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IT’S A BIRD, IT’S A LION, IT’S THE GRIFFIN

During Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2018, William & Mary Athletics unveiled the new Tribe Plaza, a gathering place for alumni and fans at the entrance of Walter J. Zable Stadium. The focal point of the plaza is a 7-by-5-foot bronze griffin sculpture, resting on a 6-foot-high concrete and brick plinth. The statue, which was purchased at auction with private funds via the Tribe Club, is a replica of a pair of bronze statues cast in 1861 to adorn a palace in Berlin, Germany.
Do you miss seeing your sorority sister or college roommate? Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Want more William & Mary in your life? I did, and I found answers in my involvement with my local alumni chapter. To me such engagement is meaningful in two major ways. First, it allows me to continue connections with other local alumni, meet alumni I previously did not know and stay current with W&M happenings. Second, I feel that it is what I owe to alma mater, a place I called home for four years. I strive to positively impact the community around me, and I fill that sense of purpose through my continued engagement with the D.C. Metro chapter.

W&M alumni chapters and affinity groups around the world offer all kinds of events and ways to get involved. Affinity groups bring together alumni with similar affiliations and interests — for a full list, see wmalumni.com/affinity. Last year, I was part of the board committee that looked at ways to recognize the exceptional programming of chapters and affinity groups. We created the Annual Review & Accolades (ARAs) to highlight the strengths of chapters and affinity groups in their geographic regions, demographics and sizes.

Chapters and affinity groups can look to the ARAs for ideas as they plan future events. In particular, I would like to help organize or attend some of the events from the unique and cultural/educational categories in the future! Who wouldn’t want to join fellow alumni at Brunch at the Zoo or W&M Day on the (ski) Slopes? Read about the Annual Review & Accolades submissions and winners here: http://wmalumni.com/engagementawards. We are incredibly proud of the time and talents that all chapters and affinity groups have expressed through their submissions this past year.

I encourage you to attend the next local area chapter or affinity group event, or go online to find a virtual opportunity to engage wherever you are! Events like these allow alumni to catch up with old friends and connect with new friends. Find all the ways to connect at wmalumni.com. And, if so desired, you can take your involvement one step further and participate as a chapter board or committee member.
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Moving Forward Together

BY KATHERINE A. ROWE
William & Mary President

William & Mary’s 326-year history is impressive. Through wars and depredations, William & Mary has risen to national recognition as a premier institution of higher education. Our path has been full of turns, some swift, some long. Along the way, William & Mary has changed in order to sustain and realize what we value most.

That approach to change has long inspired me: in the process of transformation, we discover and clarify shared values; via transformation, we deliver on those values. I have had this mantra at front of mind this semester as — together with many members of our community — I have explored William & Mary’s aspirations for the future. In a series of open, town hall–style conversations, along with web and social media forums, we have been “Thinking Forward.” Our conversations focused on three core mission areas: knowledge, work and service.

**Early takeaways from our “Future of Knowledge” conversation**

Our September conversation, “The Future of Knowledge: Teaching, Research and Learning,” filled the Integrated Science Center auditorium. At one point, I asked faculty to reflect on what is changing in their disciplines. It was a profound moment when more than one colleague — from the humanities and the sciences — answered, “Everything.”

Faculty described with excitement how the student body is changing to reflect the commonwealth and the nation. Our students are more diverse and bring with them a wider array of experiences and preparations. They arrive with worldly concerns and tech-savvy habits of living and of mind.

Teaching practices evolve as faculty explore how to improve student learning. In undergraduate, graduate and professional schools, faculty may “flip the classroom” using new technologies, to focus time on meaningful, high-impact activities. Across all schools, the curriculum is increasingly problem-based and collaborative. Many courses engage students in international and community-based initiatives, and hands-on research.

**Insights gathered from “The Future of Work”**

As we discussed how to ensure William & Mary graduates will thrive in the future, the community emphasized the increasing complexity of our working lives. Our students must graduate with expansive skill sets. Recent alumni in every profession emphasize the need for more experience gathering data and analyzing it critically. All stress the value of thinking and communicating exceptionally well, in a global context. Four essential capacities stand out in their comments: tolerating ambiguity, reflecting deeply, appreciating cultural differences and lifelong learning. Employers emphasize all of the above.

“Current students will need to be able to adapt to future changes — that requires flexibility of mind and the ability to continue to learn new skills,” one alum reported. “Critical thinking skills will be crucial here.”

By some estimates, within a decade, half of the jobs students graduate into will be entirely new. Our alumni will reinvent and reimagine their roles many times during their careers. Learning how to manage change and solving problems collaboratively: these are the success factors many emphasize in feedback sessions.

Many students arrive at William & Mary as fluent users of digital communication tools, yet hunger for the sophistication required to navigate them as professionals and engaged citizens. Graduates who can confidently relate data and emerging technologies to deep domain knowledge in a humanistic way will be valued in every organization. This work invariably requires effective team-building and collaboration. The advantage goes to those who question their own assumptions, disagree respectfully and appreciate skills and experiences that diverge from their own.

**Exploring the “Future of Service”**

Students, faculty, staff and alumni value William & Mary as a place that forges deep, human connections. Our commitment to the idea that “you belong” is an important and lovely aspect of this community that all seek to strengthen. Such intentional inclusiveness sustains the decades-long bonds we forge with each other and with the university.

Alumni play a special role in the future of service: mentoring and opening opportunities for graduates. The entire community shares a desire to change the world for better, viewing a William & Mary education as the launch pad for positive action in every sector of society. During a listening forum, one group asked, “How can we develop graduates who run toward challenge rather than retreat away? Who challenge people, circumstances and ideas that divide?” Many spoke of cultivating grit and confidence, empowering our graduates to tackle the world’s toughest challenges.

**Continuing the conversation: playback and feedback**

Having heard these themes, and more, from William & Mary, I have started to reflect them back. Opportunities for playback and feedback ensure that we listen well. So, between now and my Inauguration on Charter Day, I welcome alumni sharing your further reflections. We will continue to update www.wm.edu/ThinkingForward as we chart together the next turns in William & Mary’s path.
Will you be there?

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8, 2019
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April 5-7, 2019
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In the 1930s, disease and a deadly hurricane wiped out the eelgrass that had flourished in the shallow bays along Virginia’s Atlantic coast. The abundant bay scallop population, deprived of its habitat, collapsed as well. The coastal waters lay barren for decades.

Then along came a gardener.

Beginning in 1999, Professor Robert “JJ” Orth of William & Mary’s Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) organized a team of colleagues, students and citizens to sow eelgrass seeds along Virginia’s coastal bays and lagoons — a novel method of undersea gardening Orth had pioneered in Chesapeake Bay.

“From the 72 million seeds we’ve put into individual plots, the plants that have survived, grown, flowered and produced their own seeds have spread, contributing to the 9,000 acres of seagrass we have today,” Orth says.

Those 9,000 acres represent 75 percent of the world’s restored seagrass — the largest single example on the planet. “In 20 years, we’ve done something that no one has ever seen before in terms of the scale of the project and the rate that these plants have spread,” Orth says.

“I’ll never forget one of the first times going with JJ to collect seeds. You stepped out of the boat onto
mostly bare sand,” says Laura McKay, manager of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (CZM) at the Department of Environmental Quality, which has helped underwrite the restoration project since its inception.

“Going out years later, you’d jump overboard and it’d just be a sea of squishy spaghetti under your feet — eelgrass was everywhere!”

**THE STONE SOUP APPROACH**

Instrumental to the project’s unprecedented success, McKay emphasizes, is the long-term collaboration among a variety of organizations, state and local agencies, and individuals.

“No single entity has the capacity to do it alone,” she says. “It takes tapping the expertise of a lot of different people and a lot of different funding sources.”

To cite just one example: among its many contributions, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), which owns and manages many of the coastal barrier islands along Virginia’s Atlantic coast, has provided storage tanks for the eelgrass seeds. The seeds are harvested in the spring by the many volunteers who come out to the bays with TNC staff, then are stored over the summer and planted in the fall.

Virginia CZM gave essential “seed money” to the project at the outset and has provided ongoing funding through NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. “Because NOAA is in the Department of Commerce, it’s not just about environmental protection, it’s also about sustainable economic development,” McKay says. “It really puts us in this position of trying to help coordinate solutions to problems in a big picture way.”

McKay notes that the Virginia Marine Resource Commission’s Recreational Fishing License Fund is a key source of continual funding; other significant support has come from NOAA’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, along with private contributions from the Keith Campbell Environmental Foundation.

“It’s kind of the stone soup approach,” she says. “Everybody brings what they have, and the next thing you know you have a feast.”

That feast may soon include bay scallops, which have been re-introduced to Virginia’s coastal waters thanks to a partnership among VIMS, TNC, CZM and the VMRC.

The fledgling crop may eventually be able to support a scallop aquaculture industry and recreational scalloping as well. “Wouldn’t it be great if you could go out on your kayak, scoop up some scallops, take them home and cook them? They are delicious,” McKay says.

The restoration project has already proved to be a boon to Virginia’s Eastern Shore economy. Through its Seaside Heritage Program, a public-private partnership created in 2002, Virginia CZM has fostered the growth of aquaculture, recreational fishing and ecotourism — generating millions of dollars in visitor spending and adding significant numbers of new jobs.

And the world has taken notice.

“JJ’s seagrass restoration project is a great example of how finding a practical solution that benefits the local ecology can also create important economic and global impacts,” says VIMS Dean and Director John Wells. “People in places as far away as Australia and Norway are seeing a resurgence of seagrass in their areas, thanks to methods JJ developed here at VIMS.”

**FROM THE EASTERN SHORE TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Orth’s seagrass restoration efforts began decades ago in the 1970s when he joined the VIMS faculty. In 1978, he started the Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Monitoring and Restoration Program — commonly known as the SAV Program...
— which provides crucial data on the health of Chesapeake Bay.

In the lab, Orth and his VIMS colleagues pioneered the study of flowering and seed production in seagrasses. “If you looked at the terrestrial literature, this process was well known. I wondered, ‘How come we haven’t been talking about it for seagrasses?’ I think we opened a very interesting view to researchers around the world about the importance of seeds in how seagrasses survive and spread and move from place to place.”

“JJ is an elder in the seagrass world — one of the top 10 in the world, if not the top five,” says Professor Gary Kendrick of the University of Western Australia in Perth. “And he’s got so much energy — he’s such a positive fellow.”

Orth’s optimism has enabled him to persist against long odds. “There are a quarter million species of plants on the surface of the earth, whereas there are only 72 species of seagrass,” Orth notes. “The aqueous environment is very challenging. Plants as well as humans don’t like too much salt.

“Seagrasses also need more light than any other living plant,” Orth adds. For this reason, he calls them the “canary in the coal mine” in terms of monitoring water quality.

Although seagrass species are few in number, they are found throughout the world and form a critical element of the global ecosystem. They provide a habitat for shellfish and finfish, serve as a food source, absorb wave energy and take up phosphorus and nitrogen from fertilizer runoff. Like temperate and tropical forests on land, they also store carbon.

Orth and Kendrick are currently collaborating on a six-year restoration project for the threatened seagrass *Posidonia australis*. “We found the biggest bottleneck is between the seed and the one-year-old recruit,” Kendrick says. “So the first year of life, you’re literally going to lose 99 percent of the seeds or more. The worst-case scenario in a polluted area is 99.9 percent.”

“So what do you do? You do what JJ did. You collect tens of millions of seeds, you distribute them in concentrated areas, and the percent that will persist into juveniles will be enough. One percent of a million is still a significant number.”

A CLEAR VISION

VIMS’ seagrass restoration program is proof that a small project can grow to have a huge impact, not just regionally but globally.

“We were out on the water with a group recently, and a guy from The Nature Conservancy reached down and caught a bay scallop in his hand. You just think, wow, there was nothing there and now there are over 9,000 acres of seagrass,” says McKay.

“I think that’s an important thing for the public to understand. It’s the consistency and the persistence to keep going, and having a clear vision and goal like we did. It’s incredibly fulfilling.”
PAY IT FORWARD

Opening Doors

Virginia Mister Scholarship named after first woman law student

BY DAVID MORRILL

Although she graduated in 1937, the late Virginia Mister’s legacy looms large at William & Mary Law School. Not only was the Virginia Eastern Shore native and William & Mary undergraduate (Class of 1935) the first woman to graduate from the law school, but she was the second woman in Norfolk, and among the first women in Virginia, to become a member of the bar.

Mister’s interest in the law began at an early age, well before she enrolled at William & Mary. “In my family, we were expected to go on to school, study hard and do our best,” she said in an article in the law school’s 1984 Annual Report. “I always knew what I wanted to do.”

Like many of her classmates, Mister was deeply involved in the life of the university. Among other things, she played on William & Mary’s women’s basketball team, sang in the glee club and was president of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

She was also a law major. At that time, it was possible to major in law as an undergraduate and then go on for two more years to get a law degree. Mister spent the next two years in Brafferton Hall as one of four members of the Marshall-Wythe School of Jurisprudence Class of 1937.

She recalled years later that her fellow students were friends from her undergraduate days, and she never felt unusual being the only woman in the program. “We studied very hard together, struggled through exams, teased each other about our social lives,” she said. “We all had the same goal — to get our degrees and pass the bar.”

Like most female attorneys at that time, Mister found many firms resistant to hiring women to practice law. After taking a six-week stenography course, she began her legal career as a secretary at the law firm of prominent Norfolk attorney James G. Martin. During her time there, Martin introduced her to the Circuit
As a true citizen lawyer, Mister led a broad array of civic efforts in Norfolk during World War II. She chaired the Women’s Organization for the Norfolk Cruiser Drive, War Bond Committee, and the Committee to Enlist Army Nurses and served on the Salvation Army-USO Club Board.

After the war, Mister moved to New York City, where she began a 25-year career at the newly established United Nations. She served first as a legal assistant to the undersecretary for treaties and then as head of the Legal, Political and Security Council Affairs Library.

“Legal research was always my great love,” Mister said. “I liked it more than court work.”

Having opened the door and inspired other women over the years (more than half the law school’s current student population is comprised of women), Mister’s influence years after her death in 2003 continues through the Virginia Mister Scholarship. The idea for the scholarship was planted in 2012 when a number of the law school’s most accomplished alumnas, all of them current or former partners at the nation’s largest law firms, returned to Williamsburg to participate in the first “Lawyers as Leaders” conference, “Women in Big Law,” held in conjunction with the 75th anniversary of Mister’s graduation. Immediately afterward, Anna Engh J.D. ’89, past president of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law Foundation, spearheaded efforts to endow the scholarship. The result was nearly two dozen alumnae collectively providing gifts to make the scholarship in honor of Mister’s legacy possible.

Professor Emerita Jayne Barnard, the driving force behind all seven “Lawyers as Leaders” conferences, had the great idea, Engh says, of naming the scholarship after Virginia Mister. The result was a scholarship for an outstanding woman law student applicant with financial need.

“In my view, scholarships are vital to maintaining and further enhancing the high quality of students at the law school,” Engh says. With fierce competition among law schools for the best students, “it is even more important that William & Mary attract excellent students through attractive scholarship offerings.”

DECADE OF LEADERSHIP

PROVOST HALLERAN TO STEP DOWN

After nearly a decade as William & Mary’s provost, Michael R. Halleran P ’16 is stepping down at the end of the 2018-19 academic year to resume his distinguished career as teacher and scholar in the Department of Classical Studies. A national search for his successor began in the fall. As the chief academic officer, Halleran has skillfully overseen all William & Mary’s academic and research programs, academic budgets, institutional planning, space allocation and faculty development. During his time as provost, the university adopted a new financial model through the W&M Promise, launched the For the Bold campaign with a focus on scholarships and teaching excellence, developed and implemented the new COLL curriculum for undergraduates, invested in a new initiative to diversify faculty hiring, expanded use of digital technologies in the classroom, added online graduate programs and much more. — UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS
Mindy Gee J.D. ’19, who hails from Los Angeles and is a 2012 graduate of Yale University, was just such a student. She was the first to be awarded the Virginia Mister Scholarship throughout her three years at the law school. Like Virginia Mister, she enjoys an international perspective, having worked at the Department of Justice in the Office of International Affairs before she came to Williamsburg to study law.

At the law school, she is the president of the Human Security Law Center (HSLC) Student Board and a notes editor on the William & Mary Law Review. She is also a teaching assistant in the LL.M. Legal Practice & Writing Program.

During summer 2017, Gee was a legal intern in the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Central District of California, Criminal Division, in Los Angeles, as well as a research assistant for Jay Butler, an assistant professor of law at William & Mary. Last summer, she was a summer associate at Ashby & Geddes in Wilmington, Delaware.

Looking back, Gee has always liked being busy, and she knew she would have plenty of interesting challenges while studying at the law school.

“Aside from the financial benefits of choosing William & Mary, I was excited to get involved with extracurricular opportunities, particularly organizations like the Human Security Law Center,” Gee says. “As part of HSLC, I helped organize lunch talks with distinguished international law scholars, and helped organize the annual symposium; this academic year the focus was on gender equality in elections.”

Upon graduation in May 2019, Gee will return to Ashby & Geddes as an associate in the corporate litigation group.

“Law school was a step I had to take to advance my career, and the Virginia Mister Scholarship was an important factor in my decision to attend William & Mary,” Gee says. “I am grateful for the generosity of our alumnae, which has allowed me to pursue my legal education without much of the financial pressures faced by many of my peers.”

If you are interested in making a gift to support the Virginia Mister Scholarship, please contact the law school’s office of development and alumni affairs at (757) 221-3795.
William & Mary’s Raymond A. Mason School of Business continues to move up in the world. In November, Bloomberg’s BusinessWeek ranked the school’s full-time MBA program No. 30 among all programs in the U.S. This ranking represents a significant improvement over the last couple of years. In 2016, the program ranked No. 51 and in 2017, it ranked No. 42.

“A significant portion of the BusinessWeek ranking is based on learning and teaching. We were No. 1 among all schools in this category,” says Larry Pulley ’74, P ’13, P ’15, dean of the business school. “Our alumni and students are well acquainted with our world-class faculty and outstanding curriculum, so it was no surprise to see our strength in terms of ‘learning,’ which focuses on the quality, depth and range of our instruction.”

BusinessWeek based their rankings on compensation and job placement data, as well as surveys given to more than 26,000 alumni, students and recruiters. Schools were then given scores based on compensation, learning, networking and entrepreneurship.

William & Mary also ranked 9th overall in the networking category, based on its robust network of successful alumni. Those surveyed also praised the climate, expressing that the program offered an extremely positive experience for women, international students, ethnic and religious minorities, and students with disabilities.

One student enthused, “The diversity of thought and experience in the Mason School was the cornerstone of my fantastic experience,” while another said that they were impressed by the community created by the professors and students.

Indeed, the full-time MBA program attracts a unique array of students, including veterans, international students and seasoned professionals, each of whom add to the classroom experience, to great effect. Graduates from the Mason School go on to careers with the likes of Amazon, Microsoft and Procter & Gamble.

“The advancement and improvement that we are experiencing in our ranking is the result of hard work and commitment,” says Pulley. “We promise our students a transformational experience and we are delivering on that promise.”

For more information on the Bloomberg BusinessWeek Best B-Schools list, go to bloomberg.com/business-schools/2018.

### GROUND BROKEN

On Oct. 17, President Katherine A. Rowe and Athletics Director Samantha K. Huge broke ground on the new multi-use Tribe Field Hockey Center with lead donors Cathy Bessant P ’18 and John Clay P ’18, Kelly Donahue P ’18, P ’21 and Chris Donahue P ’18, P ’21, Maryellen Farmer Feeley ’85 and Ed Feeley M.B.A. ’85, Tracy Leinbach ’81, and Millie West HON ’91, L.H.D ’17. The construction of the Tribe Field Hockey Center is being supported through a fundraising initiative called the Century Project, which is advancing efforts to enhance the athletics experience and the caliber of the university’s facilities for women athletes.

— Ashley K. Speed
LONDON TO WILLIAMS-BURG

Mike London was recently named the new head coach of the William & Mary football team.

London, a national championship-winning coach, returns to Williamsburg after serving as Howard University’s head coach since 2017. A former William & Mary assistant coach, London replaced longtime Head Coach Jimmie Laycock ’70, who retired in November after 39 years at the university.

In 2008 London won a national title as head coach at the University of Richmond and earned Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year honors at the University of Virginia in 2011.

—ASHLEY K. SPEED

ONCE AGAIN, WILLIAM & MARY STANDS proudly as the No. 1 nationally ranked public university for undergraduate alumni participation. The signs are all pointing in the direction that our For the Bold campaign has spurred the William & Mary community to give at record levels.

Among both public and private institutions, William & Mary has moved up from 35th in 2011 to 17th overall — surpassing Yale University for the first time ever. In 2011 — the beginning of the campaign — the university had a 23.6 percent alumni participation ranking. Today it is 28.7 percent. By comparison, among all schools that reported alumni giving data to U.S. News & World Report, the average was 11.6 percent.

This positions William & Mary as a leading university in philanthropic giving and engagement growth.

Why does this matter? It matters because the alumni participation ranking is often factored into overall school rankings and also impacts the value of a William & Mary degree. When you stand around the water cooler and talk to colleagues and friends about alma mater, it is a moment of great Tribe Pride to say that William & Mary is the top public university in the nation.

Even as participation rates drop across the U.S., a whopping 74 percent of William & Mary’s undergraduate alumni renew their investment year after year. All told, last fiscal year 18,940 undergraduate alumni gave back to their alma mater — a 36 percent jump in donors since the start of the campaign.

“It is delightful to witness so many generations of the Tribe giving annually and shaping the university’s future,” said Sue Hanna Gerdelman ’76, For the Bold campaign chair. “Great things happen when the William & Mary community works together.”

As we strive to reach our ultimate goal of 40 percent alumni participation, every gift counts, no matter the size. If you are considering making a gift, know that you will help William & Mary make history.
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- SOUTHERN CAL
- NOTRE DAME
- CHICAGO
- JOHNS HOPKINS
- PENN
- MIT
- HARVARD
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- RICE
- STANFORD
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Growth in Undergraduate Alumni Donors Giving Annually*

- 18,940 2018
- 13,884 2012

36% INCREASE IN UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI DONORS (FY12–FY18)

28.7% Undergraduate Alumni Participation

*REPRESENTS FISCAL YEAR AND NOT CALENDAR YEAR
The fall meeting of the William & Mary Alumni Association Board of Directors was held in Blow Hall Sept. 19-21, 2018, in Williamsburg. New members of the board had an orientation session on Sept. 19 followed by a meeting of the executive committee to discuss the agenda and key discussion and governance items.

The full board convened on Thursday and began with introductions of new members, approval of consent agenda items, a report by the executive director on ongoing activities and upcoming significant events, and an update by the WMAA president on the executive committee’s meeting.

Member Todd Norris ’86 presented an update on the Alumni House expansion and renovation project, citing the latest budget and value engineering efforts to date. The chair of the finance and investment committee presented the end-of-year financial report and first-quarter to date performance. Representatives from PBMares briefed the results of the financial audit, then representatives from Wells Fargo reviewed the Association’s investment portfolio performance. The afternoon concluded with presentations and discussion of possible parking initiatives, an update on the Association’s fundraising performance, committee breakout sessions and reports by each committee on their activities. The board then attended the annual Fall Awards Banquet.

On Friday, Sept. 21, the vice president for university advancement gave a For the Bold campaign update followed by the associate vice president for university marketing and advancement communications leading a discussion on planning for the W&M Weekend in San Francisco in September 2020. The director of alumnii initiatives provided a recap of the Women’s Weekend, then board president Sue Manix ’79 led the board in a discussion on strategic planning goals for the summer 2019 session. In the afternoon, the board received updates on constituent group activities by the chair of the Olde Guard Council and the vice chair for Students for University Advancement. They also had an introductory conversation with the new university president, Katherine A. Rowe.

Following a recap of tasks and assignments, and hearing no further business, the president adjourned the meeting. Other significant discussion and decisions were made on the following actions:

- Approved the according of Associate Alumni status to 36 retiring faculty and staff members.
- Reviewed initial results of the annual audit of financial activities and financial statements; full approval pending their completion.

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Feb. 7-8, 2019, in Williamsburg. The Annual General Membership Meeting of the Association will be held on campus Feb. 9, 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Sadler Center, Chesapeake Room, in conjunction with W&M Charter Day Weekend. The Alumni Medallion Ceremony will be held on Feb. 9 at 10 a.m. in the Commonwealth Auditorium.

To nominate a deserving individual to the Alumni Association Board of Directors, please visit 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.

**NOMINATIONS FOR ALUMNI SERVICE AWARDS**

The Douglas N. Morton ’62 Alumni Service Award and Young Alumni Service Award are given annually to individuals for their exceptional service to the Alumni Association and the university, often through involvement in alumni chapters, clubs and constituent organizations.

You may download a nomination form for this and any other alumni award at www.wmalumni.com/awards or contact the office of the executive director at (757) 221-7855. **The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2019.** The Board of Directors will select honorees at its meeting on June 20-21, 2019.
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D. BRUCE CHRISTIAN ’73 | LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA
“William & Mary matters. She comes with both a strong heritage and an exciting future. W&M continues to inculcate a culture of service in all of us. The Alumni Association represents the interests of over 100,000 alumni across the world. Our university leads public institutions in alumni philanthropic support and strives to meld it with active Tribe engagement on all levels. There is so much to celebrate and to honor and we are on a roll. Go Tribe!”

DR. GAIL BORGATTI CROALL ’77 | CINCINNATI, OHIO
“William & Mary was the biggest influence in not only my professional life but my personal life as well. I met my husband during the second week of school at the William & Mary Hall Friday night movies 45 years ago (‘The French Connection’ was playing). Wonderfully talented professors influenced my professional life by nurturing inquisitiveness and helping to develop my ability to think critically, and my volunteer time with Circle K helped pave the path for health care advocacy. As a member of the Alumni Association board, I hope to encourage 100 percent of our alumni to remember the positive impact of the university on their lives, to participate and support our alumni programs, and to connect with each other and with current students.”

BARBARA MARCHBANK ’84, P ’15 | DENVER, COLORADO
“I cherish my time at William & Mary, where I met my husband Rob and where my youngest of three graduated. I will happily serve W&M to the best of my ability and look forward to contributing to our excellent Alumni Association.”

ANNUAL REVIEW & ACCOLADES
This new awards and review process is a way to honor and award regional alumni chapter/affinity group boards that have demonstrated exemplary programming and a commitment to engaging fellow alumni with alma mater in the previous fiscal year. Learn more about the awards at http://wmalumni.com/engagementawards.

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The Alumni Association grants Honorary Alumni status to individuals with a distinguished record of service on behalf of the university. Many honorees have been active and supportive spouses of alumni leaders. To nominate an individual, submit a letter describing his or her visible and consistent involvement, advocacy, loyalty and affection for W&M. All letters must be signed.

The 2019 nominations may be submitted online at https://wmalumni.com/awards-and-recognition/honorary-alumni. Mail your letter to Honorary Alumni Award, c/o Executive Director, WMAA, P.O. Box 2100, Williamsburg, VA 23187-2100. The deadline for submitting nominations for 2019 awards is Jan. 15, 2019, but nominations are accepted year-round.
INeUHvRiURRd IvoRt 2019 CharteR Day ceremony will include two important moments in the university’s history: the official inauguration of William & Mary President Katherine A. Rowe and the re-investiture of Chancellor Robert M. Gates ’65, L.H.D. ’98.

The annual Charter Day event, which will be held on Feb. 8, 2019, in Kaplan Arena at 3:30 p.m., celebrates the university’s founding by British royal charter in 1693. The ceremony will mark the 326th “birthday” of William & Mary. President Rowe will serve as the keynote speaker.

“As a scholar, educator and an entrepreneur, I am naturally drawn to William & Mary’s royal charter for both its history and its vision,” Rowe said. “I’m honored to share my inauguration with the celebration of William & Mary’s foundational document. Leading this university’s next chapter is exciting and humbling. I’m also looking forward eagerly to honoring our exceptional chancellor, Robert Gates.”

William & Mary’s Board of Visitors voted unanimously last February to elect Rowe as president of the university. She assumed the role on July 1, becoming the first woman to helm W&M. Rowe brings a strong background in digital innovation, entrepreneurship, scholarship and leadership to the university.

Gates was invested as W&M’s 24th chancellor in 2012, becoming the first alumnus to serve as chancellor of the university in the modern era. The former U.S. defense secretary and CIA director will begin his second seven-year term on July 1, 2019.

“Both President Rowe and Chancellor Gates demonstrate an abiding commitment to William & Mary,” said Rector John E. Littel P ’22. “They share a rare ability in leading institutions with deep historical roots during rapidly changing and demanding times. They are wonderful to work with, great partners and will continue to make for a dynamic leadership duo.”

WHAT’S IN A NAME?

NEW NAME FOR ITPIR

The Institute for the Theory and Practice of International Relations, or ITPIR, has a new name: W&M Global Research Institute. Ten years after the founding of the institute, the 19-syllable name no longer accurately described its multidisciplinary focus. Faculty, staff, students, alumni and partners participated in interviews, branding exercises and surveys to find a more fitting moniker. “It’s not flashy. It’s simple. It encompasses the breadth of what we do. And it lets us tell our story,” says a blog post published by the institute. “We house global research projects beyond the ivory tower. Our work ranges from big data analysis that informs policymakers to service-oriented projects that leverage research to help communities where they need it most.”

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PROFILES BY CLAIRE DE LISLE | ILLUSTRATIONS BY BRUCE MORSER
Craig Broderick won't tell you about his many accomplishments — but he has countless reasons to be proud of what he has contributed to his industry, his community and his alma mater.

“Craig is an understated and modest person of high achievement, who takes his responsibilities seriously and never promotes his own interests,” says Alan Hilliker ’80. “The sophistication that he brings regarding investments, financial markets and risk management is unparalleled. And as Craig achieved career success, he generously gave back. His commitment to William & Mary is deep, quiet and longstanding.”

Broderick helped carefully grow the William & Mary Foundation’s endowment significantly for nearly a decade as chair of the Foundation’s investment committee, setting the university’s financial direction with keen insights and quiet leadership. He also contributed his time and talents to the board’s audit, trusteeship and executive committees and currently serves on the New York Regional Campaign Committee.

