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## ALUMNI FOCUS

# Friends in Every Stage of Life

BY CAROL E. EVANS '64

*Chair, Olde Guarde Council*

**T**his past fall, as I celebrated my 55th reunion, I took time to reflect on how my relationship with W&M has transformed and strengthened over the years. • My first trip back to campus was for my 25th reunion. I worried that after so many years, it might be too late to reconnect. What happened was a delightful surprise — familiar faces, new faces, old friends, new friends, talking with classmates, catching up on their news, laughing at the memories.

I came back for more reunions and became part of planning committees, an excellent way to keep in touch with both W&M and my classmates. New friendships evolved. Different stages in life bring different ways of looking at life, and classmates whose paths hadn't previously crossed with mine were interesting to get to know — and interested in getting to know me.

Membership in local alumni chapters (now called regional networks) kept me involved when I lived in other states and was a great way to meet alumni from other classes. I still visit with the folks I met in Florida and Oregon. And when I moved back to Williamsburg and worked at the Alumni House, I saw firsthand the hard work and planning that go on behind the scenes to create meaningful events for us and help keep us engaged with W&M.

Probably what most strengthens my relationship with W&M is being a part of the Olde Guarde Council,

representing the Class of '64 alongside representatives from other classes who have celebrated their 50th reunions. Getting to know alumni from different class years broadens my point of view of W&M. I realize friendships last a lifetime, renewed each time we gather together.

I think of the trees in the Wren Yard. When we graduated many of them weren't there, but now they are huge. If they were trimmed, they would keep growing back over the next 50 years. They remind me of how our relationship with William & Mary grows over the years, changing but always alive.

It's never too late to stop making new friends. Even if we are disconnected for a while, we can pick up where we left off and look at things in a new way. I encourage everyone to reconnect — via regional networks, social media, and even the good old-fashioned telephone! It's never too late. Today is a good day to begin.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## One Tribe One Day

📅 **April 21, 2020**

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FROM THE BRAFFERTON

# Unlimited &

BY KATHERINE A. ROWE

*William & Mary President*

I begin this column with a reflection on writing. At William & Mary, words matter as a medium for shared understanding. We earn that understanding via conversation, deliberation and revision. The wordsmiths who crafted our comprehensive Vision, Mission and Values (V/M/V) took these principles to heart.

Last summer, they began composing the statement in a wide-open way, engaging the whole community and undaunted by the difficulty of that task. As Strategic Planning Steering Committee Co-Chair Dr. Jeremy Martin quipped, when they started, there were only two words we agreed on at William & Mary: “William” ... “Mary.”

**A CASE FOR &** Fresh on the success of their work, I want to make the case for the word between the monarchs’ names: &. Once the 27th letter of the alphabet, the ampersand is a graphic representation of the word and. Such shortcuts were common in Roman and medieval manuscript production, created by combining letters. The ampersand combines e and t, from the Latin et, (and). The name “ampersand” is a contraction of the phrase “and, per se &,” meaning “and the letter standing in for and.”

Renaissance printers proliferated this sleek glyph. During the industrial revolution, the alphabet was standardized as a set of letters aligned mostly with sounds, and the suite of symbols used in printing expanded. So the ampersand migrated from the alphabet into our common symbol set, where you see it now at the top of your keyboard.

What kept the ampersand in vogue through many technological revolutions? Its beauty, for a start. Font designers delight in the way it merges two letters, inviting reinterpretation. It is flamboyant, “whimsical” in the words of one prominent type designer, “a dinosaur” in the words of another. Ancient, yet calling for experiment and innovation.

Why does the ampersand matter for William & Mary? For its visual uniqueness and its historical longevity. And for the symbolism of separate elements yoked in a single design. The “&” in our name expresses who we are as an institution: we embrace a “both / and” mindset. We blend distinctive liberal arts and sciences with professional studies; we aspire to excellence in the classroom and on the playing field. We commit to affordability and to extraordinary learning and deep human connections. We claim a long history of innovation.

The “&” in “William & Mary” symbolizes our range and our insistence that where others see contradiction, we find strength. Our updated V/M/V emphasizes this. “William & Mary transcends the boundaries between research and teaching, teaching and learning, learning and living.”

**THINKING AS A WHOLE UNIVERSITY** At the outset of strategic planning, I posed the question: how might we elevate William & Mary’s distinctive excellence in the 21st century? Externally, we should highlight our uniqueness and value symbols that express it. Internally, we should embrace “transcend the boundaries” as an operational imperative.

A whole-institution way of thinking invites collaboration, aligned resources, shared services and joint ventures. Several such cross-university collaborations have emerged in the past year. Here are three that exemplify the potential of this approach.

• **New Institute for Integrative Conservation.**

W&M launched the nation’s leading cross-disciplinary institute for conservation. The IIC brings together students, faculty and staff from W&M’s five schools to collaborate with experts from the private, nonprofit and public sectors. The institute emerged through a partnership between W&M and a visionary alumna, and positions the university as a global leader in transformational research that protects the environment.

• **VIMS/Mason field consultancy.**

Several years ago, W&M’s Virginia Institute of Marine Science began to seek new revenue opportunities for its world-class research. Last year, with support from the vice provost for research, MBA students from the Mason School of Business helped accelerate that effort — investigating new business models in the environmental services market. VIMS is now exploring a host of opportunities, including service agreements with environmental consulting and insurance companies and commercialization of low-cost water-level sensors for flood-prone regions.

• **New Entrepreneurship Hub at Tribe Square.**

Collaborators inside and outside W&M pooled resources to launch this space. Among them: the vice president for strategy, Mason School administrators and faculty, the vice provost for research, the W&M Real Estate Foundation, Williamsburg’s regional accelerator The Launchpad, three nearby localities and generous alumni. The result: a financially sustainable venue where students, faculty, staff, alumni and local entrepreneurs can share ideas, facilities and programs.

We welcome your thoughts about further cross-silo collaborations.

When you see the “&” in “William & Mary,” I hope you remember two things. First, the distinctiveness of an institution that blends apparent opposites in a single design. And second, the practical advantage we gain when we draw diverse kinds of excellence and expertise together, in common efforts.



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THE PATH FORWARD

## Home Court Advantage

*William & Mary Athletics*

*Boldly Pursuing Excellence*

BY LESLIE MCCULLOUGH M.B.A. '17

**A**T WILLIAM & MARY, CREATIVITY, ASPIRATION, learning and commitment aren't limited to the classroom. Every day, hard work leads to rewarding accomplishments all over campus, including on the athletics field. Now those achievements will be guided by a bold new vision.

William & Mary Athletics unveiled its ambitious new strategic plan 'Tribe 2025' in the fall, designed to elevate the quality of athletics to parallel the caliber of W&M academics. The goal is to outline a clear path forward that will enable all of William & Mary's sports programs to achieve a new level of excellence while helping to raise the university's national prominence.

"William & Mary is an institution that has exemplified excellence in every area and athletics is no exception," says Director of Athletics Samantha K. Huge. "This plan serves as a roadmap as we continue to elevate athletics to match the levels of excellence William & Mary enjoys in the classroom."

Representing a two-year collaborative process that included athletics staff, coaches and student-athletes, as well as faculty, alumni, community members and university leadership, the plan focuses on inspiring the entire athletics community

**HOLISTIC EXCELLENCE:** *William & Mary Athletics delivers high standards of performance that include strength and conditioning, injury prevention, athletics training, performance analytics and sports psychology.*

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to boldly pursue excellence in everything they do.

“One of the key phrases that William & Mary Athletics encompasses as a whole is One Tribe One Family, and I can definitely see that both on and off the field as a student-athlete here,” says W&M lacrosse player Sophie Kopec '21, a chemistry major. “To me, boldly pursuing excellence means being ready in all aspects in your life, doing whatever it takes to succeed and succeed well because you know that you can.”

### THE PATH FORWARD

The Tribe 2025 plan lays out six strategic goals for the next five years that include a focus on academic excellence, uncompromising ethics, fulfilling student-athlete experiences, competitive success, excellent facilities and financial stability.

“What I like about this plan is that it has the clear-cut goals that will help to get everyone on the same page and bring that fresh excitement that is necessary to make changes,” says Autumn Brenner '20, a chemistry major and captain of the volleyball team. “I like that all the goals are centered around serving the student-athlete because that’s what’s important here.”

Some of the plan’s objectives include maintaining the highest student-athlete graduation rate in the NCAA, improving student-athlete support, developing a nationally-recognized sports performance analytics program, meeting high standards for gender equity, revitalizing sports facilities and expanding philanthropic support. Tony Belt is one of many newly hired staff to help propel athletics toward its vision.

“We are not here chasing GPAs,” says Belt, director of student-athlete services. “We are here to help

each student-athlete challenge themselves to be the best they can be and provide them with the resources they need to be successful.”

Strides are also being made toward developing a nationally recognized sports performance analytics program. A new cross-campus partnership with the Department of Computer Science and the Raymond A. Mason School of Business uses modeling and data science to analyze athletic performance and reduce injury. A recently added full-time sports psychologist and chief medical officer will help maintain student-athlete health and wellness as well.

William & Mary football quarterback Shon Mitchell '21 is excited about the plan’s focus on revitalizing sports facilities and expanding philanthropic support. Among its goals, athletics aims to revitalize Kaplan Arena and add a new sports performance center to enhance practice and training, strength and conditioning and sports medicine. Increasing scholarships support is also an important plan priority.

“My scholarship has allowed me to play football at a very high level and have access to great coaching along with great academics,” says Mitchell, a kinesiology major. “Knowing the kind of support system we have here, we have the means to reach the goals this strategic plan is trying to accomplish, we just need to get the ball rolling.”

### REACHING FOR SUCCESS

Continuing to build strong community connection and support — with William & Mary alumni, fans and friends — will be the key to the strategic plan’s success.

**LEAD BY EXAMPLE:**  
*W&M field hockey senior captain Christie van de Kamp (right) was named CAA Defensive Player of the Year. W&M football senior cornerback Corey Parker (opposite page) garnered CAA all-league distinction as a specialist this year.*



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“The support we get from the community here is second to none,” says Mitchell. “You go to most schools and a lot of the athletics are supported by students. We’re also supported by our alumni and that’s something special to me and a lot of other athletes. It makes us feel like we have people who care for us and support us and that’s ultimately what gives us the extra push to go out there and win games.”

Building this enthusiasm will be important to achieve the plan’s concrete steps outlined for W&M Athletics to attract, recruit, develop and retain high-performing student-athletes, coaches, trainers and other professionals who demonstrate the ability and potential to win championships. The coaching staff also stresses the significance of focusing on this shared goal.

“It is really important to have the support of our community and of the campus,” says Women’s Basketball Coach Ed Swanson. “We want to be an athletics department that everyone is proud of so that William & Mary is acknowledged for the excellent university it is across the board.”

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STUDENT RESEARCH

## GEOLAB EXAMINES THE WORLD’S DATA

William & Mary is home to a unique undergraduate research program: the Geospatial Evaluation and Observation Lab, or geoLab. Its mission: to build a more secure, sustainable and vibrant world through artificial intelligence, machine learning and geospatial data. • geoLab comprises 28 students from a variety of majors in four student-led research teams: geoBoundaries, geoParsing, geoData and geoDev. Students use satellite imagery and other data to craft artificial intelligence-driven products that NGOs and governmental agencies find useful. For example, geoParsing students are working with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency to track China’s activities in Latin America. • Rachel Oberman ’19 founded the undergraduate research component of geoLab as a sophomore and served as its undergraduate director until her graduation this December, alongside faculty director Dan Runfola, assistant professor in W&M’s Department of Applied Science.

— JOSEPH MCCLAIN

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“What are you going to do about William & Mary? Are you up for the challenge of taking them to the championship?”

— Joslyn McGriff, mother of Nathan Knight '20

PHOTO: JIM AGNEW

COMING HOME

# A Knight Returns to W&M

*Basketball standout Nathan Knight '20 plays his final W&M season*

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BY ASHLEY K. SPEED

**L**AST SPRING NATHAN KNIGHT '20 TRAVELED ACROSS THE COUNTRY PLAYING basketball during the pre-draft process for the NBA. From Utah to Boston to Charlotte, Knight and other college athletes tested their skills — and fate, in a way — all envisioning what it would be like to put on an NBA jersey of their own one day. The hoop dreams of boyhood were upon them, dreams that could all become reality with the swipe of a pen.

Knight is holding off on that dream for now. After a month of working out for various NBA teams, he decided to end his pre-draft tour and return to William & Mary for his senior year. Knight spoke publicly about his reason to stay at W&M last fall during the Scholarships Luncheon over Homecoming & Reunion Weekend.

“I found myself deeply conflicted and uncertain as I considered which path was the right one for me,” Knight says. “The moment I made the commitment to myself to return to finish my studies, I recognized the opportunities a degree from William & Mary would offer me in the future. The connections I have built and the lifelong benefits I will reap from my time here are what brought me back.”

## A WELCOME RETURN

Knight, a business analytics major, is a forward for William & Mary's men's basketball team, standing at 6 feet, 10 inches and weighing 245 pounds. To refer to Knight as a standout in William & Mary Basketball would be an understatement. His performance as an athlete has placed him in the university's record books.

During the 2018-19 season, Knight averaged 21 points, 8.6 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2.3 blocked shots per game. He is the first college basketball player since Tim Duncan at Wake Forest in 1996-97 to average 20 points, eight rebounds, three assists and two blocked shots per game. Knight's scoring average is the highest for a Tribe player since 1968. Though his accolades don't define him, they did position him well for the pre-draft — so well that deferring his lifelong dream to play in the NBA was not easy.

“It was the most difficult decision I have ever made in my life,” Knight says. “Playing in the NBA was something I have always wanted to do. When I weighed the pros and cons, ultimately I felt like I would have regretted not finishing my degree.”

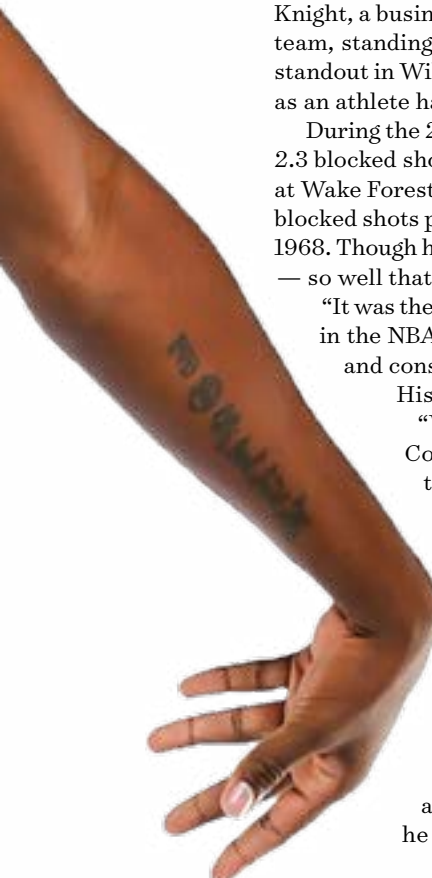
His decision was greatly anticipated at William & Mary.

“We are ecstatic to have Nathan return for his senior season,” Head Coach Dane Fischer said at the time of Knight's return. “He is one of the top big men in college basketball and a tremendous leader in our program. Nathan gained valuable experience and knowledge about his game throughout the pre-draft process, and he has a bright future ahead of him both here and beyond.”

## A SON OF W&M

Knight grew up in Syracuse, New York, the youngest of four raised by his mother, Joslyn McGriff. Knight said his mother worked tirelessly to give him and his siblings the tools they needed to succeed.

“My mother did what she had to do to make sure we survived.... I didn't grow up with much and the things that I have now, as simple as they may seem, I dreamed of having those things when I was a kid,” he says.



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One of those things was a college education. William & Mary was his and his mother's first and only stop on his college tour. Knight felt an immediate connection during that initial visit. He says that connection went beyond the opportunity to play basketball.

"Obviously, W&M is an amazing academic institution that offered me endless opportunities as an athlete, but I was really looking for a place where I could develop as a person," says Knight, a scholarship recipient. "I knew that this was a place where I could grow from a young boy into a man."

McGriff says she is proud of the man her son has become, but acknowledges that Knight's journey from upstate New York to Kaplan Arena has been riddled with adversity. A symbol of that road is etched on his basketball jersey. He wears the number 13 to honor the memory of his oldest sister, Yeisha Howard, whose birthday was April 13. She was killed when Knight was 9 years old.

"I'm proud because of everything he has come from and everywhere he is going," McGriff says. "Syracuse is one of the poorest cities in the country and that is where we come from. It's not just me that's proud of him. This whole city is proud of him."

McGriff says that Knight made the right decision to return to W&M.

"I asked him to think about what he had to face when he returned to William & Mary," McGriff

says. "What are you going to do about William & Mary? Are you up for the challenge of taking them to the championship?"

Knight told her he is up for the challenge.

## A DREAM LIVES ON

During the basketball season, Knight must split his time between studying and 20 hours of practice inside Kaplan Arena. He has a careful routine on game days. His routine doesn't change, he says. It's the same every time.

Knight arrives 90 minutes before the game to shoot around, eat and listen to music. He makes sure his music choices are relaxing. Right now, Jhene Aiko's album is his favorite. Then, he eats a piece of Trader Joe's multigrain bread with peanut butter and honey on it, exactly 70 minutes before the game.

The routine helps him be ready for anything out on the court.

"I enjoy basketball because it is fast paced," Knight says. "Anything can happen on that court. Basketball is a sport where you can't be complacent. Right when you think something won't happen, it usually will."

Knight plans to give the NBA pre-draft a second try after completing his degree in the spring.

"I would like to go work out with more teams," Knight says. "Hopefully, I will stick somewhere. That's my dream."

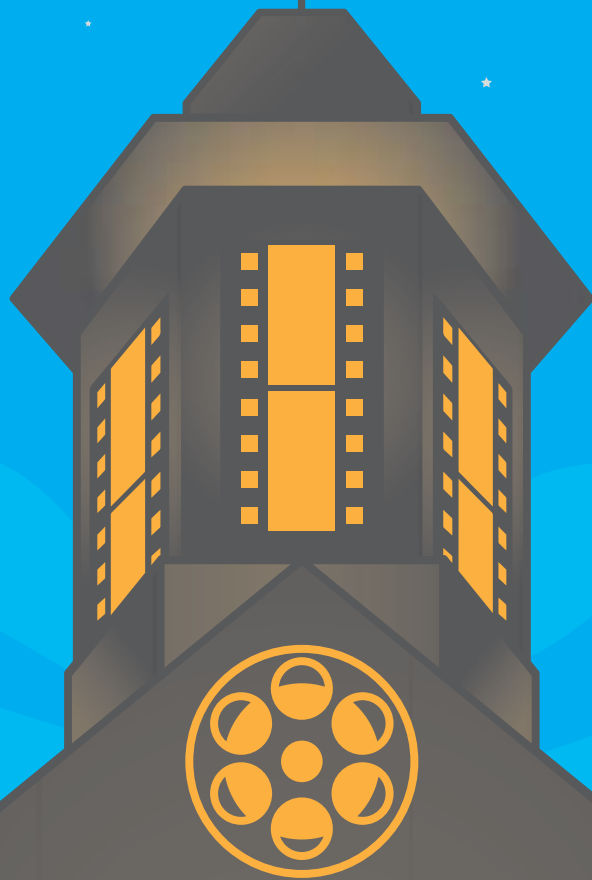
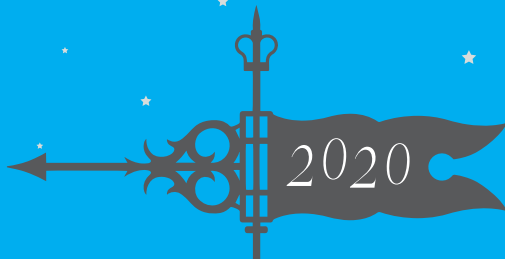
**A W&M HOME:** *Nathan Knight '20, of Syracuse, New York, says W&M has provided him with a home away from home and a strong sense of community.*



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# FUSE Funding Fuels Dreams

*Private support is making unpaid internships possible for W&M students*

BY ASHLEY K. SPEED



**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:** *Students who have participated in FUSE internships say the experiences have greatly complemented their education at W&M. Pictured from left to right: Cady Hammer '22, Andrew Caietti '21, Malik Obeidallah '21, Randy Riffle '21 and Ashwini Sarathy '21.*

**A** PSYCHOLOGIST AT BOSTON CHILDREN'S Hospital asked a 5-year-old girl to draw her family. Picking up a crayon, she sketched her biological older sister, but no one else. Her adopted parents were absent from the photo.

The psychologist asked if she meant to draw other family members. The girl picked up the crayon again and added a hair tie to the picture. Years before, she had been diagnosed with fetal alcohol syndrome. The effects of it still lingered.

"Her drawings were really telling and gave us a glimpse into what goes on in the young brain of a kid who has faced trauma at such a young age," says Ashwini Sarathy '21, who was an intern at Boston Children's Hospital this past summer and wants to be a physician. "That was her conception of family even though she had been in this new family a year or two."

Sarathy's internship was made possible through Funding for Unpaid Experiences (FUSE), which is provided by William & Mary's Cohen Career Center. This year nearly \$71,000 was awarded in FUSE funding, with an average award amount of \$2,500.

Since 2016, 88 students have received FUSE

funding, which is supported through private giving. Students use FUSE funding to cover housing, food and transportation costs. While private funding continues to fuel the dreams of W&M students, more is needed. Because of limited funds, close to 60 percent of students who seek FUSE funding do not receive it.

"The dollars for our students create experiences that support career goals, skill acquisition and professional practice that will carry students into the professional world," says Kathleen Powell, associate vice president for career development at the Cohen Career Center. "William & Mary is on a great trajectory to support students and their career readiness. The private funds received for unpaid internships matter for our students."

W&M is ranked No. 6 in best schools for internships and No. 9 for best career services, according to the Princeton Review.

Sarathy, a pre-med student, wanted an internship where she could get clinical experience and be able to shadow physicians. During her internship with the hospital's neurodevelopmental phenotyping program, she was able to administer tests, conduct developmental scoring and make recommendations,

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under the direction of physicians and other medical professionals.

“FUSE funding took off the burden of me needing to find paid employment over the summer,” Sarathy says.

The Parents Fund for William & Mary is one of the main sources of private support for FUSE, which contributed more than \$30,000 to FUSE last year.

FUSE funding helped Cady Hammer '22 continue her lifelong passion for history. She grew up quizzing her grandfather, who she describes as a history buff.

“My grandfather was a key person in getting me excited about history,” Hammer says. “We used to sit in the living room together and I would spin the globe and put a finger on a country and he could tell me something from the past or present about whatever country it landed on.”

Hammer used FUSE funding this past summer to work as a research and development intern at the United States World War I Centennial Commission. Hammer’s main task was to research the ancestry of high-profile individuals and families and compile information about World War I veterans in their family histories.

“Living in Washington, D.C., in general is incredibly expensive,” Hammer says. “When I learned about FUSE funding, I was so excited that an opportunity like this was available.”

For Malik Obeidallah '21, FUSE funding provided a chance to work as a health intern at the Lajee Youth Center in the Aida refugee camp, located along the

West Bank barrier. His work focused on addressing the determinants of health in Palestinian refugee camps among patients suffering from chronic diabetes and hypertension.

“When I first heard of FUSE funding from my orientation aide in September 2018, I immediately knew that it would be something I would want to pursue,” Obeidallah says. “After landing the opportunity to work abroad, I knew that the FUSE funding would be pivotal in facilitating my ability to afford to do so.”

After his internship, Obeidallah wanted to study the Middle East in greater depth and changed his major from biology to Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. He now wants to be an internal medicine physician or neurologist who practices abroad.

“During my internship, in order to improve health outcomes, we had to overcome many barriers to health such as psychological trauma, medication costs, transportation difficulties and distrust of the health care system,” Obeidallah says. “You have all these obstacles to getting care in such an impoverished region. These obstacles put people’s health and lives at stake. This is why we do the work that we do on the ground to try to provide care to these people — care that they would not otherwise receive.”

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## ILLUSTRATED HISTORY

# BUILDING ON THE LEGACY

William & Mary has published the first book devoted to the history and contributions of African Americans at the university. • “Building on the Legacy: African Americans at William & Mary,” an illustrated history, was written by Jacquelyn McLendon, professor of English, emerita. McLendon chaired the committee responsible for the 50th Commemoration of the First African American Students in Residence during the 2017-2018 school year. • Organized chronologically, the book explores the gradual advancement of black people at the university and in Williamsburg. McLendon had extraordinary access to students, faculty, alumni and administrators who were eager to share their stories. • “Some of the stories are told in terms of challenges, but the book mainly shows the contributions black people have made to William & Mary,” McLendon said. “People really wanted the stories told and were willing to help tell them. They have a deep love for William & Mary, and they want people to know that.”

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# ACUFF LEADS THE WAY

*A. Marshall Acuff Jr. '62, L.H.D. '07 was this year's grand marshal*

BY ASHLEY K. SPEED



**GRAND MARSHAL MARSHALL:** *As grand marshal, A. Marshall Acuff '62, L.H.D. '07 rode at the front of the Homecoming Parade.*

**L**AST OCTOBER, A. MARSHALL ACUFF JR. '62, L.H.D. '07 had more reason than usual to look forward to Homecoming & Reunion Weekend: he served as grand marshal, a position reserved for alumni who show true commitment to the university. The grand marshal leads the Homecoming Parade and is recognized on the field before the football game.

"I'm very honored and flattered to be selected for this honor," Acuff says. "William & Mary has been a big part of my life ever since I matriculated in 1958 as a freshman."

For decades Acuff has given his time, talent and treasure to William & Mary. His volunteer service includes chairing William & Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) *For the Bold* campaign committee and serving on the William & Mary Foundation board, the Business School Foundation board, the Board of Visitors and the Richmond regional *For the Bold* campaign committee. In 1993, he was awarded the Alumni Medallion, the highest and most prestigious award given by the Alumni Association.

Acuff was also rector of the university from 1996 to 2000 and president of the William & Mary Alumni Association from 1989 to 1991. In 2017, Acuff made a

\$5 million commitment to advance shellfish aquaculture research at VIMS, and he has given generously to support the Alumni House expansion.

As a young boy growing up on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, Acuff considered two things when selecting a university — should he attend a liberal arts university and if so, which one would be the perfect fit?

Despite the national push at the time toward science-focused careers, Acuff chose a liberal arts university because of the broader educational value it offered. He favored William & Mary over other universities because of its size and the sense of community it provides.

"My William & Mary education taught me to be analytical, which served me well in my career," Acuff said. "It was more than just memorizing lots of facts, which is an advantage of a liberal arts education. It was being able to look at a problem, size it up and move on from there."

After graduating with a degree in economics from William & Mary, Acuff earned an MBA from the University of Michigan. He served more than 30 years at Smith Barney, including as a senior member of the Investment Policy Committee. He is currently a managing director at Silvercrest Asset Management LLC in Richmond, Virginia.

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SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE

## NEW OFFICE FOR STUDENT VETERANS

Charlie Foster M.Ed. '17, a Marine Corps veteran, was recently hired to lead William & Mary's new Office of Student Veteran Engagement in the Sadler Center. As the director of the office, which opened Sept. 25, Foster will spearhead the effort to position the university as a leader in military and veteran education. • "Charlie has a really good sense of the array of needs, unique challenges, skills, unique experiences and opportunities that our military vets bring to campus," says Drew Stelljes, assistant vice president for student engagement and leadership. • Foster will connect veterans to comprehensive campus resources, including assistance with GI Bill benefits, selecting courses and internship and employment opportunities. • The office was financed as a pilot program through the Jessie Ball duPont Fund. Foster will carry out the pilot program with the goal to expand the initiative to full implementation in fall 2021 with the help of private support.

— NATHAN WARTERS



## LISTEN. LEARN. PARTICIPATE.

### UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE WEBINAR Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. (EST)

The William & Mary Alumni Association and the W&M Strategic Planning Steering Committee invite you to participate in the university's ongoing strategic planning process. Available to all alumni, this webinar will review Vision, Mission and Values; provide updates on next steps in this continued effort; and offer a forum for questions.

Please reserve your space by indicating interest at

[wmalumni.com/strategic](http://wmalumni.com/strategic)

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# Board Notes

*Report from the fall meeting of the WMAA Board of Directors*

BY JOHN S. KANE

**T**HE FALL MEETING OF THE WILLIAM & MARY Alumni Association Board of Directors was held in Blow Memorial Hall, on campus, Sept. 18-22, 2019.

New members of the board had an orientation session in the morning on Sept. 18, then the full board convened at 1 p.m. Proceedings began with a welcome to 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 president on the increasingly important role that the chairs of William & Mary's leadership boards are undertaking and on the objectives W&M President Katherine Rowe has presented to them. The Board Development Committee provided a detailed overview of the pipeline development and nominations review processes as it relates to seeking and nominating new board members. In preparation for strategic planning the following day, the board received a presentation from the director of research at EAB on new ways to strategically communicate with and engage alumni.

Thursday, Sept. 19, was dedicated to the Alumni Association's strategic planning initiative and included committee discussions and presentations. The board also received an update on the university's strategic planning process from Jeremy Martin Ph.D. '12, M.B.A. '17, chief of staff and co-chair of the

steering committee.

On Friday, Sept. 20, the board reviewed the FY19 financial audit by the accounting firm PB Mares and reviewed its investment portfolio performance with representatives from the Optimal Group at Wells Fargo Investments. The board reviewed its own giving performance, received an update on the Alumni House expansion and fundraising and discussed meeting agenda and logistics for the September 2020 meeting in San Francisco as part of W&M Weekend.

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 33 retiring faculty and staff members.*

*•Approved the 2019 Annual Review and Accolades awards for W&M Regional and Affinity Networks.*

*•Increased the board campaign giving goal from \$2 million to \$2.4 million.*

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Feb. 6-7, 2020, in Williamsburg, in conjunction with Charter Day Weekend. The Annual General Membership Meeting of the Association will be held on campus in Williamsburg on Feb. 8, 2020, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Sadler Center.

## NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 ALUMNI MEDALLIONS

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

The submission form may be downloaded at <https://wmalumni.com/medallion> or it can be requested by emailing [alumni.ed@wm.edu](mailto:alumni.ed@wm.edu). Three supporting letters are required and other supporting documents are encouraged. **The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2021 awards is April 1, 2020.**



# CAST YOUR VOTE

*Meet your WMAA Board of Directors nominees*

Please go online now to [wmalumni.com/vote](http://wmalumni.com/vote) to cast your vote for the current slate of nominees. The board recommends a YES vote for the entire slate. Voting closes **February 16, 2020**, at midnight. All alumni are eligible to vote in board elections. Full biographies and personal statements can be found at [wmalumni.com/vote](http://wmalumni.com/vote).



**BENTLEY '99**



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**ESTES '75**



**GIVENS '94**



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**KENNY '92**



**OSBORN '85**



**TRIKHA '03**

## **JEAN MARIE WALKER BENTLEY '99 | WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA**

Marie received her degrees in English and music at William & Mary and her J.D. from the University of Richmond. Prior to devoting her full time to her family, Marie was a litigation attorney, most recently with Kaufman & Canoles, focusing on real estate title and professional malpractice defense matters. She has served on the board of the Portsmouth Humane Society and in various roles with historic preservation organizations. She is currently a class ambassador and is partnering with residence life on outreach efforts to welcome current and incoming students to the Williamsburg community.

## **ANNAMARIA DESALVA '90 | STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT**

AnnaMaria is the global chairman and CEO of Hill+Knowlton Strategies. Previously, AnnaMaria served as chief communications officer of E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Company (DuPont). She also currently serves as vice chairman of the Board of Directors of XPO Logistics and as a member of the Board of Governors of Argonne National Laboratory. As a student, AnnaMaria was an officer of Delta Delta Delta. She was active in the Marketing Club of the School of Business and she graduated with honors in English.

## **JEAN BERGER ESTES '75 | RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**

Jean graduated from William & Mary with a B.A. in elementary education. After teaching elementary school for several years, she left the profession to raise a family. She has served as co-chair of her 30th reunion committee and as a trustee of the William & Mary Foundation. She currently co-chairs the Richmond *For the Bold* regional campaign with her husband, Rob Estes '74, and serves on the board for the Murray 1693 Scholars. She is a charter member of the Society of 1918 and a member of the Chancellor's Circle and the James Blair Society.

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**ALICE GIVENS '94 | ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

Alice is the senior vice president, general counsel and chief compliance officer for Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc., parent company of Ruth's Chris Steak House. Previously, she was vice president and associate general counsel at J.Crew Group, Inc. in New York City, and has held various legal and compliance roles with Circuit City Stores, Inc. in Richmond, Virginia. Alice has been active in the Orlando and New York City William & Mary Alumni chapters. She has served on the W&M Annual Giving Board, and on four of her five reunion class gift committees, including twice as co-chair.

**SCOTT KELSEY '06, M.ACC. '07 | NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

Scott is a senior manager in the audit practice of KPMG, LLP, a global provider of audit, tax and advisory services. Though he still calls Virginia Beach home, he is currently on rotation in KPMG's Audit Quality and Professional Practice Group in New York City. Before joining the WMAA Board of Directors, Scott served on the South Hampton Roads Alumni Board. He is active with the Raymond A. Mason School of Business and the Tribe Club. As a student, Scott was a member of the men's varsity soccer team, was a volunteer leader for Young Life, and was a member of the Wayne F. Gibbs Accounting Society.

**TINA REYNOLDS KENNY '92 | OAKTON, VIRGINIA**

After receiving her law degree from St. John's University, Tina spent her professional life practicing law in New York and Virginia, specializing in corporate and telecommunications law. Most recently she was president of the Cherry Blossom Chapter of National Charity League, Inc. She is currently serving as secretary of the WMAA Board of Directors. While attending William & Mary, she was the editor of the Colonial Echo. Tina is a charter member of the Society of 1918, a member of the Admission Volunteer Network and a class ambassador.

**JANET MCNULTY OSBORN '85 | ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA**

Janet is the resident managing director for Aon Corporation in Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Virginia. She began her alumni involvement in 1995 as a member of her 10-year reunion committee and then joined the board of what is now the Fund for William & Mary. She has also served on the board of the Muscarelle Museum of Art and has served on the Management Consulting Advisory Board at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business. Janet is a member of the Society of 1918. While at William & Mary, Janet was a head resident and a member of Pi Beta Phi.

**UMESH TRIKHA '03 | NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

Umesh is a managing director and an international wealth advisor with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management. Before joining Merrill in 2003, Umesh worked for American Express and The Economist, Intelligence Unit. Umesh was born and raised in England, and earned a bachelor's degree in economics with concentrations in finance and marketing from William & Mary. He is actively involved with several nonprofit organizations including United Way Campaign and Doing Art Together.

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

**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 regional networks, affinity and identity groups and volunteer opportunities.

You may download a nomination form for this and any other alumni award at [wmalumni.com/awards](https://wmalumni.com/awards) or contact the Office of the Executive Director at (757) 221-7855. **The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2020.**

# Chat with a Champion

*Jill Ellis '88, L.H.D. '16 shares lessons from victory*

BY JENNIFER L. WILLIAMS



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**LEADERS:** *During Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2019, President Katherine A. Rowe and Jill Ellis '88, L.H.D. '16 discussed building and leading strong teams.*

**D**URING HOMECOMING & REUNION WEEKEND 2019 this October, President Katherine A. Rowe hosted a conversation with Jill Ellis '88, L.H.D. '16, former head coach of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team. They discussed the bold moments that led to the team's victories in the 2015 and 2019 FIFA World Cups, Ellis's continuing relationship with W&M and what it takes to lead in high-pressure situations.

More than 600 members of the William & Mary and Williamsburg community attended the conversation or watched the livestream of the event. A recording of the event is available at [magazine.wm.edu/ellis-livestream](http://magazine.wm.edu/ellis-livestream).

Ellis says among the key lessons she learned from her World Cup victories was that it took all 23 players and their diverse personalities to win. For example, she made a point to list her non-starters as "game changers" rather than reserves when posting the starting lineup the night before games. Post-game video reviews always started with a shot of players celebrating on the bench to indicate that everybody was a part of each effort.

Emphasizing the urgency of constantly evolving and improving, she acknowledged the responsibility of leaders to build on past successes.

"As a leader, if I'm the same leader today that I was two years ago, I'm failing," Ellis says.

As soccer in the U.S. moves forward, Ellis says it's necessary to expand the possibilities for those coming next. At the end of her victory tour last fall, she stepped down as head coach and is currently serving as an ambassador for U.S. Soccer.

