Bagley Schutte** have sons who got engaged this year, while **Kathy Yankovich Hornsby** has a son who got married. Amy, as many of you know, is one of our class reps for William & Mary. She retired from the EPA several years ago and is planning to try out the "snowbird" scene this winter by spending a few months in Florida with her husband Bill Marshall (maybe she'll run into Kitty!). Pattie and husband Bill are still farming in Kahoka, Missouri, where Pattie continues working her "fun" job at the local library. Their daughter Maggie graduated high school this year with outstanding academic and athletic records, and is now studying architecture at the University of Kansas. Kathy is still a world traveler, combining her love of far-off places with her passion for photography. Her son Keith (the one that got married) is playing his third season with the Texas Legends, the G League team affiliated with the Dallas Mavericks, while son Russell is an actor and avid mountaineer living and working in Los Angeles.

I also received this update from **Michael Norton**, who studied English and philosophy at W&M: "I've had a 32-year career in the public behavioral

health system in North Carolina. Most recently, I've been working as a regional manager for Cardinal Innovations Healthcare since August 2015. On the personal front, I married my husband Jim Lux (who is not a W&M alum, but who is totally loveable, just the same!) in January 2017. Since then, we've taken on the project of renovating a 1960s brick ranch into a great mid-century modern home, and we look forward to moving in early in 2019!"

That's all I've got for now. Don't forget our 40th Homecoming celebration is Oct. 17-20! I hope to see many of you in Williamsburg for that fun reunion. Until then, send me your news to share in my next column.

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2019 is well underway and I hope this finds everyone well and enjoying life! I don't have much news to report, so please remember to drop me a note with your news. I would love to hear from you.

One of the unforeseen consequences of the national obesity problem is the impact on the ability to properly staff the ranks of the military. A group of retired admirals and generals, Mission Readiness, has been following this issue for at least the past eight years and, based on their studies, said that obesity threatens national security by disqualifying 31 percent of Americans between the ages of 17 and 24 from service. This is up from 27 percent eight years ago.

If you are interested, look for the recent report, "Unhealthy and Unprepared." Retired Army Lt. Gen. **Thomas Spoehr**, who serves with the Heritage

Foundation, a conservative public policy think tank, has also been studying the issue. He sees a glimmer of hope. He believes that "childhood obesity in some states ... is not getting worse and may be in some cases getting better." He continues to review this issue, among others, with the Heritage Foundation.

Prior to his retirement, LTG Spoehr served as the director of the Army Office of Business Transformation, Office of the Under Secretary of the Army, where he worked to improve business processes and information technology that supports the workings of the Army. Among his prior assignments, he commanded the 3rd Chemical Brigade at Fort Leonard Wood. Thomas and his wife Cynthia have two children, Catherine and Peter. Catherine and her husband David have a son, James, so Thomas and Cynthia are enjoying grandparenthood. Peter is currently deployed with the 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Afghanistan. Thank you to both Thomas and Peter for your service.

In closing, I hope you will remember to drop me a note for the next column. Until then, be well!

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Hello '81'ers,

Mike "Fitz" here — hope this finds everyone well.

Sadly — did not receive any updates this time around. Please let me know what's happening with you and your friends and families.

All the best — please keep those updates coming.

Go Tribe!

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Happy New Year, Class of 1982! It is mid-January as I write this and the East Coast just got pummeled by a snowstorm. I was on a college trip with my daughter (that sadly did NOT include W&M ... too small, she says) to the University of Virginia and Georgetown and saw it all firsthand. A beautiful sight for those of us that don't get snow very often! Olivia is the class of 2020 ... doesn't that sound remarkable?! Time just marches on!

Sadly, the government shut down (I so hope that's over by the time you read this!!!) prevented us from going to the National Air and Space Museum, where I was hoping to get a glimpse of our 1983 classmate, **Ellen Stofan '83, D.Sc. '16**, the new director. If any of you missed it, the Today Show on NBC aired a segment last week about Ellen which highlighted her remarkable career. Be sure and try to see it!

I heard from **William Naphy**, now a professor and dean for North American Affairs at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. He wrote that it was his privilege and pleasure to visit W&M last month in his capacity as dean for North American Affairs at Aberdeen to discuss a possible link for students to come to Aberdeen, alma mater to James Blair, W&M's founder. He writes that it was great to be back and meet with Professor Oakley and Professor Emeritus Jones as well as everyone at the international study center. Bill moved to Scotland in 1989 to do his Ph.D. at St Andrews and decided to stay permanently.

Victoria Monaghan

was in the news as she was named senior director of communications at Thomas Edison State University in Trenton, New Jersey. Victoria was previously at Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey, where she served as director of strategic relations in higher education. Congrats to Victoria!

Eric and I were lucky enough to meet up with **Dana Disque Hearn** and **Tom Hearn** in Charlotte, North Carolina, this past fall when we were on our way to see Noah at the University of South Carolina. Their three sons are in various stages of "getting off the payroll," as we say in the Conner home, and Dana and Tom were enjoying empty-nester life. They still travel a lot with Tom's cousin Bill Scott and his wife **Meg Hunter Scott '84**. Meg and Scott spent a couple of years in Dallas but have returned to Greensboro, North Carolina, although Meg still travels to Dallas from time to time with her work for Southern Methodist University. She was in town before the holidays and I was fortunate to catch up with her.

The door is always open for YOU in Dallas! Hope to hear from more of you in 2019. Please let me know about YOUR adventures in empty-nesting — your classmates want to hear from you!!

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We are an awesome class, once again raising the most of any reunion class except the 50th! Yes, congratulations to us! But that's not the only reason.

Ours was one of the few classes that put together its own reunion party, thanks to **Ed Lull** and the Dimeslots! Due to ongoing renovations, campus venues were unavailable, so Ed got the Dimeslots a gig at the Virginia Beer Company Saturday evening after the game and before the big bash. The weather cooperated by providing clear skies and mild temperatures. Hearing all the great '80s songs played by our class band was a perfect Homecoming event! There's a good chance the Dimeslots will make this an annual Homecoming attraction. Let's hope so!

Another fun event was the brunch that **Vic MacCagnan** and **Debbie Norris MacCagnan** hosted at their daughter's house. They decided to turn the tables and have a party while their daughter was out of town. Wonder if anything was broken?

The Virginia Gazette reported that two sculptures will be donated by the Triangle Arts and Culture League to the City of Williamsburg. One of the pieces by **David Turner**, called Cedar Waxwing #94, will be located at the corner of Nassau Street and Newport Ave. The sculpture of an eagle was created at the American Revolution Museum. It is a 31-inch eagle perched on 8-foot branches, valued at \$25,000. David is a resident of the Eastern Shore of Virginia and has contributed several other works in Williamsburg and on campus. David and his father opened Turner Sculpture in 1983 in Onley, Virginia, which serves as their studio and gallery. They have over 100 commissions throughout the U.S. You can see more at turnersculpture.com.

Ellen Stofan '83, D.Sc. '16 is the first woman director of the National Air and Space Museum. One of her first jobs was as an intern at that very same museum. The Washington Business Journal ran an interview with her where she talks about her favorite subject growing

up (rocks) and the role of women in STEM (it's better now, they speak up). What's she most proud about from her time at NASA? (The proposal to send a boat up to Titan, one of Saturn's moons, that ultimately didn't get approved, but led to her getting the job as chief scientist!) What's her favorite exhibit? (At the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, a companion to the National Air and Space Museum — I had to look that up — a space shuttle and SR-71, a long-range reconnaissance aircraft from the 1960s. Her second favorite exhibit is the "Pioneers of Flight.") Ellen is married to **Tim Dunn** and they have three children: **Ryan Dunn '10, Emily Dunn '14** and Sarah.

Also in November, **John J. Flanagan** was re-elected to the New York State Senate representing the 2nd District. John was first elected to the state senate in 2003, following in his father's footsteps. John has a law degree from Touro Law School and currently serves as temporary president and majority leader of the Senate. Prior to this position, John served as chairman on the Committee on Education. He is an advocate of organ donation, increasing awareness of Lyme disease and fighting breast cancer. John and his wife Lisa Perez have three children.

He's the rabbi who loves music. **David Edleson** started July 1 as rabbi of the Reform synagogue at Temple Sinai in South Burlington, Vermont, according to Seven Days, a Burlington newspaper. After W&M, where he was president of the campus Hillel, he went to Jerusalem for two years, then went on to Hebrew Union College Jewish Institution of Religion in Manhattan. He thought he'd teach and be a Hillel rabbi on a college campus. However, David was unsure he would be ordained because he is gay. So, with some other students, he formed a group called

Hineinu, Hebrew for "here we are." The effort succeeded because in 1990 David was ordained. Back to the music ... David has played piano since the age of four, adding clarinet, flute and piccolo later. He was even the drum major in the marching band in high school, until the other parents decided that they "didn't want a Jew leading the band." (Search for David Edleson on www.sevendaysvt.com to read the whole story.) He introduced his congregation to YouTube where they can find loads of Jewish music and other music of all kinds. For 20-plus years David was rabbi for the Hebrew Association of the Deaf in Manhattan, even after he moved to Vermont. David and his husband, Tim Owings, live in Lincoln, Vermont, in what he calls "the little Vermont Hippie House."

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Greetings, Class of 1984! I am back in South Carolina now, and I have enjoyed seeing several classmates in the last few days. I visited with **Laurie Raymond Benson** over the weekend while I was in Beaufort, South Carolina, and I had dinner with **Joanna Ashworth** while she was in Charlotte, North Carolina, last week. It is always special to see friends you have known since the first weeks of college! Speaking of connecting with dear friends, it is hard to believe our 35th reunion is coming up this year! It is not too early to mark your calendars for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend,

to be held on Oct. 17-20, 2019. I hope that many of you can make it to the reunion celebrations!

It was great to see some of our classmates during Homecoming last fall. **Kord Basnight '85** and **Linda Reynard Basnight's son, Philip Basnight '13**, performed with his band, the Broke Royals, at the Virginia Beer Company (owned by **Robby Willey '05** and **Chris Smith '07**) to kick off the weekend. In addition to Philip's proud parents, his sister Maria and his girlfriend **Rebecca Silverstein '14**, the event was attended by **Alison Hawley Ewing** and her daughter Emily, **Kari Guillén Traver '85, JJ Johnson Head** and her husband **Dan Head '85, JJ and Dan's daughter Abigail Head '17, Lori Buckius** and her husband Steve Alfieri and daughter Leigh, **Susan Frier Wiltsie** and her husband Ron, **Leslie Lautenslager '85, Martha Feathers Owens '85, M.Ed. '92, Rietta Stoneman '85, Chad Gunnoe '86, Chris Thorne '86** and his wife **Anne Thorne '86**, and many others. Basnight cofounded the band with **Colin Cross '14**, and the Broke Royals have performed at other William & Mary events as well. They can be seen performing frequently in Washington, D.C., as well as in Richmond and other cities, and their music can be heard on your favorite streaming services.

After Homecoming, I headed down to Beaufort, South Carolina, where I met Joanna Ashworth at the home of Laurie Raymond Benson. Laurie and her husband Chris took us out on their new boat, and we were joined by Alison Hawley Ewing and Linda Reynard Basnight, who arrived on the dock bearing sandwiches and wine from The Cheese Shop! After a great tour of the beautiful waterways around Beaufort, we picked up my hus-

band, **Greg Miller**, from the Beaufort Memorial Hospital dock. Being able to take hospital call while watching dolphins as the sun sets over the water is one of the perks of living and working in Beaufort!

Jenny Nazak has written a practical guide to low-footprint living entitled "DEEP GREEN: Minimize Your Footprint; Maximize your Time, Wealth, and Happiness." Her website, www.jennynazak.com, has a low-footprint lifestyle blog and links to order the book. Nazak is an eco-activist who has also been active in environmental preservation and neighborhood revitalization, working for economically and socially vibrant neighborhoods, currently in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Debbie Garrett has been appointed district director in the office of Representative Ben Cline. Prior to her appointment, Garrett served as district director in Representative Bob Goodlatte's office. Before entering federal service, Debbie was constituent service director and legislative aide to Cline when he served in Virginia's House of Delegates. Experienced in economic development and as a business owner, Debbie resides in Buena Vista, Virginia, where she has previously served as the vice-mayor.

John P. Baiocco has been named president of TowneBank Norfolk. Prior to his appointment, John served as senior executive vice president of commercial lending in Norfolk, Virginia. He has been in the banking business for 30 years, 13 of which have been with Towne. John also serves on the board of the Norfolk Botanical Garden, Greater Norfolk Corporation, The Norfolk Forum, Virginia Arts Festival, Norfolk State University Business School and the Center for Financial Training. He has also served as an instructor

for the American Institute of Banking and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

Karen Joyner serves as chief executive officer of the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank, which receives and distributes food around the Virginia Peninsula. Karen, who shared her knowledge and experience with the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Capital in September, worked in business before making the transition to nonprofit work.

It was great to be back in Williamsburg in December for the graduation of our son, **Alec Miller '18**, from William & Mary. We enjoyed celebrating with **Kari Guillen Traver '85** and **Tony Traver '85** with dinner at the King's Arms and a beautiful weekend at the Travers' home on the James River.

If you have any updates to share, please send them along! 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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1985

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Hello, Class of 1985! I hope these class notes will be read by many more alumni since the magazine website has been posted for all to see online, in addition to the copy mailed to your homes. I do hope to hear from more of you in the future!