The expertise he brings to William & Mary was honed over more than 30 years at Goldman Sachs, from which he retired in January 2018 as the longest tenured chief risk officer in the industry. His guidance of Goldman Sachs through the Great Recession was partly why, in 2014, he was named to the management committee, the first time in the firm’s 145-year history the chief risk officer has been part of this elite group.

While at Goldman Sachs, he made it his personal mission to hire talented and qualified William & Mary students and alumni. He also hosted students at Goldman Sachs’ New York City headquarters on numerous occasions and in their Singapore offices in 2005 as part of the Global Immersion Program at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business. He has been a keynote speaker and panelist in the business school’s DoG St. to Wall St. program, and in fall 2016, business students in the Howard J. Busbee Finance Academy selected him to receive their Annual Alumni Award for his career accomplishments and guidance of William & Mary students.

Broderick also supports educational opportunities and teaching excellence at William & Mary through endowed scholarships and professorships. He has encouraged others to contribute to this cause, sponsoring two successful challenge grants that created $2 million in scholarships.

In his community, Broderick served as a role model for young men as an assistant scoutmaster for his two sons’ Boy Scout troop. He led the troop on two High Adventure Base trips as well as providing daily guidance and mentorship. He also participates in hands-on land stewardship and habitat restoration as a volunteer at his local Audubon Center in Connecticut and with the Greenwich Land Trust.

“Craig is a master class in quiet leadership, in professionalism and in volunteering,” says Peter Atwater ’81, P ’18, P ’20. “His actions speak volumes. He is a role model for students and alumni alike.”
Nancy Gofus never met a stranger. She loved connecting people to each other and William & Mary, sharing her love for alma mater with all. She was authentic, inquisitive and always found ways to make positive change for individuals and organizations. When she passed away in 2017, the William & Mary community lost a beloved member of the Tribe family.

“Her love of William & Mary and belief in its power to change lives was resonant and true,” says Shelley Goode P’15, who served with Gofus on the William & Mary Foundation board and worked with her at Volunteers of America. “She was a kind and inspiring servant leader who graced the William & Mary community with her humility, resolve and hope for the future — and those qualities shined lights for many.”

After graduating from William & Mary Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in government, Gofus’s vision, determination and unique insights into the market enabled her to rise quickly in the senior executive ranks of the telecommunications industry.

“Through good times and bad, Nancy was always steady and encouraging of others,” says Dan Akerson P’00, a member of the senior leadership teams of MCI and XO Communications with Gofus. “She had a knack for seeing the potential in an individual and challenging them to do their very best. She set a great example.”

Upon her retirement in 2013, Gofus became chair of Volunteers of America’s national board of directors, launching its first ever brand campaign and leading the organization through a time of transition. She then served as chair of the William & Mary Foundation, and under her dynamic and thoughtful leadership the Foundation was recognized with the Nason Award for Board Leadership from the Association of Governing Boards. As a charter member of the Society of 1918, she enthusiastically supported giving by and for women at William & Mary.

Gofus was a first-generation college student, as is her husband Joe Gofus HON ’18. Their passion for providing opportunities for deserving students to succeed led the Gofuses to endow William & Mary’s Spirit Scholarship and the First Generation Scholarship. Nancy particularly loved interacting with and mentoring students. After speaking to government students on life after William & Mary, she established the Baxter Ward Visiting Scholars Endowment to bring in former government majors to speak with students. For the 100th commemoration of coeducation at the university, she championed the Oral History Project to record the stories of generations of William & Mary women.

Her passion for alma mater inspired others each step of the way.

“Nancy’s enthusiasm resulted in so many alumni joining with her in their support and leadership of alma mater,” wrote Mary Uhrig Phillips ’85 and Kevin Phillips ’84. “We are proud to be part of her legacy.”
Dr. Cynthia Casson Morton is on the forefront of medical science. Her life's work on the genetic causes of cancer, uterine fibroids, developmental disorders and deafness is changing the way the medical community views these conditions. Her service to humankind through her research and teaching is undeniable — and through it all, Morton has actively served her community and her alma mater with dedication and care.

Morton is the principal investigator and director of the Morton Laboratory, part of the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, where she is the director of cytogenetics and Kenneth J. Ryan, M.D. Distinguished Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and the Harvard Medical School, where she is the William Lambert Richardson Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology and professor of pathology. She is also chair in Auditory Genetics at the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom. Her lab is an innovative and vibrant environment for researchers, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to become leaders in their fields.

She's published more than 300 peer-reviewed papers, many in top-tier journals, and received international accolades. She was elected the 2014 president of the American Society of Human Genetics, was chair of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine and has served on many other boards including the American Board of Medical Genetics.

“Not only is Cynthia known for her pioneering work and extraordinary career in science and advancing human health and medicine, she is also a person of great integrity and dedication. She has taken the time to give back to the community and William & Mary continuously throughout her life,” says Nancy Robertson ’83, who is a research scientist in Morton's lab. “She’s an extraordinary leader, mentor and friend.”

At William & Mary, Morton shares her expertise with the Graduate Studies Advisory Board, which she served as president from 2011 to 2013. The board plays a vital role in advancing the university's graduate programs in Arts & Sciences. She also has remained involved with Kappa Kappa Gamma, which has remained dear to her since her college days, hosting a Harvard chapter initiation in her home and receiving their 2010 Alumnae Achievement Award.

Despite her demanding professional career that involves intense research, teaching, speaking and publishing, Morton has always made time to guide William & Mary students who reach out to her for career advice, especially young women. She mentors and teaches W&M students in her labs, sharing research authorship with them, and makes a point to stay in touch as they continue their careers. In 2016, she opened her home to William & Mary donors and friends for a For the Bold campaign event. Through Morton, many W&M alumni in the Boston area have remained connected with their alma mater.

“What Cynthia has accomplished since graduating from William & Mary is awe-inspiring,” says Mary Sue Babb ’77. “With all of her professional accomplishments, what stands out even more is how grounded and down-to-earth, how connected to her friends, how compassionate Cynthia is every day.”
CHRISTOPHER B. POWERS ’73, P ’15

posthumous

Chris Powers was always asking about what more he could do, even after 50 years of devoted service to William & Mary and his community. That’s just the kind of man Powers was, always thinking of others, willing to lead the way and putting in the work to get things done. Though he passed away suddenly two years ago, he is remembered for his caring and energetic help to all.

“In terms of sincerity and devotion through contributions of time, counsel and advocacy, Chris would stop at nothing, big or small, in service to our community,” says Pamela S.B. Wise ’97, who served on William & Mary’s Annual Giving Board with Powers.

Powers was a devoted member of the William & Mary community from the moment he set foot on campus as a student in 1969. A loyal fan of W&M Athletics since his days on the basketball team, he attended as many Tribe games as he could around the country, making personal connections with everyone he met and recruiting volunteers. He served on the Alumni Association Board, Annual Giving Board, the D.C. Regional Campaign Committee and the Chicago Alumni Chapter Board, and he especially enjoyed his work gathering his classmates together as part of the Reunion Gift Committee and as a class ambassador.

“From fundraising for the class gift to just keeping in contact with a wide swath of our class, Chris was always the glue that held us together,” says Jeff Trammel ’73, former rector of William & Mary, who received the Alumni Medallion in 2017.

Powers spent most of his career as a principal at the accounting and consulting firm Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd., where he was an instrumental part of building the firm’s non-profit practice, advising educational, religious and service organizations and more. He represented Miller Cooper with distinction on several committees for the Illinois CPA Society, as a member of several boards and as a presenter at professional continuing education seminars.

After retirement, he became a volunteer jail chaplain at the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center of Cook County and volunteered for the Chicago-based Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation. In both roles, he guided young men during and after incarceration.

“Chris advocated strongly for the young people and built programs that would enhance their ability to make good choices. He supported youth who were homeless after incarceration and was an overall friend to young men who found themselves very much alone,” says Executive Director Fr. David Kelly.

Building close, personal one-on-one connections was his passion.

“His leadership was exceptional in that it inspired everyone around him to live a better life, and to devote themselves to the causes that were important to them,” says Wise. “He never just showed up; he perpetually improved the lives of others.”
There is an image that is woven into Kiya Winston Tomlin’s ’96 mind like a well-made garment. It’s crisp and unforgettable. The image helped shape an 8-year-old girl’s view of fashion, and how it can leave an impression years after the person wearing it has left the room.

he was wearing a voluminous, head-to-toe white silk chiffon outfit that was billowing in the breeze, along with an enormous halo of hair,” Kiya says. “When she saw us, she came down to the grass level and sat directly on the grass with us — in all that white silk chiffon. I immediately recognized that it was Diana Ross.”

It was the summer of 1982 in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, and Kiya was away from home at a gymnastics camp. She had befriended one of Ross’s daughters at the summer program and Ross had come for a visit that day, says Kiya, who didn’t know before the meeting that her new friend’s mother was Diana Ross.

“The entire scene still replays like a slow motion dream to me … the vision of elegance, drape of the fabric and the ease of her sitting with us defines my brand concept to this day,” Kiya says.

Kiya wants women to feel comfortable, confident and beautiful when they wear her designs, the same way she viewed Ross that summer day as a little girl.

Launched in 2014, the Kiya Tomlin fashion brand offers practical, versatile and stylish clothing. The durable, yet soft fabric of the garments drapes the body just enough to give the wearer an attractive silhouette without restricting her from carrying out life’s everyday tasks of working, going out to dinner with friends, taking the children to soccer practice or picking up a gallon of milk at the grocery store.

Kiya, the wife of Pittsburgh Steelers Head Coach Mike Tomlin ’95, L.H.D. ’08, and the mother of three, lives a similar life and wanted to make clothing for women to navigate their day with ease, comfort and class.

In August of 2018, Kiya expanded her business by selling and manufacturing the brand’s clothing under one roof, opening the Kiya Tomlin Work/Shop in Etna, eight miles north of downtown Pittsburgh. The expansion gives customers a rare glimpse into how clothing transforms from rolls of fabric in a factory to an outfit for work or play.

“In my heart I felt if I could design, manufacture and sell in one place, that would be a dream,” Kiya says. “That seemed like success.”

**A Sewing Machine From Santa** Kiya, who grew up in northern New Jersey, began designing and making clothing at 10 years old for a practical reason; she struggled to find clothes for her petite frame.
“There is a very small fashion demographic in Pittsburgh. People are just more practical. It’s not that they don’t like fashion, people are just more focused on being practical and I think that’s what my designs accomplish.”

“I wanted to wear clothing that I would see fashionable people wear, but that type of clothing wasn’t available in children’s sizes, so I asked Santa for a sewing machine for Christmas,” Kiya says.

The new sewing machine quickly became a regular fixture on the family’s kitchen table, says Susan Winston, Kiya’s mother. Winston dusted off her eighth-grade home economics skills, read the sewing machine’s manual and the two learned how to operate it together. First they made a stuffed duck in order to learn the basics. Then Kiya made her first garment: a chambray jumpsuit with tapered legs.

By the time Kiya reached middle school she was making her entire wardrobe, shifting back-to-school shopping from the mall to the neighborhood fabric store. Despite her natural skill and interest in making clothing, Kiya didn’t envision herself pursuing a career as a fashion designer. She wanted to study medicine.

“I always wanted to be a surgeon,” Kiya says. “Fashion was just a hobby. I just considered it a fun and a creative outlet.”

Her mother tried to steer her toward fashion after high school, but Kiya wanted to be a doctor.

“She was an excellent student, but I didn’t see the same passion for medicine in her as I did for fashion,” Winston says. “I didn’t want to discourage her, but I didn’t see it. I saw fashion designer.”

**A Tribe Called William & Mary**

Kiya and her two siblings knew that to attend college outside of New Jersey they needed scholarships. Her first trip to William & Mary was during a college tour the November of her senior year in high school.

“I knew I didn’t want to stay in New Jersey, so I worked really hard to get a scholarship,” Kiya says. “I had never heard of William & Mary, but I knew I wanted to do gymnastics. I was offered an athletics and academic scholarship. Those scholarships made it possible for me to attend William & Mary as an out-of-state student.”

Kiya, a psychology major, balanced books with gymnastics, where she held the record in the uneven bars category for several years. Kiya used her spare time to make custom clothing for fellow students, including her roommate of four years, Romanda Williams ’96. The two met their freshman year when they stayed in DuPont Hall 3C.

“Kiya showed me a picture of her prom dress and I said can you make me that same dress in black?” Williams says. “I also asked her to make me a dress for the winter formal. I had many requests. It was so impressive to me that she could just whip up a dress.”

The two have remained friends and try to visit one another at least once a year. Williams still wears Kiya’s designs.

“I think her career definitely suits her,” Williams says. “I was there for the opening of her store and got a few pieces. The fabrics are nice and the fit of the clothing is nice. I have seen her evolve as a designer through the years.”

**I Made Your Clothes**

The Kiya Tomlin Work/Shop is a modern storefront in a quite rustic strip of downtown Etna. The mom-and-pop shops that are open nearby have preserved the small-town charm of this borough. Kiya wanted to move into an area with little commercial influence with hopes of spurring economic growth.

Prior to opening the Work/Shop, Kiya had a storefront in the East Liberty section of Pittsburgh and a separate manufacturing location. She says having both retail and manufacturing in one place has improved efficiency.

“When we had two locations, I couldn’t be at two places at once,” Kiya says. “When I needed to be at the factory, I would have to close the store. There were times customers would come by and say your store wasn’t open. By combining the two, if no one is shopping, I’m on my sewing machine or on my computer doing other things.”

The Work/Shop is an open contemporary space with exposed brick and drop light fixtures. There are also subtle art elements in the design of the Work/Shop that make
it aesthetically unique. Professional photographs of models wearing Kiya’s designs hang on the wall by the same hangers that display her clothing in real life.

The manufacturing area is adjacent to the retail space and gives shoppers a front-row seat to how designs are created. The words “I made your clothes” are written on a back wall. It is a space comprised of rolls of fabric, sewing machines, a wall of thread and design patterns.

Everything is done from scratch in the Work/Shop. Kiya and her staff draft designs by hand before cutting them out of cardboard to make a template. They spend hours sewing the fabric into wearable clothing to ship to boutiques across the country, fill online orders or build up inventory.

“I wanted to open the store up to manufacturing so people can see what we do,” Kiya says. “I think we lose sight of all that goes into manufacturing by buying our shirts at fast fashion retailers for $2. We don’t see the amount of work that goes into it.”

Marriage, Medicine and Memphis  Kiya and Mike met in the training room at William & Mary while they were both injured. Kiya had a gymnastics injury and Mike was hurt from football. They were engaged the Christmas of her senior year and married two weeks after graduation.

The couple relocated to Memphis in the spring of 1996 because Mike was working as a graduate assistant at the University of Memphis. While in their new city, Kiya had been preparing to take the MCAT, but changed her mind the day of the exam.

“I don’t think I was nervous or anxious that morning,” Kiya says. “I think I had come to the realization that Mike wanted to coach. When we got married I didn’t know Mike wanted to pursue coaching as a career. I thought he would get his master’s degree, get a regular job and I would go to medical school and be a doctor and everything would be happily ever after.”

The long hours, travel and unpredictability that came with college coaching made Kiya second-guess pursuing a career as a doctor.
RETAIL MEETS DESIGN: The Kiya Tomlin Work/Shop was designed as an open floor-plan because Tomlin wanted customers to experience a retail space while also witnessing the manufacturing process under one roof.
“He was already on his career path and I was just starting on the medical path,” says Kiya. “I thought, when the test rolls around next time if that’s really what I want to do, I’ll take it. I never thought about it again.”

On The Road The first few years of the couple’s marriage were spent moving to various cities as Mike pursued coaching positions in Tennessee, Arkansas and Ohio. Kiya continued to custom design and had customers in each city through word-of-mouth. Once settled in Cincinnati, Kiya enrolled in the University of Cincinnati’s fashion design program. Though she had designed for several years at that point, she wanted to learn new skills.

“I didn’t know the technical ways of doing things,” Kiya says. “I would have an idea and search for patterns that had similar concepts and I would mish-mash them together. For example, I would take the sleeves from one pattern, the neckline from another pattern and then cobble it all together. I wanted to learn how to do things from scratch.”

Kiya learned the foundations of design, which included pattern drafting and draping, two techniques designers use to create clothing without using commercial patterns. After two years in Cincinnati the couple relocated to Florida when Mike was offered a coaching position with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The move to Tampa meant that school was over for Kiya and she needed to decide her next move. She launched a custom design business, specifically catered to creating wedding gowns.

“I always thought if you can make a wedding gown, you were on top because they are elaborate and require so much fabric,” she says. “If you can make a bride happy, you can do anything.”

During the five years in Tampa the couple had two sons, with Kiya continuing to design around taking care of the children.

“My kids always came first, the sewing and design business always fit in where it could,” Kiya says. “That was the one thing that I really liked about it. I could fit what I love to do around my own schedule. I put the kids to bed at 9 p.m. and worked through the night.”

Though she continued making wedding dresses, she wasn’t using the formal fashion designing training she had received in Cincinnati.

“Most brides know what they want,” Kiya says. “They really don’t want you to tell them what they want. I still didn’t feel like a designer, I felt like a dressmaker.”

In 2007 the family relocated to Pittsburgh when Mike became the head coach of the Steelers. By this time the family had grown to five with the birth of their daughter.

In a place like Pittsburgh where Steelers football and history define its identity, fashion is not a main attribute of the city’s DNA. There are hints of it here and there, but they are subtle at best.

“There is a very small fashion demographic here,” Kiya says. “People are just more practical. It’s not that they don’t like fashion, people are just more focused on being practical and comfortable and I think that’s what my designs accomplish.”

Kiya designed the Game Day Collection with the Pittsburgh demographic in mind. The collection features Steelers football team patches sewn onto select garments.

A Signature Design The first design idea for the Kiya Tomlin fashion brand came years before she officially launched her business. It stemmed from the absence of Mike’s clothing in the couple’s laundry bin early in their marriage. Kiya was preparing to wash clothes and noticed the only garments in the basket were her own.

“I was wondering where are all his clothes?” Kiya says.

Kiya observed Mike’s routine, which included leaving their home before sunrise and returning around midnight. Every day he would wear sweats —
the same sweats. Still puzzled, she decided to ask him about his dirty clothes and was surprised by his answer.

“He and the team would work out three times a day and they would have all the laundry and shower facilities there,” Kiya says. “So when he came home, he would have just had a shower and put clean clothes on. He gets back up at 5 a.m. and puts on the same clothes and goes to work. There was no thought to it — he would just get up and go. He gets to wear sweats every day and he wears the same sweats every day. I was like, there is something to that.”

Mike’s routine sparked an idea. “I decided to just make myself a uniform,” Kiya says. “Something that I could put on every day that I didn’t have to think about. It needed to be practical. Something I can run around with my kids in or dress up for a client. Or if Mike and I wanted to go out at night, I could just throw on some heels or some jewelry — all in the same outfit. I came up with the Signature Dress.”

The Signature Dress wasn’t intended to be the start of the Kiya Tomlin clothing brand, but it was. Made of bamboo, cotton and spandex sweatshirt fleece, the Signature Dress is sleeveless and has a classic cowl neckline, deep front pockets and a reverse high-low hemline.

To Kiya, it was a comfortable dress to wear in her busy life. Unbeknownst to her, she would become a model for her own brand.

“I would wear that dress all the time, with tennis shoes, heels, over leggings or jeans,” Kiya says. “People would stop me everywhere I went to ask about that dress. I thought, maybe I will make a couple of these as a side hustle to the custom wear.”

Though her custom business continued to grow as she raised her children full time, Kiya decided to wait until her daughter entered kindergarten before fully launching the brand.

“A lot of women who stay at home to raise their kids do an amazing job,” Kiya says. “But some of those women really struggle with what they are going to do after the kids leave. I didn’t want that to be me, I didn’t want to feel like my purpose was gone.”

The Brand

Kiya’s designs are loose fitting and soft to the touch but durable. Her designs are simplistic without sacrificing style. The clothing is comparable to the comfort of a sweatshirt, but does not feel like a traditional one. The bamboo fabric softens the garment, allowing it to retain the same level of comfort after repeated machine washes, Kiya says.

While the brand’s target customers are women between 30 and 60, customers who fall outside that range often buy her clothing.

“Within one day I had a college freshman and an 80-year-old woman on a walker who each bought something,” Kiya says.

The most popular garment is the French Terry Peep Shoulder Tee, which has an elbow-length sleeve and exposed right shoulder. It retails for $138. The average garment sells for around $150. The Beautiful T-shirt is also very popular and sells for much lower, at $48.

Several celebrities have found comfort in Kiya’s designs, including Robin Roberts, Kaley Cuoco and Gayle King. The Kiya Tomlin fashion brand has been featured in O, The Oprah Magazine, in Essence and People magazines, on the “Today” show and “Entertainment Tonight.”

But the accolades do not influence the next design for Kiya. The customers do. Just as she sought out a sewing machine to create custom clothing to fit her better at the age of 10, she strives to deliver a personalized fit to women who buy the Kiya Tomlin brand.

“When I see different body types in my pieces, the custom designer in me always wants to make it work,” she says. “If you have an hourglass figure, the Signature Dress is for you. If you have a pear shape, the Signature Dress is for you. If you have an apple shape — the Signature Dress is not for you. What can I make for the apple? That is really the inspiration for all my designs. I’m constantly trying to fit women’s bodies better.”

To see Kiya’s designs, visit www.kiyatomlin.us.
A RELAXED FIT:
Kiya Tomlin's designs accommodate the everyday woman who wants her clothing to provide both style and comfort.
Six years into his tenure as William & Mary’s head football coach — and six wins into a historic 1986 season — Jimmye Laycock ’70 led the Tribe against the University of Virginia.

BY BEN KENNEDY ’05
fter a five-touchdown performance by W&M quarterback Ken Lambiotté ’87, M.S. ’92, George Welsh’s Cavaliers fought and then folded. But the victory celebration would be short-lived. During the postgame celebrations, 29-year-old Tribe assistant equipment manager Pat Gantt hit the ground and, in that instant, became paralyzed from the waist down.

Gantt remained a fixture on the Tribe sidelines for many years after that, but when the Tribe returned to Charlottesville in 2009, Laycock had one thing on his mind: win this one for Pat.

After B.W. Webb ’12, who now takes the field for the New York Giants, carried his third interception of the day into the end zone, the outcome was certain. The neckties and sundresses filed out of Scott Stadium and the thunder of William & Mary’s chorus began to play. Coach Laycock handed the game ball to Pat Gantt, 24 years later.

Before passing away in 2013, Gantt lived to see his name emblazoned on the Tribe coaches’ locker room. Laycock’s championing of Gantt — and uncounted scores of others — represents intertwined aspects of what it means to be a legendary football coach, and Laycock hopes that will be his legacy after 39 seasons. Not just his 249 wins, but his ability and responsibility to change lives for the better.

But his 249 wins don’t hurt.

THE BIG PICTURE “I have three emails I printed out,” Laycock says. “One from Marv Levy, one from Lou Holtz, and one from my high school coach.” Since announcing his retirement in August, Laycock has received handwritten letters from an array of former players, fellow coaches and faculty members.

For the uninitiated, both former William & Mary head coaches happen to be Hall of Fame members, Levy in the Pro Football Hall of Fame and Holtz in the College Football Hall of Fame.

“It’s kind of overwhelming, when you look at it and think about it,” he says. “All I think I’ve done is try to do a job the best I could, but some of the guys have told me I don’t really understand the whole big picture of it, and I probably don’t.”

The trick has always been to take things one game at a time: this week is Villanova, next week is Richmond; let’s not get ahead of ourselves. But now there isn’t a next game to coach. After the 27-20 Homecoming thriller against Maine, retirement started looming larger and larger.

But it’s not like his legacy wasn’t already all around him. His office commands a spectacular view of Zable Stadium at Cary Field, renamed and expanded under his watch, from the adjacent football center that bears his name. For the season and career finale against archrival Richmond, hundreds of former players made the trip back to Williamsburg to pay tribute to Coach. But they were far from the only ones.

At James Madison on Sept. 22, Laycock was presented with a framed sideline photo of the Nov. 13, 2004, game — which the Dukes lost. On the 50-yard-line of Virginia Tech’s Lane Stadium, he got a piece of Hokie stone from his old friend and former colleague Frank Beamer, who shared Laycock’s experience of coaching an alma mater for years.

“I wasn’t asking for any of that stuff, by any stretch,” Laycock says. “It was nice to be recognized by a school like Virginia Tech. Frank and I went back a long time together, and they didn’t have to do that. Nobody had to do anything.”

To a fan, though, it might seem like the universe is finally getting some good-natured payback: upending expectations for a man who has made a career of doing the exact same thing.

THE FIRST CHANCE YOU GET After four years of playing for the Tribe, Laycock
did what a lot of young coaches do: move from job to job and learn as much as possible. He coached the offensive backfield at The Citadel alongside Beamer, reporting to future Chargers and Lions coach Bobby Ross. After spending two seasons looking after quarterbacks at Memphis State, he became the offensive coordinator at Clemson University in 1977. This put him in charge of Dwight Clark, who went on to make The Catch for the San Francisco 49ers, thanks to a ball thrown by some guy named Joe Montana.

If it’s starting to seem like Laycock is the Kevin Bacon of college and professional football, you don’t yet know the half of it.

In 1980, he got the call that so many coaches dream of: come back to campus. Laycock couldn’t say no to the chance to coach his alma mater. But he also got a second call, from future Auburn head coach Pat Dye.

“Go there like you’ll be there forever,” Dye said, according to The Washington Post, “but get out of there the first chance you get.”

William & Mary was small-time, people said. A steppingstone. In 1978, the NCAA cleaved Division I into two, leaving the Tribe in the smaller half known as I-AA. Budgets were getting smaller. There were rumors that William & Mary might cut football altogether. Laycock today isn’t sure he understood how serious those rumors truly were, but who could blame him? He was the youngest head coach in all Division I at just 31 years old.

It soon became clear William & Mary had hired a coach with a wide-ranging offensive mind, a knack for big plays and a real talent for developing quarterbacks. Among early standouts, Mark Kelso ’85 was an intimidating defensive back who went on to play seven seasons with Marv Levy’s Buffalo Bills.

“When I first came here, there were two things I wanted to do: first, get rid of excuses,” Laycock says. “And I wanted to have a football program that was worthy of William & Mary. We’re one of the most prestigious universities in the world and I wanted a football program that got close to that standard.”

That meant doing what many in football considered close to impossible: matching high standards in the classroom to high performance on the field.

By 1986, Laycock’s Tribe was humming behind Lambiotte and tailback Michael “Pinball” Clemons ’89, L.H.D. ’17. They beat UVA, shut out Harvard, and memorably defeated Delaware’s young quarterback Rich Gannon, the 2002 NFL MVP. And throughout the season, William & Mary had an unexpected boost by a Canadian soccer-player-turned-kicker named Steve Christie ’90.

“Coming from Canada, he took a big chance on me,” Christie says of Laycock. “He pushed me because he saw potential in me, but he didn’t make it easy.”

Christie, like several former players, appreciates Laycock’s approach more now than he may have during his playing days. And Laycock had plenty of reason to appreciate Christie: his Canadian kicker held the Tribe field goal record for 20 years.

Coach met William & Mary’s high standards with unusual recruiting methodology — like a robust walk-on program — and it was paying off.

“It was always something,” Laycock says. “We went for so long with just terrible facilities, and we had the strongest admission standards of anybody in our league. There were a whole lot more reasons why we shouldn’t win as opposed to why we should win, if you look at it objectively. I would never give into that, and I would never have the players or coaches give into that.”

The 1986 campaign was good enough to put Laycock on the short list at Duke University. But the job went to someone else, and Laycock spent the late ’80s fending off rumors that he’d be off to coach at a bigger school. None of it kept the program from traveling. In 1988, the Tribe ventured to the first-ever Epson Ivy Bowl in Japan, where they beat a team of Japanese all-star players.

The Tribe made the playoffs again in 1989 and 1990. After 11 seasons in the top job, Laycock had already become the longest-tenured coach in William & Mary history.

With continued success, the offers started to get even more serious. Later, famously, he accepted the head coaching job at Boston College on Nov. 19, 1990 — and then turned it down the very next morning.

“I didn’t come here with any long-range plans of staying here forever,” Laycock says. “Some bigger things did come along, but I don’t know. It was never right for me to leave here.”

So, he stayed.
125 YEARS OF TRIBE FOOTBALL:
Adapted from research by Pete Kalison ’57 and W&M Athletics

For a more complete history, see magazine.wm.edu/football125

1893: Charles L. Hepburn 1897 becomes W&M’s first-ever QB and head coach. The first game is a 16-4 loss to the Norfolk YMCA.

1898: The Indians, wearing orange and white, notch their first win, a 5-0 barnburner against Randolph-Macon.

1907: Football moves to Cary Field, a 500-seat baseball facility on the current site of Blow Memorial Hall.

1926: The 7-3 “Fighting Virginians” win the Southern Intercollegiate Championship behind the pioneering QB Art Matsu ’27.

1927: Cary Field was moved to the site of the present-day Bryan Complex. W&M hosts Catholic University before 6,000 fans in their first-ever night college football game.

1931: HB Billy Palese ’34 scores six touchdowns on (allegedly) seven carries on the way to a 95-0 victory over Bridgewater.


1935: Cary Field opens in the current stadium’s location.

1939: Carl Voyles becomes head coach and recruits W&M legends like College Football Hall of Famer Buster Ramsey ’43 and Phi Beta Kappa Marvin Bass ’45.

1942: W&M wins the Southern Conference Championship, beating Oklahoma, Navy, Virginia Tech, Dartmouth and Richmond. Voyles departs when the College does not field a team the following year, due to World War II.

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JIMMYE BEAT WORLD “I took more responsibility about the job we did here, because of the way we ought to do things for William & Mary,” Laycock says. “I take a lot of pride in having graduated from here — that probably played into a lot of coaching decisions I made. We thought about what was right for the football program and also how the football program had to do things right for William & Mary: that was something we strive for all the time.”

In 2001, he led the team to an Atlantic 10 conference championship behind the offensive fireworks performed by quarterback Dave Corley ’03, current Penn State wide receivers coach, and receiver Rich Musinski ’04. By the summer of 2004, though, both of them had graduated. Fans wondered where the points would come from — but Laycock didn’t.

“I walked on in 2001, and was the holder for most of it,” says Lang Campbell ’05. “Backup punter, backup quarterback. I was kind of [Laycock’s] right-hand guy with signals. So, my first, second and third years, I was right next to him.”