"I want my daughter to do what she aspires to do," she says. "We have to create the environment we want to be in. We have to have more women in leadership positions."

She also emphasized the importance of being the recipient of an athletics scholarship.

"I was a child of immigrants ... we struggled to make it, and so I benefited from the scholarship," Ellis says. "There are so many brilliant people out there that don't have the benefit of a high-level income to afford certain things. So our ability to pay it forward, our ability to create opportunity for others, is probably one of the greatest gifts. And this school sets you up for success, so giving back is part of our responsibility."

"I recognize that now. That's why I come back. It's important for me to stay connected to my alma mater because it was a platform for me to achieve the things I have. Scholarships are a remarkable and incredibly valuable gift if you can do it."

# HOPE IN CRISIS

TACKLING THE NATION'S  
OPIOID EPIDEMIC

STORY BY **BARA VAIDA**

ILLUSTRATIONS BY **CHIARA VERCESI**





***N AUGUST 16, 2014, 26-YEAR-OLD KEVIN Flattery posted his last update on Facebook. In the photo, Kevin posed in front of a waterfall with a gray T-shirt, sporting sunglasses on top of his brown, wavy hair. The gentle and relaxed smile gave no hint of the inner turmoil the aspiring filmmaker was facing***

That summer, Kevin, who grew up in northern Virginia, was struggling with an opioid use disorder.

Two years before, he had developed an addiction to painkillers while living in Los Angeles. OxyContin, a potent drug derived from chemicals in the opium poppy plant, was easy to find in his Venice Beach community. He used the pills to help deal with the stress and long hours that come with working in Hollywood. Then he became addicted.

When Kevin realized he had a problem, he returned to his home in Mount Vernon, Virginia. His father, Don Flattery M.B.A. '77, did everything he could to support his son.

He helped Kevin get into a three-month inpatient substance use disorder detox program. He supported Kevin's follow-up treatment which involved taking the medication Suboxone, a key drug used in opioid addiction treatment that dampens cravings and helps people move into recovery.

Suboxone worked. Kevin, a 2010 graduate of the University of Virginia, got better and moved to New York City, where he had a job at an entertainment company. At the time, neither he, nor his father, fully understood how opioid addiction changes brain chemistry, making relapses almost inevitable. He stopped taking his Suboxone as prescribed.

"My wife and I were naive," says Flattery. "We thought this job in New York was great and would be a motivating factor to keep him on Suboxone and in recovery, but he manipulated his usage and ended up losing his job. We didn't understand that relapse is an integral part of addiction, and we wish we did."

Kevin returned home. He tried other addiction programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, a group support approach which emphasizes abstinence from all medications, including Suboxone. But over Labor Day weekend in 2014, Kevin died of an overdose, leaving behind his heartbroken parents and friends.

"People should have no illusions that opioid addiction could never happen to you or a loved one," Flattery says. "This epidemic respects no demographics, education or social standing."

To channel his grief around the untimely death of his son, Flattery became a parent advocate pushing for local, state and federal policy changes to ensure that others won't face the devastation of losing a child, sibling, parent or friend to a drug overdose.

He is one of seven William & Mary alumni, parents and faculty profiled in this article. They each have played a role in addressing the nation's most lethal public health crisis since the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the 1980s.

Fighting the opioid crisis is a multifaceted effort involving law enforcement, behavioral and medical treatment specialists and federal, state and local leaders who set public policy.

Between 1999 and 2018, drug overdoses killed more than 750,000 Americans. Overdoses surpass the number of U.S. military who lost their lives in all of World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf wars.

"You cannot overstate the magnitude of the opioid crisis," says Ted Larsen P '23, the emerging threats coordinator in the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy.

## PURDUE PHARMA'S FIRST PROSECUTOR

Among the first people in law enforcement to put a dent in the epidemic was John Brownlee J.D. '94.

In 2001, Brownlee was appointed U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Virginia. The district is located along the eastern edge of the Appalachian mountains, and has been the epicenter of the current opioid crisis.

Appointed by President George W. Bush, the Virginia native and former Army Ranger took on the job of prosecuting drug dealers at the moment the first spikes in opioid deaths surfaced. That year, 19,394 people died from drug overdoses, a 15 percent jump from 1999. Some of those deaths were linked to Oxycodone, the principal ingredient in OxyContin, and caught Brownlee's, and his office's, attention.

"In 2001, there had been some initial assessments among the team that we had prosecuted lots of drug dealers, pharmacists and doctors [for illicit distribution of opioids] but no one had investigated the company that was making and marketing the drug," says Brownlee. "So we decided to look into it."

By the early 2000s, OxyContin was a popular painkiller that generated about \$1 billion in sales for its manufacturer, Purdue Pharma. OxyContin was introduced onto the market in 1995, right as the medical profession was reassessing its longtime resistance to prescribing opioids for anything other than acute pain or terminal illness.

The World Health Organization, pain specialists and patient advocates involved with the HIV/AIDS epidemic were advocating for more aggressive use of opioids to help anyone with pain. People with chronic pain, they argued, were needlessly suffering and opioids could not only relieve physical suffering, but also reduce anxiety and enable faster recovery.

The movement relied on a few small studies from the 1980s that suggested the risk of opioid addiction was low in hospital settings.

States changed their rules to allow doctors to prescribe opioids more liberally. The Joint Commission, an organization that sets hospital standards, emphasized that pain assessments should be monitored along with the vital signs of a patient's temperature, pulse, breathing rate and blood pressure. Pain became known as the fifth vital sign. Purdue Pharma argued that its OxyContin was safe and less likely to be abused because addiction risks were low. The company also claimed it manufactured OxyContin to be abuse-resistant.

"None of that was true," says Brownlee, now chair of Holland & Knight's National White Collar Defense and Investigations Team in Washington, D.C.

In 2003, Brownlee and his investigators gathered millions of documents and emails, and conducted dozens of interviews, shedding light on the company's marketing practices and its knowledge that its products were being widely abused. The investigation concluded that Purdue Pharma and its top executives knew that OxyContin could be abused and easily crushed, snorted or injected, causing a high as powerful as heroin.

"The prosecutors discovered sales call notes [from Purdue Pharma reps] and corporate training videos that established that the company was falsely communicating to doctors that there was little risk to prescribing OxyContin," he says. "We followed the evidence, and it showed that a lot of people were being harmed by this criminal conduct."

Brownlee's four-year investigation led to the successful prosecution of Purdue Pharma and its top three executives for falsely claiming that OxyContin was less addictive and less subject to abuse than other pain medications. In 2007, Purdue pled guilty to misbranding its product and paid a total fine of more than \$600 million. Its three top executives pled guilty to criminal misdemeanor charges, fined \$34.5 million, and were suspended from participating in the industry for 12 years.

The case represented a "shot across the bow" of the industry, says Brownlee.



The company agreed to reformulate OxyContin to make it harder to abuse.

Today, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says opioids are appropriate for patients who are in active cancer treatment, palliative care and end-of-life care. But it doesn't recommend them as routine therapy for chronic pain and advises that clinicians should only consider opioid therapy if the expected benefits for both pain and function outweigh the risks to the patient.

## **EPICENTER OF THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC**

Thirteen years after Purdue Pharma's guilty plea, unscrupulous physicians are still overprescribing opioids and drug dealers are selling new, even more lethal opioids that are killing people.

After Purdue Pharma was forced to change the formulation of its pills, addicts turned to heroin. Not long after, deaths from illicit opioids spiked higher. Drug dealers began mixing heroin with the synthetic opioids fentanyl and carfentanil. Fentanyl is 80 to 100 times stronger than morphine, and carfentanil, an elephant tranquilizer, is 10,000 times more powerful.

Between 2007, when Purdue Pharma changed the way it made OxyContin and 2017, overdose deaths climbed 950 percent.

At the same time, the opioid epidemic was raging in Virginia.

Last March, Thomas Cullen J.D. '04 followed the footsteps of alumnus Brownlee by becoming the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Virginia. Cracking down on opioid drug dealers and physicians overprescribing drugs are among his top priorities.

The district is part of the Justice Department's Criminal Division's Appalachian Regional Prescription Opioid Strike Force (ARPO), which utilizes investigators from multiple agencies including Justice, the FBI, the Office of the Inspector General in the Department of Health and Human Services and the DEA.

"We are squarely within the epicenter of the opioid epidemic," says Cullen.

ARPO, which is constantly monitoring prescribing data and looking for anomalies, unearthed an unscrupulous physician, Dr. Joel Smithers, from Martinsville, Virginia. Smithers prescribed more than 500,000 opioid pills between 2015 and 2017 to patients who sometimes drove in from hundreds of miles away to get prescription pills. In May 2019, Cullen successfully convicted Smithers on 861 counts of drug distribution. The doctor was sentenced to 40 years in prison in October 2019.

But just enforcing drug laws isn't going to end the epidemic, says Cullen. Communities must also pursue a combination of prevention and treatment measures too.

Toward that end, he created a program to encourage local families impacted by the epidemic to share their stories with schools and community groups. He also partnered with the district's federal public defender's office to create a federal drug treatment court. Drug treatment courts allow for nonviolent offenders with pending federal drug charges to enter a medicated-assisted treatment program, under the supervision of a probation officer, as an alternative to prison.

"We need to do a better job treating people, instead of having them cycling in and out of jail," he says.

**"THE BRAIN BEGS FOR OPIOIDS BECAUSE TAKING OPIOIDS IS THE NEW NORMAL. THAT IS WHY OPIOID ADDICTION IS SO TENACIOUS."**

## **NEXT GENERATION INTERVENTIONS**

The threat of opioid addiction isn't new. In the 1800s, opium derivatives like laudanum and heroin were widely used by physicians to help patients with various ailments. By the early 1900s, there were hundreds of thousands of people addicted to heroin, prompting the U.S. federal government to make it illegal.

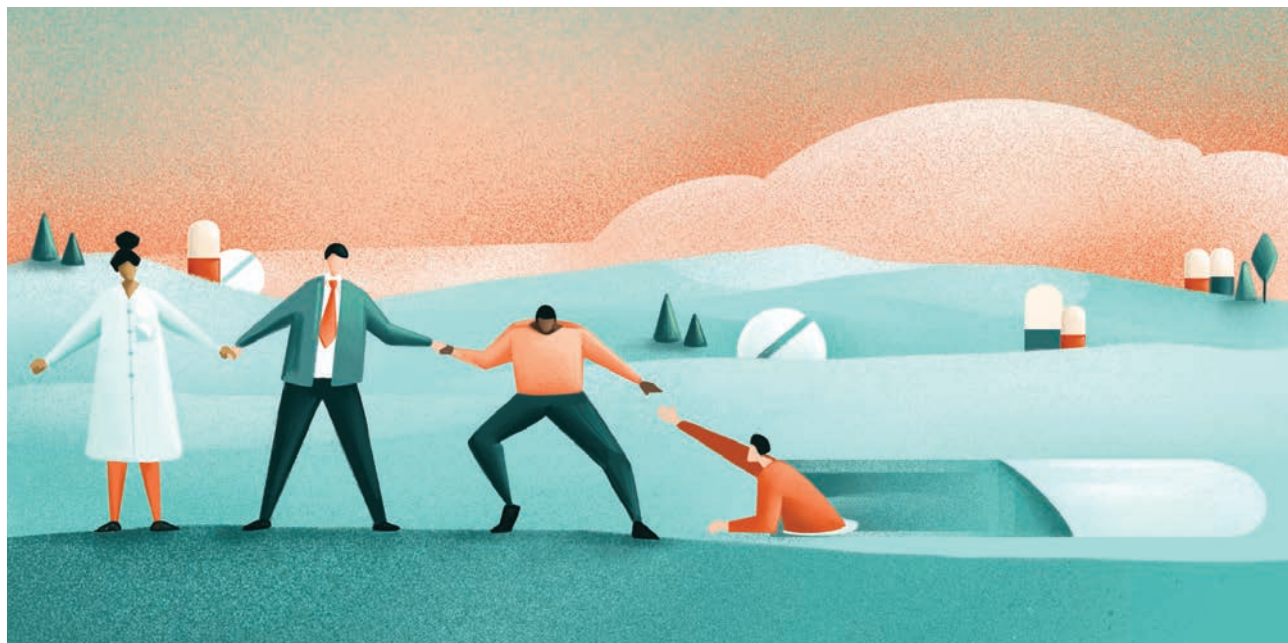
Researchers have come to understand that opioids work because they connect to brain receptors processing the body's own euphoric painkillers — endorphins. Opioids boost the body's natural abilities to block pain, slow breathing and promote calmness. People become addicted to opioids because the drug changes the wiring of the brain.

The body becomes accustomed to the opioid's ability to create calmness and reduce pain, and thus craves more and more of it. Without the drug, some people's brains can no longer function normally. It often takes other prescription drugs and counseling to rewire the brain to resume life without opioids.

In 2018, there were an estimated 20.3 million Americans with a substance use disorder, and 8.1 million of them said they had an illicit drug use disorder, according to the August 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

There are not enough people trained in addiction counseling to help them all.





For example, there are just 2,416 physicians in the U.S. that are credentialed as addiction psychiatrists, and 1,928 primary physicians certified in addiction medicine, according to the American Board of Medical Specialties. Another 7,500 doctors specializing in addiction will be needed to keep up with the need of patients.

That's why the work of Sara Wang '18 and Dr. Charles "Rick" Gressard, chancellor professor at W&M's Counselor Education Program, matters.

Wang plans to become a primary care physician and to emphasize behavioral health as part of her care.

She is currently an evaluation coordinator at Massachusetts General Hospital's Center for Community Health Improvement, where her team supports community health programs, including local coalitions focused on substance use disorder awareness and prevention.

Wang graduated with a B.S. in kinesiology and health sciences concentrating in public health. She credits W&M's emphasis on public service and interdisciplinary learning for contributing to her understanding of the importance of the social determinants of health, such as housing, food, education, employment and behavioral health, when it comes to patient care.

"Medicine doesn't exist in a vacuum, and it isn't just about what goes on in the clinic," says Wang, who grew up in Newton, Massachusetts. "If you are choosing to go into medicine today, you really don't have a choice but to focus on behavioral health. The opioid epidemic touches so many people."

Wang is in the process of applying to medical schools. She has spent her past year and a half supporting the Center for Community Health, which collaborates with community partners on health initiatives in many of Boston's underserved communities.

The center staffs support groups for those struggling with substance use disorders and helps people navigate resources from housing support to treatment. Wang tracks data around services and outcomes connected to the center's efforts, so that Massachusetts General can improve services and expand programs.

"We conducted a recent assessment of the community's health needs, and alcohol abuse and substance abuse remain among the region's top concern," says Wang.

As she has been working in public health, Wang has also noticed a promising trend with regard to the approach of responding to addiction.

"There is a new wave of understanding that opioid addiction is a behavioral health issue and should be treated as such, and that it shouldn't be criminalized," she says.

Gressard, like Wang, is providing hope to people suffering from addiction. He has been treating substance use disorders for 50 years.

He came to William & Mary in 1993, when the university received a state grant to create one of Virginia's first master's programs in addiction counseling. In 2009, he co-founded the New Leaf Clinic, W&M's on-campus, alcohol and substance use disorder clinic.

Graduate and doctoral students working on their clinical mental health degree staff the center, supervised by faculty in the School of Education.

On the second floor of the Monticello Avenue building, graduate and doctoral students offer counseling services and explore alcohol and drug use disorder issues. Among the techniques that New Leaf's counselors use to help patients with their addictions is motivational interviewing. The technique is a goal-oriented counseling method that aims to encourage people to change self-destructive behaviors and make healthier choices.

Through the New Leaf Clinic, there are now 100 people who have been trained in substance use disorder counseling and are working in their communities to help others overcome their addictions, Gressard says.

## **CHANNELING GRIEF INTO ADVOCACY**

When Don Flattery was looking for treatment options for Kevin, he had trouble finding high quality addiction programs. Further, most of them focused on abstinence. When Kevin used Suboxone, counselors in Narcotics Anonymous shamed him, Flattery says.

"He was told, 'you're not really in sobriety,' or 'you're not really in recovery because you are substituting one addiction for another,'" Flattery says. "That bias against medication assistance was keeping people from getting good treatment."



There has been a long and contentious debate within addiction circles about the best approach for treating opioid addiction.

The most dominant approach is the decades old, 12-step model utilized by Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. This method underscores that abstinence from all opioids is the only way to truly be in recovery. It isn't clear from evidence that this approach works for opioid addiction.

Another approach is combining talk therapy and counseling with medication, such as Suboxone. This drug connects to brain receptors the way opioids do, without producing a high. It helps a person through the long and physically painful process of withdrawal. Evidence has shown that medicated assistance treatment (MAT) such as this, cuts opioid overdose deaths by 75 percent, according to the American Society for Addiction Medicine.

However, as of 2018, only 41 percent of the nation's 12,029 substance use disorder facilities permitted any use of medication for treating those seeking help with their addiction, according to amfAR, a nonprofit that supports HIV/AIDS research.

After Kevin died, Flattery decided to leave his job, and focus his attention on raising public awareness about the opioid epidemic, as well the need for better treatment options.

"I felt so helpless, so I just plunged into advocacy," he says.

He became a citizen advocate member of the Virginia Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse, chaired the advocacy committee of the nonprofit Fed Up Coalition, became a board member of Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing and became a member of the White House Parent Advisory Council. He also became an informal advisor to Virginia Senator Tim Kaine, who named an opioid treatment bill after Kevin.

Between 2014 and 2018, Flattery pushed for policies to reduce overprescribing of opioids, questioned the FDA approval process of new opioids, helped his local community develop a parent resource toolkit to help others get treatment information, and advocated for lawmakers to make MAT a more standard part of opioid treatment. In 2018, he and his wife left D.C., and moved to a small town on North Carolina's coast.

He continues to work with local opioid addiction groups in North Carolina.

"Awareness is still needed," says Flattery. "Fighting the epidemic requires continuous attention and involvement."

## **CHANGING POLICY TO BOOST ACCESS TO TREATMENT**

Only 20 percent of those who needed substance use disorder treatment obtained it during 2017, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Jack Rollins '09 is working to increase American's access to substance use disorder services. He is a senior policy analyst at the National Association of Medicaid Directors, the organization that facilitates and augments the federal and state policy work of Medicaid leaders. Medicaid is the joint federal and state health insurance program for low-income Americans.

Around 40 percent of those struggling with opioid use disorder are covered under Medicaid. Though the program covers inpatient and outpatient services, as well as MAT drugs, there are staff and facilities shortages, and treatment still remains out of reach for people who aren't eligible for Medicaid.

Rollins worked with lawmakers as they debated the SUPPORT (Substance Abuse-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment) Act, a bipartisan measure that passed Congress in October 2018. That bill contained language to loosen prohibitions on state usage of federal dollars for substance use disorder treatment.

“As lawmakers were debating the act, they would come to us, and we’d run ideas past our state directors and get their feedback and communicate back to lawmakers,” he says.

Rollins also helps states look for other ways to pay for treatment and prevention programs and to promote the usage of MAT.

A top priority for Medicaid directors is developing tools to measure the effectiveness of addiction programs. The federal government has been prosecuting a growing number of fraud cases against unscrupulous treatment facilities that instead of helping people into recovery, encourage drug use to keep reimbursement money flowing.

“We know we don’t have good quality metrics,” he says. “But we’ll get there.”

Rollins became interested in public health as a philosophy and government major at W&M.

“I came out of college focused on political theory and ethics and had ideas of what our society should look like,” he says. “I thought health policy was where I could translate my high-minded ideas in a more practical way.”

Rollins has been encouraged by media attention on the opioid epidemic and public leaders’ focus on implementing policies to help more people.

“I feel hopeful,” says Rollins. “The public conversation around the epidemic has forced an understanding that there are so many facets to this ... and we have seen leadership from governors and state leaders in a way that we hadn’t before.”

### **LIGHT IN DARKNESS**

There are some early signs that the epidemic may be easing. Preliminary data from the CDC show drug overdose deaths in 2018 were down 3 percent from 2017. This is the first decline in decades.

Ted Larsen, father of current W&M student Nicole Larsen ’23, is working to extend that decline in deaths. He is part of the team at the White House’s Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), that establishes policy goals and priori-

ties for the federal government. The office funds seven federal grant programs to address substance use disorder. Two of the largest and best known are the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), which has an annual budget of about \$280 million and Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Programs, with a budget of \$90.9 million. HIDTA provides assistance to federal, state and local authorities to coordinate efforts to combat drug trafficking. The DFC programs are allocated to states and localities to fund education and drug use disorder prevention programs.

Larsen joined the ONDCP in 2019 to work with James Carroll, the office’s director. Larsen, who has an extensive background in counterterrorism, was recruited by Carroll to join the office and focus on future or emerging drug threats.

Prior to the ONDCP, Larsen worked for decades in military intelligence for the U.S. Army around the globe. He retired in 2008 as a lieutenant colonel and joined the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, where he was assigned to the National Counterterrorism Center’s Office of National Intelligence Management for Counterterrorism and was there until he moved to the ONDCP.

Currently Larsen is developing the criteria to help policymakers and law enforcement identify the evolving and emerging threats on the drug use disorder landscape.

One worry is an expansion in illicit methamphetamine use into the opioid epidemic. Meth abuse has mostly occurred in the western part of the U.S., while the opioid epidemic is concentrated in Appalachia, New England and the Mid-Atlantic states.

Data, however, is showing that people are increasingly mixing meth with illicit opioids, creating a potential deadly combination, according to former FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb.

That is worrying to Larsen: “We are in the midst of the opioid and synthetic opioid crisis, but when these are combined with meth or other psychoactive substances, it is a huge problem.”

But he remains hopeful that combined efforts of law enforcement leaders, physicians, public health leaders, parent advocates, and federal and state government officials are working.

“We certainly are not out of the woods yet, but over the last several years, great progress has been made to alleviate the crisis,” says Larsen. ☺



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THE

GREATEST

SHOWMEN

W&M GYMNASTS REACH NEW HEIGHTS IN ENTERTAINMENT  
BY SARA PICCINI

**W**hen the hit film “The Greatest Showman” premiered in December 2017, millions of moviegoers were entranced by the acrobatic duet performed by Zac Efron and Zendaya — dangling on a rope high above a circus floor, flying through the air with the greatest of ease. • Through Hollywood magic, it appears that Efron leaps effortlessly from a balcony to catch the swinging rope. But that daring young man is actually Josh Fried ’10 — Efron’s stunt double.

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Fried, a former All-American in men's gymnastics, is one of a growing number of highly accomplished William & Mary gymnasts finding success in the entertainment field, from Las Vegas to Disney World. No strangers to risky moves, they've swung from helicopters, bounced off speeding cars, juggled fire knives, backflipped into water from 35-foot heights and leapt 40 feet in the air on the world's largest trampoline.

Appearing alongside famous names in high-profile productions can seem surreal, Fried says. "It's still strange to me that I'm crossing paths with these people, especially someone like Zac — he was a household name years before I became a performer. When you're working with these people, you're like, 'How did my life get here?'"

The short answer: William & Mary.

## A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

W&M men's gymnastics boasts a record of athletic and academic excellence that extends back decades. Under legendary head coach Cliff Gauthier HON '14, who retired in 2017 after 43 years at the helm, Tribe gymnasts racked up 13 USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Team championships and produced 43 National Event champions. They've continued their winning ways under current head coach Mike Powell '04.

These stellar scholar-athletes, armed with W&M degrees, have their pick of job opportunities. So why forgo Silicon Valley for the Vegas Strip?

As Powell explains, gymnasts who want to keep competing and challenging themselves have no equivalent to the NFL or NBA, no major or minor league baseball or soccer. "This is the closest that we have to doing professional gymnastics," he says.

"I wasn't ready to give up the competitive nature of acrobatics and gymnastics — daring tricks, pushing your body," says Ramon Jackson '08, one of W&M's two NCAA champions in any sport at the university. Jackson headed straight to work for Disney's "Festival of the Lion King" after graduation.

"In the past five to 10 years, this industry has grown so that more gymnasts are starting to learn about it," says Jackson, who now works for the Screen Actors Guild. "Even more opportunities are being created every day, with different types of stunts that productions are willing to venture into and different types of live shows. It's an exciting time."

While accustomed to the pressures of performing as a college gymnast, Jackson found the entertainment world entirely different. "I can't stress enough, it is the absolute opposite end of the spectrum," he says. "In gymnastics I was inward-facing, it was all about myself and whatever piece of equipment I was on. Here you're outward-facing, you're big, you're bold, you're playing to the audience.

"And you have to do that outward-facing stuff while maintaining focus, because you are performing moves that could hurt you if you lose focus. It's doing both at the same time that makes you a great performer."

### DOUBLE VISION:

Josh Fried '10 (above, far left) performed as Zac Efron's stunt double in the megahit movie "The Greatest Showman," one of his many high-profile roles. Performer and choreographer Dave Locke '08 (opposite page, left) has created innovative new acts with his wife, aerialist Itzel Salvatierra. Neal Courter '17 (opposite page, right) is currently wowing the audience in the long-running Vegas show "Le Rêve."

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOSH FRIED '10

## A SMASHING SUCCESS

It's 4 a.m. and Josh Fried looks like a zombie.

His makeup artist applies some finishing touches, and he's ready for the day's filming of "Army of the Dead" — a zombie heist movie directed by Zack Snyder of "Justice League" fame. "It's sort of like 'Ocean's Eleven' meets the 'Walking Dead,'" Fried says. (Because Atlantic City is standing in for Las Vegas, Ramon Jackson is the SAG rep on the set, giving the two alums a chance to catch up.)

The zombie movie is just the latest in a long list of film and TV credits for Fried: take a glance at his IMDb page and you'll see such familiar titles as "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.," "True Detective" and "Captain Marvel." The list is especially impressive considering how tough the field is to break into — there's no such thing as an overnight success in the stunt world.

"The number that everyone gives is about three to five years," Fried says. "It's a completely network-based industry. If you're an actor, you have an agent, whereas with stunts it's somebody you know who calls you because they trust you. So when you're new, all you're doing is begging people for an opportunity."

For Fried, his gymnastics background gave him a leg up. "There's so much pressure that goes into performing on a movie set. There are a couple of hundred people there, and hundreds of thousands, sometimes millions of dollars at stake," he says. "Going out and performing a floor routine, I remember how difficult that pressure was, with all eyes on you. Learning to control that anxiety was such an advantage for me compared to other performers who've never competed."

Fried also calls on the acting skills he acquired taking theatre classes at William & Mary, and in four years of live performance with *Le Rêve* in Las Vegas — especially for his

work as a stunt double for big-name actors like Aaron Paul of "Breaking Bad" fame.

"A few years ago, I doubled for Jesse Eisenberg, and Jesse has these little nervous twitches. I realized I had to do a little bit of that, otherwise it's going to be very obvious that I'm not him. So you pay attention to these details — how they walk, how they hold their arms, and you can go to extremes to really try to match them as best you can.

"The stunt double dynamic is an interesting thing. Sometimes it's a dream come true and sometimes actors are offended at the idea that they would even need a stunt double," Fried says. "I got to do some tumbling for Mike Myers last year on a TV show, and every time I would go out, he'd say, 'Have fun. Thanks for making me look awesome.' That's what you hope for."

Working on "The Greatest Showman" was, of course, a highlight in Fried's career. He explains that the stunt double very often takes the role of trainer, watching the video monitor during shooting and counseling the actor between takes.

"We were creating and changing the number during rehearsal. Zac got to do things he didn't think he could do originally," Fried says. "It's always a big deal for me getting creatively involved, and not just smashing through windows," he adds with laugh.

## THE SHOW MUST GO ON

In the darkened 1,600-seat Wynn Hotel theater in Las Vegas, the audience stares in awe as stage lights focus on Neal Courter '17 and his fellow performers, rising 35 feet from a pool of water grasping slender bars. "You swing back and forth, dismount, do a series of flips and land in the water," Courter says. "It's sort of like high bar, but it's much higher and much more intense."

LEFT PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVE LOCKE '08; RIGHT PHOTO COURTESY OF NEAL COURTER '17





**ALL IN A DAY'S WORK:** (top) Pat Vaughn M.S. '11 in costume as a Disney Tumble Monkey in "Festival of the Lion King"; (middle) Stuntman Jamie Northrup '04 leaps tall buildings in a single bound; (bottom) Vaughn preparing to juggle Samoan fire knives in competition.

Courter, who earned All-American status as a W&M freshman, is currently a cast member in the hugely popular show "Le Rêve," or "The Dream," created by longtime Cirque du Soleil director Franco Dragone. It's set in a unique aquatic theater-in-the-round stage with a pool holding a million gallons of water.

"What's interesting about that is we have 14 scuba divers underwater at any given time helping the performers get from place to place and giving them air and moving set pieces and things like that," Courter says. "So there's a whole world happening under the water that the audience doesn't see."

To get his start in entertainment, Courter tapped into the close-knit community of William & Mary gymnasts, approaching Josh Fried about his experience with Le Rêve. "He was very supportive and he let me know what to expect for the auditions, what to expect once I got in the show, and what to expect in treating my body, since it's a little bit different than being a collegiate athlete."

Pat Vaughn M.S. '11, who competed for W&M gymnastics while earning his master's in computer science, credits Ramon Jackson for his first job — performing in Disney's "Festival of the Lion King" as a Tumble Monkey. Jackson served as Vaughn's stunt captain, a position that involved overseeing the routines as well as the safety of performers, drawing on skills he acquired as a team captain at William & Mary.

Tumble Monkeys perform elaborate stunts on trampoline, rings and high bar, all while wearing a furry striped costume and a large head piece topped with a Mohawk-style hairdo. "Bouncing around on a trampoline and doing double flips with a Mohawk on is certainly different than what we're used to," Jackson says.

Vaughn points out another difference from collegiate competition. "We do the show nine, 10 times a day, and it very rarely goes according to plan. If you watch closely, there are times that you see people spin off the trampoline or completely miss catching another person. You have to make it look intentional because the music isn't going to stop," he says.

"That was a huge challenge coming from gymnastics, where if, say, you fell off the high bar, you got 60 seconds or whatever you needed to jump back on. In entertainment, you have to just keep going."

## PLAYING WITH FIRE

Having lived with physical risk most of their lives, W&M gymnasts-turned-performers are eager to push the boundaries even further. Pat Vaughn, for example, was fascinated by a Disney act featuring a group of Samoans spinning fire knives.

"Me being the intelligent person I am said, 'Yeah, I can definitely do that.' I was humbled by the fact that is a very difficult skill to acquire." After enduring a lot of singed fingers, Vaughn achieved enough mastery to enter competitions.

Dave Locke '08, a national champion on both vault and floor, has been testing the limits since his early days of competition. "I was always putting different stuff together in the gym, like doing mini tramp vault instead of just vault. I was a kinesiology major, and I fell in love with the biomechanical aspect of breaking down skills."

That ability came in handy when Locke started performing on the acronet — essentially the world's largest trampoline — in the Cirque du Soleil show "Kurios." The apparatus is composed of tensioned trapeze netting and set about 9 feet above the stage. "If you jump on it by yourself, nothing happens. You need six people timing themselves to make someone go up in the air," Locke says.

Acronet performers end up about 40 feet above the stage, twice as high as a normal trampoline. "If you know where you are in the air, you don't freak out, no matter how high you go," he says.

Today, as a Vegas-based performer, conceptor and choreographer, Locke is renowned throughout the acrobatic and circus community for his innovations. "I'm a big fan of doing hybrid disciplines. So I took high bar and trampoline, because those are the two things I love to do, and put them together to make something more dynamic."

Through his Cirque du Soleil connections, he was able to debut his hybrid act at the production company's charity show "One Night One Drop." "The director was a good buddy of mine and he asked me if I had anything up my sleeve. They gave me trampolines





**ONE DROP:** Trampoline performers leap 40 feet in the air in the Cirque du Soleil charity show “One Night One Drop,” designed, coached and choreographed by Dave Locke ‘08.

and two high bars, surrounded by 70 feet of water, at the O Theater at the Bellagio. I choreographed it, I designed the set, and I coached and performed in it.”

Together with his wife, aerialist Itzel Salvatierra, Locke recently debuted a new circus show during the Halloween season, putting together aerial stunts and a Cyr wheel — a metal hoop that the performers fit inside.

“I get a lot of messages from gymnasts commenting about the stuff being really groundbreaking. That’s what I’m doing it for.”

## RISKY BUSINESS

It’s Global Film Festival time at William & Mary, and Jamie Northrup ’04 is in Kaplan Arena instructing students how to get punched in the face.

“I try to teach the most basic thing you can think of in a film, which is somebody getting punched. If you can do it right, it looks totally real and no one gets hurt,” says Northrup, a New York-based stuntman whose credits include “Noah” and “Zoolander 2” and TV series like “The Tick” and “Boardwalk Empire.”

For the past several years, Northrup has returned to his alma mater to teach at the film festival. As a highly sought-after Steadicam operator as well as stunt performer, Northrup shares his experiences behind and in front of the camera.

Interestingly, Northrup says, his William & Mary classroom experience helped him become a successful stuntman. “It’s a surprisingly easy transition from paying attention in class to paying attention when something dangerous is on the line. There are people who can do the moves, but they won’t listen closely enough to make it safe.”

To help bookers find just the right person for the job, Northrup has started a website called Stunt Listing. “People get hired in stunts the way people got hired in 1920s films — you just show up. This is my way to give back to stunts and make it a safer world.”

Stuntmen like Northrup and Fried get thrown through a lot of windows, but they’re also called on to do stunts that require a special kind of risk-taking. “I’ve done a couple of stunts hanging out of a helicopter about 600 feet in the air. That was pretty wild,” Fried says. Northrup was lit on fire for 25 seconds during a “Saturday Night Live” episode; Fried had to climb a wall completely engulfed in flames for a scene with Kendrick Lamar on the MTV Awards.

“Those are the hardest jobs for me, because your safety is completely in someone else’s hands,” Fried says.

“I worked on a TV show called ‘Search Party’ where I do a complete backflip and land on my stomach after getting hit by a BMW and bouncing off the windshield,” Northrup says. “The cameraman asked me where I was going to land, and I said, ‘I’m not really sure about that one.’ When you’re going to get hit by a car, there’s not a heck of a lot of control involved.”

But Northrup says that the challenges of being a stuntman pale in comparison to another job he held — a three-year stint teaching eighth-grade math in the South Bronx as a New York City teaching fellow. Although he found the job immensely rewarding in many ways, he says, “you basically fail every single day, and you learn how to accept the failures.”

“That’s the toughest job I’ve ever done, so I decided I’d rather go back to getting hit by cars and lit on fire for a living.”

## KUDOS TO THE COACHES

Every gymnast-turned-performer is aware of the risks involved in their work. “You know full well going in, your body is your paycheck, and there’s a very real possibility that you will get hurt doing what you do for a living,” says Vaughn.

These athletes all credit W&M athletics and their coaches for giving them the skills to succeed. “It’s not just the gymnastics skills, it’s getting ready for work in the real world, whether it’s in performance or the corporate arena,” says Ramon Jackson. “So, kudos to the William & Mary gymnastics program.” ☺

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## FRANCES C. “FRAN” ENGORON ’70

**F**ran Engoron leads by example, bringing her thoughtful and deep commitment to all she has accomplished — breaking down barriers in her career, designing and leading major initiatives at William & Mary, serving her community and preparing the next generation for leadership.

“Fran Engoron has been a leader throughout her life and has also applied these leadership skills, as well as her talents and generosity, to William & Mary and the Raymond A. Mason School of Business,” says Barbara Pate Glacel ’70, who received the Alumni Medallion in 2001. “She has a strong and enduring commitment to giving back and sharing her experience, her wisdom, her skills and the rewards of her success with the university and with other worthy causes.”

Engoron’s career at Price Waterhouse, now PwC, spanned 27 years, during which she led consulting projects for Fortune 500 companies, large government entities, universities and medical centers. She rose quickly through the ranks for her ability to assemble and facilitate talented, diverse, high-performing teams. She became the first female member of PwC’s global and U.S. leadership teams, and since retiring in 2004 serves on their Retired Partners Committee.

Now, she continues to empower women through her work on the board of Golden Seeds, an early-stage investment firm focused on women’s leadership and entrepreneurship. She has served on the boards of American Red Cross Greater New York, Plays for Living and the Bronx Charter School for the Arts. She has also been a board advisor for the Commission on Catholic Health Care Ministry and a mentor with Mentors Inc. in Washington, D.C., schools.

“She’s generous with her time,” says Janet Brown Johnson ’70. “She teaches, mentors and coaches, so that she leaves organizations in good hands. And she brings women along with her. When we first got out of school in 1970, all the doors weren’t open to us — and they still aren’t — but Fran has been a real mover and shaker to make a difference for women.”

