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## ALUMNI FOCUS

# Our Community of Belonging

**BY ANNA DINWIDDIE HATFIELD '96**

*President, W&M Alumni Association Board of Directors*

It's the signs that get me. Every year, pictures and video from Convocation show the bright and nervous faces of freshmen and transfer students as they stream through the Wren Building to a roaring welcome from students, faculty and staff, many of them holding signs of welcome. Often, I see, "If you come here, you belong here." A simple sentence, but one with incredible meaning for young adults, many of whom are leaving home for the first time.

As alumni, we still belong. The Tribe community is one "for all time coming." No matter the decade of your graduation, your background, your current geographic location, or whether your college memories are all sweet or pockmarked with challenges, if you came here, you belong here, and William & Mary is always ready to welcome you home.

I was humbled and honored this June to be elected as president of the William & Mary Alumni Association Board of Directors. I joined the board three years ago, looking to get involved with and serve a place and community that was important to me. Little did I know how much I would gain with this reconnection to the university, including new friendships with alumni from all class years and new experiences that allowed me to grow my skills and expand my horizons.

I grew up not far from Williamsburg, and when I set foot on campus as a student in the fall of 1992, it felt like coming home. After graduation in 1996, I headed to Washington, D.C., looking ahead and assuming my time in Williamsburg was over. It took me an embarrassingly long time to realize that William & Mary doesn't end with the diploma, but it is a community and network for life. Through volunteer service and alumni programming, I feel as though I am getting as much out of William & Mary as I did as an undergraduate.

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It is my hope that other alumni will see ways that they, too, can stay connected or reconnect. As the WMAA mission statement says, we “create opportunities to strengthen bonds between each other and alma mater for all time coming.” As president, I want to ensure all in our community find programs and resources from the WMAA that meet their needs and help them grow in their journey with alma mater — whether through regional networks, affinity groups, career support, signature events like Homecoming & Reunion Weekend or new initiatives.

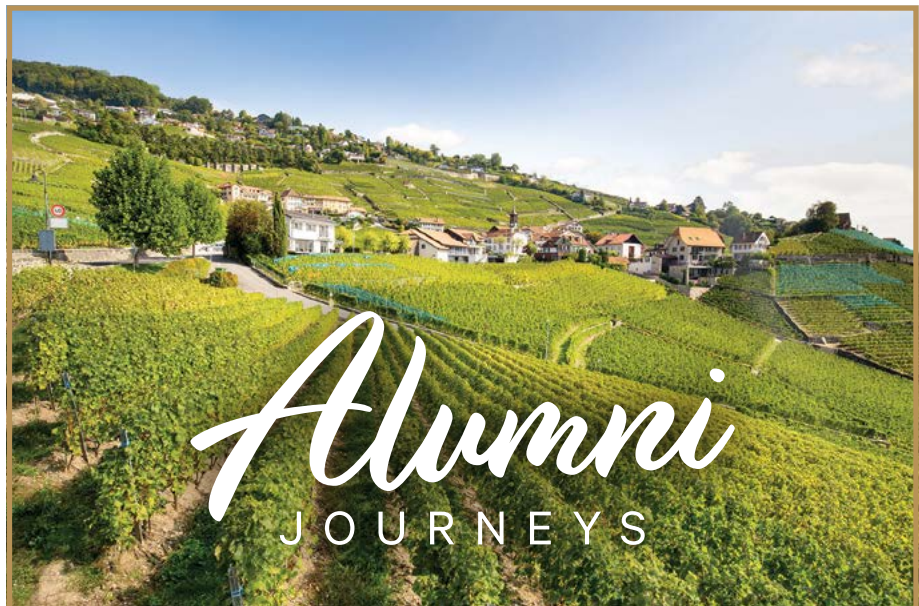
If you can’t often make it back to Williamsburg, virtual programs offer connection and community across the miles — and we saw in 2020 that these events allowed more people in more places than ever before to participate. When you can come home, you may, like I do, find that the well-worn brick footpaths bring back memories. I recall the speech by President Emeritus Tim Sullivan ’66 at the 2001 Commencement: “And when you return, as surely you will, sentimental and successful alumni, you will discover, as have the generations which preceded you, that the William & Mary to which you return is profoundly different yet so very much the same.” Even as our lives change and our alma mater welcomes new students, new faculty and staff, new buildings, new names, the heart of William & Mary remains true.

It was Homecoming that first called me back to William & Mary. Friends, old and new, gather every year — no need to wait for a reunion year — and each fall, we know we are coming home. This year, especially, as we re-enter the world, what better place to reconnect than alma mater?

We look forward to welcoming you back to campus this Oct. 7-10 for a fun and memorable celebration — and the dedication of the newly expanded Alumni House, your home-away-from-home. We’ll also celebrate reunions with classes whose class years end in 0, 1, 5 and 6, tailgate on the Sunken Garden and so much more.

President Sullivan also wrote, “When you do come back in the happy company of the friends you made here and whom you love still, you will discover, as have so many, William & Mary’s most closely guarded and magical secret ... for the briefest moment ... all of you then will be as you are now, young and beautiful and full of hope.”

Please join me this Oct. 7-10 and come home, where you will always belong.



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FROM THE BRAFFERTON

# A Centennial of Bold Thinking

BY KATHERINE A. ROWE

*William & Mary President*

**A** century ago, Pu-Kao Chen '1923, a student from Shanghai, China, enrolled at William & Mary. Chen was an athlete, noted for track, tennis and soccer and, to our knowledge, was the first student from Asia to attend the university. More than a decade later, Hatsuye Yamasaki '37, believed to have been the first Asian American woman to attend William & Mary, matriculated at the university. Yamasaki took on leadership positions as president of Brown Hall, a member of the Judicial Council and secretary of the Spanish Club. Like so many pioneering alumni, Chen and Yamasaki charted unusual paths to William & Mary that generations of adventurous students were to follow.

In 2021-22, William & Mary marks 100 years since Chen arrived on campus: a century of Asian and Asian American students in residence. A planning committee, led by honorary chair Michael Tang '76, P '13, and co-chairs Francis Tanglao Aguas and Deenesh Sohoni, distinguished faculty members, has designed a year-long university-wide commemoration. In this edition of the W&M Alumni Magazine, you will read more about this anniversary and many of the histories and experiences that student, faculty and staff researchers have documented. The William & Mary stories we have to tell are inspiring.

William & Mary will mark this centennial with special speakers and performances. Events and showcases highlight the defining impacts of Asian and Asian American students, faculty and staff at the university. Among the early campus leaders we celebrate is gridiron hero Arthur A. Matsu '27. A proud member of the Order of the White Jacket, Matsu went on to a brief stint as a pro football

player — by many accounts, he was the first Asian-descended player in the pros — before a career in coaching at the college level. Last spring, the Board of Visitors named the Arcade at Zable Stadium in Matsu's honor. We will unveil the plaque this coming year. In August, Gov. Ralph Northam announced that Virginia will honor Matsu with a new historical highway marker, reflecting the importance and impact of Matsu's legacy throughout the commonwealth.

Over more than a century, student leaders such as Chen, Yamasaki and Matsu helped our university community evolve towards the more global, more cosmopolitan values we aspire to. And they steadily expanded the pathways to a William & Mary education.

This anniversary is the third for William & Mary in recent years. Indeed, we are in the midst of a decade of extraordinary milestones. We recently honored the 50th anniversary of African American students in residence and the centennial of women's education. In 2023, we will mark the tercentennial of the Brafferton. By 2026, we will celebrate the 250th year since the founding of Phi Beta Kappa by William & Mary students and the 250th semiquincentennial of the Declaration of Independence.

Each of these commemorations celebrates a legacy of striving at William & Mary: grit and adaptability in the ongoing pursuit of excellence. At each milestone, we reaffirm the essential institutional commitments of higher education in our pluralistic democracy: expanding access to diverse communities of learning; sustaining free inquiry, civil discourse and evidence-based argument. And each milestone underscores the interconnectedness of national and global cultures that has defined William & Mary since our founding 328 years ago.

As we grapple with the challenges of an ongoing world pandemic, the extraordinary efforts of earlier generations offer powerful reassurance. This university has weathered many trials in the past and used hardship to spur bold thinking. We have learned that we can do so now, too.

In that "can do" spirit, newly reminded of our ability to adapt to unforeseen challenges, William & Mary will roll out a five-year strategic plan this fall. Between now and 2026, we will build on the momentum of our best transformations under pandemic. I shared in my previous column the goals of this strategic plan. They are simple to describe yet ambitious: advance William & Mary's distinctive excellence as a Public Ivy; create long-term financial stability to sustain our mission; raise our national and global profile.

William & Mary's values statement, adopted in 2019, states compellingly: "We reflect on the lessons of history to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world." We draw on the power of sustained reflection in order to advance change that elevates what we value most. I look forward to the lessons of boldness, grit and positive transformation that the coming year will bring.





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**It's just not home unless YOU are here!**

Catch up with friends and classmates at the open-air tailgate in the Sunken Garden while sampling delicious fare from local food trucks.

Explore the expanded Alumni House and join us for the special dedication ceremony of this beautiful home for alumni and friends. And reunions will be double the fun with celebrations for this year's and last year's reunion classes (undergraduate classes with class years ending in 0, 1, 5 and 6), along with the Young Guard.

**We can't wait to welcome you home to campus!**




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**HONORING HEROES:** *Jennifer Joyce '11 stands in front of the firetruck belonging to FDNY Ladder Company 3. All 11 company firefighters responding to the North Tower fire perished when the building collapsed.*

# BY & LARGE

20TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

## Lives Remembered

*At the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, an alumna shares stories of courage and compassion*

BY SARA PICCINI

**O**N THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, Jennifer Joyce '11 was sitting in a middle school classroom in Chesterfield County, Virginia, unaware of the world-shattering events taking place in New York City, Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C.

When she got out of class, she heard fellow students in the hallway talking about a plane hitting the World Trade Center. But it wasn't until she got home and saw the look on her mother's face that she grasped the enormity of the situation.

"It took me a little while to process it," says Joyce, manager of interpretive programs at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York City. "About a week later, I remember thinking, 'I wonder how we'll learn about this in 20 years?' And now, here I am."

Trained as a public historian, Joyce works with a team of docents and tour guides who interact directly with visitors, relating the events of 9/11 and providing broader historical context. Approximately 70 million people have visited the site since it opened a decade ago.

"People come here from all over the world," Joyce says. "You'll hear 9/11 stories from anyone who was old enough — it doesn't matter where they

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**ONLINE:** *The museum has developed a free 20th anniversary webinar for teachers and students. To view, go to: [www.911memorial.org/learn/students-and-teachers/anniversary-schools-webinar](http://www.911memorial.org/learn/students-and-teachers/anniversary-schools-webinar)*

**IN MEMORIAM:** *The memorial exhibition honors the 2,977 people killed as a result of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and the six people killed in the terrorist bombing of the World Trade Center on Feb. 26, 1993.*

were. So the universal nature of the event is compelling and powerful.”

### ACTIONABLE STORIES

Located at ground zero in lower Manhattan, the 9/11 Memorial & Museum honors the 2,977 people who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001 — including 441 first responders — as well as the six people killed in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. Their names are inscribed around two outdoor reflecting pools formed in the footprints of the twin towers.

As Joyce explains, the 110,000-square-foot indoor museum is built into bedrock so that the original steel column bases and concrete footings of the World Trade Center can be on public display. Along with a concrete slurry wall built to keep out Hudson River floodwaters and a portion of staircase used by people fleeing the towers, these surviving artifacts are considered archaeological assets and are federally protected.

Within the museum, Joyce finds the 36-foot-high “Last Column” to be among the most moving of the artifacts displayed. Its removal from ground zero on May 30, 2002, marked the end of the rescue and recovery effort.

“It’s covered with tributes and mementos that the recovery workers left there,” she explains. “It was a memorial that people made because they needed one. For me, it’s a reminder of how many people stepped up afterwards. There were thousands of recovery workers, and even more people supporting them, making sure they were getting fed and cared for.”

The huge steel column symbolizes a major theme that Joyce and her colleagues emphasize to visitors: the compassion and courage displayed by ordinary people in the face of terror.

“There’s a story I used to tell on my tours about two men, Pablo Ortiz and Frank De Martini, who died on 9/11,” she says. “Before the towers collapsed, instead of leaving the building, they decided to do a sweep of the floor they were on. They broke through jammed doors, and they managed to get an elevator open where people were trapped.” The two men and several of their co-workers saved nearly 50 lives.

“There are so many stories like that, and I think those are perhaps the most important because they’re actionable,” Joyce says. “It’s harder to put myself in the mindset of one of the police officers or firefighters who rushed in that day — but someone who just went to work to sit at their computer, that’s a much easier connection to make. What would I do in that situation?”

### REACHING THE PUBLIC

Growing up in an area steeped in Civil War history, Joyce says, “I’ve always been attracted to more difficult history, history that people are still arguing about.”

She found William & Mary to be a perfect fit for pursuing a career in the field. “I originally thought I was going to get a Ph.D. and teach history — I was never going to leave the ivory tower.” Then, in her senior year, she took a course in public history with Susan Kern Ph.D. ’05, executive director of the Historic Campus.

As part of her coursework, she interned in Colonial Williamsburg’s film department, helping to develop CW’s electronic field trips for schoolchildren. She also witnessed visitors engaged in misguided arguments with interpreters playing the roles of the nation’s founders, like Thomas Jefferson.



PHOTOS: JIN LEE





**PAYING RESPECTS:** *Students stand guard with a wreath at the entrance of the Sunken Garden to honor the anniversary of 9/11.*

Joyce realized she wanted to reach people more directly as a historian. “It was a twofold realization: one, that people were misunderstanding history, and that made me very angry. And two, if you wanted to counteract that, the way to do it was probably not in an academic paper, although that’s certainly important. For me, it seemed more effective to go where the general public is.”

After graduating from William & Mary, Joyce went on to earn a master’s degree in public history at New York University. Finding herself in the right place at the right time, Joyce was offered a position at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum in 2013 and began working at the museum portion of the site when it opened in 2014.

Among her proudest achievements is developing training for interpreters on how to deal with difficult visitor interactions, which had become more frequent around the time of the 2016 election.

Joyce challenged the interpreters to examine their own preconceptions in order to become more effective educators. “This is something that we talked about in training. What is the difference between genuine ignorance and aggravation or malice? What can we do to make sure that we’re not contributing to this interaction?”

The curriculum Joyce developed is now an integral part of interpreter training. “I’m pleased to say it’s been very successful.”

### **‘AN AMAZING MOMENT’**

In her current position, Joyce manages all of the volunteer docents, who are stationed at positions around the site to provide further detail to visitors, complementing the work of the tour guides. Many of the docents are 9/11 stakeholders, who had direct experience of the event.

Understandably, there are other stakeholders who have been reluctant to visit

the site. “For some, they don’t want to go back because it was so traumatic. For others, there was a very real fear that the museum would not do the story justice,” Joyce says.

“So it’s always very special when someone tells me, ‘I wasn’t ready before, but I’m here now. I’m so glad that I came.’”

Joyce vividly recalls one particular interaction with a stakeholder. “I had just wrapped up a tour and was answering questions. One of the gentlemen on my tour, who hadn’t spoken previously, said, ‘I was here at the twin towers.’ And he told me his story,” Joyce says.

“Once he got out of the towers, the man started walking north toward his home outside the city. By the time he got to Harlem, his shoes were falling apart. A stranger stopped him on the street, took off his shoes and gave them to him. And then this man called a friend who had a car and said, ‘We’re going to get you where you need to go.’

“It was an amazing moment.”

### **HONORING HISTORY**

Being immersed in the retelling of the 9/11 story on a day-to-day basis is not an easy undertaking. “Focusing on the facts, the concrete information, can help,” Joyce says. “But it sneaks up on you when you don’t expect it — for example, when someone on your tour looks emotional. We spend a lot of time as an institution talking about self-care and the importance of stepping back from time to time.

“And then of course there’s the mission — that feeling that you’re doing something important in honoring these lives and telling these stories,” she says. “It’s been a privilege to interact with the men and women who were part of the event, and those who weren’t and who want to learn about what happened here.”

## **ALUMNI TRIBUTE**

In her work at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, Jennifer Joyce ’11 always finds it particularly rewarding when she encounters fellow members of the Tribe.

When the site turned to virtual programming during the COVID-19 pandemic, Joyce saw an opportunity to continue engaging alumni. She reached out to the W&M Alumni Association, which sponsored two virtual tours this past fall.

Joyce led the Memorial Plaza tour. “William & Mary is where I discovered public history, and to be able to come full circle and present to alumni was really special,” she says.

The greatest honor for Joyce was being invited to speak a few words about the seven W&M alumni who perished on 9/11. Their names are inscribed at the memorial in permanent remembrance:

- **Alysia Christine Burton**  
Basmajian ’00
- **James Lee “Jimmy” Connor** ’85
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# State of the Art

*Transformational expansion at the Muscarelle Museum of Art*

BY LESLIE MCCULLOUGH M.B.A. '17



**THE BIG PICTURE:** *The modernized and expanded museum, as portrayed in these artist's renderings, will broaden the array of cultural offerings for the entire W&M community.*

**T**WO WILLIAM & MARY FAMILIES, THE OWENSES and the Muscarelles, are taking the term “work of art” to a whole new level as they join the late pioneering philanthropist Martha Wren Briggs ’55 in helping to create a new vision for the future of art at the university.

In 2022, the university will break ground on an extensive expansion that will position the Muscarelle Museum of Art as a state-of-the-art regional venue for world-class exhibitions and robust academic programs. Designed by the renowned architectural firm of Pelli Clarke Pelli, the addition of 42,000 square feet will triple the size of the museum and expand the galleries, increase opportunities for research and offer more flexible spaces for teaching, studying and public events.

“This is truly an exciting time for the Muscarelle Museum of Art. I am elated for what the future holds as we continue to elevate the level and caliber of engagement and connection to the visual arts at William & Mary,” says David Brashear HON ’07, director of the Muscarelle Museum of Art.

A leading gift by one of the university’s greatest benefactors, Martha Wren Briggs, was instrumen-

tal in making the museum expansion possible. Her enduring legacy includes a donation of more than \$30 million to establish The Martha Wren Briggs Center for the Visual Arts, with \$20 million designated for the museum project. The center will be part of the William & Mary Arts Quarter, which will feature the expanded museum along with a renovated Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall, a new music building and the renovation and expansion of Andrews Hall and facilities for art and art history.

The Owens family is helping to move the museum a critical step closer to reaching the funding needed to complete the project. Their new \$1 million gift brings their commitment to the museum to \$2 million since the start of the *For the Bold* campaign. This latest gift was provided by the Owens Foundation created by the late Carroll Owens Jr. ’62 and his wife, Patrisia “Patty” B. Owens ’62. The family hopes their gifts will inspire future generations to immerse themselves in the arts and provide an atmosphere in which students and the community as a whole can thrive. To date, the university has raised \$27.7 million toward the project’s \$34.5 million goal.

“My parents have been devoted to the Muscarelle

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Museum for the last two decades and I know my mom has never been more excited for the museum's future than she is right now," says Carrie Owens Garland '90, chair of the museum expansion campaign committee. "The expanded museum will be transformational and energize our campus. It will make an incredible impact for students, faculty, alumni, community members and visitors for so many decades to come. It is a thrilling moment for William & Mary and for the broader arts community."

The Owens Foundation has also contributed to the museum's mission through several key late 19th-century and early 20th-century American art loans to the collection, including paintings by Thomas Cole, Robert Henri, Childe Hassam and Edward Potthast, among others. Patty has served as a founding member of the Muscarelle Museum of Art Foundation Board for nearly 20 years and Carrie has been a member of the board since 2013 and currently serves as the board's vice chair.

In 2015, the expansion project also benefited from a \$2.5 million commitment from Joe Muscarelle HON '16 and Sharon Muscarelle HON '16 as part of a family tradition of support. Joe Muscarelle's parents, Joseph Muscarelle '27 and Margaret Muscarelle, were instrumental in the establishment of the art museum.

"Joe and I are thrilled to be continuing our family's support of William & Mary's art museum, which was an important philanthropic project of Joe's parents, Margaret and Joe Sr. They joined hands with a group of supporters and brought the museum to life in 1983. We are happy to be continuing the family legacy and are honored to help propel the museum into its next phase," says Sharon, who joined the museum board in 2013 and serves as vice chair of the museum expansion campaign committee.

For the museum, the exciting additions include enhanced and expanded gallery spaces that will triple the exhibition capacity and an event hall with lecture seating for 200 and banquet seating for 100 people, as well as event catering space. A welcoming front courtyard for outdoor gatherings will transition into an open, light-filled atrium with a grand staircase to second-floor galleries and event seating for 80 people. The atrium will also feature an impressive entrance from the campus side of the building.

In addition, the new space will include seminar rooms for exploring and researching works of art, an open study/library room with movable partitions and much needed art storage and staff office space. From artist receptions to art history lectures and detailed object study, this new space will provide a wide range of opportunities for students and the community to engage directly with faculty and professionals from a variety of fields.

"The new space will serve as a laboratory grounded in hands-on experience and will invigorate an already

dynamic arts culture on campus," says Brashear. "The museum will play a critical role in presenting diverse ideas and experiences by encouraging the examination of complex issues through an artistic lens."

Brashear continues, "I am so grateful to the Owens family and the Muscarelle family for their major commitments to our project. Without their support, and the support of many other committed donors who are helping to make this project a reality, we would not be looking toward such an amazing future. This support is critical to making the Muscarelle Museum of Art a premier place for the collection, preservation and presentation of compelling art to educate, inspire and engage the W&M community."

While the museum itself is only 38 years old, William & Mary received its first gift of art in 1732. It was around this time that the university became the first in the U.S. to advance the study of art. Throughout the centuries, numerous gifts of art have been received by the university and dispersed throughout the campus. The art collection contains many treasures, including historically significant American and English colonial portraits as well as modern works by artists like Georgia O'Keeffe.

"As we approach the 40th anniversary of the Muscarelle Museum in 2023, we look forward to honoring all those who brought the museum to where we are today," says Brashear. "With this exciting expansion, we will position the museum for another 40-plus years of cultural impact at William & Mary."

*To learn more about this project and the museum's ongoing programs, visit [muscarelle.org](http://muscarelle.org) or contact David Brashear at 757-221-2701 or [dmbashear@wm.edu](mailto:dmbashear@wm.edu)*

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**REFLECTIVE DESIGN:** The new wing sits to the west of the original building and features complementary architecture.







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# THE MANN FOR THE JOB

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*Brian Mann joins the Tribe as the new athletics director*

BY DAVE JOHNSON

**B**RIAN MANN GREW UP PLAYING JUST ABOUT ANY sport you could name, but nothing beat football in a blizzard. Even if that meant being dragged out of bed in the middle of the night by his older brothers, who would spare him no mercy.

Those were Mann's formative years in Canton, Massachusetts, which he stresses is "south of Boston, not South Boston." For Mann and his four siblings — two brothers, two sisters, he bats fourth in the lineup — sports were a large slice of life.

Mom and Dad went along with it ... to a point.

"They made it very clear to us in the beginning that academics would take precedence over everything we did," says Mann, who was introduced in June as William & Mary's 30th athletics director. "As long as we did that, they'd sign us up for any sport or any team they possibly could."

"There used to be hanging in our kitchen an oversized calendar, and it was color coded by kid and by sport. It was almost like they'd get home from work and say, 'All right, who's taking which kid to which sport?'"

A love of sports and understanding of priorities took Mann to Dartmouth College, where he became a record-setting quarterback and earned a B.A. in history and an M.A. in liberal studies. It led to a path in sports administration, which began at his alma mater and has brought him to Williamsburg.

There were some gap years after college. From 2003-06, Mann played for the Los Angeles Avengers in the Arena Football League. He worked for a couple of years with a consulting group in New York and a health care firm in D.C. And, as you might have heard by now, he dabbled in show biz.

But athletics, and the opportunity to help shape young lives, had a hold on him.

"It's hard to find that perfect career for people, myself included, but I definitely think he found it," says Hilary Mann, Brian's wife. "He's a good leader and he's passionate about it. It's like all the stars aligned, and this is what he's meant to be doing."

Caleb Moore, a former Dartmouth teammate who remains a close friend, could see it developing.

"He was doing consulting for hospital systems, and I was a pre-med undergrad who got interested in the business of medicine," Moore says. "So Brian

and I would have all kinds of conversations about the business of health care.

"But invariably, it would always turn back to, 'Gosh, the best things we ever did and the best people we've ever met have been through sports.' You could tell that was what he wanted to get back to professionally. It was a natural fit for him."

## 'A SPECIFIC TYPE OF SCHOOL'

In 2009, at age 29, Mann returned to Dartmouth as director of football operations. Part of the job was fundraising, which he figured his background in sales would help.

That transitioned to assistant athletics director for external relations, in which he helped raise funds from the athletics alumni. In 2013, he was named managing director for leadership giving, which meant securing major gifts for the college.

Then came Rice, where in less than three years he was elevated from director of development to chief development officer and senior associate athletics director. He was in charge of all athletics development initiatives.

In February 2019, Mann headed west to the University of California, Berkeley. He had the same title he did at Rice, but the setting was very different. Dartmouth and

Rice are private schools with four-figure enrollments. Cal is public with more than 40,000 students.

Mann wasn't there long, but he had an impact.

"When I hired Brian, I knew he was going to be good," Cal AD Jim Knowlton says. "And every day, he just got better and better and better. He put his hand on this program and had a vision where he wanted it to go. He became a senior leader in our department who was really, really well respected."

"There hasn't been one person here who said, 'Good riddance, we finally got rid of Brian Mann.' It's been, 'Jim, why didn't you keep him? Were you asleep at the switch?' I tried to keep him hidden here at Cal for another five years, but it didn't work."

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There is an obvious pattern to Mann's four stops in college athletics. Dartmouth is an Ivy League school. Rice is one of the most selective colleges in the nation. Cal and W&M are both considered to be a "Public Ivy." The complete package matters to him.

"I knew he wanted to help athletes, but he wanted to help them at high-level academic schools," says Hilary, a graduate of Texas Tech who teaches middle school. "He wasn't just trying to be an athletics director. He wanted it to be at a specific type of school."