Campbell was a lot like Laycock: they were both from the same region of northwestern Virginia and had both been football and basketball stars in high
1970: In his second year as head coach, Lou Holtz’s team wins the Southern Conference with a 12-yard touchdown pass from Steve Regan ‘72 to David Knight ‘73 to beat Richmond.


1980: Clemson offensive coordinator Jimmie Laycock ‘70 becomes head coach.

1984: W&M beats Delaware for the first time since 1923. The winning score is caught by walk-on Jeff Sanders ‘85 as time expires.


1986: W&M is ranked No. 3 in the nation after defeating Delaware. Two weeks later, the Tribe shocks Virginia at Scott Stadium.


1990: Laycock’s balanced offense scores 30 points or more in 11 games. DT Reggie White ’90 is a perennial All-American. In the first round of I-AA playoffs, UMass gets torched at the newly named Zable Stadium, 38-0.


1993: The Tribe returns to Japan for the Epson Ivy Bowl, which they win, 35:19.

1996: Thirteen players are named to the All-Atlantic 10 conference teams.


2005: Donors pay for permanent lights at Zable Stadium.

2008: The $11 million Jimmie Laycock Football Center opens.


2010: William & Mary wins the CAA title.

2015: The Tribe win their second CAA crown.

2016: Renovations are completed on Zable Stadium, adding the Smith-McGlothlin Grandstand and other improvements.

2018: After 39 seasons at the helm, Laycock retires, with hundreds of his former players gathered at the season finale to salute him. Former defensive line coach, Mike London is announced as the new head coach.

School. Campbell would “naively” greet the famously terse Laycock in the hallways with a “hey Coach!” until he wore him down. As a walk-on, Campbell represented another way that Coach would try to get the leg up on his competition.

Campbell took the quarterback job in 2003 and exploded in 2004. Thirty touchdowns and nearly 4,000 yards later he had become the best player in all of I-AA, receiving the Walter Payton Award. He credits Jimmie Laycock’s sideline experience and his ability to coach up a walk-on for the win.

“[Laycock] was telling me about a running back who was a good player, but who became great when he realized that everything’s not going to be perfect, but you have to push through,” says Campbell. “In football, it makes a lot of sense. How many days do you wake up and you’re not 100 percent, but you still have to go and do your job, or you still have to be a great parent?”

Following a heart-stopping double-overtime playoff game against Delaware, the 2004 Tribe was soon preparing for a gigantic rematch with JMU. ESPN2 came to town with temporary lights in tow. It was a singular moment in William & Mary history and helped set an entirely new era of Tribe football in motion.

“The first lights game, that was a remarkable thing,” Laycock remembers. “To go outside and see the students all lined up to try and get tickets, that was phenomenal.”

The temporary lights inspired donors to install permanent lights, which was the first step toward improving the long-suffering facilities. In 2008, a brand-new facility opened next to Zable, with state-of-the-art locker rooms, offices and meeting spaces: the Jimmie Laycock Football Center. Tomlin, Beamer and Levy were among those on-hand for the dedication.

“I still can’t bring myself to tell people where I work. I can’t tell them what it is,” Laycock says sheepishly. “But I wanted you to walk into the front door and get a glimpse of William & Mary football history and tradition.”

The following year, another all-time squad of Tribe greats took the field. Between running back Jonathan Grimes ’12 and defensive tackles Sean Lissemore ’10 and Adrian Tracy ’10, the 2009 Tribe was one of the most balanced teams in school history and a testament to the Laycock staff’s talent in recruiting. Quarterback R.J. Archer ’10 remembers the big win over UVA as “probably the most excited [he’s] ever seen Coach.”

“Coach was always very detail-oriented,” remembers Archer. “During games he would get on you if you needed it, but he would also give praise when you made a good play.”

Two CAA championships followed in 2010 and 2015 alongside a series of mostly defensive players ascending to the NFL after graduation — subverting the usual assumption that Laycock was mostly an offensive-minded coach. He shepherded no fewer than
20 of his players into NFL drafts or training camps, cementing his record of converting young, wide-eyed “knuckleheads” into promising men and football players. On that mark, he’s been consistent.

“From the type of players, to the facilities, to the coaches, to the game, those are the challenges you have,” Laycock says. “What things do you want to change and what don’t you want to change? What’s open for compromise and what’s not open for compromise? I’ve built the whole program over years and there are expectations of behavior that haven’t changed from the beginning to the end.”

DO WHAT’S RIGHT Local sportswriters who have been covering W&M football for years can’t help but comment on how consistent Laycock has remained.

“Jimmye’s legacy is one of sustained excellence and integrity, and for a college coach, it gets no better,” says David Teel of the Daily Press.

“I don’t want to shortchange anybody or the school,” Laycock says. His retirement announcement in August gave new William & Mary athletic director Samantha Huge plenty of time to conduct a thorough search for his recently announced successor, Mike London, Laycock’s former defensive line coach at William & Mary from 1990-93.

“I come to William & Mary with a deep appreciation for the university, football program and community,” London says. “I am honored and excited to build on the incredible tradition of excellence Jimmye Laycock established. He is a part of the foundation of my career and someone I have always respected.”

Newly 70, Laycock is in great health, perhaps a byproduct of his obsession with process on the football field. His players summarize his years of teaching in a few succinct ways, as befits the man of such few words.


“Attention to detail,” remembers Archer.

“Coach would make sure we did things precisely and correctly in practice and it carried over to the game.”

“Do what’s right.”

“That’s been one of our rules since day one,” Coach says. “Do what’s right. I’ve got a copy of our handbook from our first year and a handbook from this year,” he says. “It’s four times thicker now but the basic premise is there.”

When Laycock lets himself think about life beyond the season finale, he realizes that his Saturdays are about to become wide open. He has two grandchildren and four children (Michael, Mimi ’14, James and Melanie) scattered in four different states. With his wife Deidre, he’s about to trade zone reads and run gaps for sandcastles and par-threes.

“The beach in August,” Laycock says.

“Tailgating in September, playing golf in October. Those are three things I’ve never been able to do in my life.”

Tailgating, though, may require the legendary mentor to find a teacher of his own. “I don’t know,” he says with a laugh. “I have no idea. I’ve never done it.”

Special thanks to William & Mary Athletics and Pete Kalison ’57 for their help with this article.
In a special Homecoming & Reunion Weekend concert, Chip Esten ’87, P ’22, star of “Nashville,” and his band N’Est Pas played for a crowd of hundreds in the Sunken Garden. The band began at W&M around 1985 with Theta Delta Chi fraternity brothers. Bandmates include Clem Cheng ’86, P ’19, John “Rocker” Hendrickson ’88, Chris “Squareman” Neikirk ’88, Art “RT” Schmalz ’88 and Dennis Whelan ’87.
COMING HOME: Julie Shackford ’88, new head women’s soccer coach, sets up a shot on Richmond Road.
ALUMNI PROFILE  Julie Shackford ’88 radiates energy. When discussing the W&M women’s soccer team and her new role as head coach, she can’t sit still and she starts to talk with her hands. It’s an energy that the players on her team find infectious — the woman they affectionately refer to as “Shacks” has clearly transformed them with her can-do spirit.

“There’s Tribe Pride, and then there’s her,” says Stephanie Arens ’20, a junior center midfielder. “Shacks has completely changed our expectations about what we can accomplish and we can all feel the difference.”

Given her boundless enthusiasm for this team and its potential, it is hard to believe that just a few years ago, Shackford decided she was done with coaching forever. When she left Princeton in early 2015 after a 20-year stint, she thought she was done. Then, in 2017, the Tribe came calling.

“Samantha Huge contacted me and told me about this opportunity, and there was no way I could say no to this program that has given me so much,” recalls Shackford. “I have a husband, three kids and a whole life in Northern Virginia, but we all just knew that we had to make it happen.”

With this triumphant return, Shackford finds herself coming full circle in a life that has always somehow oriented to William & Mary. She doesn’t really remember the first time she came to campus — she was always coming to sporting events to cheer on family members playing for various Tribe teams. However, she can pinpoint the moment she fell in love.

“Al Albert’s ’69, M. Ed. ’71 soccer camp, in the 1970s, was it for me,” she says. “I was one of his first girl campers and it was the first time I had an experience here that was my own, and there was something about the aura of the place — the smell, the feeling — it’s a magic that stuck with me, even as a young kid.”

Having planted that seed, Shackford says that by the time she was ready to start thinking about college, there was only one choice. Despite being recruited by the likes of Harvard, she applied early-decision to William & Mary and never looked back. She played on the varsity women’s soccer team, which was still in its relative infancy, and graduated in 1988 with a degree in government. From there, she fell into coaching.

“I never thought I’d be a coach — I wanted to be a sports agent or an athletic director!” says Shackford, who still shakes her head in wonder at how life turned out. “I was offered a coaching job at Carnegie Mellon University that had an administrative component, and that’s why I took that job — not because I wanted to coach.”

Five years later, she had created a women’s soccer program for Carnegie Mellon from scratch, racking up a 42-21-3 record in the process. From there, it was on to Princeton, where she made eight NCAA tournament bids and became the winningest coach, male or female, in the school’s entire history.

After a two-year break, Shackford’s return to William & Mary finds her feeling recharged; a more relaxed and introspective version of herself. She has set a goal to promote the merits of William & Mary all over the country, and, over the next few years, make the women’s soccer team a Top 25 program. Her students are feeling empowered and think they’re already on their way to accomplishing that goal.

“She came in and we immediately had to up our game — she has completely proven that we have what it takes to be a Top 25 team,” says Lauren Kelly ’20, a center defender who transferred from the University of Florida to be part of the W&M soccer program. “More strength training, more endurance training — she is always changing it up, teaching us to expect the unexpected. It’s all about pushing our bodies to their limits, and it’s working.”
Shackford agrees that she has incredibly high expectations for her athletes, but acknowledges that her students have a lot on their plates and that they face challenges that she didn’t at their age. It’s important to her that she develops relationships with these women and gets to know them as people, not just as players.

“There are so many teachers who influenced me and never got to see how I turned out and I wish I could go back and thank them,” she says. “As a coach, I am teaching players teamwork and citizenship, and after watching them grow for four years, I get to be in their lives. It’s pretty powerful.”

After all, her connection with these players doesn’t end at graduation. Shackford speaks fondly of the alumni network that she has with her fellow women’s soccer alums, and her students already look forward to joining “a sisterhood like you can’t even imagine.”

“Shacks always says that she’s gonna be calling on us five, 10, 20 years after graduation,” says Arens. “We’re going to see each other forever — this is our Tribe for life.”

— SARA K. ESKRIDGE

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Over the course of four years, Alexandra Bracken ’09 woke up every morning at 6 a.m., went into the Barrett Hall study room, feasted on her daily breakfast of a bag of Cheez-Its and Coca-Cola, and worked on her novel. While other freshmen were staying up late studying and waking up just in time for their 10 a.m. class, at 18 years old, Bracken had committed to writing a book.

“My time at William & Mary really changed my life,” Bracken says. “When I started college, I had no idea that within two months I would start to write my first book.”

More than a decade since Bracken first started writing, she has published 11 novels, including The New York Times children’s series best-seller, “The Darkest Minds.” Bracken came back to William & Mary during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend this past October and held a lecture at the Earl Gregg Swem Library about her experience writing this top-selling book and her time at William & Mary, and gave advice to aspiring young authors.

“The Darkest Minds” follows the life of Ruby, who wakes up on her 10th birthday with powers that change the course of her life. This young adult novel rose to the top of the best-seller list, and it was quickly picked up by 20th Century Fox and was made into a movie in August 2018. While it seems like Bracken’s rise to fame was sudden, it was due to many years of hard work. When Bracken started writing her first book during her time at William & Mary, her young age never felt like a limitation for her high aspirations. Instead it was a motivation.

“A little hopeful delusion is good for the soul,” Bracken says. “I look back on my time at William & Mary and am grateful for everything.”
Mary and I’re like, wow, I had never written a single book and I was convinced that I could be published by the time I graduated! You kind of need it. It’s not a delusion, but belief in yourself that anything is possible with enough hard work.”

Once Bracken completed her first book, she thought she’d get an agent, submit the book to an editor, and get the book published in a flash. While Bracken was constantly rejected, she never gave up. Her biggest advice to any aspiring author: learn to love rejection.

“Your whole career, you will be rejected by agents, by authors and by readers who don’t like your work. It’s one long series of rejection, and you have to learn not to internalize it,” she says.

Despite setbacks, Bracken knew she was meant to be a writer. When she started writing “The Darkest Minds,” she knew the success of the book was dependent on one thing: her love of the story.

“You should write the book that you want to read but you can’t find anywhere else, because by the time your book gets published, you will have read that book about 45 times and you are so sick of it,” Bracken says. “There are some moments that the only thing sustaining you is your love of that book.”

Once “The Darkest Minds” was released, it was a turning point in Bracken’s life. The book rose to the top of the charts, and she knew that all the risks she had taken had paid off.

“It took me five years to save up enough money to be able to write full-time and feel comfortable doing that, but once it was released, it took off,” Bracken says. “It got turned into a movie and a satellite tour. My book ‘Passenger’ debuted No. 1 on The New York Times best-seller list. If you don’t put limitations on what you can achieve, you will always surprise yourself.”

During her speech in Swem, Bracken drew on her own experience, advising aspiring authors to just start.

“No matter where you are in life, you are at the right place to try, so just try,” Bracken says. “The hardest thing about writing is just starting and forcing yourself to try when you feel nervous about failing or you don’t have the confidence. The hardest thing is just to begin, so just begin.”

— MONA SHARAF ’19
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 four of the seven 2018 award winners. Three additional profiles will appear in the spring 2019 issue.

BRIAN FOCARINO ’11, J.D. ’15
As a student, Focarino was already making an impact at William & Mary. As chair of the 2011 Senior Class Gift Committee and then the law school’s 3L Class Gift Committee, he led both classes to contribute record-breaking gifts. Since graduation, he has returned to share his expertise as the invited alumni speaker at the university’s winter 2015 graduation ceremony, an invited speaker at the law school, and as a member of the board of directors of William & Mary Libraries. He helps recruit the best and brightest to the law school as an Alumni Admission Ambassador and advocates for the university as an unofficial ambassador on social media, as well as at regional events in New England and California.

Focarino has been instrumental in a number of initiatives to foster a greater sense of inclusion on campus, most notably his work on Charter Day. He is an active fundraiser for many William & Mary causes and encourages others to give through his role as a class ambassador. As a member of the Fourth Century and Bell Cobblestone societies, he is making an impact through not only his engagement but also his generosity.

“William & Mary’s momentum is infectious,” says Focarino. “The best days are ahead of us.”

JOANNA LEE ASHWORTH ’84
Ashworth deeply understands the importance of bringing alumni together. She co-chaired her 20th and 25th reunions, was a class reporter for the W&M Alumni Magazine for many years, serves as a class ambassador and is a Bell-Ringing member of the Bell Society. Ashworth was the youngest member ever appointed or elected to the Alumni Association board and served for seven years. She makes new connections and renews relationships through her annual Christmas tea, her wide and varied travels and her willingness to help others.

After leading the Metro D.C. Alumni Chapter to Outstanding Chapter of the Year in 1987, Ashworth moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, where she became Charlotte’s alumni admission chair. Her commitment to recruiting the best and brightest to William & Mary has never wavered in her 33 years as part of the Alumni Admission Volunteer Network.
“My dad, Houston ‘Tex’ Ashworth, graduated from William & Mary in 1941, and he’s always been the inspiration for everything William & Mary in my life,” says Ashworth. “Connecting with fellow alumni and students has been a far greater gift than I could possibly have anticipated. I am grateful for the new friendships that have been forged and for renewing old and dear ones. It is an honor and a joy to serve our beloved university.”

PAUL BROCKWELL ’07
Brockwell constantly expands the William & Mary community by bringing alumni, family and friends into closer relationships with each other and alma mater.

He has a keen understanding of William & Mary’s history and has used his talents to keep improving his alma mater for the future. In 2014, Brockwell wrote the feature story “Pride and Prejudice” for the W&M Alumni Magazine, a moving and expansive look at the experience of LGBTQ students, staff and faculty at William & Mary. He currently serves on the university’s Leadership Advisory Council and previously served as secretary, vice chair and chair of the Young Guarde Council. Brockwell co-chaired his five-year reunion gift committee and serves as a class ambassador. Through it all, he brings creativity, fun, pride in alma mater and a dedication to inclusion.

“I’m inspired to give back because of how much I have received since first coming here, including the friends and family who support me and the ways in which this place equipped me to survive and thrive in the world,” Brockwell says. “My hope is that every-one who has been shaped and supported by William & Mary can find their way to give back whether mentoring students; sharing time, expertise and talent; or investing in future generations of nerdy and kind people who want to make the world a better place.”

EMILY GERDELMAN RIDJANECK ’07
William & Mary is a family affair for Ridjaneck, whose parents, husband, brother and sister-in-law are also alumni. She continues her family’s commitment to alma mater in her own right.

Ridjaneck loves bringing people together, especially connecting young alumni back to their alma mater. She is a charter member of the Society of 1918 and is an essential collaborator at the School of Education as a member and former chairperson of their development board. She also provided support and guidance to Tri Delta sorority members as Alpha Mu Chapter alumna advisor from 2008 to 2014.

She shows her Tribe Pride proudly in her support of William & Mary Athletics through the Tribe Club, for which she served as peninsula regional president for six years. She helped with the Tribe Club’s local Williamsburg events in the planning stages and also acquired volunteers to ensure the events’ success. Though she now lives in California, Emily is a fixture of the Williamsburg and William & Mary communities alike and is known for her passion and energy.

“William & Mary is my home and William & Mary is my family. As a double legacy, I’ve been getting gifts from William & Mary since I was a little girl, and it truly feels second nature for me to serve this institution,” she says.

— CLAIRE DE LISLE
ALUMNI LEGACY At the St. George Tucker House, you never knew who was coming to dinner.

So say the descendants of Janet Coleman Kimbrough 1921, P ’53, P ’55, the last resident of the historic clapboard home in Colonial Williamsburg. The home, which was built by Kimbrough’s great-great-grandfather, W&M Professor St. George Tucker, in the late 18th century, housed seven generations of his family, many of whom attended William & Mary.

“When we were growing up, the Tucker House was a hub of interesting characters constantly passing through — there was a constant stream of visitors, friends and family, and an intellectual haven,” says Charles Kimbrough Barlowe ’83, P ’16, Kimbrough’s grandson. “Dinner was a lively affair, because she would prod you for your opinion on everything from family history to politics to science and human health. And you had better have a thoughtful answer!”

In 1918, Kimbrough became one of the first 24 women to attend William & Mary, where she majored in English. She went on to become one of the first women to attend medical school at the University of Virginia and from there, one of the first practicing female physicians in Virginia, seeing patients at Fort Eustis and publishing papers on treatments for pernicious anemia. By the time her grandchildren came on the scene, however, she was simply the doyenne of Tucker House, presiding over a large and complex network of family and friends.

“My siblings and I grew up in Atlanta but we came to Williamsburg at least twice a year,” says her granddaughter Lucy Kimbrough Henry ’87. “It always felt like going home because of the Tucker House and our family’s deep roots there.”

Janet Kimbrough was well-known for letting William & Mary students stay with her while they were enrolled; occupants ranged from her grandchildren to the children of old friends, acquaintances and distant relatives.

“My first year of law school, I lived there and slept in St. George Tucker’s bed, and it was cool to go to law school and sleep in the bed of an ancestor who had studied there before the Revolution,” says Erich Kimbrough J.D. ’95, Janet’s grandson. “The last two years I lived behind the house in the Levingston Kitchen, which was perfect except for
this woodpecker that loved to show up before 6 in the morning and peck the roof. A beautiful bird, but how I hated it."

All of her grandchildren attest that their grandmother kept all of these students free of charge, mainly because she loved having the company and having young people in the house. As much as she loved them, they loved her right back, partly for her ability to connect to the young people with such ease. Far from being the stereotypical older person regaling the younger generation with stories about “when I was your age,” she tried to relate.

“She always appreciated the commonality of students at that stage of life — she always noted the similarities between all of our collective experiences,” says Barlowe. “I would tell her stories and she would tell me that nothing had changed since she was a girl.”

At the same time, William & Mary has transformed in numerous ways over the past 100 years, in ways that every generation of the Kimbrough family has seen and acknowledged. The ever-present specter of social media influences every move both public and private, the footprint of the university is constantly growing and social norms have changed considerably.

“For my father (Raymond Kimbrough ’53, P ’80, P ’87, P ’95), he never would have considered using a drug, even marijuana, and the thought of being able to set foot in a woman’s dorm room was a pure fantasy — he wouldn’t have been able to get past the front desk,” points out Erich Kimbrough. “Yet, he related many stories of revelry, one of which involved being knee deep in the York River in the middle of the night trying to catch a crab with his bare hands.”

One thing that hasn’t changed is the Kimbrough connection to William & Mary. Upon graduation, Anne Barlowe ’16 became the eighth generation to join the alumni ranks. It’s a tradition that the whole family hopes will continue into the future, knowing it would have made their grandmother so proud.

“She just called it ‘The College,’” remembers Doris Kimbrough ’80, with a laugh. “As though it were the only one in the world. And to us, especially as children, it really was.”

— SARA K. ESKRIDGE
ALUMNAE INITIATIVES William & Mary is leading the way in women's engagement and philanthropy, and Val Cushman, senior director of engagement and inclusion initiatives, works daily to grow these vital leadership opportunities for women. Next, Cushman hopes to expand these initiatives to many other identity-based communities. As part of our series highlighting alumni engagement staff, she shared how she works every day to connect William & Mary alumni to each other and alma mater.

How is William & Mary a leader in this field? — William & Mary is one of very few universities worldwide that has a position like mine, dedicated to engaging underrepresented alumni. I base my work on current research around underserved groups in philanthropy. I collaborate with others with similar positions and with universities who are thinking about starting similar programs. William & Mary is hands-down a leader in this work. The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) recently published “Gender Matters: A Guide to Growing Women’s Philanthropy,” in which author Kathleen E. Leohr speaks at length about the program that she helped us to found here. I’ve also been asked to speak at national conferences about women in philanthropy as other institutions seek to engage alumnae in new ways.

Why create programming specifically for women? — While we’ve made much progress, women are still underrepresented in senior leadership positions and on boards, and women still make less than men for the same work. Providing an opportunity for women to come together and talk about issues that are specifically of interest to them provides great value, because we can gain from each other’s talents, expertise and energy.

What are some examples of this programming? — There are opportunities throughout the
year and around the country for William & Mary women, including alumnae, spouses of alumni, students, and parents and family of students and alumni. Recent examples include an alumna author book signing in New York City; a series of panel discussions about women serving on nonprofit, corporate and government boards; and an alumna artist talking about her work at a museum in Philadelphia. We also host on campus events large and small, including William & Mary Women's Weekend, which took place Sept. 18-21, 2018.

How would you describe the Women’s Weekend? — It was an unprecedented opportunity for hundreds of William & Mary women to come to campus and connect with one another while stimulating their intellect, having some fun, focusing on issues they care about and connecting or reconnecting with the university. We had almost 500 attendees from 27 states and three countries, representing the Classes of 1948 to 2020. The weekend was challenging to put together — 18 months of preparation — but to see it come together so successfully was amazing.

The Women’s Weekend was just one part of the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of coeducation at William & Mary, which is taking place throughout this academic year. It was only possible through collaboration with partners on campus and beyond. Special thanks go to Ginny McLaughlin ‘71, chancellor professor and dean emerita of the School of Education and chair of the programming advisory committee, and Jayne Barnard, professor emerita of William & Mary Law School and chair of the commemoration.

How will you keep this momentum going? — Our regional events for alumnae — including lectures, receptions, book signings and more — are usually two hours, but we would like to expand them to four-hour retreats, so women can forge deeper connections with each other. Mary Talks, short presentations on big ideas by fellow William & Mary women, were very successful at the Women’s Weekend, so we could take Mary Talks on the road to those people who couldn’t come to us. Using local alumnae talent to help plan these will be really important.

How do you work with others across campus? — Collaboration is the secret to hosting meaningful events. For example, I partner with our Office of Diversity and Inclusion and others to create programs that speak to the interests and needs of all William & Mary women. For the Women's Weekend, I partnered with Campus Recreation, W&M Athletics, William & Mary Law School, the School of Education, the Raymond A. Mason School of Business, Arts & Sciences and so many more to bring skills and talents to the table.

Why is growing women’s philanthropy important, and how is it growing at William & Mary? — The Alumnae Initiatives Endowment is funded by women, for women and enriches and expands programming for them — including regional programs, networking opportunities, events specifically for young alumnae and more. It provides a medium to grow the collective impact of women at William & Mary.

Women represent 54 percent of our alumni population and have given more gifts to the For the Bold campaign than men, but their impact could be greater if they gave gifts in similar size to men’s. Women have amazing potential to influence William & Mary through their engagement and philanthropy.

The Society of 1918 is our women’s giving society, and has been successful above and beyond what we expected! This idea of giving by women, for women, resonated with so many leading women philanthropists. It’s been a real joy bringing those women together and seeing some new faces as well. We are currently at 359 members who have committed $10,000 each to the Alumnae Initiatives Endowment, and we continue to grow.

What’s next for the Society of 1918? — It was an awesome moment when President Katherine A. Rowe announced at the Women’s Weekend that women had raised $2.65 million from the Society of 1918 for the Alumnae Initiatives Endowment. Rowe has wholeheartedly championed women’s engagement and philanthropy, and having the first women president in 325 years join the society was an awesome moment when President Katherine A. Rowe announced at the Women’s Weekend that women had raised $2.65 million from the Society of 1918 for the Alumnae Initiatives Endowment. Rowe has wholeheartedly championed women’s engagement and philanthropy, and having the first women president in 325 years join the society added so much energy to our work! Her mom also joined and sponsored President Rowe’s daughter as a member. They are just one of many multigenerational William & Mary families who have joined the society.

Rowe challenged us to meet a new goal of 1,918 members and $4 million to fully fund the Alumnae Initiatives Endowment, which will provide for more great programming for William & Mary women worldwide. We’ve raised $2.8 million so far, and I know we can meet this goal! We are especially looking to young alumnae to join us in this mission. To that end, the society is offering a Young Guard rate — specially for alumnae less than 10 years out from graduation — of just $19 a week, for a total contribution of $5,000 to the Alumni Initiatives Endowment over five years. Our young graduates will assure the future of W&M!
What’s your vision for the future of alumni engagement at W&M? — There are other underrepresented and minority communities within William & Mary’s alumni community that would benefit in a similar investment of resources. We are exploring how we can use a similar model of engagement with other identity-based communities like our African-American, LatinX, LGBTQ alumni and others. We need to continue listening to the needs and desires of individuals in those communities and then support the growth of their network and connection to W&M. All alumni should feel like they are a vital and important part of the W&M community and have much to gain from engaging deeply with alma mater.

We are always building something new and cutting edge as a team. I really appreciate the commitment of William & Mary to understand and meet the needs of all our alumni.

What would your advice be to alumni who want to get involved with W&M? — There are many ways to get involved, wherever you live! Check our online calendar at wmalumni.com to find all the events we offer, both in person and online. If you’d like to volunteer your time and talents, there’s many opportunities listed at the Volunteer Portal. And if you’re not finding what you’re interested in, or if there’s some value we can bring to you, please raise your hand and let us know.

— CLAIRE DE LISLE

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE: Women participated in a wide variety of opportunities during Women’s Weekend, including panel sessions, wellness activities, a keynote performance, receptions and more.
W&M GLOBAL FILM FESTIVAL
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GRiffin’s EYE VIEW OF WREN

In the Sir Christopher Wren Building and its portico, plaques honor important moments and people in William & Mary’s history. New plaques honoring the first African-American residential students and the first women students joined an updated plaque in memory of students, faculty and staff who fought during the Civil War.

— Photo: J. Hunter Hall
Mt. Airy, N.C., and spent a couple of years fixing it up. We have lived here full time since 2010.”

John’s home could be easily tucked into any street in Williamsburg with its 1834 facade, but according to the magazine Garden & Gun, the grounds have been carefully researched and replanted and currently feature many floral treasures along with a kitchen garden. He continues, “Since coming east, I taught at University of North Carolina in Winston-Salem for four years in the School of Filmmaking and loved it. I have students working all over the place now. After directing a number of plays in the region, I wrote and produced my own Civil War musical, ‘In the Shadow of the Mountain.’” It was first performed last March. From another source, I realized he had taken the utmost care and sensitivity in the telling of this war story. He also called upon four separate composers to write the music in different styles. I hope there’ll be another production in the near future.

John adds, “I was lucky that, from the start, I got to do things that involved comedy and storytelling.” He had a 20-year run directing campaigns for Bud Light, AT&T, Home Depot, Snickers and other brands. His wife Julie is a wardrobe stylist who dresses (chooses appropriate costumes) for actors in commercials. She’s a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City and she too works on advertising campaigns such as Coca-Cola, Dodge and Biltmore Estate. “We met at work, of course,” she adds. Julie still travels back to the West Coast on assignments. She recently dressed Harrison Ford and Michael Caine for their newest commercials. What an exciting life! We’ll be looking forward to John’s other colorful productions! I am glad I discovered these two young talented people!

By the way, we in central North Carolina survived Hurricane Florence in the fall without much of a struggle. Winds and rain swirled around, not through, this area, but I am sure many of you had a rough time. I hope all is in order again by now.

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Class Reporter
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Happy 2019! I hope you’ve had a good year.

Jane Ottaway Dow wrote that, “As a pioneer, Jennie Dow Murphy ’82, went to William & Mary and met her husband, Devlin Murphy ’82, there. John’s son, John Ottaway III ’84, also went to William & Mary and met his wife, Liz Somers Ottaway ’84. Two of Jennie and Devlin’s daughters, Eliza Dow Chang ’10 and Emilie Ottaway Murphy ’14, are graduates, and Eliza met her husband, Jake Chang ’09, there. Jake’s grandfather, Rear Admiral Ming Chang, was in our class. ‘I feel blessed to share my love of the College with so many of my family. Hopefully, the best will go on,’” Jane says.

Lewis Saunders wrote that he has lived in Brandon Woods retirement communities for six years. He wrote, “There are now five alumni and one masters graduate and we periodically have dinner together.” He and Beverly Winn, a classmate whom he didn’t know before, have become friends.