Engoron was instrumental in the creation of the Society of 1918, William & Mary’s giving society by and for women, becoming a charter member and serving as its first chair. Under her leadership, William & Mary Women’s Weekend in September 2018 was a resounding success, with almost 500 women members of the W&M community gathering on campus to make new connections, learn from each other and commemorate 100 years of coeducation at the university.

Never one to shy away from an ambitious goal, Engoron led the way for the society to raise more than \$4 million for the Alumnae Initiatives Endowment, which enriches programming and enhances opportunities for women across the W&M community.

Engoron also served on the Raymond A. Mason School of Business Foundation Board for more than 20 years. She and fellow board member Joyce House Shields ’64, who received the Alumni Medallion in 2014, created the Leadership Development and Ethics course, designed around six crucial tenets of leadership. Each student in the program has their own executive coach from the Executive Partners program, providing opportunities for mentorship from professionals in the field. She has also supported the leadership program and scholarships for minority applicants with direct and planned giving.

“Our role as a business school is to prepare our students for lives of principled achievement,” says Larry Pulley ’74, dean of the business school. “To my mind, few better exemplify living a life of principled achievement than Fran Engoron, a close mentor, advisor and friend.”

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## WILLIAM C. “BILL” MIMS ’79, P ’16

It could be said that Bill Mims caught the bug for public service when he was a student at William & Mary. While earning his undergraduate degree in history, he served in student government and eventually was elected student body president — the beginning of a lifetime of service to William & Mary and to the people of Virginia.

Mims is a justice on the Supreme Court of Virginia, a position he has held since 2010. As the state’s 100th justice, he is only the second person in Virginia history to have also served as attorney general and as an elected lawmaker, experience that informs his decisions in Virginia’s highest court. As he serves his state with integrity, he also takes time to participate in the life of his alma mater and help the next generation.

“Bill Mims is one of the great Virginians of our day,” says William & Mary Law School Dean Davison Douglas. “He has been so deeply involved in the public life of this state. He is a man of deep character, ethics and compassion.”

After being elected to serve Virginia’s 32nd district in the House of Delegates and then the 33rd district in the Virginia Senate, he was called to be the chief deputy in the Attorney General’s Office. A testament to his skills and good character, he was unanimously elected by Virginia’s General Assembly in 2009 as attorney general.

In 2010, he was elected to the Virginia Supreme Court by the General Assembly for a 12-year term.

“I admire Bill’s dedication to serving others. It’s a sincere reflection of his goodness,” says classmate and longtime friend Kathy Yankovich Hornsby ’79. “Bill’s appointment to the Virginia Supreme Court in 2010 was a source of pride for so many of our classmates.”

Mims also continues to serve his alma mater. He was a member of the first William & Mary Washington Council, established by President Timothy J. Sullivan ’66 to provide strategic advice about the university’s presence in Washington, D.C. He is a frequent speaker at law school and alumni events and he continues to mentor and hire William & Mary law school students.

“Bill is an indispensable friend to William & Mary,” says former rector Michael K. Powell ’85, D.P.S. ’93. “The Board of Visitors frequently relied on his tireless support, guidance and counsel in navigating many challenges facing the university. His love and devotion is evident by his frequent visits, his willingness to speak at alumni events and his assistance to the law school.”

Mims also serves his community, taking on leadership roles in his church and in the areas of mental health and foster care. He serves on the boards of Voices for Virginia’s Children, the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority and the Virginia Health Care Foundation. He has served on the Board of Governors of the Virginia Bar Association and Virginia’s Commission on Mental Health Law Reform.

Mims memorably and impactfully served as Convocation speaker in 2015 and spoke at President Katherine Rowe’s inauguration during Charter Day 2019. There, he reminded the audience of a principle he lives by: “Our lasting significance is measured not by fame or fortune. Rather it is measured by the sincerity of our service and the depth of our care for others.”

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## PETER M. NANCE '66

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**P**eter Nance is known for his warm spirit, his sense of fun and how deeply he throws himself into everything he takes on.

“I think of Peter as a happy warrior — by that I mean he’s focused, energetic, cares deeply about things he’s involved in, and does it with a joyful heart,” says Glenn Crafford ’77, P ’15, P ’18, P ’20.

When Nance graduated from William & Mary, he immediately answered the call to service, joining the U.S. Army and serving in Vietnam. He left the Army in 1969 as a first lieutenant, having earned a Bronze Star, and began a 37-year career with General Reinsurance Corporation (Gen Re).

His career took him around the world, starting as an underwriter and working his way up to senior vice president of marketing and operations and member of the board of directors. He retired in 2006. Due to Nance’s efforts, Gen Re now sponsors a risk assessment activity for students at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business.

“The Alumni Medallion singles out people who have given the best to society as a representative of William & Mary — personally and professionally. Pete is the best example,” says Joe Plumeri ’66, D.P.S. ’11, who was an Alumni Medallion recipient in 1996.

Nance was a founding member of the board of directors for the Fund for William & Mary (formerly the Annual Fund), which he and his wife Judy Poarch Nance ’69 co-chaired from 1991 to 1993. He and Judy were also involved with the Alumni Admission Network and the first Alumni House expansion, earning them the Alumni Service Award in 1997. They have also provided significant support for the current Alumni House expansion. He is an emeritus trustee of the William & Mary Foundation and served on the Alumni Association board, of which he was president from 2011 to 2013.

Nance has served as a chair of his reunion gift committee four times over the years. As a co-chair of his 50th Reunion committee with Patrick Walsh ’66 and former W&M president Tim Sullivan ’66, he helped raise a record-setting \$26 million, a credit to his hard work and the relationships he has built with his classmates.

Pete and Judy’s only child, Sara, tragically passed away from cystic fibrosis when she was only 26. Her condition inspired Pete’s active participation in many charitable causes, including the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Families and Friends Supporting Cystic Fibrosis Care. He serves on the boards of A Better Chance, which provides opportunities to inner-city children, and Kids in Crisis, a shelter for abused children, and is a mentor for Take Stock in Children Palm Beach, which provides opportunities for youth to escape poverty through education.

In Sara’s honor, Pete and Judy established an endowment for a professor of English at William & Mary and a study abroad fund at Vanderbilt University, their daughter’s alma mater. They have also established the Nance Study Abroad Endowment and the Nance Library Endowment at William & Mary and provided significant financial assistance through scholarship support to recruit students from the Northeast.

In recognition of Peter and Judy’s outstanding generosity to their alma mater, they are members of numerous William & Mary recognition circles, including the James Blair Society and the Honorable Robert Boyle Legacy Society.

“Pete is among the most generous people who have graduated from William & Mary. He loves this university,” says Terry Thompson ’67. “He has been so willing to do everything and anything he can for William & Mary — a true lifetime of commitment.” ☺

PHOTO: BOB HANDELMAN





# TRIBE

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## WINTERY W&M

*Students walk from Tucker Hall to the Sunken Garden on a snowy day in Williamsburg. The statue of President James Monroe in front of Tucker Hall was dedicated in 2015 and is a gift from Patty Bayliss Owens '62, P '20 and the late Carroll W. Owens Jr. '62, P '90.*

PHOTO: STEPHEN SALPUKAS



# Taking Charge of Retirement

RHIAN HORGAN '99 AND KINDUR ARE CHANGING THE WAY WE RETIRE

**ALUMNI PROFILE** What would you like to do when you retire?

Travel the world? Finally work on that project you've always wanted to take on? Spend more time with your grandkids? Explore new passions?

Most likely, paying taxes and worrying about your investments aren't at the top of your list.

With her new startup, Kindur, Rhian Horgan '99 hopes to simplify retirement decision-making so people have the money and time to do what they want when they retire. And she is well on her way, with over 15,000 people using Kindur to build or reinforce their retirement plans.

"We help you create a personalized strategy for retirement to give you the retirement income you're looking for, but take away the hassle factor and the complexity," says Horgan. "Instead of spending your time checking your balances, wrestling the tax code or reading the 300-page book on Social Security, you are out there living your best retirement."

Kindur's mission is to provide retirees with consistent and predictable retirement income. Users make and adjust personalized financial plans through Kindur's digital platforms with help from human advisors, creating a consolidated monthly "retirement paycheck." In October, they launched a subscription service called SmartDraw, which helps clients tax-efficiently withdraw funds from multiple retirement accounts and navigate changing regulations.

There are 74 million baby boomers in the United States, according to the Pew Research Center, which defines this group as people ages 52 to 70. With the U.S. digital investment management industry valued at \$181 billion in 2017 and expected to grow to \$608 billion by 2022, according to S&P Global, there are plenty of digital wealth management platforms out there — but only a few targeted specifically at individuals over the age of 50.

Horgan and her team have designed Kindur specifically for the ways baby boomers use technology. Research, such as that from Joseph Coughlin at MIT AgeLab, shows that

**#RETIREFEARLESSLY:** *Through Kindur, Rhian Horgan '99 combines human advice and modern technology to help users "retire with confidence."*

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**FAMILY PLAN:** *SmartDraw is Kindur's subscription service that helps retirees make tax-efficient withdrawals from multiple accounts. Horgan is offering a discount for W&M alumni who use the code WMFAMILY at kindur.com.*

baby boomers use technology differently than younger people and are most successful with products designed specifically for them. While millennials tend to like to choose where they go next with a site, boomers tend to prefer a journey laid out for them, where they proceed step by step. Millennials move quickly through web content, but boomers will spend more time reading and making decisions.

"Baby boomers are much more fluent with technology than many people think. Eighty-two percent of baby boomers belong to at least one social media site," Horgan says. "We're really excited to have the opportunity to use modern design technology that this demographic will feel very comfortable with, to help automate some of these decisions they have to make. That way, they can get back to doing what they really want to do: going on the latest William & Mary Alumni Journey, joining clubs, enjoying the arts, working part time or volunteering."

Horgan was inspired to start Kindur in part by her experience helping her parents retire. After watching them work hard her whole life, she wanted to ensure they had the resources they needed to retire comfortably.

As a managing director at JP Morgan, where she oversaw client solutions and led product develop-

ment globally for JP Morgan Asset Management Alternative Investments, she had the expertise to help her parents — but she also wanted to make sure others, without the benefit of a family member in the finance industry, had the help they needed, too.

So, after 17 years at JP Morgan, she set out on her own to start Kindur.

As she builds her company, she's been able to draw not only on her professional experience, but also her time as a student at William & Mary. A finance major, she found herself "unexpectedly" becoming involved in student government.

"It quickly taught me the value of listening to your peers, solving problems, and importantly, being creative during times when purse strings are tight," says Horgan. "I also learned that we had to be in the game to win it — no more talking, actions mattered. This is very much like being at a startup. You test and learn, listen to your customers and persevere through the highs and lows. You can't be afraid of failing."

She's excited by the latest initiatives at William & Mary around entrepreneurship and design thinking, like the new Entrepreneurship Hub in Tribe Square on Richmond Road and President Rowe's focus on cross-disciplinary innovation.

"Most of the jobs I hire for today are jobs that didn't exist when I graduated from college," she says. "It's exciting to see the university adapting and evolving to what the new workforce looks like and the new set of skills."

At William & Mary, Horgan remains involved as an alumna through her service as a charter member of the Society of 1918, William & Mary's giving society by and for women.

"As a student, I saw the power of alumni giving back to the university, so when I think about everything I benefited from at William & Mary, it was a very natural extension to want to be involved after graduation," says Horgan.

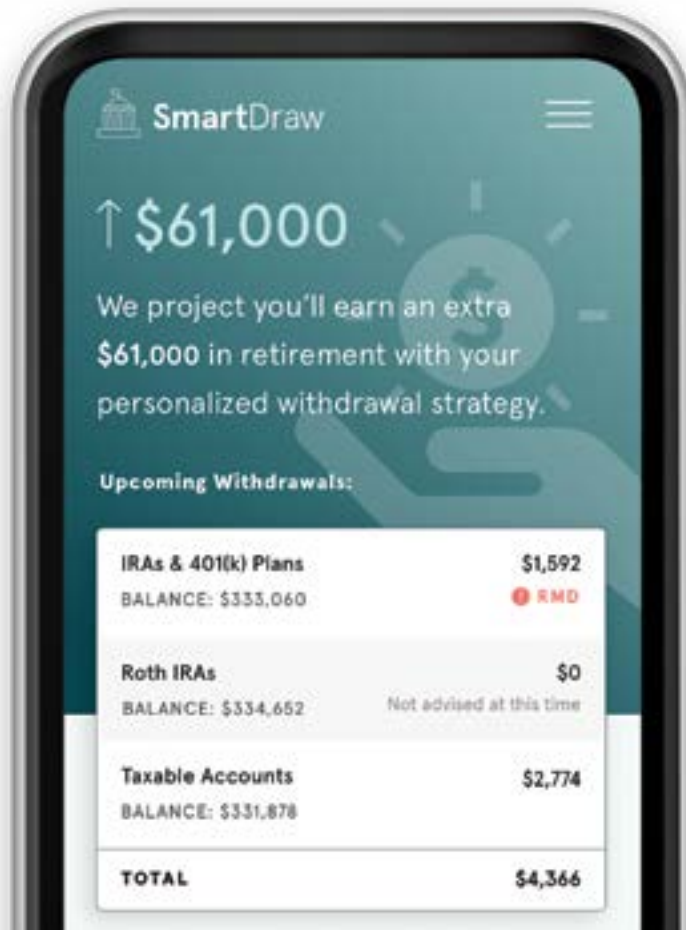
She's especially interested in ways William & Mary can invest in female entrepreneurs and future leaders.

"I had the unique opportunity to build my company from the ground up. We've been purposeful about prioritizing diversity as we believe that for our customers, diversity is our best chance of doing things differently," she says.

"As a female founder in male-dominated industries — financial services and technology — I think it's really important for female leaders to come together to raise up the next generation of talent."

— CLAIRE DE LISLE

WITH REPORTING BY DEVON BORTZ '20



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# Exemplary Alumni

DOUGLAS N. MORTON '62 ALUMNI SERVICE AWARDS

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

In this issue, we profile three of the five 2019 award winners. Two additional awardees and the staff service award winner will appear in the spring 2020 issue.

## CHRISTINA BIANCHI '09

After graduating from William & Mary in 2009, Bianchi became very active in the D.C. Metro alumni

many years, collecting and sharing the news from the Class of 2009. She also served as co-chair of her 5th Class Reunion, which included designing a strategy for reaching her classmates, leading and supporting the class reunion committee, and connecting with countless classmates herself. Under her leadership, her graduating class reached a record-breaking 30 percent participation, as well as their \$100,000 goal, unlocking a \$30,000 challenge from the Board of Visitors.

“My time at William & Mary was so special to me. Coming back feels like coming home again. I want to give back to the place that gave me so much — so many friends, so many opportunities, all the activ-



chapter, especially in their communications and social media efforts. When she moved to Orlando in 2016, she revived and energized the chapter there, restarting their Charter Day and Yule Log ceremonies, increasing service events and opportunities for families, and engaging alumni throughout the region. This work earned the chapter the 2018 Campus Connector Award and the 2018 Critic's Choice Award Honorable Mention from the Alumni Association's Regional Annual Review and Accolades. She served as a class reporter for the W&M Alumni Magazine for



ities I participated in,” says Bianchi. “It's important to me to pay it forward for other students and keep giving back top of mind for alumni.”

## THOMAS L. JOHNSON JR. '92

Johnson stepped forward to take on the important task of growing the Hulon Willis Association (HWA) into the thriving alumni organization it is today. Under his leadership, HWA has expanded to include regional networking events, family tailgates and more. In 2017, his vision for the HWA 25th Anniversary Weekend

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was realized with almost 200 black and African-American alumni, parents and friends gathering in Washington, D.C., for events including a banquet and panel discussions. Alongside his fellow alumni, Johnson ensures HWA continues to connect with the next generation through the Donning of the Kente during Commencement, a meaningful graduation ceremony for students of color at William & Mary, and the annual Hulon Willis Sr. Memorial Scholarship, presented to a student who works to strengthen the university's multicultural community. Because of his quiet dedication as president, HWA is well positioned to engage alumni, advocate for students and raise funds to support both for years to come.

her family for generations. That love continued as she moved across the country, from New York City to California to Richmond, Virginia. In each place she's become deeply involved in the local alumni chapter, hosting countless alumni events at her home and business. She is also an active member of her class, representing the Class of 1983 as their class reporter in the William & Mary Alumni Magazine, as a class ambassador and as a member of her reunion class gift committees. Phillips gives of her time, talent and treasure as a member of the Tribe Club and as a charter member of the Society of 1918, William & Mary's giving society by and for women. She's passed her love of alma mater on to the next generation: her



"I do this for the late, great Dean Carroll Hardy," says Johnson, speaking of Carroll F.S. Hardy HON '12, who served as associate dean of multicultural affairs and associate vice president for student affairs. "She saw leadership qualities in me that I had yet to appreciate in myself. I want to make sure that the doors she opened for me remain open for future generations."

**SHERRI SELL PHILLIPS '83, P '14, P '16**

Even before Phillips applied early decision, she loved William & Mary, which has been a big part of

daughters, Sam Phillips '14 and Ally Phillips '16, are both class ambassadors as well, and Sherri and Ally serve together on the Annual Giving Board.

"Giving back to William & Mary is in my DNA — I come from a big family of alumni who love the Tribe," says Phillips. "I just moved to Williamsburg, so I'm excited about being here and being able to participate in more things. It's amazing to see William & Mary from a new perspective: from prospective student to student to alumna to parent and now resident."

— CLAIRE DE LISLE



# Broadcasting the World

GAYLE YAMADA '76: A STORYTELLER'S TALE

**WE THE PEOPLE:** *In the early 1980s, Yamada worked on "We the People" with Peter Jennings. The documentary was a four-part public television series celebrating the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution.*



**ALUMNI PROFILE** Gayle Yamada '76 has told stories for most of her life. Some were shared from behind an anchor's microphone or news producer's chair, while others were played over the airwaves — the shelf life of some as fleeting as an evening sunset, their impact unknown.

"In broadcasting you never know how many people hear you," Yamada says. "You never know how you might have changed lives. I was interested in changing lives, but I didn't necessarily need to know that I had changed anyone's life."

Yamada is an award-winning broadcast journalist who has spent more than four decades in the industry. She's done just about every job one can in a newsroom, covering topics from street artists in San Francisco to cooking to documentaries on music and dance. She has also taught at universities, was a columnist for a newspaper and co-authored two books.

Yamada says it's important to her to tell the stories of underrepresented people to a broader audience.

"I think the theme of my whole career has been to give voice to people who have never had a voice," Yamada says.

**STORYBOOK** Her journey to becoming a broadcast journalist started in the traffic department of KCBS radio station in San Francisco after she graduated from William & Mary. She began volunteering in the news department and soon was hired, and she rose quickly through the ranks.

"The word that comes to mind when I think about Gayle is integrity," says Diane Keaton (not the actress), who worked with Yamada at KCBS. During the time they worked together at KCBS, the Jonestown massacre and Moscone-Milk assassinations occurred. "So many stories we were doing as a station at the time required real tenacity, knowledge and sensitivity to cover and make sure we got all sides of the story. I remember Gayle as someone I looked to for her integrity in coverage."

In the early 1980s, Yamada worked on "We the People" with Peter Jennings, a four-part series on the

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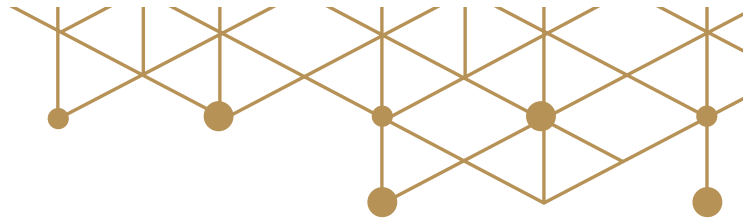
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U.S. Constitution. Initially hired as a researcher for one of the parts, the quality of her work led to her becoming the series’ associate producer.

“Here we were talking about the Constitution, the underpinnings of our nation and of us as a people,” yamada says. “It taught me the importance of stories, no matter how old they are or how distant they may seem.”

In 2001, yamada told the story of Japanese-American World War II veterans in “Uncommon Courage: Patriotism and Civil Liberties,” a documentary that was broadcast nationally on PBS.

“What these men did to help conquer Japan while their families were imprisoned in the United States is inconceivable; despite racial discrimination and being stripped of their civil rights, their patriotism prevailed,” yamada says. “My father was one of these soldiers.”

yamada says she loved the challenge of telling the story fairly.

“I made many lasting friendships and their story showed me resilience and determination in spite of overwhelming odds,” she says.

**DISTINCT LETTERS** yamada, who lives in Davis, California, began lowercasing her name when she was around 12 years old and legally had it changed decades later.

“I wanted to be distinctive,” she says. “I didn’t really realize that I was already distinctive. At the time I thought, ‘Why should names be more important? Why should you capitalize things to emphasize them?’”

When yamada arrived at William & Mary in the early 1970s, she recalls that no one looked like her. The student body was mostly white and only had a few African-American students at the time, she says. yamada says this didn’t negatively impact her W&M experience because she was confident in who she was, in part because of the strong sense of pride instilled by her parents.

“My parents taught us to value our cultural heritage,” yamada says. “I was always proud of being Japanese American.”

She says her W&M education taught her to think critically as well as to appreciate the importance of the arts and humanities.

“I learned how to tell a story, no matter what medium you use,” yamada says.

**LASTING IMPACT** While yamada has spent her professional life telling the stories of others, it blends into her personal life. Her son, Drew, died when he was just five days old which, coupled with a stroke she had before he was born, was one of the most traumatic times in her life. Out of adversity came opportunity; his life, though short, is having a great impact on generations of W&M students. yamada, her husband David Hosley and daughter Heather created the Drew Yamada-Hosley Scholarship for International Study and Travel.

“We established this scholarship in his name that will keep Drew alive forever. William & Mary really gave me a foundation for lifelong learning and we would like our son’s legacy to be one that can change lives,” she says.

**A LEGACY OF STORIES** yamada recently completed a Ph.D. at the University of California, Merced. Her degree is in interdisciplinary humanities, focusing on power and Latinos.

“She was always scrupulously prepared, but the most important thing is that she had an intense curiosity and she would really dive into what we were discussing and ask very compelling questions,” says yamada’s advisor, UC Merced Provost Gregg Camfield.

yamada is currently working with Stanford University to archive a few hundred tapes and documents of stories she owns that she has either produced, reported or written throughout her career.

“I’ve been concerned that the interviews I’ve done over the years are going to die with me,” yamada says. “You start to think about what kind of legacy you are going to leave and who can benefit from your work.”

The stories at Stanford will be available for students to study — a rich resource for future generations of storytellers like yamada.

— ASHLEY K. SPEED

**UNTOLD STORIES:** *The National Museum of the United States Army, which opens in the Washington, D.C., area in June, will feature yamada’s documentary, “Uncommon Courage.”*





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# House Party

THE ALUMNI HOUSE BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS



**ALUMNI HOUSE LOVE STORY:** *Ashley Murphy '15 and Jason Wang '15 met at the Alumni House as freshmen and will celebrate their wedding reception in the expanded house in September 2020.*

**ALUMNI HOUSE** Most people would be pretty apprehensive to host hundreds of people in their home. Not the William & Mary Alumni Association. “It’s going to be incredible,” says Cindy Gillman, director of business development. “The possibilities the Alumni House expansion provide are game-changing for us.”

The house will reopen in summer 2020 with an additional 33,000 square feet, including a grand ballroom that will seat almost 400 for a banquet and 800 theater-style. A pre-function space, second-floor terrace, board room and more will provide new options for the Alumni Association to host engagement events — everything from class reunion receptions to affinity and identity group meetings to award ceremonies. An alumni lounge and new reception area will provide spaces for alumni to connect and relax anytime.

While alumni engagement programming is first priority in the house, it also plays host to a wide variety of private events for alumni, students, friends of the university and community members. You don’t need to be affiliated with William & Mary to host an event in the house.

Since 2000, the Alumni House has been the site of an average 24 wedding receptions a year, plus bar and bat mitzvahs, fundraisers, rehearsal dinners, baby showers, bridal showers, 50th anniversary parties, birthdays, business meetings, memorial services and more. A variety of indoor and outdoor spaces and a professional catering kitchen provide versatility, and staff can provide customized options for a variety of occasions.

“Every event is different,” says Gillman, who has overseen event rentals of the house since 1997. “People come to us with a vision and I get to make it happen. Through the process, I’ve gotten really close with some of the families, which is really special.”

Ashley Murphy '15 and Jason Wang '15 are particularly excited about the house reopening. Their wedding reception during Labor Day Weekend 2020 will be the very first to be held in the expanded house.

The couple has been together since they met in the Alumni House as freshmen at an ice cream social hosted by the Alumni Association. Many of the guests at their wedding will be classmates.

PHOTO: JAKE CHAMSEDDINE

“WALKING OVER TO THE ALUMNI HOUSE FROM THE CEREMONY IN THE WREN CHAPEL,  
THE WAY WE WALKED AT CONVOCATION, WILL BE A GREAT MOMENT.”



“We’ll walk over to the Alumni House from the ceremony in the Wren Chapel,” says Murphy. “Having our guests be able to spend time in the Sunken Garden, be able to reminisce and have that sense of nostalgia together, is really important to us.”

And now, they’ll have even more reason to return to campus.

“Now that we’ve moved out of Virginia, we’ll have another connection to a place that means so much to us, to our relationship, and to our family and friends,” she says.

Those continual points of connection over a lifetime are part of so many William & Mary stories.

When Dollie Marshall M.Ed. ’93 and Wellford Marshall ’69 were undergraduates, the Alumni House was where they went after football games to meet up with people from out of town. As graduates, it was where they went for Rotary Club dinners and other community events. Then, when their daughter, also named Dollie, got married to Drew Kelly, the house served as the site of her wedding reception. Dollie had attended classes at William & Mary as a high school student. Though she ended up going somewhere else for college, the Alumni House felt like the right choice.

“It feels like a home, perhaps because the historic part was a home,” says Marshall. “But also because of the staff. Cindy and Dollie worked so well together. We laughed and joked and planned and everything came together flawlessly. We never had any anxiety or worry.”

When the big day came, the house brought together their friends and family from out of town to celebrate together — just like it had when the Marshalls were undergraduates.

Another common way the house brings people together is for business meetings and conferences.

As a financial advisor for Compass Wealth Strategies and Raymond James, Rick Overy ’88 has hosted several client events at the house over the years, including panel discussions, receptions and dinners.

“It’s in a central location downtown, it feels elegant and people enjoy coming on campus,” says Overy.

Overy served on the design review committee for the Alumni House expansion. He says it was important to build something attractive and appropriately scaled for the location, but also big enough for the university’s and community’s needs and comfortable and accessible for alumni.

“It’s a bigger, better place that alumni can call home when they’re on campus,” says Overy. “As an alumnus and a member of the community, I think the expanded Alumni House is going to be a fantastic asset for the college and the city. We don’t have another place like it.”

He and his wife Lara Shearin Overy ’08 had personalized bricks in Clarke Plaza at the Alumni House, and they are looking forward to seeing them at the renovated house and creating new memories.

“The Alumni House has been part of my life for a long time,” says Overy. “What’s coming is really exciting.”

— CLAIRE DE LISLE

**COMING HOME:** *Rick Overy '88, Lara Shearin Overy '08 and their daughter Isabel Overy '19 remain connected to William & Mary and the Alumni House.*



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# Tribe Pride, Your Way

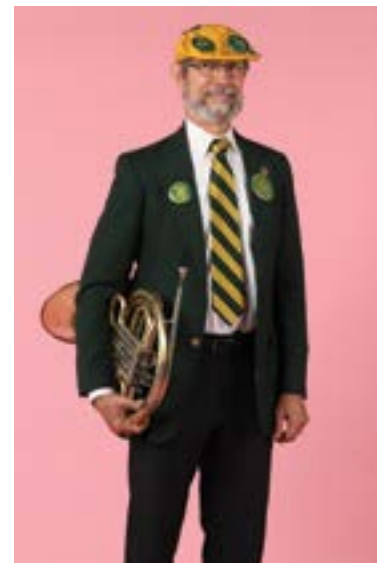
HOMEcoming & REUNION WEEKEND 2019 BROUGHT THE W&M COMMUNITY TOGETHER

**ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT** This year's Homecoming & Reunion Weekend was all about celebrating the William & Mary pride that unites us, in all the wide variety of ways we choose to express it. More than 4,200 alumni, parents, family and friends gathered on campus Oct. 17-20 for the festivities, which included more than 125 events hosted by the Alumni Association and campus and community partners.

Affinity and identity groups gathered for annual favorites, including the Hulon Willis Association Brunch, the Military and Veterans Breakfast presented by the Association of 1775, the Olde Guard Brunch and more. New events, like the LGBTQ Alumni Brunch, provided fresh opportunities for alumni, students and more to celebrate together. This year was the biggest yet for reunions, with more alumni than ever attending reunion receptions and reconnecting with classmates. And the whole community came together under the big white tent for the tailgate, Saturday Night Bash and other signature events.

Thanks to all who participated in person or online! We look forward to seeing you next year, Oct. 15-18, for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2020.

— CLAIRE DE LISLE



**ALUMNI IN THE SPOT-LIGHT:** *For our Homecoming theme, we invited people from all parts of our community — alumni, parents, family, friends, students, faculty and staff — to be photographed showing their William & Mary pride. See more at [homecoming.wm.edu/about](http://homecoming.wm.edu/about).*



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## ANNUAL REVIEW & ACCOLADES

This awards and review process, now in its second year, is a way to recognize 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. Read about the winners and honorable mentions at [wmalumni.com/engagementawards](http://wmalumni.com/engagementawards)

### OVERALL AWARDS

**Campus Connector:** Charleston

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**Family:** Boston - Apple Picking with the Tribe

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## WHAT'S THE STORY?

## REMEMBERING PBK

Students walk in front of Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall in 1957. The first PBK opened in 1926 but burned down and was later rebuilt as Ewell Hall. The pictured rendition of PBK opened in 1957. It is currently undergoing renovations to provide a world-class performing arts center as part of the new Arts Quarter, slated to open by 2021.

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## '45-'50

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## 1951

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Last spring, several months after his wife **Mary-Jo Finn Aarstad** passed away in 2017, Jim sent me an update on his life and activities from the family home in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. I was happy to hear from him, who though not a fellow graduate is an honorary member of our class. He and I have in common ancestors who may have brushed against each other fighting for the Union. We have at times exchanged historical facts and discoveries. His daughter is looking after him now, and though he

turned 94 recently, he reported "I hold up well with a few pills and a pacemaker." He repeated a family motto, a favorite of Mary-Jo's. "If you have a garden and a library, you have all you need." He attends church each Sunday and plays nine holes of golf three days a week. Great going, Jim!

Jim reminded me of the passing of **William A. Watson**, also of our class, who is greatly missed. He not only was a friend but also a prolific poet, whose talents I noted some years ago in my column. At that time, I informally appointed him Class Poet Laureate for his writings. He had kindly sent me copies of his anthologies for my review.

Jim reminded me then that William (whose funeral was just a few weeks prior to Mary-Jo's) was best man at their wedding. So they had all kept in close touch these many years. William had a colorful career. In addition to his talent as a poet, his compositions were clever and often reflected his love of William & Mary, his friends, and his family. After graduation he did a military tour of Korea, attended law school, began private practice in his hometown of Middlesboro, Kentucky,

and for some years was assistant U.S. attorney for the eastern district of his state. He was kind enough to bring copies of his latest publication to a reunion in the '90s and presented a copy to each of us. Recently I contacted Frances, his widow, and discussed the possibility of publishing for the second time one of his nostalgic remembrances from another issue, this one honoring the celebration of an Aarstad anniversary. She gave me permission, and so, though the format is altered for the magazine's format, here it is for all of us:

THOUGHTS UPON AN ANNIVERSARY

"I remember a particular night,  
An early Autumn evening.

A knock came firmly on the door,\*

Someone I hadn't seen before.

A handsome fellow, tall and blond,  
Who sought good friends, and company  
For the impending Harvest Ball.

Little did I know what grand scheme

Had begun, with that wandering soul;

That I would be an instrument

Of fate, and by two lives enthralled.

Dear God, they met and were, I think

In hearts betrothed ere breath be drawn:

And then, before next Autumn passed,

They were, in the Wren Chapel there,

Haply, and solemnly, before God blessed.

\*(The mention of the door refers to the front door at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Lodge.)

To read the poem in proper format, visit [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1951](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1951).

This is such a sweet scene that it makes me a little weepy but the expressions of his love for his friends, college and so much admiration for his family are exceptionally descriptive.

As for events last summer, I hope you all were safe from Dorian's furious frenzies. It looks as though hurricanes are going to be a yearly event. Our only disaster in this state was at Emerald Isle Beach, which hosted a tornado just at the moment of impact, causing a great deal of damage.

I need news from you all, your grandchildren, great-grandchildren and your travel adventures.

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## '52-'54

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It is now 2020, which means that 65 years have passed since we received our diplomas in Wren Yard!

**Florence DeHart Burns** has published her autobiography. I wrote something similar as a requested gift for my niece several years ago. Even though it was not published, it was a "real job"!

**Diane West van Wert** and Leon have been very active. She exercises at the gym or on her stationary bike. They have been living in Bishop's Glen, an independent living apartment complex in Florida, for about two years. They have repainted all of the rooms, including baseboards and ceilings! Diane sings with the choir and she's one of the liturgists. Also keeping them busy are three sons, three granddaughters and four grandsons who live nearby.

**Molly Murphy Daniel '53** and **Jim Daniel '53**

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moved to an independent living facility late last spring. Molly says they are both well, but they don't play tennis anymore. At the time Molly wrote they were looking forward to the arrival of their first great-grandchildren. She also wrote "This getting old is an interesting experience." Yes, it is!

Molly also wrote that **Mary Lou Hunt Gray '57** lives in California with her three sons. She lost her husband in an accident with a tractor.

Our two oldest grands are both in medical school. **Alex Vincent '16** is in her second year at Georgetown and Christine is in her first year at Jefferson.

I hope you have made a New Year's resolution to send some news for our class notes. If you didn't, it's not too late!

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## 1956

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The first news came from **Jane Thompson Kaplan**. She and **Jim Kaplan '57** went on an alumni trip in May — a river cruise on the Danube from Prague to Budapest. It was a wonderful trip, but they were the only W&M alumni. There were several groups from Nebraska to the Naval Academy and they had a good time with them. Jane, did you buy any garnet jewelry in Prague?

**Jane Dougherty Marfizo** has adopted a little dog who is blind. Jane's dachshund Fritzzy died in July 2018. Her little "Buddy" (known at the Humane Society as Kurt Russell) is a 4-year-old Jack Russell mix. What an experience! Other than having infected eyes and ears the first month, he is a real joy.

Jane is enjoying feeling "needed" again. I think it's wonderful. We have one spoiled cat, Maisie, who can be entertaining. At this writing, I am feeding two stray cats in the backyard and a possum who visits each evening for fruit and nuts.

**Les Sykes Waldron's** genealogy group met in Williamsburg in the fall. She suggested the members, in their spare time, visit the Yorktown Victory Center (now the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown), the Rockefellers' home, Bruton Parish Church, and of course a stroll down Duke of Gloucester Street. **Ed Watkins** always writes "Go Indians" and Les said she met a young fellow who went to W&M. When she mentioned the Indians to him, he gave her a blank look. Oh, well — life moves on!

**Bill Marfiso** says "Nothing to report." Hope that is a good sign!

In November 2015, **Mary Madeline "MM" Myers King** moved from Falls Church to Falcons Landing, a retirement community in Loudoun County, Virginia. There is a small W&M alumni group there: **Emily Sneed McGuire '36**, **Cynthia Frye Howes '55** and **Betty Wright Carver '55**; **Alice Mott Criswell '56** and MM; and Charlotte Chung Chang, whose husband, Rear Admiral **Ming E. Chang** enrolled in 1952 and finished in three years, is part of the group.

Ed and I and our daughter **Caroline Watkins '83** had a summer visit with my sister Diane in Vermont. It is so lovely up there in spring/summer. "No thank you" to winter. We cancelled a trip to the Calgary area for assorted reasons. As I write this, we are still getting 90 degree days in Georgia.