### A NEW HOME IN WILLIAMSBURG

Mann took over as AD on Aug. 9. For the month leading up to that date, he served as special assistant to the president for athletics while he, Hilary and their 10-week-old son, Russell, made the 2,900-mile move from Berkeley to Williamsburg.

Only 12 years ago, Mann's career path came to a crossroads. He wasn't enjoying what he was doing and knew something else was out there. He knew that something else involved athletics. So although he was closing in on 30, he took a shot.

It didn't take long to realize he had made the right call.

"I remember sitting in my office one night a few months in, long after everyone had gone home, and it dawned on me I was going to do this for the next 35 years," he says. "A calm came over me, and ever since then, I've been able to make decisions based on a 35-year arc."

"If I hadn't done that, I wouldn't be here today. And it gives me the confidence to say I'm right where I belong and I look forward to being a part of this family for a long time."



GAME, SET, MATCH!

## TENNIS CENTER TO BE REVITALIZED

As part of the \$55-million *All In* campaign for W&M Athletics, the university announced plans for a complete revitalization of the outdoor tennis facility. Plans include all new courts, elevated seating platforms, new bleachers along Brooks Street and the installation of a scoreboard, among other enhancements. • The project will create a state-of-the-art tennis facility that will put William & Mary on par with the top programs in the commonwealth and nation. Work began this summer and is scheduled to conclude in the fall. • The facility, which is an important component of the new W&M Athletics Complex, will be named the Mackesy Tennis Center. Jennifer Tepper Mackesy '91 and D. Scott Mackesy '91, both honorary co-chairs of *All In*, made this project possible. • "Their investments and innovative mindset will enhance the entire educational experience of our student-athletes," says President Katherine Rowe. "They set new standards for excellence. We are beyond grateful to them."

— JENNIFER PAGE WALL

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# A Bridge to Silicon Valley

*New Tech Trek program connects students and recent graduates with alumni in the technology sector*

BY TINA ESHLEMAN

## WMAA BOARD NOTES AND AWARD NOMINATIONS

Visit **magazine.wm.edu/board-notes** for a summary of the June 10, 2021, meeting of the W&M Alumni Association Board of Directors and to **submit your nominations** for Honorary Alumni (**due Nov. 15, 2021**), Alumni Medallion (**due April 1, 2022**) and Alumni Service Awards (**due April 1, 2022**).

**W&M NETWORK:** *The virtual format of Tech Trek has enabled students and recent graduates to participate in multiple sessions and meet alumni working in a variety of companies.*



**D**AVID HOWARD '18 WAS LOOKING FOR A JOB opportunity in the technology industry when he learned about William & Mary's new Tech Trek initiative.

Originally envisioned as an in-person trip for 11 William & Mary students interested in technology careers to meet alumni in the San Francisco Bay area, the program shifted to a virtual event in the spring of 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Five alumni working at Slack, Google, Facebook and Snap Inc. talked to 31 students about their current roles and their career journeys, answered questions and offered advice.

In 2021, the program expanded with four events featuring alumni from tech companies in San Francisco again, as well as Seattle; Austin, Texas; and Raleigh, North Carolina. Tech Trek will continue during the next academic year, though the format and number of events are still being decided.

Craig Anzalone '94, who builds relationships with W&M alumni as University Advancement's

senior director for the Western Region, collaborated on planning the program with Don Snyder, who specializes in advising students on STEM careers as associate director at the university's Cohen Career Center.

"I thought about the DoG Street to Wall Street program, where students go to New York City for three days to learn about firms, make connections and get advice on exploring opportunities in the financial industry," Anzalone says. "I wanted us to replicate that model in the Bay Area for technology."

Tech Trek came about at the right time for Howard. An interdisciplinary major at W&M with a computer science minor, he joined his sister and brother-in-law as a business development manager with their fast-growing startup company after graduating. When they sold the company, Howard contacted the Cohen Career Center and started talking with Snyder about how to gain entry to the Silicon Valley.

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**TECH CONNECT:** *Dave Scott '93 (left) introduced David Howard '18 to a contact at a Nashville, Tennessee-based firm after the two chatted during a W&M Tech Trek session.*

When Howard tuned in to a Tech Trek event on March 10, 2021, he heard from one panelist whose story especially resonated with him. Dave Scott '93, former global head of business marketing at Twitter and secretary of the W&M Alumni Association board, had been involved in startup businesses — including Laughly, a streaming app inspired by his stint as a standup comedian that delivered comedy on demand. Scott had moved back and forth between those companies and corporate settings such as AT&T, Oracle and Honeywell.

While at William & Mary, Howard had started a ride-share platform for students that could react more quickly within the campus community than services such as Uber and Lyft.

"I've always had an entrepreneurial streak," Howard says, "but I wanted to gain experience and perspective from a more corporate setting."

After meeting Scott in a breakout session as part of the Tech Trek event, Howard reached out and asked if they could schedule a follow-up Zoom meeting to talk further about career development strategies in the tech industry.

When Scott learned that Howard was living in Nashville, Tennessee, he put the younger alumnus in touch with the chief marketing officer for CM Group, a company that owns a collection of email marketing platforms. Scott serves on CM Group's board. That contact led to an offer that Howard accepted in June for a sales development job.

Scott says he was impressed that Howard took

the initiative to reach out to him after the Tech Trek discussion.

"I'm one of the people who said, 'Why are we not bringing students out to Silicon Valley?' in the first place," Scott says. "I'm more than happy to help bridge the gap."

Students from the East Coast don't have as many connections to Silicon Valley as those at West Coast universities such as Stanford and the University of California Berkeley, he says. "You see them getting the majority of the jobs, having successful careers and starting businesses."

Scott says there was no comparable program in place when he was attending William & Mary. He recalls as a junior writing a letter directly to Bill Gates in hopes of getting an internship with Microsoft. That resulted in an interview, but not the hoped-for internship. Instead, Scott got an internship, and later a job, with General Electric. He moved to the San Francisco area after earning his MBA from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and starting his own company.

One takeaway for Samantha Smith '22, who attended all of the Tech Trek sessions, is that a person's career path often takes unexpected twists and turns. For example, Tech Trek panelist Ariel

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Hunsberger '08 was a global studies major who received a Fulbright scholarship to teach English in the European principality of Andorra before taking a job as a language specialist at a travel and tourism company. Hunsberger is now a director of organizational effectiveness for Slack, Inc.

"I think it's good to remember that I might not start out exactly where I want to be, but that is totally OK and even normal," Smith says.

Since participating in the first Tech Trek event, Smith has made a change of her own, switching her major from physics to computer science. She learned about Tech Trek when she reached out to Snyder after realizing how much she was enjoying her first computer science class. Like Howard, she appreciated being able to chat with alumni in breakout rooms.

"It was easy to have private conversations with each alumnus, and to make personal connections with them," Smith says. "William & Mary has a great alumni network, but it can sometimes be intimidating to just reach out to someone on LinkedIn without having met them before."

Alumni such as Michelle Chen '17 see the Tech Trek sessions as a good way for students to learn about opportunities beyond their usual networks. A software engineer with Microsoft in Seattle, Chen participated in a panel on March 3. She says she hopes to help build a relationship between her alma mater and the world's largest software company, and Tech Trek offered her a chance to do that.

"I thought it was a good opportunity for students to learn about companies outside of the D.C. area and New York," she says. Chen, a queer woman from a family of Chinese immigrants, also wants to make sure that students see people with diverse backgrounds participating in events such as Tech Trek and working in the technology industry. And even though she studied computer science, there are opportunities for students with a more liberal-arts background, she says.

"I think it is important to have that representation and to show students that you can be yourself and work at these large, intimidating tech companies," she says. "You don't have to fit into a certain mold."

### CAREER PATHWAYS

## W&M LAUNCHES MICRO-INTERNSHIPS PLATFORM

William & Mary has partnered with Parker Dewey to launch a new platform to pair employers with members of the W&M community seeking micro-internship opportunities. Micro-internships are short-term professional projects, typically 10-40 hours, that help applicants build experience and provide a flexible way to meet employers' needs. • Parker Dewey calls applicants "career launchers," and while the platform is aimed at undergraduate and graduate W&M students, anyone can apply for micro-internships through the service. • "Because these opportunities are short-term, paid and virtual, career launchers can work with organizations across the country they may not have been able to before, increasing access and equity," says Lisa Randolph, assistant director of experiential learning at the Cohen Career Center. • Employers set the pay for each project. Parker Dewey handles the paperwork and payroll and provides guidance and support to both applicants and employers. The platform provides sample projects or employers can design their own. • Visit [info.parkerdewey.com/wm/featured](http://info.parkerdewey.com/wm/featured) to learn more and post or apply for a micro-internship.



— CLAIRE DE LISLE M.B.A. '21

# W&M ENDS FY21 STRONG

*William & Mary experiences surge in philanthropy and engagement*

BY JENNIFER PAGE WALL

**A**MID A PANDEMIC AND YEAR OF UNPRECEDENTED challenges, William & Mary experienced a surge in philanthropic giving and community-wide engagement. During fiscal year 2021 (FY21) — July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021 — the university raised more than \$61 million, resulting in one of the biggest fundraising years outside a university-wide campaign. One-third of all funds secured were for scholarships — providing essential support to students throughout the academic year in the midst of one of the worst economic recessions in the U.S.

A steady stream of donations and support from 34,869 alumni, students, faculty, parents, staff and friends came in during the year and were mobilized to fuel important efforts and initiatives across the university. From teaching and learning, health and

wellness, entrepreneurship and innovation, equity and inclusion, arts and athletics, tutoring and internships and beyond, private support was infused into the programs, places and people at William & Mary. Unrestricted giving, particularly resources from the Fund for William & Mary, was also critical.

“This past year, we saw extraordinary resiliency at William & Mary. Our grit and adaptability were powered by philanthropy and by kindness. Our goals were simple: to keep teaching, keep learning, while safeguarding our entire community to the best of our ability. Private support was essential to our swift and successful adaptation, as we took courses online and sustained in-person learning throughout the academic year,” said President Katherine Rowe. “We are deeply grateful.”

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# CAMPUS IN THE CITY

*A new home for the Washington Center*

BY ERIN BATTLE '13, M.ED. '15

**T**HE WILLIAM & MARY WASHINGTON CENTER is moving! After 20 years in the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace building, the W&M Washington Center is relocating to 901 4th St. NW, Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20001.

A hub for innovation and collaboration, the new W&M Washington Center will continue to offer a place of belonging for W&M students, faculty, staff and alumni with expanded classroom, event and meeting space. Additionally, the new building provides access to a rooftop terrace and large-scale conferencing facilities. The new location also

boasts proximity to multiple Metro stops, Union Station and Capitol Hill.

After two decades of continued growth and impact, this new space marks a significant investment in W&M Washington Center's future development. The W&M Washington Center team, along with the W&M Real Estate Foundation, will be working with Wingate Hughes Architects to design the new space. The Carnegie building space has closed and the new space is scheduled to open in early 2022. Read more at [wm.edu/dccenter](http://wm.edu/dccenter).

## MAKING A SPLASH

# VIMS WELCOMES DEAN AND DIRECTOR ADAY



William & Mary has named nationally renowned ecologist Derek Aday as its next dean of the School of Marine Science and director of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS). • Aday, who began this role at VIMS Sept. 1, was head of the Department of Applied Ecology at North Carolina State University, university director of the Southeast Climate Adaptation Science Center, a fellow of the American Fisheries Society, and editor-in-chief of the society's flagship journal. His selection follows a national search to succeed John Wells, who is retiring after 17 years at the VIMS helm. • "William & Mary welcomes warmly Dr. Aday to the university community," says President Katherine A. Rowe. "Following the exceptional leadership of Dr. Wells, VIMS and the School of Marine Science are positioned to expand the university's reach globally in the coming decades. And for Virginia, VIMS is vital to ensuring the continued prosperity of the commonwealth's ecology, economy and coastal communities. Derek Aday's talents and experiences perfectly match these challenges and opportunities."

— VIMS STAFF

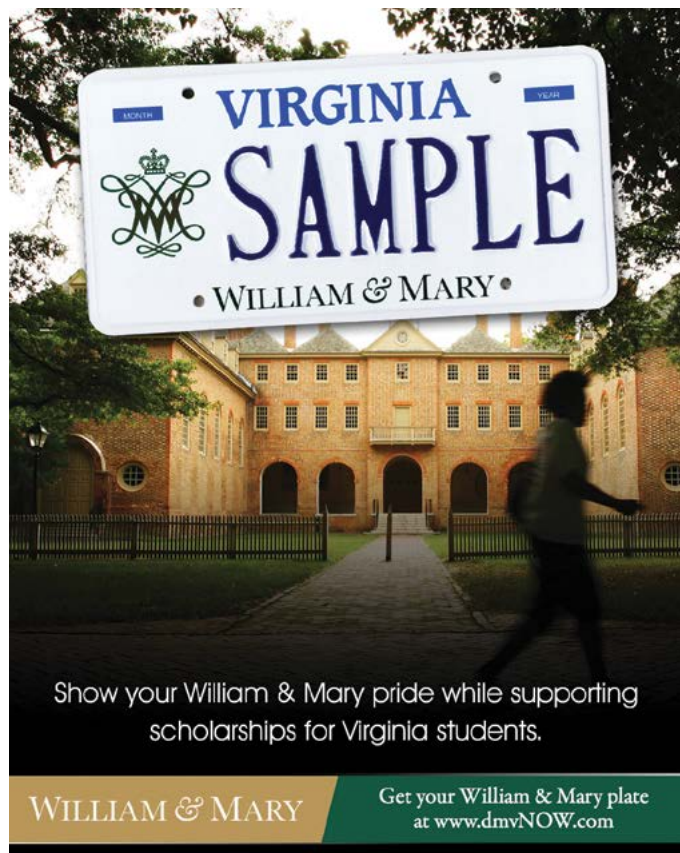


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# COMMON THREADS

**THROUGH W&M'S ASIAN CENTENNIAL,  
STUDENTS ARE DISCOVERING HOW THE  
UNIVERSITY'S HISTORY INTERTWINES  
WITH THEIR OWN STORIES**

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The wavy-haired young man in the black-and-white photograph looks at the camera with a half-smile and a slightly raised eyebrow. It's stamped Jan. 9, 1926, but for a moment, the decades seem to vanish and one wonders what he might say about his time at William & Mary.

Benming "Benny" Zhang '16, J.D. '20 kept the picture close by during his senior year as he researched the life of Arthur A. Matsu '27, a star quarterback and football team captain who was the first American citizen of Asian heritage known to attend William & Mary. A self-designed Asian American studies major, Zhang was writing his senior thesis on Matsu at the same time he was working toward breaking a barrier of his own — becoming the youngest and first Asian American person elected to Williamsburg City Council.

STORY BY **TINA ESHLEMAN**

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**GRIDIRON LEGEND:** *Arthur A. Matsu '27 became the first W&M alumnus to play in the National Football League.*



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Questions circled in his mind: What was Art Matsu thinking at the time this photo was taken? Did he feel like he belonged at William & Mary? How did people react to his blended Japanese and Scottish ethnicity? Where did he live? How was he treated when he went out into the community?

These are some of the strands being explored about Matsu and other alumni as William & Mary commemorates its Asian Centennial. While recognizing the accomplishments of Asian and Asian American students at the university over the past 100 years, the commemoration also seeks to probe the social and historical context of their experiences.

The milestone provides an opportunity to contemplate the ways in which students of Asian heritage have enriched the culture of the university and how to expand on the advances that have been made thus far.

"People's ideation, imagination and creativity should be informed by diversity," says Asian Centennial co-chair Francis Tanglao Aguas, a professor of theater and Asian & Pacific Islander American (APIA) studies. "This is a commemoration of opening doors to more diversity."

President Katherine Rowe established a committee in February to create programming and initiatives tied to the anniversary of when Pu-Kao Chen 1923 (also known as Chen Pu-Kao) — a Chinese citizen who was the first Asian student and first known person of color to attend William & Mary — arrived on campus in 1921. Along with Tanglao Aguas, the centennial is co-chaired by Deenesh Sohoni, a sociology professor and director of the APIA program, with guidance from honorary chair Michael Tang '76, P '13. The 20-member committee includes Board of Visitors member Mirza Baig P '22 and representatives from schools and departments throughout the university. Zhang is one of the younger members of the committee, along with Isabella DiFulvio '23, co-director of the Asian American Student Initiative, an organization dedicated to Asian American awareness, activism and solidarity with marginalized communities.

"We are hoping for the Asian Centennial to be a platform for William & Mary to become the leader in expanding academic programs and research that promote inclusion of Asian American, Pacific Islander and Southwest Asian students and communities," Tanglao Aguas says.

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The centennial also offers a chance for William & Mary to reflect on how the experiences of Native American and Black students intersect with those of Asian and Asian American students, he says.

Asian Centennial organizers received seed money from William & Mary Provost Peggy Agouris for the commemoration and have raised additional funds that faculty and students can use for research.

Eventually, Sohoni and Tanglao Aguas hope to secure private funding to support a postdoctoral fellow who can continue to do research with students and help to expand APIA course offerings. They are also working with partners at the William & Mary School of Education and the Virginia Governor's Office to develop K-12 curricula on Asian American history.

A new Asian Pacific Middle Eastern/Southwest Asian Project Fund is being created to support initiatives across William & Mary focused on research, teaching, professional development, artistic creations, scholarships, fellowships and community engagement.

"We're hoping that during the commemoration we can create something that's sustaining," Sohoni says. "We want to make sure that we also use it to build stronger connections between the different schools and departments at William & Mary."

As a pilot program, two undergraduate students enrolled in an independent study course this past spring with Sohoni to find out more about the first students of Asian descent.

For current students with varied Asian heritage, delving into William & Mary's past and their own history and culture helps to illuminate the connections between previous struggles and present challenges. Learning about W&M's trailblazers also provides inspiration for today's scholars and allows them to see how they fit into the evolving fabric of the university.

"It's like when you get glasses for the first time and you realize you haven't been seeing the leaves on the trees. I was seeing things in a new way and understanding things in a new way," student researcher Sumié Yotsukura '22 says of her APIA studies. "It's not just history. It's something we're learning about so that we can, hopefully, make our future better."

## THE FIRST STUDENT FROM CHINA

Yotsukura and fellow researcher Brian Zhao '23 focused their independent study during the spring 2021 semester on the first Asian students to attend William & Mary. With assistance from Jay Gaidmore, director of special collections for W&M Libraries, Yotsukura and Zhao scanned Colonial Echo yearbooks and delved into archives for the Flat Hat and other publications.

One of their main discoveries so far is an article written by Pu-Kao Chen that appeared in The William and Mary Literary Magazine in February 1923. Titled "A Chinese Student's First Impression of America," the piece opens a window into what it must have been like for a person their age to travel thousands of miles from home to attend school in a foreign country, knowing it would be several years before they returned.

Chen describes the mixture of excitement and apprehension that the students aboard the steamship "China" felt as they crossed the Pacific Ocean: "Everything they had hitherto loved was left behind. America with all her long-expected wonders was still far away." Arriving in San Francisco, the Chinese students were greeted with a reception and Chen describes their delight at seeing the Golden Gate Bridge, the University of California campus, the lofty buildings and sunny streets.

Research for the Asian Centennial by Yusuf Jafri J.D. '22, a third-year law student and research fellow with W&M's Center for Racial and Social Justice, offers some historical context for Chen's arrival in the United States. Under the directorship of Professor Vivian Hamilton, he looked into the effects of immigration laws on William & Mary's first Asian and Asian American students, as well as the social environment they lived in.



**SHARED HERITAGE:** While studying at William & Mary, Pu-Kao Chen 1923 sought to improve Americans' understanding of China. Benming "Benny" Zhang '16, J.D. '20 was born in New York, the son of Chinese immigrants.







Because of the U.S. Immigration Acts of 1917 and 1924, Jafri says, “People from large swaths of Asia were barred from emigrating to the U.S. unless they fell under certain exempt classes, and one of those was students who were coming here temporarily.”

After China’s defeat in the Boxer Uprising, an attempt in 1900 to drive all foreigners out of the country, a treaty required China to pay an indemnity worth over \$300 million to an eight-nation alliance including the United States. In 1908, the U.S. returned some funds that were deemed excess through the Boxer Indemnity Scholarship Program to support education for Chinese students in America and the construction of Tsinghua University in Beijing. It is through those funds that students such as Chen came to William & Mary.

“Students were seen as potentially future political and economic leaders in China, and we wanted to make sure we maintained an open market with China,” Sohoni says.

Surprisingly, there doesn’t seem to be much in the Board of Visitors archives or presidential papers about the first Chinese students. Given the racial segregation that existed in Virginia at the time, the researchers expected to find evidence of discussion about issues such as where the students would live.

“The Jim Crow South was very much a Black-white racial binary,” Jafri says, but Asians and Asian Americans did not fit into either category. He found that acceptance of Asian and Asian American students at predominantly white schools varied widely across the South, sometimes from one locality to another.

Yotsukura applied her theater background to her research, looking for clues about what a character is experiencing, how others see the person and the influence of outside events.

“In the Flat Hat, up through the time when Art Matsu was on campus, for the most part, everything is very respectful,” she says. “But it’s the things that aren’t always quite as visible that can tell you a lot.”

For example, the year before Chen’s arrival, there was a joke in a Flat Hat column that referred to “John Chinaman,” a racial stereotype commonly used at the time, and transcribed his accent in a mocking way.

“The campus that published that type of joke in its paper is the same campus that welcomed, to our knowledge, the first Chinese student there next year,” Yotsukura says.

References to Chen and other Chinese students in the yearbooks are courteous, wishing them well on their return home, Yotsukura says, adding that the temporary status of the Chinese students may have made their presence more accepted.

“They’re not here to stay, which is why they’re not a threat,” she says. “That’s been a big thing in the history of Asian Americans in the U.S.”

In his literary magazine article, Chen praises the United States, but also offers a perspective on China that challenges his readers to look beyond what they might see in movie caricatures or in missionary accounts describing dire conditions in his homeland.

“America is indisputably the light of the world today,” Chen writes. “China wishes to be rightly understood, particularly to Americans at home.”

Yotsukura says that researching Chen at a time when he was about her age helped her relate to him as she and her peers work to combat prejudice through Stop Asian Hate and Black Lives Matter protests.

With the Cooperation Change Fund established by students this past year, campus organizations at W&M came together to raise money for police reform efforts

such as the National Police Accountability Project and Campaign Zero, and for the families of the eight people killed — most of them Asian women — in the March 2021 shooting rampage in the Atlanta area.

“With COVID-19 and the scapegoating of China, we saw a lot of very blatant anti-Asian and anti-Chinese racist and xenophobic hate that people are still trying to fight,” she says. “Chen’s words are a reminder that we are not alone, but also that we have been fighting this fight for a long time.”

Yotsukura, whose paternal grandparents emigrated from Japan, feels a particular connection with Matsu and with Hatsuye Yamasaki ’37, the first Asian American woman to attend William & Mary, who participated in the Judicial Council and served as president of Brown Hall and secretary of the Spanish Club.

“It gives me pride to know that people of my heritage go back that far at William & Mary,” Yotsukura says. “I am stepping into the shoes of people who have been where I am now.”

After graduating from William & Mary, the theater and APIA major hopes to make an impact of her own by pursuing theater work that will draw attention to issues of social justice and increase accessibility of performances for diverse communities.

“I’m a big believer that seeing stories of people unlike yourself can have a huge impact on opening people’s perspectives and hearts,” she says.

Likewise, Jafri, whose family has roots in Pakistan, is thankful for people such as Asghar Ali ’54, of Lahore, Pakistan, who paved the way for students like himself.

A 1952 interview with the Flat Hat reveals that Ali hoped to become a mechanical engineer and describes him as being a whiz on the tennis courts and swinging “a mean ping pong racket.”

“These people created a foothold for future generations,” Jafri says of Ali and others like him. “It’s not lost on me the work that these students have been putting in since 1921 to create an environment where I can feel comfortable. I appreciate looking back in time and seeing their contribution to creating the environment today.”

Sohoni asked Yotsukura to create a template for an exhibit based on their findings. Over the summer, she worked on converting the assignment into an exhibit that could be displayed at Swem Library this fall.

The next step in the students’ research will be to reach out to sources outside William & Mary. For example, Zhao is contacting Tsinghua University in China, where Chen and other students received training in English before traveling to the United States, to find out if there are any photographs of the students who came to William & Mary.

“We’re trying to see if we can find information before they arrived here and what happened after they returned to China,” Sohoni says.

Zhao says there are hints that Chen may have become a playwright or filmmaker, something he hopes to further research in China, where Zhao’s mother grew up and his grandmother still lives. After graduating, he plans to go into teaching and share some of what he’s learning with high school students — a goal that ties in well with the Asian Centennial plans to promote curricula in K-12 schools.

“I would describe archival research as sort of putting together a puzzle,” he says. “There are all these different disparate pieces. We’re trying to figure out one person’s life and situate them in the historical context of the time.”

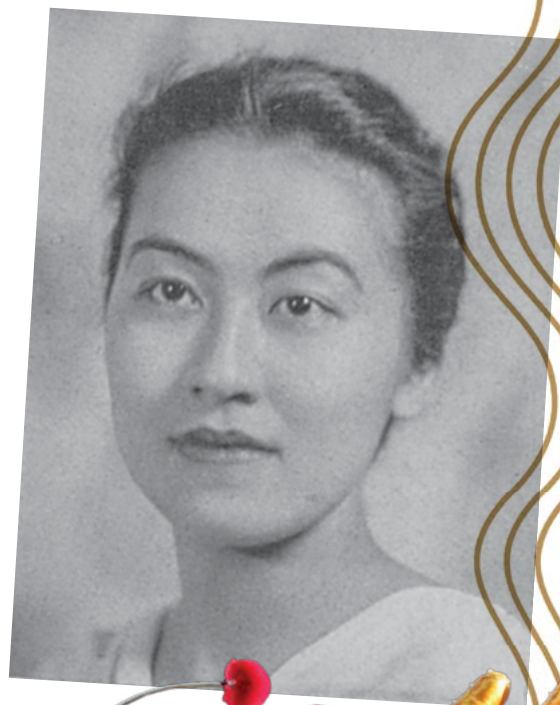
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## THE FOOTBALL CHAMPION

What was written in news stories about Art Matsu focused on his achievements on the football field, and there, he was an undisputed hero. Articles in the Flat Hat and other newspapers praised his athletic feats, according to Zhang’s research.