Lewis has done a lot of traveling. His son, David, came from Cincinnati to join him for a trip to Florida in April to visit his brother, Bill Saunders ’50. Lewis also visited an Army buddy. They served from November 1955 to February 1957. In early May, he and Bev enjoyed a few sunny days at Wrightsville Beach, N.C. In mid-June, his older son Skip and his wife and two children (Corbin, 16, and Abigail, 12) came from Germany. Skip and Connie teach at an American Army base. He writes, “We had a fabulous reunion party in my cottage with my two Richmond-area daughters and their husbands, David and his wife Lora, five grandchildren — 15 in all.” In August, he and Bev drove to Cincinnati to visit his son and see the big tennis tournament.

Last summer they were planning a trip to Skyline Drive.

Lewis had full shoulder replacement in May and he’s in good health. He ended his letter by saying, “Yes, I’m busy and enjoying it. At 85, why not?”

Marilyn Zaiser Ott wrote that her foreign travels ended after a trip to Japan two years ago. She has visited many countries throughout the years. She spent a week in Santa Fe, N.M., in August at an opera seminar. She’s busy at home in Cincinnati with Opera Guild, four theater subscriptions, symphony concerts, volunteering at a food pantry, a book club, art museum, church activities, university classes for seniors and small musical organization support. In May we attended our granddaughter Christine’s graduation from the University of Virginia. I hope you’ve had a good year. We didn’t get to Williamsburg this year, but if you did, please write and tell us about it.

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Two messages from Nancy Harshbarger Hummel — In August, she and John attended a Celebration of Life for Lance Trusty in Muncie, Ind. Janet Mason Trusty plans to remain in their home in Muncie, where they have lived for many years. In September, the Hummels drove to the W&M vs. Bucknell football game and went sightseeing along the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania. They visited state parks, enjoyed beautiful Amish farms, many with clotheslines full of black dresses and trousers, perfect for a Grandma Moses painting. They also enjoyed the restaurants.

Jim Kaplan ’57 and Jane Thompson Kaplan also attended the Bucknell game. Jane, Jane D. Marilzo, and her daughter, Susan Marilzo Brake ’86, along with many others, attended the September Women’s Weekend at W&M, commemorating 100 years of women students. (Ed’s note: Sarah Berkeley Watkins, was in the Class of 1926.)

Virginia “Cooter” Molzer Severance commented that for many years, she and Stan took two hiking trips each year in different parts of Europe. Most were with Elder Hostel (now Road Scholars); others, they planned. Their daughters sometimes joined them. A couple of times they stayed with Sue Pope Forster in Germany. One summer, mother and daughter spent six weeks on an archaeological dig in Sephoris, Israel. New Ginny admits that her “hiking” is confined to her neighborhood, along with her neighbors and their dogs.

John Shumate lives in Williamsburg and attends the football games, hoping for a good season. He also gets to the basketball games and they have been very good! That’s his connection to William & Mary now. He also attends church every Sunday in Williamsburg.

Marcia Page Cooley and Bob attended the 2018 William & Mary Weekend in Chicago. (The Kaplans also attended.) It was a wonderful experience and she particularly liked the narrated architectural tour on the Chicago River, the speech by James Comey ’82, LL.D.’08 and the dialogue on free speech on campus between the president of the University of Chicago and President Revelle. They also toured Frank Lloyd Wright houses. In 2020, the Weekend will be in San Francisco (closer to home for the Cooleys). The Cooleys have cut down on their traveling, particularly long plane trips.

The only message from Cassandra “Sandy” Rawn Burcham was that Rinda Lu Grubbs Rogers had passed away. Several deaths from the Class of 1956 were reported in the “In Memoriam” column of the spring and fall Alumni Magazine.

Do you enjoy genealogy? Les Sykes Waldron and Jim. They recently attended an annual get-together in Staunton, Va., with assorted kin. While there, they toured the Black Friars Playhouse and saw “As You Like It.”

Ed and I went to Paris in late August. Our daughter Caroline Watkins ’83 was spending a week there before taking her third and final World War I battlefield tour. She is great with a map and train and bus schedules. In addition to the traditional things, we went to Meaux to see the new war/military museum and on the one rainy afternoon, we made our way to Troy. In Troy, we discovered where General Lafayette and his wife are buried (an American flag flies by the grave) and where 1,500 victims of the French Revolution are buried in a field. Ed and I also went to Giverny.

We are collecting your memories of Hurricane Hazel that hit Williamsburg October 1954. Send to Ed and Belinda at the above addresses and we will collate and distribute.

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Class Reporter
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Rick Asals writes he was planning to spend most of the fall in Greece on an extended trip, then the winter in Palm Springs. Sounds terrific.

A long note from Mickey Curro. She is actively pursuing her art work and recently had her paintings exhibited at the Norfolk Senior Art Show; she is also copy editing for a writer of children’s books.

Mary Jane Viaggio Hayes ’69. Mickey notes how excited she is with our new woman president at William & Mary. She remains in touch with many of her Tri-Delt sisters and was hoping to see them at Homecoming.

Alan Garfield and his wife stay very busy with their 10 grandchildren and split time between residences in Manhattan and Southampton. One grandson is at the University of Richmond and another at UVA. AJ continues to work five days a week at a real estate firm and for several charitable causes. He concluded his email to me by noting that when people ask him how he’s doing he replies, “I’m in here and a very happy guy.”

Jan Crocker has moved back to Virginia after 14 years in North Carolina, moving into Charlottesville, next door to her daughter. Her four daughters and seven grandchildren are all doing well and celebrated a grandson’s marriage and two college graduations (Indiana and St Andrews). Charles Duke tells us his youngest daughter traveled to W&M in April to present the annual Duke Award to a non-faculty member of the W&M staff for service. His family has presented this award since 1986. Charles has moved to a retirement community, St. Ann’s at Cherry Ridge, 836 Cordial Court, Webster, NY 14580.

We heard from Sandra Moses, who has been on the go traveling a lot, keeping busy with nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. While living at a Phoenix retirement community she tells us she has taken up, and is greatly enjoying, both jazz and dancing. Sandra would love to hear from classmates (her phone number is (480) 249-4397).

Just returned from a trip to Japan with her grandson, Margi Helter Melnick reports they had a great time, especially since her grandson is a government major (as was Margi).

Shirley Richardson Fitzgerald and Aubrey Fitzgerald ’56 attended their 65th reunion at Suffolk High School. Shirley is proud to note that her grandson William Fitzgerald ’22 is a freshman at William & Mary this year and that four other grandchildren are at the school. This past fall was also the 65th anniversary of the fabled “Iron Indians” from our 1953 freshman year of which Aubrey played guard on both offense and defense.

I got a nice reply to my email from Kathy Hamilton Steinwedell in Hartford, Conn., where she remains highly active in her continuing care facility at pickelball, tai chi and water volleyball. She spent some time traveling to Austin, Texas, and Denver, Colo., to visit family, and she followed that up with a Baltic Sea voyage, and this past spring, a trip to Cabo San Lucas and South Africa.

Doug Brockman and Nancy went through a tornado which missed their home but tore up much of the forest right behind it in Lynchburg, Va. Fortunately, both are fine. They enjoy spending time with their four children, five grandchildren, three in-law children (and ready for this?) nine dogs. They also found some time to take a 17-day Mediterranean cruise.

Times have not been easy for our friend Gill Granger here in Williamsburg. Gill has gone through two bouts with cancer and three strokes since 2012 and is pretty much limited to his home. In good spirits and active, Gill hopes classmates will drop in and visit when in Williamsburg. Gill is the former mayor of Williamsburg.

Finally, it’s been a tough summer for my wife, Marsha, who suffered a severely broken right shoulder in a fall and is, I’m happy to report, recovering rapidly. I am referred to by her as her “manservant” and, in return, I tell her that her pitching career is over. Humor overcomes lots of things for sure.

If someone in our class gets to Williamsburg please give me a call.

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My news this round is all about who came to Homecoming & Reunion Weekend as we celebrated our 60th Reunion. As I write these notes in September for a winter edition, they may not be complete, but here goes.

First I want to acknowledge our terrific ad-hoc 60th Reunion planning committee for the weekend and Homecoming: Bob Bradley, Bev Burgess Burchette and Bob Burchette,

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Carter Cowles, Melissa Smith FitzGerald, Bob Hardage, Jack Herrin, Denys Grant, Tom Lightner, BJ Nunn McKnight, Bill Mitchell, Kent Watkins, Polly Stadler Wrinkle and me, Shirley Leyland (Walt Leyland’s widow) supported us throughout, especially by offering WindsorMeade’s clubhouse for our Homecoming party. What a fantastic party. What a fantastic WindsorMeade’s club—supported us throughout, Walt Leyland (Tom Lightner, Denys Grant, Herring, Jack, Smith FitzGerald, Melissa, the University of Michigan the other is a freshman at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and the other is a freshman at the University of Michigan which some of you may have read.

Bill Davidson traveled from Pennsylvania to San Francisco for his grandson’s wedding on Sept. 1. His grandson is 6’6” and the bride is 6’1” so I’m sure everyone attending the wedding had no trouble seeing the couple! Garry and Charlotte Tolley Etgen were able to escape the summer heat in Houston by taking a trip to the Northwest, cruising around Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands. Barbara Brant Knight traveled with her daughter, Alison Stokes, on a “pilgrimage” to the island of Iona led by the rector of her church. She has retired from teaching constitutional law and political philosophy at George Mason University (she credits Warner Moss and Margaret Hamilton in the William & Mary government department for teaching her well!).

I shall quote Barbara Houghton: “My husband, Ed, and I have been ‘living the good life’ on Hilton Head Island, S.C. for the past 40 years.” They are planning a trip to New Zealand and Australia in January. Bev Harris Olsen and Ric will not be traveling to Williamsburg anymore due to health issues, but she is still indirectly involved with W&M as her daughter Kate Lerman, teaches in the W&M theater department. Penny Witzeman and I will not be traveling to Williamsburg anymore due to health issues, but she is still indirectly involved with W&M as her daughter Kate Lerman, teaches in the W&M theater department.

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Becoming your class reporter has been so rewarding and interesting as I have heard from so many classmates. Diana Jacobs Kalman writes that this past summer she went to Montana for a week of fishing and in Cooperstown, N.Y., for the opera festival. She later visited Melissa Smith FitzGerald ’58 and Beverly Wilson Palmer ’58 in Chatham, Mass., on Cape Cod. A trip to Amsterdam is in her plans.

Barry Martin sent exciting news: he has written a book titled “Bob Davies: A Basketball Legend.” Davies introduced the behind-the-back dribble and many innovative passes. Davies was the prototype for the Chip Hilton sports-hero role-model character in 23 books for juvenile boys, which some of you may have read.

Richard Godt began at William & Mary with us, but he transferred to Hofstra in 1957 and graduated from there in 1959 and from Chicago Medical School in 1963. After serving in the United States Air Force he began his private practice of OB/GYN in Upland, Calif., and has now retired to Palm Desert, Calif.

To bring you up to date on the Lawlers, my husband Jay Lawler, Bobbie Berkeley Ukrop ’61, Jim Ukrop ’60, L.H.D. ’99 and I took the paddleboat cruise offered by William & Mary in May and it was wonderful! We flew into Spokane, Wash., and the next day were bussed to the Snake River. We followed that on to the Columbia River ending at Astoria, Ore., a week later. We disembarked in Vancouver, Wash., right across from Portland, Ore. Several others from William & Mary were on the ship: Cindy Ruttinghouse ’66, Mary Honer ’56 and Sally Swoope Horner ’62 and Mary Ellen Coffey ’60. Aside from all the gorgeous scenery and the history that we re-learned, we quickly became “experts” on Oregon’s pinot noirs! As you must be aware, next year, 2019, will be our 60th Reunion year! There will be two weekend events at which members will be able to get together to renew friendships and refresh memories. The first event will be Traditions Weekend, April 5-7, 2019. More information on the weekend activities will be coming in the new year. The second event will be Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, Oct. 17-20. We are considering having a reception and dinner on the Friday evening of Homecoming weekend. If anyone is interested in helping with the planning, please respond to our class representatives on the Olde Guard Council: Ann Snead, annsnead921@cox.net or Jerry Welborn, jywelborn@cox.net.

Please let me hear from you for the next issue. My column will be only as interesting as you make it! GO TRIBE!!

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1960
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Two Olde Guard Council Committee meetings and a special meeting of the council were canceled because of Hurricane Florence this week. When I was in my teens, hurricanes were a regular summertime event in West Hartford, Conn. We didn’t have such extensive weather reporting then, so we missed out on the excitement of following the storms for weeks before they arrived. I have two interesting storm memories. One storm uprooted a large pussy willow in our yard and just blew it away. A second storm struck overnight while I was a counselor at the Times Farm Camp and washed away the dam and the entire waterfront. I slept right through it! For those of us born in 1938 who lived in New England, we were “baptized” by the great hurricane of September 1938.

There was minimal response to my request for news. If you don’t get my emails (some people still don’t have computers) a brief description of my 80th birthday celebration follows: celebrated at the Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego with our daughter Bonnie Joblin Crews ’92, husband Christian Crews ’91, and three grandchildren who flew out from Fairfield, Conn. Also, our five godchildren and families, and our cousins from Southern California joined us. While enjoying the beach, we saw a couple from our former town in Connecticut. Nancy Carol Joblin ’61

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taught their son in second grade and the father is a member of my former Kiwanis Club! They were also there celebrating the 80th birthday of his mother. Bob Squatriglia always sends “stuff” and some is printable. Thanks, Bob. Janet Caldwell Elling will not celebrate her 80th until Dec. 2, but she celebrated “my last year in my 70s” in December with trips to New Zealand and Australia. Their “two-month trip was unforgettable spectacular.”

Ben Dulaski and his wife, Karen, traveled to North Carolina beaches this past summer with Marshall Barry ’61 and his wife Patty Pond ’63. Ben and Karen raise the most endearing chihuahuas. If you ever are looking to acquire one, contact them.

The Daily Press featured Jackie Good Legg Wash, calling her Hilton Head Village’s head cheerleader. Jackie is described “as something of a renaissance woman, a retired school teacher, history buff, baseball fanatic and cookbook author.” There are great pictures of her!

I am down to my last gazp trying to move the magazine to recognize the tireless work of the class reporters. It has been two years since the editor told me he thought it was a good idea, and since then, they have reported to me that they are “having fun on it.” Some reporters have died waiting. The Old Guard Council recognized the Olde Guarde Class Reporters at their luncheon at Homecoming.

My miracle recovery from heart issues continues. While lying on the operating table in July, the surgeon announces that he is canceling the procedure since my EKG looked normal. The nurse kept saying to him, “but, doctor, he was very sick when he came in.” I could barely walk into the hospital that morning, and I skipped out.

The local tennis was close to disaster several times. Never has so much sweat been poured out in Flushing Meadows. Maybe if the court temperature is above 90, the men should play best 2 out of 3. No match should begin after 9 p.m. International soccer has drawn my interest away from professional football. These players are really great athletes and there are no timeouts and commercials. I love the way the players come on the field holding the hands of little children. The fans sing their anthems and wave banners and flags.

Sunshine almost always makes me happy!

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I just recently heard from Elizabeth (Betty Lee) Franklin Hardesty ’61 and found that we had both worked at NASA Langley AFB in Hampton after graduating. After leaving there, she taught math at Hampton High School for a year. She lives in Yorktown where she raised her son who is an EE at the Huntington Ingalls shipyard, and her daughter who is a high school physics teacher. She enclosed an article about the women’s clothing store Binns, which is leaving Merchant Square after more than 55 years to move to WindsorMeade Market Place on Monticello Avenue. And DoG Street continues to change! She also passed on another article about Katherine Johnson D.Sc. ’18 of “Hidden Figures,” who was a “human computer” at NASA Langley during the time we were there. And yes — I was also a “computer,” although shortly after starting I was sent to learn about real computers. Katherine was honored by William & Mary during Charter Day this past year, kicking off the year of honoring women.

Tony Gallo ’61 continues to see his plays being performed around the Washington, D.C., area, most recently at the Kennedy Center with a double billing of “The Springfield Boys” and “Charleston Revisited.” The Wharton Graduate Emeritus Society of the University of Pennsylvania awarded him the 2018 Crandall Challenge Citation.

Joe and I have enjoyed traveling, most recently to Iceland. We highly recommend the trip, especially if you are interested in geology and eating wonderful fresh fish. The country is green and beautiful and was all we had hoped for.

Joe and I spent a wonderful afternoon in Annapolis, Md., with good friends Bob Huggett Ph.D. ’77 and Lucy Lawler Huggett ’63. Bob had been on the faculty at VIMS before going to the Environmental Protection Agency where he and Joe worked together when Bob was the assistant administrator for research and development and Joe was his deputy. What fun! I really hate to see these “notes” dwindling but without hearing from you it’s difficult to keep it going. So PLEASE stay in touch. I’ve threatened to make stuff up and you really don’t want me to do that!

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1962

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Sorry to say there isn’t much news. Stuart Richardson Donn sent me an email that Kay Brewer Christian had died. Kay was at our 55th Reunion. Stuart wrote that Kay looked as lovely as she always did. However, when she went home she got the news that her cancer had returned. She died suddenly, preparing for houseguests.

Jim goes to dialysis three times per week. He is doing well on it. He had both eyes with cataracts done this fall. That did very well. He does not drive anymore so I am the sole driver. I am doing well for all the health problems I have had. I have accepted the job of manager of the Parish Book and Gift Shop at Grace Episcopal Church. I love buying the stock and putting up the displays. We have volunteers for the days the shop is open. This is great therapy for me. Being a caregiver is draining on the body and soul.

Oct. 21-21 was Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. Hope if you attended you had a great time.

Please send me news. I will be looking forward to your email or snail mail.

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1963

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I retired this month from working at Lower Providence Community Library. After 30 years of teaching plus 12 years of working in the library, I think I am having withdrawal symptoms of not working with children. Between quilting and travel, I think I’ll keep busy. In fact, tomorrow, my daughter and I are going on a cruise up the New England coast to Nova Scotia taking quilt classes while at sea and acting like tourists when in port.

I am looking forward to Christmas cards and letters to U.S. Oceans. They still travel to Japan, Oregon and North Carolina to visit children and their nine grandchildren.

1964

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It seems that my job as your class reporter has turned into a writer for a retirement community newsletter. There only seem to be a few of us who are still in our original careers, Greg Presnell and Dick Goodwin being among those. Please let me know if there are others.

Greg Presnell still carries a heavy caseload as a U.S. district judge in Orlando, Fl. In October, he was sitting by designation on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in Pasadena, Calif. In his “spare time” he and Cecelia enjoy traveling. And Greg is still involved with his race car team, Level 1 Racing. He no longer drives himself, but has three young and “very fast” drivers who raced in the 16-hour Champcar national championship last June at the National Corvette Motorsports track in Bowling Green, Ky. The team won Class A and finished sixth overall in a field of 65 cars.

Dick Goodwin still continues his career as a judge. He is president of the Federal Administrative Law Judge Conference, chair of the advisory group of the National Journal of the Administrative Law Judicary, and is chair of several other entities within the senior lawyers division. And he still works full time remotely from Fresno, Calif., where he and Susan have resedet after many years else where. Dick says their biggest chore was putting solar panels on their roof, which significantly lowered their high summer utility bills. They resedet travel to Japan, Oregon and North Carolina to visit children and their nine grandchildren.
Bill Corley writes that he has flunked retirement twice — that being completely free of paid or unpaid work. He is now leading a team in Indianapolis to stem the tide of substance use disorder, the chronic brain disease that is part of the opioid epidemic. He urges us all to join in our local efforts.

Bonnie Agner Tinsley had her latest book published June 2018, “Against All Hope: India, Mother Teresa, and a Baby Girl.” The memoir tells the story of the quest by Bonnie and husband Cliff Richeson to adopt their daughter Pema from Mother Teresa’s orphanage in India during the turbulent reign of Indira Ghandi. Now, all grown-up Pema joined her mom for her book signing at The Southern Festival of Books. After 15 years’ residence in Southeast Asia, Bonnie and her family returned to Tennessee in 1996. Bonnie has since been an adjunct professor of English at Tennessee State University.

Ilene Lambert

Dillon-Fink has closed down her brick and mortar psychotherapy business in Santa Rosa, Calif., in favor of traveling the U.S. in her RV to gather information for her next book, “Emotions in Motion.” In the past few years she has been to 30 states and four Canadian provinces seeing friends and following the way. Throughout her travels she has been most gratified that her 75-year-old body can still ride bikes (on the rim of the Grand Canyon, no less), do a two-hour horse trail ride, sled down sand dunes, hike the high Rockies and plunge through water at Slide Rock Park. Amazing!

Yes, Margaret Tomlin Glenn. I was surprised to get a three-page handwritten letter from you. Margaret has lived now for 20 years in Honolulu, Hawaii, Waikiki, and loves all the many adventures of island life. She became friends as an extra for the television show “North Shore,” set on the resort of Turtle Bay. She became friends with Jason Mamo who later appeared in “Game of Thrones.” She also met the casts of “Lost,” “Hawaii Five-0,” and “Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates.” She recently flew to New York City to visit the 9/11 Memorial & Museum. While there she joined a crowd for “Good Morning America.” Margaret has traveled to every continent except Antarctica where she says it’s too “BRRRR!” She has three sons and four grandchildren. We sure are a traveling bunch.

Laidler Freeman Campbell always seems to be on the road. She made nine trips last year, including Montreal, Canada; and Ireland, a W&M cruise. Her recent travels have been more local to family and friends, Priscilla Harned and Steve Skjei ’63 in Atlanta. Another W&M travel program took Dave Blood and Josh to Iceland. Aleck Loker and Ann were also in Canada for several weeks — Airdrie, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec — followed by Cuba. Then they returned to Bluffton to work with the League of Women Voters to get the vote out in November. More travelers to Canada, Ginnie Peirce Volkman and Al went to the Canadian Maritimes, Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, New Brunswick and PEI. And Phil Tutschek traveled to Edmonton, Alberta, and Toronto, and many old memories then on to Boston to be with his daughter and family, especially his 1-year-old grandson, Bo.

Lloyd Becker and Eileen no longer breed or show Dandie Dinmont Terriers, but they promote them whenever possible since it is an endangered breed. So when they were asked to bring a contingent of Dandies to the Tartan Parade in New York City last April, they jumped at the chance. The dogs were enthusiastically cheered along the parade route, ending with a parade that celebrated all things Scottish.

Betsy Goin writes that she has given up painting and taken up writing, “Mercy, Lord, Mercy” a memoir, “A Broken-hearted Schizophrenic,” “CATs Meows” poetry, and “Spirit of a Sound Mind,” all self-published.

Carol Evans and Don Beck are the Class of ’64 representatives on the Olde Guarde Council. The council exists primarily to nurture the continuing relationship of more than 8,000 alumni with the university. They plan events during Homecoming in the fall and 55th Reunion events during Traditions Weekend in the spring, April 5-7 in 2019. The council also recognizes members for their dedication and continued service to William & Mary. Carol serves as vice chair and asks any of our classmates who want to help with these celebrations to just let her know. Her email is carolevans@gmail.com. When you’re back on campus be sure to visit Crim Dell, our ’64 class gift to William & Mary. It has recently been cleaned, dredged and beautified. See you there. And keep on keeping in touch.

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Top billing goes to Micki Leaf Stout because she wrote this column for so many years, and also has a nice grandparent story. Micki took her oldest two granddaughters (15 and 17) to Italy on a “Bridges” tour (as in bridging the generations). They loved all of it — Rome, Orvieto, Florence and Venice — especially because of being together on an adventure. What a great idea! Micki is back to her usual tennis, golf, bridge, volunteering, church things, W&M home football games and family. In August, Janet Thurman Murphy and Bob visited Micki on their way from their summer home in Groton Long Point, Conn., back to their winter home in Savannah, Ga.

It’s been a busy travel season for Ginny Blount Fluet and Joe. In May, Ginny went with her daughter to Ukraine to initiate the adoption of three Ukrainian orphans (Max, 10; Alex, 9; and Anya, 7). The children finally came home at the end of September after a four-year long process! Gin and Joe took a cruise in July to the fjords of Norway, the Arctic circle and northward, the Orkney and Shetland Islands of Scotland, ending up in Greenwich, England. In August, they rented a house for a week in New Hampshire on the lake they used to live on. And late in August is looking pretty good! Ted Fecteau lives the retired life in Otaki Beach, North Island, New Zealand, where there is both the beauty of the sea and the beauty of the Tararua mountains. Ted travels around in his six-berth motorhome, to take advantage of the sights. While struggling with pulmonary fibrosis, he continues to travel hunting and treasuring the beauty. It’s Rappahannock River Time for Judy Pollard Harned and Dave Harned ’62. The whole family gathers there for fishing, tubing, scavenger hunting, tree climbing and blackberry picking. One of their daughters created a summer memories book of photos of the many years of river fun and family. Meanwhile, back at the homestead in Richmond, they are rebuilding a deck and adding a screen porch.

Allen Barwick is a docuseries lover. She works for the Department of Energy, presently assigned to the National Archives and Records Administration.

In his spare time, Allen fences, coaches, referees and armories (repair/build) in foil, epee and sabre. Two years ago, he made the national foil team in his age group and traveled to Germany to compete for the World Cup. Allen made the team, but had to withdraw due to acute appendicitis. He will try again next year, for sure. Allen paints figurines which he takes to Origins and Gen Con, the world’s two largest game conventions. His figures encounter all manner of dragons, zombies and other assorted monsters on a checkerboard Visual Dungeon. When he is not playing dragons, Allen skis, reads science fiction, and enjoys photography at conventions and festivals. Allen, can you really do all this AND work? Amazing!


Barbara Wampler Melby didn’t stray from exotic Harrisonburg, Va., but was surprised by her three daughters showing up from Maine, Massachusetts and Oregon.

As we write in September, Gin and Barb are going to join the W&M Women’s Weekend, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the arrival of 24 women as students at the College. (Remember Martha Barksdale ’21, M.A. ’29, Women’s Tennis coach? She was one of them!) We’ll give a report next time, but we know we’re going to see Glenda Hudgins Anthony, Jeanne English Bedell, Glenne Hines Harding, Pam Brown Michael and Ann-Meade Baskerville Simpson. A good time is expected!

Joyce Hoskins Walk ’65, M.F.A. ’71 combined a nice thank you to us for our work on the column, with the following age-related statement: “We
love keeping up with ‘old’ friends.” Not sure which way she meant that, but now it’s on to being 80, old friends! Enjoy the winter. Come back in the spring and bring news with you!

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### 1966

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Due to an editorial error, the 1966 Class Notes were omitted. To read this column, go to magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1966

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**Gene Griffin '66 and Betty Bishop Griffin '67, M.A.Ed. ’73** recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, and that it seemed utterly unreal since people do that to are supposed to be OLD! Margie and Betty got together one lunch being prove it.) Some places of special interest to them were the Philbrook Museum in Tulsa (superb collection of Native American art and artifacts) and Beale Street in Memphis, with its famous bars and restaurants.

### 1967

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Leonora Owre sends greetings from Texas A&M University, deep in the heart of Texas. She has just completed spearheading the renovation of the headstones in the cemetery plot of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church for the church’s 150th anniversary celebration. In addition, she is currently transcribing information from church registers and computerizing data from these records that cover baptisms, confirmations, marriages and deaths for the past 150 years. Leonora is secretary of Bryan Chapter #222 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and chief babysitter for her 3-and-a-half-year-old grandson, Max. Since all of this isn’t enough to keep her busy, in May she began a two-year term of office as regent of La Villita Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She sends her best to everyone and is planning to spend July 4th of 2019 in Williamsburg as she returns to Texas from the DAR Continental Congress in Washington, D.C.

**Gary Crum** has a new book out, which is available online at Amazon and is titled “Mending the Methodist Fray.”

Margie Arnold Biddle writes that she and Don enjoyed the summer by doing some domestic traveling. First was a 2,800-mile backroads “road trip.” Highlights were some wonderful experiences in Airbnb units in places like Blountville, Tenn., Paducah, Ky., and Nashville. But the “piecéd résistance” was a stop in Toad Suck, Ark., followed by a drive through Bucksnort, Tenn. (No, you can’t make this stuff up, and Margie swears she has the pictures to prove it.) Some places of special interest to them were the Philbrook Museum in Tulsa (superb collection of Native American art and artifacts) and Beale Street in Memphis, with its famous bars and restaurants.

### 1968

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Francie Read Bergquist enjoyed our 50th Reunion so much that she decided to submit an update. “Living primarily in West Hartford, Conn. with a summer home on Martha’s Vineyard, I have been a professional artist for many years. I have illustrated three books: two cookbooks and one children’s book. ‘Connecticut Cut de la Carte’ (1982) is the only one still available on Amazon. I taught privately for many years at an architectural illustrator and portrait artist, maintaining my private studio in Connecticut when my children were young. I have one son, Ben, and a daughter, Frances Catherine with four grandchildren and one on the way. After teaching privately, I pursued a career in teaching art in the public schools of West Hartford until I retired to return to my studio practice. I was awarded Art Educator of the Year by the Connecticut Art Education Association for the year 2002. I currently exhibit in galleries in Connecticut, New York and Martha’s Vineyard. I am active in my West Hartford Garden Club, Featherstone Art Center on Martha’s Vineyard, and Writer’s Group in Hartford. I travel extensively (and am often referred to as a ‘pamperer’) having a number of places to return to, which are my ‘plein air’ paints with me. I like to pretend that I am French.”

**Charles “Chip” Young** was one of eight athletes inducted into the 2018 class of the Alle-Kiski Sports Hall of Fame. At William & Mary, Chip is recognized as third all-time for punt return average, fourth in punt return yardage, and he is tied for eighth in interceptions. He is fondly remembered for his punt return setting

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up the final touchdown in William & Mary's 27-16 upset of Navy in 1967. He resides in Mt. Lebanon, Pa.

“The reunion was simply fantastic!” wrote Patti Gosnell Woodle. Patti continues, “My husband Buddy Woodle ’67 and I had a wonderful time reconnecting with Gamma Phi sisters and Sigma Pi brothers as well as my roommate Betty Wade. Wyatt Coyle ’68, M.A. ’74 and other friends. We especially enjoyed our bus tour of the campus since it must be at least triple the size it was when we were there. I was unable to attend graduation so it meant a lot to me to don a cap and gown and go through the Olde Guarde induction ceremony.