Now, for **Nancy Harshbarger Hummel** and **John Hummel's** escapade! They drove from Williamsburg to Sisters, in the high desert of eastern Oregon, to a family reunion where they

had a great four days with family — then headed for the Redwoods National Park, where it cooled off. They drove along the Oregon and California coast, visiting many well-known sites. Heading east, they went through the mountains to Sequoia National Park, then to Las Vegas for a week. Nancy's recommendation: don't go there in August. They toured the museum on Los Alamos and the development of the atomic bomb and an exhibit showing the construction of Hoover Dam. They drove through Utah and reached the Rocky Mountains. Nancy was driving in Colorado when a large mattress slid off the open bed truck in front of her. She slammed on the brakes and stopped, but the driver behind her rammed them in the rear, sending them over the bank into a ditch. Nancy was OK, but John was bruised. The other vehicle was a big van pulling a trailer. The people were all safe, but both vehicles were totaled. Their Subaru was packed with enough for a two-month trip and an electric scooter. They were up against time deadlines for getting to their lodgings and a car rental. They spent several days and nights in Frisco, Colorado, finally got a decent rental car, skipped several of the sites they had planned to visit and limped home.

Please send news of classmates any time by email or post. We want to hear from all of you.

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## 1957

Class Reporter  
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The warm summer appears to have many answers from their computers, so not quite as many responses for our latest update as usual. But some really nice ones for the

Great Class of 1957!

**Kay Wirth Novotny** tells us she's been very active in friendly duplicate bridge and enjoying the game greatly.

A nice note from **Bill Armbruster** and **Betty-Wright Armbruster '58** who are enjoying their 65th year in Williamsburg! They regularly see **Alice Matthews Erickson '57, M.A. '75**, **Suzanne Proudman Cowles '65** and **Carter Cowles '58**, and **Susan Moyer Hardage '61** and **Bob Hardage '58** at Bruton Parish Church, where Bill serves as a tour guide every week. The Armbrusters recently hosted a dinner for 10 at their home that included W&M President Katherine Rowe and her husband, Bruce Jacobson. Bill added that "she is a vibrant and delightful lady and just plain fun" and that William & Mary is in good hands. Finally, Bill told us he won a silver medal in the Virginia Pickleball Championship for our age group. Terrific, Bill!

**Harriet Rippel Doub** tells us she's in her 32nd year selling Virginia Beach real estate with Berkshire Hathaway and is also very active at the United Methodist Church.

I had a long and wonderful phone talk with her husband Pat, and brought us up-to-date on her life. She related a great story about meeting Queen Elizabeth while residing in London with her husband Pat, a patent attorney, during the W&M tricentennial in 1993. They were invited to a grand event hosted by the Draper Company of England, the company that provided funding for the start of W&M in 1693. While there, along with the William & Mary Choir, she got to shake hands with the Queen and talk briefly with her. The Daubs left England and moved to Portland in 2006. Suzanne has three

children, two boys and a girl. Her daughter is a W&M graduate, **Cara McCarthy '85**. Thanks, Suzanne, for calling.

**Rick Asals '57** dropped us an email and reports he and his wife spent a few days at the Jersey Shore in August at the home of **Jan Fisher Dunkle '57**. As I write this in mid-September, the Asals are off on a month visit to London and will spend February and March in Palm Springs.

Our classmate **Jim Kaplan '57** had a fall and broke his shoulder early this summer, but he is well on the way to recovery. It was a broken shoulder year: my wife, Marsha, also broke her shoulder a year ago and had a new one put in ... happy to report she is 95% recovered.

And, classmates, please don't wait for my pleading emails to contact me and bring us up to date on what you're doing. If in Williamsburg, call me.

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## 1958

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Thanks for keeping me in your loop, and thus the rest of our fabulous class. We're still receiving accolades for our fantastic 60th reunion at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend in October 2018. One classmate said, "Let's start planning our 65th." Are you ready for that?

To lead off the notes I want to mourn the passing of **Arch Turrentine**. We knew of his humor, work ethic and brilliance in college, but of his career we only speculated. He was closed-mouthed indeed. We suspected he was a spy, but little did

we know how amazing his contribution had been to our country through the foreign service, including nuclear disarmament. He passed in August.

**Carter Cowles:** "In June we took a cruise across the Atlantic and then north up the coast of Europe ending in Copenhagen. The trip was especially meaningful because we visited the sites commemorating the D-Day invasion on the year of its 75th anniversary."

**Polly "Flo" Johnson Rowlett** and I had a wonderful conversation, catching up on both of our families and pets. She had recovered from a serious case of pneumonia last spring (It's August as I write) with rehab lasting some months. Her joys are her grandchildren, two girls and two boys (Jack is a professional lacrosse player and Nick plays lacrosse for the University of Michigan). Call her and hear how super they all are. Truly! That goes for the new dog as well.

**Sandi Berg Shirey:** "**Dick Shirey '59** and I took our third and youngest grand to England. As she's never been, it was England 101 for her and a lovely revisit to our favorite place. We were glad to go pre-Brexit debacle, too. Our only other news is that I'm being treated for ovarian cancer and doing very well, I must add! Getting old certainly offers a variety of challenges, doesn't it?" Good luck, Sandi.

**Tom Lightner:** "Not much new with the Lightner clan! Tom and Carol continue to fend off the 'advancing maturity' process! Staying on our feet and remembering stuff are our biggest challenges! Just concluding a nice 19th summer at our cottage in Alexandria, Minnesota, with most of our younguns enjoying all the water sports and wonderful weather! No big plans for the season ahead, just trying to avoid the inevitable so long as

possible! As Clint Eastwood said, 'Just don't let the old man in!'"

**Elizabeth Mitchell Day:** "This year marks 60 years of marriage for my husband Phil and me. We met my senior year when he had just earned his wings in the Navy and had relocated to Norfolk. He and three of his friends had spent a (busy!!) weekend in D.C. and didn't have enough money between them to get through the tunnel to the base. Lucky for me they stopped at the Kappa house to borrow money!!! We both enjoyed satisfying careers, Phil in chambers of commerce and association work, and I in elementary education as a teacher for 12 years and a headmistress at two private schools for 29 years. We are proud grandparents of five wonderful grandchildren and two absolutely perfect children of our own!!! After living in Ohio, West Virginia, Georgia and South Carolina, we now live in Birmingham, Alabama, just five minutes from our daughter who offered to help the old folks!!! Dearly loved W&M and still am proud to be an alumna after all these years!"

**Merritt Ierley:** "As a contribution to the 250th anniversary of my parish (Christ Episcopal Church in Newton, New Jersey, founded in 1769), I have just completed a book-length biography of the first rector, the Rev. Uzal Ogden. The subject would be of very limited, local interest except that Ogden was the first elected bishop of New Jersey — and the first elected bishop in America to be denied consecration by the General Convention. Why is what makes a book out of a story. Essentially, Ogden got caught up in some behind-the-scenes intrigue that is told here for the first time. Besides that, through Ogden there is a unique look at the impact of the American Revolution on religious life in

America, the split of the American church from the Church of England and the formative years of the Episcopal Church in the United States." Wonderful contribution, Merritt.

Merritt added, "Although I haven't been to Homecoming lately, I did have a mini-reunion here in June — a visit by **Will Molineux '56** and **Mary Sawyer Molineux '75**. They came to northern New Jersey to visit Will's sister, and spent a couple of days here — a picnic, a side trip to historic Morristown, etc. I've known Will since our days at the Virginia Gazette, beginning in 1957, and we've remained close friends ever since, though this was the first time I've seen Mary and Will in perhaps 10 years."

My big news is that my daughter, **Sherri Sell Phillips '83**, was one of the recipients of the Alumni Service Award (see page 55). I was happy to be able to be at William & Mary for the presentation last September. That's the same award Tom Lighter won some years back for which, unfortunately, there never was a presentation, so many of you never knew about it, I fear, until now. So, congratulations both to Tom and Sherri.

"Just down the hall," Pat (for Pete)

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## 1959

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Things in the 'Burg are very exciting with football season beginning. Our new coach, Mike London, won our opening game against Lafayette with his "go go" defense! What a great way to start

off our season! Then this past Saturday night (9/14) we beat Colgate solidly 38-10! William & Mary is in the midst of getting ready for Homecoming, but since this article has to be in by Sept. 18, the Homecoming news will have to be in my next column.

I have heard from some who are attending our 60th reunion. We will be at Windsor Meade's clubhouse for our dinner on Friday night. Of course, **Jay Lawler** and I, **Jerry Welborn** and **Carole Waller Welborn '60**, and **Ann Hansbarger Snead M.Ed. '88** will be there as we are working on the Friday night fun. I'll bring you up to date first on those who plan to attend.

**Jim Brinkley** and **Dana Brenner Brinkley '60** will be with us at our dinner. They are proud parents who have had three children and three grandchildren graduate from our wonderful College.

**Chip Mason** and his wife Rand are on a cruise right now, but they will be joining us for our dinner.

**Dave Edmunds** and his wife Jean have just moved to Brandermill Woods, which is right here in Midlothian, Virginia. It is a lovely retirement place with lots of activities. Their new address is 2104 Camelia Circle, C106, Midlothian, Va., 23112.

**Garry Etgen** and **Char Tolley Etgen** were the first to let me know they would be coming. In fact, they have been great about spreading the word to other classmates. They are staying with **Connie Granger** and **Gil Granger '57**, who will also be at the dinner.

**June Roberts Clark** is coming and I'm so glad. Her husband **Gordon "Punky" Clarke** passed away just recently so I'm so glad she can attend. She was in my Chandler 3rd cohort our freshman and sophomore years, so we'll have a lot of

catching up to do. **Ginny Smith Young**, another Chandler 3rd buddy, will be with us too.

**Jay Rutherford Morgan** will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express with some of you, so there might be a good party there too! If you are confused, Jay went by Morgan as his last name at William & Mary as his mother had remarried. However, after graduation, he took his father's name, Rutherford, but he told me to list him as Jay Rutherford Morgan.

**Anne August Blunt** has responded to William & Mary that she will be with us, and I'm sure several others did so as well.

Those who have regretted are below.

**Barbara Mayfield Hansen** says that she is fine and is still playing tennis. She also sends a greeting to the girls in Jefferson Hall.

**Cynthia Hearne Darling** had a lot of news. They have two grandchildren, and she has just finished working on novel No. 6. She is attending the Northern Appalachian Writers' Conference as I am typing this. She has served as committee chairman for the Alexandria Chapter of the Colonial Dames of America-Virginia. (If you are a member, do let her know.) She added a P.S. to look her up on Cynthia Darling books through Amazon.

**Penny Witzeman Nelson** wrote this, which I will quote: "The loss of my best friend, Bob, in April left a very empty home. Bob used to drive 18 hours from Cornell University to W&M after his Friday class to make sure I still remembered him. Then he would drive back to Cornell in time for his Monday morning class. Good grief, his parents would have had a fit." I did get a kick out of this: In one of my pleas for news I still tell me about travels, hobbies, and even if you have a new dog. Well, Penny does have a new dog! She

went online and found AlwaysAdopt.com and now has an adorable rescue puppy, Beauregard, who hails from Texas. At this moment she is probably visiting Boothbay Harbor, Maine, and eating lobster!

**Jim Dillard** writes that in the spring he was surfing the internet, somehow got to Glacier National Park and was blown away by the photos. He and **Joyce Butt Dillard '58** decided to celebrate their 85th birthdays there. Their four daughters gave them gift certificates for the trip and it was beautiful. They couldn't stay in the park, but they stayed at the oldest of the lodges directly outside the park, and were not disappointed at all. He's says it's a must to add to your list!

They also took a side trip to Dickinson, North Dakota, and their dinosaur museum. By going to Dickinson, Jim completed his 50th state!!! Congrats to you, Jim, and thanks for all that wonderful information!

Hopefully I'll have lots of news gathered at Homecoming for my next column. In the meantime, GO TRIBE!

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## 1960 ☾

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This note is the "opening shot" for all classmates to begin preparing to attend our 60th Reunion. I cannot assure you that there will be support for another reunion since the Olde Guard Council was unable to convince the Alumni Association to support reunions past the 60th. So this is it people. Let's do "60 in 60."

First thing to do is to reserve the date — Oct. 15-18, 2020. Second thing

to do is to send me an email that you are planning on coming. We will have a class dinner. More on that later.

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## 1961 ☾

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There's excitement in Tucson, Arizona, where we held the first ever William & Mary alumni reception in late September. It was small but successful, and people are all looking forward to continuing these events. Alumni from 1957 through 2010 attended and all agreed it was special. There was a Yale alumni party next door to us and one of their attendees joined us because we were having much more fun!!

Because of this event, we were contacted by **Jay Morgan Rutherford '59**, who couldn't attend so we arranged to get together. What fun catching up with our lives since leaving the College. We planned to continue getting together when busy lives and travel schedules allow.

I attended a meeting in Portland, Oregon, in September and was connected with **Susan Saulmon Trice '68** and **Jean Attridge Josephson '70**, members of the same organization.

Thanks **Jerry File** for writing about the W&M Football reunion and the Class of 1961:

Under the leadership of former football co-captains **Jim Porach** and **Wayne Woolwine**, our class was well represented at the football reunion held in June to introduce new Head Football Coach Mike London and several new members of his staff.

Retired surgeon Dr. **Dave Gatti '62** traveled from Columbia, South Carolina, and **Jerry File** came from Alexandria. **Denys Grant '58**, **Bud Porter '62**, and **Frank Govern '64** also joined the group to applaud Jim Porach, who won the award for "Best Dressed" in his W&M gold sports jacket! Athletic Director Samantha Huge attended and announced the pending retirement of longtime Assistant AD **Bobby Dwyer M.Ed. '94**. Please, please get in touch.

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## 1962 ☾

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This column is in want of news from alumni who can send some to let your fellow classmates what you are doing. I have written this column for almost 50 years and I need news. Does this seem that I am begging? Well, you are right, I am begging!

**Linda Lester Hagen '62** lost her husband, Jim, to cancer. He was a wonderful husband and father. They lived in Kent, Washington. Linda is my big sister and we have remained friends since our college days.

I am still my husband's caregiver. He was in the hospital for 14 days and rehab for 13 days in August. He is now home with home care PT and a speech therapist coming twice a week. He goes to dialysis three times weekly. I do all driving now. My life is caregiving 24/7. Each day is a gift from God for both of us.

The deadline for this news was September. As you can see by this issue, Homecoming has come and gone for 2019.

If you did go, write me a note telling about your time at Homecoming. I am looking forward to all news.

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## 1963 ☾

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**Lee Williams McBride** enjoyed a family reunion in St. Simons Island, Georgia, last summer. One of her daughters lives in D.C. while the other is in Bali, Indonesia. Lee's husband, Mike, died in November.

Since retiring for the second time, I have had more time to quilt and travel to quilt. The most recent trip was a cruise to Alaska. Like many quilters, I have multiple quilts that I'm working on at the same time and take classes to have even more quilts to make.

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## 1964 ☾

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Happy New Year! Can you believe it? It's been 55 years since we graduated. Most of us are 77 years old now, some 76 and some 78. I even know one who is 79, but looks 20 years younger ... lucky soul. I keep forgetting to ask for his secret of youth. Actually, I believe we are all still young, "young at heart" anyway. Remember that Frank Sinatra song? You can listen to it on YouTube.

"... And if you survive to a hundred and five

Look at all you'll derive out of bein' alive, And here is the best part, you have a head start

If you are among the very young at heart ... **Robert Walker** definitely is a "head starter" and "young at heart." He has established a new company called MoonWalker Associates. What a great name! It specializes in consulting and advocacy on public policy matters relating to space and disruptive technology. The company has already emerged as one of the top 10 aerospace advocacy firms in Washington. At present they are working on the president's Moon-Mars initiative, orbital debris cleanup, solar power from space, space-based broadband communications and advanced nuclear energy.

Another definite "young at heart" is **Dick Goodwin**, our class energizer bunny. Dick wrote me a very lengthy email (which I have shared on our class notes online version). It mentioned at least 10 U.S. cities and several countries he had been to over the past few months, visiting friends and family and attending work conferences. I was exhausted after reading about all his travels. Let me summarize: Dick and his wife Susan still live in Fresno and celebrated 30 years together last July. In addition to many cross-country trips, they hosted six of their nine grandchildren (the oldest is 11), which Dick described as "exhilaratingly exhausting." Dick just stepped down as president of the Federal Administrative Law Judge Conference, but has continued to serve on several other executive boards. He also writes articles for the ABA Senior Lawyers Division. "Voice of Experience." Despite all his activities, Dick says he is good, 20 years after coronary bypass surgery!

Another “young at heart head starter” is **Ilene Lambert Dillon-Frank**, a California-based psychotherapist. Here she is, well past retirement age, and she’s traveling the United States in a 24-foot RV, speaking at conferences on life’s emotions. In September, she published her first book, “Emotions in Motion: Mastering Life’s Built-in Navigation System.” She talks about how emotions act as messengers, telling us what actions to take as we navigate our lives. Ilene has participated in local conferences and appeared on local shows and Life Mastery TV to discuss the interaction of emotions and health. She also has a blog at [emotionalmasteryforlife.com](http://emotionalmasteryforlife.com). As she travels, she often takes her granddaughters in her RV. She has traveled to 13 states and Washington, D.C., and she’s still going ... another energizer bunny! (More about Ilene’s book, talks and itinerary will be on our online Class Notes. You can also contact her directly at [Ilene@emotionalmasteryforlife.com](mailto:Ilene@emotionalmasteryforlife.com)).

Here’s still another “head starter” ... **Bill Redd** is planning to work full time until he’s 80. He is doing research on the use of systematic light exposure (light therapy) to treat cancer-related fatigue, depression, sleep problems and metabolic syndrome at the Icahn School of Medicine in New York City. Results are extremely promising. Bill is also preparing for his post-retirement career of flipping houses, a longtime interest. He enjoys good health, which he needs with three more years of college tuition for his daughter, Cornelia, who is pre-med at the University of Michigan. Bill keeps up with **Bill Hutchinson** and **Lucy Hummer Richards**, and reports that both are happy and healthy.

**Bill Black** was sorry to miss Homecoming last

fall as he had a part in the investiture of Chatham Hall’s new rector in October. He and Mary Lee then headed off for a trip to Carcassonne, France, returning via the Channel Islands and British Cotswolds.

**Richard Wegner** was sorry to write that his former roommate of two years, **John A. Roy**, died last year. They had spoken last Christmas and all seemed well, so his death was a surprise. Richard has had a series of seizures, possibly caused by a heart blockage, but fortunately a pacemaker has fixed the problem. He and Kevin had a great trip, a cruise, through northern Europe last spring. Richard spends half his year in Virginia and half in Tucson, Arizona.

Don’t forget to check out our Class Notes online ... they are usually a longer version and sometimes with photos. Go to [magazine.wm.edu](http://magazine.wm.edu), click on “Current Issue” at the top of the page, and scroll down to find “Class Notes” at the bottom. Also check out the fall 2019 issue, which has a beautiful picture on page 3 of Crim Dell, our class gift to the College.

That’s it for now. Please keep me up to date with all your activities, comings and goings, trips, visits with classmates, downsizing (tell me about it). I love to hear from you and so do all our classmates. Really!

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## 1965

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Looking over the incoming news items, I noticed that they arrived in consecutive monthly order. Like this:

April: **Tom Steger '65, J.D. '69** was inducted into the William & Mary Law School’s Order of Marshall-Wythe. Tom also had the second library exhibition of his artwork (watercolors, acrylic and graphite sketches) at the Richmond Public Library Main Branch during August. He and his wife **Martha Wessells Steger '66** took advantage of her Virginia and North Carolina magazine and newspaper assignments for trips to sites in Culpepper, Middleburg, Petersburg, Virginia Beach, Staunton and Wintergreen, Virginia, and Mt. Airy/Surry County, North Carolina.

May: Here’s an enviable event! **Byrd Lacy Murray, Lynne Yerkes Halpin and Mary Ann Jett Henderson '64** spent a week at Lynne’s home in the desert of Arizona. (There was chatting.) They took a trip to the Grand Canyon. (More chatting.) Byrd says they marveled that they could be together after being friends and sorority sisters for well over 50 years. (Plenty to chat about!) You gals are very lucky!

June: This month brought sad news. **Pam Wandell Fleming** writes that classmate **Braxton Garriss** died in Arkansas on June 20. Pam and her husband **Bill Fleming '64** were longtime friends of Brax, who introduced them at a Sig Ep dance in 1962! Pam sent several pictures of Brax and Pam and Bill in front of the Wren Building, which unfortunately can’t be included. We are sorry, Pam and Bill, that you have lost such a good friend.

July: Our very own **Ginny Blount Fluet** and husband Joe had a family reunion at their son’s new lake home in York, South Carolina.

August: Then they spent two weeks at a camp on a lake in Maine with their daughter and her family — all nine of them! She says it was lots of fun. Joe and Gin were happy throughout ... when the family was there and when they went home, leaving them with a peaceful week by themselves.

July and August: **Barbara Wampler Melby** and Tom spent seven weeks at their lake cabin in Minnesota. Daughters and families were with them at the beginning, then the rest of the time was just with the loons and mosquitoes. On the way back home to Virginia, they stopped in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, for Tom’s Naval Officer’s reunion, and another stop in Chicago for his Notre Dame reunion. Just to keep things fair, she dragged him to Homecoming & Reunion Weekend in October.

September: Since **Libby Gebhart Cottingham’s** news did not include any dates, we’re putting her in September. She sold her condo in Naples, Florida, and bought a new one in Atlanta where her son and his family live. She still plans to winter in Florida. She also loves North Carolina in the summer, and spends time in Highlands almost every summer. She enjoys visiting her granddaughter in Chicago at School of the Art Institute. **Barbara Clarke, Ann Singleton Beebe** and **Becky Ruffin Collins** have all visited her in Florida. She also spent some time with her son and family in Tuscany.

October: That’s it for this calendar update! Hope to have seen you this month at Homecoming 2019. Stay tuned for a report in the next issue. There will be stories to tell. Please tell us more stories next time. We thrive on stories!

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## 1966

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This Class Reporter has had to be a little resourceful in pulling together info for this article — come on ’66ers — I need you!

When we were in New York City last May to meet my new sister, we had planned to get together with **Pete Nance '66** and **Judy Poarch Nance '69**. However, they had recently listed their house on the market so they could downsize (aren’t we using that word a lot nowadays!) and the sale was quick so they had to scurry around to find a place to live. They were successful and now have relocated back to Darien, Connecticut. They are headed to Portugal and Spain for a 17-day tour. Pete ran into **Joe Plumeri '66, D.P.S. '11** in New York and had a quick conversation.

**Vic Bary '66** and Maureen Strazdon are on the go again. They took a Danube cruise from Sophia to Budapest and next February will be on the Nile and then on to Petra and Jordan. They are retired, but not retiring. Also on the go, **Laurette Harvey '66** toured the Italian Lake country for a spiritual retreat and vacation. She also went to Nueva Vayarta in Mexico — two very different climates for sure. For her 75th, she was skiing in Utah in a huge snowstorm. Laurette did have a very unique experience — while on her son’s farm in Kansas she delivered a baby goat. Not part of my habitrail for sure. Laurette’s granddaughter just turned 2 — how nice to have a little one as many of us have college age and older grandkids.

Marilyn and **Dan Nase '66** have expanded their



Harvest of Life Ministry and are focusing on shipping Spanish Bibles and Bible studies to Hispanic detainees at the ICE detention centers in California, Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. The Bibles are only sent when a detainee requests one and their requests have tripled since 2017. This was not an intentional ministry for them, but it is a growing ministry.

**Keith Taylor '66** and **Carol Taylor HON '14** celebrated Keith's 75th at the recently renovated Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach. One evening they were joined by **Bob Simpson '64, J.D. '68** and **Ann-Meade Baskervill Simpson '65** who live nearby. Carol's big day was celebrated at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia.

**Bernie Leigg '66** retired after teaching English in high school and college for 51 years!

Doing a different kind of travel, **Colston Newton '66, J.D. '69** says he mostly commutes back and forth to Richmond to see doctors — do I hear an AMEN to that statement! Colston continues to write for newspapers and recently saw **Sam Kushner '67** and **Ed Shifman '66**. He also added that **Joe Pitt '66** and **Donna Smith Pitt '68** have retired and are living near Blacksburg, Virginia, after teaching at Virginia Tech. Colston went to his 50th law school reunion and saw **John Gaidies '66, J.D. '69** and **Fran Jacob Gaidies '66**.

When **Susan Bunch Blanchard '65** has a family celebration it is an international occasion. To celebrate her husband's 80th birthday, their kids came from Nairobi, Denver, Miami, D.C., Connecticut and Charlottesville, Virginia. They will be wintering in Stuart, Florida, after buying a condo there and getting out of New Haven. Last summer they stopped in Williamsburg for a colonial fix — we

can all relate to that treat.

**Woody Caine '66** is the Olde Guard representative for the Charleston, South Carolina, alumni group and hosted members at the Vietnam Experience at Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum in September. He is a regular guide at this full-sized simulation of a naval support base in Vietnam from 1968-69, when he was there.

**Rodger Bates '66** is a full-time professor of sociology at Clayton State University in Georgia though he and his wife, Judy, live in Jackson, Tennessee. He publishes articles on homeland security, sociology and distance learning. He and Judy recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

In the latest Alumni Magazine I saw an obituary notice for **Lynn Efrid Burnet '66** of Niceville, Florida, who died last February. As a military spouse, she worked as a clerk-typist and procurement clerk at Patrick Air Force Base before becoming a homemaker for many years. She started a business with friends who shared her passion for cross-stitching and quilting. An active member of First Presbyterian Church in Niceville, she served on the missions committee. Survivors include her husband Bob, a daughter, a son, five grandchildren and a brother.

And, industrious reporter that I am, I have done some snooping via Facebook and have some more news, which you can read online at [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1966](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1966).

As for us, **Dick Kern '64** and I are behind the curve and just took our first ocean cruise. We went around the British Isles and the wet summer made the greens greener and the flowers were gorgeous. Thanks to the Outlander series, Scotland has lots of new tours and I did get amused when

our guide said Outlander is just Fifty Shades of Grey in kilts!

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## 1967

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**Bruce Weinstein** has had a very good 2019. He is now working one week per month for the Census Bureau on the Current Population Survey. Ever wonder where the statistics for the employment numbers come from every month? The CPS. He uses his earnings for golf and to visit with an old fraternity brother (Phi Kappa Tau), **John Rist '66**, who bought an RV and is traveling the country for a couple of years. Together they went to the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach on June 14. Imagine his surprise when he ran into two guys he plays golf with in Sarasota every week. Small world.

His 23-year-old son Peter just finished his HVAC classes at Manatee Technical College and is working for a local heating/cooling company. He told Bruce he reached a milestone last week: for the first time ever, his checking account had a comma in the balance field. Hey, it's a start!

**Al Louer** and his wife Tessa (University of Rhode Island) are thoroughly enjoying retirement in Williamsburg, where they have now lived for almost 40 years. Until last summer they had the pleasure of 30-plus years vacationing on Nantucket — first for two weeks and eventually for a month more in a magical house on the ocean at the far east end of the island. Their soft-coated wheaten terrier, Higgins, also misses Nantucket most during August in Virginia. Tessa retired af-

ter 30 years in residential real estate in Williamsburg but also in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Indiana. Al's career was in museum public relations and development in Connecticut, Indiana and at Colonial Williamsburg. Now he keeps busy with travel and assignments for the Williamsburg Community Foundation, WHRO Public Media, Bruton Parish Church and his Diocese of Southern Virginia. Besides his wife and Colonial Williamsburg, his other passions are book collecting and transportation history. Related involvements include membership in the Grolier Club in New York, the Lexington Group in Transportation History and board membership at the Center for Railroad Photography and Art, based in Madison, Wisconsin.

**Larry Marchant** writes that he is so different now, but his appreciation for all he learned and was taught all those years ago have made all the difference to his life. He and his wife are pretty well. They are very glad they can still travel a bit, although the days of fast, comfortable travel seem gone with the wind. Is it him or is it the cramped airplane seats? Not sure anymore. W&M friends and classmates continue to brighten his days. Even years after graduation, he still feels so grateful for years he enjoyed at W&M.

At the College of Southern Maryland, this year's oldest graduate was 74-year-old La Plata resident **Jeff Foster**, a U.S. Navy veteran who received a certificate in massage therapy and plans to continue his studies at CSM as he pursues an associate's degree in applied science. The certificate was Foster's latest academic achievement since receiving his first bachelor's degree from William & Mary in 1967.

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**Gloria Gilly Schwartz** was featured in the Martinsville Bulletin for the volunteer work she does in the Patrick County branch of the Blue Ridge Regional Library in Stuart, Virginia. She reads to children for story hour and other usual volunteer duties, but goes above and beyond by bringing in treats for those in the library. Gloria is a voracious reader of books, especially of "cozy mysteries," mysteries with recipes in them. When she makes a recipe from a book, she brings the item for others to taste. Gloria also teaches quilting. She resides in Stuart with her husband **Henry Schwartz**.

**Steve Wing** is a landscape architect. He wrote, "We are long-settled in Milford, Connecticut. I am still loving my landscape architectural practice, if not working quite as hard these days. I am happily distracted and engaged with grandsons 10, 4, and 2; the younger ones live nearby — a blessing. We took the 10-year-old to Berlin on his spring break. I hadn't seen that city in nearly 50 years. I am in touch with our classmates **Bill Seibert** (St. Louis), **Richard Tillberg** (Western Massachusetts) and **Hugh Babington Smith** (Innsbruck, Austria). I had a visit from Old Dominion dorm roomie **Steve Row** and his wife the summer of 2018."

Dr. **Tim McGaughy** and his wife live in Provo, Utah, where he is medical director for a large mental health center that covers the mental health needs of Utah and Wasatch Counties. Tim emailed, "We have two children, both of whom

are married. My daughter is a therapist in the Salt Lake City area. My son and his family with four grandkids live in Park City, but he is back and forth to West Texas where he has an oil-related business. We are involved with starting a Rudolf Steiner Waldorf-inspired charter school that will open in the fall of 2020. What a wonderful style of education that we were able to give our children in Western Massachusetts many years ago! Now we are working to offer it to many more children here in Utah. Ellen and I have had the opportunity to live all over the United States, but feel rather settled in Utah with everything it has to offer with mountain sports, hiking, etc.”

“Open for Lunch,”

**Robin Russell Gaiser's** second memoir, is selling nicely. She stated, “I have challenged myself to writing some fiction and am on the cusp of having six short stories written. It is fun to LIE!” Gordon and Robin were feted in New York City by their children and grandchildren to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary!

From **Linda McMahon:** “I have become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children in the foster care system. I had 32 hours of training in February and March; graduated and got my first case in March; and have been interviewing the child, family members, medical experts, school officials, and others over the last month. It's a hard job, sometimes heartbreaking, but energizing and fulfilling at the same time. I'm in the process of writing my first court report (feels like writing my first paper at W&M!), and I made my first court appearance in May 2019. It's good to feel truly useful again!”

Last summer, **Francie Read Berquist** said, “It is time to tear out the floors and replace the

kitchen at our house. So, I am retreating with my family to Martha's Vineyard for however long it takes to do that. Our Ben and Katy will join us there for a time as they retreat from the hurly-burly of their children's activities to just absorb the sea air while basking on the beaches. The fish and clams are abundant and so is our constant grilling as we send the kids out to forage. Featherstone Center for the Arts is my place to display a winter's accumulation and the concerts are fabulous. Think of me at my easel.”

Thank you to those who sent information. I hope to receive information from the rest of you soon.

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## 1969

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Dear Friends:

It has been five months since our reunion and I'm still remembering people and conversations. It was a really special time and I'm so pleased so many came back for it. Several classmates have been in the news since then.

An Office of Nuclear Energy publication had a really nice article on **Roger Blomquist** in May. As a physics graduate Roger went into the Navy and became a nuclear propulsion officer on a submarine — an excellent hands-on experience in nuclear power. After active duty he stayed in the Reserves, got a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering and spent his career at the Argonne National Laboratory as a principal nuclear engineer. (And we're thought of as a liberal arts college!) Today he works in the

conception of research reactors and serves on ANL's Nuclear Science & Engineering Division of Outreach Committee, which engages with community groups to teach communities about the benefits of nuclear power. It was good to see Roger again at the reunion.

In June there was a nice article on **William Ivey Long '69, L.H.D '04** in the Charlotte Observer. While it highlighted his early influences in North Carolina and his longtime work with “The Lost Colony” at Manteo, we still remember his work with “My Fair Lady” for Backdrop Club at William & Mary. William had two Tony nominations this past season, for “Tootsie” and “Beetlejuice.” Although neither won, it is quite a feat to design for two shows simultaneously. In addition to his W&M degree, William has a master's from Yale Drama in set design, and has worked as a freelance designer on Broadway for nearly 50 years. If you get to NYC this year, try to see at least one of his shows.

**Donnie Wintermute** was featured in “Washingtonian Magazine” in July as “The Face of Alexandria Real Estate 2019.” In her 35-year career she has sold more than \$1 billion in real estate and is now vice president of Coldwell Banker, having merged her firm with them several years ago. In addition, she was named Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year and a “Living Legend of Alexandria.” Donnie is also active in a number of organizations that aid children and the elderly, as well as several arts and cultural organizations. All that, and she took the time to be a co-chair of the reunion committee! Kudos to Donnie!

The only classmate mail I have gotten recently is my almost-annual postcard from **Jim Onderdonk** and **Mary Timmins Onderdonk**

**'73**, who drove the length of Route 66 this summer from Chicago to the Santa Monica Pier. Jim says there were some interesting “alternative routes” involved and that they had a great time in their '03 Corvette. (It's red, of course!) They stayed in some iconic motels along the way and enjoyed exploring the territory.

We've had a quiet summer, but are planning a train trip to Niagara Falls, Ontario, in October. We spent a lot of time in the Bahamas and Caribbean when we were in traveling mode and have somehow missed the Falls, so we hope to enjoy a leisurely journey by Amtrak through upstate New York while the leaves are turning.

The balance as of Aug. 31 in our Class of 1969 Scholarship Fund is \$913,495. We need only \$86,505 to raise a total of \$1,000,000 — an amount that will have an enormous impact on W&M students for generations to come. (Never did I think that I would use the word “only” in front of \$86,000, but all of a sudden it seems like a doable amount to raise!) If you don't already have a “favorite fund,” please consider designating your future gifts to the scholarship so that we can reach that goal. Thanks so much for your generosity in the past. I know we will reach this goal soon.

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## 1970

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Class of 1970 50th Reunion?? Can it be?? Yes it can, on April 24-26 in the 'Burg!!!

50th.wm.edu is the site to visit for Class of

1970 class projects (1970 GRI Summer Research Fellowship Endowment and Class of 1970 Swem Library Endowment), classmates attending, all Traditions Weekend activities (including Olde Guard Induction Sunday morning), gatherings and accommodations, and updates.

THANK YOU to the 27 of our classmates on the planning committee ... **Herb Armstrong '70, Ed.S. '89, Martin Bailey, Bob Beason, Bruce Beringer, Linda Collins Boulden, Kevin Brosch, Linda Beerbower Burke, Mike Campana, Bill Cole, Fran Engoron, Perry Harschutz Field, Buddy and Janice Savage Gardner, Fred Hoener, Carol Good Kloster, Ginny Matish '70, M.Ed. '78, Joe Mayes, Anne Moore '70, M.A.Ed. '77, John Moses, Mary Quinn Sale '70, M.Ed. '81, Kraig Schutte, Betty Sue Grombacher Shane, Connie Scott Shepard, Nancy ReMine Trego, Reid Williamson, Cathy Coleman Zy-chowski** and co-chairs **Betsy Calvo Anderson '70, HON J.D. '15** and **Barbara Pate Glacel.**

They have worked many hours planning Class of 1970 dinner dance and activities and garnering your support for our class projects to make our Class of 1970 Homecoming reunion a memorable occasion. Reports from previous classes have been enthusiastic for this very special weekend.

Join our Class of '70 for a spring celebration in the 'Burg and let's see if we can beat our 50 percent participation goal! If I can be of help, email me, or you can contact Sarah Garrett at [spgarrett01@wm.edu](mailto:spgarrett01@wm.edu).

And to a short bit of news...

**Rhonda Curry** was leaving on a William & Mary tour to the Amazon, Cuzco and Machu Picchu in October at the time

of my writing this, so I am looking forward to a report from her upon return ... she mentioned that **Marian Donnelly Shadrick** was expected to be on the trip, too.

Exploring the “rugged and beautiful islands” of Puget Sound, **Gina Garrett McKinnon** (living in Seattle) has enjoyed taking up drawing, especially outside.