**TRAILBLAZERS:** *Asghar Ali '54 (above) was known as a tennis whiz. Hatsuye Yamasaki '37 participated in the Judicial Council and the Spanish Club.*





## ARTISTIC INTERPRETATION



As part of the Asian Centennial, Richmond-based Filipino American artist-in-residence Roberto Jamora (pictured below) will be at William & Mary for a year creating artwork, giving lectures and working with students in collaboration with the Muscarelle Museum of Art. Rinabeth Apostol, an actor and singer from San Francisco, will work with Tanglao Aguas on a solo show to premiere during Filipino American History Month in October and next April, she will perform “The Chinese Lady,” a stage play based on the life of the first Asian woman to migrate to the United States. Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Marissa Aroy will create a documentary as a film fellow in residence.



Already known as a star athlete in high school, Matsu reportedly had considered attending Princeton University, but William & Mary football coach J. Wilder Tasker promised that he could play immediately.

Off the football field, Matsu was part of Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Kappa Psi, the Order of the White Jacket and the secretive 13 Club. He served in leadership roles for the Monogram Club and as secretary of his freshman class.

But there were hints that he was viewed differently than other players. In his research, Zhang found news coverage from outside the Williamsburg area that referred to Matsu as a “Jap Quarterback” even though he was born in Glasgow and his mother was Scottish. Matsu’s family moved to Canada and then to Cleveland, Ohio, where he grew up.

In Virginia, the environment outside of William & Mary was less than welcoming for students such as Chen and Matsu. The Racial Integrity Act passed by the Virginia General Assembly in 1924 prohibited interracial marriage and defined a white person as someone “who has no trace whatsoever of any blood other than Caucasian.” The law would have made the marriage between Matsu’s parents illegal, had they lived in the state.

During the time that Chen and Matsu attended William & Mary, the Ku Klux Klan and Anglo Saxon clubs were growing in popularity in southeastern Virginia and were targeting immigrants and Catholics in addition to Black citizens. “It was the second wave of the KKK,” Jafri says.

In the same issue of the Flat Hat that carried an article with the headline “Matsu to Davis Passing Combination Again Proves Its Worth” on Sept. 24, 1926, another headline described the presentation of an American flag and flagpole to William & Mary from the KKK: “Imperial Wizard Evans Heads a List of Ku Klux Klan Notables Who Will Attend Presentation.”

During the presentation of the flag, Julian A.C. Chandler, then William & Mary’s president, made remarks to the 6,000 spectators denouncing “the bigotry and intolerance which exists in our nation today.”

In addition to Zhang’s thesis, William & Mary’s recorded knowledge of Matsu is being expanded through conversations with his daughter, Nancy Matsu Hulse. After President Rowe led the effort to locate Art Matsu’s family, W&M oral historian Andre Taylor conducted an interview with Hulse on Oct. 8, 2020.

As part of the Asian Centennial, organizers expect to hold a formal opening of the Arthur A. Matsu Arcade, an arched walkway at Zable Stadium, at one of the football games this fall. The Board of Visitors voted in April to name

the arcade in honor of Matsu, who played in the NFL for the Dayton Triangles after graduating from W&M and later became a coach at Rutgers University. He died in 1987 at age 83.

Matsu also will be commemorated with a new Virginia historical highway marker, Gov. Ralph Northam announced in August. Students from Cumberland Middle School researched Matsu and nominated him as part of a contest to recognize Asian American Pacific Islander history in the state.

On May 4, 2016, Zhang delivered his thesis presentation on Matsu — one day after winning election to the Williamsburg City Council and witnessing the Faculty of Arts & Sciences vote to approve Asian & Pacific Islander American studies as a minor.

“If there’s one word to encapsulate what the Asian American studies major did for me, it helped me develop a deeper sense of empathy,” says Zhang, now an attorney with Kaufman & Canoles in Williamsburg. “It helped me shape how I think.”

That background was particularly useful during his last few months of his City Council tenure in 2020, when there were nationwide protests in response to the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, he says. Relating what he had learned in Asian American studies helped prepare him to speak with citizen groups and work with then-Mayor Paul Freiling ’83, P ’21 to craft the city’s response.

“A lot of thought, a lot of work and a lot of the training I got from my major went into that,” he says. “Having that knowledge from my undergraduate studies really was important.”

Just as Matsu inspired him, Zhang says he hopes that in the future, students will be encouraged by his accomplishments.

“I don’t think Art Matsu would have wanted to be emulated, and I certainly wouldn’t want folks to emulate me, either,” he says. “Rather, we hope that our narratives inspire others to find their own voices and forge their own paths.”

## A VIBRANT COMMUNITY

After Chen and Matsu, Yamasaki and Ali came many others. The late Rear Adm. Ming Chang ’55 was a decorated naval officer who later became a corporate executive. Stephen Tang ’82 is CEO of Philadelphia-based OraSure Technologies, which produces over-the-counter, at-home testing kits for COVID-19, among other products. Florida Rep. Stephanie Dang Murphy ’00 arrived in the United States as an infant when her family fled Vietnam and in 2016, she became the first Vietnamese American woman elected to Congress.

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According to W&M's Office of Institutional Research, Asian Americans make up about 8% of the university's student population. The university's Asian-Pacific Islander-Middle Eastern/Southwest Asian (APIM) alumni base is estimated at more than 4,000. Leaders of the new APIM alumni network held their first meetings in early 2021 and are working to increase the group's visibility and strengthen its members' connection to William & Mary.

Tanglao Aguas has been a strong advocate for expanding Asian studies at William & Mary and nurturing the growing community of Asian American students. When he came to William & Mary in 2005, he was the only Filipino faculty member, and there was just one Asian theater student.

"I saw that as an opportunity to create a platform for diversity and that's been my work — 16 years of diversifying not only the physical landscape and the academic landscape, but also the creative landscape," he says.

In 2009, Tanglao Aguas became the first faculty member of color in the arts to receive tenure and in 2016, the first to become a full professor. Sohoni helped Tanglao Aguas build the APIA program and is now the director, while Tanglao Aguas is head of global studies. APIA studies became an official minor in 2016 and a major in 2019. To date, there have been more than two dozen students in the program.

In 2019, Zhang's parents, who emigrated from China and opened a medical practice in New York City, established the Jinlan Liu APIA Faculty

Research Endowment, named in honor of Zhang's mother, to support the program. All of the APIA faculty members are eligible to receive research grant funds through the endowment. In announcing the endowment, Jinlan Liu P '16 expressed the hope that it "will further disseminate America's complex history with Asian Americans and provide solutions for the challenges Asian Americans face today."

Also in 2019, William & Mary became the only public university in Virginia to offer a Japanese studies major, under the Department of Modern Languages & Literatures.

The first student to graduate with a self-designed Asian American studies major was Edward Hong '09, now an actor and producer living in Los Angeles. Hong, who was born in California and attended high school in Seoul, South Korea, before coming to William & Mary, gave the 2020 virtual commencement address for APIA graduates.

In his speech, Hong talked about the transformative role that Tanglao Aguas and Asian American studies played in helping him find his career path. A turning point came during the class "Sex and Race in Plays and Films," in which the final project was about identity. Hong had been struggling with his emotions as a young Korean American in the aftermath of the Virginia Tech shootings in April 2007, and Tanglao Aguas encouraged him to express himself through writing.

Hong says he was nervous about how others would respond if he shared his inner turmoil, but when he





finished making his presentation, he was surprised to see the entire class in tears. Instead of treating him as an outcast, his audience of fellow students and their friends gathered around him in support.

“Because of that, I knew I wasn’t alone,” he says. “From this point, Francis and I and many others created a vibrant niche that has become what you see before you now.”

Hong’s experience led him to collaborate with Tanglao Aguas on forming a diverse performing arts group and designing his own Asian American studies major. He called on the 2020 graduates to fight

neuroscience studies she’s been pursuing, she recently decided to declare an APIA major. Vo hopes to become a physician assistant who can address health care disparities that adversely affect Asian Americans.

In an effort to increase the visibility of Vietnamese American students at William & Mary and help incoming students who share their heritage feel more at home, Vo and three other students — Kenneth Tieu ’23, Brandon Nguyen ’24 and Lemai Vo ’21 — established a Vietnamese Student Association last spring. Among their activities was a Têt new



**LIGHTING THE WAY:**  
*Lantern festivals and APIA graduation stoles help to raise visibility for Asian American studies and programs.*

for justice while extending compassion to others, to lean on each other when times are tough and to take care of themselves so they don’t burn out.

“This major that you have is more than just a degree,” Hong told the graduates. “The major carries knowledge and the foundation of those whose shoulders you stand upon. Ultimately, it carries power.”

### EYES ON THE FUTURE

Angelique Vo ’22 says her APIA classes at William & Mary have encouraged her to explore her identity and culture as it relates to the history of Asian Americans in the United States. This was a contrast from her grade-school years, when she did not see much evidence of her Vietnamese heritage in the curriculum.

“I feel like I can see myself now in my position in society,” she says. “I can see what my rights are and how they have been affected by greater forces.”

Seeing things in a new way has influenced Vo’s thinking about her career path. In addition to the

year celebration in which participants delivered lanterns filled with goodies to an assigned partner.

The VSA joins a variety of other Asian American student groups, including the Chinese Student Organization, the South Asian Student Association, the Filipino American Student Association, the Japanese Culture Association, the Korean American Student Association and the Asian American Student Law Association.

Like Vo, Melina Rice ’23 says that taking an APIA class helped her to make sense of her own experiences. Rice, who is Filipino American, would like to see the program expand its courses on subjects such as Filipino history and attract more students.

“I hope we would be able to have more resources available because I’m very interested in that,” says Rice, a film and media studies major.

Vo hopes the Asian Centennial will encourage all students to learn more about the history of Asians and Asian Americans at W&M.

“Continually educating yourself on those narratives is important,” she says. “The more people learn, the more changes will happen.” ☺

A portrait of a young man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a white shirt and a dark blazer, looking directly at the camera.

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GLOBAL VIEWPOINT: *Levine has traveled the world researching international development, from India to Afghanistan to Sierra Leone.*



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# *Power Analyst*

JOSEPH LEVINE '18 AND TEAM AFGHAN POWER  
HELP ELECTRIFY RURAL AFGHANISTAN

## **JOSEPH LEVINE '18 AND JOHN GERLAUGH**

sat in a boiling hot mud-brick building asking the same 120 questions again and again. • Their work, taking place in the capital of Afghanistan's Panjshir Valley, was part of a research survey that had come to resemble a high-stakes game of telephone. Gerlaugh asked a question, their translator interpreted, the interviewee responded, their translator interpreted again, and Levine transcribed. It was painstaking, Gerlaugh thought, but worth it in order to understand the needs, routines and behavior of the local public.

*By Noah Robertson '19*





**MEETING OF THE MINDS:** *Levine (on laptop) and John Gerlaugh (in center) meet with an Afghan engineer, a local farmer and their guide during their time in Panjshir province.*

## EDITOR'S NOTE

This article was written in June, before the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan. Get an update on Levine and Team Afghan Power at [magazine.wm.edu/power-analyst](http://magazine.wm.edu/power-analyst).

Amid the process, though, Levine asked them to stop and pulled Gerlaugh aside. The answers were starting to fall into predictable patterns, he said, which made him suspect that respondents were exiting the room and telling the next participant what to say.

His assumption proved true, and he and Gerlaugh changed their process to stop that from happening. That one observation saved the dataset and days of work. Even more, Gerlaugh says, he wouldn't have noticed it without Levine.

"He brought an analytical view of the data that we just didn't have before," Gerlaugh says.

The survey was part of a weeks-long trip to Afghanistan for Team Afghan Power, a nonprofit Gerlaugh founded in 2015 to support rural parts of Afghanistan by building microgrids in areas that wouldn't otherwise have access to electricity. Gerlaugh, a former director of counterterrorism during the George W. Bush administration, had long-standing connections to the country that motivated him to focus there.

But Levine didn't have those connections. In fact, when he made his first of two trips to Afghanistan, he had just graduated college. He'd never visited the country. Growing up, his family barely traveled.

To Levine, that's never been a problem.

In his time at William & Mary and after graduating, Levine has traveled the world researching international development. His work has taken him from India to Afghanistan to Sierra Leone, but in each country, he brings the same analytical toolkit and ardent work ethic that helps the projects succeed. It's a skill-set he learned in his four years studying at William & Mary and the University of St Andrews, as part of the joint-degree program.

Levine knows that his individual work won't solve entrenched issues of poverty and instability in the developing world. He wants to be part of the solution, though, no matter how long that may take.

"That's the whole point of research," Levine says. "What's going on right now is not an acceptable outcome. But let's think of ideas that'll change that, and then test every single one of them until we find one that works."

**Levine grew up in the Washington, D.C.,** area, with his family split between Bethesda, Maryland, and parts of West Virginia. Living near the star of William & Mary's geographic solar system meant a lifelong exposure to the university. But it was the St Andrews Joint Degree Programme and the government department's influence in Washington that pulled him into its orbit.

"Williamsburg is not exactly the center of the world," says Levine. "But there were connections everywhere at the university."

He developed connections of his own through an internship with the Project for International Peace

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**BUILDING SOMETHING NEW:** *Levine took this photo in Sangana, Afghanistan. The supports for the roof the children are sitting on are old Soviet artillery shells with the explosives removed. They're commonly used as building materials in this area.*

and Security, which is part of William & Mary's Global Research Institute, and his constant appetite for information on government and international relations. Last year, he even reread one of his old textbooks on Soviet politics.

Spending his sophomore and junior years at St Andrews expanded his cultural literacy and provided his first gateway to life abroad. Moving from Green and Gold Village on William & Mary's campus to Scotland was like having a second freshman year. The social atmosphere was new — and the fencing club, where he competed in épée, was much more intense. The students at William & Mary, from a similar area and with similar career goals, helped him build on existing ideas. The students at St Andrews introduced him to new ones. The combination taught Levine to adapt.

"I'm happy pretty much anywhere I am," he says. "But I think William & Mary really set me up to be productive and happy."

Productive and happy Levine has been, partly because of the enjoyment he gets from seeing new places. Traveling to Europe was fun, he says, but after a while it felt too close to the culture in which he grew up. Part of his reward in traveling is finding a challenge and growing from it. Levine didn't feel challenged, so he looked elsewhere.

His first foray came in the form of a State Department language fellowship to Calcutta, India.

“*What’s going on right now is not an acceptable outcome. But let’s think of ideas that’ll change that, and then test every single one of them until we find one that works.*”



There the native language is Bengali — the seventh-most widespread language in the world but one with a small footprint in the United States. He spent the summer of his sophomore year in the city, ensconced in the culture and language.

“I really like finding a new place to find out what was challenging about it,” Levine says. “It’s all driven by similar research topics, similar tasks, trying to make the same kind of difference.”

All this came as a surprise to his family, who rarely stray from home. Both of his sisters now live close to their colleges. His family is still in the Washington area. Meanwhile Levine hasn’t lived in the same place for more than 10 months since high school.

“I am the weird one,” he says.

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**Whether weird, or just different, Levine’s** travels led him to parts of the world he would’ve never seen and people he would’ve never met.

One of those people was John Gerlaugh.

A former Marine Corps officer, Gerlaugh has spent his life in and around the U.S. military, and in style he meets the mold. His conversational tone is that of a friendly command. When he believes something, he believes it boldly. That means acting on it.

For most of his life, Gerlaugh believed the best way to ensure peace abroad was to use force. But in the middle of the 2010s, while studying for a master’s degree at National Defense University and debating kindhearted professors, Gerlaugh changed his mind.

“I did a complete conversion to economic development,” he says.

That change of heart led him to found Team Afghan Power. Unlike other non-governmental organizations Gerlaugh knew, the aim wasn’t to just raise aid money. In his time in Afghanistan, he’d seen what happens when American infrastructure projects proceed without community support — whether that be a wind farm left in disarray after the village couldn’t maintain it or an unwanted well destroyed by jaded locals. His team would be on the ground, working on projects with and for the Afghan people. To him, sustainability was the gold standard.

After extensive research, he decided the best way to contribute was by building microgrids. Afghanistan is still a heavily rural country, and the infrastructure required to power remote villages on a large scale is still prohibitively expensive for the Afghan government. By providing electricity, and the tools to effectively use it, he reasoned, they could benefit people for generations.

Soon after Gerlaugh laid the foundation of Team Afghan Power, he and Levine were introduced through a professor at William & Mary. They set up a breakfast meeting in Fairfax, Virginia, over French toast, bacon and coffee — a meal that has since become their staple. Gerlaugh explained his long-term vision and listed areas where Levine could help. It was an ambitious project, Levine thought at the time, but he liked the sound of something big.

“I have a three-week trip to Afghanistan coming up,” Gerlaugh said. “Do you want to come?”

Levine said yes.

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**Almost a year later, their plane touched down in Kabul International Airport, surrounded by** some of the country’s most impressive mountain ranges. The area’s altitude can disorient new visitors, so they spent half a week there in the beginning before driving the daylong trip to the Panjshir Valley, on the route Alexander the Great once crossed to conquer India.

**TOP OF THE WORLD:** *In the Panjshir Valley, Levine and the team helped repair a damaged wind farm. The Panjshir is a common weekend destination for wealthy families from Kabul.*







Despite some concerns about safety (which required thorough reassurance to his parents), he felt overwhelmed by the hospitality and resilience of those he met. New acquaintances almost always invited him to tea and a meal, offering him the best watermelon he's ever had. Local children turned the abandoned tanks and downed helicopters that littered roadsides into playgrounds.

In Panjshir, they linked up with Team Afghan Power's engineer, who lives in the country, before driving to the region's capital to stay with the governor. Then the work began.

"The day-to-day was about half political, half engineering," Levine says.

Any electrical project requires the approval, and trust, of different departments, officials and local leaders, at different times and at different levels. They studied maps to identify potential sites, and then went for inspections and interviews to better understand the economic behavior and



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needs of local people. Surveys, inspections, data collection and long flowcharts became, to them, a way of life.

Working with limited supplies did too. Some of the towns they visited built small hydroelectric plants out of little more than a truck axle. “You kind of have to jerry-rig most things,” Levine says.

tionships of their own. Lee came to admire Levine’s self-sufficiency, humility and attention to detail. He still calls him “Jo.”

“Jo’s ability to fit in with a couple guys like us and to tolerate all our old war stories and everything is a real testament to his ability to operate in different environments,” Lee says.



**ENERGY FOR THE FUTURE:** *Left: Afghan schoolgirls pose with solar panels installed by Team Afghan Power. Right: Levine and John Gerlaugh visited this plant in 2019; it's the largest industrial enterprise in Panjshir province. It's powered by a hydroelectric plant.*



Improvised solutions also often meant improvised roles. In his work on the ground, Levine became the team medic, photographer, analyst and scribe. His affability helped build trust with skeptical villagers, especially when their kids rushed out to play with them. His analytical thinking helped sharpen ideas.

“He’s like a Swiss Army knife,” Gerlaugh says.

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**It wasn’t until the end of Levine’s first trip** to Afghanistan, though, that Gerlaugh knew he’d found a special partner. After the exhaustion, heat, drudgery and sweat, as they flew back from a largely self-funded trip, Levine asked him when they could go again.

In the summer of 2019, they did. This time, having established their relationships with locals already, they completed a more structured set of surveys and data collection. The work, as usual, wasn’t glitzy. The hours were still long. The days were still hot.

Joining them this trip was Curtis Lee, a retired Marine colonel who had joined the project after serving with Gerlaugh in Afghanistan. Immediately, Lee says, he saw how Levine had Gerlaugh’s “complete and total trust.” That was enough for him.

So focused on developing relationships with the Afghan people, their work also led to close rela-

Levine jumped into his work, and while rarely the first to talk, wasn’t afraid to voice his opinion. The team didn’t always agree, but they respected each other’s thoughts and came to know each other as equals.

“Frankly, he became one of my best friends,” says Gerlaugh. “I’m 67, so I don’t often make friends with 23-year-olds.”

A 40-year gap in age made little difference while working on the same project. The challenges were enough to unite.

Since the pandemic began, the Afghan government has grown weaker and Taliban has grown more aggressive. Each trend makes Team Afghan Power’s work more difficult. They’ve had to delay trips and relocate their efforts, at times fearing for the long-term safety of their local partners. Fundraising is a persistent challenge, as is the moral injury some with military experience in Afghanistan feel about the long war effort still wrapped in uncertainty.

“The scar is deep,” Gerlaugh says. “But programs like Team Afghan Power are how we’re going to fix it.”

These setbacks were part of what made their first finished microgrid so rewarding. It didn’t end up in the Panjshir Valley, instead moving to the Bamyan Province for the sake of safety.

There the five-kilowatt grid powers a local all-girls school, with about 300 students K-12. The system of solar panels is protected against the elements,

LEFT PHOTO: REZA EGHBALLI; RIGHT PHOTO COURTESY OF TEAM AFGHAN POWER

and power lines run underground for safety. In addition, they supplied computers, internet access, a copier and a television that functions as an electronic blackboard.

Now they have their eyes toward another nearby school, which serves more students and doubles as a health clinic.

“If we can bring the outside world in the form of a high-quality education, we’ll affect generationally the outlook these kids have,” says Gerlaugh.

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**Levine is watching from the outside for now. Since his** last trip to Afghanistan, he took a job in consulting in the private sector around Washington and spent about a year there. Then, yet again driven by a desire to research, he quit and decamped to Sierra Leone, where he’s spent the first half of this year working as a co-author and researcher on different projects related to international development, including one with a former professor.

S.P. Harish is an assistant professor in the university’s government department and has worked with Levine ever since Harish needed a student to accompany him on a two-month summer research trip to rural India. Levine joined him first as a research assistant and then as a co-presenter at a conference in Puerto Rico.

“William & Mary has a fantastic system of allowing professors like me to take students like Joseph into the field and give them a taste of what research is,” says Harish.

On their trip to India, Harish and Levine talked about different research ideas on a car ride — a discussion Harish forgot about until years later he got a call from Levine asking him whether he wanted to put them into action. Harish agreed and they’ve spent the last year and a half working together, as co-authors this time.

“It has been amazing to work with someone who is so driven and so intent on staying on top of things,” says Harish. “He’s the ideal co-author.”

Thanks largely to Levine’s work — including on a recent three-layover flight back to Washington from Sierra Leone — their project will soon see the light of day. Sometimes, he even pushes Harish to work harder.

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**Levine doesn’t know where his next destination is, but** he knows that regardless of his location, the aim will be the same.

On one hand, he’s preparing to pursue a Ph.D., in the hopes of synthesizing his research into a shared body of work. On another, there’s a mission to his method.

“The usual example I give is South Korea,” Levine says. “In the 1970s, South Korea had the same GDP per capita as Sierra Leone today. That was crazy, right? No one really has a plan to get Sierra Leone to be as rich as South Korea, but we’re trying to think of this as a big picture. For now, the best thing I can do is help fix what I can help fix.”

That may take him farther; it may bring him closer to home. But no matter what, there will be a part of Levine in Afghanistan. Whether it’s a wind farm he helped fix or the photographs he took or the grid he helped make possible, perhaps as the first of more to come, Levine will have helped.

Even if he doesn’t know the people whose lives he benefited, they’ll know Joseph Levine. Gerlaugh and Team Afghan Power named the microgrid after him. ☺





WHIMSY AND WONDER: *PunkinFutz's*  
products are designed to "inspire playful  
discovery, choice-making and self-expression."





# EVERYONE HAS A SUPERPOWER

**LISA RADCLIFFE '86 AND PUNKINFUTZ BRING THE WORLD  
OF PLAY TO CHILDREN WITH ADAPTIVE NEEDS**

**BY SARA PICCINI**

**S**croll through the website for PunkinFutz — a Brooklyn-based company that makes adaptive toys and accessories for children with disabilities — and you'll find the standard FAQs about shipping and returns, followed by a final question: What is the airspeed velocity of an unladen swallow?

Clearly, this is no ordinary company.

PunkinFutz, founded by Lisa Radcliffe '86 and her husband, David Kramlich, in 2016, combines a seriousness of purpose with a sense of whimsy. (Fans of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" will of course know the response to the swallow question: European or African?) The company's name is a tribute to Radcliffe's father, who coined the term "PunkinFutz" as a moniker for Radcliffe and her brother.

Radcliffe's mission is to bring the world of play to kids who are often cut off from it. "It's very clearly known that creative play is instrumental to the development of a child, intellectually and socially. And those play opportunities are often inaccessible to children with disabilities," she says.

Dedicated to employing people from the community PunkinFutz serves, Radcliffe is also transforming the lives of adults with disabilities. "It's metamorphic in every way," says Shenik Ruiz, the company's marketing communications coordinator, who has cerebral palsy. "The company is changing how society views disability by showing our value."



***“The more I looked into it, the more I found that this was a whole area that was underserved and underrepresented in the marketplace.”***



The company itself is now poised for transformation. Partnering with Sesame Street, PunkinFutz launched a line of products at the end of July featuring familiar Sesame characters such as Big Bird, Elmo and Count von Count, sold exclusively at JCPenney online.

“There’s something so fundamental and comforting about those characters,” Radcliffe says. “It was everything coming together at the right time.”

**‘SOMEONE SHOULD DO THAT’** Radcliffe’s inspiration for PunkinFutz grew out of her own experience raising two children with adaptive needs, her daughter Maddie, 25, and son Buster, 12.

“Buster was born at 26 weeks, so he was a micro-preemie,” Radcliffe says. As a toddler, he was fitted with heavy plastic orthotics to help him overcome neuromuscular challenges. “They looked like medieval torture gear. The kids on the playground were afraid of him.” Radcliffe was also concerned Buster might injure other children if he accidentally bumped into them.