In a great story of William & Mary connections, I met my best friend in 1995, when she was placed as a teacher in the classroom next door to mine and

introduced to me by our principal, who told her I would be there to help her as she navigated her new school. Little did I know I would end up being a mentor and friend ever since then to **Kathy Cable Smaltz '94**. As William & Mary alumnae, we found that we had so many things in common, and those things have sustained a friendship that has lasted all these years. She even married one of the teachers who taught in our same school. They have been married for 21 years, and have four children ranging in age from 10-17. She is currently teaching creative writing in the middle school next door to the school where we met. After graduating from William & Mary, Kathy went on to complete a master's in fine arts. She was the poet laureate for Prince William County and has published poetry in an anthology and in other publications as well. You never know who you will meet in life who can relate to your experiences (although she is nine years younger than us!).

I did not receive any updates from our fellow classmates this time. I know we are all busy with our careers, children, travels, etc.; however, I hope that you will take a little time to share what is happening in your lives. I know that our fellow classmates would love to catch up with you.

Send me an email or find me on Facebook and let me know what is happening with you. Valeté, omnes!

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Happy Spring!

Laurel Strawn Hurst works in emerging markets for JP Morgan Chase & Co. in London, England. She has been in the United Kingdom since marrying Mark 30 years ago. Their daughter Katie is working on a master's degree at Durham University, their son Tom is a third-year student at the University of St Andrews, and their son Charlie will start at Exeter University this fall. Laurel encourages the college-age students of alumni to consider William & Mary's Joint Degree Programme with St Andrews, a lovely school.

Clem Cheng reports that last year's Homecoming was a great opportunity to see numerous friends, including **Chris Roak '88**, **Amy Parr Roak '88**, **Jack Langan**, **Chris Amorello** and **Susan St. John Amorello '89**, **Doug Brinkley** and **Ellen Thompson Brinkley**, **Micah Yarbrough**, and **Alan Ashworth '85** and **Anna Grimsley Ashworth**. N'est Pas, a William & Mary student band from the 1980s, gave a rousing pre-game reunion performance featuring lead singer **Chip Esten '87**, accompanied by **Dennis Whelan '87**, **Art Schmalz '88**, **Chris Neikirk '88**, **John Hendrickson '88** and **Clem Cheng**. Videos are available on YouTube.

David Johnston and his husband Danny traveled last June to Utah for a production of David's play, "Candy & Dorothy." In July, they visited Virginia for the premiere of a chamber opera, "Why is Eartha Kitt Trying to Kill Me? A Love Story," for which David wrote the libretto. **Martha Mountain**, **Deb Niezgoda '85**, **Keith Ryder '85**, **Nancy Summers Bonanno '84** and **Doug Walter** also came to the event.

Eileen Schechter Scordy has enjoyed receiving freshman year texts and photos from her

niece **Kristen Salter '22** and hopes to visit the campus soon. For Eileen and her husband David, 2018 was a year full of outdoor adventures, including getting lost on foot in the wilderness of West Virginia, a trip to Colorado for elk hunting and several life-threatening incidents on unpaved roads in the mountains. I give Eileen the award for bravery again.

Andi Owen, former global president of clothing retailer Banana Republic, is now the president and CEO of furniture manufacturer Herman Miller Inc.

In November, **Dave Anderson** and wife Anne of Williamsburg got together with **Paul Calamita** and **Julia Anderson Calamita '87** of Richmond, Virginia, and **Tarek Amyuni '85**, who lives in the South of France and is a professor of international finance. The Andersons' eldest daughter Margaret was married on Dec. 31, 2018, at Burlington Plantation.

Amy Flint Howard has been a year-round swim coach with Quest Swimming in Richmond, Virginia, for six years. On the job, she has caught up with fellow swimmers/divers **Bill Sykes** and **Dennis Whelan**. Amy's husband John retired from the Army after 30 years and they are enjoying staying in one place. Their son William is a sophomore at the University of Louisville in Kentucky studying history. To fill the empty nest, the Howards have a German shorthaired pointer puppy.

John Dedrick '86, **M.A. '88** has been named executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Charles F. Kettering Foundation, a research organization which studies the work of citizens, communities and institutions in democracy around the world.

Last August, **Marsha Domzalski Hope** hosted **Terry Boyle**

McDougall, **Deb Hollen Wallhermfecht**, **Ann Shuffelbarger '86**, **M.A.Ed. '90** and **Darby Drew Sorber** in Dallas. They visited the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza and Old Fort Worth and enjoyed an impromptu '80s dance party. Terry has left her job as a marketing executive at BMO Financial Group and has become a certified professional coach for leaders in financial services, consulting, marketing and advertising.

Heidi Carr teaches in the School of Communication at the University of Miami. Recent course offerings include "Politics: Perception and Persuasion" and "Women in Public Relations." She loves working with students, sometimes taking them on study abroad courses, which this summer will include trips to the Galapagos Islands and London, England, where she gives extra credit for selfies taken at the burial spot of King William and Queen Mary.

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I am writing this in late January and hope your new year is off to a wonderful start so far. It was great to see so many of you at Homecoming! **Dennis Whelan** and **Chip Esten** reunited with fellow N'Est Pas bandmates **Clem Cheng '86**, **John Hendrickson '88**, **Chris Neikirk '88**, **Art Schmalz '88** to entertain a big crowd of old (and new) fans huddled under a tent in the rainy Sunken Garden before the game. The show was amazing, and it really took us all back to 1987, if only for a few

hours anyway.

We have a Guinness World Records winner among us. **Chip Esten** set a record for the most consecutive weeks to release an original digital single by a music act. He was recognized and awarded the certificate in July 2018. Chip had started releasing a new single every Friday as part of his #EverySingleFriday campaign that began merely as a creative way for him to put out some of his own music. From July 2016 to July 2017 he released 54 singles. Chip credited work on the part of **Patty Hanson Puskar** and other musical talent around him in Nashville for inspiring and supporting him through the challenges of that endeavor. Patty and Chip were in Europe in January for his first UK solo tour, which included 12 shows through England, Amsterdam and Germany.

I'd love to include more news in my next column. Please get in touch with me this spring if you have any Class of '87 news you would like to share.

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Amy Gibbons Humphreys '88 lives in Richmond, Virginia, with her husband Ben and sons Beau and William. Amy currently is working in marketing and sales for the family businesses: Comtel Communications, a telecom/technology consulting company, and Simplicity VoIP, a national VoIP provider. Amy serves on the board of the Steward School in Richmond and sees **Susan Cramer Twining** often

at school events and at women's field hockey games at which Susan serves as the varsity head coach. Amy keeps up with **Rebecca Cunningham**, who lives in Pittsburgh with her husband and three children. Rebecca currently serves as the assistant superintendent of Hampton Township's Board of School Directors.

Scott Cole had a great time at Homecoming 2018 — he caught up with his senior year roommate **Gene Napier-ski '88**, as well as fellow classmates **Ted Janusz**, **Arthur Rosaria '88**, **Carl Kumpf '88**, **Alicia Domzalski Truitt**, **Ann Godwin Bondi '88**, **M.A.Ed. '93**, **Cindy Hill Mangan**, **Toni Cicala**, **Kirstin Coffin Feit**, **Artie Schmalz** and **Chris Neikirk**, among others. Scott also caught up with Phi Kappa Tau brothers **Jimmy Cooke '87**, **Nick Jiannas '92** and **Gene Foley '89**. N'est Pas was excellent and that was a great gift to our class. Bonds were renewed and strengthened and Scott is looking forward to more Homecomings!

Margaret Turqman said the Phi Mu sisters showed up in force at Homecoming 2018, enjoying all of the reunion events and a visit to the new(ish) sorority house. More than a dozen sisters returned, including **Maria Santucci Carrington**, **Susan Campbell**, **Deena Muller**, **Cheryl Rafa Clark**, **Donna Romankow Boyd**, **Julie Janson Gray**, **Shireen Nassiri Miller**, **Janice Capone Cheshire**, **Julianne Winkler Smith**, **Michelle Ogline Gasperoni**, **Chrissy Blanchard-Alworth**, **Kerry Danis-avage Farrell**, **Tracey Ball Jerome**, **Joyce Anzolut Coleburn '90**, **Eileen Aquino '87**, **Barbara Walters Toth '86**, as well as **Mu Men Robert Garnier '87**, **J.D. '91**, **Troy Toth**

'87, Eugene Aquino '88, M.A. '91 and Dave Clark '85, J.D. '89.

Apologies to anyone left off this list.

Many other '88 grads enjoyed the parade, the football game, the delis, the N'est Pas concert and the reunion parties. It was fantastic to see so many classmates on campus.

Cheryl Toth recently moved back to the states after six years living in Asia. She's taken a new role with IBM which relocated her to corporate headquarters in New York and she is commuting from a new home in Connecticut. Cheryl has been vicariously reliving her years at W&M through her daughter **Taylor Newbolt '22**, whose freshman dorm is Jefferson and who just pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. Cheryl hopes to get down to Williamsburg more often now that she's stateside and drag her roommates with her.

Margaret Swoboda Beam is looking forward to returning to Reston, Virginia, after almost three years of working for LafargeHolcim in Paris at the company headquarters, defining and implementing a revised internal control system after a company merger. Although it's been a great experience for her and her kids, she and her son are ready to get back to the U.S. and be closer to their family, including her older daughters who are already back in the States.

News from your class reporters: the W&M Alumni Magazine has a new website, magazine.wm.edu, with online class notes, where we can put extended content and submit pictures with captions, although the print edition will still be limited to 650 words. We're looking forward to the new features, but we didn't get that many submissions even after Homecoming & Reunion

Weekend, so we're not sure our email blasts to class members are reaching you. If you haven't heard from us recently (or ever), please go to wmalumni.com/update-your-information to make sure W&M has your correct contact information. Send us news for the September magazine by May 7, 2019, at lizt.wm88@gmail.com and dboyce@bmhlaw.com. Late entries may be added online and carried over for the next print edition. And send us your best alumni photo with captions/names so we can submit it for online posting. Thanks to all who have written in.



Elisabeth Ann Steffens '88 to Donald Clark, 6/09/18.

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Amy Smith Jasper and **Keith Jasper** are officially empty nesters! Their daughter **Taylor '18** graduated from W&M in December and their son Justin is a freshman (and a football player) at the University of Richmond. The Tribe vs. Spiders game was an interesting one for them! Amy's college counseling business continues to thrive, and she brought on a new consultant who is based in Charlottesville. Amy, **Rita Sampson** and **Karen Eady-Williams** went on a girls trip to the Essence Music Festival in New Orleans in July where they literally bumped into their sorority sister **Cynthia Bookhart '90**, whom they hadn't seen in

over 20 years!

Lisa Voelker Headley and **John Headley's** son **Jacob Headley '17, M.Acc. '18** now has two degrees from W&M!

Aurelia Amory Scharnhorst, her husband Ed and sons Max and James have been in the San Antonio, Texas, area for the last eight years.

Marnie Mitchell Keogh attended the Yule Log ceremony in Virginia Beach, Virginia, at the home of Rector John Littell, who also happens to be her boss at Magellan Health, and ran into **Leigh Seitz '17**, the daughter of her Kappa Delta sister **Jodi Boyce Seitz '89, M.Ed. '94**. **Theo Davis**, Dr. **Elizabeth Wolff '92**, Dave Meyerwitz, **Jill Howard '90** and **David Daigle** attended the one in New York City; I attended the one in Washington, D.C.

Homecoming 2018 was a great warmup to our upcoming 30th reunion. Highlights included beer and wine tastings at Virginia Uncorked, dancing at the N'est Pas concert in the Sunken Garden, watching a come-from-behind Tribe football victory, meeting our new inspiring president, Katherine Rowe, and especially reconnecting with many classmates and W&M friends: Landrum roommate **Amy McCormick Diduch** and her husband **Kent Diduch '87** and daughter **Emma Diduch '20**, DG roommate **Karen Barsness Boksan** and her husband Ed, **Karyn Harcos Womach**, **Jenny Gunderman**, **Michelle Beasley** and **Eric Williams**, **John Barnes** and **Sharon McElwee Barnes '88**, **Sean Hamilton** and **Christina Langelier Hamilton '88**, **Paula Proteau Vonasek** and her husband Jeff, **Anne Humphries Arseneau '89, M.A.Ed. '92** and her husband Bob, **Melissa Dyer McLallen '90** and **Rob McLallen '90**, **Sissy Estes '90**, **Stephanie Hunter Estes** and

Howard Estes Jr. '88, Sophie Lee '90, Cathy Puskar, Dan Berry, Greg Fernandez and Meredith Woodcock Fernandez '91, Monty Mason, Angie Zell-Pinson Simpson, Terri Drake, Pam Busch, Elizabeth Colucci and David Brackins '86, Derek Turrietta, Lisa Londino and Kirk Eggleston, Shannon Watson, JoAnn Adrales Ruh and Colin Ruh '89, M.B.A. '94, Becky Samuels Paquet, John Windt, Gene Foley, Doug Williams, Jeryl Rose Phillips, Delta Helmer Pelgrim, Catherine Nelson Schlawin, Karen Nelson '87, Susana Maisto '20 and Steve McCleaf.

I am even more excited about our 30th reunion on Oct. 17-20, 2019.

If you haven't been back in a while, the Homecoming Parade steps off on Friday afternoon. William & Mary signature events include Virginia Uncorked on Friday night, the Homecoming Tailgate/Concert on Saturday pre-game, and our Reunion Party/Bash on Saturday night. Almost everything happens on campus. Check homecoming.wm.edu or our William & Mary Class of '89 Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/wml1989/ for updates.