Bob and **Berie Gomez-Grobe** have been helping son Eric remodel his house (a two-year project just finished last fall); are continuing their lawn bowling, volunteering and participating in the expanding activities at Coronado, California’s Spreckels Center, as well as volunteer chauffeuring for the “Out and About” program for senior transportation to appointments and social activities. Their 2-year-old granddaughter Dylan (Eric and his wife Lisa’s daughter) keeps them hoppin’!! They enjoyed a restful trip to Mexico last October, and there may be another Africa trip in the works for 2020!! Berie and Bob expect to be in the ‘Burg for our 50th reunion, as their daughter Katherine and her husband moved to Chesapeake, Virginia, last year. After our 50th, Berie and Bob will head to North and South Carolina, Savannah and then Nashville for some country music.

My deadline for the spring issue is Jan. 15, so please send me your news!

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## 1971

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We continue to hear from a number of our classmates with their news and updates, some for the

first time since graduation.

**Charlotte Sandquist Phillips** writes “Sisters of Gamma Phi Beta of ’71, et. al. met for their 31st reunion on May 15 and 16, 2019, in Williamsburg. **Sheryl Althaus Luebke, Nancy Bierly Chaney, Cindy Cave, Hada de Varona Haulsee '70, Cyndy Hicks Simer, Robyn Hicks Quaid, Sharon Maiers Saline, “Babs” O’Dell, Diane Paisley Capron, Robin Roettinger Reif, Charlotte Sandquist Phillips, Sue Schwenk Volp, Sharon “Smitty” Smith, Ginny Vogel Carey '71, M.Ed. '79, Ed.S. '93, Ed.D. '97, Marilyn Wynkoop Banes, Kay Barrett McLeod '69, Deb Ostergard '70, Billie Tinsley Bryant '70, Karen Hathcock**

and **Christine Turner** did the usual — walked DoG Street and ate at Chownings Tavern and College Delly. But THE HIGHLIGHT was meeting President Katherine Rowe on the porch of the Gamma Phi house as we watched Steve Prince (director of engagement for the Muscarelle Museum) create a one-line drawing of Rowe while we chatted about William & Mary, past, present and future, and Ultimate Frisbee. We presented her with Gamma Phi gifts and toasted her with champagne, celebrating this milestone and wishing her all the best in her tenure as leader. We also visited Steve Prince’s art piece in Swem Library, ‘Lemonade,’ which celebrates another milestone in W&M’s history — integration in the fall of 1967, our freshman year.”

**Doug Brown '71, J.D. '74** sent this update: “Effective July 1, 2018, I became president of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law Foundation at William & Mary Law School. This is a challenging assignment, but I’m enjoying it immensely. Among other things,

it means Escha and I continue to be frequent Williamsburg visitors. I also continue to serve on the campaign steering committee for the Law School’s piece of the *For the Bold* campaign. We are presently at just over \$80 million of our \$100 million goal. We have until June 30, 2020, to get there!”

**Frank Bacska** writes “After leaving W&M I was employed in the radio broadcasting field. After attending the Computer Learning Center in Virginia, I was employed in the computer field for approximately 15 years both as a programmer and as a manager. I have written ‘Autobiography of Frank Bacska,’ ‘Father Son Holy Spirit’ and ‘Religion and Philosophy; Some Topics of Interest.’”

**Steve Lohr** and **Ann Walters Lohr** emailed the following: “48 years since graduation, 49 years of marriage, time sure flies. We’re still living on the same property in Sparta, Virginia, we closed on the day before we took the CPA exam our senior year. Purchasing our own Colonial Mill Pond for waterskiing was a life-changing event, and resulted in a fun place to raise our two children, and now entertain our eight grandchildren. Ann is still preparing tax returns for clients, and Steve is playing with his various real estate investments and skiing as much as his old body will withstand. After spending 20 years with KPMG, Steve spent seven years in local government and then 17 years in banking, retiring in 2015.

“This year we both skied in the U.S. National Water Ski Championships in West Palm Beach, as well as both children and seven of the eight grandchildren skiing in the event; we had first place finishes in all three generations. We’ve enjoyed competitive waterskiing since before William & Mary, and enjoyed skiing

on Queens Creek and the Chickahominy River all four years of college.

“Since retirement I’ve devoted some time and effort to the Virginia Baptist Foundation and the Good Samaritan Ministries. We’re also trying to spend time in Orlando in the winter.

“We hope to see some fellow classmates either on the water or otherwise in our travels. It was a great four years of our lives.”

We received news about **Rebecca Beach Smith '71, J.D. '79** via the *Virginian-Pilot*. Becky was the first female federal District Court judge in Virginia, and after 30-plus years is now moving to senior status. Quite a career for Becky. Congratulations!

The Alexandria Gazette Packet reported that retired Navy captain **Hal Hardaway** was part of the panel discussion “Agenda Alexandria: Invasion of the Scooters” in May about micromobility options in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia.

The deadline for the next issue is in mid-January. Please write!

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## 1972

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Fall is here and it’s time for colorful leaves, football season and apple cider. I hope you enjoy the season wherever you are.

Hurricane Dorian has recently made its way up the East Coast and I’m sure we have classmates who were either affected or who dodged that bullet. I heard from **Peggy Gordon '72** from Southport, North Carolina, that she, **Deborah Dougherty '72** and **Elaine May Kontos '72** were

prepared but fortunately spared any damage, as was **Lindy Allmond Emory '72** and her husband Bob in the New Bern, North Carolina area and **Carol Christensen Jackson '72** and **Charlie Jackson '69** in Charleston, South Carolina.

I had a very nice visit with **Janice Brown Kennedy '72** and **Chrissie Ulmer Moore '72** at Chrissie’s house recently. Chrissie and husband Bob had spent a week at the Outer Banks in North Carolina with their children and grandchildren. It was special to have everyone together. Janice and her family recently took an amazing tour of Italy — Rome, Venice and Florence. She entertained us with a slide show of their vacation. One of the highlights was a private tour of the Vatican!

My summer included a trip to New Orleans and I had dinner one night with **Betsy Faust '71**. It had been many moons since we had been in touch but it was just like we had been in Williamsburg together yesterday. She and husband Frazer live in New Orleans but spend most weekends at their beach house in Florida. She had just been through the packing to escape a hurricane drill and, fortunately, unpacking since they were spared. Our “reunion” was a night to remember. Let me encourage you to get in touch with a classmate you haven’t seen in a while. The memories are golden.

As you can see, news is sparse. I would love to hear from you.

Peggy

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By the time you read this ode to the 1970s baby boomers, William & Mary Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2019 will have come and gone. A new football coach, much improved stadium and two major college program games — UVA and ECU — in the first four weeks of the season will hopefully set a new tone for the Tribe pigskin chronicles.

In this era of greater social media connections and communications, the Class of 1973 W&M Facebook page is there for posting pictures and messages to our classmates. **Barb Bounds Brown, Tamara Lucas Copeland and Jean Zettler** along with **Anni Timpano '72 and Ami Cuervo '74, M.Ed. '77, C.A.S.E. '79** are among the most active and help set the bar for the rest of us.

In this era of D.C. partisan bickering and daily casting aspersions, it was nice to see Hon. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) enter a tribute in the Congressional Record to **Thomas G. Duncan '74**, a 30-year House of Representatives Republican employee, after his passing in January.

**Jeff Trammell** was part of a tree planting ceremony at Chipola College in Jackson County, Florida. The tree has its “roots” from James Monroe’s Highland in Virginia, which is part of William & Mary. The mighty oak, which is part of a reforestation project on the Chipola campus in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael, also connects Jeff with his brother Robert, a graduate of Chipola, as well as connecting two public institutions of higher learning in the southeast.

**Michael E. Pollock**, genealogist par excellence, recently posted on LinkedIn a reflection on the founding of the Virginia colony and the 400th anniversary of slavery in Virginia.

The 50th anniversary of Woodstock at Bethel

Woods/Sullivan County, New York, brought a recollection from **Bob Bjorklund '71**, a fellow W&M runner like yours truly. Bob’s family lived in the area, his dad knew Max Yasgur and his brother had tickets to the festival. In all the chaos, they got into the venue literally through the back gate and listened to the music backstage and camped near the helicopter landing area. Bob provided a chronology of the on/off attempts at more recent versions of the Peace and Love festival and even some pics post the original of debris and concertgoers in the mud near the stage.

This past June, the 2019 W&M Wrestling Reunion — non-WWE version — was held at the house of **Brad Smallwood '72, M.B.A. '75** in Richmond, Virginia. Grappler grads from 1967-76 attended and practiced their half nelsons in the backyard. **Tom Monday '74, M.Ed. '79** was the unofficial scribe. Attendees included **Scott Moyner, Donal Lonergan, Craig Corson, Rick Conway '73, J.D. '83, John Kaila, Dan Fisher '72, M.A. '80, Ph.D. '86**, Brad Smallwood, **Jim Littleton '72, Kevin Hazard '71, Ollie Carrithers '71, Drew Bright '71, Bill Hogan '74, Tom Monday, David Topping '75, Steve Forbes '75, J.D. '81, Todd Christensen '75, Mike Furness '76 and Rick Dixon '76**. Coach **Dick Besnier M.Ed. '67** kept a watchful eye and included **John Epperly J.D. '84** and **Chris Groman** in his gaze.

Four passings reduced our ranks since the last notes: **Lynne Holm '73, M.Ed. '76**, after a valiant battle with cancer, went to the other side in February 2018. Her husband, Bruce Bundy, let us know that she had a 24-year career as a special education teacher in Bend, Oregon, and they have a daughter named Taylor, a medical student

at school in Oregon. Thanks to our own **Libby Frazier Hixon** for this info. Also, we lost **Stuart D. Martin** in Richmond, **Judy Brandon Owen** in Danville, Virginia, and **Robin Shakshober Selby**, also in Richmond. All were honored at W&M’s Sunset Ceremony during Homecoming. May they rest in peace.

Hope this finds you healthy and hopeful for the next decade of the 21st century. Let us know what’s going on in your life! Peace OUT!

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## 1974

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With our 45th reunion coming up in a few weeks, I’m sure to collect lots of news for the next column. Meanwhile, here’s what’s recently come down the pike.

Anyone visiting the Big Apple will want to look into tickets to one of **Cornell Christianson’s** off-Broadway musicals. His latest, “Wicked City Blues,” a 1940s film noir, opened at Actor’s Temple Theatre on July 31. His first musical, a 1950s sci-fi production titled “It Came From Beyond,” ran for 15 months off-Broadway and is moving to a bigger theatre this coming spring. His third, “Marilyn Exposed,” about Marilyn Monroe will open off-Broadway in March 2020.

If there are any young readers in your family, you may want to have a look at **Mark Young’s** latest venture. Teaming up with the Jim Henson Company and Simon & Schuster, he has created a quirky fantasy series about the unusual kids at Franken-Sci High. The first, “What’s the Matter with

Newton?” is out now, and five more will be released in rapid succession. The creators hope to bring it to television. “Mark Young’s brain,” writes his publisher, “is most definitely the result of a mad scientist’s experiment — it simply refuses to function like other brains you might know. In the ‘real’ world Mark makes a living as a multiple Emmy winner who has written and produced the animated movies, ‘Once Upon a Forest’ and ‘All Dogs Go to Heaven 2’ as well as worked on a bunch of animated TV shows for Netflix, Disney, ABC, CBS and NBC. However, in his ‘inner’ world, Mark believes that Franken-Sci High isn’t actually his creation but a real school where future mad scientists learn how to create synthetic eyeballs, travel to different dimensions, and design inflatable pets.” Mark lives in downtown Los Angeles with his wife, Sabrina. Between them, they have four children.

In the coincidences-never-cease category, **Paul Dayer** and **Anne Totty Dayer** ran into **Reed Bohne** and **Angie Mason Bohne** while visiting Savannah. Angie and Anne met the first week of freshman year when both lived in Dupont 1st West.

**Edco Bailey** writes that he is enjoying retirement with his wife, Maria Cecilia, in Rockville, Maryland. Board certified in the American Association of Professional Chaplains, Edco spent his final career post as hospital chaplain at Shady Grove Hospital for 19 years. His retirement sounds busier than his work life! Currently he volunteers as the state chaplain for the Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, a volunteer civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. Twice a year, he and his wife go on weeklong house rebuilding missions with Presbyterian Disaster Agency teams up and down the east coast in the wake of

natural disasters. They used their vacation time this year taking a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal, attending the Rotary International Convention in Germany and visiting friends in England. Back home they drove 3,000 miles round trip to speak at the memorial service of one of Edco’s teachers, a 92-year-old chaplain educator in central Florida. Afterwards, they enjoyed Daytona, Cocoa and Indian Springs beaches on the Atlantic and Gulf coast shores, renewed several friendships and toured the Kennedy Space Flight Center on Cape Canaveral.

**Ami Cuervo '74, M.Ed. '77, C.A.S.E. '79** retired in May from her job as program/contracts manager for the Department of Justice and then for the Department of Education in the area of the prevention of high-risk behavior, drugs and alcohol abuse at the secondary school and college levels. “My federal government work since 1980 took me to 14 countries and 44 states,” she said. She took the summer off, traveled to Florida and studied photography at the Smithsonian. Now back in northern Virginia, she will be restarting her practice as a psychotherapist in January 2020.

I’m sorry to end with the sad news of two deaths. **Rob Gardier '74** passed away in May after a brief illness. He got his bachelor’s degree in economics, his J.D. from Ohio State’s law school and his MBA from Harvard. He worked in the field of entrepreneurial finance and marketing management and even managed to run (unsuccessfully) for state office in 2010 while living in Oregon. Back in his home state of Ohio, Rob was an active member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral’s choir in Columbus.

**Connie Poulaki Bonner '74** passed away peacefully in February

“in her favorite chair, watching her favorite shows with her loving cat nearby,” her daughter Irene reported. She was a teacher and “a loving mother who bore often unpleasant circumstances with joy and vitality; she was also a warm and adventure-seeking friend.” Both Connie and Rob will be missed by their many William & Mary friends.

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## 1975

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**Dorothy “Dottie” McKenzie** was awarded the United States Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award upon her retirement in June 2018 after 38 years with the Navy as a radiation health physicist. Thank you for your service, Dottie. She married Gary C. Breeden, Captain MSC USN (ret.), on June 29 in Smithfield, Virginia, at historic St. Luke’s Church (the oldest brick church in Virginia), and honeymooned in Kin-sale, Dingle and Dromoland Castle, Ireland. She’s enjoying retirement with travel and visits to her grandsons (ages 2-8, one in South Carolina, two in New Jersey) and cousins in the Charlotte area. Along with helping with her grandchildren (her daughter is also expecting twins this December), she has taken classes in diverse subjects from introductory Turkish at Old Dominion University to Norfolk Master Gardener classes. My sincere apologies to Dottie for failing to get her news in both last spring’s as well as this past fall’s issues.

**Mary Gentile**, in addition to her roles as professor of practice at University of Virginia Darden

School of Business and senior advisor at Aspen Institute Business & Society Program, is a management education and leadership development consultant and is the creator/director of “Giving Voice to Values,” an international pioneering business curriculum for value-driven leadership. As a result of her success, she has been short-listed for the Thinkers50 Ideas into Practice Award, and the winners will be announced in London in November 2019. Congratulations, Mary. For more information, go to www.GivingVoiceToValues.org and https://thinkers50.com/thinkers50-2019/

**Carmella Maurizi** reported from the San Juan Islands where she and husband **Mark Bladergroen** spent time with daughter **Erin Bladergroen Phillips ’03**, her husband **Jeffrey Phillips ’04**, their two grandsons Benjamin and Connor, and classmate **Rob Scarr**. For those unfamiliar (among those: me!), the San Juan Islands are in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Summer also found Carmella and Mark in Williamsburg, where they met up with **Marilyn Ward Midyette** and **Payne Midyette** and the Carrons (Project Plus “Resident Parents” 1972-1973) for golf and dinner.

**Anna Mikula Pawlewicz** and **Rick Pawlewicz** retired, moving from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Wilmington, Delaware. Clearly Wilmington weather is less challenging, but more importantly, there is one grandchild in Brooklyn, three in Montreal and two in Washington, D.C. And the train station for travel is just across the street!

**Jonathan Jarvis**, although retired from the National Park Service after 40 years (seven years as director), launched the Institute for Parks, People and Biodiversity at UC Berkeley, bringing the best sciences to the future of our parks and

reserves. In that capacity, he led an interdisciplinary team to China to evaluate their efforts and establish a national park system. Search “National Park China” at blogs.berkeley.edu.

**Gary Powers** reports that he and classmate **Don Delaney** co-founded the Success Foundation in October 2018, a Richmond nonprofit, teaching employment readiness skills to the underserved. Currently they teach young adults (17-21) living independently who have aged out of the foster care system. They also partnered with Richmond Communities at Work, whose goal is to train those underserved in workforce readiness skills and then connect them to jobs.

And I have news. You may notice a new address above. When you read this, we will have moved from our townhouse in Glen Allen to a 1908 house in the Fan! Very excited. Come visit, and GO TRIBE!



**Dorothy “Dottie” McKenzie** to Gary C. Breeden, 06/29/19.

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## 1976

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I have to open with an apology. Yates 3rd North freshman hallmate and astute calculus student (and the only one of our classmates to earn a varsity football letter during our freshman year, I might add), **Max Schools**, sent me a long newsy email back in February. And I forgot to include it! So, what did Max have to say?

I’ll let him tell it.

“Since retiring December 2016, my wife Nancy and I have been fully immersed in the role of retiree. Last year we sold our house of the last 15 years since moving back from Pittsburgh and moved to a condo in Richmond, Virginia, where we are now. In honor of less yardwork, we took our boat, The Blue Pearl (named after The Black Pearl of Pirates of the Caribbean fame) from the Potomac River to Maine and back over about a six-week period. While not relaxing, it was quite an experience, one Nancy and I are both glad we lived through. Having done that, I see why sailors drink and cuss so much. Prior to that, I gave myself a bicycle for retirement and have worked up to riding from Richmond to Jamestown on the Capital Trail. Have really enjoyed the trail. Check it out if you can sometime while visiting Williamsburg. Lastly, for this installment, we just returned yesterday from Africa. Spent two weeks in tented camps in Kenya and Tanzania. Quite the experience. Wildlife was incredible as well as the facilities and the guides. We were able to experience some of the Great Migration in the Serengeti with hundreds of thousands of wildebeests and the attendant carnivores who remain well fed in their company. Also, a cultural experience, seeing the Masai in Kenya and their way of life, unfettered by much of western development. Quite an experience and good to see the lengths of protecting the wildlife from multiple aspects of human encroachment.” Oh, and one more thing. In a recent update, Max said “Currently we are no longer Richmonders and have moved to our Potomac home full time. Planning on taking our boat to Key West this winter.”

Continuing with news of Yates 3rd Northerners, we

learned that **Gary Miller ’76, M.A. ’79** was named as the 18th president of the University of Akron, effective Oct. 1. Immediately prior to accepting his new position, Gary was chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. So, it would appear that Gary will be working for some time to come. At the opposite end of the spectrum is Gary’s freshman year roommate, **Aubrey Sherman Davenport**. Aubrey was most certainly one of, if not the first of, us to retire. Aubrey now travels the country entering in amateur, and sometimes professional, hearts tournaments. Speaking of retirement, **Bob Gessner** hung ‘em up in April and turned the reins of the family cable business over to one of his daughters. He plans to remain active in local development projects in Massillon, but not until he and **Nancy Esper Gessner ’77** return from a full month in Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia.

And avid column reader **Chris Stousland** chimed in with some news as well. Chris lives in the Los Angeles area and has worked at the Ritz-Carlton for 20-plus years. He also took over his dad’s jewelry business (www.stousland.com) in 2002 when his dad passed away. Recently Chris designed and crafted the third honorary fellowship medallion (the highest honor that a college of royal charter can confer) ever awarded by William & Mary. Chris’s dad (who, by the way, received the Alumni Medallion in 1975) designed and crafted the first two. Chris has graduate degrees from the University of New Mexico and the University of Arizona and fell in love with the Southwestern part of the country while studying there.

Great news this time gang. Keep it up!

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## 1977

Class Reporter

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I hope you had a wonderful summer and fall! As you read this report in the winter issue of the W&M Alumni Magazine, be aware it was submitted the day before the deadline of Sept. 13, 2019. Around that date, print copies of the fall issue were being mailed to subscribers and the online version was available at magazine.wm.edu. Class Notes and obituaries are accessible without a password and benefit those who don't receive the print magazine or who wish to read it online. I share this to advise those who submit reports after Sept. 17 and before my next deadline in January 2020 to be aware your updates will not appear until our spring issue is distributed this year.

Deepest condolences to the family of **David Seitz '78** who died at home on April 19 surrounded by his wife Brenda and their three sons. Brenda shared that David's passing was very peaceful. My fraternity brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha eulogized his life in a heartfelt email thread supported by our brothers who graduated in the '70s and early '80s. In memorial for David, I share one touching tribute from **Jorge Ascunce '79** that summarizes the deep sense of loss we continue to feel. Jorge wrote: "I prayed for Dave and his family today. One never knows the effect you'll have, or will have had, on another, but I am left with this sense of Dave's approachability, kindness, and genuineness. He was the real deal. The news about his passing was difficult to hear. Wikipedia says that

Pi Kappa Alpha stands for 'faithful and true.' As a 30-year Marine, I can attest that Dave emulated the motto, long before I understood anything about 'semper fidelis.' I am certain that the goodness he shared will return to him thousand-fold in his new home. Thanks to all of you for maintaining this lifeline with some of the best times of our lives. All the very best, Jorge." To his good words I add, "May David's memory be eternal!"

I enjoyed hearing from **Ian Scott-Fleming** who lives in Lubbock, Texas. His wife Barbara continues to teach in the College of Education at Texas Tech University. They have been married for 27 years. Ian teaches part time in its Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, but his "day job" is in the TTU Climate Center, under Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, developing climate modeling software. Neither Ian nor Barbara have plans to retire any time soon. Besides climate modeling and teaching, Ian continues to cycle with the West Texas Cycling Association, and he runs with the West Texas Running Club to keep feeling young. This past May, he and his son Alexander ran their first full marathon. Ian mused that his son finished a good half hour ahead of him.

One other W&M alum at Texas Tech University is **David McClure '80, M.B.A. '82**, who is managing director of research commercialization for the university.

This past Aug. 23, we celebrated Convocation at William & Mary, officially welcoming the Class of 2023 to campus and marking the start of another school year. That makes this year the 46th anniversary of the Class of 1977 arriving on campus as freshmen.

On a personal and heartfelt note, I thank all our classmates for

their support of William & Mary and its advancement. I value your friendship and have benefited in untold ways from both my William & Mary degree and the life experiences received as a student. By maintaining my college friendships and sharing updates with one another, I continue to receive joy and blessings and am deeply thankful. If you wish to share your thoughts on this 46th anniversary milestone, please write and let me know.

Classmates, continue to send updates and know that we, the Class of '77, care.

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## 1978

Class Reporter

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Congratulations to **Mark Finley** for successfully completing the Great Divide Mountain Bike Route (GDMBR) in summer 2019! The GDMBR traverses over 3,000 miles on primarily unpaved roads and trails which follow the South/North Great Continental Divide from Antelope Wells, New Mexico, all the way to Jasper, Alberta, Canada. The route includes over 61,000 meters of elevation gain and loss. No small feat! Mark divided his journey into three stretches completed over three summers. Highlights of his journey included vistas of the Grand Tetons, the Great Divide Basin in Wyoming and Boreas Pass in Colorado. Mark recently shared a famous quote with me, "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor.

Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." Good advice, and words Mark obviously lives by!

**Kathy Chambers**

**Olsen** writes that she recently retired from her position as senior relationship manager for Principal Financial Group and is happily adjusting to having more free time, "Time to swim, Broadway shows here and there, and a bit of travel including the inspiring W&M Women's Week-end in Williamsburg last September." Kathy lives in Limerick, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia. Two of her three children also live in the Philly area and the third lives in Seattle. "Life is sweet," she says. Kathy is spearheading "Cradles to Crayons," the second annual service event of the newly revived Greater Philadelphia W&M Alumni Chapter. Last year Kathy became involved with "a dedicated cadre of folks working to build out our local network of graduates, and we have sponsored a number of events designed to appeal to individuals as well as their families. We're always on the lookout for ideas and participation from any and all alumni!" Kathy can be reached at kcolsen2@comcast.net.

**Jon Kaylor** recently retired from Boston Properties and is enjoying more free and recreational time with his wife Jami in Naples, Florida, and the Baltimore/capital area.

**Martha Frechette**

**Tack** joined **Kathy Yankovich Hornsby '79** and others in a "Coast to Coast" trek across England in September 2019. Vistas of the group hiking over hill and dale, across meadows and around lakes were breathtakingly gorgeous. (Just like the ladies!)

Why not tell us what YOU are up to ... Carpe diem!

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## 1979

Class Reporter

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I am writing this column just a few weeks before our 40th reunion. I look forward to seeing many of you at our class party, the Homecoming game or one of the other reunion events.

Here are a few reports from and about our classmates:

**Donna Grey Anderson** wrote that she enjoys reading the Class Notes and the nostalgic thrill that she gets when she does. She finally felt she had something newsworthy to share when her daughter, **Erin Grey Eichenberger '19**, graduated from our alma mater in May 2019 (Phi Beta Kappa with a double major in biology and environmental science). Donna says she has loved having Sal's, the College Delly and Wythe Candy in common with her daughter, and has updated her list of favorites to include Amber Ox. Now that she is no longer strolling down memory lane with her daughter, Donna can be found at her pediatric practice in Raleigh, North Carolina. Donna says she looks forward to seeing lots of classmates at Homecoming and to cooler weather so she can get out to her gardening!

If you're a fan of "Jeopardy!" you may have recognized classmate **Terri Matthews Evans** as a contestant on the TV show last June. Terri started watching "Jeopardy" when she was 10 years old and has loved the show — and been a trivia buff — ever since. (Some of you may remember that Terri hosted a radio trivia show while in college). Terri had to take an online test as part of her application to be on the show. Hers was one of 85,000 applications, and

she was one of 5,000 applicants who were invited to audition, with only 400 chosen to appear on the show. Besides her love of trivia, Terri's degree from W&M, her career in the U.S. Foreign Service, and her love of reading prepared her well for her TV appearance (as did lots of studying!). Terri is married and lives in Natick, Massachusetts, where she currently serves on the Natick Planning Board.

**David King** is an active member of his community in Elizabethtown, North Carolina, and a leader of the local Elks Lodge. After graduating from William & Mary with a degree in business administration, David went on to earn a master's degree in counseling from Regent University and a doctorate in psychology from Capella University. David is currently a professor of counseling and psychology at Mid-Atlantic Christian University, having served 32 years in federal civil service, primarily with the U.S. Coast Guard. In his spare time, David can be found geocaching, refereeing high school football games, and enjoying time with his wife Judy, their basset hound Josephine, and his kids and grandkids.

That's all the news this time. I hope to have lots to share in my next column after catching up with many of you at our reunion weekend.

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## 1980

*Class Reporter*  
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Just a quick note to say hello. I am hoping to have more news for you after Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, so I will keep this short and sweet. Summer is ending

and the new school year has started. One of the freshmen who arrived in Williamsburg this fall is the daughter of **Rusty Brown**. Rusty writes that his daughter, **Emily Brown '23**, is loving W&M! No surprise to all of us! Rusty lives in Warsaw, Virginia, and works for Atlantic Union Bank. He has been in banking since graduation.

As I said, short and sweet! Keep me in mind and drop me a note so I can let everyone know what you've been up to these past almost 40 years. Take care and be well.

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## 1981

*Class Reporter*  
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Hello All!

Mike Fitz here. Got a nice update from our classmate **Hal Hicks**.

Hal is a partner and global head of international tax at the law firm of Skadden Arps in the D.C. office, where he has been since leaving the Department of the Treasury in 2007. His wonderful wife of almost 34 years, Nancy, continues to struggle with a serious neurological disease, but does it with more grace and dignity than seems possible. On a positive front, their sons are doing great. The oldest Josh married a wonderful woman Jess, and they are schoolteachers in nearby Potomac, Maryland (Hal and Nancy still live in McLean). No grandkids yet but hope springs eternal! Their middle son Matthew worked at Capital One for three years out of college and is now going into his second year of graduate business school at Georgetown. The youngest, Billy, just graduated from the University of Virginia

with a double major in economics and business and, having turned down Harvard Law School, will stay at his beloved UVA for law school next year on a full scholarship.

Please let me know what you are up to, and I look forward to hearing from you all soon.

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## 1982

*Class Reporter*  
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Greetings! It is early October as I write this and we are knee deep in college applications for our youngest, Olivia. Here's hoping that by the time you read this we've received good news! Is it just me or has the whole application process gotten more and more complicated?!

Our own **Brent Harris** was recently in the news. Brent is acting in a new adaptation of "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis at Harrison Opera House in Norfolk, Virginia. The performances run 80 minutes and Brent is the star of this one-man show. The story is told through a series of letters that Screwtape, a demon, writes to an under-demon, Wormwood, who is trying to capture the soul of a man. "It's never boring!" said Brent, who is now based in New York. Brent has had many roles over the years. He has done a lot of Shakespeare and he spent three years playing Scar in a touring production of "The Lion King." Congrats, Brent!

I wrote about **Beth Comstock** in the last issue. I'm writing about her again because the former vice chair of General Electric spoke at William & Mary's 2019 Convocation ceremony. Beth is a lead-

ing expert on organizational change and brought those insights to students and faculty this past August. Congrats, Beth!

I've had a couple of my own W&M connections. This past July I heard from **Rob Kravitz**, who has relocated for a job in Las Colinas, Texas, a developed area in the Dallas suburb of Irving. Rob is enjoying the new job and a new life in nearby Plano, Texas. We were delighted to reconnect with Rob!

On a college visit to the University of Maryland I was delighted to spend some time with **Beth Alford Wolfe**. Beth is recently retired and enjoying some well-deserved traveling and social events, not to mention spending more time with her husband Tommy and her daughter Patrice. So fun to watch Beth and my daughter connecting over lunch. It's so wonderful to see old friends — it is like time has never passed.

Which makes me throw a big shout-out to the awesome ladies from **Barrett Third West, my freshman dorm. I want to hear from each of YOU!!!**

And that's the news! Remember, the door is always open for YOU in Dallas!

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## 1983

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Sometimes I get leads on classmates' stories that take a while to find their way into the Class Notes. This one is about the "Hunt's Men" of 1979-80, the 50 guys who lived in Hunt Hall freshman year. **John Graham** sent the link (advancement.wm.edu/news/2018/hunt-men.php) where you

can read the entire feature. It's been 40 years and this group of Hunt's Men still have a strong bond. They loved Hunt so much they had T-shirts made. When they get together, it's like no time has passed. Featured in the article are antics shared by **John Graham, Jeff Harrell, Doug Cochrane '82** (their RA), **Skip Rowland** and someone named Crenshaw. Clearly, Hunt Hall was a special place that year, but it's the people more than the building that keep it special all these years later. "HUNT! HUNT! HUNT!"

Best wishes to **Carol Ann McCormack** who retired from the South Hampton Roads United Way after 32 years, the last nine as president and CEO. Carol was the organization's first woman CEO. During her time, more than \$110 million was raised to support more than 90 community nonprofit programs. She and her husband Mark are planning to relocate to a warmer climate — possibly Panama or the Dominican Republic — after selling their home in Norfolk.

Shout out to **Patricia Trinler Spalding** for getting in touch, reading the Class Notes and for watching game four of the World Series with me at the Williamsburg Lodge. Patricia was in town for the Reves International Advisory Board meeting. She lives in Costa Rica with her husband, whom she met during grad school. They have two grown children and one grandchild. Patricia is the president of her family's company, Grupo Trisan, in San Jose, Costa Rica. In addition to being on the Reves International Advisory Board, Patricia is also a Class Ambassador — one of those brave classmates who is tasked with reaching out for gifts to support William & Mary, and in her case, the Reves Center specifically. Patricia came to W&M from Costa Rica as a

student, so international students are close to her heart. By supporting the Reves Center you are also supporting W&M students who study abroad and promoting W&M worldwide!

In October, the Class of 1983 celebrated our 36th Homecoming & Reunion Weekend! **Brian Mount '83, M.Ed. '93** even had special "36" green and gold T-shirts (only five! But if you want one he'll take orders for next year with a 37 instead for a small fee) made for the occasion. After recovering from a stroke in February, Brian was grateful to be able to celebrate the 36th (and the recent marriage of his daughter) and looks forward to 37. Brian also had the distinct honor of jamming with the Dimeslots during their Saturday night gig at the Virginia Beer Company. A few other folks in attendance that night were **Dabney Carr** and **Laura Gilbert Carr, Lynn Rosenberry Lull, Beth Sala Covin, Steve Tuttle, Fraser Hudgins '84** and **Christie Baty Hudgins, Tom Forbes '82, Betsy Dolan '84, Nancy Cote Kane '84, Ellie Dahoney '84. Bud Phillips '82** made an appearance and so did my dad, **Stew Sell '56**, who showed the crowd his jitterbug skills. (Apologies to anyone I didn't mention as always!)

Nancy and I ran into a few Pi Phis from the Class of '84 at the sorority court receptions: **Judy Kavjian Owens '84, Lynne Helms Forman '84, Monica Johnson Deaver '84, Luanne Spruill Guterthuth '84, Diane Limm Warren '85** and **Sandy DeSilvio '84. Kim Eckert Failon '85** and both her Pi Phi daughters, **Kathryn Failon '10** and **Caroline Failon '19**, were there along with **Demetra Yeapanis Kontos '85** and her husband **Chris Kontos '84, M.A. '84**. One of my Pi Phi daughters, **Samantha Phillips '14**, also joined in the fun. She and Kath-

ryn Failon are practically neighbors in LA, but like many of us, end up traveling back to W&M to catch up because we don't ever see each other at home.

Tailgate Spot '82 was founded by **Don Morris '82** and is regularly attended by Bud and me, **Dave Lucas '80, Dave Martin '82, Jim Peworchik '82, Marilyn Blank Peworchik '82, Jack Horst '81** and **March Horst '82, Barry Sharp '81** and **Anne Pennewell Sharp '82, Julie Doolittle Andino** and **Mark Andino '80** and **Skip Rowland** who sometimes puts his cameras down for a moment (and that's all I can say about that; read link above). It's one of several Sig Ep tailgates, where stories from the glory days are embellished year after year to become the stuff of legend — like the Viking party and floats of the early '80s. Often attending are Laura and Dabney Carr, **Dru Mears, Fraser Hudgins '84** and **Christie Baty Hudgins, John Fleming '82**, and so many more. **John Poma '86** and **Marybeth McDevitt Poma** stopped by on their way to becoming newly minted grandparents! I need to take better notes so I can remember everyone. If you're ever at a home game, please visit Spot 82.

It may seem like an off year since it wasn't a reunion that ended in 0 or 5. But Homecoming is a great party no matter what the reunion year, so you should come back! (Don't forget to place your order for the "37" shirts!)

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## 1984

Class Reporter

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Winter greetings, Class of 1984! Though these Class Notes will reach your mailbox or inbox in winter, fall has *finally* arrived here in South Carolina as I write, and our 35th reunion celebration at Homecoming & Reunion 2019 is just weeks away. It is hard to believe it has been 35 years since we were last all together, and I hope to celebrate with many of you as we recognize this milestone!

**Phil Buhler** and his wife Gloria have relocated to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where Phil is pursuing a Ph.D. at the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, studying commercial vessel regulation under the new Polar Code, an international agreement governing shipping in the Arctic and Antarctic. Prior to this, he taught law at the Universität zu Köln in Cologne, Germany, focusing on international civil procedure and intermodal transportation and teaching students from Germany and from all over the European Union. During this appointment, Phil remained a partner in his United States law firm located in Jacksonville, Florida, and served on United States and international organizations and committees focusing on legal issues with shipping in the Polar regions. With his latest move, Phil remains involved in the Comité Maritime International and its Polar Subcommittee studying issues impacting these regions. Phil has been active in W&M alumni chapters in Florida and the Southeast, and he says he would welcome anyone who wishes to visit the "frozen north" in the Canadian Maritimes!

This summer I was honored to attend the wedding of Colin Walls, the son of **Joanna Ashworth** and her husband David Walls, to Katerina Maylock. The wedding weekend began with a lovely cruise down

the Seine in Paris, and the celebration continued with a weekend of stunningly beautiful festivities on the grounds of a picturesque chateau in Vallery, France. The wedding was held in the chapel on the grounds of the chateau and was officiated by Joanna's dear friend, the Rev. Canon K. Jeanne Person. Colin and Katerina are 2016 graduates of Georgetown University, and they reside in New York. Joanna and David live in Charlotte, North Carolina, and in Big Sky, Montana.