I have spent 50 years teaching math at private schools in Richmond. Buddy and I have a son and a 6-year-old grandson who live near Charlottesville. Buddy was a CPA. I agree with the opinion of school math at private schools in Richmond. Buddy and I have a son and a 6-year-old grandson who live near Charlottesville. Buddy was a CPA. I agree with the opinion of school math at private schools in Richmond.

Robin Russell Gaisberasseraiser.com contains her blog, books and appearances. Robin emailed, “It feels good to take some time to relax and travel after the writing and speaking deadlines. It was so great to reconnect with our gang of 1968 in April at the 50th. We are a force to be reckoned with!”

I hope you are receiving and reading the Class of 1968 updates which Kathy Burge Callaway and Bruce Oliver send. We thank Dick Jolliffe for sending the picture of some of the Kappa Sigmas who attended our 50th Reunion. The picture appears at the end of the September 2018 update.

Please go to magazine, wm.edu/in-memoriam to read the lovely tributes to Ann Loud Barnes, Elizabeth “Betsy” Ann Wade Needle, Terry Glenn Stokes and Constance “Connie” Clawson Zoleinski.

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1969

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It’s not too late to plan to come to our 50th Reunion April 4-7, 2019. If you have not yet decided, please let this be the thing that convinces you.

Gale Gibson Kohlhaas and the Reunion Committee have a full weekend planned for us. On Thursday there will be a golf tournament, then on Friday financial planning seminars (in conjunction with the Robert Boyle Society), followed by a cocktail party and dinner dance. Saturday, we have morning seminars with President Katherine Rowe, some faculty members and current students, followed by a luncheon and then several choices for the afternoon: a tour of this “new” campus and free time to tour on your own or meet up with “affinity” groups from your past. In the evening, we will have a casual buffet (when we will present our gift) and then time for socializing or entertainment afterward. On Sunday morning, we will be inducted into the Olde Guarde in Wren Yard — complete with a walk through the Wren Building and ringing the Wren Bell — followed by lunch. Most of the events will take place in the sunken Gardens in tents, so please plan on appropriate footwear.

It’s also not too late to participate in the class gift or to complete your Re-Echo submission. We are hoping to raise $14 million for the Class of 1969 scholarship and the operating endowment for the expanded Alumni House. The easiest way is to go to 50th.wm.edu to join the effort. You can also complete your Re-Echo submission from that web page. The deadline is March 15.

In the news, Cheri Anderson Lehew is organizing a Gamma Phi get-together. Please contact her at calcwl@icloud.com to get the details and RSVP. Cheri lives in Punta Gorda, Fla., where her children and grandchildren live nearby. She volunteers as a guardian ad litem and enjoys community sing-alongs at her former school. Now that she is retired, she’s in charge of “Life’s just ‘enjoying life.’”

Also heard from Mary Jane Viaggio Hayes, who has spent the past 50 years in the education area as a teacher, social worker, program developer, counselor, and writer. Her fifth children’s novel — “Dakota, Help Me See the Light” — was published in 2018, with two more due out in 2019. You can learn more about her books at mjhayes.com.

Received the sad news that Neal O’Bryan died in the summer of 2018. He had been a middle school teacher in Chesterfield County, Va., and will be missed. Our condolences to his family.

So, here’s your assignment: Make plans to be in Williamsburg the weekend of April 4-7, 2019. Complete your Re-Echo by March 15. Consider a financial gift. Come to Williamsburg to celebrate 50 years since we last gathered in Wren Yard. The easiest way to do it is to go to 50th.wm.edu where it’s all available on one page! Hope to see you back on campus in just a couple of months to see old friends and make some new ones!

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1970

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I am writing this in September and hopefully our classmates in harm’s way of Hurricane Florence are all safe and recovering/re-building their homes and neighborhoods!

I am also watching William & Mary football and hoping that Head Coach Jimmy Laycock has a successful end to his final season as he will be retiring, announced in an Aug. 6, 2018, Richmond Times-Dispatch article from which I will quote, “No Division I football coach has been at his current school longer than Laycock… Reflecting his impact on Tribe football, the $11 million Laycock Center, a football support building, opened in 2008.”

Jimmye’s record at the beginning of his final season was 245-189-21. According to the Colonial Athletic Association commissioner (1995-2016), Tom Yeager, “There are a lot of good coaches. [Laycock] is in the ‘great coach’ category in my book. … The success of his teams operating within the framework of the William & Mary philosophy, the leadership he exhibited and brought to the program … he’s going to be hard to replace!”

And from Shawn Knight ’84, a starting quarter-back in the early ’90s, Coach Laycock’s “personal commitment to excellence and his requirement of that from all around him distinguished him as a coach… [Coach has an ability] not only to adapt to the changing game, but adapt to differences in the teams he had.”

Congratulations to Herb Armstrong ’70, Ed.S. ’89, who graduated magna cum laude from law school in Florida in May, took the Florida bar exam in July and received no-tice he passed in September! Herb is with Dutton Law Group, an insurance defense firm… "interesting work, the people are great, and the office is only two blocks from my home. Great commute!" Herb spent a long weekend with his fifth grandchild (and fourth grandson, 1 year old November 2018), Mattis Amador, in August, and in June he had his 9-year-old grandson visit for a trip to Disneyland. “I love seeing Mouseland through a kid’s eyes!” At Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2018, Herb attended the annual Pi Lambda Phi reunion and promised an update for next issue!

Thank you in advance for sending along news of your 70th birthday travels/celebrations! If you get this issue, send in updates quickly to me as I will have a deadline in January about the time you receive this issue!!

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1971

Class Reporters
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Another year has come and gone. How is it possible that many of us met each other 51 years ago in the fall of 1967! We hope everyone is happy and healthy. Within days of the delivery of the May issue, we received a number of emails from “new” alumni contributors. Please continue to write — we want to hear from you and so do your classmates!

From Fran Stewart:
“I have lived in Virginia Beach since 2003. I have the dog walking/sitting business, which keeps me outside and mobile — two reasons I can be grateful for good health! I travel back to California frequently, to see friends and family. I also go about
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Every other year to see Janet McMahon Goode and George Goode ’69, who retired from Paris to Lyon, France, a few years ago. Last visit, we were on the Mediterranean, in Cavaillons-Mer, a very quiet, non-Riviera beach town. At the Saturday market, there was a group of French performers, line-dancing and performing American country music, replete with circle skirts, checked gingham and cowboy hats. They were pretty good, if you like that sort of thing. Janet says there is quite a French following for country music.

A long overdue report from Lew Johnston: “After reading the Alumni Magazine reports on our Class of 1971 for years and years, I have finally decided to contact you guys. Bringing you up to date in two-to-three sentences will be a challenge!!! Here goes: Nancy Bryan Johnston ’73 and I have been married for 45 years — since her graduation. Both of us worked for Chesapeake, Va., public schools for our entire careers and retired after 37 years with them. We still live in Chesapeake and spend most of our time babysitting our two granddaughters and involving ourselves in ministry work at our local church. I coached high school football for 42 years. I retired in 2015 and went out with a bang — winning a state championship at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy in Suffolk. I have written two books for high school football coaches and speak all over the country at coach’s clinics. I was ordained as a pastor in 2014 and do ministry at our church, Western Branch Community Church.”

From Bill Sizemore: “Here’s a bit of news for the alumni notes. Besides playing with my grandchildren, my primary focus, Western Branch retiring from a 43-year career in journalism has been writing books. My latest effort, scheduled for public release Sept. 5, is “Uncle George and Me: Two Southern Families Confront a Shared Legacy of Slavery.” It is the story of my slave-owning Virginia ancestors, their slaves and those slaves’ descendants — a story that lay buried by a century of denial and historical amnesia. I hope that by telling it, I can contribute in some small way toward advancing an essential, if painful, national discussion about race. That book follows on the heels of “A Far, Far Better Thing: Did a Fatal Attraction Lead to a Wrongful Conviction?,” a true-crime book I co-wrote with Jens Soering, a Virginia prisoner who has served 32 years for double murder. There is now convincing evidence that he is innocent, and he has petitioned the governor for a pardon. For more details, see my website, billsize-morebooks.com.”

John Hempel emailed a correction to our last installment — to the Pittsburgh mansion that he is restoring is named Schwixton. It was incorrectly reported as Swinton. Besides that, John is doing well.

We have heard from Tom Buehler, Vicky Peters Hansen, Richard Hansen and Mark Walling and are awaiting their news for publication in the next issue.

Here are two W&M “small world” stories — one happy and one somber. The happy is that our younger son, Patrick, was married in June 2018. In attendance was one of his closest college friends, Cart Weiland, who is the son of Cass Weiland ’70. Patrick and Cart didn’t make the connection until their senior year. On the sad side, at our 30th Reunion, after signing in with our address, Sandy St. John approached us and asked us if our house is a white house on a corner. It turns out that we bought our house from Sandy and she spent many of her holidays here. We have fondly thought of Sandy each year as we hang Christmas stockings on the same brick wall in the den. Sadly, Sandy passed away in June 2018. It is not too early to think about 2019, when most of us will be turning 70. Classmates had organized a successful weekend for our “When I’m 64” year. Let’s try to duplicate that eventful weekend at Homecoming 2019. Mark your calendars. We will keep you posted in the next issue.

While you are thinking about writing and before you put it in the “to do” pile, please send us your updates and any W&M “small world” stories. Let’s hear from Ralph Byers, Lorraine Burgio, Les Zimmerman, Hank Bahr, Lee Area and Merle Preston.

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Hello to everyone. As I write, there isn’t news from classmates, but we are in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence and the devastation she left behind, especially in North and South Carolina. My heart goes out to our classmates, friends and family members who suffered loss, destruction and displacement. I know Peggy Gordon and Deborah Dougherty left their homes in Southport, N.C., and Bob and Lindy Almond Emory managed to raise their belongings 5 feet above their garage floor in New Bern, N.C. I hope it was enough!

I know many more people were affected and are still dealing with this terrible storm. I hope, by now, the landscape is greatly improved. Enjoy the winter, your holidays and let us know what you’re doing so we have more news next time! Looking forward to hearing from you.

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of women at the university. Tamara’s book, a nonfiction Adducent Imprint, can be bought on Amazon. Kudos ‘Tamara! OK folks, the onus is on you to get me more news/substance/relevancy. Be well, be safe and keep the faith.

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Rebecca Jean Walls ’73 to William Gary Knisely, 8/03/18.

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As I write this, the mid-Atlantic states are just emerging from Hurricane Florence and all its misery, and our power has just been restored. With so many alumni living in those states, I’m sure there were many who suffered serious wind and flood damage — but hopefully there were no injuries. Read on for better news.

Cornell Christiano’s musical, “It Came From Beyond,” has been extended until Jan. 1, 2019, so it will run at least nine months — that’s considered a big success for any off-Broadway show. “The initial cast completed their four-month contracts and several are leaving for higher paying jobs, but their replacements are some of the best actors we’ve ever had,” including our best, Harold and Becky,” said Cornell. “One woman last night who came to see the show for a second time and brought her friends said, ‘Most musicals have only one or two good songs, but this musical has many.’” The show is performed at St. Luke’s Theatre on 46th Street at 8th Avenue. Congratulations, Cornell!

In May, the Richmond-Times Dispatch gave a special leadership award to four executives, honored for “strong leadership by inspiring confidence and vision in their companies.” Employees were asked in confidential surveys about issues in the workplace, and the awards were based on those responses. In the “mega-company” category was Robey W. Estes Jr., president and CEO of Estes Express Lines, a Richmond, Virginia-based freight transportation provider. Rob is the third generation of his family to run the company. He began his career after graduation, working as a salesman, and became company president in 1980. In 2001, he became CEO. The privately held company hit a milestone in 2014 by posting $2 billion in annual revenue. The company has 1,091 employees in Richmond and 16,570 across the U.S. Congratulations, Rob!

And congratulations are also due to Vicky Holt Abramson, who has published her first book, “The Adventures of Kirby: My Mom and I” is a children’s book starring Kirby, a Yorkshire terrier puppy who gets into a lot of mischief. It also has a game element for children — hidden throughout the pages are Kirby’s favorite toys. If your grandchildren need this book, you can find hardcover, paperback and Kindle copies on Amazon.

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Ray Grochowski sent in his first update. It’s never too late! After a brief stay in Williamsburg after graduation, Ray joined the Navy, married his high school sweetheart, Diane, and served eight years active duty, mostly on destroyers. They settled in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C., where he went to law school at Georgetown. He practiced law in the capital for about 20 years and worked at the firm of fellow W&M alumnus and friend Gary Cross ’76. Ray retired as partner, then became general counsel in 2013 for Paradigm Precision, an aircraft engine parts manufacturer, where he continues to work. He and Diane have four children.

Randy Duvall sent news that he, Butch Palmer and Robert Eley ’76 worked together last June assisting in the construction of a church sanctuary in Chixonton, Chiapas, Mexico, where Randy serves as missionary-in-residence during the summer months for Hebron USA. Randy is the director of missions for First Presbyterian in Virginia Beach.

Don Harvey (another first-time sender of news!) recently retired, having served as a pastor for several congregations in Virginia and North Carolina. He also served as a consultant for the Center for Healthy Churches. He and his wife, Connie, a retired educator, have been married 39 years, have two children and several grandchildren, all living in Winston-Salem. He and Connie now live on the family farm in Nelson County, Virginia. He visits Williamsburg often and stays in touch with roommate Sam Jones (W&M vice president of finance) and his wife Julie Jones ’76, Rose Browning and her husband, Bert Browning ’73.

A sad note from Vic Biebighauser — his wife, Elizabeth, passed away Dec. 30, 2017, after her battle with early onset Alzheimer’s (diagnosed in 2012). He was grateful for the support of close friends and his Kappa Alpha fraternity brothers during many difficult years.

Margery L. Daughtrey co-authored a book titled “The Compendium of Bedding Plant Diseases and Pests,” published by APS Press. She continues to enjoy her work as an ornamental plants pathologist for Cornell.

Bruce Falk is still working, as is his wife, Dianne. Their oldest son, Matt, is in the Marine Corps, and their younger son, Trevor, got married late last year. At the wedding were fraternity brothers Mike Madden ’75, M.Ed. ’77, Dave Restuccia, Andy Vanderhoof ’77, Steve Hendricks ’77 and Chris Jackson ’77. All are planning to meet up for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend again this year. Bruce and Dave took an “almost” cross-country trip from Minneapolis to Portland last May.

Jan Shores Watkins has been appointed as a member of the Batchelder Committee of the American Library Association. The committee reads and recommends children’s and young adult books from other countries for inclusion in a list of recommended reading for America’s young readers. Jan, by the way, was one of those who had to evacuate the Outer Banks due to Hurricane Florence, but fortunately, all was well at her home.

Mindy Wolf continues to participate (and excel!) in competitive swimming. At the Masters Nationals in May 2018, she had two first-place finishes in the 50- and 100-yard breaststroke (she broke the national record for the 50 yard!); three third places and one seventh place. She runs into W&M Masters swim team members at the many meets where she competes. She continues tutoring ACT/SAT prep, which she’s been doing for 15 years, and is a youth coach for her area local swim team. Her husband, Ed, works for DowDuPont, and they have three sons.

Twelve Pi Phis gathered in Marshall, Va., at the home of Nancy Tienken Milburn for their annual reunion: Jan Wampler Booker, Leslie Himmelright Deli, Kathy Burke Dictor, Nancy Kohlhas Gatschet, Melissa Wright Johnson, Cathy Gonzales O’Kelly, Jean Berger Estes, Sue Hannah Gerdelman ’76, Emily Davies ’76, Beth Sanders Welsh ’76 and me! Thanks for all the updates. Go Tribe!

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Greetings fellow ’76ers,

What are your plans for the winter? Hopefully they include writing ye olde classe correspondence to inform everyone what you’ve been up to. News this time comes via one classmate who wrote in. Jean Kreiling started off by saying that this was the second time she’d seen the news. And her news this time is similar to her first submission, in that she told of another book she has out on Amazon. It is a collection of poems, titled “Arts & Letters & Love.” There is one section of poems inspired by music and Jean proudly stated that the influence of the William & Mary Choir lives on! She recently moved to a new home about a mile-and-half north of Plymouth Rock. By the way, says Jean, the rock isn’t all that impressive. Coming from the north, I still argue with my wife (from Richmond, Va.) over who held the first Thanksgiving — the Virginias...
colonists or the Plymouth colonists. Well folks, that wraps things up for this edition. Being a responsible journalist, I can’t make up any news, so please send in any tidbits for the column. But know that, unlike many journalists, I always reveal my sources. See you on the flip side of the new year.

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Clorisa Phillips retired from her career in higher education administration. She launched her “second chapter” as a writer and historian, motivated by her love of history, Clo enjoys reconnecting to V&M through the Society of 1918, the Women’s Weekend and other initiatives.

Joan Mitchell switched from a 20-plus-year computer career to real estate in 2005. In 2018, she opened her own firm, Mitchell Realty, in Blacksburg, Va. She has ridden motorcycles for 12 years and recently switched from Honda’s Goldwheels to three. Joan hopes to take a cross-country motorcycle trip with her husband, Jeff, in 2019. She stays in touch with freshman year Brown Hall dormmates and Kappa Alpha Theta sisters.

Jane Lindsay continues teaching as associate dean at Kingston University and St. George’s, University of London. She fondly recalls being an exchange-year student from St Andrew’s University. Last fall, Mary Sue Hogan Babb and her husband Paul walked the Camino Frances from St. Jean Pied de Port, France, to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Their 500-mile pilgrimage lasted from mid-September through the end of October.

Kevin Greenan retired in March 2016. He and his wife, Lee, have traveled abroad and domestically. He serves on a nonprofit board that oversees grief counseling. Kevin and Lee developed a website and blog for those who suffer from chronic pain due to nerve damage and complex regional pain syndrome, or CRPS. Kevin also enjoys woodworking.

Pat Steele shared that Rich Chambers passed away last June from pancreatic cancer. A group of classmates from Yates basement and Botetourt D that included Pat, Barb Leary Jones, Angie Briggs Overby, Doug Jones, Bill Myers, Steve Turner, Mark Palmer, Mike Gregg and Joey Pierce and Matt Lambert gathered for a memorial service in celebration of his life last Homecoming weekend.

Sheila Klaft enjoys working from home on the computer. Last summer, she and her daughters traveled to Branson, Mo., where Sheila rode the new Time Traveler rollercoaster – a “one and done experience!” In August, Sheila and her husband celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

After 30 years with IBM and American Express, and a total of 40 years in the IT industry, Karen Walden retired last fall. Following her husband’s death in 2017, she resolved to find a way to retire sooner rather than later and have a chance to spend her precious time doing more enjoyable things. She feels blessed to spend more time exercising, knitting, creating art and being with her family.

Maggie Kneip lives in Westport, Conn. Her daughter, Caroline, got married in August and is a Manhattan-based physician. Her son, Dan, is a law student at New York University. After a long career in book marketing, in late 2015, Maggie published her own, a memoir, titled “Now Everyone Will Know,” (recently optioned for film,) which she enjoyed Skypping about last summer with Barb Leary Jones’ Richmond book club. When she’s not taking on freelance marketing work, Maggie’s trying to still dance … and still trying to play tennis! After 18 years leading the health care law practice at Troutman Sanders, Steve Gravely launched a new firm on June 1, 2018. Gravely Group provides legal and strategic consulting services to the healthcare industry focusing on digital health.

In 2015, my wife, Marinda, and I joined our daughter Katie Wilson and six teachers as Katie led a group of 58 high school students to World War II sites in Western Europe — England, France, Belgium and Germany. Seeing history from the Allied Forces’ perspective motivated Marinda and I to visit Eastern Europe last August to learn more about WWII victims’ perspectives. We visited Hungary, Austria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland. We witnessed the devastation and misery experienced by its citizens and will never forget the life lessons we gained.

Best wishes to Tom Darone, who wrote and thanked me for serving as class reporter. Continue to send updates and know that we, the Class of ’77, care.

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Congratulations to Gene LeCouteur, who was named rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Middletown, Va. Before leaving St. Stephen’s in Richmond, Gene spent two weeks in France to revisit Paris and explore Brittany and Normandy. His “Celebration of New Ministry” was held on April 28, 2018. In attendance was Frances Walinsky ’76. According to Gene, “It has been a huge change from St. Stephen’s, a parish of 4,500, to Emmanuel, a parish of 120. Small town life has a slower pace and there is more time to get to know parishioners and become part of the community.”

With our 40th Reunion in the offing, our senior class president Chris Kelley writes, “Over the years reading the W&M Alumni Magazine, I often smile reflectively when I see a story about certain graduation ‘traditions.’ It might be interesting for some of our classmates to reminisce over the following: Our class’ commencement was the first … to be moved inside to William & Mary Hall. Up until that point, graduations had only been held indoors when there was inclement weather…. With our class, the administration finally determined that because of hot and humid weather at graduation time in Williamsburg and the desire for class members to have more than a limited number of guests attend, they would move graduation permanently indoors to William & Mary Hall. Maybe you remember that our class resisted this move, however, every year we voted to keep our graduation ‘indoors.’”

Our senior class officers reviewed several possibilities for a graduation speaker. The administration very much wanted us to invite an up-and-coming leader in the Tory Party in England, a little known but soon-to-be well-known MP named Margaret Thatcher … I was able to convince our officers that a better choice would be Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, who had recently been instrumental on the House Judiciary Committee in the impeachment proceedings against Richard Nixon. Ms. Jordan accepted our invitation and became the first woman, and first black woman, to be the commencement speaker in William & Mary history.”

Apparently every time Chris runs into former Dean Sam Sadler, Sadler’s first comment to him is, “Remember all we did to spur up graduation?”

As I write this in September 2018, I look forward to catching up with many of you at our upcoming 40th Reunion weekend and to reporting some first-hand “news” in my next column submission, which will be published in spring 2019. Who knows, maybe our class will inspire some new Homecoming traditions as well … Carpe Diem!

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I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer, and that many of you will ...
have been to Williamsburg for Homecoming by the time you read this. Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2019 will be our class reunion, so look for more information in the next two issues of the Alumni Magazine. I hope to see many of you there!

Here are a few news items from classmates:

Pernie Hatcher Forehand has self-published with CreateSpace a collection of her essays and opinion pieces, many of which were originally published in her local paper, the Bedford, Virginia, Bulletin. Pernie says she hopes that by publishing her book “Excelsior!” she will prompt discussion and shift the focus of the current public “conversation.” Pernie says at least two of her Win-M & Mary friends, Hugh Tito and his wife Vickie Dervishian Tito ’80 have bought copies. According to the description of the author on Amazon (where “Excelsior!” is available on Kindle and also in paperback), Pernie graduated from W&M with a B.A. in English and history. She then earned a master's degree in English from James Madison University and did some additional postgrad work at the Catholic University of America. Amazon says Pernie “has experience in many career fields, including in government, associate librarian, adjunct professor of English and federal service in the U.S. Department of Defense.”

Another of our classmates, Lee Tipton Read, was featured in The Daily Progress in Charlottesville, Va. Lee is a case manager with Hospice of the Piedmont, a community-based nonprofit that focuses on end-of-life care for patients throughout Central Virginia. Although Lee graduated from William & Mary with a degree in pre-med, she did not immediately go on to a career in the medical field. Instead, she earned a master’s degree in divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia, and went on to become chaplain at the University of Virginia and Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge, a retirement community in Charlottesville. Lee eventually entered nursing school, and also earned credits toward a degree in social work. All of this formal education has uniquely positioned Lee to provide the highest quality hospice care, by treating every aspect of the patient’s healthcare, social, emotional and spiritual needs.

Lastly, I heard from Kathy Yankovich Hornsby that she and classmates Joan Fabrizio Berlin and Charlotte Sharp Lucas just completed a five-day bicycle trip across Central France following the Chemin de Puy to the small village of Saint Jacques de Compostelle. The Chemin de Puy is one of four Pilgrim’s Routes that traverse France and ultimately connect with the famous El Camino de Santiago in Spain. The trip was inspired by Joan’s plan to visit her son Clark who is doing a medical internship in France, and her daughter Nicole who is living and working in London. She also planned to get together with Charlotte, who lives with her husband Daniel in the Pyrenees mountains in France, and Kathy never met a travel adventure she could resist. The three of them backpacked through farmland, forests, medieval villages and spectacular countryside, staying at ancient convents, monasteries and inns that had served for centuries as hostels for pilgrims. At the end of their backpacking adventure, they congratulated each other that they were not as sore as they had expected to be, but they were nonetheless happy to tour the Basque country of Spain in a car!

That’s all for now. Please send me your news and any fun updates that you think your classmates may enjoy hearing. And I hope to see you all in Williamsburg for our Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2019!

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As I write this, fall is almost here. There is a bit of a crispiness to the air that signals the start of cooler nights. I always enjoyed autumn in Williamsburg, particularly after the heat and humidity that lasted well into September. I hope this finds you all well and enjoying life.

This fall marks the start of a new school year in a new position in the Winchester, Va., public school district for Nan Keller Bryant. Nan was appointed to the position of principal of the Virginia Avenue Charlotte DeHart Elementary School (VACDES) effective July 1, 2018, after serving as its interim principal and director of elementary and intermediate instruction. Previously, she was principal at the John Kerr Elementary School in Winchester for four years. Nan has been an educator in the Winchester public school system for 24 years and has made it her life’s work for 34 years. VACDES must be in Nan’s blood, as three generations of her family including her father, Nan, her three brothers, her husband and her nephew have all attended VACDES. It goes to show that you stay with what you love! Nan continued her love of learning after W&M by receiving an M.S. reading specialist degree from Shenandoah University, an administrative endorsement from George Mason University, and a doctorate in organizational leadership from Shenandoah University.

Earlier this year, Beth Merchant was appointed CEO of Richmond’s Daily Planet Health Services, which is a nonprofit health care center that offers primary care, oral health care, behavioral health care and pharmacist services to those in need. Daily Planet operates two health care centers in Richmond and offers transitional housing and convalescent care. In 2017, these two facilities provided services to more than 7,200 patients, most of whom have no insurance and fall below the federal poverty level. The tremendous need for such services is what drew Beth to join forces. The path that Beth followed to where she is today included a 13-year career in banking, director of development for Virginia Urology, an MBA from the Robins School of Business at the University of Richmond, a master’s degree in health administration from Virginia Commonwealth University, and a tour with the Peace Corps in 2002. Beth was selected to serve as a health education volunteer in the Republic of Moldova. She lived with a local family in a home without running water or indoor plumbing and through this all learned what it is like to have a limited grasp of the language yet still to have to interact with people and make them understand you. Beth says that this experience was humbling and gave her tremendous empathy. It also led her to the faith-based nonprofit Bon Secours Richmond Health System, where Beth spent 12 years before her latest move. So, it sounds like Beth is exactly where she is needed most! Well, that is all the news for now. Please keep me in mind and drop me a note with your news, including news from Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. I wish you all continued success in all of your endeavors.

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Greetings from the big D! It is a warm September day as I write this. I am happy to be getting back into a routine after summer madness. Summers are getting expensive as we try and “bribe” the kids to go with us on vacations. Our latest bribe is a lake house nearCorsicana. We are hoping our kids will think it’s a cool place to go with their friends on fall break. (If they won’t mind if we are in the background feeding and cleaning up after them...). I’ll let you know how that works out. Any of you have this experience?

This past weekend Brenda Bloomer Hargett and her husband Joe threw a baby shower (a babyQ — cute!) for their daughter Heather and her husband Zach. Was fun to see Brenda warming up to be a grandmother!

Our dear friend Beth Alford Wolfe came to Dallas with her daughter Patrice, who was trying to escape Hurricane Florence as she is in graduate school at the College of Charleston. Always so fun to see my dear roommate.
and Pi Phi sister! It just so happened that my son, Noah, was also escaping the hurricane on the same flight from Charlotte, so they all traveled together. Hilarious and surreal to get a selfie from my son and my college roommate! Beth has recently retired and is enjoying being free to travel and figure out this phase of life. She and Tommy still live in Fairfax Station, Va.

I heard from David Lucas ’80 who sent this update: “Been an insurance defense attorney at the Jersey Shore since 1994, Resided in Wall Township since 1993. Wife Tracy is preschool teacher (Ohio State grad). You think Aggies are rabid? Buckeyes give Aggies a run for their money. Three kids (24-year-old twins and a 22-year-old daughter). Past: Little League baseball and softball coach, travel baseball coach, and one term on local board of education. Currently a mock trial coach for local public high school (Wall Township). Member of the Spot 82 tailgate group for Tribe football” (which I believe also includes Sig Eps Jack Horst ’81, Don Morris, Jim Peworthik, Dave Martin, Mark Kehoe, Steve Tang and Bud Phillips). Dave also reported that he and his wife have built a house in Fords Colony in Williamsburg, so they will now be closer to all of the W&M action! So great to hear from Dave.

Brad Mars wrote that he and his wife have made a big change in their lives: “We gave up our lifelong commitment to the typical suburban lifestyle and moved into Richmond’s Fan District. We just finished our first year in a renovated 1911 row house, and we’re loving it! I haven’t done any yard work since moving. We have several of Richmond’s best restaurants and venues within walking distance — and my wife has achieved her lifelong goal of living less than 450 yards from a Starbucks! So if anyone finds themselves at the Fan Starbucks or at Secco Wine Bar, look for us hanging out on our front porch or come knocking!”

Professor Barbara Heath was in the news for a recent archaeologi- cal dig that took place at the Virginia plantation of English-born settler Col. John Mottram, who estab- lished the plantation in the early 1600s and lived there until his death in 1665. It is believed that the Chica- coan Native American Village was associated with the whole area and the leader of the Chicaocan lived in the next field down from Mottram.

Leonard Heath Jr. ’82, J.D. ’86 was in the news as a veteran local attorney that has been named the new president of the Virginia State Bar — the first lawyer from the Newport News Peninsula to hold that role in more than 50 years. Heath has a law practice in Newport News and works in both state and federal courts. He specializes in civil litigation. Heath said he plans to focus heavily on “lawyer wellness” during his time at the helm of that state bar.

Brian Gorderine ’92, M.A. ’85 has taken over as assessor for Petersburg, Va. The city assessor is in charge of leading assessments of real estate within the city. Gorderine moved to the city from Luray, Va., where he held the position of assessor since 2008.