As you make your plans to come back to W&M, I invite you to give back to W&M. In honor of our 30th reunion, we are raising funds for our reunion class gift. This time, our goal is to have 35 percent of our classmates donate to W&M. You can give to almost any area; the important thing is that you participate. Visit <https://giving.wm.edu/> to make your gift and read about the impact our gifts make. Contact any of our Reunion Class Ambassadors — me, John Windt, JoAnn Adrales Ruh, Michelle Boeker Horn, Doug Casey, Kiki

Dunton, Anne Ferrell Leggett, Gene Foley, Jeanne Foster Kuyper, Delta Helmer Pelgrim, Steve McCleaf, Martha McGlothlin Bowman '89, J.D. '95, Marnie Mitchell Keogh, Catherine Nelson Schlawin, David Nowland, Maisie O'Flanagan, Sri Pillai, Robert Pivarnik, John Powers, Rebecca Quirk Bliley, Jeryl Rose Phillips, Dee Dee Vantree-Keller, Andrew Warker, Shannon Watson, Sallie Wellons McOwen '89, M.A.Ed. '93 and Steve McOwen — for info.

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Pat Burke '88 hosted a surprise Swedish-themed birthday party for his wife **Kim Snyder Burke** complete with aquavit, singing and dancing. **Bridget Falls Davis, Katie Regan Lenehan and Meg Farrell** road tripped for the milestone event.

In August, **Adam Bram** and **Margot Stanley Bram** and their two children met **Ed Cannon '89, M.Ed. '00** and **Chris Ross** at the Denver Zoo. Daughter **Naomi Bram** was visiting Colorado College, where she now studies and plays lacrosse. At Homecoming, Adam and Margot caught up with **Michael Gunlicks, Brad Haneberg and Vicki Haneberg, Jason Hancock '91, M.A.Ed. '95** and **Melinda Summerlin Hancock '92, and Zack Matzanias '91.** Adam also caught up with some of the same Sigma Nus plus **Aris Bearse '91, M.P.P. '96** in July between lacrosse games in Virginia. Margot, Adam and their son Reed, a high school

freshman, met **Michael Vadner '90, J.D. '93,** his son and **Paul Vandegrift '92** at the W&M-Villanova football game in November. Margot caught up with **Jennifer Kosnik** and **James Graham '91** in Brooklyn in October for a surprise birthday party for Jen.

Amy Powell lives in Silver Spring, Maryland, where she is chief of staff to a commissioner at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. She has served on panels at W&M at the government and nonprofit career event that career services holds each March several times and hopes to again this year — her way of “paying it forward.” Golf is Amy's decompressor, having traded in her tennis rackets years ago. You can find Amy on Facebook — she's happy to connect with folks living in or passing through the nation's capital.

Kristin Hull landed in Gothenburg, Sweden, after several decades of moving her stuff back and forth between the U.S., Germany and the U.K. Even with all that moving she managed to get a husband and have a lovely 11-year-old son. Kristin got an international MBA so she could return to Germany after active-duty time in the Army and picked up some languages here and there. She says she's changed a lot since her “hooah” Army days and expects a lot of others have too. Currently Kristin's pursuing a second master's degree to finally do for a living what she really enjoys: adult learning with technology. She asks fellow grads to please look up “William & Mary Army ROTC Class of 1990” on Facebook and join. She's hoping for an Army ROTC reunion in 2020.

Tiana Hsu has retired and enjoys life as a senior citizen in Scottsdale. She is within a few hours of the largest hole in the ground in the state and has fallen in love with 118-degree summers.

She spends her free time with the car-enthusiast community.

Leslie Scotto of Leslie Scotto Events has been doing event planning in Fairfield County, Connecticut, for three years and says business is booming. She planned a bar mitzvah for former Bridgewater Associates colleague **Brad Jones '93.** Leslie credits Sheed Consulting (**Nancy Saltzman Sheed**) for social media and web strategy successes. Leslie was recently invited to a talk with **James Comey '82, LL.D. '08** (the former FBI director), another former colleague at Bridgewater. Jim said of teaching a class at W&M that the students were really smart and challenging him, and he was loving it. She pointed out that our W&M connections go well beyond college!

Joie Cooney continues to live in Rye, New York, work in health care technology, root for the Yankees, and buy more books than she can ever read. She and her husband, Don Hansen, took their children, Gracie (12) and Finn (10), to Vietnam for Christmas 2018. Joie really enjoyed sharing with her family a country she had first seen in 1994!

In May, Joie spent a week in Lisbon with **Kay Wahrsager**, celebrating Kay's 50th birthday with octopus, cream cakes, vinho verde and castles! A highlight — the Pharmacy Museum, where they both indulged their morbid fascination with the Black Death.

With the encouragement of Clive, Campbell and Alistair Ewin, in October, Joie surprised **Monica “Bitsy” Bittenbender Ewin** on her doorstep in Melbourne, Australia, for Bitsy's 50th birthday party. In true Tribe fashion, Bitsy had a boat dance featuring '80s dance music, and they both had great fun “busting a move” on the Yarra River. Joie was

so relieved nothing bit, stung, strangled, or ate her or her baby, and she promised to stay longer than four days next time.

This February, Joie is off on her own (belated) 50th birthday trip to Ethiopia with a dear friend from her American University in Cairo days.

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The theme of this column is civic engagement — we have many classmates doing a lot to improve their corner of the world. **K.C. Becker** has been representing Colorado's House District 13. She was re-elected last November and went on to be chosen as speaker of the house for the state legislature by her fellow Democrats. K.C. has her law degree from Lewis & Clark Law School and an M.S. in real estate development and construction management from the University of Denver. She and her husband Miles Kunkle have two young sons, Ryder and Leo, and live in Boulder.

Lisa Mathis ran as a Democrat last fall for North Carolina House District 51, but was not able to defeat the incumbent. Lisa has been a small business owner in Sanford, North Carolina, for many years, starting her own graphic design company and ArtStudio, a place for adults and children to explore their creativity. She and her husband **Brian Mathis '90** have two children, Lacey and Carter.

Susanne Staggs Cooper has been living in the small town of Southern Pines, North Carolina, for the past 14 years along with her husband Kevin

and children Will and Amy, both now in high school. She is currently the head coach of the Sandhills Sandshark's Swim Team and has guided the team through a transition to the older pool in west Southern Pines. She has her hands full running a USA Swim Team, providing swim lessons, including Make-A-Splash lessons for underserved kids, and organizing the 2019 North Carolina Open Water Champs. The Open Water Champs is one of the largest USA Swimming Age Group/Senior events in the country and is open to anyone. She said there is a Poseidon 5K-3K-2K challenge, which I assume means something important to all the swimmers out there! As if that is not enough, she is also heading up fundraising campaigns to cover the costs of the transitions and said she will accept donations of any size. She hopes to connect with other alumni this year both near and far.

The Kansas City Star published an article about how a tweet from **Patton Oswalt** encouraged local residents to show appreciation for former teachers. His tweet showed a picture of Patton with his former AP Government teacher, Ron Richards, at dinner and said "If there is a teacher who helped guide you, track 'em down and buy them dinner." The article went on to highlight several Kansas City area residents who did just that.

Paula Jeffrey Puckett and her husband Blake have been living in Cambridge, England, since 2013 for Blake's work with the Department of Defense and Paula's work with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. They have lived in six countries over the past 20 years, but are excited to be moving to their new house on Jamestown Road in Williamsburg this summer. Their oldest daughter just finished

her freshman year at W&M. Paula is looking forward to hosting lots of Kappa Delta reunions during Homecoming for years to come! I enjoyed catching up with her through email.

Please send me any news you have. Or don't have. Thanks to **Bill Maeglin** for letting me know "I got nothing. You may print that."

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EDITOR'S NOTE: We are looking for a new reporter. If you are interested in reporting for the Class of 1993, please contact the magazine staff at alumni.magazine@wm.edu or at (757) 221-1167.

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Happy New Year, Class of 1994! I hope everyone has maintained their resolutions. I'd like everyone to add one more though — feed your class scribe an update this year. This latest update is straight from the news-plotter (read: cyber-stalking).

Congratulations to **Allegra Katherine Collins** on her election to North Carolina's Court of Appeals! Seat three (and our state) is now well served by a member

of our proud class.

Elsewhere in our nation, the Gloucester Historical Society got an education from **Robert Teagle**, education director and curator at the Foundation for Historic Christ Church. Historian Robert enlightened those attending on church and state in colonial and revolutionary Virginia. If I'm only slightly mistaken, that was our period at the university, right?

Lastly, **Vincent Jones** was appointed county manager by the Warren County, North Carolina, Board of Commissioners in September 2018. Bringing nearly 20 years of experience and serving as deputy city manager of Portsmouth, Virginia, it took the board 15 minutes to decide to select Vincent. Commissioner Tare Davis said he hopes Vincent will serve for a long time! Congrats.

That's it folks. Make the new resolution and feed me some updates, please.

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Christopher "Smit-ty" Smith is a partner in the Savannah office of HunterMaclean, and he is the team leader of the logistics practice group. He was recently recognized as 2018 Legal Elite by Georgia Trend, a statewide business publication, which recently published its annual issue honoring Georgia's leading attorneys.

After working with other arts organizations for years, **Elizabeth "Liz" Correia Borromeo** is beginning her fourth year with her own dance studio in Vancouver, Washington. Her students work in ballet, tap, modern and jazz. Liz began her children's dance company, MOTUS, two years ago,

working to bring dance to the community through outreach performances, site-specific work and educational programs.

Recently, a gathering of longtime William & Mary friends, **Kerry Piscane Green, Laura Delmore Lay, Elizabeth Rogers, Dr. Erika Frantz Madison, Lesley Stracks-Mullem, Michelle Carr, Lisa Shickle Mock and Britney Hewitt Van Deusen** occurred in Richmond, Virginia, to celebrate the upcoming departure of classmate **Kara Preissel Eyrich** for assignment with the Foreign Service in Vietnam. Kara completed study of Vietnamese and will be working on issues related to U.S. citizens in Ho Chi Minh City. The ladies spent two days enjoying the food and culture of Richmond and catching up before Kara's impending departure.

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Hello Class of '96 Tribe! I'm your new class reporter for the William & Mary Alumni Magazine and I would love to hear from you.

For those of you who don't know me, I was an English major and psych minor at William & Mary. I lived in Dupont, Landrum and Cabell (with the same four roommates all four years) and worked as a writer and editor for the Flat Hat. Since graduating I've continued working as a writer and editor, and I've had my own business for 13 years. I'm married to **Randy Rosso '95**, although I did not know him at school. We met in 2003 through a WashingtonPost.com personal ad. We have a kindergartener and a

sixth-grader and we live in Arlington, Virginia. I am active in my Unitarian Universalist church, volunteer at my kids' schools, and I love to read, play board games, and make art and smoothies. You can learn more about my work, read my blogs and hear my podcast at www.youaskalotofquestions.com, www.invocations.blog and betsyrosso.podbean.com.

Now I want to hear about what you're doing that is making a difference in your life and the lives of others and your community. Are you raising amazing kids, campaigning for local politicians (or working as an elected official), directing plays, writing novels, running your own business, teaching, or going on medical missions? Do you volunteer? Did you start dancing ballet in your 40s? Did you bungee jump last year or learn to play the mandolin? Do you coach little league or ride horses? Do you have a blog or a podcast or take in stray animals? Did you move to Japan? Do you cultivate a vegetable garden or collect baseball hats? What's surprising about your life? What's the most important thing you've learned since graduating from college? What's your weirdest skill?

Tell me anything and everything. I will edit. That's my job. I can't wait to hear your story! Please email me at betsyrosso@gmail.com.

Harking upon the gale, Betsy



Scott Richard Ebner '96 to Daniel Doña, 8/12/18.

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Greetings, Class of 1997!

In July 2018, **Lauren Schmidt** left her private law practice for the public sector, joining the Denver City Attorney's Office as the director of civil litigation. Although I wasn't at all surprised to see her become a public servant, I'm still very excited and proud!

Amy Shoemaker also made a professional change last summer within the University of Louisville. She moved from her position in the general counsel's office in the Athletic Department, becoming the first lawyer within the Athletic Department as associate director of athletics for administration. It was a timely transition given the news cycle!

I hope all is well with everybody! Please send in your updates to tribel997@hotmail.com.

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Tonia Clark Horton and her husband **Matthew Horton '97** celebrated their 20th anniversary last September. They are currently living in the Netherlands, where Matthew works with NATO (through the U.S. Army). Their children Nathaniel (12) and Lily (8) attend the international school and have visited 20 different countries during their two years there. Tonia stays busy volunteering, traveling and soaking up the European experience. She's even joined the local roller derby league! They have one more year there and plan to see everything they can possibly squeeze in before likely heading back to the U.S. next summer.

Matt Shipman recently returned from the annual meeting of the National Association of Science Writers and was thrilled to see W&M so strongly represented in the science writing community. Matt wrote: "I ran into a host of Tribe alumni while I was there. I've served on the board of NASW since 2016, alongside **Kendall Powell '97**, who is based in Colorado and works as a freelance science writer. But we didn't realize we'd both gone to W&M until recently. (As it turns out, she lives a couple houses down from my friend **Mike Levy '03** in Colorado)." Matt also ran into **Josh Chamot** and **Rob Margetta '02**, both of whom work for the National Science Foundation. He also chatted briefly with **Bethany Brookshire '04**, who is a writer for Science News for Students, based in Washington, D.C.

Stephanie Sargent continues to work as a hospice physician and in 2017 was promoted to associate medical director for VITAS Healthcare. Stephanie was also named one of the best doctors in America by the American Health Council and invited to join their Board of Physicians. Stephanie wrote: "I am passionate about my work in hospice. I continue to live in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, with my two children, ages 9 and 11."