“I realized that so much of what I had gone through with my daughter hadn’t changed,” she says. “The therapeutic things that kids needed still didn’t exist.” As she explains, most products were utilitarian and ugly, made for the long-term care market and produced by medical supply companies.

At a visit to the orthopedist, Radcliffe suggested that if children’s orthotics were made to look like superhero gear, every kid would want them. “The doctor said to me, ‘That’s a great idea — someone should do that.’”

Radcliffe knew she was that “someone.” But she had her hands full as a working mother, then serving as vice president of New York operations for CTGi, a technology and management consulting company.

The pivotal moment came when Radcliffe was offered a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to head up a technology company. “I had been working my whole career for this kind of offer. I came home and said to my husband, ‘I don’t want to do it.’” The couple started talking, rekindling the idea of manufacturing kid-friendly orthotics.

At the time, Radcliffe was enrolled in the MBA program at Baruch College’s Zicklin School of Business. “So my husband — being the wonderfully supportive human that he is — said, ‘Go see what you can learn,’” she says. She began doing research on children’s adaptive products for a marketing class. Although she discovered that several companies were already making colorful orthotics for children, she saw a huge need elsewhere.

“The more I looked into it, the more I found that this was a whole area that was underserved and underrepresented in the marketplace,” she says.

Radcliffe made the leap from executive to entrepreneur, launching PunkinFutz with a product line of bags for children in wheelchairs and others with limited mobility. From there, the company developed a patented compression vest made of breathable fabric. “We opened ourselves to an entire sensory play world.”

**FINDING YOUR SUPERPOWER** From the beginning, one point was non-negotiable for Radcliffe and her husband: PunkinFutz would hire people from the disability community.

“When we started the company, our daughter was 20. If I were going to expect someone to employ our daughter, then I’d better be that same employer,” she says.

On the manufacturing end, PunkinFutz initially worked with Helena Industries in Montana, a cut-and-sew operation run by The Arc, a national advocacy



organization for people with disabilities. “They were a tremendous partner in taking our designs and helping us refine and produce them,” Radcliffe says. “It’s hard to know how to make a bag for a wheelchair if you’re not sitting in a wheelchair. We need the lived experience of the community for whom we’re making these products.”

Although the COVID-19 pandemic curtailed operations at many Arc facilities, PunkinFutz continues to do a significant amount of production with Arc programs in the United States, while also moving some manufacturing overseas to meet demand.

Radcliffe’s most ambitious goal for PunkinFutz is to build an adaptive factory in New York City.

“We have a whole trajectory. I know which products we’re starting with that right now we source in places that are not adaptive. I’ve also started talking to other manufacturers who might be clients of ours,” she says.

“I know it’s expensive, I know this is the hardest place to do this. But this is where the population needs jobs,” she adds. “More than 70 percent of adults with disabilities in the city are unemployed. That’s an outrageous number.”

In keeping with PunkinFutz’s mission, the majority of the company’s office staff is also comprised of adults with disabilities.

“I have a physical disability that you can see, there’s no going around it,” says Shenik Ruiz, a Bronx native and summa cum laude graduate of Lehman College of the City University of New York. “I knew employment was going to be a struggle for me, and I was ready for it.”

Ruiz first encountered PunkinFutz three years ago at the Abilities Expo in New Jersey while working on her senior capstone project. “I gave them my business card and resume, and said if you ever have any job openings, please reach out to me. I met

Lisa the next day and it’s been history ever since,” she says.

“To find a place so early in my career that fully accepts who I am and the accommodations that I need — I really appreciate that. We all do.”

PunkinFutz’s unofficial motto is “Everyone has a superpower,” and Ruiz notes that Radcliffe helps the staff to find theirs.

Ruiz, for example, expanded her responsibilities to include community outreach after Radcliffe recognized her skills in that area. She is especially proud of initiating a collaboration with the New York Public Library in Manhattan, which will serve as host for a panel on disability employment.

“In big corporations you don’t always get a chance to see someone’s superpowers and what they’re good at. Here we’re able to do that,” Ruiz says.

**TRIBUTE TO A TEACHER** Radcliffe’s commitment to the greater community has been a through-line in her career and life. “In the technology field, my particular area of expertise was privacy and confidentiality for disenfranchised populations, so I worked a lot on how data can be used to improve outcomes in human services,” she says.

She traces that commitment directly back to William & Mary. “There are experiences and professors I had that really changed the way I thought about the world. One in particular was a German professor — Elsa Diduk.” Diduk, renowned for her intellectual passion and force of personality, received both the Thomas Jefferson Award and the Graves Award for Excellence in Teaching during her tenure at William & Mary. She passed away in 2010.

“I had come to William & Mary with quite a bit of German, so I placed in her upper-level class my freshman year,” Radcliffe recalls. “In my first couple

**ADVOCATE:** Radcliffe was inspired to start the company by her experience raising two children with adaptive needs. PunkinFutz also employs people from the disability community.





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of weeks of college, she said things that were so challenging to me intellectually that I actually dropped the course.”

Returning to Diduk’s classroom the following semester, Radcliffe ended up taking courses with her throughout all four years of college, including an independent study her senior year.

“She considered herself an ethical humanist. She talked about the way power was used historically, and in ways I’d never considered given my particular background and upbringing. It was so eye-opening,” Radcliffe says. “To this day, I find my views align very strongly with her views that had so shocked me my freshman year. It took four years for me to be able to hear it and a lifetime to process it.”

Diduk also challenged Radcliffe on a personal level. “In my last class with her, she said, ‘Lisa, listen to me. You could go to grad school in German if you wanted to, but please don’t. You would be wasting everyone’s time. You’re not serious enough as a student. You need to decide what you really want to do in the world.’

“It was the most dead-on, important, correct, insightful thing that anyone had ever said to me,” Radcliffe says. “In so many ways, she absolutely changed my life for the better.”

Radcliffe’s greatest regret is not having the opportunity to express her gratitude to Diduk before her death. “Teachers have a huge impact on their students that often doesn’t become apparent until many years later. It’s so important to take a moment to say thank you, because you don’t always know that you’re going to get that chance.”

**THE THEORY OF LOOSE PARTS** While Elsa Diduk inspired Radcliffe’s seriousness of purpose, Radcliffe’s father inspired her sense of fun. “He has this wild imagination. He traveled a lot for business, and he would come home and bring my brother and me imaginary friends. He would tell us who the person was, what they looked like, how they dressed, where they went to school, what their language sounded like.

“For us, the idea of play was totally second nature — that, and wonder. My dad still has it,” Radcliffe says.

“He’s in his 80s now, and my mom died several years ago, so it’s really nice that’s he gotten to hear how important he’s been. I’m fortunate to have been able to make my father aware of how much of an impact he had on my thought process.”

The playfulness of PunkinFutz products — from pom-pom fidgets to superhero capes — was a major factor in Sesame Street’s decision to partner with the company.

“We were struck by Lisa’s dedication to making sure that her own kids and kids who have similar challenges have access to products that not only address their needs, but also let them have fun,” says Jeff Chapp, Sesame’s senior director of licensing.

In designing products that spur a child’s imagination, Radcliffe subscribes to what is known as “The Theory of Loose Parts” — an idea first proposed in the 1970s by architect Simon Nicholson. Nicholson argued that materials capable of being moved around, redesigned and recombined produce far greater opportunities for creative engagement.

“If you give a child a product to play with, they’ll play with it in prescribed ways. But if you give them a box of loose parts, they’ll come up with stuff you never thought of,” Radcliffe says. “Our vest, for example, has the only play ability of any product like it on the market. The whole outside is a really soft loop fabric, so that anything Velcro® sticks to it.”

PunkinFutz makes patches and capes to accessorize the vests, and each vest also comes with a supply of Velcro® fasteners so that children can attach their own favorite items. “One kid stuck a couple of empty plastic soda bottles on the back of the vest and pretended it was a jet pack,” she says.

**FIDGETS AND FOCUS** Beginning with its first wheelchair bags, PunkinFutz has joined forces with experts — occupational therapists, educators, parents, the disability community — to ensure that every product sold by the brand is effective, durable, fun and safe.

“Pediatric occupational therapists are the secret weapon when you’re designing products for kids,” Radcliffe says. “They’re so gifted in being able to meet a child where he or she is.”

PunkinFutz employs a staff OT, Peri Pike, and Dr. Clover Hutchinson, president of the New York State Black Occupational Therapy Caucus, serves on the company’s Advisory Group.

The Dillon Child Study Center at St. Joseph’s College in Brooklyn was an early champion of PunkinFutz. Radcliffe’s son Buster had attended the school, and she kept close ties with the staff.

“We call our curriculum a ‘whole-child’ curriculum,” says Professor Susan Straut Collard, the center’s director and associate chair of the St. Joseph’s Child Study Department. “We work simultaneously on a child’s intellectual development, social development, motor development and language development. Lisa and her team have helped us to understand how their materials can fit into that curriculum.”

Although it may sound counterintuitive, Straut Collard says, PunkinFutz’s fidgets — pom-poms, marble mazes, water bottles and fidgets with a scratchy surface — actually help children focus, improving their learning and social skills.

“Some children are very, very anxious. Some children really need reassurance,” she says. “If we can give a child a fidget during a time of anxiety, the child can put her anxiety into the material — guiding that ball around or feeling that rough fabric — and that frees her up to interact with other children and adults in an appropriate way. It helps

**FAMILIAR FRIENDS:**  
*Decorative patches featuring Sesame Street characters allow children to creatively personalize their PunkinFutz items.*







**ON THE MOVE:**  
Radcliffe and her team designed PunkinFutz products to be appropriate for all children, not just those with special needs.

her to ask a question when normally her anxiety would cause her to be quiet.”

She notes that PunkinFutz products are appropriate for all children at the Dillon Center, not just those with special needs, something Radcliffe and her team have emphasized in staff training.

Straut Collard cites the example of PunkinFutz’s compression vests. “We keep them in the dress-up area and the kids will sometimes put them on because they’re colorful, they’re decorative,” she says. “If a child is having a bad day and might need to calm their body, they can make the decision to put on the vest themselves or the teacher can suggest it,” she says.

“A teacher might say, ‘Maybe you need an extra hug today,’ and the child doesn’t feel singled out, because the vest is already in the classroom,” adds Danielle Endes, the center’s assistant director and special education coordinator.

Some products are just plain fun, Straut Collard says — like Velcro® PunkinPitch balls, which promote motor development. “Who doesn’t love throwing things?”

**HOW TO GET TO SESAME STREET** The launch of PunkinFutz’s Sesame Street line promises to be a game-changer for the company. For Radcliffe, the partnership made sense both from a business standpoint and from a values perspective.

“It seemed like the timing was just right, to focus on back-to-school for 2021 — to take that trusted Sesame character line and pair them with sensory products that help children to calm and focus,” Radcliffe says, noting the tremendous stress that the pandemic has placed on children.

The genesis of the partnership sprang from a gathering Radcliffe attended at Sesame Street, sponsored by the organization Women in Toys. “They played a couple of videos about what Sesame Street was doing in the world. I had no idea how much of a global impact they had. And I was so struck by it,” she says. “I thought that if we were ever to do licensing, their mission so fits with ours — it’s about human values and the value of play for children.”

When the company reached the point about a year ago when it was ready to consider licensing,

Radcliffe had a friend working at Sesame Street who was able to make introductions.

“We were so impressed that Lisa had built this brand. It was something we really hadn’t seen before, and we wanted to complement it with a Sesame touch,” says licensing director Jeff Chapp. “For people who already use PunkinFutz products, we thought it would be a great way for those kids to express their joy of Sesame and what they love about our characters by being able to accessorize the vests or wheelchair bags.”

PunkinFutz’s Sesame products, sold as part of JCPenney’s new adaptive line, include sensory and active child sets packed with a variety of fidgets and a coloring book, Elmo reward stars and collectible character patches, and bags for manual and motorized wheelchairs that can also be used on bikes, walkers or scooters.

“Sesame’s Streets focus, in a few simple words, is that we want to make sure that we can help kids grow smarter, stronger and kinder. Partnering with PunkinFutz is a no-brainer for us,” Chapp says. “I think we’re even more excited to work with Lisa than she is with us.”

**A JOY FOREVER** The COVID-19 pandemic has reinforced not only the importance of PunkinFutz’s products, but also the importance of its work providing support to the disability community. To that end, Radcliffe and her husband have established a nonprofit offshoot of PunkinFutz called Power by Inclusion.

Among their goals is addressing the need for more occupational therapists and special education professionals to serve communities of color, building on a partnership the company began with the New York State Occupational Therapy Association last year.

As PunkinFutz grows, Radcliffe is aware that she will need to delegate responsibility for many aspects of the operation. Her vision is clear, however.

“Wherever our employees are, that’s where I want to be. I tell people this is purely selfish on my part,” she says. “The greatest single joy I have ever gotten in my entire life is being able to work with our team. It’s absolutely unbelievable.” ☺

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## TRADITIONS

*This May, graduating students from the Class of 2021 crossed the Crim Dell Bridge as part of their traditional walk across campus before their Commencement ceremonies. In October, the Class of 2020 will return to campus during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend to celebrate their Commencement in person with this and other W&M graduation traditions.*

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“HE’S ALWAYS BEEN A FOCUSED PERSON WITH A CORE SET OF PRIORITIES AND VALUES.  
I’M PROUD TO SAY HE’S SERVING OUR COUNTRY.”

**TAKING COMMAND:** *Tim Brady '97 credits his time at William & Mary for developing his discipline and shaping him as a leader.*

## *Semper Fi*

FORMER WALK-ON TIM BRADY '97 RISES IN  
THE RANKS OF THE U.S. MARINE CORPS

**ALUMNI PROFILE** As a walk-on football player at William & Mary, Tim Brady '97 was guaranteed nothing more than an opportunity. His biggest contribution in four years came on the scout team, which he eventually led.

There was also the academic side, never an easy opponent at this Public Ivy. Time demands were constant and excuses — “I had a paper due, Coach” or “I was too sore from practice, Professor” — were not an option.

These days, as a colonel in the United States Marine Corps, the sacrifices made and consequences faced are more serious. Yet looking back, Brady believes his overall experience at William & Mary further developed his discipline and shaped him as a leader.

“I’m not the smartest tactician, and although I’m in pretty good shape these days, I’m not the fastest or strongest,” he says. “But I try to develop my leadership skills in ways that provide me an opportunity to serve. That started to develop in my later years at William & Mary when I was on the scout team.

“But as you progress up the ranks, you’re not getting paid for your physical attributes as much as for your intellectual capacity. That developed from the academic rigors at William & Mary and being able to balance being a student and an athlete.”

Born in Hartford, Connecticut, and raised mostly in Northern Virginia, Brady was a linebacker at William & Mary from 1993 to 1996. In terms of getting on the field, his timing couldn’t have been worse. The Tribe’s defenses in '94, '95 and '96 remain among the top 10 by statistics in program history. And his position was stacked.

Brady played 32 games and made 29 tackles. He was twice named special teams player of the week. Sean McDermott '98, who came in the same year as Brady, remembers him as an excellent teammate.

“I’m a disciplined person, and I saw a lot of similarities between him and me,” says McDermott, now head coach of the Buffalo Bills. “The structure with which he lived his life was evident from day one. And the field of work he went into was certainly no surprise.

“He’s always been a focused person with a core set of priorities and values. I’m proud to say he’s serving our country. The military doesn’t always get the credit it deserves.”

PHOTO: COURTESY OF TIM BRADY '97





Brady grew up in a military family. His father, Tim Brady Sr., was a Navy captain (O-6) — the equivalent of a colonel in other branches, including the Marines.

The Bradys moved around some in Tim's early years before settling in Northern Virginia in 1981, when he was entering the first grade. In '87, his father retired from the Navy after 25 years of service.

"I think the idea of service was instilled upon me at a young age," Brady says. "I would say in the late high school years is when I decided that if I wanted to serve my country, becoming an officer in the Marine Corps is what I wanted to do. This offered the greatest challenge."

College would come first, and Brady chose William & Mary. He had the academic record for admission but wasn't good enough for a football scholarship. So he dedicated himself to the scout team, which meant learning each opponent's defense and mimicking it during practice to prepare the Tribe's offense.

"I took a lot of pride in that," Brady says. "Some people might have been upset about it, but I considered it a great opportunity to contribute to the team in a different way."

Jimmye Laycock '70, W&M's head coach from 1980 to 2018, respected how Brady approached his role.

"He was the leader of the scout team," Laycock says. "He would get the guys together, and his example would help others."

"You have to admire guys like that who would do whatever it takes to help the team. He really recognized that what he did helped us become a better football team."

In Brady's four years on the roster, William & Mary went 34-13 with one conference championship and

two NCAA playoff appearances. It remains the best four-year run in the program's 127-year history.

In Brady's freshman year, he met a fellow student-athlete and kinesiology major from South Carolina named Ellen Eaves. A Tribe gymnast who qualified for the NCAA Regionals as a freshman, Ellen already knew a little about Tim.

"They used to send these booklets to freshmen called the 'Green and Gold,'" says Ellen, who, like Tim, graduated in '97. "It had everybody in your class, and I was thumbing through it and saw this guy and said, 'He's really cute.'"

"It was Tim. So I kind of picked him out before I even met him."

They began dating as sophomores. They were hooked.

On May 21, 1999, Brady graduated from the Infantry Officer Course at Quantico, which he describes as "cold, wet, miserable, hungry, tired, and physically and mentally challenging for 10 straight weeks." That same day, he drove to Williamsburg for his rehearsal dinner.

The following day, a Saturday, he and Ellen were married. They returned to Northern Virginia on Sunday, packed up their car, and on Monday began their "honeymoon" — a 2,770-mile to Camp Pendleton on the Southern California coast.

"I told him, 'We will go on a real honeymoon, right?'" Ellen says. "And we went to Tahiti a year later."

Brady was on his first deployment in the Arabian Gulf when the USS Cole was attacked on Oct. 12, 2000. Within six hours, Lieutenant Brady, his personal weapon loaded with live ammunition

**ALL IN THE FAMILY:**  
*Brady's wife, Ellen Eaves Brady '97, was also a student-athlete at William & Mary. They married as soon as he finished his Infantry Officer Course at Quantico.*



LEFT PHOTO: CHAD J. MCNEELY; RIGHT PHOTO: CPL. JUAN CARPANZANO





**INCOMING:** *Brady, the incoming commanding officer of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, receives the unit colors from Lt. Col. Matthew W. Tracy (right), outgoing commanding officer, during a change of command ceremony at Dewey Square, July 31, 2015.*

and leading a platoon of Marines, was in a helicopter flying to secure a refueling ship as it pulled into port.

He was reunited with Ellen when his six-month deployment ended on Valentine's Day 2001.

Then came Rota, Spain, where their first daughter, Eve, was born. But if you want a true military family story, that would be Lilly's birth four years later. Tim was in Iraq, Ellen and Eve in Wilmington, North Carolina. He watched Lilly come into the world via Skype.

"Our Christmas card that year was of Ellen in the hospital bed holding Lilly with 4-year-old Eve behind her and my picture on the computer screen," Brady says. "It was pretty funny."

Next came the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, where he was a company officer. Laycock wrote his letter of recommendation. Brady earned his first of three master's degrees as part of the leadership education development program at the University of Maryland.

After two years, he moved on to the Headquarters Marine Corps at the Pentagon. Then came Okinawa, Japan, Hawaii and, as Brady puts it, "all over the Pacific."

Back stateside, Brady graduated from the prestigious National Defense University, National War College in 2018. He then worked in current operations for the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C.

"There was always something going in the globe," he says.

Then came the eye-popper: In 2019, Rear Adm. George Wikoff nominated Brady to be deputy executive assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"He said, 'Go home and talk to Ellen about it because this is a job that is going to tax you day in and day out,'" Brady recalls.

Brady was hired by the incoming chairman, Gen. Mark Milley. He became one member in a small group of Milley's inner circle.

"It was an incredible experience and a fascinating year," Brady says. "It was also very demanding."

He then worked in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon for a year. Then, on June 25, 2021, he was named Commanding Officer 3rd Marine Regiment, which he says is the greatest accomplishment of his career.

"As an infantry officer, I'm coming back to an infantry regiment," says Brady, who is now based in Hawaii. "But this infantry regiment is re-designating to a first-of-its-kind Marine Littoral Regiment as part of the Marine Corps' Force Design 2030."

"It's about keeping up with and maintaining overmatch of our pacing threats. The Marine Corps has always been one to not train and equip for the war we fought last but to prepare ourselves for the next war we may fight in the future."

Nearly a quarter of a century after graduation, Tim and Ellen Brady — though 5,000 miles and six time zones from Williamsburg — remain Green and Gold.

It's where they met and fell in love. It's where they were collegiate athletes and earned their degrees from one of the most prestigious universities in the nation. And it's where their shared path was paved.

"We absolutely love William & Mary," Tim Brady says. "We found each other there. And what the college provided for us, both in terms of education and the intangibles, has served us well throughout life."

— DAVE JOHNSON



# Amplifying Student Voices

KEVIN DUA '09 IS AN AWARD-WINNING TEACHER AND ADVOCATE FOR HIS STUDENTS



**TEACH TO INSPIRE:**  
*Kevin Dua '09 inspires his students inside and outside the classroom to use their voices to create positive change.*

**ALUMNI PROFILE** Kevin Dua's students are leaders. World-changers. Role models. But the world doesn't always see them that way.

"It's a privilege seeing students engage with each other to better their environment. Folks who invalidate students' self-worth because of their perceptions of those students' age, grades or appearance miss out on the incredible sight of students being leaders in real time," Dua says. "I try to earn students' respect and curiosity as their teacher, and I try to earn their consent to be a cheerleader for their voices. We don't give students voices — they always have it, and it's a miseducation whenever we suggest they wait until post-graduation to use it."

It's this unfailing belief in his students and what they can achieve that has brought Dua recognition throughout his career. In 2017, he became the first Black educator to be awarded Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Massachusetts History Teacher of the Year. That same year, he was a finalist for National History Teacher of

the Year. His work has been recognized by NPR, PBS, Learning for Justice, Abolitionist Teaching Network, UpLift Cohort of Black Male Educators and more.

In May, he was honored with the Comcast NBCUniversal Leadership Award. The award celebrates City Year alumni "who are continuing their commitment to strengthening community, inspiring, mobilizing and empowering others, creating and developing sustainable solutions for social change and who exemplify the core values of City Year," which include service to cause greater than self, social justice for all, empathy and inclusivity, among others.

It was through City Year, an AmeriCorps program that places young graduates as student success coaches in systemically under-resourced schools, that Dua began his teaching career, but his passion for teaching history started at William & Mary.

He was originally a government major and wanted to become a lawyer. That changed when he

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"I WANT MY STUDENTS TO SEE THEMSELVES IN ANY SPACE ... I DON'T TAKE LIGHTLY OR FOR GRANTED HOW FORTUNATE I AM TO DO WHAT I LOVE."

met Jody Allen Ph.D. '07, who would become his mentor, and who is now the director of the Lemon Project at William & Mary. Their conversations about the civil rights movement, Black identity, and the importance of educating others about history with a critical lens inspired him to switch his major to history.

"Allen was instrumental in making me aspire to be that Black history educator who takes pride in diversifying curriculum with lessons on people from American history like Tituba, Marsha P. Johnson, John Brown, Fred Korematsu and Elián González," he says.

He applied to City Year, which placed Dua in Boston. There he had his first experience connecting with students in the classroom. He loved it, and he knew he wanted to learn more.

"City Year reaffirmed for me that being an educator calls for us to share with and learn from every student," he says.

After City Year, Dua earned his master's degree in secondary education at The Charles F. Donovan Urban Teaching Scholars program at Boston College. He then returned to the classroom, where he pairs teaching with encouraging students to be active participants in the life of their school. For example, students at Somerville High School, where he supervised the student government, campaigned for free tampon dispensers in bathrooms and changed the royalty titles for their prom court to be inclusive of LGBTQ+ students. And students at Cambridge Rindge and Latin, where he supervised the Black Student Union, led volunteer projects and social justice forums with classmates, teachers, Congressperson Ayanna Pressley and author and activist Cornel West.

He says his students are his best evaluators, and that he hopes they consider him as someone who doesn't shy away from difficult topics — and as someone who is genuinely interested in their lives.

Dua is one of just 7% of U.S. public school teachers who are Black and 1.7% who are Black men, and Black educators are more likely to exit the profession or change schools, according to the Learning Policy Institute. In 2018, as a member of the first all-teacher Boston Marathon team, Dua advocated for increasing the number of teachers of color. In 2019, he partnered with City Year and Boston College to set up a scholarship for City Year alumni pursuing an M.Ed.

He travels throughout the country, presenting and consulting on antiracism and anti-bias for academic conferences, nonprofits, and schools at all levels. He continues to mentor first-year

AmeriCorps members and conducts workshops on supporting students' civic engagement.

"As Black educators, we face racism from white peers; for years, I've listened to countless Black teachers across the nation who've shared their struggles with me," says Dua. "To support teachers of color, K-12 schools and universities like W&M must openly and consistently acknowledge their own complicity and complacency in invalidating their Black educators."

Despite the challenges, he is inspired to keep teaching through his faith and the support of his spouse, Rebekah, family and friends, mentors and students — as well as those who came before him.

"There are individuals whom I've never met that contributed to the opportunity for me to attend college and feel unapologetic in my melanin," he says.

"Whenever students of color ask me if they would fit in at William & Mary, I don't name-drop alumnus Thomas Jefferson or Jon Stewart '84, D.A. '04; I mention Janet Brown Strafer '71, M.Ed. '77, D.Sc. '18, Karen Ely '71, D.Sc. '18 and Lynn Briley '71, D.Sc. '18 and their time as the first Black residential students. I mention Crystal Joseph '09, a Black licensed clinical professional counselor and founder of PsycYourMind, and Lamar Shambley '10, a Black teacher and founder and executive director at Teens of Color Abroad, who are — among many others — good people doing good for people today.

"I want my students to see themselves in any space, just as Congressperson John Lewis' remarks at my freshman Convocation and Allen's classes did for me. Whether it was as a City Year member or a history teacher, I don't take lightly or for granted how fortunate I am to do what I love."