It is with much sadness that I share the news of the passing of **Ford Cochran**. During our time at William & Mary, Ford served as editor-in-chief of The Flat Hat and as a reporter for WCWM, the campus radio station, which helped prepare him for his 23-year career at National Geographic. Prior to joining National Geographic, Ford did graduate work in geology and earth sciences at Harvard and Yale, earning a master of philosophy degree at Yale, and he served as an assistant professor of these subjects at the University of Kentucky. Joining National Geographic as a producer and education editor in 1996, Ford went on to work in a variety of roles relating to content development and educational programming in areas ranging from online resources to print media to worldwide expedition leadership. His experiences leading students, adults and experts, especially his frequent trips to Iceland, were clearly such a joy to him, which he shared with those of us who enjoyed following along via social media. In his most recent role at National Geographic, Ford was responsible for selecting the experts, explorers, photographers and leaders of National Geographic's worldwide expeditions, and he served as an expert on some of these expeditions as well. He recently

created a course for The Great Courses entitled "Wonders of the National Parks: A Geology of North America." Ford is survived by his wife Katerina, his mother Michel Cochran, his son **Cole Cochran '22** and his stepson Ryan Lambird. He is greatly missed by all those who had the pleasure to know and work with him.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our 35th reunion at Homecoming, and I will share your news in the next Class Notes. If you have any updates to share between now and then, please let me know — it is always great to hear from you! You can reach me via email, text, phone, Facebook message or mail.

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## 1985

Class Reporter

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Summer is fading and autumn is around the corner as I write this column. I try to hold onto summer as long as I can, and this summer was terrific. Since I live outside of Washington, D.C., I am able to attend so many concerts and shows; this year I felt as if I was reliving the 1980s! I was able to see The Who, ELO, Billy Joel, Queen, and Sting, as well as Aladdin and Cats. But the highlight of my summer was flying to Italy and showing my husband and daughter all of the places I had spent 30 years teaching about in my classroom. I had last traveled to Italy as a graduation gift from my parents, and it took me 34 years to get back. Who knows if I will ever get there again? If you have anything on your bucket list, then I highly recommend checking it off while you can!

**Albert J. "Trey"**



**Resolute III '85, J.D. '88**, a native of Portsmouth, is returning to private practice at the law firm of Oast and Taylor, practicing elder law, estate planning, and estate and trust administration. After practicing law for 10 years, he was a special agent for the FBI and retired after a 20-year career there.

**Todd A. Stottley**—er's term on the William & Mary Board of Visitors expired on June 30. Among his many roles with the board, he served as rector and chair of the executive committee from 2013 until 2018.

I got a great email from **Susan "Suey" Kren Cook** about the Yates Fearsome Foursome (FF). Susan, along with **Laura Cushman Sturdevant**, **Lynne Jackson Mebust** and **Maria Zwick Schisa '85, M.B.A. '88** all met as freshmen on Yates 3rd Center. The first wedding for any of their children was in June in Warsaw, Poland, when Susan's middle child Todd married a Polish woman named Ania. Over 60 American friends and family, along with three of the FF, were in attendance. Susan and her husband Ed live in Warrenton, Virginia. Maria and her husband **John Schisa '85, M.B.A. '88** live in Williamsburg. Laura and her husband Dave live in Belfast, Maine. Lynne and her husband Kai live in Cooperstown, New York. Most of their children are 20-somethings with two 30-year-olds and a 17-year-old as bookends. They are planning an FF reunion later this year on the East Coast so all four of them can attend.

I really enjoyed getting Susan's email and hope that more of you will send me a quick note about your life, especially if you have kept in touch with your fellow alumni. I know that our classmates would also love to know what is happening in your lives. Valeté, omnes!

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## 1986

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Hello classmates,  
**Renee Ward Farnham** and her husband Austin have downsized to a condo in downtown Baltimore, where they love city living. She has been a stylist for the brand cabi for almost 10 years and loves connecting with women far and near. Her oldest daughter is a NASA Fellow at Dartmouth College, working toward a Ph.D. in electrical engineering. Her second daughter, a National Science Foundation Fellow, is pursuing a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering at the University of Delaware. Her third daughter is at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, seeking a master's degree in speech-language pathology.

**Roger Emory** and his wife Theresa are enjoying life in Williamsburg. They continue to travel, with trips to Ireland, the Netherlands, England, New Zealand, Vail, Colorado, and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico on the six-month agenda, as of September. Their son Kyle received his MBA in May from Harvard Business School and is now working at Amazon.

**John Skinner** of Minneapolis, Minnesota, has been coordinating William & Mary events in the Twin Cities for local alumni, students and parents since 2018. They have had several holiday parties and their first picnic. If interested, please contact him at [john.h.skinner@gmail.com](mailto:john.h.skinner@gmail.com) or join the Facebook group "William & Mary Minneapolis Alumni."

**Jim McLeskey**, professor of engineering

physics at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, continues his longtime hobby of refurbishing old cars. Last summer, he got his latest project running, a Lotus, and showed it at Cars & Coffee in Richmond, Virginia.

In June, **Allison Belsches Jablonski** took the job of provost and chief academic officer at the University of Lynchburg. She still teaches there in the biology and biomedical science departments. Her brother, **Basil Belsches '83**, retired in August from Dominion Energy.

My husband, **Stephen Theuer**, has lunch with **Bryan Peery** several times each year. Bryan continues as the chief financial officer for a real estate company in Richmond, Virginia. He and his wife Fay have two children: their daughter Taylor, a high school freshman, and their son Matthew, a third-year pharmacy student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Carla Nagel Winters** and her husband Mike celebrated their 20th anniversary in August. In the same month, they attended a Jimmy Buffett concert in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Carla had first seen Buffett at Zable Stadium in the late 1980s and reports that he still has a good show. In October, Carla and Mike prepared meals for the 7th Annual Virginia Czech Slovak Festival in Prince George, Virginia. For the past three years, Carla has enjoyed working as a paralegal for the consumer protection and antitrust sections of the Virginia Attorney General's office. She is still refereeing soccer but is transitioning to training referees. Her daughter Erin is a junior at Maggie Walker Governor's School, in Richmond, Virginia. Erin plays varsity field hockey in the fall and swims during the winter. She also has begun refereeing soccer,

sometimes along with Carla, at Richmond-area games.

**Jennifer King Chacon**, longtime teacher and librarian, is excited to report that her daughter, **Emma Chacon '18, M.A. '19**, is teaching second grade in Fairfax County, Virginia, at Bailey's Elementary School, a magnet school for the arts and sciences in partnership with the Kennedy Center. It's a great opportunity for using Emma's degrees in both education and music.

News was light this time, and I'd love to hear from more of you. Please don't make me resort to filling this column with boring gardening tips!

On that subject, I haven't been able to do much gardening in the last year. I struggled with knee problems all summer, and as of September, was hopping around on crutches, pending further evaluation by an orthopedic doctor. A friend told me I am falling apart and need to start carrying duct tape for emergencies. Perhaps my high school biology teacher was right: "After 50, it's just patch, patch, patch..."

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## 1987

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**Steven Rosenberg** was appointed Staunton, Virginia's new city manager in June and assumed his new role on July 1. He had been working as Staunton's deputy city manager. Steven majored in history and government at William & Mary and earned his law degree from Emory University School of Law. Steven began his career at the firm of Hazel & Thomas, P.C. in Fairfax and then began working in local govern-

ment. He served as senior assistant city attorney for the City of Alexandria and then worked as county attorney for Augusta County. He also worked for five years as an associate general counsel and special assistant attorney general at the University of Virginia. Steven and his wife Catherine reside in Staunton.

I was happy to hear from Dr. **Sharon Varallo**, who is doing well in Rock Island, Illinois, where she is a professor of communication studies at Augustana College. Her latest venture is researching and volunteering for college-in-prison programming. She would love to hear from any classmates who work in the field of prison justice.

**Brooke Wanner Nedza** recently remarried and has moved to Mineral, Virginia, where she is living with her husband John on his Christmas tree farm. She hit 20 years working for Aetna, and currently is the vice president of client management for national accounts covering Maryland, D.C. and Virginia. Brooke stays close to **Kate Untiedt '84**, her Theta big sister, and **Toni (Fischer) Ritchey**, her Theta sister, both who are practicing law on different sides of the country. She's also been fortunate to have reconnected with freshman hallmates

**Karen Yablonski Carroll**, **Terri Pfeiffer Wise**, **Sharon Varallo**, **Stephanie Thompson** and **Karen Libucha Kouagou**, who are all fabulous and successful! Brooke's dad Sandy Wanner, a former James City County administrator, currently teaches a local government class at William & Mary's Raymond A. Mason School of Business. His course is designed to help students understand how local city and county governments work, with an opportunity for an internship.

**Tim Carroll** had planned to make it to last

year's Homecoming & Reunion Weekend but a Cub Scout camping trip with his twin third-graders took priority, so he did not make it. His step-daughter just graduated from James Madison University in May, and now he and his wife are busy trying to keep up with their twin 9-year-olds. Tim is hoping that he'll be at the game for this year's Homecoming & Reunion Weekend.

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## 1988

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**Dana Kelley** lives in Arlington and works as deputy director of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, a non-partisan congressional commission on Medicare. She has been married for 29 years to **Paul Weiss '87**, a high school English and Latin teacher. Their son Henry, a senior at Clark University, majors in philosophy and French; their son Emmett is a high school junior and plays recreational basketball with **Lisa MacVittie's** youngest son. Emmett and Dana attended the William & Mary Alumni Admission Weekend on the college admission process. Will we have another Tribe member to report soon? Dana keeps in touch with Lisa, **Cath Sund Simon**, **Sharon Cutler Smallwood** and **Anne Lockman** and spent a wet but wonderful weekend with them in New York City last May.

**Keith Reagan** owns an investing consulting firm, Reagan Holloway, rjweath.com. Keith, wife Lisa, and son Collins visited Yosemite 17 years after visiting the first time and tried to recreate

a memory. See the photo in the online edition, magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1988. Lisa is a freelance writer and editor and Collins owns a video production studio, Reagan Studios, www.reaganstudios.com.

**Marliss Melton Arruda**, former W&M visiting professor and established author of romantic suspense, has applied her pen to writing Christian military romance under the pseudonym Rebecca Hartt. She released the first novel in her Acts of Valor series, "Returning to Eden," this October. Marliss gives a shout-out to her best friend and editor, **Sydney Baily**, a historical romance author, known for her *Beastly Lords* series.

After marrying at the Wren Chapel 30 years ago, **Randy Haufe** and his wife Jodi traveled around the world with the U.S. Army before landing in Northern Virginia. After their youngest graduated from high school, they moved back to Williamsburg this year. They enjoyed a visit from their oldest son **Chris Haufe '15** this summer. Their two youngest are both in college, so they will be empty nesters for the first time in 26 years, and hope to see fellow alums in the 'Burg.

**Rick Overy** could not be prouder of his history grad daughter **Isabel Overy '19** and her husband **Noah Scruggs '19** (son of **Lee Scruggs '88, M.B.A. '92** and **Pam Reese Scruggs '92**), who were married in the Wren in October 2018. See the photo in the online version.

**Jennifer Blount Sanford '88, M.B.A. '91's** family has had a busy year. Jennifer's older daughter was accepted into Oxford University to pursue her Ph.D. in data science. Her younger daughter graduated Gettysburg College and is now working for Colliers International. Jennifer works at Optima Health managing their marketing

programs and finds it a wonderful change. She occasionally runs into **Chris Neikirk** around Norfolk and dines with **Katie Brown Wiegmann**, and she had plans to see **Katy Chapman '87** over Labor Day weekend. Facebook helps her keep in touch with many classmates!

**Cindy Little Jordan** and her husband Mark traveled to Peru in June, spending a few days in Lima enjoying the fabulous food scene, and then meeting up with an REI group in Cuzco before traveling to the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu. In their group of 11, Cindy was happy to meet fellow alum **Kelley Gorman '04**. On the train to Machu Picchu, Cindy and Kelley made a sign to capture their Tribe Pride in a photograph of the magical place. See the photo in the online edition.

In August, Cindy attended a W&M Women reception in San Francisco and caught up with **Ana Schrank**. In September, her W&M roommates **Karen Tisdell Butterfield**, **Kathleen Durkin Waller** and **Amy Englund** were scheduled to visit in California. Kathleen lives in New Zealand and planned to pass through San Francisco on her way to visit family in Boston. Amy and Karen hail from Richmond. Amy's daughter **Madison Douglas '22** is currently attending William & Mary.

**Rebecca Bailey**, associate professor of history at Northern Kentucky University (south of Cincinnati), is still in close contact with freshman year roommate **Leslie Layne**, suitemate **Jeanne Radday**, freshman hall pal **Stephanie Johnson Parkin** and dormmate **Eddie Montgomery '89**. Rebecca hopes to make contact with two other freshman hall friends and roommates **Tammy Maddrey Craft** and **Suzie Allen**.

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## 1989

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As I write this column, we are literally days away from celebrating our 30th reunion! In terms of our reunion class gift, we already know that we've surpassed our class participation goal of 33 percent — we're currently at more than 36 percent! We won the Class Ambassador Cup in June, beating out classes in the 2000s and are one of the leaders in giving back to our alma mater this reunion. Thank you to all who gave back to W&M! Together we are truly making an impact for students and faculty and the programs we care about on campus.

**Lydia Minichiello Mayo** raised more than \$4,000 for Walk MS for multiple sclerosis. **Trish Carter Tobin**, **Bruce Pask**, **Charlie Collins** and **Kara Knickerbocker Collins** were among the many generous donors.

**Michele Sokoly Perigaut** and I caught up over a lovely dinner in New York this summer. She continues to use her psychology degree, working with schools and individuals students. Michele, her husband Glenn and her son Luc live outside of the city; her daughter Julia is at Haverford College.

I was lucky enough to catch **Mark Murtagh** in town on that same trip. He is still traveling to London, China and points in between and setting up new educational ventures in those areas. He and Richard live in New York City and spend as much time as they can at the beach.

**Ginger Miller O'Neil** and John sold their house and moved locally within

the Richmond area as their daughter Lauren graduated from high school and they became empty nesters. Lauren is at the University of Virginia and Jackie is at Stanford.

In other moves, **David Nowland** is now a global media planning and buyer advisor with ExxonMobil in Houston. **Chris Gessner** is the president and CEO of the University of Colorado Hospital in Denver. **Carol Jackson Miller** is the director of strategic partnerships for the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System (IAALS) in Colorado. **John Stewart** retired from the military and now works at Booz Allen Hamilton.

Doug, Carter and I traveled to India in May for Quinn's graduation and to see the Taj Mahal. Both kids have since started college — Carter at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Quinn at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

I expect to have lots more news to share after our reunion. As always, please send me your updates on jobs, moves, hobbies, athletic events, awards, travel and life. We especially like to hear when you connect with other W&M friends.

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## 1990

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Hello, everyone. I must apologize for not requesting updates this time. My husband had to have bypass surgery unexpectedly — which I'm turning into a public service message. Alex had good numbers, never smoked, normal stress and no symptoms. He only got checked out because of

family history. If he had not done so, he likely would have had a massive heart attack sooner than later. Don't ignore genetic risk; see a cardiologist. Heart surgery is no fun, but he has recovered quickly, without complications.

Dr. **Allen C. Grant** became dean of the School of Education and Professional Studies at SUNY Potsdam in August. He oversees the school's nationally recognized undergraduate and graduate programs in teacher education, business administration, and public health and human performance. Allen was previously the inaugural chair of the Department of Policy, Organization and Leadership at Drexel University in Philadelphia, where he directed the university's Master of Science degree program in educational administration, and its online and Philadelphia-based doctoral program in educational leadership. He was awarded with the Outstanding Online Faculty Award in 2014. Prior to joining Drexel, Allen was the chief learning officer and program director of the Louisiana Virtual School, after having been a classroom teacher in the Fairfax County, Virginia, Public Schools and the Louisiana State University Laboratory School. He earned his master's in curriculum and instruction at George Mason University and his Ph.D. in educational leadership and research at Louisiana State University. Allen would love to connect with any other North Country alumni.

Allen also wrote to report that the Hunt Hall freshman crew consisting of **Jim Graham, Mike Bujewski, Erik Dutson, Colin Clark, James Tuten '90, M.B.A. '00, John Burton, Kay Wahrsager** and himself, with occasional guest appearances by **Joyce Flood Tuten** and **Will Nuckles M.B.A. '88**, continues its annual

gathering. They have met, without fail, for 29 consecutive years. Their band, The Clown Squad, is lobbying for a stage at our 30th reunion in 2020. (They are either really bad or really humble; from his note, I'm not sure which!)

Congrats to **Ann Moore Shenk, CPA**, who was promoted from supervisor to manager at Trout, Ebersole & Groff LLP. Ann's areas of expertise are tax planning and preparation, business consulting, and review and compilation services. She lives in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with her two daughters.

**Eddie Phillips** has joined Heritage Wealth Advisors in Richmond, Virginia, as a strategic client advisor, where he also serves on the Investment Policy Committee. Eddie's career has been focused around commercial banking and business advisory work. He served in various roles over nine years with Xenith Bank, including head of commercial banking, and was a member of the founding team. Prior to Xenith, Eddie spent 18 years with large banks. He mentors founders of early stage companies through Startup Virginia and Lighthouse Labs. After William & Mary, Eddie earned his MBA degree with high distinction at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business.

**Brandon C. Lorey** was named president and CEO of Bank of Clarke County in Berryville, Virginia, in July. Brandon had been executive vice president and head of consumer banking at United Bank in Connecticut for six years and, prior to that, held leadership positions at H&R Block Bank in Kansas City, Sovereign Bank in Pennsylvania and Federal Savings Bank in Maryland. He is just the ninth president in the bank's nearly 140-year history.

**Tom Barton** was one of only 31 attorneys

named a "New Jersey Trailblazer" by the New Jersey Law Journal. The inaugural list recognizes "professionals who have made significant marks on the practice, policy and technological advancement of their practice." Tom is an employment lawyer at Drinker Biddle in Philadelphia and Princeton, New Jersey. He has nearly 30 years of experience helping his clients successfully solve workplace legal and business issues. His practice is focused on class action and individual employment discrimination, wrongful discharge, wage and hour and non-competition/trade secret litigation.

Last but not least, **Jeff Bechtel** and **Kipp Snider** ran the Army 10-miler in October, according to Facebook. Find me there and friend me so I can surprise you with random updates like this. :-)

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## 1991

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**John Fischel's** law firm Brady Fischel & Daily LLC was featured in What's Up Annapolis magazine for being leading legal professionals in Annapolis. John litigates cases involving real estate disputes, professional negligence, premises liability, insurance litigation and products liability. He went to law school at the University of Pittsburgh.

If you read the recent article about the alumni who are working the craft beer industry, we have our own classmate in the beer business. **Brian McConnell** and his partners founded Sterling Pig Brewery in the Philadelphia suburbs. They opened a BBQ

themed pub in Media, Pennsylvania, in July 2015, then a taphouse in nearby West Chester in February 2019. They are currently eyeing a site in Philadelphia as well. I hope to check out one of the locations very soon.

Sterling Pig has won several local medals at the Philadelphia Inquirer Brewvitational the last two years — second place in 2018 for best new beer and first place in 2019 for best new beer. They also won a silver medal at the World Beer Cup in 2018 for Shoat, a German Pilsner.

Brian lives in Media with his wife Maura and sons Kieran, Owen and Gavin and his dog Oscar. Brian, Scot Carr, **Kurtis Alexander '94, Greg Imbur '93** and **Aaron Wehner '94** spent time together in the high Sierras last summer, scattering some of **Steve Lynch's** ashes. Steve passed away last winter.

**Benjamin Dobrin** was named dean of the D. Henry Watts School of Professional Studies at Virginia Wesleyan University. He also recently became a course director and instructor trainer, the highest professional training levels for diving, for Scuba Diving International, Technical Diving International and Emergency Response Diving International. He is currently the only emergency response dive instructor trainer in Virginia.

**Paula Jeffrey Puckett** is back state-side! After living in five countries since graduation, she and her husband Blake are living on Jamestown Road — she says just 200 steps from W&M Business School. They enjoy walking their dogs through campus most evenings. Paula has enjoyed catching up with high school and W&M classmate **Amy Brown Harris '91, M.A.Ed. '96**, as well as **Doug Mayo '91** and **Kris Pelham Mayo** when they were in town. She is

looking forward to seeing more classmates and Kappa Delta sisters as the years unfold.

As always, please send me your updates! I would love to hear from you.

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**Rebecca Helen Robbins '92** to Harold Robert McCarty Jr., 12/21/18.

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## 1993

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I'm writing to you on the cusp of autumn equinox, a time in the year when the sun rises due east. The late summer sounds of crickets, cicadas and katydids anticipate the hush of winter, which will be upon us by the time this is in print.

As 2020 draws near, I'm looking forward to hearing from more of you. According to a Hampton Roads Business Journal, **Patrick Banks** has been promoted to senior vice president and relationship manager within the Commercial Lending Division of Old Point National Bank.

In terms of providing updates, I will report on classmates I have heard from this time around, and hopefully increase that list as I hear from more of you. **Todd Burch**, for example, has lived in Paris for almost two decades now. With his wife Chantha, and

their lovely daughters Camille and Emilie, they've been exploring France and farther afield: this past summer found them in Corsica for a third visit, this time for a full month.

An article in the July 25, 2019 edition of the *Virginian-Pilot* featured **Tiffany Anne Towers**, who recently relocated to Tidewater. After 20 years offering legal advice in New York, Tiffany opened a clothing store in Virginia Beach at Hilltop. According to Tiffany, Mainstream Boutique (mainstreamboutique.com) provides "casual-chic, cross-generational, and raw authenticity" in fashion. She also has an exclusive line of clothing and jewelry called Mac and Me.

Perhaps the most memorable time for me personally in 2019 was backpacking the John Muir Wilderness in the Inyo National Forest. Together with Daniel Mourad, **Kurtis Alexander '94**, **Scot Carr '92**, **Brian McConnell** and **Aaron Wehner '94**, I hiked into the backcountry to honor and remember **Steve Lynch '91**, who passed in March 2019. Anyone who knew Steve could attest to his warm spirit, playful humor, and unassuming kindness.

In connecting with friends from college through this trip and through other channels, I found myself remembering both funny and sobering moments from almost three decades ago. Maybe it sounds trite, but nothing from my adult life has a comparable richness to old friends from the past. Realistically, we cannot relive all the parts of our younger adult lives, but if you have somehow wanted to rekindle a spirit of connection with friends and former classmates, I encourage you to take the time and make the effort. It is worth it!

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## 1994

*Class Reporter*  
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Wow! My timing was absolutely terrible for the Homecoming edition of our class notes. There is some humor in reading your post-Homecoming notes online before the events happen. Clearly, I am no oracle. On to our report ...

**Don Petrille** won the election to the post of Bucks County Register of Wills. Don has impressive and extensive experience with many Pennsylvania governing bodies including the Pennsylvania Register of Wills Association, Pennsylvania State Association of Elected County Officials, Pennsylvania State Archives County Records Committee, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Public Access Policy Implementation Committee and more. Don majored in chemistry and minored in math while in the 'Burg and earned his Juris Doctor from Villanova School of Law. Congratulations Don!

At our class reunion at Homecoming, I was the guy with the notepad, taking notes feverishly, just like in CHEM101. This time, next time, expect more updates! Until then, email me any news or reports.

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## 1995

*Class Reporter*  
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It's been a quiet few months here in the Class of 1995 — we must all be getting ready to plan our big 25th reunion for next year! In the coming months you'll start to hear from me and others as we get things in order

for 2020! In the meantime, please send me any updates at skreps2000@yahoo.com — as always, Bella Ciao!!

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## 1996

*Class Reporter*  
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I was inspired to hear from **Maria Bartlett Daly** about her two-day, 192-mile bike ride across Massachusetts to raise more than \$6,000 for cancer research. Maria participated in the Pan-Mass Challenge in memory of her sons' friend, 10-year-old Carter Mock, who maintained his adventurous spirit throughout his three-year battle with osteosarcoma. "This was truly the most amazing thing I've ever done, and I plan to do it again next year! All of the funds I raised went directly to Dr. Katie Janeway's osteosarcoma research at Dana Farber to find better treatment options for kids like Carter."

If you're living in the Denver area, **Meredith Genova** would love to hear from you. She moved to Denver from Brooklyn in 2018.

Music heals the soul as well as the body when the Durham Medical Orchestra is involved. **Laura Keyt Kelley** plays trumpet with the orchestra, which combines community health and wellness efforts with making music. While Laura is not a physician herself, she does write medical device patents in her work as a patent lawyer. Laura and her husband John have twin 6-year-old boys, Art and Henry, and a 14-year-old son Charlie, with whom Laura enjoys playing trumpet duets.

What better way to honor your love than hanging out with Iron

Man? **Sean O'Reilly** reports that he and his wife **Pamela Willis O'Reilly '95** celebrated their 22nd anniversary this summer by visiting Philadelphia for the first time and checking out the planetarium and the Marvel exhibit at the Franklin Institute. He recently caught up with **Chris Brown** (married to **Heather Gray Brown '98**) to compare notes about surviving teenage daughters in high school. Sean returned to a new position at Capital One this year and is enjoying "the literal high life on the 27th floor of the new Capital One HQ building." Beyond his day job, Sean is also an active Ally for Women in Tech, and a volunteer with the Girls Computing League and Capital One Coders.

If you're a foodie or a Baltimorean you'll want to read the new book "Lost Restaurants of Baltimore" by **Kit Waskom Pollard** and Suzanne Loudermilk, which tells the stories of 45 beloved Baltimore restaurants that have closed their doors.

"Nicodemism and the English Calvin, 1544–1584" is the new book by **Ken Woo**. He is already working on another book, "Calvin, Refugee Theologian," which is expected out in a few years. Ken is a minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church in America and is currently living in Pittsburgh.

In August **Maddy Becker Williams** and her husband David moved their daughter **Grace Williams '23** into her freshman dorm at William & Mary. "We are so excited that she is continuing the Tribe tradition as a member of the Class of 2023. It was a little strange to move her into what once was the fraternity complex when we were in school, but also so fun to see how the campus has evolved." Grace plans to study biology, and Maddy is looking forward to visit-

ing Williamsburg over the next four years. "We are so happy she is at a place that I loved so much. None of the other schools we looked at could compete with William & Mary!"

In a dramatic transition from her previous career in math, **Jenny Pool Wilson** is studying to become an aromatherapist. "The chemistry of essential oils is fun to learn about, and as my own family has had rather a lot of health issues, it's wonderful to learn new ways to help them," she explained. Jenny and her family are living in London, where they recently bought a house. Before moving to the United Kingdom four years ago, Jenny spent seven years in Mexico and 12 years in Asia.

Check out the online version of class notes for late-breaking news from **Rebecca Finifter Wrotny**, **Melvin Griffin**, **Tiffany Price Hudok**, **Bryant Cafferty**, and **Blythe Semmer!**

Thanks so much to everyone who wrote in with news. I love hearing from you!

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## 1997

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## 1998

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Congratulations to **Sarah Balcom** who won the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Excellence in Teaching Fellowship,

earning her a \$20,000 “Genius Grant.” With the award, Sarah plans to create an online I-Series course — the signature program of General Education at the University of Maryland — focused on the future of farming, helping students understand the most pressing issues of today.

In addition to maintaining her law practice and serving on various nonprofit boards, **Shey-na Burt '98, J.D. '01** has now taken over as president of the Youth Orchestras of Prince William, in Prince William County, Virginia. An alum of YOPW, she is excited to use her background in music, nonprofit governance and the law to help rebuild the program in partnership with other arts organizations.

**Danelle Buchman** moved to Wiesbaden, Germany, for her husband Tony's job in summer 2017. She emailed to say: “We miss our friends and family but absolutely love the travel opportunities for our family, including two daughters, ages 8 and 10. We have traveled all over Germany and 10 other countries (so far!). I keep busy with the girls, volunteering, and earning my MBA. We are truly enjoying the quality of life here. People seem to slow down and enjoy the good things in life. We are soaking it all in. We are scheduled to move back stateside in the summer of 2020.”

**Andy Mallon** was featured in the Indianapolis Business Journal back in June. Andy has been the city's corporation counsel for the past three years and was tapped in May to lead the Indianapolis Capital Improvement Board. Andy lives in Indianapolis with his wife Anna and children Charlotte (11) and Johnny (9).

**Peter Marta** has joined the global law firm Hogan Lovells New York office as a partner in its Privacy and Cybersecurity Practice. Prior to that, Peter worked for JPMor-

gan Chase & Co., where he served as the bank's global head of cybersecurity and global security and investigations legal. He provided cybersecurity legal support to the bank's senior leadership and helped JPMorgan Chase establish an industry leading cybersecurity program. He served as the primary point of contact for interactions with law enforcement and the intelligence community on all matters related to cybersecurity and cybercrime.

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## 1999

Class Reporter  
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Hello, Class of '99!

There weren't a ton of submissions this round, but I suspect that's because you were all preparing to catch up in person at our 20th reunion. I hope you were able to make it and that you had an amazing time back on campus!

In case you missed her, **Katie Sell Garcia** shares that after graduating from William & Mary she joined the Peace Corps in El Salvador. She served there for three years and then moved to Washington, D.C., in 2003. For the past 16 years Katie has worked in international development. She earned a master's degree in international economic policy from American University in 2006 and began working at USAID as a presidential management fellow. She still works at USAID, and her work focuses on private sector engagement and innovative partnerships. Her husband Christian is a native of Mexico City. They have two children, Elena (9) and Marco

(5), who attend a dual language public school in the district. The family enjoys taking advantage of all the city has to offer!

**Drew Polly** and his wife Angela are loving parenting their two 3-year-old toddlers Breleigh and Journey. They are waiting patiently on Journey's adoption to be finalized. Professionally, Drew is spending a lot of his days in local schools supporting elementary school teachers in how they teach math to their students.

As for me, I'm in my 21st year as a high school educator. In August of 2018 I transitioned from being an English classroom teacher to being an instructional coach. I'm in the same school, but now I work directly with all of our teachers in all content areas to support them in their journey. The hope is that this allows them to help their students reach success.

Now it's your turn! Drop me a line and let me know where you are, what you're doing, and who you've seen. I know people would love to read about it in the next issue!

Tribe Pride!  
-Meredith



**Ramy Kiong Inocencio** to Hsinl Huang, 8/09/19.

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## 2000

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**Cheryl Griffin** is in her sixth year of serving as pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Williamsburg. She also is a campus pastor for the Lutheran Student Association at William & Mary.

**Drew Gibbons, Adam Happel** and **Ti Hays** went on a backpacking trip through

eastern Oregon, covering almost 30 miles along the Snake River over three days and hiking the deepest canyon in the United States. Adam wrote, “I'm not sure there's a better way to reconnect with old friends than spending 72 hours without a shower and stuffed into tents reminiscing about our college days.”

In May 2019, **Jessica Muskey** and **Craig Carey '02** were married. They held their rehearsal dinner at College Delly, got married in the Wren Courtyard (officiated by **Milan Chakraborty**), and had their reception at the Virginia Beer Company. Alumni in attendance included **Anthony Basmajian, Carrie Evans Branon, Scott Burns '02, Sean Conway '03, Amanda Engstrom Eversol, Alex Garza, Brooks Haselden '01, Yuri Horwitz '01, Nate Jutras '01, Mary Ranone King, Ryan Kutscher '02, Matt Malone '03, Maggie Pollock Morse, Elizabeth Neilsen, Amy Pugno Norris, Kelly Worland Piantedosi '00, M.Ed. '04, Trisha Ripley, Andy Ross '02, Chris Schwalm '01, Amy Stisser, Amy Vecsi, Anshuman Vohra** and **Chris Wilber '03**. Also in attendance were **Julie Sommer Leach '99, Mike Leach, Laurie Awesome, Tara Guelig Horwitz '03, Hunter Barden '03, Brendan Harris '02, Katie Basmajian '05, Jesse Contario '05, Birdie Kylee Hall '01, Bob Johnston '70, M.Ed. '78, Marie Jacobson Johnston '78, Chris Sessa M.B.A. '13, Sara Solfanelli '99, Chris Smith '07, Robby Willey '05, Millie West** and **Peel Hawthorne**.

**Enger Muteteke** is pastor at Lifegate Church in Somers Point, New Jersey, and Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Northfield, New Jersey. **Andrea Seiffert** published her book “10 Things I Wish I'd Learned

in Medical School.” She wrote that she is grateful to our classmates **Anna Crane, Tunisia Riley** and **Brian Walker** for encouraging her along the way.



**Kathryn Mcquilkin Flinn** to Kevin Raymond Hippley, 6/28/19.

**Jessica Muskey** to **Craig Carey '02**, 5/18/19.

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**Jamie Elizabeth Thompson** to David M. Chowning, 9/08/18.

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## 2002

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**Craig Carey** to **Jessica Muskey '00**, 5/18/19.

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## 2003

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Greetings Class of '03! I hope reading this issue finds you in a comfortable chair on a stillness retreat, surrounded by silence and tea, not standing next to your debris-covered kitchen

counter flipping through manically while the chicken nuggets defrost ... but either way, breathe, I'm glad you're here.

On June 1, **Greg Hess** performed with Live from Here at Wolf Trap, and in attendance were **Drew Snyder, Ann LeFeve Snyder '07** and **Christian Henel**. Greg and his wife Holly Laurent both write and perform with Live from Here, a Saturday night variety show podcast hosted by Nickel Creek's Chris Thile. In addition, Greg, who lives in Los Angeles, is a part of two improv troops, Cook County Social Club and Improvised Shakespeare Company, and has written and performed for Comedy Central and Adult Swim, among many others. Whenever Greg is interviewed about his background, he credits William & Mary with giving him his start in improv (and he mentions being a religious studies major, which is always baffling to the interviewer and makes me indignant ... Why is being a religious studies major baffling??) Greg — congrats on all of your success, you make William & Mary, the Crim Dell amphitheatre and the third floor of the Wren Building so proud.

Two personal notes: I finally had the chance to meet President Katherine Rowe a few weeks ago at a restaurant in town and she was delightful! She has fully embraced this place and those of us who are crazy about it. I'm grateful for her leadership and vision and her engagement with students and alumni. And finally, I joined the writing team at Family App this fall and am excited about this new messenger option for families. Privacy and connection? Yes, they can be friends.

I think you'll be reading this in the winter ... in that case, stay warm. Or if it's hot where you are, stay hydrated. Well, everyone, really, stay hydrated. Go Tribe.

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**Bryan James Walter** to Melinda Kimberlie Walter, 6/22/19.

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## 2004

Class Reporter

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The year 2020 is upon us. For all of us, this means 20-year reunions for our high school graduations. This does not mean we all will attend them; I never even attended my 10-year high school reunion because it was organized half-heartedly through Facebook. In addition, it was just going to be a night out at a bar. From what Hollywood had instilled in me, in addition to my sister's experience four years prior, generally a reunion is a three-day event with the bar/cocktail event Friday night, the "award" banquet/dinner Saturday night, and then a family-style picnic Sunday afternoon. I did, however, attend our college 10-year reunion in 2014. This past October, our class had our 15-year reunion. Did any of you return back to campus and relive some memories? I would love to hear your stories and what you did back in the 'Burg. I wasn't able to attend this year due to a previously planned family vacation in Boston. At least I was back on the East Coast for a little bit.

Speaking about Boston, **Elizabeth Titrington Craft** moved from Boston area to Salt Lake City, Utah, to join the faculty at the University of Utah as an assistant professor of musicology in 2016. She and her husband Josh welcomed their son, John Minter Craft, on August 12, 2018. John joins a sister, Anna, who

turned 4 years old this past March. And, talking about the Crafts' family milestones, I personally want to wish Elizabeth and Josh a happy 13th wedding anniversary this July 21!

I heard some good personal news from **Nick Reiter**. In March 2019, Nick was elected into the partnership for his law firm, Venable LLP. Less than three months later, Nick married Laurel Pietrykowski on June 1, 2019. In attendance for the wedding were **John Mallory, Will Carter, Patrick McGee, Matthew Sheldon '02, J.D. '06** and his wife, **Melanie Barnes Sheldon '02**, and **Rashad Kawmy '05** and his wife, **Catherine Turpyn Kawmy '05**. I hope that the Reiters' upcoming anniversary, and future anniversaries, will be just as joyous as their wedding was!