Four Republicans, including Frank Robert ’82, M.Ed. ’84, are running for District 5 Commissioner in Carroll County, Md. Frank received a B.A. in history and a master’s in education from W&M and an MBA at Loyola. Congratulations to all of our classmates in the news! Please send me YOUR news and updates! We are all becoming empty nesters, so let me know how YOU are handling the transition and what your plans are.

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So much fun happens at W&M! First: Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. Besides all the events W&M puts on, our class added some 1980s flair to the weekend. The Spotwood residents from ’79-’80, along with the group from Lodge 8 (RIP Lodges) ’81-’83 and the Dewey Beach House ’84-’85 threw their own reunion reception on Saturday of Homecoming weekend. Organizers included their classmate to, Bob Newman, Cesar Conda, Mike Holleran ’83, J.D. ’86, Mark Singley, Wayne Pug- lisi, Walter Placzek, Peter Atwater, Bob Jameson ’82 and Bill Stein. Then later in the day, our fa- vorite college band from 1983, the Dimeslots, rode a 1932 Ford 250 in the parade and played for happy hour at the Virginia Beer Company over on Second Street. The Dimeslots, 2018 version, is much the same as the 1983 version, made up of Brad Marrs, Mike Shields (from Jacksonville, Fla.), Reid Harrison ’82 (all the way from FRANCE!), Gary Littlepage ’90 (New Hampshire), Bill Grossman and special guest Deema Katson ’81. This year held some special appearances by Bill Cusmano ’81, J.D. ’86 and Brian Mount ’83, M.Ed. ’93 (Penn- sylvania) with George Long ’82 on harmonica! The Dimeslots always pay tribute to their departed bassist and dear friend Neil Sherman ’84. Also on hand for this performance: Cristy Belt Grossman and Lynn Rosenberry Lull! All the activities the Alumni Association offers are great, but it’s especially fun to celebrate our 35th Reunion with the band from “My Old School” days! (Please notice that the deadline for this issue was in September. More on Homecoming next issue!)

Second: William & Mary hosted the first Women’s Weekend in September, celebrating 100 years of women at W&M. I was so lucky to be able to attend with my daughter Ally Phillips ’16 and my dear friend (and former roommate) Nancy Cote Kane ’84. The three of us were roomies for the week- end. One highlight was when Christie Baty Hudgins introduced us to her daughter Emma Heinzle ’20 by saying “Hi, I’m Mrs. Heinzle and Ally and Emma are both Pi Phi’s. They were comparing "phamily" trees when they discovered they were direct Phi Phi Phamily descendants! We refrained from breaking into Phi Phi songs (thankfully!); however, it was tempting to “Ring Ching” at the Society of 1918 dinner where Pi Phi was well represented. Hey ladies: it’s not too late to join the Society of 1918 so you can party with us next time!

Ellen Stefan ’83, D.Sc. ’16, director of the Smithsonian’s Air and Space Museum, was one of the Women’s Weekend keynote speakers. She shared some memories of how she was inspired and encouraged by both her parents to develop her passion. Melanie Morgan ’84, J.D. ’87 was also a speaker. She presented a Mary Talk (like a TED talk) on her specialty of representing women finished by breaking up their spouses and helping them rebuild their lives. Melanie lives in Texas. Another Mary Talk speaker was Wendy Rilling LeBoit, who was giving away her book, “Worship the Flying Pig.” She autographed mine! Weny- dy founded Fit2Finish, LLC in 2001 to “address the crisis of injuries in youth sports.” Wendy is in the process of selling her home and building in Ford’s Colony, right around the corner from Dave Lucas ’80 and his family, who are right around another corner from Mark Andino ’80 and Julie Doolittle Andino ’83.

I picked up two more books written by W&M women over the weekend, including “Money Grab,” a financial thriller by Frances Jones Aylor ’71. I know Frances from the Richmond Pi Phi Alum Club, she is a Chartered Financial Analyst and a member of the James River Writers. I also picked up “Imagi- ne it Forward” by Beth Comstock ’82. She gave her talk via pre-recorded video, and organizers were selling copies of her book for everyone at the weekend. See the video at https://youtu.be/mck0-6wokS0.

Other great women from the Class of 1983 at the three-day event were Cyndy Nash Hudde- lleston ’83, M.Ed. ’86, Mary Lou Hundle- y Hunt ’83, M.A.Ed. ’02, Helen E. Casey-Rut- land, Elizabeth Green, Suzanne Richardson Heist, Elizabeth G. McClenney, Anne McPhaul McGeorge, Laurie Deserone Phillips, Helen Hayes Seymore and Elizabeth C. Young. Shut out to Skip Rowland for all the great photography work he did over Wom- en’s Weekend. It must’ve been a challenge to be one of few guys around the festivities.

I had the pleasure of meeting Patty Gibson ’79, who worked with Ally at her first job after grad- uating. Ally spoke highly of and Patty and how it was nice to have a woman from W&M at work. I also met a neighbor of mine in RVA, Lisa Roday. Lisa had two sons graduate from W&M, Harrison Roday ’13 and Ethan Roday ’14, and is on the Board of Visitors. But best of all she lives right around the corner from me, at least until or if
I ever sell my house!

A few other lovely ladies that I spoke with were Jo Lynn DeMar '68, Ed.D. '82 (who I know from the Richmond Pi Phi alumni chapter), Kathy Woodcock '85, Peggy Corcillo '85, Clo Phillips '77 (who I decided I really needed to know since I'm a Pi Phi too, same with Laurie Phillips), Mary Gallagher Martel '88 (she and I discovered we are in same Pi Phi Phamily), JJ Johnson Head '84, Janet Rollins Atwater '84, Anne Humphries Arsenneau '89, M.A.Ed. '92 and Millie West HON '91, L.H.D. '17 (who told me to be sure to say hi to my mom, so, in case I forget, she can see it in print... MOM: Millie West saved a funny story with Suzanne Sellers Houck '82 about a case of mistaken identity involving her and me, some 30 years after college. If you want to know more ask me in person.

Stacy Ponticello Rosser '80 was my neighbor when I lived in Pacific Palisades, Calif. Stacy and I met through tennis (she is an awesome tennis player), and we found out later we both went to W&M. She is a partner at Pali Wine Co. Stacy has been instrumental in opening five Pali Wine tasting rooms in Southern California. It's good to see the wine business! Another friend in the wine business is Barbara Cole Joynes '82, who along with her husband Stan are partners in Valley Roads Winery located in Charlottesville. I took a road trip out there to celebrate their second year in business. It's worth the drive!

Did you know you can get a free annual pass to Colonial Williamsburg if you are a W&M alumnus, student or parent? Nancy, her son Christopher Kane '21, and I did that on Saturday during Women's Weekend and toured the Governor's Palace. Then, on Sunday, we got Janet Lawson '86 to join us. Janet is volunteering as an alumni advisor for the W&M Pi Phi chapter. We spent Sunday afternoon strolling DoG Street, wandering into the bakery to get authentic colonial ginger cookies followed by words of wisdom from George Washington in 1797. I recommend the trip back in time!

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Greetings, Class of 1984! It is the first day that feels like fall here in the Washington, D.C., area as I write, and that means William & Mary Homecoming is just around the corner! I hope to see many of you there!

In September I attended the William & Mary Alumni Association Fall Awards Banquet, at which Joanna Ashworth was honored as a 2019 Douglas N. Morton '62 Alumni Service Award recipient. Joanna has served on the Alumni Association board, on the Alumni Admissions Network since graduation, as a class reporter for her first 10 years as an alumna, and on several class reunion and fundraising committees. Congratulations to Joanna on this well-deserved honor!

It was great to see several classmates at the banquet, including Alison Hawley Ewing, Linda Reynard Basnight, Kim Staples Hundle, Sarah Williamson, George Cruser, who currently serves on the Alumni Association board, and my sister Jennifer Horrocks Francois '91 and her husband Kent Francois '91. Jennie and Kent's daughter Natalie Francois '22 is a freshman this year at William & Mary.

Kim Staples Hundle and her husband Greg Hundle are relocating from Winston-Salem, N.C., back home to Richmond, Va., as Greg is the inaugural director of the VCU Health Pauley Heart Center. Prior to his appointment, Greg practiced for 22 years at the Wake Forest School of Medicine, where he served as the medical director of the Reynolds Tower Cardiovascular Imaging Facility. In his new role, he will leverage his expertise in preventive heart care and his research interests in cardio-oncology to develop the program and services at the Pauley Heart Center and the VCU Massey Cancer Center. Joanna joined a W&M alumni chapter reunion, Jennifer Hundle '22, is a freshman at William & Mary.

During the summer, Joanna joined a W&M alumni and family reunion at the Maumea, a guesthouse of the Kanu Kaelani Resort in the Big Island of Hawaii, hosted by Kimberly Rabenberg Barnes, the group included Sheila Mc-Donnell Bates, Hope Solomon Young, Susan Peterson Petter, Susan Frier Wells, Anne St. Clair, Kim Staples Hundle, Meg Hunter Scott, Margie Mullhaupt Pierce and Anne "Hil- liard" Golwen Brand '83. Though apparently trapped in the Pit of Misery in the Anheuser-Busch Brewery, all managed to cry “Dilly Dilly” and escape unharmed! Joanna and her husband David Walls visited with Anne Brand and her husband David Brand while traveling through Memphis during the summer. Anne is director of marketing for Boyle Investment Company, and David is a research biologist at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Memphis. Later in the same journey, they visited Diane Hawley Abshire, vice president and fundraising services consultant, in Fort Collins, Colo.

Melanie Morgan '84, J.D. '87, who is an attorney at Legal Aid of Northwest Texas and an associate professor at Collin College in McKinney, Texas, gave one of the presentations at the first William & Mary Women's Weekend, held in September. Melanie's legal focus is representing victims of domestic violence, and her presentation discussed family violence and ways to combat it. Melanie mentioned that she saw Sherry Selph McCann, whose daughter, Jenny McCann '19, plays for the team.

Melanie recently attended a W&M Pi Phi reunion in Austin, Texas. The group, which included Anne Kirk Gensheimer, Lynne Helms Foreman, Monica Johnson Deaver, Lisa West Abert, Julie Beringer, Margie Krebs and Julie O'Neil Kloo, enjoyed touring Austin, visiting the capitol, going out on Rainey Street, shopping on South Congress, and taking a bat tour by boat.

Susan French Owens also attended the Women's Weekend and mentioned that she also saw JJ Johnson Head as well as Janet Rollins Atwater. Susan is a charter member of the Society of 1918, which has raised over $2.65 million for the Alumni Initiatives Endowment to support engagement, leadership and philanthropy of William & Mary women. She was recently named one of the Baltimore Sun's 25 Women to Watch in 2018, which recognizes the leading voices in business, activism and research in the Baltimore area. Susan is senior vice president and regional vice president for Weekends and E- Ticket, a mobile ticket banking for Wells Fargo, the bank she started working for while still in school.

David P. Gushee is the Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and director for faith and public life at Mercer University. David earned his M.Div. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. in Christian ethics and his M.Phil. from Union Theological Seminary. He has served as the vice president of the American Academy of Religion and as president-elect of the Society of Christian Ethics. He is the author or editor of 20 books and over 100 scholarly articles, chapters and reviews, earning recognition as the Evangelical Press Association Award in multiple years.

Don Luzzatto is vice president for civic engagement and community foundation. Don previously served as the editorial page editor at the Virginia-Pilot. He is an active member of the Downtown Suffolk Rotary Club, and he serves on the board of the Suffolk Youth Athletic Association, for which he also volunteers as a soccer coach.

I greatly enjoyed visiting with Liz Somers Ottaway and her husband John Ottaway in July, cheering the Detroit Tigers on to victory and having a wonderful tour of Detroit and Grosse Pointe. Liz is the executive director of Pointe Capital Management LLC. John is a senior vice president and managing partner at GTB, an advertising and communications agency located in Dearborn, Mich.

After leaving Detroit, I traveled on to Chicago, where I spent a day with Anne Veit, who gave my son Alec Miller '18 and me a great tour of the Art Institute of Chicago and downtown Chicago.

In August, my husband Greg Miller and I attended a Michigan Light Orchestra concert with our family. On the following night, I was able to see ELO's No. 1 fan, Noah...
decided to attend Case Western University, and Susan's youngest son is in high school in Northern Virginia. Jennifer invites classmates who are ever in Nashville to look her up.

Jami DeMaio Van Bergen and her husband Peter Van Bergen J.D. ’86 encourage us to support a film project written, directed and produced by William & Mary students and the independent film studio Identity Production Studios LLC. The film titled “Solo Orange” is based on the growing epidemic of suicide and increasing efforts for suicide prevention. This film is being submitted to the College Television Awards hosted by the Television Academy, and to the Student Academy Awards hosted by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The impetus for this film is Jamie’s son John, who was a classmate, and long-time friend of IDPS founder Isaac Davis ’20. They planned to study and produce films together one day. John’s loss is a great one to the creative community, his family and many friends. Jamie says that if this film somehow contributes to just one person/family being prevented from enduring the pain of suicide, it will be priceless.

Proof that our classmates really do read this column: Suzanne Pattee Burke told me that a coworker at the FDA saw her update in my last column, contacted her and said that they had some biology classes together. So I encourage you all to think of someone whom you remember from a class or dorm or anywhere at all, and I would love to be able to put you back in touch with each other. Remember, you can find me on Facebook or send me a short email to let me know what is happening in your lives. I look forward to hearing from more of you. Valete, omnes!

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Congratulations to Christine Kubacki Atherton and Mike Atherton ’86, who just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in June! Several years after Mitch Cohen ’85 introduced them in the breakfast line in the Colony Room, they were married in Wren Chapel and held their reception at the Alumni House. The Athertons still see a lot of Mitch and his wife Susan in Northern Virginia. Christine recently spent time with Leslie Brodhead ’86. Christine met Leslie on her very first day at W&M and despite the distance (Leslie is based in Colorado), they have remained close friends.

Many of you that follow W&M Athletics already know that Marsha Fishburne Lycan has been coaching the Tribe women’s soccer team alongside Head Coach Julie Cunningham Shackford ’89. Marsha’s been involved in coaching (or playing) soccer her whole life, including recent stints as assistant coach at the University of New England for six seasons, as head coach for the GPS Maine U17/U18 Girls Elite team, and as director of coaching at the Falmouth Youth Soccer Association. Among other accolades, Marsha was named Frontier Premier Coach of the Year by Soccer Maine in 2010.

Speaking of athletes, Suzie Gruner McMullen and her teammates had quite a summer on the tennis circuit. The team came together and trained for about four months and ended up IT-1 going into regionals in July. They remained undefeated throughout the competition and emerged as the USTA (U.S. Tennis Association) League Mid-Atlantic Regional Champions! This earned them a chance to compete at the nationals at the USTA headquarters in Orlando in August. Congratulations Suzie!

After graduating from W&M, Kelly Hughes Iverson attended law school at the University of Maryland and has had a successful career as a partner of a Maryland firm working in defense of professional malpractice and product liability litigation. She has always been active in both state and local bar associations, and was elected the 2018 president of the Baltimore City Bar Association. Kelly is also one of the top lawyers in 2018’s Top 50 Women Attorneys in Maryland.

I had not had the privilege of spending time with my friend Mary Hazinski Hawke for years, and I was heartbroken to get a call in late July that Mary had passed away after a long battle with cancer through all the memories and good times we had at school and I am hard-pressed to think of Mary without picturing her smiling, laughing or in general brightening up a room, or even any situation, while surrounded by friends. After graduation, Mary earned her law degree at Fordham University School of Law, where she met her husband Chris, and went on to a successful career in litigation for several years in New York City before she and Chris settled down in New Jersey. Mary joined Christie, who has four children who range in age from 14-22. Mary was tirelessly devoted to her friends, her family, and community. She served, often in leadership roles, on boards for several charity and volunteer organizations.

A celebration of Mary’s life was held on a sunny day by the water on July 25 in Rumson, N.J. It was well-attended by a large crowd of family, friends and local community members. Sarah Wilson Robins, Lisa Viviano Hensley, Carla McNeil-Morin, and her husband Scott Hartman ’89, Pete Hoehn and his wife, and Mary Johnston McSwain and her husband Tim were part of a group of William & Mary friends that were able to be there. Sarah said that ultimately, after listening to all the heartfelt speeches, it was comforting to know that the Mary we knew back at school had continued living a very full life surrounded by love. If you would like to honor Mary, the program asked that those interested consider donations on her behalf to the Jacqueline M. Wilentz Breast Cancer Center at Monmouth Medical Center.

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Diana Bulman left Cleveland and Cleveland Clinic to move to sunny California to take a position with Stanford Medicine, managing fundraisers and working with donors interested in supporting research, education and patient care initiatives. Living in an apartment next to Face Problem Katheriners, where she has purchased lots of sunscreen and is adjusting to California’s cultural norms, in and out of the office.

The summer of 2018 was filled with fun for Sherri Radday and Michael Radday ’86! Sherri had dinner in Richmond with freshman hallmates Betsy McMor- row, Brooke Davis and Heather Taylor. The Raddays vacationed in Key West, Fla., in May and in July, Mike and Sherri went to Colorado, where they glamped and stayed in “unusual” homes: a tiny cabin, a teepee, a haunted hotel, a tree house and a tiny house featured in Tiny House Nation. They also traveled to Raleigh, N.C.; New York City; Colorado; and Ohio to see shows, including bucket-list locations Red Rocks and Blossom Music Center. While traveling, they enjoyed seeing Carrie Parker ’89 and Deena Muller.

Bo Eskay and Jackie Bernard Eskay’s youngest son, John Andrew Eskay ’22, started his freshman year at W&M this fall, following older brothers, Jackson Eskay ’16 and William Eskay ’18, as members of the Tribe men’s soccer team. The Eskays report the daughter of Chip Esten ’87 and Patty Hanson Puskar ’87, Addie Puskar ’22, is also a freshman this year and playing for the Tribe women’s soccer team.

Mollie McNeil Morgan and John Morgan relocated from Princeton, N.J., to the Silicon Valley after a number of years of John making the weekly commute to Princeton. Mollie McNeil Morgan, a 1988 graduate of Princeton, is the daughter of Robert McNeil ’63 and Robin McNeil, both W&M alumni who met in the Class of ’85 while they were part of the same track team. Mollie is training full time for her second Ironman in Phoenix, Ariz., and is enjoying the California climate. They would love to hear from any Tribe friends.

Kim Sodemman continued his service to our country working at a clinic in Afghanistan this summer.

After leaving corporate America, Dave Weav- ing signed on to start an inaugural franchise for StretchLab, a leader in assisted stretching. Dave traveled to Chile and Easter Island with daughter Kaitlyn to visit her sister, Nicole, who is studying abroad for six months.

Kirby Knight and Eric Hoy met up with old friends from high school in torrential rains to attempt to see D.C. United play for only the second time in their new
stadium. Eric ended up being the only one to brave the elements and stay for the long-delayed game, but both had a great time catching up over dinner. The two met up the next night to see the classic Stanley Kubrick film “Paths of Glory.”

In February 2018, a group of 1986 women spent an amazing weekend at the home of Linda Habgood and Gary Zanfagna. They welcomed Laura Respess Biddle, Susan Bozorth, Carrie Stipcic Fawcett, Terri Dispenziere Madden ’88, MBA ’92, Maggie Marigotia Nelson, Shelley Watros Palermo and Lori Kimbrow Wun. A gourmet dinner and wine pairing in Linda and Gary’s home followed a day spent in New York City. It was great to catch up with friends who met in 1984! Maggie just started a job as the director of college counseling at Indiana University in Annapolis, Md. She looks forward to working with students researching college options and hopes to send some to William & Mary.

Rick and Jennifer Blount Sanford ’88, M.B.A. ’91 saw friends and sorority sisters at the 2017 Homecoming game, where the current sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority warmly welcomed them. Jennifer loved seeing her favorite sisters, including Teri Dale Duncan, Karen Ecelli Brownfield ’87, Becky Brawley Sawyer ’87, Julie Lopp Andrews ’87, Casey Sponski Corning ’87 and many more! Rick and Jennifer’s older daughter completed her graduate degree at Oxford University and started work in Hamburg, Germany. Their younger daughter is a senior at Gettysburg College, studying business and playing on the women’s soccer team.

Jen Catney is doing really well following a year spent battling cancer (she’s done with treatment) and moving forward in grad school for occupational therapy (she graduated in December). The whole experience made her really passionate about her focus in OT: understanding clients’ life stories to promote building lives of meaning and purpose rather than focusing on disease or disability. Her war room! Her son Charlie started high school and wants to become an author. Her husband Mike is playing and teaching guitar and bass and performing around New York City. R.F.M. cover band called Murmurl; their music brings back all sorts of memories of W&M days! Jen got together with roomie Erin Heitman and her family who stopped by on their way to Canada, and separately with her other roommate, Jennifer Pech Pashjerg. The Jens spent time singing around the campfire with their families in the Poconos. Jen Pech is balancing real estate work, motherhood and the entertainment biz again! She executive produced and acted in a new play, “The War Party,” in the New York International Fringe in October. Beth Clancy ’86 was the costume designer. Jen is also the co-producer on the Tony-nominated, Drama Desk- and Outer Critics Circle Award-winning Broadway musical “Come From Away.” She is producing various short films, including one with Laura Carson ’88. She very much wants to connect with W&M alums on anything creative.

Ed Cannon ’89, M.Ed. ’00 and Chip Harding ’91 met up in Florence, Italy, this summer. Both happened to be in Italy at the same time celebrating their spouse’s 50th birthdays, so they met up for dinner and an evening out in the City of Lilies. Next year, Ed plans to apply for promotion to full professor at the University of Colorado.

Susan Ball Wolski had a wonderful weekend in August with her Monroe 1st roommate Lisa Hunter Newcombe and her family. Susan lives in Richmond, Va., and works for Henrico County Public Schools. In May, her daughter graduated from Georgetown University and started a job in Washington, D.C. Her son is in seventh grade.

Catherine Nelson Schlawin, Pam Busch Murphy and Anne Ferrell Leggett got together for their annual Outer Banks, N.C., girls’ weekend in March and again in November for the OBX Charity Golf Tournament. Catherine hosted the Spotwood Upper 2nd gang, Ann Buckley Hawkins, Christina Glad and Patty Kate Maliga, at her house in June.

Catherine, Anne, Karen Nelson ’87, Susan na Maisto ’20, Sam Mehring ’20, Shannon Watson, Delta Helmer Pelgrim, Paul Cullen, Marianne Mannschul and Elmer Bigley attended William & Mary Day at Nationals Park.

Kathy Handron Bruckner, Ruth-Marie Cason ’90, M.Ed. ’00 and Kristin Master Slacik attended the W&M-Virginia Tech football game. Kathy’s daughter Kathry and Kristin’s son Mark are freshmen at Tech. Kristin’s daughter, Katie, is a senior at W&M.

Donald Wilson and Beth Ann Hull Wilson’s son, Riley Wilson ’19, is a senior tight end for the Tribe football team. Beth Ann was also in a shot of coaching volleyball at Marymount University in Arlington. She coaches with Brian Cunningham.

‘98, who ran track and cross county and coached for the Tribe, and Frank Lioni, who previously coached baseball for W&M. Kerry Gray, a starting linebacker for all four years at W&M, was inducted in the Petersburg Athletic Hall of Fame. He currently serves as athletic director at Hopewell High School in Hopewell, Va.

Martha McGothin ’89, J.D. ’95 has had a busy year, including getting married to Mark Bowman in May. Last spring, she made her third field trip pilgrimage to the ‘Burg, this time with her son’s fourth-grade class. She even rented out the side of Paul’s Deli for dinner for the class (pitchers of beer not included!). Martha’s upstairs house furnishing consignment store, House Dressing, was named after everyone’s favorite sandwich condiment. She recently participated in a charity golf tournament because of her father, Jim McGothin ’62, B.C.L. ’64 that featured such American legends as Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Peyton Manning and Jerry West at The Olde Farm. More than $156 million was raised for Mountain Mission School in Grundy, Va.

In September, more than 32 years after their first date, Elizabeth Colucci married David Brackins ’86 in the back courtyard of the Wren Building, Elizabeth’s AXO sister, Margie Garber, officiated the ceremony. Elizabeth was escorted to Crim Dell by her sons, Kevin Mooz ’20 and Charlie Mooz, for photos before the ceremony. Dave retired from the Diplomatic Security Service of the U.S. State Department and has embarked on a new private sector career in Richmond, Va. Elizabeth continues to practice law, primarily representing children and incapacitated adults as a guardian ad litem.

Catherine Coppola Plachta wrote that husband Mike Plachta M.A. ’90 retired after almost 29 years in the FBI. He accepted a local job, so they’re staying in Mexico City. Their daughter Jane graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in May and is working in Reston for SAIC. Their son Marc Plachta ’17 finished his M.A. at the University of Glasgow in August and started an internship at NATO.

Doug and I hosted an AFS exchange student from Argentina while our kids are studying in Asia (Quinn in rural India; Carter in Shanghai). Our 30th Reunion is Oct. 17-20, 2019! Contact me if you’re planning on going or want to be involved.

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polish strips directly to consumers, to demonstrate how their nail polish goes on dry.

Ellen Golembe Rubin continues to work as a lactation consultant (IBCLC) at the Breastfeeding Center of Pittsburgh and as a screener at the Mid-Atlantic Mother’s Milk Bank. Her husband, Jon Rubin ’91, became chair of the math department at the University of Pittsburgh this past academic year and continues to teach and work on research in mathematical biology. Their youngest, Julian, is a high school sophomore, and their oldest, Evan, just started at Pitt in psychology.

Bettina Ristau Tippett is excited that her daughter Natalie Zyblut ’22 graduated at William & Mary as a Monroe Scholar.

Mary Beth Larson Kloiber and family drove from Atlanta to Williamsburg to kick off their official college tour. She loved touring campus with her three teenage boys, one of whom is a junior.

Melissa Callison Jones’ daughter is a junior at West Point and her son is a seventh grader. Melissa recently accepted a role with Evonik Corporation, a specialty chemical company headquartered in Germany, as talent acquisition manager for North America. She lives in Richmond, Va.

Deborah Greenson Cohen is CFO of the Mark Twain House & Museum in Hartford, Conn., and proud mom to Lauren Cohen ’21.

Peggy Cabell Metts ’90, M.A. ’91 lives in Wilson, N.C., with her husband and their four children, including the oldest, Carrington Anne Metts ’20. Peggy is the medical director of Wilson Radiation Oncology. Andy Holt’s twin daughters, Ashley and Heather, entered North Carolina State University this fall, where both are running cross country and track.

Leslie Ann Lunsford Dunn was awarded tenure at Georgia State University and graduated with a master’s degree in criminal justice from Albany State University. She is currently working on a fifth degree — master’s degree in communication from Georgia State University — and in the middle of writing a MOOC for the University of West Georgia. Leslie’s son, also a French horn player, performed in last year’s Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City and recently at Carnegie Hall. Her daughter is a classical ballerina and plays oboe.

Karen Kossow lives vicariously through local W&M friends, watching their kids play sports. She recently joined Gallaudet with Kevin Collins and Sam Hancock Collins to watch their son play baseball against Gallaudet, where Curtis Pride is coach. She also saw Joe Gilson and Jeannine Burgess-Gilson’s daughter Kyleigh compete in gymnastics. Jeannine, Samantha and Karen (along with Sam’s mom and one of her sons) did March for our Lives together. Karen, Jeannine and Joe, Samantha and Kevin, Jennifer, and Wally Welham ’89 also enjoyed William & Mary Night at Nationals Park in August.

Nan Brunson Carmack, director of library networking and development at the Library of Virginia, enjoys connecting with Richmond alumni, especially Deborah Barfield Williamson. Deborah is associate planning giving director at the Salvation Army, National Capital & Virginia Division. Nan also had the opportunity to connect with Bill Jonas ’90, M.Ed. ’92 in Washington, D.C., recently (he works at Catholic University) and found his sarcasm meter has remained quite high. After 15 years with Eagle as a director, senior vice president and client portfolio manager in St. Petersburg, Fla., Richmond, Va; Boston; and Stowe, Vermont, Jas Short is looking to relocate to an investment management firm in Virginia or the Carolinas. He and wife Heather have four children who are very active with schoolwork and various sports.

Katie Hornbarger Crane, her husband Lanse and their yellow Lab Eli moved to Washington, D.C., in December 2017 after living in Boulder, Colo., for 10 years. In July, Katie started working at the American Iron and Steel Institute as manager of environment, health and safety. They are enjoying being back on the East Coast, closer to family and friends from W&M.

Melinda Gott Peacock moved to Silicon Valley to work at Google in 2009 and has been working for Apple for eight years (as a data quality manager on the hardware side and a data program manager in iTunes). She and Kenneth Way Peacock have two teens, Caitlyn and Nicholas. Melinda has bumped into West Coast transplant Elizabeth Yow ’91 and Jenn Chisholm Martella.

Rie Southers reported that K. Scott Miles is running for Commonwealth’s Attorney in Chesterfield County, Va. Scott was an active-duty Army officer and paratrooper stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., and served in combat during Desert Storm in Iraq and Operation Restore Hope in Somalia. He earned a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and has practiced law for 22 years, including service as a legal aid attorney, public defender, prosecutor and private practitioner. He currently runs a private practice in Chesterfield County.

Chris Thomson and Britney Lee Thomson celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in July. They met freshman year during a RA informational session at W&M, were married at the Methodist Church on Jamestown Road, and had their reception at the Hospitality House. They have lived in Lynchburg, Va., for 19 years. Chris is chief medical officer for Centra Health and will finish his MBA at the University of Virginia Darden School of Business in May 2019. They are “0/2 for daughters attending W&M but daughter Kately is still a possibility.”

The first official Ironman-branded 70.3 triathlon will take place on May 5, 2019, in Williamsburg. Audra Alley will be proudly representing the Tribe and the West Coast. Laura Doyle Currey ’90, M.Ed. ’91, Mollie McNeil Morgan ’88, Melanie James-Cosgrove ’91, Kathy Carter ’91, Samantha Hugé, Katharine Rovere — and anyone else — are encouraged to join Audra. Do the whole swim/bike/run or be part of a relay team. Let’s make the W&M contingent the strongest on the course!

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As I write this column, everyone has just gone back to school. I loved seeing all the pictures of classmates moving their kids into their freshman dorms, including some at W&M. Makes me nostalgic.