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**W&M PRIDE:** Dua served on his senior class gift committee while a student and continues to stay engaged with his alma mater.

*Kevin Dua '09 wrote the fall 2017 W&M Alumni Magazine cover story "Black at William & Mary," in commemoration of 50 years of African American students in residence.*



# Putting Children First

DR. LEE BEERS '92 LEADS PEDIATRICIANS' RESPONSE TO COVID-19,  
OTHER HEALTH PRIORITIES

**ALUMNI PROFILE** Dr. Lee Savio Beers '92 didn't expect to be leading the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) during a pandemic. When she began serving as president-elect in January 2020, she anticipated that she would be addressing issues such as mental health needs, early childhood development and equitable care for children from diverse backgrounds and geographic regions.

"Within a couple of months, as you know, things dramatically changed," she says. "But you do what you need to do, and you rise to the occasion."

An organization of 67,000 pediatricians that was founded in 1930, the AAP advocates for the physical, mental and social health and well-being of children from infancy through young adulthood. Beers became the academy's president in 2021. In addition to the priorities mentioned above, Beers has focused much of her attention on educating the public about the safety of immunizations and how to best protect the health of children against COVID-19 and the growing threat of the delta variant. Among other things, that has meant appearing in webinars alongside U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy and Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

She also has shared her expertise with the William & Mary community through virtual engagement opportunities hosted by the W&M Alumni Association. Early in the pandemic, she held a "virtual fireside chat" about navigating these uncertain times. On June 30, she participated in a panel discussion about the latest in vaccine development, boosters and preparing children for the school year and beyond with Melissa J. Moore '84, chief scientific officer of platform research at Moderna Inc., and Colleen Gorman '95, head of quality events and investigation in global product development at Pfizer. Dr. David Dafashy, medical director and staff physician at the W&M Student Health Center, moderated the discussion.

"At AAP, one thing we've talked about is the importance of in-person education for children whenever it can be done safely and that should be a priority for our communities," Beers says during the panel, adding that one way to help ensure safety is

for everyone to receive a vaccine if they are eligible to do so. She feels optimistic that a COVID-19 vaccine will become available soon for children younger than 12. Vaccines for children ages 5-11 are currently in clinical trials.

Until then, and until rates of infection are much lower, other precautions should be observed, such as requiring masks for everyone in K-12 schools whether they are vaccinated or not, making sure students and staff members wash their hands, and maintaining physical distance whenever possible, Beers says.

"It's a really good thing that young children are not as severely affected as adults, but it's not a benign disease in children either," she says. "We see lots of children hospitalized with serious infections and also with long-term impacts of COVID."

The coronavirus and its variants are less likely to spread in communities with high vaccination rates, and that creates a safer environment for those who are too young to receive a vaccine and thus more vulnerable to infection, she says.

For parents of children returning to school, she advises patience to help students adjust to being back in the structure of a classroom setting and catch up on their lessons.

The impact of the pandemic on children's mental health is also a concern for Beers, and it's one of three key focus areas for the AAP this year, along with COVID-19 response and equity, diversity and inclusion in health care.

"Mental health has been the emerging crisis for kids for many years now, and it's gotten much more acute over the past year," she says.

Rates of suicide, depression and anxiety have been rising for all children and adolescents for a decade, despite advances in diagnosis and treatment, Beers wrote in a recent article for AAP. Isolation during the pandemic, disruptions in education, economic challenges and the effects of illness in families have weighed heavily on children and youth, and the effects could be long-lasting, she says.

"For some families, there's a great deal of stress around food insecurity or housing insecurity," she says. "And at the same time the stresses have



**KEEPING WATCH:** Dr. Lee Beers '92 visits Fort Bliss in Texas as part of her role as American Academy of Pediatrics president to observe facilities with immigrant children.

PHOTO COURTESY OF LEE BEERS; CHILDREN'S NATIONAL HOSPITAL



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AND IT’S GOTTEN MUCH MORE ACUTE OVER THE PAST YEAR.”

increased and the grief and loss have increased, the access to services has gotten worse because of the impacts of the pandemic.”

Beers also serves as medical director for community health and advocacy at Children’s National Hospital in Washington. There, she oversees the Child Health Advocacy Institute’s Community Mental Health CORE (for Collaboration, Outreach, Research and Equity), which helps connect families in the Washington area to high-quality services.

In March, the AAP and the Children’s Hospital Association launched a mental health awareness campaign to highlight the issue and share ideas about what policymakers and communities can do to help. As academy president, Beers advocates for timely access to treatment, integrating mental health care into settings such as schools and primary care services, addressing problems such as food and housing insecurity, and taking a two-generation approach to support families.

In an effort to counter the effects of racism and disparity in health care, the AAP’s board has adopted a one-year Equity Agenda workplan.

“That includes thinking about equitable outcomes for children, regardless of the color of their skin or where they live or their religion or their sexual orientation,” Beers says. “It also includes looking internally and working to make our own organization more diverse and inclusive.”

Her path to medical practice began at age 5, when she started telling her family she wanted to be a doctor. She cites her parents’ influence — her father has a doctorate in nuclear engineering and her mother has a master’s degree in education.

“In many ways, pediatrics is a melding of those two career paths, the science side and the teaching and taking care of kids side,” she says.

Beers majored in chemistry at William & Mary before earning her medical degree at Emory University School of Medicine through a military scholarship program and completing a pediatric residency at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Virginia.

After her residency, she served at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba, an experience that reinforced for her the need to take a whole-family approach to health care. As the only pediatrician on the base, she was responsible for all of the medical services for children.

“Living on a small base, I also had the opportunity to get to know families outside of the medical setting,” she says. “I would see them at the grocery store and at the movies. You really got a sense of the whole picture.”

“I thought a lot about wellness and preventative health care in that setting,” she adds. “In retrospect, that influenced a lot of what I did moving forward.”

Through involvement with AAP, she met her husband, Dr. Nathaniel Beers, who is also a pediatrician, and they have two children, ages 13 and 16.

Looking back at her time at William & Mary, Beers says her undergraduate studies gave her not only a strong foundation in sciences, but also a thorough liberal arts education.

“I think that is an important part of medicine,” she says. “It’s important to understand the world you live in and the community you live in and the people with whom you’re interacting.” — TINA ESHLEMAN

**SERVANT LEADER:** *Along with her studies at W&M, Beers says her experience volunteering with the local Head Start preschool program taught her a lot about children, families and communities.*



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# Going, Giving and Serving

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**ONE TRIBE:** Alumni networks worldwide celebrate One Tribe One Day each year. Above, members of the Charlottesville-Highland network and Jacqueline Langholtz '05 (holding sign), a 2021 Service Award Winner, show their Tribe Pride.



**ALUMNI AWARDS** The Douglas N. Morton '62 Alumni Service Awards and their counterpart for alumni within 10 years of graduation, the Young Alumni Service Awards, are given annually to recognize individuals for their exceptional service to the W&M Alumni Association (WMAA) and the university through their efforts to connect and engage alumni. The awards are named for alumnus Doug Morton in honor of his distinguished volunteer leadership at the university.

The five 2021 recipients show the many ways alumni choose to stay involved with their alma mater as volunteer leaders, donors, mentors, advocates and more. They encourage and inspire others to join them as active participants in the W&M community and champion new initiatives that further the mission of the WMAA "to cultivate a vibrant and inclusive alumni community committed to deepening connections with each other and William & Mary for all time coming."

Two additional awards are given annually by the WMAA to recognize exceptional service to alma

mater. The Staff Service Award recognizes a staff or faculty member who represents the university with distinction and demonstrates outstanding service and support to the Alumni Association. The Coach of the Year recognizes exceptional achievement in coaching an intercollegiate varsity sport at W&M.

"All our award winners have shown a deep commitment to the pillars of alumni engagement — going, giving and serving," says Marilyn W. Midyette '75, WMAA chief executive officer. "They enhance our vibrant community by actively participating in events and programs, giving back to William & Mary and serving as volunteer leaders. We are grateful for their support."



### ANGELA CASOLARO '06 Alumni Service Award

Casolaro has led the W&M New York City Network as its president since 2013. She joined the network as a recent

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graduate looking for social opportunities, but soon found volunteer opportunities that allowed her to expand her skills — from public speaking to networking to event planning.

When she first became involved, the New York alumni network was an informal group of alumni using an email listserv to share occasional opportunities. In coordination with the W&M New York office, Casolaro and her “lean group of volunteers” created a robust slate of programming for New York City alumni. In 2015, her chapter won the Outstanding Chapter Award in recognition of its efforts.

“Thanks to Angela’s unwavering dedication and volunteerism, W&M engagement in NYC has grown tremendously over the years and has provided alumni with invaluable social and professional opportunities,” says Elizabeth Crafford ’15, senior assistant director for regional engagement & professional network initiatives.

Under Casolaro’s leadership, W&M New York City has produced a number of popular cultural, professional and social events, including a tour of the Tenement Museum that won the 2019 Cultural Event Award and the annual social mixer at the Princeton Club (sometimes called the “William & Mary Club of New York”) that won the 2020 Unique Event Award.

“Living here, you tend to forget to be a tourist in your own city,” Casolaro says. “The success of these events is reflective of William & Mary alumni being curious and loving to learn — to meet new people and connect in a deeper way.”

Casolaro also serves as a liaison between the William & Mary Alumni Association and alumni in New York City and beyond. As the president of the Chapter Presidents Council, she represented all W&M regional networks on the W&M Alumni Association Board, and she now sits on the board’s I-CARE (inclusion, career, affinity and regional engagement) committee. When W&M Weekend came to New York City in 2017, she served on the committee to help design programming.

This is Casolaro’s second time winning the Alumni Service Award — she also received the Young Alumni Service Award in 2014.

“W&M is grateful for anything that people give — time, talent and treasure — it’s just a question of finding the way to give back that makes sense for you, and it might change over time,” she says. “Just like there’s many different reasons to engage with W&M or a local network, there’s many different ways to give back.”



## SHANDA COOPER '06

### Alumni Service Award

When Cooper heard William & Mary was creating a giving society by and for women, she knew she had to be a part of it. With her gift to the Alumnae Initiatives Endowment, she was recognized as a charter member of the Society of 1918.

“I felt like it was something bigger than me that I could contribute to,” she says. “I knew it was going to be something special, but it was even greater than that — a sisterhood of women who are passionate about the university, are doing great things in their fields and provide a support network for fellow alumnae and students on campus.”

She quickly joined the engagement committee, helping to create programming for the society’s 500 members and assure a diverse membership and inclusive culture. For example, she helped coordinate an event series between the Society of 1918 and the Hulon Willis Association (the network for alumni of Black or African descent) on women’s health. She now serves as the vice chair of the Society of 1918’s steering committee.

“The society members were so encouraging of me stepping into leadership roles, and I’ve gained skills that have helped me in other areas, too,” she says. “In terms of representation, it was important to be a young African American and Liberian American woman in leadership in the Society. The more we can see ourselves in different spaces, the more we can encourage others to see themselves there as well. I do this not just for me, but for those who come after me.”

Cooper also shares her talents with the Global Research Institute. She worked with Professor Philip Roessler and two students to put together the first Africa Network Conference in April 2021. She created a database of alumni, students and faculty who are from Africa, work in Africa, or aspire to work in Africa and brought them together to discuss topics from entrepreneurship to diplomacy. She has shared her experiences as an international development consultant with students at a variety of GRI events.

“Not only has Shanda personally and wholeheartedly committed to W&M, she is an accomplished international leader in her professional work and brings that experience to her service to alumnae and students,” says Val Cushman, senior director of engagement and inclusion initiatives.

Cooper also connects with her classmates and advocates for the importance of philanthropy as a Class Ambassador and writes notes to newly admitted students to welcome them to William & Mary.



"Your voice matters," Cooper says. "If you want to ensure that W&M and the alumni community is a place where everyone feels welcome and like they belong, you have to be that for others. We are a global community, and we all need to contribute to make it a better place."



**JACQUELINE LANGHOLTZ '05**  
**Alumni Service Award**

When Langholtz moved to Charlottesville, Virginia, from New York City in 2011, she was excited to connect with the William & Mary community in the area. The W&M Charlottesville-Highland Network helped her explore her new home, meet new people and connect with local leaders.

Inspired to help others experience the benefits of the network, Langholtz became secretary of the board in 2015 and served as its president from 2016-2019. During her tenure, W&M Charlottesville-Highland hosted many successful Yule Log celebrations, behind-the-scenes tours of local historic sites and events that highlighted local business owners.

"Over the course of many years, Jacqueline has led the way in advancing the W&M community in Charlottesville by engaging alumni, parents, family and friends of all ages and affinities," says Tim von Stetten '16, senior assistant director of regional engagement and professional network initiatives. "Thanks to her efforts, the W&M Charlottesville-Highland alumni network is one of the most active W&M alumni networks nationwide and represents a successful model for other regions to follow."

Langholtz was instrumental in growing the relationship between the W&M Charlottesville-Highland alumni network and James Monroe's Highland, where the network holds many events and participates in service activities like trail maintenance. The historic property was the home of James Monroe, the fifth president of the United States, and is now part of William & Mary.

"I feel really lucky to have James Monroe's Highland here as a home base for local alumni — so much so that we call it 'William & Mary West,'" she says. "The leadership and staff have been beyond gracious and generous in helping us feel like it's our home also. I helped plant some of those seeds, and it has been wonderful to see them grow under the leadership of network president Tamara Blosser Wamsley '80."

Now that she is a new mom, she is looking forward to participating in more family events and calling on her fellow alumni for parenting advice. W&M is a family affair for her — her parents are both

W&M faculty and her sister, Gabrielle Langholtz '98, is a fellow alumna.

Through her philanthropy and her volunteer leadership, Langholtz helps ensure all in the William & Mary community feel welcome and supported in Charlottesville.

"When network leaders meet to plan our calendar of events, we ask ourselves, 'Who are we leaving out? How can we reach them?' I am so grateful to be part of a group that will ask that question and then answer the call with action. Our traditions and annual events are important, but the core character of our network is making sure that we reach new audiences and listen to new voices," she says.



**PAUL LENDWAY '11**  
**Young Alumni Service Award**

When the nation began closing down because of the global COVID-19 pandemic, Lendway thought about the next generation of Sharpe Scholars arriving at William & Mary to an empty campus. A Sharpe Scholar alumnus, he knew how important having a support network can be for these students. So, he reached out with an idea to keep alumni and students connected during this challenging time.

His idea became the Sharpe Alumni Engagement Council, an ongoing committee for organizing events that connect program alumni with Sharpe Scholars via Zoom. He also helped launch a LinkedIn group for continued interaction via social media and is excited about further strengthening engagement between alumni and students.

"Paul remains in contact with our team in ongoing efforts to sustain connectivity, despite challenges our larger society faced in addressing COVID," says Monica D. Griffin '88, director of engaged scholarship and the Sharpe Community Scholars Program. "We are immensely grateful for his service to the program and for the stewardship he began by inviting others to do the same in perpetuity."

Lendway serves on the council and has also participated in several of the events, sharing his experience as a graduate student and discussing his research with students. He is a Ph.D. candidate at Yale who specializes in American political behavior.

He credits his time at William & Mary as a Sharpe Scholar, Monroe Scholar and Reilly Undergraduate Summer Scholar as sparking his interest in policy research, and he hopes through his outreach to current students, he can help them make connections between their work today and future career paths.

"As W&M alumni, we have a responsibility to give back to W&M so it can continue to develop leaders



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to tackle the challenges of today and tomorrow," he says. "W&M has a rich tradition of preparing its alumni for service — from Thomas Jefferson to Chancellor Robert Gates '65, L.H.D. '98 to White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki '00, service is in our DNA. We need to help the next generation get the skills they need to solve the world's complex problems."

Lendway has also served his alma mater as a board member of the Roanoke Alumni Network, helping to connect fellow alumni with each other and their alma mater in the western part of Virginia. The network also organized welcome events for newly admitted students from the area.

"It was an honor to serve on that board and foster the strong William & Mary network, and to expand it by welcoming newly admitted students," he says. "I look forward to continuing my lifetime commitment to William & Mary."



**KAYLA SHARPE '17**  
**Young Alumni Service Award**

While a student at William & Mary, Sharpe discovered her passion for journalism. Now the engagement editor for subscriber strategy at Politico, she credits the support and encouragement of alumni as vital in helping her launch her career. She pays it forward to current students and fellow alumni who are interested in journalism by sharing her insights and helping them connect with other professionals in the industry.

"The alumni community is so robust, even if you went to school at different times or studied different things, you still find that common thread that reminds you of that spark you felt on campus," she says. "You have experience and a background that's going to be fruitful and important to somebody in our community, and you just need to take that first step and make that connection and from there, the possibilities are endless."

She also gives back to current students through her philanthropy to the departments and majors that made a positive impact on her student experience, from the Center for Student Diversity to the Flat Hat to the Study in D.C. Scholarship.

In the summer of 2015, she participated in the New Media program through W&M's Washington Center, which made a meaningful impression on her. Now, as a member of the Washington Center Advisory Board, she works to expand access to the Study in D.C. program, connect alumni in the Washington, D.C., metro area, and continue the success of W&M's Washington campus.

She also served as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee for James Monroe's Highland.

"I understand that W&M isn't perfect, but it has come so far and potential to grow and improve. I'm passionate about being involved and hands on in that growth to guide and give input to the people making decisions. W&M relies on every graduate to help realize that potential," she says.

Sharpe has served on the Young Guard Council since her graduation, helping plan events and programs for alumni who graduated in the past 10 years. She became secretary in 2019 and currently serves as co-chair, representing the council on the WMAA Board of Directors.

"Kayla is a leader and a team player, while her passion for W&M is inexhaustible and contagious. She is extremely insightful, giving valuable recommendations on programming for Young Guard and always ready to contribute her professional expertise and advice," says Courtney Hurt, assistant director of young alumni engagement. "What can I say other than Kayla is an outstanding person, committed volunteer and invaluable part of the W&M community!"



**JEFF HERRICK**  
**Staff Service Award**

With pandemic restrictions in effect over the past year, virtual programming became more important. Herrick, in his role as assistant director of technical services for student unions & engagement, ensured that university and WMAA events of all kinds could be recorded and streamed to the audience worldwide.

Herrick is responsible for the audiovisual needs of constituents across campus. Since he joined the William & Mary community in 1993, he has been integral to many successful programs, including producing the Community Conversations online series with President Rowe, setting up microphones and projection in Commonwealth Auditorium for the Alumni Medallion Ceremony and ensuring the judges on the grandstand can be heard during the Homecoming Parade.

"Jeff Herrick has spent decades ensuring students, faculty and staff clearly see, hear and experience so much of what makes William & Mary, William & Mary," says Steve Tewksbury, executive director of university events. "Jeff constantly seeks ways to improve our classrooms, venues and special events and this past year, he has played a crucial role in the pivot to online communications. He works quietly and efficiently behind the scenes, and many feel a great sense of calm knowing that Mr. Herrick is at the rud-



der of these virtual vessels sailing out into the Tribe universe.”



**JEFF KADER '05**  
***Coach of the Year***

When Kader joined Tribe as head coach for men’s tennis in 2015, it was like coming home — not only did he play tennis for the Tribe as a student at William & Mary all four years, he is one of the top players in the program’s history. He was a four-time All-CAA selection in singles, and during his time on the team, the Tribe won 55 dual matches and finished each season in the national team rankings. He led the Tribe to a CAA championship in 2005 and was named the CAA Tournament’s Most Outstanding Performer, the first in the program’s history.

Now, as the team’s head coach, Kader has led the Tribe to three CAA Championship matches and three appearances in the final Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings. His players have claimed a total of 13 All-CAA awards (nine in singles and four

in doubles). Three student-athletes earned first-team All-CAA honors last season under his tutelage.

He also guides and encourages his student-athletes to excellence in the classroom. Each of the last three seasons, the Tribe earned the ITA All-Academic Team award, posting a better than 3.2 team grade point average. Men’s Tennis also placed 13 players on the ITA Scholar-Athlete list, honoring athletes with at least a 3.5 GPA, over the last three years.

His coaching style places William & Mary’s values at the center of everything he does so his players can thrive.

“Beyond the team’s success on the court, Jeff demonstrated remarkable care for his student-athletes amid the pandemic this year,” says Jeremy Martin Ph.D. ’12, M.B.A. ’17, chief of staff to President Katherine A. Rowe. “He is a values-driven leader and sought out ways to improve the experience of his student-athletes, making good use of the space in the McCormack-Nagelsen Tennis Center for activities outside practice and competition — all within the university’s Healthy Together Community Commitment protocols.”

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# Class Notes





## WHAT'S THE STORY?

## MAKING A RACKET

The W&M women's tennis team poses for the camera, circa 1933. The university recently announced plans for a complete revitalization of its outdoor tennis facility.

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Early last spring, I asked a friend, "Are we there yet? When can we begin to celebrate victory over the dreaded COVID?" The reply unhesitatingly was, "We are ready now if we continue to heed the practices prescribed by the many knowledgeable experts and scientists who have worked on solutions and shared their discoveries with us through the rigors of American ingenuity and invention." Both faith and hope have led us to important conclusions, conclusions which involved listening to results of experimentation and applying pertinent ideas. But it took a while to get to that point. Our nation led the march on this dread disease, others helped the best they could, but many have not been won over yet. A real and properly tested vaccine which is going to cure all vestiges of this terrible scourge is now a part of our health and

treatment regimen and has certainly succeeded in limiting the scandalous pandemic's effect. As of this writing, COVID-19 cases are down in all 50 states. Are we there yet? We hope so.

There was sadness in hearing of the death of **Dave Klinger**, who died of natural causes last November. Dave was an enthusiastic alumnus whose career in the Army took him during his 32 years of service to Korea, Germany, Iceland and various posts within the U.S. He retired as a full colonel and settled in Leavenworth, Washington. He was a faithful contributor to this column, passing on news of those alumni with whom he stayed in touch on the West Coast. I informally appointed him "Our Western Correspondent." He was good at that service and enjoyed his assignments. He was survived by three sons, the Rev. Willard Klinger, Mark Klinger, Bryan Klinger and five grandchildren.

What were you doing before the pandemic? I myself had stopped traveling by then and so I was preparing to move from my house to a retirement home and chose Brookridge, just about four miles away. So many tasks to prepare

for — packing, selling, appointments, open houses, etc., and arranging my antiques to fit into a modern apartment. We are located in the midst of 45 acres of old lush trees guarding a bevy of a half dozen white-tailed deer, who are friendly. There's an opossum who got stranded on one side of the creek during a rainstorm and was afraid to swim back home and a gray fox who pays no attention to anyone else. A huge hawk and a few owls wait at the edge of the woods for the sun to come up while I fix breakfast. Bacon anyone? I haven't finished unpacking but might by 2022. This is a beautiful area in the midst of a busy metropolis where I have lived since the 1970s.

I wish good luck for your futures and I would like to thank you for your following and continued interest in our youthful days. The immediate future will be hard for many of our citizens affected by the economy but with the help and understanding of family and friends, I trust we will all stay connected with the college and each other. Good luck, stay well and may happiness hug you closely.

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## 1955

*Class Reporter*  
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Dear Classmates,

Before I became class reporter (for the second time), I wondered why our column was sometimes empty of news. I know that, considering the pandemic, you're not doing many newsworthy things, but I would still like to hear from you.

My spare time is spent knitting an afghan for a young woman who was expecting her first baby in June. The little girl came on April 20, weighing 3 pounds. So I'm trying to catch up.

Our oldest son, Jim, is happy that the Charlotte Knights have finally begun playing again.

Our middle son, Andy, visited in April and we spent Easter with our youngest son, Rob, and his family in Georgia.

As I write this, things are opening up from the pandemic. Please tell me what you're doing.

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## 1956

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May we all be COVID-free by the time you read this! We finished our shots in March. Church is open with seating of 100 (up from 75) and I guess we could go shopping somewhere other than the grocery store or drugstore! Away with the masks!!!

We hope everyone is well this fine spring. Please remember to send us your news good and not so good!

**Les Sykes Waldron** wrote that Williamsburg was aglow with beautiful flowers and very green grass. There is lots of eating outside at local restaurants and many tourists are back. She and Jim got their vaccinations and no one in their family had COVID. Speaking of Williamsburg, the College bookstore has moved out of Casey's Department Store over to "the Triangle Building" on Prince George Street with a name change. The Craft House and several Williamsburg shops have combined and moved into what was Binn's (I think) — locals can correct me. We still subscribe to the Virginia Gazette.

Some lovely news from **Jane Dougherty Marfizo**. Her granddaughter, Elizabeth, was married May 22, the first grandchild to take the big step. She is a nurse practitioner at the University of Pennsylvania. The groom (loved by all) is named Ryan. The entire family, including **Bill Marfizo** and his wife, Angela, will attend. In other news, Jane reports the adoption of a little Jack Russell Terrier, who is blind. "Buddy" does well getting around using his sharp ears and nose.

**Jane Thompson Kaplan** and **Jim Kaplan '57** moved from a three-room apartment at Williamsburg Landing (a popular retirement community) to a house on the Landing property in May. There are a number of William & Mary alumni living in that community. In classes close to ours, there are **Barbara Schwartz Smith '53** and **Jim Smith '51, M.Ed. '54**; **Lee Everitt Kostel '55**, **HON J.D. '17**; **Tricia Kizzia Landen '56** and **Bob Landen '52**; **Barbara Harding Hag-**

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**er '57, M.Ed. '86 and Harry Hager '57; Dr. John Marsh '55; Gwen Batten Perkins '51 and Linwood Perkins '52; Jim Carter '52, J.D. '54 and Terry Hamilton Carter '54.**

I don't know if this news has previously been reported: **Fay Smith Schefer** died last November. She and **Ed Schefer '57** lived in Florida.

**William "Bill" Pfeifer** passed away in February in Massachusetts. He worked in Williamsburg for a number of years. He is survived by three sons and their families.

Since there is still room for news, I'll tell you a little about the town of Avondale Estates, Georgia.