Brandi Simonsen, **Joanna Helferich** and **Christine Johnson**, friends since the first week of freshman year, get together every summer. Brandi is a professor of special education at the University of Connecticut, Joanna is an employment attorney in New York City, and Christine has a public health consulting practice in California.

Sarah Goggin Guiney and **Matthew Guiney** retired from Brooklyn life and currently live in Maplewood, New Jersey, with their

7-year-old twins. Sarah is a school psychologist and Matt is an attorney who represented clients at the United States Supreme Court in a case argued last March.

Rebecca Daly married **Tristan Walker-Buckton** in September of 2017 in Canandaigua, New York. A number of Rebecca's William & Mary friends were in attendance, including **Julia Comfort '02**, **Le-shan Witherspoon** and **Genni Johnson '99** from Delta Gamma; and **Anne Seville**, **Sarah Balcom**, **Shahroukh Dastur '99**, **Samantha Zyontz '00** and **Jenn Dial '99** from the wind ensemble dinner gang.

Deanna Reina has been living in Northern Virginia for 20 years. She became a realtor in May 2018 with Long & Foster and is actively building her business. She has also written a memoir, which is anticipated to be released this year. A chapter was posted on social media (Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram), and can be seen here: <http://www.deannareina.com/2018/12/23/memoir-chapter-2-the-man-of-my-dreams/>

Susan Pittman has been promoted to executive vice president at Virginia Commonwealth Bank. Susan serves on the Lancaster County Virginia Education Foundation Board, as treasurer of the Lancaster Middle School's Parent-Teacher Association and is a member of the Northern Neck Kiwanis Satellite Club. She was also the first female president of the Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce. Susan and her husband Travis live in Kilmarnock, Virginia, along with their son Eli.

Pete Coyne was recently named to the newly created position of senior vice president and general manager for the Roofing Products Division at OMG Inc. Pete previously worked at Gulftech International, a diversified holding company with five operating

businesses serving food production and processing companies in 85 countries.

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Hello, Class of '99!

Well, it's here! The 20th anniversary of 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!

Kevin Marston is based in Neuchâtel, Switzerland, a rather small lakeside town, where he's been since about 2005. He finished his interdisciplinary master's in sports management, law and humanities (nicknamed the "FIFA Master") in 2003 and set off on a Ph.D. in history (of sport and youth). He worked part time in academia for a number of years while researching and writing the Ph.D., which he finished in 2012, a little over a year after his son's birth. Since then he has been mixing research, writing, teaching and program management at CIES (International Center for Sports Studies). Sounds like Kevin is ready for some visits. Who's with me?

Switzerland not on your travel itinerary? How about Norway? **Curtis Rojak** (who was known back in the 1990s as Curt Rojakovick) currently calls Oslo home. He originally put his international relations degree to work as he completed his master's degree at the Université de Lyon III in France in

management of international organizations. That led to a job with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Geneva, where he worked from 2005-2012. While there, he met his wife, a Norwegian who worked for the World Health Organization. They are now living in Norway and have three children: a son who will soon be 6, a daughter who is 3 and another son who is 6 months old. About seven years ago, Curtis followed a lifelong dream and started Viking Biking & Viking Hiking — an outdoor tourism company specializing in biking and hiking tours in and around Oslo. The company continues to grow each year. Sounds like he's pretty ready for visitors, too!

Back in the States, Coastal Virginia Magazine recently profiled **Meghan Stufflebeem**. Meghan is a successful jack-of-all-trades as she is the director of Galilee Montessori School, a popular yoga instructor, an EMT with the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad, and now a student in the physician's assistant program at Norfolk's EVMS. Meghan hopes to balance the program with her family life, raising her three children and "opening Montessori schools in low-income areas with a focus on health and nutritional awareness." Best of luck, Meghan!

Anne McNeil was also highlighted in print recently by Chemical and Engineering News who wrote about her commitment to diversity in the academic chemistry community. Anne started the Diversify Chemistry website as a portal of chemists from underrepresented or disadvantaged groups who are qualified and able to present at conferences, serve as peer reviewers, fill vacant positions, etc.

Finally, the Pacific Coast Business Times shares that **Jason**

Eldred, an adjunct professor of history, was recently appointed to the Westmont Foundation Board of Directors. Jason is also operations manager and vice president of a family management company. Whew! Our classmates are busy!

As for me, this year I transitioned out of the classroom (after 19 years of teaching high school English) and into an office as a school-based instructional coach. As my daughter says, now I “teach teachers.” It’s been an interesting change, as I get to work in the same school, which I love, but on a larger scale as I support as many teachers as possible in their success in the classroom.

I can’t wait to hear more stories from all of you — in person, this October!

Tribe Pride!
~Meredith



Holly Edwina Scott '99 to Timothy Sullivan, 4/22/17.

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2000

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In October 2018, **Leanne Pettit Clement** made her Carnegie Hall debut as the title role in the opera “Rosanna.” Leanne currently serves as the general director of Opera Louisiane in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a position that she has held since 2011.

In May 2018, **Christopher Donald** graduated from Vanderbilt University with an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration and Policy. On July 1, Christopher’s wife Rebecca gave birth to their daughter Wesley Grace. Christopher writes, “We are enjoying parenthood,

and we’re thankful for well wishes from our William & Mary friends, especially **Christina Cox**, who sent Tribe gear just in time for the Virginia Tech–William & Mary football game.”

Andrea Rosenberg McKellar '00 has been working for the last five years as ministry developer of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina. At last summer’s General Convention, she was elected to serve a six-year term on the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. Andrea writes, “I love living in Charleston, South Carolina, with my husband Mark and two kids (ages 9 and 7). I keep up with our local alumni group. Would love to see classmates if they come to visit!”

Beth McQuaid and Brent McQuaid welcomed their third child Patrick McQuaid on April 22, 2018. Patrick is the baby brother of Jackson (age 11) and Mari (age 9). Brent is a pulmonary and critical care physician in Greensboro, North Carolina. Beth mentioned that it is a family tradition to take their kids back to Williamsburg every year to visit Busch Gardens and tour the campus.

Judy Fontana Minkoff and her husband Jonathan are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Aria Delphine. Aria was born on Nov. 19, 2018, at New York Presbyterian Hospital — an early Thanksgiving gift. Judy, Jonathan, big brother Apollo and Aria spent the holidays getting used to being a family of four.

Megan Rudolph Sever celebrated her 40th birthday last year by heading to Las Vegas with her Alpha Chi Omega family, **Sarah Modrak** and **Jessica Reeder**. In March 2018, Megan and her husband **Jim Sever '01** welcomed their daughter Sidney Jillian to the family. Jim celebrated his 40th birthday by heading to Las Vegas and Los Angeles with William & Mary alumnus **Joe Zapf '01** and his family. Jim and Megan and their two kids continue to live in Portland, Oregon, where Megan is

the editor of EARTH Magazine and Jim is a comptroller at Intel.

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2002

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Greetings Class of 2002! If you enjoy reading news about your classmates, please send some along! I know you and other classmates are up to wonderful things; I would love to share more of them here!

Speaking of wonderful things, **Kristin Lion Torres** writes to share some baby and career news. Kristin and her husband Juan Pablo Torres welcomed the birth of their son Enzo in August 2018. Enzo joined big sister Mia, who will be 3 years old in March 2019. Kristin, who has been working for Lockheed Martin for the past five years, was promoted in May 2018 to the position of security associate manager, responsible for the corporation’s 24/7 crisis management center.



Reid Steven Whitten '02 to Clemence Lemerle, 10/13/18.

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Greetings Class of 2003!

I was delighted to attend **Abe Halterman’s** wedding to Blair Fowler last June. Formerly a model, Blair teaches first grade in Staunton, Virginia, and Abe is a financial advisor for Edward Jones. **Travis Simone** and I got to laugh hard with close friends including **Patrick Connelly**, **Ross Moore**, **Drew Snyder**, **Ann LeFevre Snyder '07** and **Peter Acker '05**, who were also there marveling over Abe’s good fortune and Blair’s young age. Other alumni in attendance were **Andy Ruckman '93**, **Holly Ventura Ruckman '95**, **Frank Durso '96** and **Tara Shreckhise Durso '96**. Major highlight? The day-after-the-wedding brunch, in which Blair spent the beginning of her married life listening to the retelling of the time Travis failed Econ, the intramural championship T-shirt that got away, the other intramural championship T-shirt that got away, **Tommy Weiglein '02** being hypnotized, and other countless college stories she will now hear until death does them part. Blair: welcome to the Tribe, congratulations, I’m sorry.

Leila Roberts Haddock '03 and her husband Tom Haddock were thrilled to welcome Ada Grace on Dec. 13, 2018. I got to meet the adorable Ada on New Year’s Day along with **Jessica Jiao Smith '02** and **Kristen Southerland Krop**, giving her a warm welcome to the 107 Matoaka Ct. family. We currently have a running count of eight boys and 12 girls. Oh my. I just did this math for the first time. We’ve hit 20 children between us. Please someone send scholarships. And hand-me-downs. And that Pirate Booty stuff from Trader Joe’s. Please. There is never enough of that stuff.

I’m proud to write

that my Dupont Third Center friend **Elizabeth “Libby” Williams** is currently living in Seoul and teaching high school Spanish at Korea International School. Here is what she says about the experience: “I wanted to teach abroad so that I could learn a new language, live in another culture, further develop as an educator, collaborate with other teachers from around the world and grow as a person. Every day, I encourage my students to challenge themselves, take a step out of their comfort zones and integrate what they learn into their future careers.”

Okay, friends, that’s what I have for this issue. Be sure to send me your updates, big or small. We want to hear what you’re doing and (admit it) we’re all slightly Facebook-weary.

Enjoy your spring! Go to your 20th high school reunions! Party like it’s 1999! Go Tribe.



Robert Derrick Wall '03 to **Jessica Patrice Jackson '09**, 4/29/18.

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In the spirit and “solidarity” of what has been going on throughout our country and the rest of the world (government shutdown, congressional stalemate, Brexit debacle, etc.), I am going to “furlough” my excessive verbiage, and only use the most “essential” words to populate this article in order to deliver our classmates’ celebratory news and events.

If you are an avid reader of this column, you will know about the following

world-trekker couple who were engaged in Lima, Peru, a few years back. **Burke Brownfeld** and his wife **Amelia Kissing** welcomed their first child, a baby girl named Slade, on Sept. 10, 2018. Amelia let me know that all are happy and healthy!

Meg Eichler married Thomas Karras on Oct. 13, 2018, in Carderock, Maryland. Tribe Pride was in full display with wedding attendance by **Chris Smith, Myra Dawn Smith, Libby Barringer, Michelle Cobb, Mich Allen Cline, Will Cline '94, Chris Powers, Meghan Ewell Powers '05, Katherine Rubida '09, John Vanderson '08** and **Dave Urban '78**.

As always, I enjoy hearing from all of you and sharing your wonderful life events. I also love it when you drop me a line telling me how much you enjoy turning to this column when the alumni magazine hits your physical/electronic mailbox. End this editorial "austerity"! Write to me and let me know what is going on with you.

Take care,
—Owen

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2005

Class Reporter

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Dear Friends,

Unfortunately, my inbox is empty, and our 2005 news clippings are thin. So this update will be brief.

Luckily, the news I have qualifies as exciting.

First, **Dan Sherrier** has published a novel. "The Flying Woman" tells the story of Miranda Thomas, an aspiring actress unexpectedly turned superhero. While learning to maintain a secret identity, Miranda

finds that, as Dan puts it, "having superpowers is wonderful, but the responsibility is terrifying." Kirkus Reviews reports, "Sherrier offers a thrilling origin story in this series starter." Find "The Flying Woman" in paperback and ebook formats. I look forward to reading it, Dan!

Second, **Patience Burke** has volunteered to assume the role of 2005 class reporter. She will take over with the January issue. Please welcome Patience and send her some news about what's going on in your corner of the world — email [burke.patience@gmail.com](mailto:patience@gmail.com) or DM @TameTheGorilla on Twitter. Patience will have additional space in the new online Class Notes, so feel free to include a pic to accompany your news.

It's been a privilege to serve the Class of 2005. Hark upon the gale!

Warmly,
Sandra

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Danythe E. Hawkins Johnson '05 to Ryan Witkowski, 9/02/17.

Anne Marie Mueller '05 to Michael Robert Catania, 3/09/18.

Kirsten Anne Shiroma '05 to David Quackenbush, 12/01/18.

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Class Reporter

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Hello Class of 2006! Hope this post finds you all doing wonderfully! As usual, we are soaking up every minute of every day, to make memories and live life with our two girls. Jimmy (my husband), Rylee (age 8) and Locklyn (age 5) have started taking karate this

year, and with both girls in school now, life is always hopping with excitement and activity. I know this is the story with you and your families as well! I was super thrilled to hear from some of our classmates that haven't reached out recently. Remember to keep us updated on all of your firsts, work successes, marriages, baby news and just life in general. Once a W&M Tribe member, always a Tribe member, proudly sporting those Tribe Pride colors!

First up was **Adam Bratton**. He and his wife, Kristi Kosatschenko Bratton, had exciting news to pass on to their Tribe family. They just welcomed their second son, Maximus James Bratton, born on Sept. 13. They reported that big brother Miles Josef (almost 3 at time of publication) was little brother's biggest fan! While they were not able to attend this past Homecoming, they are already planning a trip to California for the Tribe vs. Stanford game slated for 2020. Bratton also shared that he is closing in on his eighth year at the U.S. National White-water Center, which is an adventure and lifestyle facility in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he is the marketing director. Bratton family, we wish you all the best and can't wait to hear more updates on Miles and Maximus.