I received a great picture of Christina Sitterson Minecci ’91, M.Ed. ’93, Debbie Bryant Pearson ’91, J.D. ’94 and Samantha Hancock Collins ’90. They celebrated 20 years of friendship and Cape Delta sisterhood at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando. All three were in mouse ears, standing next to Chewbacca. Debbie said they had a terrific time and they made it back home just ahead of Hurricane Florence.

Ron Wolfe filled me in on the Flannel Animals reunion in August at Pro Re Data Brewery in Crozet, Va. Scot Carr, Thom Didato, Matt Williams ’89, Brent Baxter ’88 and Matt Williams ’88 (not a typo — there were two Matt Williams!) played two sets of college rock classics from R.E.M., The Connells, The Smiths, The Replacements and others. Lots of alumni were in the audience including Lisa Applegate ’89, Tracy Edwards ’90, John McQuilkin and Kathy Cro McQuilkin, Leean Anderson, Christine Davis Wolfe ’88, Adrian Felts ’94, Drew Forlano ’90 and Cathy Fisher Carr.

I would love to hear your good news! Please contact me anytime.

See more at magazine.

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1992

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Kevin Thomas Moly ’92 and Marcelyn Hawkins Molloy ’92 a daughter, Keira Channing, 9/11/18.

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1993

Class Reporter
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.
In July, GEICO's board of directors named Rick Haogland senior vice president with oversight responsibilities for GEICO's business in New England and New Jersey, along with managing the company's New York insurance operations. He joined GEICO in 1994.

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1994
Class Reporter STEVE NEWMAN
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Some pretty cool things to share with everyone this time around.

Amy Thompson
Hark '92 is currently promoted to professor of biology at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., and will begin her 15th year of teaching there this fall. Her husband W. Judd (Hark) '92 is currently the manager of learning space technology and design at Lehigh University. Their daughter Abby began high school this fall and is keeping the family busy with softball and swimming activities. The Hark clan had a great visit with Meredith Brendley Nathaniel recently, who kindly brought bread ends!...Continuing with the theme of new gigs and congratulations: Andrew Martin will become Washington University's 15th chancellor in June 2019. I know that is planning pretty far out, but by the time we can celebrate together, over bread ends, the appointment will be fresh and pressing. Congrats, Andrew.

Lastly, yours truly received a promotion to director of customer success, earning responsibility over all accounts in all nine data centers. Yikes! I also had the privilege of attending the Hokies vs. Tribe football game in Blacksburg, Va. We were grossly underrepresented but every Tribe fan was given a high-five and proudly shouted, "Go Tribe!!"

Don't forget, we also provide digital content via the website (magazine.wm.edu) and our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/WMI994). Interestingly, if you are reading this update from the website, that statement will clearly be superfluous. Post lastly, keep emailing me your updates, please; I do love sharing for the entire class.

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1995
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Christopher H. Smith was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2018. Best Lawyers, which is published annually in almost 70 countries, recognizes attorneys for significant achievements in their area of practice. He practices commercial litigation at HunterMaclean.

Recently, a gathering of longtime William & Mary friends Kerry Pisacane Green, Laura Delmore Lay, Elizabeth Vallon Rogers, Erika Frantz Madison, Lesley Stracks-Mullem, Michelle Carr, Lisa Shickle Mock, and Britney (Hewitt) Van Deusen occurred in Richmond, Va., to celebrate the departure of classmate Kara (Preissel) Eyrich for assignment with the Foreign Service in Vietnam. Kara recently 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.

Nancy Polo recently had an art exhibit called Real Women Who Work, featuring women as they work to make their lives or the lives of their loved ones better. Nancy teaches art classes and helps manage the farm and commercial kitchen at Smithfield Farm in Winchester, Va.

Lisa Ferrante Perrone, an assistant professor of Italian Studies at Bucknell, discovered a letter sent to Thomas Jefferson in 1812 from Filippo Mazzei, a political philosopher, physician and Italian patriot of the American Revolution. The letter never made it to Jefferson but contained health advice and was addressed to "Dear Friend."

Nadja R. Watts recently published "Thomas in Concert: The History of the Thomasville Entertainment Foundation Since 1937." The book chronicles the history of the foundation, a membership-driven concert organization that promotes the performing arts.

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Class Reporter CATHERINE YOUNG
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Greetings, Class of 1997! It has been a slow quarter for us, news-wise. However, I'm happy to report that Melissa Ridley Elmes, assistant professor of English at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri, since 2016, co-edited "Melusine's Footprint: Tracing the Legacy of a Medieval Myth," published in December 2017 by Brill. This collection of 20 scholarly essays updates the research and critical discourse on this mythic figure for the next generation of scholars.

In addition to having several articles in press and under review, Melissa is also currently working on book projects on teaching Gothic literature in the generalist classroom, violence and the feast in medieval Britain, violence at the Arthurian feast, and food and feasts in premodern outlaw tales. She was recently selected for the MLA CLCS Forum on Celtic Studies, appointed to the editorial board of the Heroic Age Journal and to the Medieval Academy of America’s K-12 Advisory Committee, elected vice president of the Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship, and serves as book reviews editor for Medieval Feminist Forum.

I hope all is well with everybody! Please send in your updates to tribel97@hotmail.com.

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1997
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After finishing her M.A. in mental health counseling from Adler University in 2015, Amber Hard Bond has been providing individual and family therapy services at Jewish Child and Family Services in Skokie, Ill. Amber is a strength-based individual and family therapist who engages clients of all ages to help them remove barriers to personal growth and development. She has specialized training and experience working with young children and their caregivers, divorce and family mediation services, adolescents and their families, and the perinatal population.

Jennifer Reznick is still living on the outskirts of London in Orpington with her husband Leo and her daughter Emily. Jennifer recently changed roles at her company Loveuere and Partners to move from producing in the film and post department to supporting the overall business as a marketing manager. Jen also added that if any alums find themselves in the UK, there’s a Facebook group which lists events and meetups in pubs.

Donald Williams received his master of divinity degree from Duke University in Durham, N.C., in May. It’s a three-year master’s degree in Christian theology, history, ethics, liturgy and mission. Donald’s goal is to serve as an ordained elder/pastor in the United Methodist Church. He is currently completing additional requirements for ordination and should be fully qualified to serve a church in spring 2019.

Carole Hirsch ’98, M.P.P. ’02, J.D. ’02 was awarded a Pro Bono Hero ESQ pin by the Access to Legal Services Committee of the Virginia State Bar for answering 15 or more pro bono questions on the new website Virginia.FreeLegalAnswers.org for people with civil legal matters in Virginia who meet the income requirements. Carole also received...
a certificate for working as an election officer for the Fairfax County Board of Elections in 20 or more elections. She said that considering she met her husband working in a local precinct, the effort is especially dear to her heart.

Julian Pittman’s research was featured in a 2017 article in the New York Times entitled “Fish Depression is Not a Joke.” He also recently published the second edition of his Anatomy and Physiology textbook.

Seana Jardin wrote to say the Jardin/Chipman household moved to Fort Hood, Texas, after spending the last three years in Colorado Springs assigned to NORAD and U.S. Northern Command and 4th Infantry Division. Seana took a new position as the G-1 for the 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command for a year and will then assume command of the Special Operations Battalion of the 1st Cavalry Division in summer 2019 for the next couple of years. Her spouse is now the deputy G-1 for the 1st Cavalry Division.

Congratulations to Amy Moeller, who was married last July.

Courtney Malone Swann has been working in international education since 2001, most recently for five years in Shang- hai, China. She and her husband and their three children moved this past summer to take new positions in Tirana, Albania.

Vivek Sankaran is a law professor directing the Child Advocacy Law Clinic at the University of Michigan Law School. He and his wife celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary in September. They are also proud parents of their 4-year-old daughter, Harper Eloise, 7/12/18.

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1999

Class Reporter
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Hello, Class of ‘99!

As you read this, we sit just months away from the 20th anniversary of our graduation. How is that even possible? I continue to be amazed by all that our classmates are accomplishing, mostly because it doesn’t feel like we’ve been out in the world long enough for such achievement. To me, mean:

Megan Leff Brown is a partner at the law firm Wiley Rein LLP in Washington, D.C., focusing on cybersecurity and other regulatory/governmental challenges for major companies in the tech, internet and critical infrastructure sectors. She travels a lot for speaking engagements and has run across several W&M entrepreneurs, which she says is a treat. Megan manages her firm’s tech blog and podcasts at WileyConnect.com. In her free time, she’s program director for cyber at the National Security Institute at George Mason’s law school and serves on the Board of Trustees for the Federal Communi-

cations Bar Association Foundation, which gives out college and law school scholarships. On the personal front, she and her husband travel a lot with their two kids, who are now 13 and almost 10, and in local Catholic school in Maryland. Megan says, “parenting in the tween and teen years is fun and humbling.”

Drew Polly was named as a finalist for the University of North Carolina–Charlotte Bank of America Teaching Award. He was honored at a reception in early September.

The Newport News Daily Press shares that “Virginia Beach City FC and D.C. United named William & Mary alumni Brian Hinkey as the head coach of the Hampton Roads metropolitan region, the clubs announced. He will oversee and manage the D.C. United Talent Center programming in Hampton Roads, which is a platform to provide players with development and identification opportunities with D.C. United, the closest Major League Soccer franchise to southeastern Virginia.”

Jenny Call is in her eighth year of ministry as university chaplain at Hollins University in Roanoke, and she recently earned her doctorate of ministry in youth and student leadership from Virginia Theological Seminary. Her dissertation was on narrative identity and faith formation, or how our identity and faith are formed as we reflect upon and share our personal stories with others.

Beth Ketterman was named director of the William E. Laupus Health Sciences Library at East Carolina University in September. She oversees the budget, operations and a staff of 30 library employees. She and her husband, Michael Tucker, are also proud parents of their 4-year-old daughter, Scout.

So many exciting things happening! I hope we can share much more in person this October at our 20-year Homecoming reunion! Until then, be well and send me your news! Tribe Pride! Meredith

To Nicholas Martin Wolf ’99, M.A. ’00 and Elizabeth Jones Wolf ’00 a daughter, Harper Eloise, 7/12/18.

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2000

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M milan Chakraborty produced a film, “Assassination Nation,” directed by Sam Levinson and starring Odessa Young, Suki Waterhouse, Hari Nef, Abra, Bella Thorne, Bill Skarsgard and Joel McHale. The film was a hit at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival and was released nationwide on Sept. 21. Milan encourages us to check it out.

Julie Cullifer founded the One Child Center for Autism in Williamsburg, which provides accessible and affordable services for children with autism. Since its founding five years ago, the One Child Center has served hundreds of children across Hampton Roads.

On July 8, 2018, Pitou Devgon married Ludovica Cesareo of Rome, Italy, at the Basilica di Santa Sabina all’Aventino. In attendance were Heath- e Faltin, Pravien Khanna, Dave Leicht- man (groomman), Brian Weaver and Jessica Rascher Weaver, and Linton Wells and Gina King Wells.

Shanah Kendall shared that she continues to be a full-time mom and home educator in New York City. She added, “My family is well, thank goodness.”

Christina Nelson Land is a pediatrician and works at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Fort Collins, Colo., on vector-borne diseases and bioterrorism preparedness. She also volunteers as a physician and Spanish interpreter at a local clinic. She spent the summer training for her third triathlon! Christina and her husband have two boys, and they love enjoying the Colorado outdoors, especially skiing and hiking. Christina adds, “The beer ain’t bad here either.”

Judy Fontana Minkoff writes, “My a cappella group, Stilletta, has been making waves again. We released our very first EP this year, and I’m proud to announce that it was reviewed with a perfect five-star rating by the Recorded A Cappella Review Board. I’ve been enjoying my time off from work to be with my family. I still do a little scientific editing and consulting from time to time with my former boss from Weil Cornell Medical College to keep myself in the game, and I look forward to one day returning to the work- force.”

Carrie Moore O’Keeffe was honored as one of the 20 best athletes to come out of Roanoke Valley in the past 25 years. At William & Mary, Carrie helped lead her team to four straight conference championships and NCAA tournament appearances. She played and coached six years for the Washington Freedom Soccer Club, was a WUSA All-Star in 2002, and was named to the 2003 Soccer America all-WUSA team.

Ryan Popple, CEO of electric bus manufacturer Proterra, was profiled in the San Francisco Business Times for Proterra’s significant growth and success.

John Seeds writes, “Since graduating in the Y2K (remember that?), I’ve even earned a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh, completed a tour as a judge advocate in the Marine Corps, and have
2001

Hi classmates! Just a quick update this time around.

Congratulations to Leah Johnson, who received a National Science Foundation CAREER grant to improve mathematical and statistical models to help fight deadly diseases. Leah is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Statistics in the Virginia Tech College of Science. Her work targets vector-borne diseases such as dengue in humans and citrus greening in fruit trees.

I hope some of you were able to make it back to the ‘Burgh for the W&M Women’s Weekend as well as Homecoming & Reunion Weekend!

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2002

Greetings Class of 2002! I am happy to report that our classmates have been making some good progress lately, so let’s get to it.

Anna Weigel was recently named interim assistant principal at James-town High School in Williamsburg. According to a report in the Virginia Gazette, she is also working toward a doctorate in educational policy, planning and leadership at William & Mary.

Elizabeth Putnam DeVel Jr. ’00 to Ludovica Cesareo 7/08/18.

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2003

Greetings Class of 2003! I hope I was able to connect with many of you at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend in October. I’m writing this prior to the event, but I’ll speak out in faith: you look better than ever.

Congratulations to Matt Duperon and Jennifer Filanowski Duperon on the birth of their fourth child, Harold Lee, in May. Matt and Jennifer live in Selinsgrove, Pa., where Matt was recently awarded tenure as a religious studies professor and appointed the director of the Center for Teaching and Learning at Susquehanna University. Jennifer is a full-time homemaker and home-schools their children. Godspeed to you both from a place of knowing — may you have long stretches of sleep and one dinner a month where everything is treated.

Congratualtions to Lauren Dana-Evans, who, along with her wife, Carrie Dana Evans, welcomed a daughter, Madeleine Gloria, in December 2017. Lauren joins big brother Brooks, who is 3. Lauren continues to work as a VP risk manager for U.S. Bank, but is now fully home-based in Annapolis, Md.

Congratulations, also, to Michelle Manweiler Dickerman and her husband, John, on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Laurel, in May. Elizabeth joins big sister Juliet, who is 3.


The Tribe is super proud of coach Allison Evans Kwolek, who just signed a new five-year contract as head coach for University of Richmond Women’s Lacrosse. Allison has led the Spiders for the past six years and was named the 2018 Atlantic 10 Conference Coach of the Year after winning the Atlantic 10 Conference and advancing to the NCAA tournament. Happy Winter Tribe! Stay warm and moisturized!

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2004

I might have this sentiment every year, but aren’t you glad that 2018 is at an end? Excluding man-made political storms, this year’s storm season, particularly hurricanes, has been quite “deluge-onal.” Like last year’s hurricane season where hurricanes Harvey and Maria battered the Texas Gulf Coast and Puerto Rico, respectively, Hurricane Florence wreaked havoc closer to our college home. Although the course and landfall of Hurricane Florence was 300 miles away from Williamsburg, W&M decided to cancel classes that week due to the storm’s possible rainfall and wind destruction reaching as far north as Virginia. Reading about the school’s closure brought back memories of senior fall semester when Hurricane Isabel was headed straight toward the Hampton Roads area.

As always, enough about me, glad you read this far. Please turn to the Class Notes section or go to our website for more news from classmates.

Bryn Reinecke Douglass dropped me a line. During the Great American Eclipse of 2017, Claire O'Shea Walsh and Bethany “B.” Brookshire came to visit Bryn in Columbia, S.C., to experience those two and a half minutes of solar darkness. However, about a week after the eclipse, Bryn had a stroke. Although the stroke did not cause any physical paralysis, it did leave Bryn unable to speak at first. She had to go through speech therapy for a few months, but thankfully recovered completely. Bryn let me know it meant the world to her that she heard from so many friends and family, including Natasia McNus, Kristin Plichta, Lauren Larkin, B. and Claire. During Veteran’s Day weekend of that same year, Bryn and her husband, Eric, met Lauren and her siblings in Charleston for some amazing food. I, and the rest of our class, are grateful to know that Bryn is doing well and back to her old self again!

While teaching AP Environmental Science at the New School of Northern Virginia in Fairfax, Diana Gibson de Flores was able to lead a group of students on a science-based service trip to the Galapagos over spring break this previous year. On her home front, Diana is beginning to experience being on the “other side” of the teacher-parent relationship as her daughter began kindergarten this fall.

During the Houston Young Lawyers Foundation Law Day luncheon last spring, Chris M. Carpen, who was awarded the Woodrow B. Seals Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. Chris is an attorney with ExxonMobil’s
Environmental and Safety law group. Chris is the co-chair in the Houston Young Lawyers Association corporate counsel committee and project manager for ExxonMobil’s pro bono partnership with Human Rights First. Chris earned his J.D. from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 2008. Chris definitely has green and gold in his blood. He is the son of Mike Carron M.A.’76, Ph.D.’80 and Ann Carron ’72. Chris’ wife, Tara, is pursuing her M.A. in museum studies at Johns Hopkins. 

Margaret “Meg” Becker Tunstall was promoted to director of community management at Genesis Community Management in Richmond, Va. She and her husband, Brad, are raising their two sons, John Thomas and Porter, reside in Glen Allen, Va.

Working diligently for her company worldwide, Lara Toscani Weems is senior director of corporate communications with Harris Blitzer Sports and Entertainment. Lara is responsible for the business-focused public relations for the Philadelphia 76ers (NBA), New Jersey Devils (NHL) and the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J., which houses the Grammy Museum Experience, one of four Grammy museums throughout the U.S. Lara and her husband, Aaron, reside in the greater Philadelphia area.

As always, I love hearing from you, and sharing your wonderful news and stories with our class. Stay in touch. We all appreciate modesty, for sure. But some of you are withholding good stuff from the rest of us! I think I can safely speak on behalf of many classmates when I say: We underachievers resent missing out on some prime name-dropping opportunities. For anyone who wants to dish on fellow alumni, I promise to protect my sources.

Okay, in all seriousness, I’ve been writing this column since 2005. I think it’s time to pass the baton. Who wants to be our new 2005 class reporter? Warmly, Sandra

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2005

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Dear Friends,

Unlike our national news, news of our classmates has slowed to a trickle. I don’t have much to report.

Michelle Neyland emailed to share that she and Patrick Walsh welcomed their second child, Elena Evelyn, on July 14, 2018. Inspired by her experience nursing her firstborn, Michelle has published a board book titled “A Nursing Love Poem.” Check it out at bit.ly/nursinglovepoem.

I received a news clipping about the 62nd annual Caribbean Amateur Golf Championship where Allison Bourne-Vanneck served as captain of the U.S. Virgin Islands team. A quick internet search revealed that the champion had gone better for her team, but also suggested that I may have missed some big news over the years. I am unable to definitively confirm the potential omission, but I think I’d remember a classmate winning a renowned national journalism award! Better safe than sorry:

In August 2011, Allison received an Edward R. Murrow Award for a special newscast she produced about Iraqi war veterans learning to scuba dive through an organization called Soldiers Undertaking Disabled Scuba (SUDS). Impressive! Oh, and you all know that Allison won Miss Virgin Islands in 2005, right? (I think that I reported that one.) Allison, what else have we missed?

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2006

Class Reporter
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EDITOR’S NOTE: The Class of 2006 note was omitted from the fall 2018 issue and is included here.

Happy New Year!! Hope this finds you and your families off to a wonderful start in 2019, making the most of a fresh new year with endless possibilities.

First we would like to congratulate Jason Deitz who was recently featured in an article in the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Jason is a successful businessman, currently serving as the vice president of customer acquisition and retention at Ledbury, a luxury menswear company in Richmond, Va. In the article, Jason says he feels fortunate to have a wonderful wife, and two great kids along with a job he loves. Best wishes for continued success and happiness!

Another 2006 alum recently in the news was Christina Baril. She was featured in an interview with Don Wilkinson in the Standard-Times. Christina is a recent MFA graduate from UMass Dartmouth and showcased her ceramic creativity at the UMD grad show. We applaud your wonderful, artistic successes and wish you many more to come!

Alana Shaulis Elstner recently wrote in to share some wonderful news of her own. She and husband Justin recently welcomed a sweet, pink bundle of joy. Daughter Freya Louise was born on April 28, 2018. We know that Freya has made this year so very special, filled with many firsts and so many magical moments for the years to come. Congratulations and best wishes to your little family!

Double wishes, love, and congratulations also go out to my good friend from the education field, Katie Schultz Plum ’06, M.A.Ed. ’12. She and her husband welcomed twins, William and Jacob, on June 14! Says Katie, “They were born 14 weeks early, and weighed 2 pounds each. They’ve been in the NICU an hour away from us all summer, but are developing very well, filled with many firsts and so many magical moments for the years to come. Congratulations and best wishes to your little family!

Darey is a great big sister, and my parents, Karen Kennedy Schultz ’75 and Gene Schultz ’75, are having fun being grandparents! Maybe we’ll have 3 generations of W&M?!”

As for my family, we now have two school-aged kids! I can hardly believe how quickly the time is passing. I never really believed how quickly each stage of childhood would go, but with two kids to keep up with, it has flown. We are trying to savor each and every moment and memory of our two daughters which means a different event every night: dance, ball, Girl Scouts, science fair, swimming, Bible school. We are so thankful for Facebook to see how our W&M friends and my sorority sisters in Phi Mu are juggling all these hats too!

Clayton Carr wrote in with some exciting news. He and his fiancée, Katie Nagler, a graduate of Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, Calif., got engaged just before Christmas on Dec. 22, 2017. Carr has a career in law, and is enjoying working as an attorney in San Diego. He and Katie are loving sunny life in California with their puppy, Sammie. Congratulations! We look forward to wedding updates soon.

Wejxia Jiang ’05 and Luther Lowe ’06 were married in Palm Springs, Calif., on March 17, 2018. Eileen and Peter C. Nagler, a graduate of Point Loma Nazarene University, were married in Palm Springs, Calif., on March 17, 2018. They are living in Santa Monica. Eileen and Peter C. Nagler, a graduate of Point Loma Nazarene University, were married in Palm Springs, Calif., on March 17, 2018. They are living in Santa Monica.

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Snider, now a doctor and assistant clinical profes-
sor at VCU’s Parkinson’s and Movement Disorders
Center, spoke in April 2018 at the 11th annual Parkin-
son’s event at RWV. In his presentation he talked
about breakthroughs in the disease and also the future
of fighting this disease.

Jonathon Davidov
will be attending the
American University of
the Caribbean School of
Medicine. He has recently
been awarded a Commu-
nity Outreach Scholarship
to attend AUC, valued
at an impressive $10,000
per semester. Congratulations
to you both on your medical successes!

Finally, Matthew Aus-
terklein and wife Elyssa
have been appointed as
the new husband and wife
team to lead the synagogue
of Beth El Congregation
in West Akron, Ohio.
The Austerkleins, who
have a son who is 3, were
installed as new clergy
members at Beth El on
Nov. 19, 2017. Congratulations
and best wishes to your family.

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2007

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Children, dogs, psy-
chological studies and
hurricanes are just some
of the highlights from this
issue’s class notes. Thank
you so much to everyone
who sent me news. I love
being your class report-
er because I get to hear
updates from old friends
while also “meeting” other
classmates through their
messages. I feel so much
happiness for everyone,
whether we knew each
other at W&M or not.
Please continue to email
me or message me on
Facebook if you would like
to send anything in for the
next issue. Someone on
Facebook asked me if she
could send in a silly fun
fact. The answer is yes!
I guarantee that all our
colleague classmates enjoy
hearing news from their
friends, no matter how
crazy that news might be.

Christina Bolton Al-
lyetti and her husband,
Jason, completed their
family when Lauren Rose
Allyetti was born May 22,
2018, a little 5 lb., 4 oz.
person? Lauren already
adores her big sister Sar-
ah (now 3), and everyone
is doing great.

Sarah Ilk wrote about
what she’s been up to since
2007. Immediately follow-
ing graduation, she moved
to Baltimore and started
a job at the Behavioral
Pharmacological Research
Unit at Johns Hopkins
University. She recruited
participants for impatient,
outpatient and substance
abuse treatment studies.
During that time, she also
obtained her master’s
degree in clinical psychol-
ogy from Loyola University
Maryland. Then, in 2012
she moved to Boston to
pursue her doctorate in
clinical psychology,
focusing on working with
traumatized children,
adolescents and families.
She just completed the last
of her requirements (her
dissertation and an APA
internship in California),
and graduated this August
with her Psy.D. She is now
moving to Maryland to
complete a postdoctoral
fellowship with Kennedy
Krieger Institute, as well
as to complete her licens-
ing exams to (finally!)
become a psychologist.

Katie Field Johnson
was just promoted to as-
sociate professor of mathe-
matics at Florida Gulf
Coast University where
she has taught since earn-
ing her Ph.D. in 2012 from
the University of Nebras-
ka-Lincoln. Katie and her
husband, Brian, also just
had their second little boy,
born April 13. His name is
Leif David Johnson.

On July 14, 2018, Katie
Kazmer married Ben-
jamin Jordan in Denver,
where they will live with
their two dogs, Lily and Maya.

Jane Kennedy is
living near Munich, Ger-
many, where she works
as an English-language
communications consul-
tant. She teaches English,
but also helps people who
need to prepare presenta-
tions, write articles or
otherwise communicate in
English. Fellow W&M
grada living in the area
are welcome to get in touch
at jane.e.kennedy@gmail.
com. She lives with her
husband and their two
young sons, ages 3.5 and
14 months. Life is good!

Deana Hadley Miller
sent me an update right
after the hurricane in
Wilmingon, N.C. She
and her husband, Ronald,
survived the hurricane
with their nearly 2-year-
old daughter, Helen, and
thankfully only had minor
damage. She is still a
pediatric hospitalist and
her husband works for
Cigna. She told me they
were hoping to have the
yard cleaned up enough
for Helen’s birthday party
at the end of September!

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Lilli-Marie Knebel
Mann ’07 to Eric Jack-
son, 7/22/17.

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2008

Class Reporter
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Hello Class of 2008! It
was great seeing you all in
Williamsburg at our 10th
Reunion in October. It was
wonderful to be together
again. I have some happy
updates to report.

Mitch Semanik and
Betsy Cantwell got married
on Oct. 7, 2017. Daniel
Grayson and Michael
Duarte ’08, M.S. ’10
were groomsmen and
Erica Buckingham
was a bridesmaid. They
are living in Alexandria,
Va. Mitch is working at the
USITC as an international
trade analyst.

Lindsey Beste-
breurje and Justin
Rodgers are thrilled to
announce the arrival of
their first child. Emma
Catherine Rodgers was
The whole family really
enjoyed seeing friends at
Homecoming!

Julia Gravely Henry
married Brandon Henry
on July 31 in Tarbert,
Scotland, with Nancy
Marsden, Meera Fick-
ing and David Klimpl
in attendance. They
celebrated with a U.S.
reception in September,
with as many W&M and
Wake Law friends as pos-
sible! Julia met Brandon
at the wedding of Meera
and David in 2016, and
later joined Brandon in
Northern Virginia, taking
a position with Odin,
Feldman & Pittelman P.C.
in Reston, Va., working as
an attorney specializing
in estate planning and
elder law.

Thank you to everyone
who submitted an update!
You can submit an update
any time by emailing
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Michael de Pina Dur-
te ’08, M.S. ’10 to Jac-
queline Beilhart Duarte,
4/21/18.

Julia Thomas Gravely
’08 to Brandon Henry,
9/29/18.

Eileen Michelle Roach
’08 to Michael Scott
Archer, 6/24/17.

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2009

Class Reporter
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Welcome to the winter
edition of our class notes!
I love reading about your
impressive personal and professional
accomplishments, and
so do our classmates, so
please send your updates to
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Katie Adams Zim-
man ’08, M.Ed.
’09 completed her Ph.D.
in special education at
Vanderbilt University in
May. She has accepted a
faculty position in the
Department of Special Ed-
ucation at the University
of Kansas and relocated
to Lawrence, Kan., last
summer. Katie is excited
to join the Jayhawk fami-
ly with some other W&M
alumni!
The Scottsville,
Virginia, Town Council
appointed Matthew
Reges Lawless as town
administrator. He’s ex-
cited to be of service to a
larger community, closer to
Williamsburg.

Edward Hong just
finished his regional
theatre gig at Fayetteville,
Ark., for the Theatre-
squared production of
Vietgone.

Jessa Barak Capoz-
zola and her husband
Jonathan quit their jobs
in New York at the end of
2015 and traveled around
the world for a few
months before settling
down in Richmond, Va.,
where they have been
since December 2016.
Jessa began her own
photography business,
Focus on Joy Photogra-
phy, which specializes in
weddings and newborns.
Jessa and Jonathan also
welcomed their newest
addition, Ryan Michael
Capozzola, on Feb. 25, 2018,
and have been set-
tling into their new life as
a family of three.

Clarissa Delgado
was recently selected from
over 20,000 applicants for
the inaugural class of
Obama Foundation
Fellows. This will allow
her to continue and
strengthen her work as
the co-founder and CEO of
Teach for the Philippines,
an organization that allies
with and engages stake-
holders to drive community-
driven solutions to the top so that,
together, they can address the
issues of educational
inequality in the Philippines.

Lucy Mideford graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with an M.S. in historic preservation in 2017 and is now working as the architectural conservator at Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello in Charlottesville, Va. She married James “Trey” Pollard on June 10, 2017. Many W&M alumni were in attendance, including Tommy Gillespie, Meghan Dunne Raderstrong, Ashley Sobrinski, Brian Mahoney, Lauren Sturmer, Sean O’Mealia, Sarah Ruth Goldman O’Mealia, Allison Corbett, Genny Mak Dean, Molly Blumgart ‘10, Sean Dalby, Brian Ganjei, Jenn Rosjontukul, Kayvan Farchadi, Stephen Kane and Alex Volpert ’11.

Katy Lang received her master’s in city and regional planning from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May. She is moving back to the Washington, D.C., area to work in transportation demand management.

Molly Taylor graduated from the University of Oregon in June, with dual master’s degrees in architecture and interior architecture. She is thrilled to have joined the Seattle office of the top 50 architecture firm The Miller Hull Partnership as an intern. She and her dog, Daisy, are looking forward to continuing their Pacific Northwest lifestyle and are excited for all Seattle has to offer!