Avondale Estates was founded in 1924 by George Willis as "the South's first planned community" — an early suburb of Atlanta, about six miles away. Its downtown area consists of a row of neo-Tudor buildings and shops inspired by Willis and his wife's visit to Stratford-Upon-Avon. With only a trolley ride away from Atlanta, Avondale was advertised as a great place to raise a family. Residents could enjoy parks, tennis courts, a lake, etc. At one time Avondale even had a dairy. USA Today recently named Avondale No. 1 of the 10 best small-town beer scenes. Quite a contrast from earlier times.

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## 1957

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This column was written by guest author **Bill Armbruster**.

A highlight of Traditions Weekend this year was the annual awarding of the Olde Guardie Award. This year's awardee is **Peter "Pete" Michael Kalison**.

Beginning with his freshman year in 1953, Pete demonstrated a strong desire to get involved volunteering for jobs and was soon working as publicity director for the Athletics Department. He also served on the sports staff of the Flat Hat and then co-sports editor of the Colonial Echo.

As an alum, Pete became very involved with the local alumni chapter and rarely ever missed a Tribe sporting event. During basketball season, Pete organized and emceed lunch meetings at a local bistro that regularly drew a full house. He wrote many football program columns over the years, mainly on W&M historic gridiron players and games. He also wrote a series that appeared in the Virginia Gazette on 125 years of Tribe football history.

Pete also served as alumni athletic advisor on the Alumni Council created by President Emeritus **Davis Paschall '32, M.A. '37**. With the sad passing of our W&M Alumni Magazine Class of '57 reporter, **Del Wilson**, five years ago, Pete stepped in and took over that role which he continues to this day.

He bleeds green and gold. His loyalty, devotion and service to his alma mater is legendary. Pete was the unanimous choice for the 2021 Award by the Olde Guardie. Congratulations, Peter!

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## 1958

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**John Popular** wrote a wonderful, handwritten letter to me telling of his experience as a married student at W&M following his service in the Navy during the time of the Korean War. He and

his wife drove school buses for African American and white children to earn money. As an economics student, John studied under Professor Albion Taylor, whom he credits for encouraging him to go to graduate school, which he did, Cornell. That led John on a career in labor relations and eventually mediation. As a federal mediator, he mediated over 230 contracts. And that's only a part of his amazing journey from Mathew Whaley High School in Williamsburg to working with Congressman Jack Kemp and Sen. Jacob Javits on the development of the Labor-Management Cooperation Act of 1978. Look for the whole letter online. It's worth reading about our outstanding classmates.

**Liz Mitchell Day:** "Well, I'm still here! Recently moved into an independent living institution with my husband in Birmingham, Alabama. We moved here two years ago to be by our daughter, so she can take care of the old folks. Actually, I'm one of the younger ones at 85 and one of the few who still drives — looking good in my bright red Chevy Equinox. Used my W&M education in elementary ed to full advantage. Started out in Michigan in second grade and ended teaching with sixth grade in Wheeling, West Virginia. Moving to Atlanta in 1984, I went from being an assistant principal to headmistress for a total of 23 years. Wonderful experience.

"Great memories of W&M!!! Met with **Mary Ann Breese Brendel and Hildegard Albiez Burke '58, M.A.Ed. '78** when in Williamsburg a few years ago. Stopped by the Kappa House, and there was a much younger picture of me on the wall!!!!"

**Sue Davis Addington:** "The past year has been quite uneventful for us in Savannah, Geor-

gia. We are vaccinated, healthy and now getting out more. A fun activity has been Zooming with fellow '54 Ludwell freshmen: **Myrna Tichenor** (tech guru and leader), **Beverly Wilson Palmer, Melissa Smith Fitzgerald, Paula Heslin Nelson, and Polly Stadel Wrinkle**. Great to see and hear them! I took my first trip to Montana and probably my last-ever ski venture in March — skiing (briefly and carefully) with my daughter and grandson. Not bad for an old granny! Happy times and good health to you and the '58ers."

**Tom Lightner:** "Still in our bunker but stepping outside more frequently now just to breathe some fresh air after getting our arms punched earlier this year. I intend to make a short trip to our summer spot in Alexandria, Minnesota, to complete the transfer of our properties to our son Jeff, who will henceforth maintain the place for family enjoyment. Carol continues to outdo me, although she has some medical issues. I'm doing fine for my age — enough said there! Continue to share jokes and stuff with **Bill Mitchell** and **Bob Bradley** as well as **Jerry File '61**, a couple of years behind us and a Theta Delta. So till next time!"

I learned from **Nancy Simmons van Doorninck '59** that she and her husband, Bill, visited Amelia Island, Florida, last May and had a get-together with **Mary Dyekman Leshner**, where Nancy extended greetings from Tom Lightner and myself. How fun!

I am lucky to receive funny emails from **Don Snyder** that keep me laughing. Don and I and others share the sad passing off **Joe Campagna '55**. They were both Sigma Pis.

Now hear from Don himself: "Great to hear from **Tom Reel '56**, Sigma Pi. He's been missing all the email fun!

As you might remember, Tom was captain and No. 1 singles player of the W&M tennis team. However, I'm sure Tom would agree that the true highlight of his athletic career was being a member of the Sigma Pi Duckpin Bowling Team in the intramural league where his teammates were **Tommy Ehrhardt '56, Mac McDaniel '56**, and Yours Truly! ("Those were the days, my friend; we thought they'd never end ...")."

**Alice Osborn Lukac** has moved from Illinois to Atlanta to be near her daughter — a little closer to W&M, too! So come to Homecoming & Reunion Weekend Oct. 7-10, 2021. Note that it is a couple of weeks earlier than usual.

**Kent Watkins:** "Spent a nice week in Charleston, Beaufort, Hilton Head and Savannah recently. Working on COVID-relief technical assistance to communities, tennis, family research. Worked in the presidential campaign and five Senate races, now working on the transition, especially at HUD, and various legislative initiatives on the Hill. Produced over 80 podcasts during the pandemic involving the life histories of the fellows of the American Academy of Housing and Communities. Played in the pandemic year's only regional USTA tennis tournament in December, in Maryland, which was tough, because the state required wearing masks while playing, even though the opponent is 70 feet away! Wanted to do it, though, as it would be historic.

"Took online courses in memoir writing from Cambridge University, U.K.; world cities from Sciences Po Paris; block-chaining from MIT; and seeing photography from the Museum of Modern Art; and started a memoir on my adoption. Gave Zoom presentation to Harvard Club of New York City on the topic of

China's digital currency pilot program. Updating for Federal Reserve Bank, which is trying to catch up.

"Playing tennis about four times a week. Read four or five books a week." Kent's closing comment: "So much to do, so little time." So true.

My big news is that my granddaughter Devin Kinzel, daughter of **Stephanie Sell Kinzel '91**, is graduating from high school in Virginia Beach and going to Temple University in Philadelphia to play field hockey.

Also, I am downsizing for the third time, moving around the corner and down the hall to a smaller apartment, No. 107.

So write me notes that are fit to print, please.

Stay well & Go Tribe!  
"Just down the hall,"  
Pat (for Pete)

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## 1959 ☉

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I'm starting this column in February and will keep updating it until the May deadline. If there has been one good thing at all about this COVID pandemic, it is that many more of you have written to me!

**Lynn McDaniels**

**Jackson** writes that she and her husband, Bill, live in Fishers, Indiana, a suburb of Indianapolis, and her children and grandchildren are scattered in Michigan and Texas; Zooming has been a great way for them to stay connected. She stays very active in volunteer work involving social and racial equity and interfaith work. She is on the board of the Fishers Multifaith Community for Compassion, as well as a prime supporter of the Indiana Center for Interfaith Cooperation. Two years

ago, she was involved in a very successful trip to Montgomery, Alabama, and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. She is among 20 who are dedicated to encouraging all Indiana counties where lynchings took place to acknowledge, reconcile and honor these victims. She suggests that Bryan Stevenson's Equal Justice Initiative ([eji.org](http://eji.org)) is a good read to learn more about our history and also the book "Just Mercy" is a good source nationally concerning workshops on interrupting racism.

Lynn would like to hear from some of our classmates. Her e-mail is [texasgaidy@hotmail.com](mailto:texasgaidy@hotmail.com), her phone number is 317-665-0347, and her address is 10906 Three Hundred Yard Drive, Fishers, Indiana, 46037. I love the name of her street! Does anyone really hit a drive that far?!

I heard from **Terry Walker Perrine**. She is handling COVID just as most of us are doing — reading a lot, watching TV (thank goodness for Netflix!) and staying in touch with family. Two of her granddaughters attend UVA and she gets to see one of them when she comes home to West Springfield, as she lives close by. She is looking forward to a week in August at Bethany Beach, Delaware. Terry has always been special to me as we share the same birthday. I was born on March 12, 1937, and assumed we were exactly the same age. However she is one year to the day younger than I! Not fair!

**David Middleton** had a great story for me. He has lived in Yorktown since 1963 and visited William & Mary often. He usually will take five or six members of his family to the Homecoming football game (except last year for obvious reasons!). His "small world" story is a W&M one. His son Chris builds houses in Central Florida. He finished one several years back and was settling with the new owner and

said to him, "You didn't grow up in Central Florida, did you? You don't have a Central Florida accent." The new owner said, "No, I grew up in Kilmarnock, Virginia." Chris said, "I know where that is; I grew up in Yorktown." The new owner said, "I know where that is; we used to go through Yorktown to the W&M football games. My dad went to school there." Chris said, "So did my dad. I wonder if they knew each other; what was your dad's name?" He answered, "**Howard Straughan '52**." Chris called me later and asked, "Dad, when you were at W&M, did you know a student named Howard Straughan?" I said, "I reckon I did; he was my roommate!"

Historian and author **Martha Waldrop McCartney** was written up in the Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal. The Archeological Society of Virginia has published her book "Twin Paths to Freedom: The History and Archaeology of James City County's Free Black Communities." Martha has served as a consultant to the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, National Park Service, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, three state universities, and several contract archaeology firms and historic preservation groups. She serves on the board of the Mathews County Historical Society and has written 13 books. Her essays appear in Encyclopedia Virginia, The Dictionary of Virginia Biography, The Journal of Southern History and Ceramics in Virginia, to name a few.

As I wrap this up, now that May is here maybe we are coming into the "new normal," as they say. I hope we will all be able to travel, touch base with others and do exciting things. Please keep in touch with all your adventures! And as always, "GO TRIBE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

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## 1960 ☉

*Class Reporter*

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are looking for a reporter for the Class of 1960. If interested, please contact the magazine staff at [alumni.magazine@wm.edu](mailto:alumni.magazine@wm.edu) or at (757) 221-1167.

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## 1961 ☉

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By the time you read this, it will almost be Homecoming!! I hope you have your plans to attend our big 60th Reunion — very hard to believe. It will be especially fun this year as we will be celebrating with the Class of 1960 — as you know, they missed out last year.

I received a wonderful letter from **Vida Carmen Kenk**. She and her husband of 47 years, Bill Minkel, live in the Sierra Nevadas in California at 4,700 feet of elevation in the town of Arnold. They are both volunteers at Calaveras Big Trees State Park. Vida taught biology for 44 years at San Jose State University before becoming the dean of the College of Science. She is currently the president of Calaveras Big Trees Association and secretary of Independence Hall Quilters. They have been keeping busy despite COVID with writing, reading and home maintenance/improvement. As with the rest of us, they stayed in touch with their two children (Lauren and Christopher) and grandchildren Nathan, 8, and Lillian, 5, by Zooming.

Sorry I didn't call out for news this time — crazy, busy as COVID slowed and vaccinations became

available. Look forward to a special reunion.

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## 1962 ☉

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I have very little news to report this spring for the fall issue. **Karen Zimmerman Gudinas** lost her husband, Jim, in the fall of 2020. Our sympathy goes out to Karen and her family. Also another classmate, **Bill Shuler '62, M.A. '64, Ph.D. '68**, died on March 10, 2021. Our sympathy goes out to Bill's family.

**Stuart Richardson Dopp** sent the following via email: She and **Danny Dopp** are active with William & Mary here in Williamsburg. They have a grandson at the College, **Spencer Chupik '23**, and one at Virginia Tech.

Stay well and happy.

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**Keat** wrote about **Lesley Ward's** passing in the fall. Marilyn and Leslie were roommates for two and a half years. They went on an Alumni Journeys cruise to the Normandy beaches and other cities in Europe in 2019 shortly before Lesley's diagnosis of ALS. Marilyn was fortunate to see Lesley in Atlanta a few months before Lesley's death. Lesley was an outstanding member of our class, involved as president of Mortar Board, student



government, president of Pi Beta Phi, the Panhellenic Council, cheerleading, a member of the Homecoming Court and an orientation sponsor. Lesley stayed involved with William & Mary through the Alumni Association and W&M Women. When Marilyn's doctoral dissertation won an award in 1991, Lesley met her at the conference at the University of Georgia. Lesley gave tributes to their friendship and developmental years at William & Mary at the awards ceremony and seminar Marilyn gave. Lesley received her master's degree in counseling and Ph.D. in psychology from Georgia State University. She taught at several universities and began private practice in New York and then Atlanta. She was a two-time president of the Georgia Psychological Association, an active member of the International Club, a board member of Common Cause Georgia and the Emory Center of Ethics. She participated in trips to Haiti to work with the sister church of her Presbyterian Church. After 9/11, Lesley began regular conversation evenings at her home, where guests enjoyed discussing a variety of subjects. Lesley had three daughters and nine grandchildren.

**Martha Walker Blanks** died in April. Martha was an elementary school teacher. She liked to travel to England and France and enjoyed ski trips in Colorado and Utah. Martha and Ed had two sons.

**Jim Terrill** earned his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of North Carolina. He is board certified in toxicology (blood). After moving around the country, he took a job with the National Institutes of Health, receiving many rewards there. His interest in developing a drug to relieve pain in terminal cancer patients that would take them off of morphine and increase their quality of life resulted in developing a drug, RTX, that is in clinical trials. One of his

adventures was to hike down and up the Grand Canyon in one day. Jim has four children and five grandchildren. He lives on a farm in Virginia raising cattle.

**Betty Risser Heenan** and **John Heenan** live in Paradise Valley, Arizona. They continue to be involved with their large Presbyterian Church where Betty is a deacon and a Presbyterian Women's Board member. Betty and John are taking Zoom Bible classes. Betty is involved in DAR and the Assistance League of Phoenix. Their sons live nearby. This makes it possible to "visit with their three awesome grandsons." Betty and John are looking forward to using their 200,000-plus Southwest points to travel to Hawaii and elsewhere.

I, too, am looking forward to being able to resume travel, especially cruises where the conference center is taken over by quilters when at sea. We become tourists in ports.

Happy Birthday to all of you turning 80 this year!

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## 1964 ☾

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Hello Classmates.

Well, we have reached a milestone for the COVID-19 pandemic saga ... we were lucky to be in the first group to receive our doses of the vaccine. Oh, how liberating that was. Hopefully, our families, children and grandchildren, will soon be vaccinated, too.

So here's our class news, shared in their own words...

**Claudy Tucker Barnes** shares, "Tom and I visited the White-

hurst-Buffington House near the Virginia Beach courthouse (1700s) and a classmate, **Mary Ann Venner Schmidt**, was our docent! Persuaded us to join this grassroots effort! We had an always-too-short visit with **Gretchen Scherer Israel** and **Fielder Israel** as they celebrated an early anniversary at The Historic Cavalier Hotel & Beach Club!!!! Close to beach time, but ooh the water is 56 degrees!! I am still painting and have donated to the W&M auction! Tennis gets a little harder, but love the fresh air and teammates!!! As others, we have done major improvements to this old '50s home of 48 years!! 60 years ago in April, our class was initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta and still are in touch, losing only our beloved president, **Joanne Arnett Tutschek!**"

**Robert Walker** writes, "My space and advanced technology consulting business grew and prospered during the pandemic thanks to the power of the virtual. It was a learning experience that will have broad implications for our economic future. MoonWalker Associates is a consulting company specializing in space and advanced technology. Currently we are working on projects that are Space Force related, on advanced nuclear reactors for both terrestrial and space use, on satellite coverage for broadband needs, on the development of commercial space stations, on the use of intelligent robots for space exploration and on future capabilities to allow humans to travel beyond our solar system."

**Barbara Drucker Smith** says, "At the Zoom conference for NATH — the National Association of Transpersonal Hypnotherapists — I received the outstanding and only award given at this annual conference. The conference in November was on Zoom this year. I was so surprised

and grateful."

**Philip Tutschek** writes, "My daughter, Elizabeth [Scott], is coping with this COVID situation up in Boston. Her children — Bo, 3-plus years old and in preschool, and Campbell, 10 months and now teething but so cute — are doing fine. I drove up for Christmas and had a wonderful time with my grandkids. Spencer (Murphy), my stepson, and his wife are doing pretty well now that New Orleans is opening up again. Their daughter Jane is finishing her freshman year at Washington & Lee. Their son Clayton is a high school junior and loves lacrosse. The major news for me is that, having sold my home here in St. Augustine and moved just up the street into Beth's home, I have asked her to marry me and my companion of over 12 years has said yes! Our wedding, with lots of friends and family coming, will be held here in June."

**Greg Presnell** writes, "Nothing much new to report. I am still working full time, both as a senior U.S. District Court judge in Orlando and, by designation of the chief justice, on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals out West. We work one week each month out of our home in Boca Grande, Florida. The rest of the time, we have been limited to our home in Winter Park and my days at the federal courthouse in Orlando. COVID curtailed our travel over the past 15 months, but we are flying to Harrisonburg, Virginia, and Minneapolis this summer to visit two of our sons. Our oldest son lives in Southwest Florida, so we get to visit with him and his family more frequently. Although I no longer drive, I am still active on the crew of our race car team, Level 1 Racing. We compete in the ChampCar Endurance Series, the largest endurance road racing circuit in the U.S. At the 14-hour race at Daytona

last month, out of 125 cars, we won Class A and finished eighth overall. Our next race is in June at the Carolina Motorsport Park in Kershaw, South Carolina. We finish the season with races at Palm Beach (September) and Sebring (December). That's it for now."

**Joyce House Shields:** "I do have some news. I will be moving to Naples, Florida, this summer. I will be 15 minutes from Gay and Tom in a lovely community known as Vi at Bentley Village."

News from **Sharon Cosminsky Kern '66** about **Dick Kern:** "He got a new knee last summer and has done OK with it. The knee is actually good but he's still doing PT to regain more strength. I was thrilled to see the no-mask news and am hoping life will get more normal. We are seeing our family and our grandsons grew lots of inches in the last year. Now we are trying to decide where we will spend the next chapter of our life — it isn't an easy decision."

**Steve Hayes:** "I was saddened to read in the W&M Alumni Magazine that **Kent Tiffany Delano '63** passed away recently. He was a former classmate and a good friend of mine. After graduation, Kent ultimately became a pilot and I became a radar intercept/intelligence officer. Our professional paths crossed as naval officers when we were both assigned to VF-84 (an F-4B fighter squadron) back in the mid-1960s. While VF-84 made a Mediterranean cruise on the USS Independence (1966-1967), I found that Kent was a superb pilot, a solid friend and a class act! I am proud to have served with him. He will be missed!" May we all stay well and enjoy life as we have it.

Homecoming 2021 is Oct. 7-10 ... is it on your calendar?

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# 1965

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**Chuck Riecks '65, M.Ed. '69 and Alice Boone Riecks '69** spent a quiet year in "Lake Woe-begone" and at this writing (like many of us) were starting to emerge from their self-imposed isolation. Now (like many of us) they have the vaccine and will have seen their four grandchildren over the summer. Chuck has been involved in passenger rail advocacy efforts for many years, and this year, at the 50th anniversary of Amtrak celebration, he became a YouTube star! Here is the link which has President Joe Biden's remarks at the beginning, and then Chuck makes his debut at the one hour, 19-minute mark (<https://youtu.be/WKZGBny3Etg>). Well done, Chuck!

**Patricia Riley Dunlap** and her husband, Steve, live in a very nice cottage in Brandermill Woods, a senior community near Richmond, and with excellent care and direction from the staff were kept healthy during the coronavirus. All activities were shut down and masks and social distancing were required. They "really enjoy this place, its residents, the staff and the fact that life has become a 'bowl of cherries.'" They live close to two of their three children and one of their four grandchildren. They are planning a train trip to Wisconsin — the only state Steve hasn't visited. Patricia has been to all 50 states, and together they've traveled to 43 foreign nations. They plan to add a few more trips when it's safer to travel. Patricia

spent her post W&M life teaching history, and over time, earned an M.A. and a D.A. in history. She is occasionally in touch with the professor who led her dissertation committee.

**Jim Korman and Babs Lewis Korman '66** are off again to far-flung places ... Iceland this time. **Walter Wenk '66** and Mary Kay Wenk will go with them. Jim informs us that the "don't miss" Icelandic dish is rotten shark. For real. Jim says, "I don't think I like cooked shark, so rotten shark will be a 'no' for me." Come on Jim ... you've been cooped up for over a year. It's time to live outside the box! Jim and Babs just got a rescue dog who, besides being very cute, doubles as a handy floor cleaner. According to Jim, the dog looks kind of like a mop, and her name is Swiffer.

Don't know if any of you joined in the virtual Traditions Weekend (April 21-24). There were several special reasons **Barbara Wampler Melby Ellis '65, L.H.D. '98** participated in a conversation based on his book, "American Dialogue: The Founders and Us." Classmate **Howard Busbee '65, J.D. '67, M.L.T. '68** offered remarks at the beginning. I highly recommend this provocative conversation, which you can view by going to [youtu.be/j\\_XPewO8KQ8](https://youtu.be/j_XPewO8KQ8). This same weekend, **Pam Brown Michael** was awarded the Olde Guard 2020 Distinguished Service Award. This award is given to alumni for dedication, involvement and continued service to William & Mary, as well as lifetime achievement. Congrats, Pam. This is so well-deserved!

At this writing (mid-May), vaccines are in many arms, masks are being flung, and doors of all kinds are starting to open. It has been quite a year! We are hopeful that other than inconveniences, our classmates were not negatively impacted by COVID. Let's plan to see each other

at Homecoming this fall — Oct. 7-10. It's high time for a good party!

Just a reminder that a larger Class Notes column from the previous issue is available at [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes). Find our year. Good stuff in there. Good stuff here, too. Would love more good stuff next time. Let us hear from you.

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# 1966

*Class Reporter*

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There is finally a light at the end of the tunnel and now I am ready to wash and store our assortment of masks! And from the FEW notes I got back, I am not alone with that plan.

Our own Energizer Bunny, **Cam Buchanan**, commented that every time she retires from a job, her wife, Debra Hill, celebrates with a cross-country bicycle ride. She finished a 14-year adjunct term with the W&M Kinesiology & Health Sciences Department and off they went. They rode from San Diego to St. Augustine, Florida, on the Adventure Cycling Association Southern Tier. Cam is expecting her fourth grandbaby in June.

**Jake Smith '66, J.D. '74 and Ginger Graef Smith '69, M.Ed. '74** got the grandparenting responsibility during remote work and are learning why parenting is for the young. Jake had a minor stroke in early 2020 and completed his rehab right before the COVID lockdown of the rehab hospital and is doing well. They spent March in Charleston, South Carolina, to celebrate his 77th birthday with Kappa Sigs **Bob Kelly '69, Mark Hetterman '70 and Jack Hurley '72**.

Always with a story, **Jake Jacobsen** served on

the USS Buchanan as the gunnery officer during the Vietnam War. During that time his guns fired over 15,000 rounds of shells into North and South Vietnam for six months in 1972 and they were only hit once with the loss of one young sailor. Now the Buchanan is deep in the Pacific Ocean. Along with his personal story, Jake included pictures of his ship in other altercations over her 29 years of service — like I said, always an interesting story.

**Jim Lofrese and Mary Lou Jenkins Lofrese '68** resorted to Bridge Base and Zoom to get through the lockdown. Their granddaughter is a junior in pre-med at UNC-Chapel Hill and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Her father, Todd (their oldest son), asked Jim and Mary Lou if they knew about PBK. I think he got a W&M history lesson right after that comment. A family beach week at Surfside Beach, South Carolina, is on their calendar for the summer.

**Joe Pitt** retired from Virginia Tech after 50 years — now, that's impressive! **Martha Wesells Steger** stayed very busy with ongoing writing projects. She is part of her Manakin Church's Love Thy Neighbor initiative, too. She has won an award in the National Federation of Press Women contest with one of her four 2020 first-place award articles in the Virginia Professional Communicators annual contest. I always think the wrong person is writing this column when I read her accolades. **Vic Bary's** daughters graduated from high school and are at Pepperdine and Cal Poly, while Vic's planned vacations keep being rescheduled.

**Arty Walsh '66, J.D. '73** had complicated surgery in May for multiple ankle problems. At the time of this column, he was home recovering and according to his wife, is incredibly resilient. His future will include serious rehab for four months. They were in Florida with

**Pat Walsh and Marg Conn Walsh.**

**Clare Smith-Larson** had a trip to Kansas City for a NASCAR weekend as her first step back to normal.

After mentioning my age — and probably yours — in my plea for news, I got a long note from **Spencer Timm**. Spencer started with the Class of '64 but had a "break" from school and then was reaccepted and praised **Wayne Kernodle HON '10** for that turnaround and being a senior member of our '66 community. Spencer and Ruth winter in Fort Myers, Florida, and are now selling their farm in the Berkshires of Massachusetts to live in a condo near their grandkids. He commented that since buying property in Florida, they have become more popular with old friends!

It is with great sadness that I report the loss of **Julia Ann Dickinson Greenwood '67**, the much beloved wife of **Mike Greenwood**. I was able to watch a livestream of Julia Ann's funeral and hear the amazing difference she made for high school children with learning differences. **Ben Pomeroy '67** gave a beautiful homily for a special lady.

Having a May birthday lets you catch up with special friends and I did have a long chat with **Mary Ellen Coleman Culp**. She and **Clyde Culp '65** enjoy Annapolis, Maryland, and having most of their family nearby. Clyde has had some body parts replaced but continues in the restaurant business, which survived COVID. I love it when you can pick right up with a friend you've known forever but don't see very often.