Next, we heard from **Matthew Plassman**. He admitted that this is the first update we've heard from him since he graduated 12 years ago. He was writing in to tell us that he had his first story published! It is titled "I Am Harry Meers" and can be found on the sci-fi anthology website called The New Accelerator. If you want to check it out, visit <https://thenewaccelerator.com>. Just as exciting, he shared that to kickstart his career in writing he supports himself working in television, more

specifically, on the show "Modern Family"! He says that while he's been with the show seven years altogether, the last three years he has had the honor of serving as personal assistant with two of the writers and executive producers: Paul Corrigan and Brad Walsh. Matthew, we are so excited for you and hope you will check in with us very soon to let us know about future writing and television successes. Congratulations and best wishes!

Finally, our last update came from **Joy C. Einstein '06, J.D. '11**. She was recently promoted to partner at Shulman Rogers in Potomac, Maryland. The law firm also has offices in Virginia and Washington D.C., where she represents companies in labor and employment disputes and handles litigation in such areas as equal employment, wage and hour representation, confidential business information and enforcement of restrictive covenants. In addition, she handles and represents dealings with management and labor unions. Congratulations, Joy, on this most wonderful career success.

Until next time, remember to make time for all the best stuff in life! Keep those updates and life stories coming our way!

W&M well wishes,
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Ross Jordan Feller '06 to **Callie Ann Hopkins '07**, 7/08/17.

Megan Kathleen Hector '06 to Alan Christopher Rispoli, 10/20/17.

Jessica Nielsen Menter '06 to **Joseph Christopher Andrews '08**, 11/10/18.

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Hi, Class of 2007! We were low on news this time around. Please send me your updates!

After four years at Hopkins Medical School, six years of residency at Union Memorial, and a one-year fellowship training at Brigham and Women's and Harvard Medical, Dr. **Kenny DeFontes III** is now an orthopedic foot and ankle surgeon! He has accepted a position with Towson Orthopaedic Associates. He resides in Maryland with his wife Savannah.

Lawrence P. Natke was recently promoted to special counsel at the Schulte Roth & Zabel's New York office. He works in the M&A and Securities Group and practices primarily in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, alternative asset management transactions, leveraged buyouts and general corporate law matters. His experience includes transactions across multiple industries, including structuring control and non-control investments in alternative asset managers and representing private equity buyers and sellers in connection with investments in the financial services sectors. Lawrence earned his J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Adrienne Wong married Mario Banovic outside of Lisbon, Portugal, in June 2018. Adrienne first met Mario in Beijing while studying abroad at Tsinghua University with W&M's Chinese language program in the summer of 2005. Adrienne's woman of honor was **Michaela Aurenz '06**, who was her college roommate for three years, starting freshman year in Spotswood Hall. In attendance were **Eva Malliarakis**

DeBella '08, Chris Lemon, Tore DeBella, Greg Teich, Marc Russo, Dave Gass, Jeannie Rose and brideswoman **Helen Wong Taylor**. Most had met as Sharpe Scholars and all lived in Spotswood Hall. Adrienne and Mario now live in Frankfurt, Germany.



Ross Jordan Feller '06 to **Callie Ann Hopkins '07**, 7/08/17.

Katherine Anne Kazmer '07 to Benjamin Jordan, 7/14/18.

Brianne Elizabeth Lane '07, M.B.A. '17 to David McIntyre, 8/04/18.

Eric Sullivan '07 to **Rebecca Anne Sleath '07**, 10/21/17.

Elizabeth Anne Weiland '07 to Alison Emma Schumer, 11/18/18.

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2008

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Greetings, Class of 2008! Many great things to report this issue.

Lewis Feemster has published his first collection of poetry titled UP.W(O/A)RDS. The collection is a distillation of stories/conversations set to the energetic soundtrack of New York City's Times Square. Available now on Amazon. com/@sl_feemster

Evin McAlister and her husband **Jonathan McAlister '09** welcomed their second child and first daughter Jaclyn Lisbeth McAlister on Sept. 18, 2018. Jaclyn's godmother is **Erin Shannahan '09**.

Devin Miller and **Hunter Kreger** got married on Sept. 22, 2018, in Manhattan. Devin is a gynecologic oncology fellow at Albert Einstein in New

York, New York. Hunter works for Deloitte.

Jimmy Edmonds '08, M.Acc. '09 married Matthew Locke on Oct. 13, 2018. Many alumni were in attendance including **Eric Scruggs '09**, who officiated. The wedding party included **Chris Crawford '07, Warren Besore '06, Lindsay Cochran '06, Matt Grosh M.Acc. '16, Ryan Ball '09, Lindsay Ellis '06, M.Ed. '08, Ricky Trotman '09, Landon Rordam '10** and **Robert Thompson '09, M.S. '10**. Others in attendance included **Alyssa Scruggs '10, Katy Wall, Trevor Albert '08, M.B.A. '18, Jess Wilk '08, M.Acc. '09, Bryce Wilk '09, Daniel Gibbons '08, M.Acc. '09, Joey Cotton '11, Mandy Ley '09, Carl Siegmund, Ashley Baird Siegmund, Kate Hixon, Hakob Stepanyan M.Acc. '09, Catrina Murphy '95, M.B.A. '97, and Joe Murphy '96**.

Laura Whipple McClammer and her husband James welcomed their first child Isabel May McClammer on Nov. 25, 2018, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces and stretching 19.69 inches long.

Sarah Goldberg was promoted to partner/shareholder at the Miami, Florida, office of Kubicki Draper, P.A. in December 2018. Kubicki Draper is a defense litigation firm with offices throughout the state of Florida, in Alabama and in Seattle.

Katie Miller Perrone and her husband Trey welcomed their son Braden to their family on Dec. 20, 2018, in Alexandria, Virginia.

Thanks to everyone who sent in an update! Please keep sending your updates to ajpinn08@gmail.com.



Jessica Nielsen Menter '06 to **Joseph Christopher Andrews '08**, 11/10/18.

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2009

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Happy spring Tribe! It's my favorite time of year to visit Williamsburg. No matter when, I hope you can get back there soon for a walk around campus!

Michelle Ju Yi has been working at IBM for Hybrid Cloud as a scrum master and project manager since December 2016. She will be relocating to Raleigh, North Carolina, with her husband upon his retirement from serving in the U.S. Army.

Scott Tanner Watson received his Ph.D. in physics this past May from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. His area of research is nonlinear dynamics within network systems.

Justin M. Winkler joined the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) as a research staff member in IDA's Operational Evaluation Division. IDA is a not-for-profit corporation that provides objective analyses of national security issues and related national challenges, particularly those requiring extraordinary scientific and technical expertise. Prior to this job, he earned his master's degree in physics in 2011 and his doctoral degree in physics in 2017, both from the University of Rochester.

Michael Blaakman recently joined the faculty at Princeton University as an assistant professor of early American history.

On April 29, 2018, **Jessica Jackson** married **Robert Wall '03**. Though they attended William & Mary at different times, they met as coworkers on Capitol Hill working for the Architect of the Capitol.

Crystal Morrison Joseph published "Pound-Cake & Private Practice: 5 Things I Learned During My First Year" in June 2018 and had her first

signing at the campus bookstore. In November, she also opened the first coworking space for therapist-entrepreneurs, affectionately known as "The Oven," in North Bethesda, Maryland.

Ashley Elizabeth Sobrinski and **Brian Joseph Mahoney** were married Sept. 15, 2018, at St. Augustine's Church in Ocean City, New Jersey. Ashley is a talent officer at the School District of Philadelphia, where she recruits educators for city schools. Brian is a third-year law student at Temple University's Beasley School of Law in Philadelphia. Twenty-seven Tribe alumni attended the wedding! The bridal party included **Lauren Sturner, Meghan Ingrisano, Lucy Midelfort, Sean Dalby, Tom MacWright** and **Tommy Gillespie**. Wedding guests included **Gerard Abate '06, Lauren Bell Abate '07, Allison Corbett, Katie Dalby '11, Kellye DeSantis '08, Kayvan Farchadi, Stephen Kane, Michael Harper, Katie Loughnane '10, Genny Mak, Kylie Mallory-Halter '08, John Mallory '04, Salar Mohandesi, Cassie Powers '08, Brett Schultheis '08, Meghan Dunne Raderstrong, Chris Rini, Will Sealy, Ariel Adkins '07, Sam Thacker '08** and **Alex Volpert '11**.



Robert Derrick Wall '03 to **Jessica Patrice Jackson '09**, 4/29/18.

Abigail Lauer '09 to Matthew Litow, 8/18.

Brian Joseph Mahoney '09 to **Ashley Elizabeth Sobrinski '09**, 9/15/18.

Shawn Robert Matthews '09 to Anne Claire Powell, 7/14/18.

Margaret Lyle Schrack '09 to Dave Esposito, 5/27/18.

Jacqueline Diana Woods '09 to Siobhan Alexander, 1/01/19.

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2010

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I typically try to make sure this column captures updates from as broad a cross section of our class as possible, but admittedly this time I'm going to focus a bit more on one recent, truly special experience I was lucky to be a part of.

In December 2018, dozens from the Class of 2010 embarked on an international adventure to celebrate the wedding of **Sravya Yeleswarapu '10** and **Varun Pandit '11** in Hyderabad, India. Nearly 40 William & Mary alumni, myself included, traveled from places as far-flung as Guatemala, Luxembourg, Singapore, the U.K., Georgia and from cities across the U.S., and it was nothing short of amazing. The W&M crew miraculously learned a set of five Bhangra dances to perform at the Sangeet the night before the wedding and belted out the "Alma Mater." The wedding party included **Sarah Rojas, Samantha Fien-Helfman '09, Katie Loughnane, Richard Walsh, Thomas Brigham, Austin Wiese, Andrew Blasi, Reggie Gomez '11, Chris Wilson '11**, and **Alex Mounts '11**. A big group continued the fun after the wedding during a New Year's Eve party in Delhi and a week-long tour of cities across Rajasthan in northern India. An incredible time was had by all, including during a visit to the Taj Mahal. As the years add up and we add more space between our time at school and the present, it's amazing to know that

the love that brought two people together, and the strength of their friendships with so many, inspired people to travel thousands of miles to be together to celebrate them. Sravya and Varun, you guys are simply awesome, and you represent the best of what it means to not just create a circle of friends, but a community, a Tribe and a family.

A few other quick updates: **Chelsea Croy Smith** was promoted to the role of counsel at Tucker Ellis LLC, and singer-songwriter **Shane Cooley** returned to Williamsburg from Austin, Texas, to play a show at Triangle in December.

That's all! Keep in touch.



Anne Jordan Saltz '10 to Andrew M. Stokes, 6/16/18.

James Davis Williamson '10 to Brooke Sizer, 9/08/18.

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The Class of 2011 would like to congratulate **Andrew (Andy) French**, who graduated from the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine in May 2018 and began a family medicine residency in Front Royal, Virginia, in July. He and **Sarah Cameron French** also welcomed their second child, Theodore David French, in January.



Zachary Bronson Armstrong '11 to Meghan McChesney Camp, 12/22/18.

Danielle Laraine DeBacker '11 to John V. Dang, 4/08/18.

Jennifer Rose Gaertner '11 to **Daniel Leigh Otto '14**, 7/04/18.

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Hello Class of 2012! Welcome to 2019. I hope everyone is having a great spring so far.

As I write this note in January, I'm reflecting on so many things as my husband and I grieve the sudden loss of a close friend. I was talking with a coworker about it and he said, "You're around 30, right? That's around the time I started to lose more people in my life, too."

I mean, how depressing. But I took a step back and realized it's kind of true. We're not getting any younger here and as we do get older, losing loved ones becomes sort of inevitable.

It made me realize how important perspective is. Sometimes I get caught up in the everyday rat race — pushing ahead at work, staying up late typing away like a robot, dragging myself out of bed at 5:30 a.m. to work out, going to the grocery store, cooking meals (ugh), doing laundry, having some semblance of a social life and the list goes on.

When all that's stripped away, what do you have left? For me, it's family and close friends — the people who are there for me 100 percent, no matter what, no questions asked. Oh, and my dog.

Now, is being the CEO of Insert-Cool-Company-Name-Here and driving a sweet car and making great money with hefty stock options nice? Heck yeah. And I'm sure I'd welcome all of the above with open arms.

But when I put it all into perspective, I'm not sure

how much it matters.

For those who have experienced a loss recently or in the past, my thoughts are with you. It's a tough road but as one of my favorite authors, John Green, said in "The Fault in Our Stars," "Grief does not change you, Hazel. It reveals you."

Here's what's new with our fellow classmates: **Anna Pettyjohn** is engaged to be married to **Christopher Fong** in the fall of 2019. The couple currently resides in Washington, D.C., with their beloved dog Max.

Gabrielle L. Ongies joined the law firm Hubbard, Terry & Britt as an associate, where she will work as a tax specialist. Gabrielle graduated from Washington and Lee University School of Law in May 2018 and is also a technical sergeant in the Virginia Air National Guard, where she is a weapons system controller.

Kimberly George '12, M.A.Ed. '13 married **Alexander Hendrix '12, M.A.Ed. '13** on Nov. 3, 2018, in Manassas, Virginia. In her wedding party were **Ryan Morris '12, Sarah Kathryn Stahling '12, Mary Judge '11, Alexandra Allery '11** and **Jessica Kobren '13**. In Alex's wedding party were **PJ Judge '13, Caitlin Verdu '14** and **Charles Gowan '13**.