After Carrie Dant completed her master’s in higher education at the University of Vermont in 2017, she moved to Chicago to work as an academic advisor for first-year and sophomore students at Loyola University Chicago. She says college was too great, so she refuses to leave it!

Samantha Nemeth graduated with a master of arts in statistics from Columbia University. She completed the program part time while working full time at Columbia as a senior analyst within their Department of Surgery.

Jeremy Powers and Allison Hohenberger Powers are living in Richmond, Va. They both finished VCU Medical School in 2014. Allison graduated from the St. Francis Family Medicine Residency Program in July 2017 and is now working for the Bon Secours Care-A-Van, a mobile free clinic. Jeremy is in his fourth year of plastic and reconstructive surgery residency at VCU and will graduate in June 2020. They have a 4-year-old son, Eli.

Lara Curtis graduated in May from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with both an M.S. in sport management and an M.B.A. She is working as a business development and lead analyst for the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

to the Boston area last summer it’s been great catching up with some of you who I haven’t seen in years, including Tommy Good, and meeting some new Tribe members like Zach Gore ‘16 who’s also at the Kennedy School. The flip side is that I wasn’t able to make it to Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. I hope many of you were able to go and reconnect and relive the classier parts of our Williamsburg days.

Now that another new year is upon us, I can report that we’re head-ing into it with lots of new future Tribe members among us. In order of appearance: Sarah Ridgway Burnham and her husband Matt welcomed daughter Paisley Rose on Feb. 26, 2018. Laila Selim Truelson and her husband Scott welcomed twin boys, Noah Pax and Luke Orion, on March 24, 2018. Kristina Dumas Petit and her husband Ryan welcomed their first child, Maxwell Michael Petit, on April 9, 2018. Priscilla Pincinek Ghari ‘10, M.Acc. ’11 and her husband Hooman Ghari had a baby girl, Ella Rose Louise Ghari, on July 20, 2018 who arrived at 5:20 a.m. weighing 5 lb, 12 oz.

Katherine McGuire Edmondson and David Edmondson welcomed their daughter Taja Michele Edmondson, into this world on July 27, 2018. And per Maura Checcio, Jessica (Hecht) Mann ‘10, M.Acc. ’11 and husband Sam Mann J.D. ’13 welcomed a son, Tucker Edward Mann, on Sept. 14, 2018. Congrats to all!


Horacio Carreno-Garcia got engaged to partner Madeline Karp ’13 in a small park in New York City in June, and the two bought a house in the Kingman Park neighborhood of Washington, D.C. Horacio reports that homeownership has been an adventure thus far, and while they’re adjusting to all the work involved, their two cats love the newfound room to run.

In professional news, Kelly Tsipitsis Gee is leaving her position as deputy chief of staff to Virginia’s 55th Speaker of the House, Kirk Cox, to manage the Virginia Lottery’s Government Affairs. The newly created position was established to ensure lottery representation at the General Assembly as casino-style gaming and sports betting potentially come to Virginia.

Justin Vazquez took on a new role as a resident inspector with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, working at the Indian Point nuclear power plant in Westchester County, N.Y. Chris Maggiolo has been working as the head distiller at SILO Spirits in Windsor, Vermont, since 2015 after earning a master’s degree in gastronomy from Boston University. SILO Spirits produces eight kinds of vodka, gin and whiskey, sources their grains and ingredients from local farms.

It was also an eventful 2018 for Dustin Glassner. Dustin married his wife, Charlotte Roh, in Orange County, Calif., on April 21, 2018. He also completed a Ph.D. in infectious diseases and immunity from the University of California, Berkeley in August, before beginning a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Laboratory Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco in September.

For more about the Class of 2010, see the Class of 2010 column. That’s all for now! Hope everyone has a productive and joyful 2019!

To J. Paige Journey ’10 and Nataniel S. Montoya ’11, a daughter, Billie Anne Montoya, 8/9/18

LaShena Avon South-erland ’10, M.Acc. ’11 to Reginald C. Honore, 7/14/18.

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Class Reporter CAILTIN ELIZABETH FINCHUM HART cefinchum@gmail.com

It is with great excitement that we announce the marriage of our classmate, Karla Bercaw, to fellow Tribesman Quincey September ’14 on July 21, 2018.

Additionally, Brittany Fallon recently accepted a permanent post working with the Sierra Club for conservation and policy work in New Mexico. One of her recent projects — teaching kids about the impact of climate change on the Rio Grande and its surrounding cottonwood forest (“the Bosque”) — was featured in ABQjourn-al! #savethebosque

Please send tidings to cefinchum@gmail.com for inclusion in this hallowed column!


Elizabeth Laura Graney ’11 to Aaron A. Watson, 7/07/18.

Anne Vaughan Ligon ’11 to Eric Michael Ruth-erford, 10/21/17.

Shannon Caitlin Park-rish ’11 to Shane Michael Mahar, 6/02/18.

Will Jay Perkins ’11 to
Rachel Arianne Pulley ’13, 7/07/18.
Andrew Barrett Quesenberry ’11 to Elizabeth Young Quesenberry, 6/30/18.

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2012

Class Reporter
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Class of 2012! How’s it going? By the time you read this, fall will have passed us by and it’ll be 2019!

I’m writing this in September, so it’s tough for me to think about New Year’s resolutions at the moment, but then again, I’ve never really been a “resolution” kind of gal. I do, however, like a good mantra to keep me going.

I made useful contributions to myself—whether it be while hanging out with my friends or while reading this, fall will have passed us by and it’ll be 2019!

As we all approach the big 3-0, it means many of our fellow classmates: Laura Ryan and Connor Flanagan, high school sweethearts, were married in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 29, 2018. They honeymooned in Portugal and Spain.

Zara Stasi and Andy Rudd ’11 were married in Cape May, N.J., on Sept. 8, 2018. Their wedding party included several William & Mary alumni: Jay Jones ’10, Kevin Jacero ’09, Will Hoing and Josh Cromwell ’09. All served as groomsmen with Robert Lawrence ’11 serving as Andy’s best man. On the bride’s side, Arianna Zell ’14 served as one of Zara’s bridesmaids.

Kelly FitzGerald, former Tribe football-turned music producer out of Nashville, Tenn, was mentioned in a May USA Today article about producing former NFL player, Arian Foster’s first rap album, called “Flamingo and Koval.”

Kimberly Dieber and Isaac Sarver were married in Rustburg, Va on July 21, 2018. Their wedding party featured several alumni including Zack Marcus, Ross Gillingham ’10, and Antonio Elias ’09. The couple honeymooned in Savannah, Ga., before returning to their home in Richmond, Va where Kim works for Reynolds Community College and Isaac serves as chief deputy director of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Tom Fisher married Xiufang Zhao on July 10, 2018 in Richmond, Va. The couple currently lives in New York City, where Tom works in finance.

Daniel Charbonnet and Shujian Zhang are engaged to be married in Singapore on May 11, 2019. The couple currently lives in Singapore where Tom works for Amazon.

Gary Lin and Hilary Whelan were married on June 2, 2018 in Rochester, N.Y. Hilary earned her medical degree at Penn State and is now a resident at Golisano Children’s Hospital in Rochester and Gary is working towards his Ph.D. at Cornell University.

Anne Dorff is engaged to be married to John Brandenburg. The couple resides in Atlanta, where Anne works at a computer software company.

‘From Tom Seabrook: ‘I got married on Sept. 8, 2018, in Leesburg, Va., to Dr. Bryn Elizabeth Whiteley (Virginia Tech B.A. 2012, M.S. 2014, Ph.D. 2016). We met at Virginia Tech when I was in graduate school (M.A. 2015 in history). We now live in Charlottesville, where Bryn is a professor in the engineering department at UVA. W&M alum Michael Whalen, Alex Kocher and Gregory Mann ’13 were groomsmen, and Father John David Ramsey, who was chaplain for William & Mary’s Catholic Campus Ministry when I was there, performed the ceremony.”

Please let me know if you want/need any other info! Thanks so much! Go Tribe!

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Nicolas Alejandro Abrigo ’12 to Kristen Marie Smith ’12, 4/25/18.

Sean Alexander Aiken ’12 to Taylor Marie Hodge ’14, 6/16/18.

David Thomas Fisher ’12 to Xiufang Zhao, 7/10/19.

Andrew Phillip Frantz ’12 to Becca Ajer Frantz, 10/14/17.

Susan Daland Gretzowski ’12 to Daniel Garza, 5/06/17.

Christiane Kasenchak ’12 to John Mitchell, 10/21/17.

Andrew Francis Longosz ’12 to Stephanie Somerville Longosz, 7/28/18.

Jason Edward Rogers ’12 to Alexandra Gavis Rogers, 9/16/17.

Thomas Rudolph Seabrook ’12 to Bryn Elizabeth Whiteley, 9/09/18.

Brittany Kari-Rita Sevachko ’12 to Peter Andrew Gabriel, 7/01/17.

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2013

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Tyler Sharp Johnson ’13 to Kelly Marie Hall ’15, 10/08/17.

Kelsey Christine Waid ’13 to Patrick Allen Anderson, 10/08/17.

Jessica Irene Youn ’13 to Michael Asaro, 7/01/17.

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2014

Class Reporter
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Hi Class of 2014!

I saw in our last issue that we need a new reporter. I immediately responded to the call, but have had a draft of this column on file for about three weeks now. Where do I begin in introducing myself? It’s been four years since Commencement! Well, since then I’ve remained in town, working at the Williamsburg Community Chapel (with a few other W&M alumni). I became an uncle last year. I gained a sister-in-law this summer. I, myself, am recently engaged, and am more recently a dog owner. (Though each of these notes was worthy of exclamation points, please let me punctuate one for all here!)

In other class news, Patrick Blank ’14, M.S. ’15 and Graceann Pike Blank married May 12, 2018 in Richmond, Va., at St. Benedict Church. In their bridal party was Caitlin Marsh, Whitt Johnson, Alex Chadwick, Doug Cheek and Owen Scarbrough. Many other W&M friends joined them at the Country Club of Virginia for dinner and dancing after the ceremony, including Catie Pavilack, Kayla Elias, Mike Vanderloo, Gloria Nava’s ’13, Sujaan Joshi ’13 and Molly Michie. Patrick is now working on his Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania and Graceann is working in digital marketing for Kepler Group.

What about you? In a world of constant and instant (and perhaps more convenient ways) for updating, maybe you’ve never submitted a note to the magazine before. Though occasional (three issues published a year), and slightly more delayed than a tweet, let us know what you’re up to and where so we can properly punctuate together.

Go Tribe! —TEV

Patrick Neil Blank ’14, M.S. ’15 to Graceann Christine Pike ’14, 5/12/18.

Zachary Michael Moore ’14 to Jennifer Beth Hackett ’14, 11/24/17.

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2015

Class Reporter
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Hey 2015ers!

Laura Pugh just finished a year of AmeriCorps in Missoula, Mont., working all over the state.
doing rural emergency food programming with the Montana Food Bank Network. She started medical school in August at Johns Hopkins. Laura writes, “Baltimore is VERY different from Missoula but I love them both.”

And a quick update from Garrett Hendrickson, who just graduated flight school and earned his Wings of Gold. He’ll now be flying helicopters for the Coast Guard out of Elizabeth City, N.C.

Graham Benjamin Gardner ’15 to Korey Oudum, 6/16/18.

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2016

Class Reporter
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Hello Class of 2016! I hope you are all doing well. It’s hard to believe that it’s been six years since our first Yule Log Ceremony in the Wren Courtyard. This holiday season, it’s been truly awe-inspiring to reflect on the time that has passed since then, and to celebrate all of the incredible members of our class has surpassed.

Many of our own are embarking on new career opportunities. In June, Ross Anderson moved to Boulder to start a job at the University of Colorado Boulder in human resources in their organization and employee development unit. He has been living out there for about three months and welcomes any and all W&M alumni to reach out via email (Ross.W.Anderson@colorado.edu), Facebook or LinkedIn.

Raven Baytops is back in Virginia after spending two years in Pennsylvania. She is currently living it up in Virginia Beach working at a high school as a college counselor. In her own words, “I feel I peaked in college, so it’s only fitting I spend eight hours a day talking about it. I’m happy to be back and can’t wait for the new adventures that lie ahead.”

Erik Berg recently finished his two-year analyst program at The Carlyle Group and started working as an analyst at Revl Ventures in Columbus, Ohio. Revl is an investor startup studio that combines capital and strategic services to help startups scale. Revl has more than $90 million in capital under management and has been named the Most Active VC in the Great Lakes Region for the past three years in a row. Erik recently published a blog post about his experience getting a job in venture capital here: https://bergseyevieyevies.com/blog/2018/8/25/vc-and-me.

Paige Stuhlmuller ’16, M.A.Ed. ’17 just finished teaching a year at an outdoor educational camp on Catalina Island, Calif. She switched from informal marine education to teaching seventh- and eighth-grade science in Portland, Ore.

Jillian Lineburg has accepted a position as a laboratory genetic counselor with Children’s National Health System in Washington, D.C. She will be working with children with birth defects and their families.

Victoria Gum recently had the opportunity to give her presentation, “It’s the Pits: Civil War Camp Features at Gloucester Point, Virginia,” at the quarterly meeting of the Gloucester Historical Society.

On the higher-education front, Linh Vinh is a second-year sociology Ph.D. student at the University of Virginia studying race, law and social movements. She is an intern with the Civil Rights and Racial Justice program of the Legal Aid Justice Center working on bail reform in Virginia. She is also a legal observer coordinator with the central Virginia chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

For many members of the Class of 2016, love is in the air. Grace Martien became engaged to Jon Rigby in August while they were in Hawaii with his family. They are currently studying at Yale University in Connecticut. Grace is attending Yale Divinity School and Berkeley Divinity School while Jon is a joint degree student at Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and Yale Divinity School.

Sarah Maddox and Matthew Groves will be married as of Sept. 15, 2018 in Nashville, Tenn., and Jenna Gray and Matthew Kitchen ’17 will be getting married on Oct. 6, 2018 in Frederickburg, Va. Thank you to everyone for your updates! Best wishes until next time.

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2017

Class Reporter
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Happy 2019, Class of ’17! After graduation, Mimi Clemens became a member of the legal research team in the Richmond, Va., office of Christina Assates. In September 2018 she received a full scholarship to the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill where she is now a candidate in the School of Government working toward a master’s degree in public administration. Keep up the great work, Mimi!

Mackenzie Reilly tied the knot with Josh Dajani at Historic Long Branch in Boyce, Va., this past May. Congratulations!

And, finally, congratulations to Class of 2017 Tribe hoops standout Daniel Dixon, who played Daily News for the Boston Celtics in the NBA Summer League in Las Vegas this past July.

Be sure to share your firsts (or seconds, thirds, lasts, etc.) with the rest of the Class of 2017. We want to know what our Tribe is up to: getting job offers, travelling the globe, or spending time with othergrads. Anything goes. Email me at vaydacarol@gmail.com.

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2018

Class Reporter
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Hey y’all, Happy January, lovely winter weather and hopefully deliciously white, fluffy snow for frolicking. Since graduation, I’ve moved to Iowa — I don’t believe I’ll ever fully adjust to nasally accents and wildly long Germanic last names — to write for newspapers in a town 30 minutes from Des Moines; it’s currently fall here, but I’m huddled under wool blankets and clapping a hot cup of tea in 30-degree weather. During fall of last year, I was stumbling down Williamsburg sidewalks from bar to bar in shorts.

Although I know all y’all received the last issue of the Alumni Magazine, which contained my contact information so that you could find me, I received nothing in my inbox from anyone. Let me tell you what happens if you don’t send me any news:

• The lovely interns and the saintly Claire De Lisle, a communications manager at the Office of University Advancement, send press releases to fill in the gaps. The articles are pursuing fascinating paths.

• For instance, two men I’ve interviewed have embarked on professional athletic careers. This past July, David Cohn signed a contract with the Philadelphia 76ers. Apparently that’s a basketball team, and he’s thrilled to start living his dream. We also might start seeing Connor Hilland toss a ball across our TV screens. In April, a talent agent for the NFL said he has great potential and a chance of earning a spot in the draft. I don’t athletic unless we’re talking the New Orleans Saints, but my fantastic librarian, Mr. Google, told me that the Miami Dolphins picked up Connor.

Rachel Plescha has launched into conservation work on the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland through an organization called ShoreRivers. According to the article from Kent County News, Rachel is looking forward to organizing outreach programs and working with farmers to find solutions that benefit agriculture and protect the delicate ecosystem.

After we roll through those news briefs, I’ll have to subject you to my own affairs if you don’t send me anything about yourselves. Let’s begin.

In the heat and humidity of a Virginia August, I packed up my duds, kissed my beloved Australian Shepherds, Beau and Rogue, who are staying with my parents, goodbye and moved 1,000 miles from my home in the Shenandoah Valley. I’ve since attended a lot of events — including the Miss Iowa pageant, a national blues festival and the Iowa State Fair — for free, only to run back to the office and bang out a couple hundred words on each. I also write a column called Virginia Girl in a Midwestern World each week where I make cultural comparisons between the Old Dominion and corn capital USA and mourn my loss of residence in the state that will always have my heart. If you Google “E.M. Brannock Notes” and visit the “opinion” section, you can read all about my battles with the bats that live in my attic,

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my disapproval of singing “The Devil Went Down to Georgia” without a Southern accent and my awe of the uber-flat landscape that surrounds me. Before I embarked on this misadventure, Sarah Anderson ‘17, Dillon Hayes and Hunter “Mac” McConville ‘17 braved a visit to me in my natural habitat of Staunton. Dillon and Mac were kind enough to lift and relocate a giant antique desk I had the bright idea of purchasing before my move and then carting across the country, so I’ll take this opportunity to thank them again. Sarah is taking the political world by storm working at a thinktank in D.C., Mac has since started a master’s in Arthurian literature at Boston College, and Dillon is still exploring some physics programs that go right over my history-major head.

Thank you to the Office of University Advancement for sending me news clips and doing all the hard work for me. For next issue’s notes, I expect to hear from more of you. You’ll have had Homecoming — which I sadly couldn’t attend — and Thanksgiving and the holidays, so you should have lots to tell me. Cheers, PMB

Samantha Leslie Wallace ‘18 to Damian Robert Steinert, 8/04/18.

Hi everyone! I hope you are doing well. We have some pretty exciting updates this time, but we’d love to hear from you. Please write in and share your news!

Dr. William Bowling M.Ed. ‘66 retired as the director of education at the Gwaltney School in Manassas, Va. after 24 years of service. Karin McDonald-Brooks M.A.Ed. ‘01 was recently appointed principal of Haydon Elementary School in Manassas, Va.

Travis Burns M.Ed. ‘04, Ed.D. ‘12 was recently elected president of the Virginia Association of School Principals.

James “Jim” B. Johnson Ed.S. ’87, Ed.D. ’94 was appointed senior pastor at Kilmarnock Baptist Church in Kilmarnock, Va.

Premont McKellar M.Ed. ‘13 was appointed principal of King and Queen Central High School in King and Queen Courthouse, Va.

Genene LeRosen Ed.S. ’86, D.Ed. ’90 was named a finalist in the nationwide search for

Mason School of Business

Graduate School Reporter
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Steve Tarallo M.B.A. ’99 is now the associate vice president and manager of the water/wastewater practice of Dewberry in Baltimore. The company will be served well as he brings 28 years of municipal water and wastewater industry experience to the role. Prior to the MBA he earned his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from Villanova University in Villanova, Pa.

Robert “Bob” Polino M.B.A. ’01 has joined the engineering consulting firm of Austin Brockenbrough & Associates LLP in Richmond, Va., as the director of operations. Both the degree in civil and environmental engineering he earned from Penn State University in University Park, and the MBA from William & Mary have prepared him well for the role. In addition, Bob will draw on his 25 years of technical and leadership experience in engineering and environmental consulting.

Josh Early M.B.A. ’16 recently joined John B. Levy & Company in Richmond, Va. As an investment analyst with the firm, he will utilize his skills in a variety of commercial real estate projects and investments. In addition to the MBA he earned from William & Mary, Josh earned a B.A. from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia.

Misty Sexton M.B.A. ’18 has started her own company after working 12 years in the refined petroleum industry. Standard Petroleum Logistics, headquartered in Ellicott City, Md., and serving Maryland, Delaware, Washington D.C., Virginia and Pennsylvania, provides consulting and education services for the purchase of petroleum. This spans from environmental and regulatory compliance for end users and resellers to procurement development and review. Misty will certainly benefit from the MBA she earned from William & Mary in this endeavor.

John R. “Jack” Bruggeman M.B.A. ’78 has been elected to a two-year term as chair of the board of directors for Community Residences, Inc. of Chantilly, Va. CR provides residential and community supports for individuals with intellectual disabilities and behavioral health challenges. Jack also serves on the Virginia State Board for Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

Elizabeth Marie Westphal M.B.A. ’14 to Christopher M. Maunz, 7/02/16.

Keith Michael Baker M.B.A. ’17 to Lindsey Bryan Peterson, 5/20/17.

Christina Yvette Carroll M.B.A. ’04, J.D. ’04 to Brett Robertson Godfrey, 6/28/18.

Jeff Whitten Garmo M.Acc. ’11 to Xue Zhang M.Acc. ’11, 8/12/17.

Jason Todd Stein M.Acc. ’12 to Maggie Wendy Parker, 9/22/18.


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Hi everyone! I hope you are doing well. We have some pretty exciting updates this time, but we’d love to hear from you. Please write in and share your news!
Leonard C. “Len” Heath Jr. ’82, J.D. ’86 now serves as the Virginia State Bar’s president. Ute Heidenreich ’83, J.D. ’90 is TowneBanc’s general counsel and executive vice president and has been named to the Virginia Business Legal Elite.

Ilryong Moon J.D. ’84 serves as vice chair for the Fairfax, Va., County School Board.

Fletcher LLP as an associate.

J.D. ’07

Sarah R. B. Spindle, Inc.

Debra L. Martin, VIMS postdoc researcher.

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Congratulations to Bob “JJ” Orth ’71, who received one of Virginia’s three Outstanding Scientist Awards for 2018. The awards were announced by Virginia Governor Ralph Northam and Richard Conti, chief wonder officer at the Science Museum of Virginia. The Outstanding Scientist award is one part of Virginia’s Outstanding STEM Award program, which honors individuals who help strengthen the commonwealth’s position as a leader in STEM, and who have made globally significant contributions to their field. JJ was lauded for being an internationally recognized leader in seagrass ecology and for his use of cutting-edge research to solve real world problems (see story on pg. 8.)

Sandra Brooke M.A. ’96 and Cheryl Morrison, VIMS postdoc (1999-2001), were members of a multi-agency research expedition that discovered a giant deepsea Lophelia coral reef 160 miles off the coast of South Carolina. Diving in the submersible Alvin, Sandra, a coral ecologist at Florida State University, and Cheryl, a research geneticist at USGS, were among a team of researchers aboard the Woods Hole R/V Atlantis who reported the find.

Janet Nestlerode M.A. ’96, Ph.D. ’04 joined former benthic lab mate Beth Hinchey Malloy M.A. ’96, Ph.D. ’02 onboard the US EPA’s R/V Lake Guardian for the two-week long “Ponarpalooza” benthic survey in Lake Ontario in September. The cruise included a team of researchers from US EPA, NOAA, Buffalo State College, the University of Michigan, Cornell and Wright State University with a mission to monitor and map the distribution of invasive Quagga mussels and native benthic fauna. Over 400 ponar grab samples were collected throughout the lake! Janet made her first foray into the unsalted, shark-free Great Lakes and successfully deployed her Sediment Profile Imaging (SPI) system at the ponar sites using a camera frame designed by Bob Diaz, emeritus faculty. Plans are underway for another intensive muddy reunion tour in Lake Erie in 2019. Janet is a research ecologist at the U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development in Pensacola, Fla., and Beth is an environmental protection specialist at the U.S. EPA Great Lakes National Program Office in Chicago.

Katie Farnsworth M.A. ’97, Ph.D. ’03, associate professor in the Geoscience Department at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is the recipient of the 2018 Evergreen Conservancy Award, which recognized those who have shown leadership in the protection of the environment or natural resources. Katie was selected for the award because of her work advancing projects concerned with local stream water quality, stormwater runoff prevention and environmental education. At the time of this writing, Katie also reported that the air conditioning in her teaching lab is STILL not functioning. Outside air temp was 70 degrees, yet it was 88 degrees inside said lab. Readers and roving reporters, call in more “Quips” — we will be forced to peruse the interwebs for interesting column content. 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 May 17 and Sept. 4, 2018. 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

Ewing “Tom” Thomas Boles Jr. ’42 of Columbus, Ohio, died June 12, 2018.


Mary “Becky” Koehler Hilbert ’44 of Nazareth, Pa., formerly of Allentown, Pa., died May 6, 2018.

Laurie “L.P.” Pitts Jones Sr., ’44 of Houston, Texas, died Aug. 8, 2018.

Avis Linnell Shumaker ’44 of Suffolks, Va., died Feb. 12, 2018.


Marjorie Millikin Bevens Kent ’45 of Sanibel, Fla., died Feb. 6, 2018.


Jane Whitmore Whittemore ’47 of Virginia Beach, Va., died July 30, 2018.


Donald L. Davis ’49 of Medford, N.J., died June 2, 2018.

Patricia “Pat” Hasselhorn Donovan ’49 of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Wilmette, Ill., died Nov. 16, 2016.


Robert Clinton Stackhouse ’49, J.D. ’51 of Norfolk, Va., died May 27, 2018.


Sue Hines Davis ’50 of Suffolk, Va., died July 5, 2018.


Kathleen Lee Purnell Fargo ’50 of Hallowell, Maine, formerly of Mystic, Conn., died July 8, 2018.


Parke W. Musselman ’52 of Nazareth, Pa., died June 9, 2018.

Nancy Johnson Burd ’52 of Virginia Beach, Va., died June 13, 2018.

Harryett Hurst Williams ’52 of Louisville, Ky., died June 17, 2018.

Shirley Arndt Lamb ’53 of Fairfax, Va., died June 9, 2018.

Joan Thompson Libby ’53 of Houston died in April 2018.

Sarah “Sally” Twells Guerry Rector ’53 of Norfolk, Va., died Nov. 15, 2017.

David C. Rittenhouse ’53, B.C.L. ’59 of Wilmington, Del., died May 9, 2018.

Nancy Carden Sanders ’53 of Charlottesville, Va., died Aug. 8, 2018.

Patricia Dorsey Christine ’54 of Ashland, Ky., died June 27, 2018.


Eleanor Sue Kanter ’54 of Virginia Beach, Va., died July 21, 2018.


Charlotte Henderson Lewis ’54 of Daytona Beach, Fla., died Aug. 11, 2018.

Carol Jean Butters Marsh ’54 of Williamsburg died May 19, 2019.

Clarke “Evelyn” Mathisen ’54 of Collinsville, Okla., died June 20, 2018.


Elisabeth Anne Carver Coirini ’55 of Donelsonville, Ga., died June 1, 2018.


James ‘Jim’ S. Edmonson ’64 of Richmond, Va., died June 30, 2018.


Camilla Anne Clocker ’65 of Manassas, Va., formerly of Alexandria, Va., died July 22, 2018.


Lucille “Lucy” Patricia Shores ’67 of Hartford, Conn., formerly of Ulster, Pa., died Aug. 9, 2018.


Thomas Scott Key ’72 of Augusta, Ga., died May 23, 2018.

Donald “Don” D. Oliver ’72 of Lake Bluff, Ill., died May 24, 2018.

Gerald “Jerry” Hughes Mathews ’73, M.Ed. ’75 of Rio Vista, Calif., formerly of Richmond, Va., died June 9, 2018.

Alice Baker Borrelli ’73 of Williamsburg died June 11, 2018.

Carolyn “Sissy” Yvonne Casteel Carroll ’74 of Richmond, Va., died Aug. 17, 2018.

Gregory M. Miller ’74 of Toms River, N.J., died Aug. 6, 2018.


Peter Grant Mayberry ’82 of Washington, D.C., died Feb. 15, 2018.

Chris Anthony Timpanelli ’82 of Stratford, Conn., died June 12, 2018.

Wanda Adkins Hayes ’84 of Salem, Va., died July 23, 2018.

Mary Hazinski Hawke ’87 of Rumson, N.J., died July 21, 2018.

Chu “Mike” Hyong Yi ’89 of Ashburn, Va., died Aug. 7, 2018.


Abigail “Abby” Lynn Roche ’01 of Portsmouth, Va., died Aug. 12, 2018.

Elizabeth “Libby” Anne Sees ’03 of Springfield, Ill., died June 2, 2018.


GRADUATE ALUMNI


OBITS

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Charles Richards
Fletcher M.B.A. ’79
of Birmingham, Ala., died July 6, 2018.

Anne Ballard
Shumadine J.D. ’83
of Norfolk, Va., died July 24, 2018.

Walter Lee Bush Jr.
Ed.S. ’88 of Picayune,
Miss., died June 5, 2018.

Tinya Lynnette Banks
J.D. ’90 of Norfolk,
Va., died Feb. 8, 2018.

Kimberly O’Dawn
Thompson J.D. ’90
of Dallas, Texas, died

Thomas “Todd”
Doane Perry IV
M.B.A. ’94 of Vienna,

Peter “Pete” J. Russo
Jr. M.Ed. ’99 of Erie,

FORMER FACULTY

Henry “Hank” Aceto
Jr. of Williamsburg
died June 28, 2018.

William F. Losito
of Dayton, Ohio, died

Nancy H. Marshall
of Cape Elizabeth, Maine,
died July 22, 2018.

FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE

Madelynn Whitehead Watkinson
of Arizona, formerly of
Williamsburg, died
May 20, 2018.

Ronnie McCray
of Williamsburg died

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“Why do I give? As immigrants to this great nation, my husband Ming and I worked hard and achieved the American dream. After he graduated from William & Mary, Ming built a successful naval career and became the first naturalized Asian-American to be selected as an admiral in the U.S. Navy. Now it is our turn to help others achieve success, just as so many had helped us.

Over the years, Ming’s profound experience at William & Mary remained an important part of his life. With gratitude, we established a bequest to the university in our will. After Ming passed away, I decided to move forward with the commitment to establish the Donald C. Chang Scholarship Endowment, in memory of our son. I’m thrilled to make a more immediate difference and to see our support put to even greater use now.”

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