We see our family **Dave Kern '66, M.Ed. '68 and Sandy McNeill Kern '68** since they are only an hour from us. Dave spent some time in the hospital with a kidney stone issue and rehab, but is back home now. Sandy recently came out of retirement to perform the marriage of their son,



Craig, in Austin, Texas. Their children are spread out between Texas, North Carolina and Mexico.

Our oldest grandson just finished his first year at UNC-Chapel Hill — but it was not a normal freshman year for sure. The first semester, they were sent home after two weeks and he went to “Couch U,” but in January they were allowed back in the sparsely populated dorms and did virtual classes there. He did have one class go in person after a couple of months and his gung-ho Grammy asked how he liked that. Well, it was raining so he watched it online. Really!! Going to class in the rain is part of the college experience.

**Dick Kern '64** is still doing work with a personal trainer to get his mo-jø going again after his knee replacement — and we have a new puppy, Amazing Meg. She's a handful, I'll leave it at that. I did make a discovery regarding the male sense of humor. The vet said Meg's a poodle and poodles are very smart and very stubborn — our oldest son didn't think it was funny when I commented, “Oh, I also have a 51-year-old poodle.” And then when I commented I love to talk to Meg because she doesn't say “Huh?” my sweet husband did not get amused with that! Oh my.

Keeping watching for info on our 55th Reunion. Things change frequently. The dates for Homecoming are Oct. 7-10. [Editor's note: visit homecoming.wm.edu for more information about Homecoming & Reunion Weekend.]

Dick and I are moving to a retirement community in Davidson, North Carolina. Here's to new adventures for us after 42 years in Greensboro.

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## 1967 ☾

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are looking for a reporter for the Class of 1967. If interested, please

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## 1969 ☾

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Dear Friends:

Clearly the pandemic and various quarantines have led to the Class of '69 hunkering down and staying home for the past year. I can tell because ... I have a minimum of news.

First, congratulations to **Sharon Reeder McCarthy**, who was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters by Evansville University, where she is a life trustee and received the Samuel Orr Honorary Alumni Award in 2004. Sharon and her late husband, Burk, supported EU for many years and raised funds for a number of projects and programs there. Sharon has been a big supporter of William & Mary, too.

In April, William & Mary renamed Morton Hall to the John E. Boswell Hall. **John Boswell** earned his Ph.D. in history from Harvard and taught at Yale until his death in 1994. He was a noted medieval scholar and was considered the leading authority on the history of sexuality and religion. Some years ago, the College established the John Boswell Initiative, which brings

scholars to W&M to promote an interdisciplinary approach to issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community. The initiative also includes the Boswell Lecture on Homecoming weekend. The Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California, also has an annual Boswell Lecture.

I am happy to report that as of the end of April 2021, the Class of 1969 Scholarship Fund stands at \$920,591.80, which tells my math-challenged mind that we only need an additional \$79,408.20 to reach our goal of \$1 million — which would fully support one student every year. If you can spare a little extra this year, please consider earmarking it to the Scholarship Fund. We are definitely going to get there soon.

Sadly, **Mary Morden Malewicz** died with her husband, Joey, in January as the result of an automobile accident. After college, Mary attended medical school at the University of Michigan and then did her internship and residency at Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans, followed by a fellowship in pediatric orthopedics in Toronto. She practiced at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore until returning to Michigan in the early '90s, where she practiced until her death. Avid sailors, she and Joey often raced on Lake Huron and in offshore ocean races. She was a charter member of the Ludwell Rat Pack. She leaves two brothers, a stepdaughter and a granddaughter. Our condolences to the entire family.

Like all of you, I have spent the year in my garden when the weather was good, and painting (watercolor and colored pencils) when it was not. Milton and I attended my niece's wedding in April (the older daughter of my brother **Ridge Whitehurst '72**). It was a nice trip to Augusta, Georgia, and nice to spend some time with family after so many months of lockdown.

Otherwise, I have stayed

busy helping to plan for the centennial of the founding of Chi Omega at W&M. It's not a surprise that only a couple of years after women appeared on the W&M campus, they began to join the national sororities. We had planned a celebration in April 2021, but COVID didn't care, so we will gather next year to celebrate the end of our 100th year. Kappa Alpha Theta will celebrate in 2022 as well, followed by Kappa Kappa Gamma in 2023, and more after that.

Now that we are more able to do things and go places, please let me know what you are doing and who from our class you are seeing. And, keep taking care of yourselves. This disease is not yet conquered.

Go Tribe!

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## 1970 ☾

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As I write this, **Tom Van Dam J.D. '73** and I attended a 70th birthday party for a dear friend sans masks (all 20 of us were vaccinated!), we watched a televised Mets game and enjoyed the extreme enthusiasm of the packed stadium of fans so happy to be live at a baseball game, and we watched the NCAA Florida State/Oklahoma University softball final with 13,000 AVID fans in attendance ... so yes, there may be normalcy coming!!

In your own words from our 50th Reunion yearbook:

From **Bruce Beringer**: “Syracuse University law degree. Married **Linda Sullivan '70** — two boys, one ‘gainfully unemployed’ after 18 years in Asia including Alibaba; the other a film editor in London, nominated for a BAFTA. ...

“Joined NYC law firm, by 1978 running Kuwait

office — the only American lawyer in town, Just missed being a hostage in Iran in '79. Returned to NYC — international law and dispute resolution. Moved to London in 1983 as a head-hunter with Heidrick & Struggles. Worked in financial sector. Hooked up with GE — including country manager for Russia in 1989. Caught the wave into Eastern Europe. Built offices in Warsaw, Prague, Moscow, Middle East and South Africa. Worked with about three-fourths of the Fortune 50. Recruited C-suite executives for positions based everywhere save Latin America. For my sins, included in a directory of the top 100 head-hunters in the world. Set up my own company in 2003. Took joint British citizenship; traveled about 180 days a year, minor political activity, cross-border cultural endeavors, but detrimental to my ex-wife.

“Certainly the road less traveled. Decided in 2013 it was time to come back ‘home.’ Picked Williamsburg and found it a surprisingly different place than in 1970. W&M was prepared to take me back. Now deeply engaged in Tribe things — basketball games, Tribe Thursdays, mentoring students, local politics, bourbon, cigars, international and domestic travel — ‘looking for America,’ attempts at playing golf, OBX and a very nice lady, Class of '75. Life has been full, not predictable, but no complaints.”

**Rhonda Curry**: “My life trajectory since college is probably somewhat predictable, given the interests I was already displaying then. After graduation, I returned to Louisville, Kentucky, my hometown. Early jobs were as a social worker; community organizer in Black communities in central Kentucky; and an equal opportunity specialist with the U.S. Department of Labor. Following graduation from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1985, attorney positions were first at a large corporate

law firm, concentration in employment and constitutional law, then at Social Security Disability Appeals. In addition to my profession, I have been a volunteer tutor for refugees studying for their citizenship tests and have served on the boards of my local neighborhood association, the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and several progressive and social justice organizations. All of my jobs have been challenging and rewarding, but I have not looked back since my 2007 retirement. I am never able to keep up with all I want to do including book clubs, gardening, movies, plays, art galleries and rock concerts. Maintaining a 120-year-old home in a historic preservation district is a continual challenge. I have been a runner and a lap swimmer, but these days, walking my dogs is what keeps me active. For mental stimulation, I have taken approximately 100 lifelong learning classes, focusing on literature, art, history and politics. Over the years, I have traveled extensively throughout Europe. Other special trips were to South Africa, Bonaire, Cuba and Peru."

After graduating, **Fred Hoener** "worked as a teaching assistant in the Department of Biology at the University of Alabama earning my M.S. in biology. Then it was off to newly independent African nation of Lesotho for four years, helping to establish the country's first national park by cataloging the park's flora, setting up an herbarium, developing an interpretive program for visitors and aiding in training the Basotho staff to carry out park ranger duties. The next significant event was a seven-year enlistment in the U.S. Army, advancing to the rank of staff sergeant. My Army specialty was field medical technology. I served four of the seven years with the 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Infantry Division. In the course of seven years, I earned the Expert Field Medical Badge and

was awarded the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Joint Service Achievement Medal. Following honorable discharge, I took my medical technologist skills and began a 28-year career as a blood bank technologist with the community blood bank in Jacksonville, Florida, testing donor blood and performing workups on patients with complex antibody problems that had to be resolved before they could safely receive a blood transfusion. Activities since retiring include participation in Jacksonville Senior Games swimming events and studying German. In 2016, I spent two months in Germany as a hostel worker, first in the Black Forest and then Bavarian Alps."

My next deadline is after you receive this fall issue ... and hope you have enjoyed the summer!!

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## 1971

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We hope that by the time that you read this most of us will have returned to some degree of normalcy and our reunion will have a part in that return.

Here is some reunion news: the W&M Alumni Association and our 50th Reunion Committee hosted a virtual Zoom reunion in April. We joined the Friday meeting along with more than 60 of our classmates. It was well organized and it was great to see so many people log into the event. It will be even better to have an in-person reunion in the spring of 2022. Dates and details will be announced in June. A second edition of our Colonial Re-Echo will be created, and entries should be submitted by Oct. 10 to be included

(visit 50th.wm.edu to submit). Donations to the class archives can be submitted anytime. Our class has met its goals for both endowments but additional donations are welcome.

Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2021 is Oct. 7-10, on campus. Although there are no official 50th activities for our class, we are hoping to have some unofficial gatherings during Homecoming weekend. Stay tuned and check the Avant Garde Class of 1971 site on Facebook.

After imploring the Zoom participants to email their news to us, we did hear from **Doug Brown '71, J.D. '74** and **Ron Anzalone** with updates.

Doug gave us this update: "Presently, I'm president emeritus of the Law School Foundation Board of Trustees, completing a 12-year stint as a trustee. It's been a great run! Since July 2020, I've also been a co-chair on the Class of 1971 50th Reunion Committee. This has been fun, too, especially having the chance to re-engage with many 1971 classmates and friends! In honor of my 50th reunion, Escha and I have endowed an undergraduate scholarship for W&M students who have financial need, with a preference, reflecting my Midwestern roots, for students from Indiana or Michigan. Interacting with the scholarship recipients is greatly rewarding!"

Ron emailed his news from the last 50 years and then some. Read his full account in the online Class Notes, magazine. [wm.edu/class-notes/1971](http://wm.edu/class-notes/1971).

"Haven't submitted anything to our W&M class notes since **Craig Windham** was holding court years ago, probably before his NPR gig ... I retired from 40 years of federal service in national archaeology and historic preservation in 2018. I now have more time to enjoy our four grandchildren; travel with my wife, Beth (hopefully we can

again soon!); and local history and preservation work here in Falls Church, Virginia.

"I was pleased to see that the College announced that Taliaferro ("Tolliver") Hall was being renamed in honor of Hulon Willis Sr., the first African American student to enroll at W&M ... Freshman year 1967, I plodded up the long flight of stairs to my appointed dorm room — C 21, Taliaferro, in the corner overlooking the Jamestown Road. Tiny. Hot. The one thing that could be said for it — location, location, location. Next to the Campus Center and the bookstore, close to the Caf — Trinkle Hall — and across the street from the main campus. The Freshman Honors lounge was downstairs. It turned out it had some other advantages, namely a congenial and harmonious bunch of folks. Our own little group of Taliaferro C-ites included me and my roommate, **Kerry Buckey**, as well as **Scott Davis, Richard Mohs, Jerry Coyne, Jamie Cowles, Tim Groves, Bob Hancock** and **Kenny King**. That fall we bonded enough (by the way, that long stairway to the second floor proved an excellent defensive feature for inter-dorm water fights) to form an a cappella singing group for serenading the women's dorms across the way. Known as the Taliaferro C choir, it often also included Taliaferro B denizens **Will Hausman** and **Craig Windham**. Scott Davis and Tim Groves later led several of us and others to staff our fledgling campus literary magazine, the William and Mary Review.

"I have no idea if there's any connection, but as we entered the pandemic last year, I had been involved with choral music in Northern Virginia for nearly 30 years, have appeared in two Gilbert and Sullivan stage productions in the area, and (in part through my interest in historical reenacting as well as music) portrayed

composer and bandmaster John Philip Sousa with the U.S. Marine Band and onstage. All of that has been suspended for the last year of course, except for virtual performances. Those are pretty unsatisfying. Hopefully we'll be able to sing and perform again in person before too long, and before I get too old to do it anymore."

There is one piece of sad news that we need to report. While playing tennis in a Florida tournament in January, I was told by a fellow tennis player that **Jim O'Brien** had passed away in September. Jim and I were doubles partners on the College tennis team freshman and sophomore years. After seeing Jim regularly at the U.S. Open, we had lost touch over the last 20 years. It was ironic to find out he lived only 20 miles from us in Florida. Although Jim never showed the affinity to the College that many of us do, so many of us who knew Jim felt a great affinity for him. I have some great memories of our times together both on the court and off. I did get to speak with Jim's widow, Dana Fawcett O'Brien, to offer my belated condolences and offer up some stories about Jim from his college days. For those who are interested, please see his obituary at magazine. [wm.edu/in-memoriam](http://wm.edu/in-memoriam).

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## 1972

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Spring has fully arrived as have the cicadas! This is a year and time to remember for all kinds of reasons. I hope you are well and enjoying the season. Our news is brief.

**Cheryl Menke** visited with **Gil Peterson Young** in April and



shared the news that Gil's home was on the Virginia Historic Garden Week Tour for the Prince George/Petersburg area. Those people on the tour could take a "shady, fern-filled, 3-acre stroll" to see over 100 varieties of plants and flowers. I'm sure it was amazing and took a lot of Gil's tender, loving care.

In her latest book of poetry, "In Code," **Maryann Zillotti Corbett** shares her work inspired by her time in the Minnesota Legislature. She uses a variety of types of poetry — from sonnets to prose — to shed light on government work, co-workers, elections, history, retirement and more.

**Judy Ruff Stocks** has enjoyed chaperoning the Langley High School Model United Nations team for the past six years. The students call her "Mama Stocks." Judy's daughter Jennifer, a Spanish teacher, is the team sponsor and the competitions are held at William & Mary. This also gives Judy the opportunity to see her sophomore roommate, **Mary Woodward Clark**.

I am happy our daily lives are expanding without so many concerns of COVID. We can all appreciate each day. We would love to hear from you!

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## 1973

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Welcome to "our" new decade. Whole bunches of we '73ers are or have turned 70 this year as we hopefully emerge from the C-19 pandemic, vaccinated and healthy. Here in New York state and Western New York in particular, the new normal is coming back slowly while gas

prices rise, building supplies skyrocket and home values go nuts and bidding wars have ensued.

I've been back at less than full-time employment as a consultant for the Rochester-based Regional Planning Council (the first time I've had to commute to work in 46 years). Such is life when you need to pay for a kitchen remodel in a 110-year-old Victorian home.

A group of "Friends for Life" Pi Beta Phi got together in May in the 'Burg to celebrate the 70th year of their existence. The lovely ladies spent a weekend traversing the Restored Area, their sorority house and other Williamsburg haunts. The crew included **Joanie Spiegel Wachter** (sans her husband and our classmate, **Bruce Wachter**), **Mary Mays Zussman**, **Sharon Truesdell Blanton**, **Judy McCusker Coblenz**, **Scottie Noel Alley**, **Susan Beck Folkins**, **Cathy Stone Rolfe**, **Sally Struckell Jenkins**, **Teresa Boykin Anstey**, **Kathy Ammen Mortara**, **Connie Burbage Jones**, **Susan King McGrail '74**, **Lynn Cole '74** (now retired from the California Department of Justice in Sacramento), **Amanda Heart Stewart** and last but not least **Tamara Lucas Copeland**, the prolific writer and author and observer of all things crazy federal, past and present administrations-wise.

**Robert Gottke**, retired CPA in Arlington, and his wife, Michelle, are working through the passing of their constant companion, Harry, a 10-year, four-legged member of the family. Facebook posts of pics, like most of us, reveal the closeness and member-of-the-family status our pets represent.

Also in the Arlington area, **Barb Bounds**, retired from the Arlington Public Schools, has been posting daily words to live by which is a great way to start the day, particularly in light of the past 15-plus months of pandemic isola-

tion and uncertainty.

Over on the Left Coast, retiree **Andy Mosney**, the pride of Glen Rock, New Jersey, hosted a gathering of fellow GR ex-pats in the Napa Valley. This crew has known each other and been friends since kindergarten — amazing!

That pretty much wraps it up for this version of how our world turns. I can always use first-person updates, retirement stories, any stuff with grandkids, pets or exotic travel — which for me as a Kid from Jersey means anywhere but Camden and Elizabeth. Be well, be safe. Happy 70th to a lot of you.

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## 1974

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Spring is in full bloom as I write this column, and pandemic restrictions are relaxing. **Jim Theobald** and I are delighted to resume normal activities and look forward to travel in the near future. What will 2021 find you doing?

**Mark Robertson** recently retired from a long career in conservation, having worked for the Nature Conservancy for 34 years as the founding director of the Florida Keys initiative and 21 years as South Carolina state director. Mark has worked on all aspects of nonprofit conservation work, including conservation strategy, public policy, fundraising, supporting volunteer leaders, financial management and staff management and leadership. He serves on the board of directors for Gills Creek Watershed Association. His W&M degree was in biology; he earned another at the University of Virginia in environmental science.

It was fun to spot

**Steven G. Noll's** name in the New York Times last January when they interviewed him about the Capitol riots and how he was incorporating current events into his American history class at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Steve is a master lecturer and has taught in the history department since 1992. After he left W&M, he earned three more degrees, all at the University of Florida: an M.Ed. in special education in 1976, an M.A. in history in 1985, and a Ph.D. in American history in 1991. Steve teaches courses on the History of Disability in America, Florida History, Florida Environmental History, Diversity in American History, the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, as well as both halves of the American History survey course. He has published three books and is working on two more.

Simon & Schuster packaged **Mark Young's** first six young adult books about Franken-Sci High into a collectible boxed set that was released in July of this year. The Jim Henson Co. is pitching the stories for an animated TV series. Fingers crossed

Sad news from **Mary Lively**, whose husband of 20 years, Fritz Rosekrans, died suddenly last December. You may have met Fritz at a W&M Class of 1974 mini-reunion or our 50th Reunion as he enjoyed accompanying Mary to these events. Fritz and Mary were active for many years in the Concordia Choir, and together they enjoyed the symphony, theater and travel. Mary lives in Spokane, Washington.

**Marsha Montgomery** reported that the mini-reunion scheduled for 2021 was another COVID casualty. The committee has selected the weekend of April 1-3, 2022, for the next gathering, and it will be held in Frederick, Maryland, as previously planned. Mark your calendars now!

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## 1975

Class Reporter  
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**Van Black** was finally back in Williamsburg and had a great and busy week, getting together with **Gene Schultz** and **Karen Kennedy Schultz** (along with their daughter, **Katie Schultz Plum '06, M.A.Ed. '12**); **Sharon Pandak '75, J.D. '78**; **Heldur Liivak** and **Beth DiPace Liivak '76**; **Roy Terry** and **Jane Koenig Terry**; **Barb Ramsey**; **Roger Crook '78** and his wife, Sue; **Corey Trench '76**; **Bob Cavaliere '76** and his wife **Sue Taylor Cavaliere '77**; a large group of younger alumni from the Staying Connective initiative ... and me! Barb Ramsey gave him an outside tour of the new Alumni House and the Reveley Garden. He needed a vacation when he got back to Florida! Van plans to be back for Homecoming.

**Jeff Doyle** and his wife, Jane, have started to re-engage again with an overnight to a small inn in Cooperstown, New York, and a trip to Indiana to visit Jane's father and mother, ages 99 and 93, respectively. Her parents still live on the small family farm where Jane grew up and her father still mows the grounds with a lawn tractor! Jeff had his first in-person meeting, a Ph.D.-qualifying exam, and continues his work as a professor at the School of Integrative Plant Science at Cornell University. He was on sabbatical this past spring, his first since 1992, and enjoyed being able to fully focus on research, even though travel was limited due to COVID. As most, he worked from

home and attended Zoom meetings and coordinated the graduate student seminar class.

**Nancy Kohlhas Gatschet** stays connected to her Pi Phi sisters with Zoom and even credits it for bringing her closer to the group of 15 who have a monthly book club and a twice monthly "just chat" Zoom. She is active in her local Rotary Club in San Diego, which helped her fund a clinic in Tanzania at the Tuleeni Children's Home. She serves on the board of the Patient Empowerment Network ([www.powerfulpatients.org](http://www.powerfulpatients.org)), which educates and supports cancer patients, and is on the Board of Advocates for Classical Music, which helps prepare elementary-age kids for field trips to the symphony. She sees her daughter and granddaughter often there in San Diego and tries to visit her son and grandson in North Carolina twice a year, COVID notwithstanding. She has a 50th high school reunion coming up, as do many of us! 50 years. Yikes!

**Sharon Pandak** also credits Zoom with keeping her in touch with **Linda Cleek Gray, Marcia Carl Simpkins '75, M.Ed. '77, M.B.A. '78** and **Joan Harrigan**. She caught up with Van Black as mentioned above and had a good phone visit with **Ed Fischler '75, M.B.A. '77**. Ed and his wife, Lynn, are enjoying retirement in Florida.

**Debbie Allen Hewitt** is semi-retired but continues teaching a few courses at W&M's Raymond A. Mason School of Business. Teaching, even remotely, has been a great way to remain connected during COVID times. She got together with **Connie Warren Desaulniers** (both have downsized to Kingsmill and are a quick walk away from each other) and has been in touch with **Megan Philpotts Padden**, also enjoying retirement and living in Norfolk. Megan's daughter, **Bevin Padden M.B.A. '13**, was a student

of Debbie's in the W&M MBA program. Connie has kept in touch with **Wanda Dove Greene** and is sad to share that Wanda's husband, Fred, passed away earlier this year from COVID-19. Wanda would appreciate hearing from classmates at this difficult time.

**Bruce Falk** says things are well in Northern Virginia (second vaccination shot — done!) and he is still teaching a class in project management. His commute is much better ... down 13 steps to his basement rather than an hour-and-a-half drive! He and his wife, Dianne, are delighted that Homecoming appears to be "on" and are planning to attend and are hoping to see **Mike Madden '75, M.Ed. '77; Dave Restuccia, Andy Vanderhoof '77, Steve Hendricks '77, Chris Jackson '77** and his wife, **Jan Tomes Jackson '78, M.A.Ed. '86**. Bruce is optimistic that Homecoming will be like old times once again. Unlimited beer at pre-game lunch in the Sunken Garden? Maybe!

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Greetings fellow '76ers! As I write in mid-May, people are beginning to emerge from isolation (yea!) and cicadas are starting to emerge from the ground (yuck!). Well, gotta take the bad with the good I suppose. How about sharing any personal stories about something good that may have come out of the pandemic? Did you return to an old hobby or pick up a new one? Did you hear from someone to whom you hadn't spoken in ages? Let us know something,

anything. People care.

You know I don't like to stick information about myself into this column, but I'm gonna make an exception this time. I am retiring on June 30 after 43 years, one month as a consulting actuary with The Wyatt Co./Watson Wyatt/Towers Watson/Willis Towers Watson. Same job the whole time, just various mergers, etc. Never fear, however. I have been writing this column for 35 years and I am not giving up that job. We are building a new home in Hanover County, just a smidge outside the town of Ashland, wherein my wife **Sue Taylor Cavaliere '77** is getting the kitchen of her dreams and I am getting a house with two garages (!!) so I can stay out of her kitchen. And one of my first official acts in retirement is going to be to participate in RAGBRAI 2021, an annual bicycle ride from west to east across the state of Iowa. It's a bucket-list kind of thing. Classmate **Mark Bundick** has done the ride on several occasions. If I survive, I'll tell you a little about it next time.

Back in the spring, I got a nice note from, and subsequently had a great catch-up phone call with, fellow Lambda Chi and former IFC President **Joe Marren**. Two of Joe's seven kids work for him at his asset management firm KStone Partners. Three of his kids are married, and Joe and his wife have seven grandchildren. The best thing is the entire clan lives within an easy 1/2-hour drive and Joe's home is always filled with activity — backyard cook-outs, nanny day care for some of the grandkids, etc. Among others, Joe stays in periodic contact with his old roommate **John Metz**, as well as another former Lambo, **Bob Gessner**. Great to hear from you Joe, thanks for initiating the contact.

Lastly, we received word that classmate and former lacrosse stud **Rick Bader** has written a book called "Booted." It is a satirical

novel which follows middle-aged Victor Barstow as he turns to selling women's shoes after losing his family and previous career. Will his plan to redeem himself by gaining control of a family-owned boot manufacturer and searching for a family heirloom work? In other book news, it was 1983 when German high school teacher Dieter Vaupel and his students discovered their town's well-hidden past during World War II. They found that thousands of slave laborers worked in one of the biggest European munitions factories in Europe. After the discovery was made, Vaupel and a group of townspeople invited the former factory workers to return to Hessisch Lichtenau. Classmate **DZ Stone** helped write this first part of the story. Part two tells the story of one of the workers, Blanka Pudler, who began laboring in the factory at 15. Clearly English 101 was beneficial to some!

That's all for now folks. You've made it this far; if we have a real live Homecoming this year, I expect to see you there for our 45th reunion. And don't worry, anything you tell me can't and won't be used against you unless you tell me it is intended for publication.

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## 1977

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Thanks to our classmates for helping keep our families and co-workers safe. As I write this report in May, I rejoice with our national progress and hope all afflicted with COVID-19 recover. It has taken its toll and we express support to those with family who have died from it.

I offer deepest condo-

lences to the family of my Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity brother, **Richard McKenna Sr.**, who died on March 25. He attended W&M and graduated from the University of Rhode Island. From there he went to the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. His career included attending the Naval Supply Corps School in Athens, Georgia. He obtained his master's degree in science and management from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

A distinctive virtual encounter facilitated by **Paul Clements '78, M.B.A. '82** enabled 14 Pika alumni to gather online using Zoom software for fellowship and drinks before the April 5 NCAA March Madness Men's College Basketball Tournament (Baylor versus Gonzaga). Feedback included: "Really special to reconnect with everyone tonight ... All the best to all! ... Thanks so much for organizing; it was really fun ... Let's do again soon ... Thank you for giving us opportunities to stay connected." Besides Paul, joining me were **Robert Thompson, John Mancini, Horace E. Mann, John McColgan, Charles Williams '78, Richard Fruchterman III '78, Joseph Brennan Jr. '78, Marshall Goodman '78, David McElhaney '78, Glenn Brammer '78, John Dobby '80, M.B.A. '91** and **Isaac Perkins V '78**.