It has been about 12 years since I got an update from **Grant Cothran**, but he sure let me have a deluge of updates of what has been going on with him and his W&M crew, the 7th Grade Sketch Comedy troupe, throughout this past decade. In 2009, Grant married **Nicole Thomas Cothran '05**. They had met on North Boundary St. in 2004. Grant almost would have missed the love of his life before graduation if he had not made that fateful trek along such an important street to our college (behind DoG, Richmond and Jamestown Roads). The Cothrans have now set up roots in Greenville, South Carolina. During the eclipse on Aug. 21, 2017, **Matt Cowan** and **Pete Celona** visited the Cothrans in South Carolina. Both Matt and Pete live in Philadelphia. As an attempt at "performance art," Matt and Pete entered a baking contest. In an upset, Matt won the contest and accepted a full ride to a culinary school. As for Pete, he continued his day job of

passionately teaching STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) and inspiring kids through YouthBuild Philly. Although Pete might not have made an amazing culinary confection, he has done an amazing feat; he walked the 2,200-mile Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine in 186 days. Another fellow "7G" group member, **Georgia Dodson**, is working as a film editor at Whitehouse Post in Los Angeles. She got her start in film editing in New York City, and had successes and awards that followed, including her work being screened at Sundance Film Festival in Utah and SXSW in Austin, Texas. Her collaboration has earned her work a Gold Lion at Cannes and a Super Bowl advertising spot.

As always, I really do appreciate hearing from you all. Keep sending in your updates!

Take care,  
-Owen

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**Heather Ann Boeddeker** to Trevor W. Fraser, 10/05/18.

**MacKenzi Nicole Hillard** to Steve Preston, 6/28/19.

**Joshua Lyle Lovell '04, M.Ed. '08** to **Leigh Anne Tally '07**, 5/19/18.

**Nick Reiter** to Laurel Pietrykowski, 6/1/19.

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## 2005

Class Reporter

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Congrats to **Victoria Starks Camire** and her husband Kevin. Their baby, Bruce Lee, will be celebrating the one-year mark about the time you're reading this!

This past August, **Mer-**

**edith Coté** and her husband Jahleel welcomed baby Liv Issa Hudson.

**Seth Finck '05, M.Ed. '08**, who married Kait Ambrosiani in September 2017, brought daughter Dylan Rosi Finck into this world in December 2018.

Former Accidentals member **Rebekah Holbrook Kendrick** married her husband Johnny Kendrick in September 2018. This past November, they became parents. Rebekah engages in non-profit and philanthropy work in Richmond.

In December 2018, **Kirsten Shiroma Quackenbush** married David Quackenbush at the historic Wren Chapel in Williamsburg.

**Eric Anderson '05, J.D. '09** and **Rachel Casebolt** married in November 2018 in Yorktown, Virginia. Eric is a public defender and Rachel works for the University of Virginia. They live in Waynesboro, Virginia.

**Cara Passaro** is counsel to the Speaker of the Connecticut House and earned her J.D. and M.P.H. in 2017 from the University of Connecticut. She celebrated with a "trip of a lifetime" to Thailand. In May the following year, she and her high school boyfriend, Rob Recalde, eloped.

**Bree Booth** and her husband Anthony Opperman bought their first house last summer in Virginia. Bree is making a shift from teaching third-graders and transitioning into instructional coaching.

**Derek J. Power** has started a new music project called キヲヨシ, which is available on Bandcamp. He is pursuing his MBA, as well as an apprenticeship with a Boston-based record studio.

**Wesley Allen '05, J.D. '08** has been appointed to the board of trustees for Destination Imagination (D.I.), a global educational nonprofit.

**Jon Hagadorn** served in 2018 and 2019 as the

acting U.S. Navy attaché to Estonia, where he was promoted to lieutenant commander.

**Allison Bourne-Vanneck** recently served as the USVI representative at the International Olympic Academy (I.O.C.) in Greece. Allison, who played golf when at W&M, also partnered with the I.O.C. to launch an app that promotes higher education for young athletes.

**Julia Johnson** has blended her double major in pre-med biology and international relations into a fascinating niche as a neonatologist at Johns Hopkins. Julia's work centers on global health efforts to reduce infection risks to hospitalized newborns in India.

**Chelsea Bromstad Lee** helped to write and edit the 7th edition APA Style Publication Manual. The previous edition of the manual sold 15 million copies. Check out the new edition and try to spot the example with a reference to a W&M dissertation.

**Jana Chavers Griffith** recently took a position with Loudoun County Public Schools as a school improvement and account specialist. Before that, she spent four years as an elementary school assistant principal. This past summer, she and her two young daughters traveled to Colorado for Jana's grandmother's 90th birthday.

**Charlene Smith** is the artistic director of Brave Spirits, a theatre where Shakespeare productions are performed with a feminine focus. Last May, Charlene traveled to England to visit castles referenced by Shakespeare, no doubt providing key inspiration for the four plays she's directing this year.

**Cristina Viray Keeton** is a middle school Spanish teacher for Loudoun County Public Schools. Last June, she, along with **R. Benjamin Keeton '04**, **Stephanie Rudloff Brown** and Clarke Brown took their

kids to explore Montreal, Canada.

**Heather Gaburo** is a pathologists' assistant for the Murtha Cancer Center Biobank in California, where she works with fellow alum **Diego Vicente**, a surgical oncologist at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. Last year, Heather crossed the finish line of the Solana Beach sprint triathlon with Diego's wife **Sarah Robinson Vicente**. Heather is an avid traveler.

**Susanne Huntington Smiley** and her husband **Justin Smiley '03** recently traveled to New York City where they visited the Central Park Zoo, Rockefeller Center, Times Square, and the Museum of Mathematics with their two children, Evelyn, 6, and Huntington, 4.

**Angela Woolard** recently took a lovely tour of three countries, including Denmark, Norway and Sweden.



**Jacqueline Camille Langholtz** to William Randolph Taylor, 6/01/19.

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## 2006

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As I write to you this time, I have a very hopeful heart. I usually have something witty to tell you about the season or W&M or even my family. But this time, I want to leave you with a message that will make you want to stand up and make a difference.

There is a little girl whose family grew up in my hometown of Sanford, Virginia, that is fighting for her life. In fact, by the time this edition goes to print, she may have her wings. She is only 11.

She has been an amazing advocate and positive optimist for all children fighting cancer. In my small community, which includes Chincoteague Island, Brianna Merritt is leaving her legacy. She has asked to stop treatment and no longer wants for anything, except kindness. Her last wish is that everyone pay kindness forward. For such a young girl, she has learned some of life's biggest lessons already. Won't you join me in helping her leave her mark? It could be a sticky note of encouragement for someone, paying for someone's coffee behind you in line, or even holding a door for a mother of young children. Brianna Merritt is an amazing little girl, one that has touched me as a teacher, a mother, a wife and a friend. Won't you be more like her today and spread a little kindness and love? Prayers, hugs and love are flooding their way to the Merritt and Terrell families.

There is a way to pay that kindness forward right now. And it could be in love and support to one of our own. **Layla Bonnet** recently wrote in to tell us about a very tough situation that we could make a difference in involving her good friend. She told us the story of **Eric Goldman**. Eric is a proud husband to his wife Jane and a very devoted dad to twin boys, Sandy and Jake. But he is also a fighter. He also has cancer and is battling GBM, glioblastoma multiforme, a rare form of brain cancer. The situation looks bleak here in the states, so the family has traveled to Germany to try some more sophisticated treatments in the hopes of a better outcome for Eric and more time for Jake and Sandy with their daddy. If you feel led to help in a monetary or spiritual way, visit [www.forthetwins.org](http://www.forthetwins.org). You never what your prayers, words, actions or love

might mean for someone else. We are sending all our thoughts and prayers to you Eric and are optimistic that a wonderful submission will come our way in a few months, telling us about all the amazing memories you and your family have had the time and opportunity to make. Thinking of you all!

While some of life is serious and at times a bit of a downer, other aspects leaving us feeling nothing but amazing and overflowing with joy. **Kylie A. Horney Hulbert '06, M.A.Ed. '08** wrote in with terrific news from her family. Grant Christopher Hulbert was born on Nov. 12, 2018. She and her husband Matt say they are just over the moon with their newest addition. Mom gushes that, "he is the happiest little boy" and furthermore that big sister Eleanor "is Grant's biggest fan." By the time this magazine goes to the press, the Hulbert family will be back on the East Coast, having moved from Texas back to the great state of Virginia. Kylie writes jokingly that she is so excited to be back to the state as well as to experiencing all four seasons again. We wish you and your beautiful family all the best and look forward to getting to hear more about your Virginia travels.

Finally I heard a fantastic update from **Amol Patel** and **Amanda Heyer Patel**. Amanda wrote in to share exciting news that their family has recently grown by two very blessed little feet. They welcomed their third child on May 8. Ellora Wren, a beautiful daughter with a middle name giving tribute to W&M, has joined their two oldest children, brothers Kiran (6) and Ari (3). At time of submission, the Patel family were loving their adjustment to becoming a family of five, as the boys adored spoiling little Ellora. Congratulations to

you all. I know you guys will have many wonderful updates to share with us in the coming editions

Until next time, remember to make the most of each and every day. Hold your loved ones close and reach out to friends, family and even strangers. A little love and kindness makes the world such a better place.

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## 2007

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After working for 12 years as a high school English teacher, **Amanda Dunbrack** recently received her master's in educational leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University, and this school year she began a new position as dean of students at Cosby High School in Chesterfield County. Having gone through my undergraduate education program with Amanda, I think she will be amazing in this new role.

**Austin Green** was featured in the "Getting to Know" section of the Richmond Times-Dispatch early in 2019. He is co-founder and executive director of Hatch Kitchen-RVA, "an incubator in South Richmond designed to feed the growth of local food companies." In the interview, Austin talks about some of his business decisions and goals, and he mentions his first job after college at Five Forks Cafe in Williamsburg.

An article written by **Erik Haugh** was published in Charlottesville's The Daily Progress in 2019. In the article, entitled "Rising drug prices are killing us...literally," he discusses the rising costs of insulin and other essential, life-saving medicines. Erik uses his

personal experience to illustrate the difficult situation many Americans are facing. He calls on Congress to hold pharmaceutical companies "accountable for their greed." Erik lives in Charlottesville with his wife and he works in renewable energy.

**Jane Cardo Kennedy** is back in the USA! She and her family have moved to Ashburn, Virginia. Her husband is working near Dulles. She would love to get in touch with fellow alumni. Feel free to email her at [jane.c.kennedy@gmail.com](mailto:jane.c.kennedy@gmail.com).

In August, MendenFreiman, a leading Atlanta-based law firm, announced its expansion. One of the attorneys joining their team as an associate is **Matthew "Matt" S. Paolillo**. The firm now offers an established tax controversy and planning practice. Congratulations to Matt on his position!



**Nathan Weaver Bowen** to **Kelsey Alys Meiklejohn '09**, 5/05/19.

**Mary Catherine McGinn** to Bradley J. Mohr, 10/27/18.

**Leigh Anne Tally** to **Joshua Lyle Lovell '04, M.Ed. '08**, 5/19/18.

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## 2008

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Hello, Class of 2008! I hope you all had a fun-filled holiday season with family and friends. Thanks to everyone who submitted notes. It is always great hearing about everyone's lives. Feel free to email me your updates at any time, [ajpinn08@gmail.com](mailto:ajpinn08@gmail.com).

**Hayley Loblein** received her Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of Texas at Austin. She completed her internship in clinical psychology at Children's Hospital of Michigan and she is currently a post-doctoral fellow in neuropsychology at Children's National Health System in Washington, D.C.

**Sam Rhodes M.Ed. '09** graduated with his Ph.D. from William & Mary in 2019 and is now working as a professor in the mathematics/statistics department at James Madison University.

**Rob Tisdale** started a new job with the Boston field office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in June 2018 and is a supervisory immigration services officer in the naturalization section. After starting at the Boston field office, Rob completed his master of arts in security studies (homeland defense and security) from the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security in December 2018, a program he began in June 2017.

**Betsy Dougert** was promoted to vice president of external relations at SCORE, the nation's largest network of volunteer expert business mentors. She is responsible for media relations, government relations and sponsorships.

**Kurt Steinhouse** was promoted to general counsel of the New York City Board of Standards and Appeals, the local zoning board, where he advises on matters related to land use, real estate development and administrative law. He has also served as secretary of the New York City Bar Association's Charter Revision Task Force, as a subcommittee chair of the City Bar's Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee, and as a tour guide on Governors Island.

**Ri Scott** is pleased to announce his engagement to Eric Samuels. They

anticipate celebrating their marriage in the Bay Area in the second half of 2020.



To **Ryan Mark Harney** and **Sara Greene Harney '09** a son, Grady Jack, 3/25/19.



**Brian Jeffrey Ball** to Laura Jones, 4/25/15.

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## 2009

Class Reporter  
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Hello Class of 2009! In bittersweet news, this is my last column, as I past the baton to Andy Foiles who I know will do a great job. I've so enjoyed emailing with you all for the past six (!) years, and I look forward to reading the notes for many more! You can email Andy at [afoiles@gmail.com](mailto:afoiles@gmail.com).

**Rachelle Hunt** married Austin Earp at an intimate destination wedding on the west coast of Ireland in October 2017.

In 2015, **Chris Manitus** started a photo booth rental business in Los Angeles called Maple Leaf Photo Booths. He recently launched another photo booth and group photography brand called Pic Station.

**Rodrigo Delgado** wrote a science fiction adventure book, his first, called "Mortal Nature."

**Eric Evans** is currently deployed with his Army unit and is commanding a platoon in the Middle East.

**Sarah Michalowski Wenzinger** moved to Staunton, Virginia, with her husband and 1-year-old son and is working as a pediatric hospitalist.

**Danielle Bourguet** and Devin Angle were married on Sept. 15, 2018, in Port Washington, New

York. They celebrated with several of Danielle's classmates including her roommate **Kate Hurley Dandekar** and friends **Peggy Newman '08**, **Jenna Swalin '08**, **Christopher Seibert '08**, **Alex Thomson '08**, and **Jessica Maddux '08**. Danielle and her husband now happily live in New York City.

**Laura Minnichelli** moved with her husband and daughter from Reston, Virginia, to Franklin, Massachusetts, in April 2018 to be closer to her parents. She is currently a research associate at IMPAQ International supporting government clients in health policy.

**Rob Franklin** and his wife Erin welcomed baby Virginia Parker Franklin into this world on St. Patrick's Day 2019! Dad is already trying to brainwash her into matriculating at William & Mary. Rob works on the Strategy & Business Insights team with McDonald's at the company's global headquarters in Chicago.

**Lisa Bateman** married Thomas Breslin on March 23, 2019, in Leesburg, Virginia. **Carrie Daut** was a bridesmaid, and other Tribe members in attendance include **Katie Sasinowski Nedelcovych**, **Mike Nedelcovych**, **Erin Hickman '08, M.Acc. '10**, **Paul Hickman '10**, **Hannah Gardner Todd '11**, **Katie Ball Swartz**, **Charlie Swartz**, **Catherine Jones '02** and **Megan Eavey Neeley**. Lisa is a licensed clinical psychologist who specializes in treating individuals with OCD and other anxiety disorders. Tom is the senior manager of group sales for the Washington Nationals, and though he did not go to William & Mary, he was integral in initiating the William & Mary Day at Nationals Park event.

**Carolyn Kovacs** is currently in her second year living in Bocas del Toro, Panama, working as the resident lecturer in Tropical Coastal Ecology

for the School for Field Studies.

On April 25, 2019, **Kaycee Gray Vannatter** married Shawn Vannatter, a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army. She relocated to Oahu in July to join him in Hawaii for the next three years. Kaycee and Shawn are both Virginia natives and plan to return home in 2021. Kaycee has been working as a physician recruiter since 2014 and is excited for this next chapter in her life!

**Matt Burns** just returned from China after photographing and documenting a number of famous tea mountains for use in his travelers' guide to tea in China.

**Tom Kinslow** and his wife **Mary Bellini Kinslow '11** welcomed their daughter Sophie Bellini Kinslow on Dec. 16, 2018. They can't wait to bring her down to W&M soon!

**Kayvan Farchadi** graduated magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, from the George Washington University Law School in May 2019. He started at the law firm Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C., in the fall.

**Sara Greene Harney** and husband **Ryan Harney '08** had their second child, a boy named Grady Jack, on March 25, 2019.

**Andy DeSoto** is the director of government relations at the Association for Psychological Science.

**Bryce Wilk** is the new superintendent of James River Park in Richmond, Virginia. An avid trail runner, he has completed the Richmond Marathon and enjoys running the trails in the park. Majoring in biology and minoring in history, he says, "The James River has the best of both worlds."



To **Sara Greene Harney** and **Ryan Mark Harney '08**, a son, Grady Jack, 3/25/19.



To **Rob Franklin** and Erin Franklin, a daughter, Virginia Parker Franklin, 3/17/19.

To **Thomas Patrick Kinslow Jr.** and **Mary Bellini Kinslow '11**, a daughter, Sophie Bellini, 12/16/18.



**Lisa Bateman** to Thomas Breslin, 3/23/19.

**Mallory Hogan Berlin** to Eli L. Berlin, 10/28/17.

**Danielle Bourguet** to Devin Angle, 9/15/18.

**Meredith Raibley Bryden** to David Jackson, 6/08/19.

**Rachelle Hunt** to Austin Earp, 10/17.

**Kelsey Alys Meiklejohn** to **Nathan Weaver Bowen '07**, 5/05/19.

**Jeff Ondocsin** to **Margaret Smith '10**, 6/1/19.

**Ross William Sheil '09, M.Acc. '10** to **Samantha Hyde Sweeney '11**, 7/27/19.

**Kaycee Gray Vannatter** to Shawn Vannatter, 4/25/19.

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## 2010

*Class Reporter*  
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Welcome to 2020! This will be a big year for the Class of 2010, because it means Homecoming & Reunion Weekend this October will be our 10-year reunion! Reserve your hotel early! Rent a car! Book a flight! Get a babysitter! Hitchhike! Quit your job! Do whatever you need to do to get to campus this fall. It'll be a rare opportunity to reunite and catch up, grab

a beer at the Leafe (God forbid, not at any of the new delis), and age ourselves by commenting on all the campus buildings that didn't exist back in our day. The past 10 years have been a pretty wild ride for a lot of us. It'd be great for as many of us as possible to gather and reconnect. It being 2020 also means we're officially no longer part of Young Guard (?!?) which is nuts, but probably reasonable since we're all in our 30s now.

With no further ado, here's what's new with all of you: **McKinley Sims** performed his first-ever public gig as a guitarist and singer last June in the Mt. Airy neighborhood of Philadelphia. Sims performed at the Folk Factory Coffeehouse in the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Restoration, where he's a full-time minister by day, guitarist and musician by night.

**Robert Ressler** received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Texas at Austin in May. He's currently living with his husband Josh Shank (and their kitty cat Obi!) in Spokane, Washington, and working at Gonzaga University. He's currently applying to tenure-track positions in sociology, public policy and public administration all across the country.

After graduating from the College of Charleston with a Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) in May 2019, **Steve Fletcher** joined Lowcountry Local First as community manager for the LocalWorks shared workspace in Charleston, South Carolina.

**Mary Bonney** is now the manager of TV production at the international production company Entertainment One. She loves overseeing filming of large-scale television shows including two network police programs filled with car chases, shootouts and explosions. She remains active in entertainment

mentorship groups and is writing her next musical.

After serving the Presbyterian campus ministry in St. Louis for five years, **Miriam Moore Foltz** moved to Delaware in August to be pastor of New Castle Presbyterian Church.

**Christina Bullock** graduated in August 2019 with a Ph.D. from Regent University's School of Communication and the Arts. She currently leads the editorial content division for CarMax Auto Superstores headquartered in Richmond, Virginia.

**Price Thomas** would also like you all to know that **Preston Whitlock** is pursuing a career in male modeling. "We're so excited to see him gracing various home decor magazines across the nation," wrote Price. **Ali Snell** can also happily report that she's successfully assembled a lot of IKEA furniture in the 10 years since college. (I'm very, very open to turning this column into The Onion: W&M 2010 edition, so keep it coming, folks.)

On a more serious note, **Hannah Debelius** and **T. Rush Lester** were married Oct. 5, 2019, in Maryland.

**Elizabeth Foss** was married to Ryland Bacorn on June 29, 2019 with bridesmaids **Haley Rugh**, **Joy Thomas** and **Lauren Huyett Kantor** by her side and **Nicholas Kantor** officiating.

**Alexandra Whitehead** married James Zocco, a Virginia Tech grad, on June 22, 2019, at the historic Saint John's Church in Richmond, Virginia. The bridal party included **Hiwa Alaghebandian**, **Emilie Raymer** and **Kelsey Werner**. Following a honeymoon in Saint Lucia, the couple now resides in Midlothian, Virginia. Alexandra currently works as an education consultant and school development coach for the New Tech Network.

**Jennifer Souers Briggs** was married

on Dec. 22, 2018, to Preston M. Briggs, at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado. They are excited to be celebrating their first anniversary this year.

That's all for this column. Be well and keep in touch, everyone.



**Carla Beth Barnes** to Matthew Blazek, 8/04/18.

**Sara Clark** to Matthew Barton, 10/12/19.

**George Hager Clements** to **Stephanie Ann Steinweg '12**, 6/29/19.

**Wesley Ann Drew** to Ralph Boersma, 7/13/19.

**Summer Elise Finck** to C. Taylor Smith, 3/30/19.

**Benjamin Paul Kyber** to Anne Stewart Claytor, 6/22/2019.

**Jennifer Carrie Lee Nobil** to Patrick R. Gillece, 6/23/18.

**Stephanie Christine Ricketts '10, M.A.Ed. '11** to Eric J. Hayes, 11/03/18.

**Margaret Smith** to **Jeff Ondocsin '09**, 6/1/19.

**Landon McKnight Stanfield** to Samantha Morgan Purgason, 5/18/19.

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## 2011

*Class Reporter*  
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Class of 2011, wonderful news abounds!

After five years of serving as the program coordinator for student leadership and campus engagement at Dickinson College, **Jessee Vasold** was promoted in May to assistant director. His responsibilities

now include advising the student programming board, MOB; administering student groups; and managing the Holland Union Building, their student union on campus. He is excited for all of the new opportunities and challenges ahead!

Business coach **Shannon Mitchell** was honored as West Virginia's 2019 State Star. She was given this honor for being an exemplary performer and showing a strong commitment to small business.

**William Sendor's** concept for the Memorial to African Americans Enslaved by William & Mary was recently selected by President Rowe from the recommendations of a nine-member jury of professionals in the fields of history, museums and the arts. He pays tribute to the memory of enslaved people in his design titled "Hearth," resembling a brick fireplace and features large bricks with the names of those enslaved by the school.

I can hardly wait to read what we do next. As always, send tidings of good news and great joy to cefinchum@gmail.com!



To **Thomas Patrick Kinslow Jr. '09** and **Mary Bellini Kinslow**, a daughter, Sophie Bellini, 12/16/18.



**Samantha Hyde Sweeney** to **Ross William Sheil '09, M.Acc. '10**, 7/27/19.

**Michael Jacob Cohen** to Maya Dimant Lentz, 6/16/19.

**Keith Bradley Constance '11, M.Acc. '12** to **Samantha Jane Fansler '13**, 5/26/19.

**Nicole Susan Rickabaugh** to **Christopher Humberto Bahls-Mariles '12**, 8/18/18.

**Rhea Lynn Wright** to Dylan M. Wehr, 4/28/19.

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## 2012

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Hello Class of 2012!

I hope you had a wonderful fall and are staying bundled up for the winter!

This week I was thinking about the how in life there are many days (especially weekdays) that look pretty much the same for me. Wake up, do a few chores, take the dog for a walk, work from home, go for a run, figure out dinner, watch a show on Netflix with my husband, maybe read a book if I'm not already asleep before my head hits the pillow. The days seem to blend together for weeks at a time until all at once things converge and a particular day is predicated by a series of "good" events.

For example, this past Tuesday a brand deal I've been working on for my company came through, a podcast advertising deal was pushed over the finish line, all the data points that I track for work were way up, my article on the Colonial Parkway Murders was published, AND I ran 4.5 miles without stopping, which is the most I've run in a long time! Needless to say, we went out for sushi that night to celebrate. It was a great day and I felt accomplished.

But then I started thinking about all the "regular" days that it took to make it to that one "amazing" day. Lots of seemingly mundane emails, lots of shorter runs that built up to that 4.5 mile run, lots of time interviewing, drafting, editing and laying out the Colonial Parkway Murders article,

lots of time strategizing content to get the podcast deal. In short, lots of hard work. And after the sushi celebration, and after going to bed on that Tuesday night and waking up on Wednesday morning — it was back to the grind.

I couldn't help feeling a little deflated. I wanted to be suspended in that "accomplished" feeling all the time instead of jumping back into my usual tasks. But on a run this week, I started thinking more about how not every day can be what I've dubbed "that Epic Tuesday." Because if it weren't for the little things that happen on the mundane days, those everyday weekdays where it can seem like a hamster wheel of routine tasks, the Epic Tuesdays couldn't exist. And that would be sad!

One of my favorite comedians, Chris D'Elia, was talking about this on his podcast recently. He said "Life rips, babies! You just have to realize it rips, and then it rips. It doesn't rip if you don't think it rips." I'll decipher this. Basically he's saying, "Life is good if you think it's good, and it's not if you think it's not!" It's all about mindset.

So if you're slogging through long days at the office and are unsure where all this hard work is leading you, if you're a stay-at-home parent and are wondering what these days at home will add up to, if you're feeling like you're on the hamster wheel of life. Just wait. It all adds up to something. And in the meantime, enjoy those mundane days. Because they lead up to those epic ones!

Here's what's happening with our classmates:

**Jamison Shabanowitz** married Kerriann Laubach on April 6, 2019, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The wedding party included **Andrew Sassoon** and **Rebecca Morrow J.D. '15**.

**Christina Hecker** and Shaun Zhang were married Aug. 31, 2019, at the Swan House Gardens in Atlanta. The couple

resides in Chicago, where Christina consults school district superintendents on decisions regarding curriculum, professional development and technology. Shaun is a trial attorney at Chicago's elite litigation boutique, Goldman Ismail. The bridal party included **Samantha Bos, Maegan Crews Fallen, Lilian Liu '13** and **Dangaia Sims '11**.

**Giselle Spahr** married Alexandre Nicolas Stom on May 18, 2019. The wedding was held at the Wren Chapel.

**Kathryn Matteson Ruffer** and David Ruffer welcomed their daughter, Madeleine Marie, on Jan. 17, 2019.

**Anne Dorff** married John Brandenburg in Atlanta on Sept. 7, 2019, at Cator Woolford Gardens.

**Laura Ryan Flanagan** was promoted to assistant principal, middle school at the District of Columbia International School (DCI).

**Anna Pettyjohn** married **Christopher Fong** at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 21, 2019. The bridal party included **Laura Flanagan, Sarah Fiorito, Zoe Grotophorst '11, Andrés Ramos, Andrew Strauch** and **Kemp Pettyjohn '15**.

**Briana Sewell**, who is the regional organizer for the Virginia Campaign for a Family Friendly Economy, spoke at the Madison County Democratic Committee (MCDC) meeting on June 22. She discussed the need for living wages, recognizing wage gaps and economic empowerment and equity for women.

**B.W. Webb**, cornerback for the Cincinnati Bengals NFL team, spoke about gun violence prevention and the benefits of education at the North Phoebus Community Center in Hampton, Virginia, before the start of its 10-week-long STEM camp in June.

**Ian Joseph** and **Danielle Coradazzi Joseph '13** welcomed their first

child into the world this month. Their son, August Lee Joseph, was born Sept. 6, 2019.



To **Ian Joseph** and **Danielle Coradazzi Joseph '13**, a son, August Lee Joseph, 9/6/2019.

To **Kathryn Matteson Ruffer** and David Ruffer, a daughter, Madeleine Marie, 1/17/2019.



**Christopher Humberto Bahls-Mariles** to **Susan Rickabaugh '11**, 8/18/18.

**Anne Dorff** to John Brandenburg, 9/7/19.

**Christina Hecker** to Shaun Zhang, 8/31/19.

**Anna Pettyjohn** to **Christopher Fong**, 9/21/19.

**Tassia Katrina Reinhold** to James Canavan, 4/28/19.

**Jamison Shabanowitz** to Kerriann Laubach, 4/6/19.

**Giselle Esther Alexandra Spahr** to Alexandre Nicholas Stom, 5/18/19.

**Stephanie Ann Steinweg** to **George Hager Clements '10**, 6/29/19.

**Jennifer Marie Walker** to Tyler Ray Wilson, 5/19/19.

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## 2013

Class Reporter  
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Happy 2020, everyone! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday season. Thank you for continuing to send me your updates, and keep on doing so by emailing me at lkbrond@email.

wm.edu. I love hearing what you're up to!

**Kathryn VanDeveer** is engaged to be married to Chris Gioia in the fall of 2020. The couple currently resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with their two beloved dogs, Bam Bam and Abby.

**Avery Newton** was accepted to the 2019-2020 cohort of the Education Policy Fellowship Program, an educational leadership program meant to supplement her full-time work at American Student Assistance, a nonprofit in Boston dedicated to researching and aiding the school-to-work transition for middle and high school students.

**Ryan Burbey** and **Amanda Burns Burbey '14** welcomed their first child on July 22, 2019, named Dahlia Rae Burbey.

After two years at the Tenement Museum, **Chelsea Bracci** took on the role of special projects manager at the American Jewish Historical Society this past March. In this position, Chelsea spearheads the creation of educational programming and curriculum and the development of digital interactives and experiences. In her own words: "With 30 million documents and 50,000 books, photographs, art and artifacts, it is exciting to develop out-of-the-box ways to bring our collections to life!"

We also have a lot of marriages to celebrate — congratulations to all!

**Jessica Jones Ko** to Gunwoo Ko on Jan. 3, 2016.

**Christopher Beaucham** to Sophia Taskova on Jan. 15, 2018, on a cliff above the sea (which sounds very exciting!).

**Katie Buenaga Martz '13, M.Ed. '17** to Max Martz on July 21, 2018, in Boone, North Carolina, with many other William & Mary alumni in attendance. Katie is an elementary school teacher and Max is an EOD bomb technician in the Navy.

**Erika Renee Bradshaw** to Craig Boegner on July 21, 2018.

**Danbi Choi '13, M.B.A. '14** to Donghwan Jun on Aug. 18, 2018. Additional congratulations to Danbi and Donghwan on the birth of their daughter, Yaeji!

**Melanie Belle Levine** to **Matthew David Muller '12** on Dec. 21, 2018.

**Ha Eun Park** to Jaebum Byun on March 27, 2019.

**Min Kyung Yoo** to Billy Collins on May 19, 2019.

**John Lovette** to **Nancy Lauer** on May 26, 2019, in Durham, North Carolina, with a good representation from William & Mary, including friends from our 2013 class.

**Melissa DiVecchia** to Bryant Garcin on July 13, 2019.

**Gavin Mak** to **Renee Chu '14** on Aug. 3, 2019.

**Amber Huang** to Phillip Kang on Sept. 1, 2019.

**Reid Martin Francis** to **Jessica Louise Smith '14** on Sept. 7, 2019. They were married in Napa, California, and celebrated with a number of other William & Mary alumni.

**Hubert Wang** to Jessie Wang on Oct. 20, 2019.



To **Ryan Burbey** and **Amanda Burns Burbey '14**, a daughter, Dahlia Rae Burbey, 7/22/19.

To **Danbi Choi '13, M.B.A. '14** and Donghwan Jun, a daughter, Yaeji.



**Christopher Beacham** to Sophia Taskova, 1/15/18.

**Erika Renee Bradshaw** to Craig Boegner, 8/21/2018.

**Danbi Choi '13, M.B.A. '14** to Donghwan Jun, 8/18/18.

**Erin Riley Dean** to Trevor D. Tomczak, 8/24/19.

**Melissa Kathryn DiVecchia** to Bryant Gary Garcin, 7/13/19.

**Samantha Jane Fansler** to **Keith Bradley Constance '11, M.Acc. '12**, 5/26/19.

**Reid Martin Francis** to **Jessica Louise Smith '14**, 9/7/19.

**Thomas Fenner Gibson IV** to Victoria Gan-gotena Gibson, 7/19/19.

**Jessica Jones Ko** to Gunwoo Ko, 1/3/16.

**Amber Huang** to Phillip Kang, 9/1/2019.

**Jeffrey James Kuchan** to **Julia Flint Baum '15, M.A.Ed. '16**, 6/29/19.

**Melanie Belle Levine** to **Matthew David Muller '12**, 12/21/18.

**John Lovette** to **Nancy Lauer**, 5/26/19

**Megan Brynn MacIver** to Tom Mansour, 7/20/19.

**Gavin Mak** to **Renee Chu '14**, 8/3/19.

**Katie Buenaga Martz '13, M.Ed. '17** to Max Martz, 7/21/2018.

**Ha Eun Park** to Jaebum Byun, 3/27/19.

**Heidi Lynn Schoomaker '13, M.A.Ed. '15** to Christopher James Myers, 6/15/19.

**Hubert Wang** to Jessie Wang, 10/20/19.

**Min Kyung Yoo** to Billy Collins, 5/19/19.

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## 2014

Class Reporter  
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I've never been one particularly spellbound by nostalgia or resolution, and perhaps that

disenchantment isn't all that unique. Nevertheless, in New Year's fashion, reflect with me. Or don't! From a "demotivational poster" a friend shared with me: "Blogging: Never before have so many people with so little to say said so much to so few." I promise this column will not be profound, but I feel I owe it to the magazine to write something. So please email me and share what's going in your life so that family who visit can read about where you are while they're in the bathroom, instead of where I am! (Though, cue nostalgia: let's go ahead and press play on Pixies' "Where Is My Mind?") Could be a song 2020 needs sung.)

This time 10 years ago we were waiting — waiting to hear that acceptant "hello" from colleges and waiting for that amicable "goodbye" from high school. While the severity of that waiting varied from person to person, there was a clear and significant countdown that affected us all. The countdown is less clear but seemingly more significant now as the "Tribe" we were once physically united in has spread out to create and influence new ones. We're on the other side of our days at William & Mary (well, at least figuratively; I'm writing this at The Daily Grind), but I don't think our waiting is over. It's a different question than "What is your New Year's resolution?" What are you waiting for now? If your answer is, "a better column from my class reporter," I hear ya, let's make one together! And if you're a Tribe alum's relative, please remember to wash your hands.



**Israel Alejandro Castorena** to **Jasmin Nicole Boothe**, 5/26/18.

**Arrienne Louise Daniels** to Gyeongil An, 11/10/18.

**Katherine Elizabeth Durst** to Alexander A. Berry, 5/04/19.

**Caroline Kirk Gensheimer** to Reed Des-Rosiers, 5/26/19.

**Shane Michael Mangin** to **Devon Margaret Fryatt**, 8/10/19.

**Kathleen Swift '14, M.Ed. '15** to **Christopher David Papas '15**, 7/5/19.

**Kelley Anne Quinzio** to Timothy Peters, 6/08/19.

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## 2015

Class Reporter  
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Hello, Class of 2015! Here are some updates on what's happening with us out in the great big world.

In academic news, **Claudia Swain** began a master's in security studies at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. On the other end of the grad school marathon, **Elizabeth Hubbard** graduated from the Wharton School in May. Congrats to both of you!

**Stephanie (Sophie) Mason** married Williamsburg native Joel Owen on May 19. They had 11 Class of '15ers in attendance in Houston, Texas.

Professionally, **Lizzie Salita** received a Values in Practice (VIP) Award from Booz Allen Hamilton, their highest individual award to recognize those who exemplify the firm's core values. Meanwhile, **Tyler Dunphy** joined Timothy Knox, LLP in Fort Washington, Maryland, as an associate attorney and member of the firm's Students' Rights team.

In April, **Tyler Brent** joined the Foreign Service as a public diplomacy

officer. He is currently serving in his first overseas assignment with the Department of State as the cultural affairs officer at the U.S. Consulate-General in Guangzhou, China, where he'll be stationed until 2021.

**Agatha Loose** graduated June 20 from the Drug Enforcement Administration's Forensic Chemist Training. Upon graduation from the training academy, she was appointed as a forensic chemist to the Mid-Atlantic Laboratory in Largo, Maryland, by the Attorney General of the United States of America.