Jessy Segal was recently promoted to account supervisor of content at The Variable, a consulting agency in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where she enjoys working on several major national brands.

Meghan Tamminen Ducharme-Barth and her husband, **Nicholas Ducharme-Barth '13**, moved to New Caledonia, a small French-speaking island in the South Pacific, where Nicholas is working as a fisheries scientist studying tuna populations. (Everyone Google New Caledonia, it looks unreal!)

In Tribe We Trust!
—Maddie



Anne Alexander MacKinnon '12 to David Charles Gerstenmaier Jr., 9/29/18.

Laura L. Ryan '12 to Connor Flanagan, 9/29/18.

Isaac Jordan Sarver '12 to **Kimberly Michelle Dieber '12**, 7/21/18.

Allison Nicole Turchan '12 to Jack Andrew Kenney, 9/08/18.

Monika Dalia Bernotas '12 to Andy Hyatt, 5/26/18.

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Hello Class of 2013! My name is **Laura (Brond) Dziuban** and I am excited to announce that I am your new class reporter. While at William & Mary, I was involved with the coed honor fraternity Phi Sigma Pi and served in a few different roles at the Reeves Center for International Studies, including as a conversation partner, peer leader and member of the Study Abroad Student Advisory Board. I graduated with a major in economics and a minor in French and francophone studies before moving to Boston and getting my master's degree from Boston College in higher education administration. I've worked at BC and Northeastern University, and currently work at Boston University as the academic programs administrator in BU's Center for English Language & Orientation Programs. Oh, and I married one of our own — **Matthew Dziuban '13**.

Enough about me — I want to hear about you! Please reach out to me

anytime at lkbrond@email.wm.edu with what you've been up to since graduation. I am looking forward to learning and sharing your exciting life updates!



Elizabeth Blair Duncan '13 to Christopher B. Carroll, 11/11/18.

Matthew Robert Dziuban '13 to **Laura Kathryn Brond '13**, 10/27/18.

Christopher Keith Hanafin '13 to **Victoria Lyons Hanafin '13**, 7/07/18.

Courtney Marie Ratterman '13 to Rob Casal, 10/28/17.

Kira Schall Rucker '13 to Josiah W. Rucker, 9/01/18.

Jarrett Michael Walker '13 to Chantalle Walker, 6/30/18.

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Class Reporter
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Greetings, Class of 2014! Hope everyone is well and ready for summer. We've got a few notes to celebrate together.

Congratulations to **Lauren Post Stone '14** and **Matthew Stone '15**, who were married Aug. 18, 2018, at the United States Marine Memorial Chapel! Included in their bridal party were W&M alumni **Ashley Post Smith '11, Brandon Smith '10, Cady Wiltsie Tsoukalis '14, Katie Caudle '14** and **Ashton Smith '10**. The reception was at Potomac Point Winery, and joining were several more W&M graduates (too many to list!)

Congratulations to **Teaghan Grayson '14** and **Elizabeth Cross**

Grayson '14, who had their second baby this past September! Their daughter, Clare, was born on Sept. 17, a day before their daughter Cecilia's 2nd birthday.

Best wishes to everyone else, and because it's been too long since I've signed a yearbook: H.A.G.S.



Jennifer Rose Gaertner '11 to **Daniel Leigh Otto '14**, 7/04/18.

Lauren Kay Post '14 to **Matthew Tyler Stone '15**, 8/18/18.

Johnathan Edward Savino '14 to **Lucile Holswade King '15**, 9/01/18.

Andrew Werner Strait '14 to **Danielle L. Rutter '14**, 11/10/18.

William Crandall Thompson '14 to **Emily Reid Smith '14**, M.A.Ed. '15, 8/04/18.

Cady Josephine Wiltzie '14 to John H. Tsoukalis, 7/15/17.

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2015

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Hey, Class of 2015! A few updates for you all:

Rachel Boykin is in her first year of graduate school in a clinical mental health counseling program. She is pursuing this degree in order to work with children and adolescents, and hopefully attain a clinical Psy.D. later on down the road.

Carl Howard Cilke and **Taylor Rae Renard** got married on Dec. 31, 2018, at the Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna, Virginia. The wedding was officiated by **Zachary Smith '17**, M.S. '18,

and the photography was done by Taylor's stepdad **Aaron Spicer '04**. Carl's best man was **Mathew Komorowski**. Also in attendance were **Francine Cilke '14**, M.A.Ed. '15, **Taylor Horst '16**, **Emma Lowther '16** and **Andy Russell**. Carl is now pursuing a Ph.D. in political science at Northeastern University in Boston, and Taylor works for the U.S. Department of Justice.

And finally, **Andrew Bresson** and **Jannette Morris** just got engaged this past January.



Leah Catherine Bailey '15 to Stephen Andrew Walshak, 9/29/18.

Johnathan Edward Savino '14 to **Lucile Holswade King '15**, 9/01/18.

Lauren Kay Post '14 to **Matthew Tyler Stone '15**, 8/18/18.

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Patrick Savage and **Christina Devon** were married at the Williamsburg Inn on Dec. 28, 2018.

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As I'm writing this, I'm sitting in a row house in the southeastern corner of our nation's capital. Two open bottles of rosé stand like twins on the dining room table, and my roommates are looking up political memes. I've just returned from a long but incredibly rewarding day on Capitol Hill, and I still pinch myself every time I stare at the Capitol's dome and wonder if the life I've recently started living is truly mine.

In December, I accepted a position in the office of a freshman congressman. My father, bless his soul, helped me move back to the East Coast in a mission we officially called #OperationIowaRescue. Unless I move to Europe, I never want to live anywhere but the South again. I'm so happy to be back in an area with craft cocktails at every corner, a compelling historical narrative and William & Mary people everywhere. I see **Sarah Anderson '17**, **Luke Maclay '17**, **Trinity Torres** and **Peter Gordon '17** at trivia almost every week. I ran into **Sam Biddle '17** in the halls of the House of Representatives office buildings. Before **Aili Espigh '17** left to accept a new job in Richmond, she introduced me to an incredible brunch spot in the Shaw neighborhood.

Matt Phillips '17 and **Anna Wilson '17** made the short drive up from Northern Virginia to join Sarah and me the weekend **Hunter "Mac" McConville** and **Dillon Hayes** visited.

According to a press release, **Natalie Revers** will be crowned the 2019 Society of Virginia Cherry Blossom Princess when the pale pink and snow white buds burst into bloom all over the city this spring.

Although the slot labeled "biography" on most of my social media accounts still reads "another 20-something struggling to find her way

through time and space," the search for post-grad purpose has slightly more clarity. I hope that this memo finds you fulfilled or at least on the way to figuring out your priorities. We all want to hear how you're faring. Send me updates to include in our next notes at brannock.notes@gmail.com. Until then:

Cheers,
PMB

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We made it through another semester (or winter, if you're not in education)! Hopefully 2019 has been treating you well so far! Here is some news from your fellow alumni. Don't forget to share yours!

Janet L. Coryell Ph.D. '86 (history) has retired from Western Michigan University after 26.5 years, where her teaching and research focused on the antebellum/Civil War eras and U.S. women's history. Now she has more time to pursue her interest in documentary film, catch up with old W&M friends (Holly, John & Ruth, Chris, and Gail), and visit the 'Burg (including the Cheese Shop of course)!

A poem by **Tracy Prior Seffers M.A. '93** (English) entitled "Trillium" won the 2018 HeartWood Broadside Series contest, which was sponsored by HeartWood Literary Magazine and West Virginia Wesleyan's Master of Fine Arts program. The inspiration for

"Trillium" came during a clean-up of the Shenandoah River and Seffers hopes that it inspires others to get involved in their communities.

Corey D.B. Walker Ph.D. '01 (American studies) is preparing for the publication of his second book "Between Transcendence and History: An Essay on Religion and the Future of Democracy in America."

John R. Dedrick '86, M.A. '88 (government) recently became the executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Charles F. Kettering Foundation, which is headquartered in Dayton, Ohio. He has been with the foundation since 1995.

Mary C. Ferrari '83, Ph.D. '92 (history), professor of history at Radford University, presented at Historic Christ Church and Museum's Sunday Speaker Series back in October in Weems, Virginia. She presented on the story of Mary Draper Ingles and her 500-mile trek over 42 days back to her homestead after being captured by the Shawnee.

Jeffrey M. Lackner M.A. '90 (psychology), director of the Behavioral Medicine Clinic and an associate professor in the Department of Medicine at the University at Buffalo School of Medicine, was recently elected as president of the Board of Directors for Hillel of Buffalo.

Jay Rainey M.A. '08 has been appointed the next head of school at Mary Institute and Saint Louis Country Day School in Missouri. He will begin July 1.



Matthew G. Hyland Ph.D. '04 to Amber LaSurre Hyland, 10/06/18.

Ian Thomas Mahoney M.P.P. '13 to **Jaclyn Dorothy Petruzzelli M.P.P. '13**, 10/07/17.

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Mason School of Business

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Ann C. Phillips M.B.A. '16 is the special assistant to Governor Ralph Northam of Virginia for coastal adaptation and protection. She is well qualified for this role, having served for more than 30 years in the U.S. Navy, reaching the rank of rear admiral. In addition, Ann is an expert in the field of sea level rise and its impact on both a local and global scale. In addition to the MBA she earned from William & Mary, Ann received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Ronnie Crocker M.B.A. '93 has been rewarded for his many years of newspaper experience and award-winning journalism by being named the editor of the Beaumont Enterprise in Beaumont, Texas. His newspaper career has included working with, among other publications, the Houston Chronicle and the Daily Press in Newport News, Virginia. Prior to his MBA, he earned a bachelor's degree at Texas A&M University.

Steven Whetstone M.B.A. '02 is now an audit partner with KPMG in Norfolk, Virginia. He brings 20 years of audit and advisory experience to the role from his audit work for a variety of different types of companies. Before earning his MBA from William & Mary, Steven graduated from the University of Virginia with a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance.

Niki Gwaltney Rutter M.B.A. '16 was recently promoted to vice president of financial planning and analysis at Perdue Foods,

in Salisbury, Maryland. She has been with the company since 2016 serving as vice president of customer accounting. Prior to the MBA, she earned a bachelor's degree from Salem College.

Ronald "Trey" Braswell III M.B.A. '13 is the president of Braswell Family Farms, his family's egg and feed farm in Nashville, North Carolina. He represents the fourth generation of Braswells in this family business as the company just celebrated its 75th anniversary. Trey brings a great deal of experience to the role as he grew up in the business, earned his undergraduate degree in business administration from North Carolina State University and has worked for that state's Department of Agriculture. He earned his MBA through the William & Mary Executive MBA program.



Damilola T. Ashaolu M.B.A. '13 to Deji Olukokun, 8/23/18.

Brianne Elizabeth Lane '07, M.B.A. '17 to David McIntyre, 8/04/18

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Hi everyone! We have some exciting news this month. I've gathered this information from newspapers, but I hope you will share news directly in the future. Please share career updates, publications, mini-William & Mary reunions, travel, marriages and other exciting things that are happening to you!

Mashea Mason Ashton '96, M.A.Ed. '97 is the founder, CEO and principal of Digital Pioneers

Academy, a new school in Washington, D.C.

Rodney Berry M.A.Ed. '98 serves as a school superintendent in Nottoway County, Virginia. As superintendent, Dr. Berry makes a point of visiting at least one school a day to stay in contact with students.

Tara DiSciullo Brent M.A.Ed. '03 is teaching courses in risk management and civil rights requirements through the Master Gardeners Training Program sponsored by the Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Jerry Briggs Ed.S. '95, Ed.D. '10 was honored as one of the Top Ten Minority Business Leaders by Delta Business Journal in 2018. Dr. Briggs currently serves as the president of Mississippi Valley State University.

After 14 years as president of Rappahannock Community College, **Elizabeth Hinton Crowther Ed.S. '91, Ed.D. '94** is planning her retirement at the end of this academic year.

Preston McKellar M.Ed. '13 currently serves as principal at Central High School in King and Queen County.

Kyleah Parson M.A.Ed. '02, Ph.D. '12 helped organize the HBCU Showcase at Oscar Smith High School in Chesapeake, Virginia. At least 800 students attended this event, where they met representatives from Norfolk State, Tuskegee, and other notable universities. Dr. Parson notes, "I wanted to help plan this because HBCUs have a rich tradition, family-type atmosphere and professors who saw potential in me, potential I didn't see in myself."



Karen Michelle Richardson M.A.Ed. '09 to Jeff Langrock, 6/30/18.

William Crandall Thompson '14 to Emily Reid Smith '14, M.A.Ed. '15, 8/04/18.

Clay Marshall Bennett J.D. '17 to Lauren I. Pettengill M.Ed. '17, 10/27/18.

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Hope everyone is well! After more than 12 years of service, I have decided to pass along the torch to a new Law School class notes reporter. It has been an honor serving the William & Mary community in this way. I look forward to staying engaged. Please let Claire De Lisle know if you are interested in taking over for me at alumni.magazine@wm.edu. Your volunteer duties would begin with the Winter 2020 deadline of September 18, 2019. Thank you for your consideration of this wonderful opportunity.

M. Cabell Clay J.D. '08 was recognized by the Women Lawyers of Charlotte (North Carolina) as the WLC Woman of the Year.

Kenneth W. Abrams J.D. '09 has been elected partner with McGuire Woods in Virginia.

Art C. Bredemeyer LL.M. '94 recently opened up his own law firm in Suffolk, Virginia.