Finally, a personal note from me: I married my best friend, **Kathleen Swift '14, M.Ed. '15**, in July at Rust Manor House in Leesburg! Among the many W&M alums there were our groomsmen **Jim Szabo**, **Seb Meekins '17**, **Will Sweetser** and **Zak Goldberger** and bridesmaids **Hannah Tucker** and **Marlee Bardenett '14**. Thanks to everyone who was there!



**Julia Flint Baum '15, M.A.Ed. '16** to **Jeffrey James Kuchan '13**, 6/29/19.

**Nicole Louise Betts** to **Michael James McKenna M.S. '18**, 10/20/18.

**Hannah Elizabeth Carter** to Andrew M. Kalasky, 5/25/19.

**Mark A. Kendrick** to **Caroline Elizabeth Chalko**, 6/23/18.

**Christopher David Papas** to **Kathleen Swift '14, M.Ed. '15**, 7/5/19.

**Casey E. Perkins** to Sean Michael Petrizzi, 11/24/18.

**Claire Wyatt Porte** to Erik Larsson, 7/27/19.

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## 2016

*Class Reporter*  
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Hello Class of 2016!

I hope everyone is doing well. It's hard to believe that it's been *seven* years since our first Yule Log Ceremony in the Wren Courtyard. Much has changed since then, but one thing that has not changed are the incredible things our class continues to accomplish.

For example, many members of our class have achieved impressive career milestones:

After graduating, **Kassandra Leal** made her way to Florida for summer training to start her two-year commitment of missionary life with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). She served on college campuses for three years at the University of Alabama, University of Florida and Angelo State University in West Texas. She is now back in Virginia in her home Diocese of Richmond serving as the new director of Catholic Campus Ministry for Hampden-Sydney College and Longwood University.

**Noella Handley** recently graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with a master's degree in linguistics. They recently moved to Petaluma, California, and works as a freelance editor.

**Christine Bruinsma** completed her degree and certification as a medical laboratory technologist and is working in a full-service hospital lab.

**Karen Alvarez** graduated from Northeastern University in May with a master's (M.S.) and certificate of graduate studies (C.A.G.S.) in school psychology.

**Yuezhong Zheng** moved to Tempe, Arizona, to start a new job in August this year at Arizona State University, working as a program coordinator for the

International Students and Scholars Center after graduating from the University of Michigan in their master's program in higher education.

After working as a learning specialist at the Packer Collegiate Institute in Brooklyn, New York, **Danielle Shulkin** left to join the Peace Corps as a volunteer in the Teaching English, Leadership, and Life Skills sector. She is now living on an indigenous reservation in Panama with no cell signal and no electricity, but lots of arroz con pollo.

**Margaret (Daisy) Horning** is currently working as an advancement associate for the Miller Center of Public Affairs, which is a non-partisan affiliate of the University of Virginia that specializes in presidential history and public policy. She lives in Charlottesville with another W&M alum, **Cameron Beasley '15**, and their two cats and one kitten.

Many members of our class also celebrated major life events:

**Hiba Vohra** got engaged this past July to **Abdelrahman Aboulatta '18**.

**Taylor Ferguson** and **Hunter Atkins** were married at the Wren Chapel on Oct. 12, 2019.

**Courtney Mizerak** and **Jackson Eskay** got married on Aug. 17. The Tribe was in full force at their wedding — 46 total alums in attendance, spanning three generations.

And finally, **Jonathan Rigby** and **Grace Martien-Rigby** were married on Aug. 24 in Oxford, Maryland. They were surrounded by family and friends, including 35 William & Mary alumni! Grace and Jonathan currently live in Connecticut where Grace is completing her final year at Yale Divinity School and Jonathan is continuing his joint degree program at Yale Divinity School and Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

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



**Lauren Diana Dong** to **William James Hollingsworth '16**, M.Ed. '18, 9/2/18.

**Taylor Ferguson** to **Hunter Atkins**, 10/12/19.

**Grace Martien** to **Jonathan Rigby**, 8/24/19.

**Courtney Mizerak** to **Jackson Eskay**, 8/17/19.

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## 2017

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## 2018

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Magazines are a testament to pre-planning: months before publication, their creators have already compiled articles and graphics for your eventual reading and viewing pleasure. **Mona Sharaf '19**, who interned with the Alumni Magazine at the same time that I did, can attest to the long hours spent editing Class Notes, not to mention the other content in the publication. Although you're reading this as you cozy up to the fireplace and sip hot toddies, I'm writing this in 80-degree heat and humidity. You're probably hoping to read updates from Homecoming & Reunion 2019, but alas, my deadline for this column occurs weeks before we return to the Swamp and re-live the fun parts of college for a weekend. It was, however, good to

see all of you in October, even if I'm stating that prematurely.

The amount of William & Mary alumni I encounter regularly in Washington, D.C., continues to baffle me. As I was walking through the basement of one of the congressional office buildings, I ran into **Casey MacLean**. As I was crossing the street last week, I am convinced that I spotted **Jaya Uppal**, who took Dr. Whittenburg's freshman seminar with me half a decade ago in our first semester at William & Mary. **Luke Hogg '19** now works for a grassroots organization and I bump into him at various social events.

This past summer, **Sarah Anderson '17** and I somehow miraculously coordinated an evening at a Nationals game with **Ryan Harris**, **Dillon Hayes**, **Hunter McConville**, **Matt Phillips '17**, **Elizabeth Pokol '20**, **Mikaela Richardson '17**, M.B.A. '18, **Mari-na Schlosser '20** and **Hollie Soave**. **Mary Turgeon** also briefly popped by the section we had commandeered.

The same weekend that Sarah and I accomplished that organizational feat, we had planned to piddle around Great Falls. As the epitome of grace, I promptly fell into the Potomac, and Dillon kindly retrieved me before I floated downstream.

**Trinity Torres** and **Peter Gordon '17** hosted a joint birthday party the last weekend of September. **Rachel Becker '19** traveled from Richmond for the occasion, and I also ran into **Emily Lichtenstadter '19**, whom I did not realize had moved to our nation's swamp after graduation.

The merriest of Christmases and the happiest of 2020s to you all. I promise Homecoming updates in the next edition of the magazine.

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## 2019

*Class Reporter*  
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Hello all!

Welcome back to the second EVER edition of the Class of 2019 notes! Hopefully the past six-ish months of adulthood have lived up to your expectations! For me, they have been filled with the THRILL of bills and deadlines and expectations and grappling with the reality that I am no longer a student but a real, full-grown adult! Now to updating the masses on the adventures of the Class of '19.

Let us jump into some of the updates on what our peers are doing! **Jackie Valles** is living it up in Austin, Texas, working in sales for Box!

**Amy Folkerts** is living in New Brunswick, New Jersey, working as a campaign organizer with Environment New Jersey, which is committed to 100 percent renewable energy for the state (you go girl and save the environment!).

**Tommy Rubino** is hitting the route to grad schools by studying it up for the GRE (you can do it!).

**Emily Pearson-Beck** is living in Brooklyn and working with the Manhattan DA's office in the Immigrant Affairs Unit as a Chinese and Spanish program coordinator (a trilingual QUEEN!).

**Ola Pozor** just moved to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, to teach English.

**Connor Glendinning** is "Eat, Pray, Loving but in America. Also crying about unemployment. Maybe taking the LSAT, who knows!" (I believe in you, Connor!!).

**Mary Kate Maher** is ATTEMPTING to teach a bunch of second-graders in Fairfax (I feel you, fellow teacher!).

**Evan Oldshein** is working as a paralegal

in New York City before hopefully going to law school (a special shout-out to Mama Oldshein for always finding my work in the magazine!).

**Emma Smullen**, my former roommate and current BFF, is a finance queen working with JP Morgan!

**Rachel Becker** just moved to Richmond, Virginia, where she was appointed to the Northam administration as the special assistant to the secretary of health and human resources.

**Lily Merrill** is living in Germany as Fulbright English teaching assistant (woohoo to my fellow linguistics major!).

**Carolyn Farling** is getting a master's in applied science from Saint Mary's University in Nova Scotia, Canada.

**Valerie Bambha** is getting her Ph.D. in developmental psychology at Cornell (another woohoo to a fellow Linguistics major!).

**Kelsey Creech** is starting the Master of Divinity program at Yale.

**Hannah Caffacus** is working at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fitness and wellness department of campus recreation.

**Katherine Dougherty**, my former roommate from DuPont during my sophomore year, is studying at George Mason in their nursing program.

**Mollie Gaines**, another fellow Dupont-er, is working on getting a Ph.D. in geospatial analytics from North Carolina State.

**Bronwyn Roseli**, a GREAT buddy of mine, is following in my footsteps and making the Midwest move to Chicago, and I am thrilled to have a friend on this side of the no-coast.

**Julian Mills** is continuing his work in college admissions, transitioning from working as a senior interviewer at W&M (the position we both held and where we met), to working with George Washington

University's admissions office!

Former roommates **Nathaniel Anderson** and **Torger Olson** are continuing their studies, both pursuing Ph.D.s in their respective fields. **Rosie Rubenstein** is living it up in New York City working as an executive assistant to the SVP of content and creative at 9 Story Media Group.

**Kenneth Preston** is working in Washington, D.C., at Accenture.

What am I up to, you may ask? Well, I am halfway through serving my first year as a teacher in the Windy City (aka Chicago) through Teach for America. I am a middle school eighth-grade English reading and writing teacher at LEARN 8 Charter School on the west side of Chicago. I am also working on my master's in education. Juggling it all is hard, but I know I have my Tribe supporting me!

Keep up the great work, Class of '19! Don't hesitate to email me (monasharaf.96@gmail.com) with life updates that I can share with the W&M community!



**Daniel Steven Roth** to Rachael Hannah Kerley, 1/30/19.

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## Arts & Sciences

Graduate School Reporter

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Happy New Year! I had the pleasure of spending part of the holidays in Williamsburg with my wife and kids. It was

wonderful to once again enjoy the sights and sounds of the holidays in the city that we called home for 10 years. The best part was spending time with old friends and bringing in the New Year with them. Here's to much happiness and joy in 2020!

**Tom Chambers M.A. '94, Ph.D. '99** (history) has taught at Niagara University in Buffalo, New York, for the past 15 years, but recently accepted a new challenge across town. He will be focused on recruiting students, developing new degree programs and defending the liberal arts as the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Canisius College.

**Scott Atwood M.A. '91** (history) was recently elected secretary/treasurer of the Florida Bar's Labor and Employment Section Executive Council, where he assists in formulating and implementing legal policy on the state and local levels. He is a shareholder at the law firm of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.

**Gary Miller '76, M.A. '79** (biology) became the 18th president of the University of Akron on Oct. 1.

**Steve Harrison '08, M.P.P. '10** is now the first vice president of business intelligence at the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance, where he leads the business intelligence department and serves as a liaison between state and local partners and businesses looking to relocate to Hampton Roads.

**Anna Gibson Hollo-way M.A. '97** (history), a leading expert on Civil War ironclads, has published "Our Little Monitor: The Greatest Invention of the Civil War" (Kent State University Press, 2018) with co-author Jonathan W. White. She led the team that created the USS Monitor Center at the Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia.

**Gail Williams Wertz '66, M.A. '19** (anthropology) has come full circle; she is now a full-time graduate student in the department of anthropology after an illustrious career as a professor in the biomedical field. She has always remained connected to William & Mary by serving as a Graduate Studies Advisory Board member.

**Jochen Wierich Ph.D. '98** (American studies) is the new Lena E. S. Meijer professor in art history at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This endowed professorship includes serving as the curator of sculpture and sculpture exhibitions at the Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park.

**Linda Novak M.A. '94** (anthropology), director of Old Fort Western in Augusta, Maine, since 2010, gave a talk for a series of programs commemorating the 50th anniversary of the founding of Row House, Hallowell's historical society.

**Philip Bigler M.A. '84** (American studies) has published his 10th book, "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier - A Century of Honor" (Apple Ridge, 2019).



**Sarah Reynard Thumm M.A. '97** to Richard Wilmoth, 3/8/19.

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## Mason School of Business

Graduate School Reporter

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**Angela Courtney '08, M.B.A. '17** is a senior director with Ankura Consulting Group in Nashville, Tennessee. In

her role she specializes in strategy and performance, bringing 10 years of consulting experience to the role. In addition to her MBA, Angela also earned her undergraduate degree from William & Mary.

**Anita Elliott '86, M.B.A. '92** has been serving as the senior vice president and chief accounting officer for Dollar General Corporation in Goodlettsville, Tennessee, since 2015. She came to the company in 2005 well prepared, having worked as a certified public accountant for 12 years before serving in leadership and accounting roles in the retail industry with both Jitney-Jungle Stores of America Inc. and Big Lots Inc. Anita earned both her bachelor's degree and MBA from William & Mary.

**Robert Boyd "Bo" Bragg IV M.B.A. '99** is the owner and manager of his family's business, Bragg and Company Real Estate in Kilmarnock, Virginia. As a broker, general contractor and from his years of real estate banking, he brings significant experience to an organization that provides real estate sales services, develops land and manages construction projects. Prior to earning his MBA, Bo earned his bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia.

**David Taylor M.B.A. '03** is the vice president of supply for the North America division of Anheuser Busch in St. Louis, Missouri. He has moved up within the company over the last two decades starting as designer of brew houses and now oversees the operations of 48 different facilities ranging from hops farms to container plants and brewers. Dave earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri, and his M.B.A. from William

& Mary.



**Christopher Anderson M.Acc. '17** to Hillary Shutter Anderson, 5/18/18.

**Keith Bradley Constance '11, M.Acc. '12** to **Samantha Jane Fansler '13**, 5/26/19.

**Christopher Lee Dobbs M.B.A. '13** to Donika Martin, 8/31/19.

**Michael James McKenna M.S. '18** to **Nicole Louise Betts '15**, 10/20/18.

**Ross William Sheil '09, M.Acc. '10** to **Samantha Hyde Sweeney '11**, 7/27/19.

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## School of Education

*Graduate School Reporter*

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**Sara Skaggs Boston '14, M.Ed. '15** recently graduated from the University of Maryland with an M.A. in Jewish studies. Beginning in September 2019, she will pursue a Ph.D. in religion at Boston University with an emphasis on Judaism, Christianity and Rome in the first century.

**Carol Carter M.Ed. '06, Ed.D. '12** currently serves as superintendent of the King and Queen County School Division in Virginia, a position she has held since 2015.

**Jami Clements**, a doctoral candidate at William & Mary, will begin serving as principal for Benjamin Franklin Middle School in Rocky Mount, Virginia, this fall.

**Julie Eng M.A.Ed. '08**, who teaches at Smithfield High School in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, was named the Outstanding Teacher of the

Year for that region during the 2018-2019 year. She teaches English, creative writing and Virginia Teachers of Tomorrow.

**Nyah Hamlett Ed.D. '18** will serve as the new chief of staff to Loudoun County Superintendent Eric Williams. She previously worked as assistant superintendent for instructional support at the Henrico County Public Schools in Virginia.

**Lisa Pennycoff M.Ed. '98, Ed.D. '10** was recently appointed the superintendent of Prince George County Public Schools in Virginia.



To **Kylie Alder Hulbert '06, M.A.Ed. '08** and Matthew Christopher Hulbert a son, Grant Christopher, 11/12/18.



**Julia Flint Baum '15, M.A.Ed. '16** to Jeffrey James Kuchan, 6/29/2019.

**Olivia D'aiutolo M.Ed. '19** to Chase Allen Mendonall, 6/23/18.

**Catherine Frances Dodd M.A.Ed. '91** to Christopher O. Ryder, 8/11/18.

**William James Hollingsworth '16, M.Ed. '18** to **Lauren Diana Dong '16**, 9/02/18.

**Joshua Lyle Lovell '04, M.Ed. '08** to **Leigh Anne Tally '07**, 5/19/18.

**Stephanie Christine Ricketts '10, M.A.Ed. '11** to Eric J. Hayes, 11/03/18.

**Samantha Jill Rozakis M.A.Ed '12** to Major William Francis Cosgrove, 6/15/2019.

**Heidi Lynn Schoomaker '13, M.A.Ed. '15** to Christopher James Myers, 6/15/19.

**Lauren F. Titterington M.Ed. '17** to Kyle Taylor

Jordan, 12/21/18.

**Bridget Dick Vellines M.A.Ed. '16** to Jacob Vellines, 7/06/19.

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## School of Law

*Graduate School Reporter*

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Greetings Law School alumni! A big thank you to Ashleigh for spending the time and energy as our previous reporter. As she moves on from that role, it means a new reporter has to step up and fill those shoes, regaling you with updates from our fellow alumni. Unfortunately, you'll have to settle for me.

Keep sending in those updates and announcements so that my job stays easy. With that said, here we go.

The Hon. **Charles E. Poston J.D. '74** has been appointed to William & Mary's Board of Visitors.

The Hon. **Wilford Taylor Jr. J.D. '78** was awarded the 2018 Harry L. Carrico Outstanding Career Service Award by the Judicial Council of Virginia.

The Hon. **Richard S. Blanton J.D. '79** was awarded the Joel C. Cunningham Sr. Award by the Virginia Legal Aid Society.

The Hon. **Eileen A. Olds J.D. '82** has retired from the Chesapeake Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

**James Holahan J.D. '83** has been listed in New York Super Lawyers 2019. He focuses on employment & labor law with Bond, Schoeneck & King.

**Michael J. Garvin J.D. '84** has been included in the 2020 Best Lawyers in America list. He is a partner with Vorrays, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, focusing on intellectual property and

technology litigation.

**Albert J. "Trey" Resolute III '85, J.D. '88** has joined the law firm Oast & Taylor.

**Deborah Mancoll Casey J.D. '87** received the Influential Woman of Law for 2019 award from Virginia Lawyers Weekly.

**Gregory S. Williams J.D. '90** was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2019 in the practice area of trusts and estates. He is a director with Carruthers & Roth, P.A.

**Thomas P. Cody J.D. '91** was named to the Best Lawyers in America 2020 list in the practice area of real estate law. He is a partner at Robinson+Cole in Hartford, Connecticut.

**Vivian Seay Giles J.D. '91** has joined the law firm Sands Anderson PC.

**Jane Sherman Chambers J.D. '92** has accepted the role of president of the National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators.

**Ann Randolph Rogers J.D. '92** has been selected to serve as the next House Employment Counsel for the United States House of Representatives.

**Marisa Gallehr Faunce J.D. '94** was named by London-based Who's Who Legal to the WWL international list for 2019. She is a partner with Plave Koch.

**Richard L. Weber J.D. '99** was selected to the 2019 Super Lawyers for Upstate New York. He practices environmental litigation with Bond, Schoeneck & King.

**Elizabeth Martori Weldon J.D. '01** was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2020 in the practice area of franchise law. She is a partner at Snell & Wilmer in Orange County, California.

**Heidi M. Brown J.D. '05** has been reappointed as co-chair of the Medical Committee of the elder law section of the Florida Bar.

**Kerry Eaton J.D. '05** was announced as a Top 40 finalist for the 2019 Sierra Nevada Powerful

Women award by the Northern Nevada Business View.

**Jamie Watkins Bruno J.D. '08** was selected by Leadership Metro Richmond for its 40th annual Leadership Quest program, a 10-month leadership training program. Jamie is a partner with Williams and Mullen.

**William W. Sleeth III J.D. '08** has been named the managing partner for the Williamsburg office of Gordon & Rees.

**Omid Safa J.D. '09** was named by the Washington Business Journal to its 2019 "40 Under 40." He is a partner with Blank Rome LLP.

**Dan Whitten J.D. '09** has been appointed as the County Attorney for Prince George County.

**Sean Marotta J.D. '10** was featured as a "D.C. Rising Star" in The National Law Journal. Sean is a partner at Hogan Lovells.

**Kevin Connell J.D. '18** has joined Trevett Cristo as an associate.



**Rachel Marie Coyle LL.M. '12** to Ben Fernandez, 5/19.

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## Virginia Institute of Marine Science

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We kick this column off with news from a science reunion. Your class reporters, Beth and Janet, teamed up with **Richard Kraus M.S. '98**, chief of the USGS Great Lake Science Center's Lake Erie Biological Station in Sandusky, Ohio, to examine benthic community status across Lake Erie's prominent nutrient gradient, which spans from eutrophic to oligotrophic environments that are variably affected by harmful algal blooms, low oxygen zones and invasive quagga mussels. The team undertook a two-week international field effort across the entire lake aboard the USGS R/V Muskie, deploying a Sediment Profiling Imaging (SPI) system to look at features within the sediment strata. The images will be paired with water and sediment data to explore how imagery may reflect bottom water chemistry and biogeochemical features to inform benthic indicator development. This research supports efforts by

EPA and USGS to advance the United States-Canada Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement objectives related to hypoxia and eutrophication. Beth is currently on a detail assignment as chief of the Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Section of the EPA Great Lakes National Program Office in Chicago, Illinois.

**Aswani Volety Ph.D. '95** became the new provost and vice president for academic affairs at Elon University in Elon, North Carolina, earlier this summer, the second-ranking position at the university. Before moving to Elon, Aswani was the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW) for five years. Prior to that, he was a professor of marine science at Florida Gulf Coast University for 15 years where he served as chair of the university's Marine and Ecological Sciences Department, was director of the university's field sta-

tion, and worked for about a year as interim dean.

**Andrij Horodysky M.S. '04, Ph.D. '09**, assistant professor in the marine and environmental science program at Hampton University, had an extremely busy summer, embarking on a 14-state, 12,000-mile cross-country adventure through the Northwest, Rockies and Heartland. This required five new fishing licenses and resulted in five new (to him) species or subspecies caught on fly. He visited four National Parks and conducted 48 electrophysiological fish hearing experiments. He published two papers and was featured in two newspaper articles. Andrij received a coveted NSF Faculty Early Career Development Award which will provide funding over the next five years to study how warming acidic oceans affect how fish see, hear and behave. Some of this research will be done at the VIMS Eastern Shore

Laboratory. Andrij and his wife **Karen Capossela Horodysky M.S. '10**, a fish biologist with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, live in Ware Neck, Virginia.

**Mark Terwilliger M.S. '96** began working with the Oregon Department of Fisheries and Wildlife's Marine Resources Program in Newport, Oregon, in August as an age reading specialist. His main duties include production aging of commercially and recreationally important nearshore groundfish species for stock assessments.

**Beth Darrow Condon M.S. '05** is a senior scientist for the nonprofit Bald Head Island Conservancy, focusing on barrier island conservation. She will continue working at UNCW on a part-time basis, primarily leading their NERRS Science Collaborative grant on shellfish aquaculture.

We are sad to report the loss of two fisheries alumni. **Joe Desfosse**

**M.S. '89, Ph.D. '95**, passed away in August in Gulfport, Mississippi. He was with the Highly Migratory Species Management Division at NOAA Fisheries in Pascagoula. He is survived by his wife **Lisa Kline-Desfosse Ph.D. '90**, Mississippi laboratories director at the NOAA Southeast Fisheries Science Center, and their daughter Jamie.

VIMS also lost **Joey Brown M.A. '91** in August. Joey worked in the VIMS Hargis Library for many years and was a botanist, master gardener, naturalist and shell collector and maintained quite a collection of pet snakes, including some venomous varieties. Janet still treasures the crown-of-thorns plant that Joey gave her in celebration of her master's defense.

Readers, call in more "Quips" to share with fellow alumni — y'all know who you are!

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# In Memoriam

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Below, you can read the names of members of the William & Mary community whose passing was reported between May 15 and Sept. 18, 2019.

**To read extended obituaries written by Sara Thomas Hunt '74, please go online to our magazine website at [magazine.wm.edu/in-memoriam](http://magazine.wm.edu/in-memoriam).**

## UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

**Dorothy "Dottie" Coppridge Rawl '40** of Goldsboro, NC, died Aug. 14, 2019.

**Virginia "Ginny" Tripp Keeney '42** of Louisville, KY, died May 29, 2019.

**William Chadbourne Remick '43** of Norfolk, VA, died Aug. 5, 2019.

**Marie Kevan Spencer '43** of Petersburg, VA, died Dec. 17, 2018.

**Sunshine "Sunny" Trumbo Williams '44** of Norfolk, VA, died Aug. 2, 2019.

**Roy McKee Birch '46** of Ashburn, VA, died June 14, 2019.

**Clarinda "Joy" Bryan Longworth '46** of Virginia Beach, VA, died June 16, 2019.

**Brooke Robertson Cannard '47** of Portsmouth, VA, died May 15, 2019.

**Mary "Jerry" Williard Hunter '47** of Phoenix, AZ, died May 7, 2019.

**Mildred "Millie" Draper Lipps '47** of Greenville, SC, formerly of Luray, VA, died July 13, 2019.

**John "Jack" Carroll London Jr. '47** of Joppa, MD, died June 2, 2019.

**Bernard "Tut" James Bartzen Sr. '48** of Fort Worth, TX, died July 10, 2019.

**James "Reid" Pulley Sr. '48** of Winston-Salem, NC, died May 16, 2019.

**Mary "Ashley" Hudgins Rice '48** of Williamsburg died April 9, 2019.

**William "Bill" H. Saunders '48** of Rochester, NY, died June 17, 2019.

**Mark Edward Waldo Sr. '48** of Montgomery, AL, died Sept. 9, 2019.

**Margaret "Peg" Houston Philhower Atkins '49** of Kirkwood, MO, died July 27, 2019.

**Laurel Kanner Gutterman '49** of Philadelphia died June 4, 2019.

**Benjamin "Ben" B. Johnston Jr. '49** of Deerfield, WI, died July 21, 2019.

**George Willis Young '49, M.Ed. '66** of Exmore, VA, died June 21, 2019.

**James "Jim" Anthony Kiley '50** of Kalispell, MT, died Aug. 21, 2019.

**Robert "Bob" Hoch Shuman III '50** of Cape Elizabeth, ME, died May 18, 2019.

**Betty Swecker Abbott '51** of Bedford, VA, died Aug. 14, 2019.

**Robert "Bob" Lee Freeman Sr. '51** of Newport News, VA, died July 11, 2019.

**Albert Leonard Rosenfeld '51** of Virginia Beach died Aug. 8, 2019.

**John "Jake" William Stevens '51** of Hamden, CT, died May 17, 2019.

**James Scott Duff Jr. '52** of Richmond, VA, died Aug. 12, 2019.

**John "Jack" J. McNally Jr. '52** of Harrisburg, PA, died June 26, 2019.

**Donald J. Ross '52** of Nyack, NY, died May 29, 2019.

**Joan Smith Meric '53** of Loudon, TN, died June 27, 2019.

**Danella Hewitt Pearson '53** of Marlborough, MA, died June 24, 2019.

**Robert "Skip" Bole Smith '53** of Edgewater, MD, died Sept. 9, 2019.

**Emily DeVoe Summers '53** of Emporium, PA, died May 20, 2019.

**Leo Clay Williams '53** of Newport News, VA, died July 3, 2017.

**Wallace "Wally" C. Wilsey '53** of St. Paul, MN, died May 11, 2019.

**Ronald "Pete" Peter Freeauf '54** of Atlanta died May 16, 2019.

**Ann Lockwood Phillips '54** of Hampton, VA, died May 22, 2019.

**Carl Joseph Spies '54** of Hilton Head Island, SC, died June 19, 2019.

**Richard "Dick" Gordon Helmer '55** of Spokane, WA, died June 29, 2019.

**Virginia "Ginger" Hungerford Moore '55** of Gilbert, AZ, died June 24, 2019.

**Jeanne Louise Pratts McDonald '57** of Knoxville, TN, died June 28, 2019.

**Carlton F. Rezendes '57** of Kensington, NH, died Aug. 28, 2019.

**Patricia Hall Shattuck '57** of Severna Park, MD, died April 29, 2019.

**Gayle M. Garrison '58** of Norfolk, VA, died July 13, 2019.

**Lloyd Hicks '58** of Arlington, VA, died June 24, 2019.

**Paul "Pete" Laverne High Jr. '58** of Haymarket, VA, died June 29, 2019.

**Archelaus "Arch" Rye Turrentine '58** of Williamsburg died Aug. 7, 2019.

**Anne Alderman Barton '59** of Washington, D.C., died June 2, 2019.

**Gladys Adeline Toxey Lewis '59** of Hampton, VA, died July 21, 2019.

**Shirley Knighton Vaughan '59** of Spring, TX, died Aug. 26, 2019.

**John "Johnny Mac" McGuire Chinn '60** of Richmond, VA, died Sept. 9, 2019.

**William "Chapin" DeAlba '60** of Matthews, NC, died June 7, 2019.

**Hampton O'Connor Harris '60** of Mechanicsville, VA, died May 17, 2019.

**William Reynolds Hamilton '62** of South Bethany, DE, and Melbourne Beach, FL, died May 17, 2019.

**William "Bill" T. Bryant '63** of Williamsburg died May 12, 2019.

**Kent T. Delano '63** of Stuart, FL, died May 19, 2019.

**Martha Jane Kerlin '63** of Chesapeake, VA, died Jan. 18, 2019.

**William E. Savage '63** of Richmond, VA, died July 31, 2019.

**Martha Mantelle Thomas Bradley '64, M.Ed. '94** of Newport News, VA, died June 26, 2019.

**Martin J. Kaufman '64, M.Ed. '66** of Eugene, OR, died June 1, 2019.

**Steven "Steve" Arnold Merrill '64** of Williamsburg died Aug. 15, 2019.

**Janet Faulstich Tarrody '64** of Hilton Head Island, SC, died Aug. 24, 2019.

**Kermit "Braxton" Garriss '65** of Fayetteville, AR, died June 20, 2019.

**Barbara Kelly Stephenson '65** of Emporia, VA, died July 26, 2017.

**Charles "Fred" Anspach '68** of Newport News, VA, died Sept. 4, 2019.



**Daniel Bruce Bonner '68** of The Villages, FL, died March 29, 2019.

**Susan Pepper Loeffler '68** of Shepherdstown, WV, died Aug. 19, 2019.

**Margaret MacDonald Dougherty '69** of Pittsburgh died March 11, 2019.

**Marion "Kathy" Kathleen Young Ketchum '69** of Gladstone, MO, died Sept. 5, 2019.

**Henry "Bev" Beverly Taylor Jr. '70** of Houston died June 15, 2019.

**Betty Lockhart Anglin '72** of Newport News, VA, died May 14, 2019.

**Imogene "Genie" Synon Vallet '72, J.D. '75** of Key West, FL, died May 24, 2019.

**Richard C. Gayle '73** of Sandston, VA, died Aug. 19, 2019.

**Ronald Parks Hamm '73** of Henrico, VA, died Sept. 4, 2019.

**Robert "Rob" Woodward Gardier Jr. '74** of Columbus, OH, died May 19, 2019.

**Michael Lee Moring '74** of Suffolk, VA, died July 14, 2019.

**Joseph "Joey" H. Brown '76, M.A. '91** of Gloucester Point, VA, died Aug. 31, 2019.

**Gregory "Greg" Baxter Siegner '78** of Green Cove Springs, FL, formerly of Mt. Airy, MD, died May 11, 2019.

**Mary "Mary Beth" Elizabeth Bailly Wertz '81** of Lynchburg, VA, died May 2, 2019.

**Dale A. Moats '82** of Blue Ridge, VA, died May 28, 2019.

**Betty Jean Dunston Deal '83** of Gloucester, VA, died July 15, 2019.

**Paul Vernon Jackson '85** of Midlothian, VA, died Dec. 28, 2018.

**Theodore "Ted" J. Shin '86** of Reston, VA, died June 23, 2019.

**Scott Robert Gleason '87** of Newport, RI, died July 21, 2019.

**David Robert Gallagher Jr. '88** of King George, VA, died May 17, 2019.

**Meenu Talwar Sasser '92** of Boynton Beach, FL, died July 6, 2019.

**Adam Steven Neely '03, M.A.Ed. '04** of Newport News, VA, died Aug. 10, 2019.

**Charles "Reed" Weir Sr. '04** died Jan. 17, 2018.

**Michelle Calanog Paul '06** of Fort Worth, TX, died May 25, 2019.

**Megan "Meg" Walters Rafferty '09** of Summerville, SC, died Sept. 8, 2019.

**Alexandra "Alex" Willis Saxton '09** of Suffolk, VA, died May 14, 2019.

**Kyle Joseph Anderson '14** of Austin, TX, died May 22, 2019.

**GRADUATE ALUMNI**

**Darwin Hobgood Sowers M.S.T. '64** of Raleigh, NC, died June 8, 2019.

**Mary Elizabeth Hupp Coberly M.Ed. '65** of Chesapeake, VA, died July 28, 2019.

**Robert "Bob" Booker Jewell M.Ed. '65** of Mechanicsville, VA, died Aug. 2, 2019.

**Ronald "Ron" R. Kilbourne M.Ed. '66** of Dumfries, VA, died Aug. 12, 2019.

**Sydney "Strother" Smith III B.C.L. '66** of Abingdon, VA, died May 19, 2019.

**Sam B. Cecil Sr. M.Ed. '67** of Jonesville, VA, died May 23, 2019.

**David S. Runk M.S.T. '68** of Lewistown, PA, died July 2, 2019.

**Arthur "Lee" Scarborough M.Ed. '68** of Virginia Beach, VA, died July 9, 2019.

**Constantine "Dino" Peter Vretos M.Ed. '68** of Fairfax Station, VA, died May 4, 2019.

**Maynard "Mo" J. Weber M.Ed. '68** of Luray, VA, died July 26, 2019.

**Charles Eugene Bush M.Ed. '69** of Williamsburg died July 10, 2019.

**Beverly Kersey Flowers M.Ed. '70** of Richmond, VA, died June 17, 2019.

**Paul W. Lovgren M.Ed. '70** of Amelia, OH, died May 5, 2019.

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**Leslie "Les" Morgan Morris Jr. M.B.A.** '70 of Jupiter, FL, died July 11, 2019.

**Thomas "Tommy" Randolph Lewis J.D.** '71 of Powhatan, VA, died Aug. 23, 2019.

**William Terrell Ellerbee M.Ed.** '73 of Lexington, KY, died July 1, 2019.

**John Kevin Molloy M.B.A.** '74 of Fort Monroe, VA, died July 31, 2019.

**Muriel "Chrissy" Christine Daley Schumacher M.Ed.** '74 of Greenville, SC, died June 3, 2019.

**Edward "Ted" T. Clancy J.D.** '75 of Dover, NH, died June 3, 2019.

**James Guthery Davis J.D.** '75 of Kinston, NC, died Aug. 22, 2019.

**George "Dan" Daniel Forbes Jr. J.D.** '75 of Courtland, VA, died Aug. 1, 2019.

**Walter Samuel Griggs Jr. C.A.S.E.** '76, **Ed.D.** '79 of Richmond, VA, died June 30, 2019.

**Linda Field Miller M.A.Ed.** '77 of Gloucester, VA, and Susan, VA, died Aug. 7, 2019.

**James "Jimmy" Wallace Parker Sr. J.D.** '77 of Newport News, VA, died July 30, 2019.

**Leonard L. Sullivan Jr. M.B.A.** '79 of Portsmouth, VA, died May 17, 2019.

**Peter "Pete" Frederick Hrul M.B.A.** '80 of Norfolk, MA, died March 2, 2019.

**Richard B. Kelley M.A.** '81 of Jacksonville, FL, died June 2, 2019.

**Leslie Bennett Jones M.B.A.** '84 of Midlothian, VA, died July 22, 2019.

**Dolores Winder Grimstead M.A.Ed.** '85 of Norfolk, VA, died May 6, 2019.

**Helen Knight Miles M.A.Ed.** '86 of Williamsburg died Sept. 5, 2019.

**Joseph "Joe" Charles Desfosse M.A.** '89, **Ph.D.** '95 of Biloxi, MS, died Aug. 19, 2019.

**Andrew Spencer Thexton M.B.A.** '94 of Richmond, VA, died Aug. 25, 2019.

**Robert "Rob" Christman Rask M.B.A.** '97 of Spotsylvania, VA, died July 15, 2019.

**Bruce Bernard Auger M.B.A.** '98 of Ashburn, VA, died June 17, 2019.

**Jack Anthony Bruno M.A.Ed.** '98 of Williamsburg died June 2, 2019.

**Charles "Charley" Thomas Hodges M.A.** '03 of Williamsburg died June 10, 2019.

**Gary L. Abbott J.D.** '04 of Newport News, VA, died July 10, 2019.

**Jamie Robert Kelly M.B.A.** '12 of Chesapeake, VA, died Aug. 27, 2019.

**Serene Nicole Peterson Ed.D.** '14 of Woodstock, MD, died April 27, 2019.

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**Judith "Judy" Ewell** of Williamsburg died July 29, 2019.

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