L. Lee Byrd J.D. '88 was listed in Virginia Business magazine's 2018 Virginia Legal Elite.

Stephanie Spierer Crandall J.D. '06 was chosen to participate in the inaugural class of Hoosier Women Forward, a political and civic leadership program. She is director of intergovern-

mental affairs for the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Ann Kiley Crenshaw J.D. '80 is a partner with the law firm of Kaufman & Canoles in Norfolk, Virginia, and helped to save her alma mater, Sweet Briar College, in Virginia from shutting down.

Robert B. "Chip" Delano Jr. '78, J.D. '81 was listed in Virginia Business magazine's 2018 Virginia Legal Elite.

Rosa Evergreen J.D. '05, M.B.A. '05 has been named to the American Bankruptcy Institute's 2018 "40 under 40" Emerging Leaders in Insolvency Practice list.

Lizzie Pannill Fletcher J.D. '06 now serves as the representative for Texas's 7th Congressional District.

Michael J. Garvin J.D. '84 was included in the 2018 Best Lawyers in America list.

Brian Golden J.D. '92 is the director of the Boston Planning & Development Agency, which helps drive economic growth in the Boston area.

Gurbir Grewal J.D. '99 is New Jersey's attorney general and our country's first Sikh attorney general.

Andrew H. Herrick '90, J.D. '94 has been promoted to serve Albemarle County, Virginia, as deputy county attorney.

Jim Hoffman J.D. '86 is serving as the interim city attorney for the city of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Laura C. Hoey J.D. '17 is a practice group associate with the Newport News, Virginia, office of Kaufman & Canoles.

James Holahan '83 was selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2019.

Sally S. Hull '75, J.D. '84 of the law firm Clarke Dolph Hull & Brunick was included in the Best Lawyers in America 2019 for tax law.

Robert "Bobby" W. Jones Jr. J.D. '89 was appointed the Isle of Wight County attorney in Virginia.

Robert Juelke J.D. '93 recently concluded a three-year term as one of Drinker Biddle & Reath's executive partners.

William Lamberth J.D. '04 was elected to serve as majority leader by his House Republicans in the Tennessee General Assembly.

Katherine M. Lennon J.D. '17 has joined the law firm of Fraim & Fiorella in Norfolk, Virginia.

Jay Porter '78 was included in the 2018 Best Lawyers in America list.

Kevin J. Rasch '98 has joined Harvard Pilgrim Health Care as vice president of government affairs and programs.

Vania Ratliff J.D. '18 is a new attorney with the law firm of Vandeventer Black in its Norfolk, Virginia, location.

Lee Roberts J.D. '86 was named a 2019 Mountain State Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers Magazine.

William Sharp J.D. '77 was recognized by his peers with the Harry L. Carrico Outstanding Career Service Award last year for his long-standing service in the 26th District juvenile and domestic relations courts.

Jay Speer '83 is the executive director of the Virginia Poverty Law Center, a nonprofit organization housed in Richmond, Virginia.

William N. Watkins '82 was listed in Virginia Business magazine's 2018 Virginia Legal Elite.

Elizabeth L. White '84, J.D. '87 was listed in Virginia Business magazine's 2018 Virginia Legal Elite.

Patrick Fennell J.D. '96 has opened his own personal injury law firm, Patrick Fennell, Attorney at Law, P.C., in Roanoke, Virginia. Patrick works on all types of personal injury cases including auto/truck crashes, medical malpractice and product liability cases in state and federal courts.

Steven P. Kramer J.D. '86 serves as chairman of the Civil Jury

Instructions Committee and as vice-chair of the Executive Counsel of the Alternative Dispute Resolution section of the Arizona State Bar.



To **Travis J. Farris J.D. '96** and Rebecca A. Farris, a son, William T. Farris 05/29/2018



Emile Maria Jones LL.M. '05 to Nicholas Ransley, 7/01/17.

Robert Paul Barrett J.D. '10 to Amy Buckmaster Barrett, 11/03/18.

Clay Marshall Bennett J.D. '17 to **Lauren I. Pettengill M.Ed. '17**, 10/27/18.

Christopher Michael Bettis J.D. '11 to Olive Stohlmman Bettis, 11/17/18.

Tyler Floyd Chriscoe J.D. '16 to Brianna Nicole Scott, 9/29/18.

Travis J. Farris J.D. '96 to Rebecca A. Weingart, 06/10/2017.

Julie Michelle Silverbrook J.D. '12 to Adam S. Footer, 10/27/18.

Lee Evan Tankle J.D. '13 to Vicki Morris Tankle, 9/29/18.

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At the time of this writing in January 2019, during the federal government shutdown, we heard from several fellow alumni on furlough about the unfinished house projects getting completed, various volunteer service activities, and general frustrations about not being able to go to work. We are all looking forward to getting past this.

In other news, **Aswani Voley Ph.D. '95** was named executive director of the Center for Marine Science at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. He is also the dean of UNCW's College of Arts and Sciences. Last year he secured a \$5 million donation to start a pharmaceutical sciences program at UNCW. Between Hurricane Florence, which caused significant damage to the campus and region, starting a new B.S. in coastal engineering program, the first of its kind in the country, and initiating numerous other new programs in the college, he had a very busy year!

David Niebuhr '82, M.A. '93, Ph.D. '99 wrote to let us know that he was downsized from Audubon Nature Institute in New Orleans back in June. Since then, he moved back to Williamsburg, started Synergase Consulting, and has been helping nonprofit organizations develop strategic plans for operations, messaging and fundraising.

Felipe Arzayus M.S. '02 was recently named the new chief of the Monitoring and Assessment Branch of the NOAA, National Ocean Service's National Centers for Coastal and Ocean Science (NCCOS). The branch leads Mussel Watch, a 30-plus-year contaminant monitoring and assessment program, and serves as a center of expertise for chemical assessments of coastal ecosystems impacting habitats including coral reefs and nursery areas. **Kimani Kimbrough Ph.D. '02** is

a physical scientist in Felipe's branch.

Hadley McIntosh Marcek M.S. '14 sent in a report that she, **Jenna Luek M.S. '13, Matt Freedman M.S. '14, Theresa Davenport M.S. '13, Julia Moriarty M.S. '13, Ph.D. '17** and **Annie Murphy Ph.D. '16**, Annie's husband Chris Kajdas and their son Henry got together to explore Boston in November. In December, several VIMS alumni, faculty, and current students got together during a reunion hosted by the W&M Geology Department at the 2018 AGU fall meeting in Washington, D.C. Alumni included Hadley, **Julia Moriarty M.S. '13, Ph.D. '17, Lindsey Kraatz Ph.D. '14, Katie Farnsworth M.A. '97, Ph.D. '03, Andrew Wozniak Ph.D. '09, Matt Whalen '06** and **Tim Dellapenna Ph.D. '99.**

Matt Church M.S. '99, aquatic microbial ecologist at the University of Montana's Flathead Lake Biological Station, was recently honored as a 2018 American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO) Fellow. The ASLO Fellows program was initiated in 2015 to honor ASLO members who have advanced the aquatic sciences via their exceptional contributions to the benefit of the society and its publications, meetings and other activities.

Sid Mitra Ph.D. '97 reports that he and several colleagues from ECU have formed a band. You can check them out on YouTube and Facebook under "Time Scales Band." If you don't type in "Band" after "Time Scales," you may end up watching a lot of videos on the geologic time scale, which he admits may be more entertaining than their band. Sid is an associate professor in the Department of Geological Sciences and director of the coastal resources

management Ph.D. program at East Carolina University.

Readers, call in more "Quips" to share with fellow alumni — y'all know who you are!

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In Memoriam

READ FULL OBITUARIES ONLINE

Below, you can read the names of members of the William & Mary community whose passing was reported between Sept. 4, 2018 and Jan. 16, 2019. **To read extended obituaries written by Sara Thomas Hunt '74, please go online to our magazine website at magazine.wm.edu/in-memoriam.**

Each year at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, we honor the members of the William & Mary community who passed away since the previous Homecoming. The full list of the 2018 Sunset Ceremony honorees is available at magazine.wm.edu/sunset2018.

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Jean Pollard Harvell '38 of Augusta, Maine, formerly of Hallowell, Maine, died Oct. 19, 2018.

Virginia "Dinny" Forwood Pate Wetter '40 of Havre de Grace, Maryland, died Sept. 24, 2018.

Edgar "Ed" B. Darden Jr. '41 of Mosheim, Tennessee, formerly of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, died Oct. 22, 2018.

Robert "Bob" E. Dunning Sr. '41 of Concord, New Hampshire, formerly of Trumbull, Connecticut, died Nov. 8, 2018.

Patricia "Pat" Nichols Curcuru '42 of Southold, New York, died Dec. 31, 2018.

Jeanne Reindollar Boertzel Lundquist '42 of Annapolis, Maryland, died Jan. 28, 2018.

Christena Hammond Jensen '43 of Carson City, Nevada, died Oct. 24, 2018.

Doris Louisa Speake Johnston '43 of Nacogdoches, Texas, died Nov. 18, 2017.

Richard "Dick" Wayne Thomas '43 of Wyoming, Michigan, died Nov. 11, 2018.

Elizabeth "Boots" Wilson Burfoot '44 of Homer, Louisiana, died Oct. 25, 2018.

Robert Lawson Davis '44 of Charlottesville, Virginia, died Nov. 8, 2018.

Grace Duvoisin Bell '45 of Chatham, New Jersey, died Dec. 30, 2018.

Charlotte "Timmy" Timmerman Hilton '45 of Overland Park, Kansas, formerly of Rogers, Arkansas, died Nov. 21, 2018.

Samuel Ray Barrett Jr. '46 of Norfolk, Virginia, died Nov. 10, 2016.

Frances "Fran" Buttler Parsons '46 of St. Petersburg, Florida, died Sept. 27, 2018.

Constance "Connie" Elizabeth Jean Carraway Van Doorn '46 of Columbus, Georgia, died Sept. 7, 2018.

Joan Williams Graham '47 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Nov. 3, 2018.

Margaret "Peggy" Darby Hurley '47 of Bethesda, Maryland, died Nov. 23, 2018.

William Blair Lucas '47 of Raleigh, North Carolina, died Nov. 29, 2018.

Joseph "Guy" Rusmiselle Jr. '47 of Waynesboro, Virginia, died Oct. 7, 2018.

Phyllis Coulter Dolan '48 of Richmond, Virginia, died Dec. 6, 2018.

Pasco Elizabeth Keen First '48 of Grovetown, Georgia, died Nov. 2, 2018.

Sarah Ann Freer Flickinger '48 of Norwalk, Ohio, died Nov. 19, 2018.

Ann Potterfield Gregory '48 of Williamsburg died Oct. 23, 2018.

Muriel Anne Wadsworth Mikula Lishnoff '48 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Sept. 14, 2018.

Nancy Kelly Austin '49 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Dec. 7, 2018.

William C. Denault '49 of Adams, Massachusetts, died Sept. 5, 2018.

Arthur "Jack" Jackson Grimes '49 of Annandale, Virginia, died Nov. 23, 2018.

Norris Preston Moses '49 of Richmond, Virginia, died Feb. 22, 2018.

William W. Schwarz '49 of Mentone, Alabama, died Nov. 6, 2018.

Nicholas "Nick" Zaharis '49 of Sanford, Florida, died Oct. 11, 2018.

Russell John Dowling '50 of West Palm Beach, Florida, died Sept. 17, 2018.

Dorothy "Dot" Ann Mundy '50 of Salem, Virginia, died Jan. 5, 2018.

Harry S. Riley '50 of Norfolk, Virginia, died Nov. 26, 2018.

Patricia Jones Warner '50 of Fort Worth, Texas, died Dec. 16, 2018.

Margaret Burkman deButts '51 of Arlington, Virginia, died March 6, 2017.

M.E. "Rink" Kofford Jr. '51 of Newport Beach, California, died Aug. 28, 2018.

Peery "Bitsy" Brittain Lewis '51, M.Ed. '53 of Stuart, Florida, formerly of Palm City, Florida, died Nov. 9, 2018.

George P. Lyon '51 of Lewes, Delaware, died Dec. 22, 2018.

James "Jim" C. Mizell '51 of Stanwood, Washington, died Oct. 21, 2018.

Bernard "Bernie" Joseph Nolan '51 of Punta Gorda, Florida, died Oct. 20, 2018.

Shirley Spain Smith '51 of Richmond, Virginia, died Nov. 16, 2018.

Richard "R.V." Vance Warner '51 of Warren, Arkansas, died Oct. 7, 2018.

John "Jack" Gallena '52 of Yardley, Pennsylvania, died Nov. 7, 2018.

June Compton Merkle '52 of Roswell, Georgia, died Sept. 25, 2018.

Jane Tuck Morgan '52 of Columbia, Maryland, died Nov. 29, 2018.

Rufus Putnam Van Zandt '52 of Fullerton, California, died Aug. 20, 2018.

Hardy D. Cofer '53 of Richmond, Virginia, died Nov. 3, 2018.

Joseph "JT" Thomas Cutler '53, B.C.L. '59 of Newport News, Virginia, died Oct. 21, 2018.

Ethel Mikula Eissenberg '53 of Queensbury, New York, died Dec. 18, 2018.

Hazel Batte Nelson '53 of Greensboro, North Carolina, died Oct. 17, 2018.

Walter J. Sutilla Jr.
'53 of Ebensburg,
Pennsylvania, died
Oct. 27, 2018.

Peter Philip Griffin
'54 of Lock Haven,
Pennsylvania, died
Nov. 16, 2018.

Kent Aiken
Kirwan '54 of
Omaha, Nebraska, died
Dec. 2, 2018.

James "Jimmy"
Mason Strother '54
of Orlean, Virginia,
died Oct. 30, 2018.

Nancy C. Fitzgerald
'55 of Centerville,
Minnesota, died May
2, 2018.

Yolanda Grant Harrell
'55 of Orangeburg,
South Carolina, died
Sept. 18, 2018.

Grier D. Potts '55 of
Bridgewater, New
Jersey, formerly of
Norfolk, Virginia, died
Oct. 13, 2018.

Joann Spitler '55,
C.A.S.E. '85 of Rich-
mond, Virginia, died
Dec. 8, 2018.

Aubrey H. Fitzgerald
'56 of Newport News,
Virginia, died Oct. 11,
2018.

Anne Dennis Lewis
'56 of Williamsburg
died Nov. 18, 2018.

Norman P. Owen '56 of
Pinellas Park, Florida,
died Oct. 11, 2018.

Gerald A. Schneider
'56 of Dallas died Nov.
13, 2018.

Joshua "Josh"
Clayton Thompson
'56 of Bryn Mawr,
Pennsylvania, died
Nov. 30, 2018.

Mary Anne Pickett
Wilbourne '56 of
Cary, North Carolina,
died Sept. 13, 2018.

Janet Elizabeth Shaw
Finn '57 of Centre-
ville, Virginia, died
Oct. 22, 2018.

Pietro Joseph
Formica '57 of Biloxi,
Mississippi, died Sept.
22, 2018.

Virginia "Gini"
Anding La Charite
'57, **M.A.** '62 of
Hoschton, Georgia,
died Nov. 7, 2018.

M. Barry Levy '57 of
Water Mill, New York,
died Dec. 12, 2018.

Virginia "Lee"
Hammer Scott '57
of Ambler, Pennsylva-
nia, formerly of Lower
Gwynedd, Pennsylva-
nia, died Aug. 6, 2018.

Milton "Mickey"
Clarke Simpson
Jr. '57 of Ophelia
and Williamsburg,
Virginia, died Oct. 24,
2018.

Janet Colquhoun
Whitehead '57 of
Eastville, Virginia,
died Nov. 8, 2018.

Jean Zwicker Durant
'58 of Annandale,
Virginia, died Dec. 19,
2018.

Alan "Al" William
Lau '58 of Lexington,
Virginia, died Sept. 22,
2018.

Ann Carney Rowe
Pierpont '58 of New-
port News, Virginia,
died Dec. 7, 2018.

**Joseph "Joe" Bene-
dict Cardamone** '59
of Severn, Maryland,
died Dec. 19, 2018.

William "Bill" Horace
Dodd Jr. '59 of
Honolulu died Nov. 25,
2018.

Judy Mary Fruland
'59 of Lakewood,
Colorado, died Dec. 1,
2018.

James F. Monahan
'59, **M.B.A.** '71 of
Belleville, Illinois, died
Dec. 23, 2018.

Herbert Barnes Jr.
'60 of Onancock,
Virginia, died Feb. 22,
2018.

Alexander John
Michalos '60,
B.C.L. '62 of Norfolk,
Virginia, died Oct. 14,
2018.

Gerald "Jerry" P.
Quandt '60 of Cer-
ritos, California, died
March 31, 2018.

Ronald Alfred Audet
'61, **M.Ed.** '71 of
Portsmouth, Virginia,
died Dec. 18, 2018.

Florence Williamson
Chandler '61, **M.Ed.**
'65 of Virginia Beach,
Virginia, died Sept. 15,
2018.

Richard "Gus" B.
Gustafson '62, **J.D.**
'73 of Saginaw, Michi-
gan, died Nov. 6, 2018.

Roger Snead Hale Sr.
'62 of St. Augustine,
Florida, died Sept. 17,
2018.

Philip Lee McLaughlin
Sr. '62 of Lewisburg,
West Virginia, died
Nov. 11, 2018.

Ann Thomas Mills '62
of Corvallis, Oregon,
died Sept. 4, 2018.

**William C. Under-
wood** '62, **M.Ed.** '66
of Williamsburg died
Oct. 30, 2018.

John E. Gravely '63
of Virginia Beach,
Virginia, died Oct. 15,
2018.

Linda Neese
McCormick '63 of
Plano, Texas, died Oct.
31, 2018.

John Kirby Meagher
'63, **J.D.** '65 of Alex-
andria, Virginia, died
June 9, 2018.

Sandra "Sandy"
Marks Pretty '63 of
Danville, Virginia, died
Sept. 15, 2018.

Ellen Dickens Bielaski
'64 of Annandale,
Virginia, died Oct. 8,
2018.

Claire Bethel Buckle
'64 of Williamsburg
died Oct. 27, 2018.

Milton "Lee" Kennedy
'64 of Clovis, Califor-
nia, died Oct. 29, 2017.

Kincey "Kay" Burdett
Potter '64 of Annap-
olis, Maryland, died
Sept. 15, 2018.

John A. Roy '64 of
Campbell, New York,
died Dec. 25, 2018.

Aleksander "Alek"
Bergman '65 of Fort
Defiance, Virginia,
died Jun 27, 2018.

Andrew "Andy" O.
Egseth Jr. '65 of
Honolulu died April 21,
2018.

Zandra Wright
Franklin '65 of Rich-
mond, Virginia, died
Nov. 11, 2018.

Marshall Steven Gates
'65 of Troutville, Vir-
ginia, died Oct. 6, 2018.

James "Jim" Spencer
Dryden Jr. '66 of
Annandale, Virginia,
died Jan. 5, 2019.

Graham "Jerry"
Jerome Flowers
'66 of Hamer, Idaho,
formerly of Yorktown,
Virginia, died March
15, 2018.

Deborah "Debbie"
Thomas Pomeroy
'66, **M.Ed.** '69 of
Midlothian, Virginia,
died Sept. 22, 2018.

James "Ray" Dodge
'67 of Murrells Inlet,
South Carolina, died
Nov. 18, 2018.

Michael "Mike"
Vincent Lee '67 of
Annandale, Virginia,
died Oct. 29, 2018.

Bonnie Louise Taylor
Robertson Lent '67
of Williamsburg died
Sept. 21, 2018.

Kathleen Berg '68 of
Wisconsin Rapids,
Wisconsin, died Nov.
14, 2018.

Mary Jane "M.J."
Sullivan Smith '68
of Weymouth, Massa-
chusetts, died Nov. 27,
2018.

Diana Deane Carr '70,
M.A. '71 of Sebring,
Florida, died Oct. 17,
2018.

David "Coach" Sottili
'70, **M.B.A.** '71 of
Galveston, Texas, died
Oct. 21, 2018.

Steven Couch Miller '71
of Powhatan, Virginia,
died Sept. 6, 2018.

William "Bill" L.
Robinett '71 of
Norfolk, Virginia, died
Sept. 19, 2018.

**Dennis Hayden Cam-
bal** '72 of Yarmouth
Port, Massachusetts,
died Sept. 9, 2018.

David Raymond
Francis '72 of Atlanta
died Oct. 15, 2018.

Steven "Steve" Max
Miller '72 of Lan-
caster, Pennsylvania,
died Nov. 3, 2018.

W. Wayland Eure
Jr. '74 of Redlands,
California, died Sept.
12, 2018.

Carroll Segar
Gallagher Jr. '74 of
Mount Pleasant, South
Carolina, died Sept. 19,
2018.

David A Johnson '74
of Wilmington, North
Carolina, died Dec. 9,
2018.

Jon Anthony Jones
'75 of Fort Washing-
ton, Maryland, died
Dec. 9, 2018.

Frank "Lee" Levan
Field III '77 of Santa
Barbara, California,
died Dec. 21, 2017.

Karen Steinmuller
Van Rosendale '77
of Poquoson, Virginia,
died Dec. 31, 2018.

Robert Allan Wahlers
'78 of Cypress, Texas,
died Sept. 18, 2018.

Richard "Dick" M. Fronko '80 of Santa Clara, California, died May 2, 2018.

Kathryne Anderson Marple '81 of Fredericksburg, Virginia, died Nov. 10, 2018.

Howard "Joey" Joseph Sherrick Jr. '84 of Richmond, Virginia, died Oct. 16, 2018.

Nancy Lynn Holley Olexa '85 of Williamsburg died Sept. 10, 2018.

Cheryl Keenan Dunn '86 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Nov. 21, 2018.

J.D. Gibbs '92 of Davidson, North Carolina, died Jan. 11, 2019.

Tamara Kaufmann Davis '96 of Browns Mills, New Jersey, died Oct. 19, 2018.

Seth Carlton Olsen '97 of Australia died Jan. 28, 2018.

Heath David Bradford '99 of Williamsburg died Dec. 3, 2018.

Stuart Cahill Cawthorn '99 of New York City died Nov. 19, 2018.

GRADUATE ALUMNI

Caroline Warner Gordon M.A. '48 of Fort Wayne, Indiana, formerly of Tucson, Arizona, died Nov. 19, 2018.

Shirley Ward Wingfield M.Ed. '57 of Ashburn, Virginia, died Feb. 18, 2017.

James R. Matthews M.Ed. '58 of Colfax, North Carolina, formerly of Vernon Hill, Virginia, died Nov. 23, 2018.

W. Graham Millar M.A. '58 of Tonawanda, New York, died Dec. 2, 2018.

Robert Ashworth Kilgore M.A. '63 of Hampton, Virginia, died Nov. 11, 2018.

Maria Vallas Mitchum M.A. '65 of Hampton, Virginia, died Dec. 2, 2018.

Margaret Saunders Powers M.Ed. '66 of Williamsburg died Oct. 24, 2018.

Kenneth "Ken" N. Whitehurst Jr. J.D. '66 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Nov. 3, 2018.

Clarence "C.D." D. Fleming Jr. M.Ed. '67 of New Church, Virginia, died Oct. 25, 2018.

William "Bill" Marshall Miller Sr. M.Ed. '67 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Oct. 31, 2018.

Horace "Bud" Argyle Teass Jr. B.C.L. '67 of Natural Bridge, Virginia, died Dec. 3, 2018.

Robert L. Talley III M.B.A. '69 of Charlottesville, Virginia, formerly of Richmond, Virginia, died Nov. 15, 2018.

Garry M. Ewing M.B.A. '70, J.D. '75 of Arlington, Virginia, died Sept. 26, 2018.

June Juanita Holt Iannuzzi M.Ed. '71 of Williamsburg died Sept. 10, 2018.

Peter "Pete" Nicholas Micale III M.Ed. '71 of San Angelo, Texas, died Dec. 6, 2018.

Frederick "Rick" L. Shreves II J.D. '71 of Stuart, Florida, died Oct. 3, 2018.

Kathleen Edmondson Worsley M.Ed. '71 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Oct. 1, 2018.

Robert R. White J.D. '73 of Pelham, New Hampshire, died Dec. 18, 2018.

Irma Smith Benner M.A.Ed. '75 of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, and The Villages, Florida, died Sept. 18, 2018.

Richard "Rick" William Bailine M.L.T. '78 of Great Falls, Virginia, died Dec. 24, 2018.

Brian R. Jones J.D. '81 of Roanoke, Virginia, died Sept. 28, 2018.

Laura Elizabeth Stubbing Pocock J.D. '83 of Ruthersfordton, North Carolina, died Sept. 15, 2018.

Laura Meehan Rutishauser J.D. '84 of Highland Mills, New York, died Sept. 15, 2018.

Nathaniel "Nat" Elias Villaire Ed.S. '87, Ed.D. '91 of Satellite Beach, Florida, died Dec. 1, 2018.

LuAnna Kay Elliott M.Ed. '89, Ed.S. '91 of Newport News, Virginia, died Dec. 18, 2018.

William R. Harryman Jr. J.D. '89 of Centreville, Virginia, died Sept. 12, 2018.

Christina "Chris" Marie Tyrner D'Amato M.Ed. '92, Ed.S. '95 of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, died Dec. 18, 2018.

John "Chip" McNeil Flowe III M.B.A. '93 of Greenwood, South Carolina, formerly of Annapolis, Md., died Oct. 14, 2018.

Christine "Chris" Johnson J.D. '94 of Westmont, Illinois, died Dec. 5, 2018.

Cynthia "Cindy" Herndon Parcell M.B.A. '96 of Mechanicsville, Virginia, died Dec. 18, 2018.

David A. Rawson Ph.D. '98 of Worcester, Massachusetts, died Oct. 28, 2018.

Mary Laurel Thibodeau J.D. '09 of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, died Dec. 2, 2018.

John Bernard Quinlan M.B.A. '11 of Norfolk, Virginia, died Oct. 4, 2018.

FORMER FACULTY

Lawrence C. Becker of Roanoke, Virginia, died Nov. 22, 2018.

Roy Chernock of West Palm Beach, Florida, died Sept. 4, 2018.

Ronald Hoffman of Baltimore died Sept. 4, 2018.

Dudley M. Jensen of Bourne, Massachusetts, and Williamsburg died Sept. 14, 2018.

Robert "Bob" Edward Noonan of Williamsburg died Nov. 1, 2018.

Richard B. Sherman of Williamsburg died Sept. 22, 2018.

FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE

Ann Marquardt Boehm of Williamsburg died Jan. 10, 2019.

Caroline "Haussie" Haussermann of Williamsburg died Aug. 20, 2018.

Ruth Lynch Kernodle of Williamsburg died Jan. 9, 2019.

Philip "Phil" Oliver Richardson of Williamsburg died Dec. 25, 2018.

Ray Alfred Williams of Daleville, Virginia, died Jan. 3, 2019.



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