On April 9, William & Mary's Chemistry Department offered a unique alumni webinar. It featured Professor Randolph Coleman, who presented his research on "The Science Behind Dementia." To commemorate his 50th year at W&M, he provided an overview of the many forms of dementia to inform us of the impact that nutrition, exercise and sleep have on fighting these neurological diseases. Following the seminar, Professor Coleman welcomed alumni, chemistry students and the community to address questions. Fellow



chemistry major **Jerrold Epstein** and I were both selected to congratulate our former professor and share insights.

**Sandy Fuller Spicknall '77, M.B.A. '80**

wrote that she and her family hope to make up their missed trip to France last summer and go in 2022. She has a Bastille Day birthday, and it has been her lifelong dream to celebrate her birthday with family in France. Sandy has taken thousands of photos of birds in her backyard. She wished she had taken ornithology at W&M. She is a creative photographer, and enjoys using Lensball, light painting and timed water drops. Three of the water drops sold at Art for the Journey's art show last November. Sandy is preserving memories of life during the pandemic through printing and gifting Shutterfly books showcasing her photos and adding her personal narrative reflecting on life during the pandemic.

Although **Carl Anderson** graduated in 1977, earning a B.B.A. with a concentration in accounting, he finished all his coursework by December 1976. His W&M degree opened many job opportunities. He retired at age 52 from a career that spanned over 30 years. Carl spent the final 25 years as a senior vice president and chief financial officer for various government contractors, finally retiring in 2007. Carl moved from the hustle of a large city to that of farm living in the country. He lives on a large body of water, so it has been relatively easy to quarantine himself by floating on his pontoon boat and enjoying life with friends and family. He wrote that he is now in the planning stages of establishing an annual scholarship for rising W&M juniors and seniors who are studying in the field of accounting. Hopefully, it will be available by the fall of this year. He welcomes any information on his classmate, **Don Ratcliffe**.

Don was commissioned in the Marine Corps right out of college in 1977.

Classmates, thanks for your news. Send updates and know that the Class of '77 cares.

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## 1978

Class Reporter  
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Congratulations to **Russ Travers**, who was named deputy homeland security advisor on the National Security Council by President Joe Biden. Russ has 42 years of experience in intelligence and served in several leadership roles in the National Counterterrorism Center. After majoring in government at W&M, he became an intelligence officer with the U.S. Army. He then received an MBA and Ph.D. from George Washington University. Russ shares his expertise with students during the W&M Washington Center's D.C. Summer Institutes and with alumni in events like W&M National Security Breakfast & Business Cards, part of the W&M Alumni Association's One Tribe One Network career programming.

It took some coaxing but, fortunately, **Bob Evans** agreed to give us an update: "I have been living in Williamsburg, mostly, since September 1978, when I came back to make sure that I did not miss out on having **Sheila Reed '79** in my life ... We married the following year, expecting to move soon, but never did." Sheila gave birth to their daughter in August 1995, yet tragically died from cancer just three months later. Bob says, "After a couple of years, I came back up for air, and had the good fortune to meet Nancy Feigenbaum. We married in 1998 and

had a daughter in 1999." His older daughter, a graduate of UVA, recently managed a Senate campaign. His younger daughter is studying pre-med at Georgetown.

Bob, who was an editor for the Flat Hat back in the day, spent his early career in newspaper reporting and editing. After a White House internship, Bob worked more than 30 years in print journalism. In 2005, he retired. Bob recounts, "A month later, a guy from Japan called and asked me to help him make a television news documentary about a type of nuclear weapon ... for NHK Broadcasting, Japan's public TV network." Bob continued to work with NHK until December 2020, when he decided to retire for the second time. As far as what lies ahead, he says, "Other than a pledge to listen to more music every day, I do not know what the next stage of life involves."

**Shari Slocum Casey** shared some pandemic blessings: "I thank the pandemic for our Henry-dog and for giving me the time to explore miles of bridle trails that are literally behind our house. I also can enjoy the Vermont snow, as there's nowhere to go." Shari and her husband moved to Vermont from London in 2018 when they decided to retire early. They've been enjoying lots of snowshoeing and downhill skiing as well as keeping in touch with U.K. friends via Zoom and attending virtual events with The Worshipful Company of Fan Makers (fanmakers.com) and the Confrerie du Sabre d'Or (www.goldensabre.co.uk/what-is-sabrage). Shari confesses, "These days, though, my sabrage is limited to searching for corks in the woods when I practice sabrage on our deck!"

**Dave O'Neill** reached out with an update from Minnesota. Dave is retired and enjoys spending time, "up at my wooded property (40 acres) about 3 1/2 hours north of the Twin Cities ... I go snowmobil-

ing, ATV riding, hunting and fishing." His eldest, Meghan, is a child-life specialist at Children's Hospital. His youngest, Connor, is an assistant track coach at St. Olaf, a local liberal arts college. Connor recruited Dave to be a track official for field events. Their middle child, Kelly, is working on a post-doc in analytical chemistry in New Jersey. After football at W&M, Dave played rugby until he was 35. He says it took a toll on his body but, true to his determination, he looks forward to hitting the gym again once COVID restrictions are over.

Congratulations to **Brenda Hiatt** whose newest novel, "Convergent," has been released. Brenda's published novels include seven Harlequin Romances, two HarperCollins historical romances, six historical romances with Avon Books, and the self-published, six-book young adult science fiction romance series "Starstruck." Her book "Scandalous Virtue" was named Best Romance Novel of 1999 by the American Book Readers Association.

After majoring in biology and psychology at W&M, Brenda attended graduate school at Texas A&M. According to her website (brendahiatt.com), "Life is all about change, so it's not surprising that over the past 20 years my career — and my life — have changed a lot. I expect that will continue to be true ... When I started writing traditional Regency romances, I was a stay-at-home mom with two toddlers ... over the next few years I'd found the perfect career for an Army wife, and life was good — and relatively predictable. Then, within the space of a year, Harlequin closed their Regency line, my husband changed careers, our family moved from Texas to Indiana and I lost both of my parents. My writing stalled for a while as I tried to find new bearings ... I began writing historical romance and found a new home with HarperCollins

... just as I was trying to adjust to a new change — an empty nest — A period of self-discovery followed ... I began to pursue more outside interests, to include scuba diving, community theater and taekwondo ... Hiking became another love ... I hiked the last 100 kilometers of the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain with a group of like-minded women, some of whom were also writers. I began experimenting with other kinds of writing: plays, women's fiction, and my new love, teen science fiction romance ... I fully intend to keep changing and growing, and I challenge everyone reading this to do the same. Today really is the first day of the rest of your life. Seize the day!"

Please fill us in on what YOU've been up to. Great advice bears repeating. Carpe Diem!

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## 1979

Class Reporter  
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In my last column, I was guardedly optimistic that by the time the fall issue of the W&M Alumni Magazine landed in your mailbox, life would have returned to some semblance of normalcy and COVID-19 would be firmly in the rear-view mirror. Now that Memorial Day is right around the corner, things are definitely looking up. And we have one of our classmates to thank in part for that!

**Carol Arnold Hollenbeck** signed up as a volunteer in the Pfizer vaccine trial in June of 2020. This involved getting two shots, multiple blood draws, and reporting in weekly over the course of two years. Carol ultimately learned that she had been given the placebo, but she was grateful to be able to get the real vaccine at the

end of January. Once fully vaccinated, Carol joined the Virginia Medical Reserve Corps and has been volunteering at vaccine clinics once a week since then — doing traffic control, registration, scheduling and data entry. It turns out several other W&M alums also have been volunteering, including **Mary Sue Estes Donahue**, **Farley Shiner '78**, and **Mary Ann Heyser Wright**. Carol says, "I'm so grateful to have an opportunity to help make a difference in the community in such a significant way!" And we are all grateful to you, Carol!

Classmate **Geri Kirm Lotze** reported that she is still an associate professor of developmental psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University, but has been teaching online from Duck, North Carolina, in the Outer Banks, having moved there in September 2020 from Richmond, Virginia. She and her husband had purchased a beach cottage in Duck in 2015, and the pandemic prompted them to make it their permanent residence. Geri says she would love to meet up with any other W&M alumni who might be spending time in the Outer Banks. After earning her degree in psychology from W&M, Geri moved to Long Beach, California to get a master's degree in community clinical psychology, following that up with another M.S. degree in special education and a Ph.D. in developmental psychology. Geri's husband is a retired teacher, and they share a blended family of five adult children and five grandchildren, with the sixth on her way! Geri plans to retire in 2022 and looks forward to the next chapter of her life, whatever that may be! Geri says she and her husband go to Williamsburg quite a bit, and she still has incredibly pleasant memories from her years there.

Speaking of trips to Williamsburg, don't forget that Homecoming this year will be Oct. 7-10 — in person and on campus — hurray!

I hope many of you will be able to attend what will surely be a fun weekend.

That's all the news this time — be sure to send me your updates!

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## 1980

*Class Reporter*  
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As I write this column, Commencement Weekend is fast approaching for the Class of 2021. Certainly, the graduates have come a long way to get here and are deserving of all of our accolades for them. We wish them all a wonderful future. As a country we have also come a long way in the past year. Last year, Commencement was entirely a virtual celebration. This year, Commencement will encompass a combination of virtual and in-person celebrations. We look forward to the time that we don't have to offer a virtual option.

I borrow most of the following information from the article in the online W&M Alumni Magazine by **Claire De Lisle M.B.A. '21** (thank you, Claire!), but for those who haven't thought of this recently, William & Mary alumni have a long history of service at the highest levels of government, beginning with George Washington and continuing to **Bob Gates '65, L.H.D. '98**, our current Chancellor and former Secretary of Defense, and **Jen Psaki '00**, current White House Press Secretary, each in very visible roles. There are numerous other alumni serving in various capacities that are just as important and challenging yet don't get quite the visibility; I think I have even relayed a bit of information of our classmates in previous columns. Among them is Ambassador **Barbara**

**Leaf**, who was appointed special assistant to the president and senior director for Middle East and North Africa affairs on the National Security Council. This recognition is but the latest in Barbara's distinguished career in government service. She is the current nominee to serve as assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern Affairs. Barbara has extensive diplomatic experience in the Arabian Peninsula, Iraq, Israel, Egypt and Tunisia, though this list is not all-inclusive. She was the State Department's first director of the Office of Iranian Affairs and served as ambassador to the United Arab Emirates from 2014 to 2018. Prior to joining the Biden administration in January of 2021, she was a fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Affairs. I am not sure when she would have the time, but Barbara also sits on the Reves International Advisory Board at W&M. Thank you, Ambassador Leaf, for all of your dedication to these greater goals.

My mailbox is empty, so I would appreciate any news that you wish to share with your fellow classmates. I hope we all can resume our travel plans that had been put on hold in the very near future. When you are on the wonderful trip that you have planned for so long, please remember to drop me a line! Until the next time, be well, stay safe and enjoy visits with family and friends!

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## 1981 40

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Happy 40th Anniversary — how hard is that to believe?

Aside from our Graduation Day in May 1981, I most vividly remember those days in August 1977

when we all moved into DuPont, Yates, Tyler, Barrett, Jefferson and Botetourt and began our W&M adventures. Most importantly, when we started to meet all of those friends in those first few weeks and months — that we would have for our lifetime. Good memories for us all to consider as we reflect on our 40th Anniversary.

The first piece of news is from a fellow DuPont dormmate: **David A. Hirsch** was elected to the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce's board of directors as its general counsel. David is with The Myerson Law Group, P.C. in Reston, Virginia, where his practice includes representation of businesses and individuals in litigation, arbitration, mediation, and state and local administrative agency hearings. His areas of law include business, contracts, construction, and criminal and traffic defense. David also sits as an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association.

In our second update — former Virginia Supreme Court Justice **Elizabeth McClanahan** joined the Virginia Tech Foundation as CEO starting June 1, 2021. She will focus on the university's endowment, real estate portfolio and economic development.

Congratulations to both David and Elizabeth.

Finally — we received some mixed news from our classmate **Hal Hicks**. Hal reports sad news — he lost his beloved wife of 35 years, Nancy, to her long brave battle against a progressive neurological disease (PSP) in early August 2020. She was a remarkable person, spouse and mother to their three sons. On the good news front, Hal and Nancy welcomed their first grandchild, Zoey, in April 2020. Nancy was able to see and hold Zoey before she passed away. Zoey is the new light of their life and the undisputed "boss." Things are

still going well at Hal's law firm though retirement is starting to sound better and better.

Thank you for those updates — and keep the news coming.

Once again — Happy 40th to all.

Go Tribe!

Mike "Fitz" Fitzgerald

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## 1982

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Greetings! It is May as I write this and many of you will be in the midst of graduations — and happily, most of them will be in person this year! Hurray!! Not that the pandemic didn't have its share of upsides (more time with the family, becoming proficient with Zoom, embracing mask wearing ... OK, who am I kidding?!). I, for one, am THRILLED to turn the page and see folks in person again! So excited to travel again, go to a movie theater and have people over INDOORS. Hurray vaccines!! Anything to put this year behind us!

I heard from **Kevin Doyle** who wrote that **Jon Huddleston** has been named to the 2021 class of the Virginia Lawyers Hall of Fame. A really wonderful honor! Congrats, Jon! I reported in the last issue that Kevin is moving on to Minneapolis to be the dean of the Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School of Addiction Studies, so congrats again to Kevin!

In April, **Cesar Conda '83** organized another Zoom call for the Dewey Beach crew. It was fun to catch up and hear about life during COVID-19 from Cesar, **Dabney Carr '84**, **Meg Hunter Scott '84**, **Becky Rogers Voslow '83, M.A. '89**, **George Crusier '84**, **Bob Newman '83** and **Marv Shaw**



'83. I may be missing a few folks! We shared some priceless old photos from our summers at the beach in the early/mid '80's.

**David Crank** was in the news — Hollywood news that is! David's work as production designer on the Tom Hank film "News of the World" was nominated for an Oscar for best production design. David grew up in Richmond and got his start working on set designs for TheatreIV, now known as Virginia Rep's Children's Theatre at Willow Lawn. He has worked on many Hollywood blockbusters including "Knives Out," "There Will Be Blood" and "Lincoln." This was his first Oscar nomination.

That's all the news I have! Please write/email/text and let me know how you are doing and what is keeping you busy and sane! Stay safe!! Miss everyone!

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## 1983

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Greetings Classmates,  
2021 is a big year for us! Most of us are turning 60. And we can attest that 60 is the new 40, especially if you live in Williamsburg. It's almost like being back in school, without the classes and exams. Many friends ask how we like living in Williamsburg. I typically start out by saying we were apprehensive about taking our relationship with Williamsburg to the next level. It's great when you come for tailgates or Homecoming and so many friends (and family) are in town, too. But what's it like full time? Especially this year with no tailgates, no Homecoming? We think it's great then, too. **Bud**

**Phillips '82** and I are happy we took our relationship with Williamsburg to more than just friends! To help make our relationship with Williamsburg more fun, I created a little group I like to call "The Brunch Bunch." We meet on Sundays for brunch followed by a hike somewhere around town. Some of the Brunch Bunch buddies are **Dru Mears, Betsy Dolan '84, Betsy Pendleton Crockett '85, Lily Andrews '84** and **Janet Lawson '86**. Williamsburg gets even better as more classmates move to town ...

On that note, **Christy Baty Hudgins** and her hubby, **Fraser Hudgins '84**, are in the process of making the move from Richmond to Williamsburg. By the time you read this they may have found their new home! Fraser is going to be teaching at Walsingham Academy. Christy's job is virtual so she can work from anywhere. Christy's daughter, **Emma Heinze '20**, graduated in 2020 from W&M. I guess she'll be able to stay at her mom's new house for her graduation, which will coincide with Homecoming 2021 for the class of 2020.

Rumors abound that **Cyndy Huddleston '83, M.Ed. '86** and **Jon Huddleston '82, J.D. '86** are planning a move to the 'Burg. It seems they have purchased a condo in town to ease into the transition, although I have yet to see them. A shout out to **Ray Bisczat '84** and **Suzanne Alvis Bisczat** for hosting Bud and me at their home for dinner shortly after we moved to town. It was delicious and fun and we should do it again, next time at our house!

The Class of 1983's own "Ace of Space" was featured in Northern Virginia Magazine's January 2021 issue. **Ellen Stofan '83, D.Sc. '16** is the first female director of the National Air and Space Museum. This is the most visited museum in Virg-

ia, with 1.5 million people a year and a mission to inspire and empower the next generation of innovators and explorers. While the National Mall remained closed during the pandemic, the Air and Space Museum re-opened on a limited basis on July 24, 2020. Ellen says, "Inspiration is what we need right now. To be able to walk around the floor at (the museum) and see the kids looking up at the space shuttle with that wonder on their face." Ellen and her hubby, **Tim Dunn**, are newly minted grandparents. Their granddaughter was born in October. Congratulations!

You're probably all aware that W&M celebrated 100 years of co-education at W&M in 2018. Makes sense that it wouldn't be too long after that that we could celebrate 100 years of the first sorority at W&M! Can you guess?

Chi Omega was founded as the first sorority at W&M on May 30, 1921, with 10 members. On April 10, 2021, W&M Chi Omegas kicked off their yearlong centennial celebration with a Zoom from the Great Hall of the Wren Building. President Rowe was the keynote speaker, mentioning many contributions of Greek societies to alma mater and the nation, from the founding of Phi Beta Kappa in 1776 at W&M to the present. This event is the brainchild of **Beth Sala Covin**, co-chair of the centennial celebration with **Win Whitehurst '69**. The Chi-Os are planning to cap off the celebration with a gala the weekend of April 29, 2022. Ring Ching to those Chi-Os across the court! Also, congratulations to Beth on her son, **Reid**, for being a new graduate of W&M Class of 2021.

Speaking of graduation, **Skip Rowland** was back at W&M taking beautiful and meaningful photographs for W&M's Commencement weekend

in May. He will be celebrating the graduation of his son, **Beau Rowland '20**, at the 2020 ceremonies during Homecoming Weekend. Hope to see you there!

One more piece of news to report. After six years in business in Richmond, I closed my shop. In May, I opened my shop in a new space in Williamsburg, across from the Williamsburg Pottery on Richmond Road. Next time you're in the 'Burg you can find "Sweet Dreams" in the Colonial Plaza Shops at 6935 Richmond Road. Hope to see you there too!

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## 1984

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Greetings and warm fall wishes to the Class of 1984! I hope that many of you are able to attend Homecoming & Reunion Weekend this fall on campus, which is planned for Oct. 7-10, 2021. How we have missed Cheese Shop sandwiches, walks down DoG Street, cheering on the Tribe, alma mater and, most of all, each other! I hope to see you there!

**Kevin M. Phillips**, president and CEO of Mantech International Corp., was mentioned in our last Class Notes. Since then, he has been named one of the top 50 chief executives in the country for large companies of over 500 employees for 2020, according to Comparably, a career data website that ranks the best CEOs each year annually based on employee ratings submitted during the preceding year. The honor is exceptional following a year during which companies had to work especially hard to ensure employee safety, satisfaction and success

while navigating an extraordinarily challenging business landscape. Among his many roles, Kevin serves on the board of the William & Mary Foundation.

**Victor Branch**, senior vice president and Richmond market president of Bank of America, was one of 13 executives across Virginia invited to offer insights, leadership and career advice for future Black business leaders as well as people of all races who are working to make their organizations more inclusive and equitable to those of all backgrounds. Featured in the Jan. 29, 2021, issue of Virginia Business, Victor's advice included building connections and trust with both internal colleagues and external clients, validating and acknowledging them as people. After graduating from William & Mary, Victor began in the banking industry with Richmond-based Sovran Bank, which later became part of Bank of America. Throughout his career, he has been actively engaged in the community, serving on a variety of community, educational institution, and corporate boards and receiving multiple recognitions and honors for his work and community involvement. He currently serves on William & Mary's Board of Visitors, to which he was appointed in 2018.

**William Joyner** has been promoted to associate professor of vocal studies at the University of North Texas, where he joined the faculty of the Division of Vocal Studies of the College of Music in 2014. During his career as a tenor, he has given nearly 550 performances among about 55 different roles, including many of opera's greatest leading roles, in some of the world's most renowned opera theaters and other venues. He holds degrees from The Catholic University of America and The Juilliard School and has received numerous awards and recognitions during his career.

I have been blessed to be able to spend quite a bit of the past four weeks with dear friends from William & Mary. **Joanna Ashworth** and I traveled to Boston to spend a couple of weeks with **Laurie Raymond Benson**, who has been there for the past seven months undergoing and subsequently recovering from a medical procedure. On the drive up from Charlotte, we stopped in Vienna, Virginia, where **Alison Hawley Ewing** and **Linda Reynard Basnight** met us at my parents' house with a wonderful dinner of Alison's famous gazpacho! Two weekends later, **Alison** surprised Laurie with a visit to Boston, and we were all overjoyed to be able to spend time together in person. After a memorable ride on the swan boats in the Boston Public Garden and a walk through the Boston Common, we headed out to sample Boston's finest doughnuts at the original Dunkin Donuts in Quincy, Massachusetts — our second visit during our stay! Other highlights of the trip included visiting Walden Pond, various other points of interest in Concord, including the North Bridge at the Minuteman National Historical Park, and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, plus taking a wonderful side trip to Cape Cod. The best highlight of all was being together and cheering Laurie on during her recovery!

While traveling to and from Boston, we visited with Joanna's sister, **Donna Cori Ashworth '72, M.Ed. '73**, who is a career coach residing in Belchertown, Massachusetts. During our time in Boston, we had lunch with **Sue Hammerland '82**, who is an exceptional visual artist currently residing in Natick, Massachusetts.

While Joanna and I were in Boston, William & Mary held its 2021 Commencement, and my niece, **Natalie Ann Francois '21**, was among the students receiving their undergraduate diplomas.

We were able to celebrate with Natalie and her parents, **Jennifer Horrocks Francois '91** and **Kent Francois '91**, my brother, **Andrew Horrocks '87**, and the rest of the family on our way back home. I am sure many of you have experienced the joy of being able to visit with family and friends again in person, and we were grateful for the many memorable moments we were blessed with during this journey.

My husband, **Greg Miller**, played on the tennis team at William & Mary — as did one of our children, **Alec Miller '18**. Greg still enjoys playing tennis with our sons, and he has recently reconnected with a former W&M teammate, **Allan Robinson**, with whom he plays tennis regularly in Beaufort, South Carolina. Allan and his wife, **Elaine Bogan Robinson**, relocated to nearby St. Helena Island, South Carolina, in 2020. Elaine and I were on the same freshman hall in Barrett!

We have probably all had the chance to embrace Zoom for business meetings and personal connections during the past year, and despite some Zoom "fatigue," this platform has continued to offer new opportunities to connect. In April and May, I was able to catch up via Zoom with a number of Delta Delta Delta sorority sisters, including **Susan French Owens**, **Susie Chamlee Holmes '84, M.Ed. '85**, **Sandie Baker Thompson**, **Kimberly Albertson Lapkin**, **Sally Lewe**, **Lucy Blevins Jordan** and **Donna Raines Parker**. What fun to be able to catch up regularly with a few Class of 1984 Tri-Delta sorority sisters!

In April, **Mary Ann Heyser Wright '79**, who is a member of the Richmond Alumnae Chapter and serves on the board of trustees of the National Tri Delta Foundation, organized a Zoom reunion of all William & Mary alumnae who were members of Delta Delta Delta sorority. It was great fun to see a

few familiar faces spanning the years we were all students and sorority sisters at W&M together!

While Zoom calls may have provided some helpful and enjoyable connections over the last months, we all hope to be able to see one another again in person this fall, so be sure to mark your calendars for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, to be held on Oct. 7-10, 2021! I am sure being together again in Williamsburg will be even more special this year.

Sharing news and connecting with each is as important as ever, so please reach out if you have any updates you'd like me to include in the next Class Notes. You can reach me via email, text, phone, Facebook message or mail.

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## 1985

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As I write this update, the country is starting to lift mandates and open up after so many months. I will be glad to safely get back to seeing people out and about, especially at concerts! Can't wait to see Genesis as they tour the United States; it will be just like the '80s again! And while it doesn't seem like the '80s could actually be this long ago, today marks 36 years since we graduated. Nope, we can't be that old!

One of our classmates, **Michael Zwicklbauer**, is excited to announce that his son **Erik Zwicklbauer '21** will be joining our ranks as a proud alumnus, as he is graduating this year from the School of Business, and has been inducted into the honor society Beta Gamma Sigma. Not only is Michael a proud dad of Erik, he also has a daughter, Kristin, who is a UVA graduate and works in Arlington,

Virginia, for Booz Allen Hamilton in defense threat reduction. Michael has been married for 25 years to Marianne, a certified physician assistant. He has been a plastic surgeon since 1997 in Newport News and has a satellite office in Williamsburg.

**Ted Decker** has been named the president and chief operating officer of Home Depot. Ted joined the company in 2000 as director of business valuation and over the past 20 years has held a number of positions within the company, including vice president and senior vice president of strategic business development, as well as senior vice president of retail finance. Ted has also worked for PNC Bank, Scott Paper Co. and Kimberly-Clark Corp. After graduating from W&M with a bachelor's degree in English, he obtained a master's degree in business administration from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Ted and his wife, Cathy, have two daughters. There was a great writeup in the Erie Times-News on Oct. 18, 2020, if you would like to read more about his accomplishments.

**Robert Crane** is now the chief executive officer of Milton Savings Bank in Pennsylvania. He previously served as chief financial officer of Northumberland National Bank and director of profitability at Kish Bank in State College. Robert currently resides in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, with his wife and son.

Along with two of her colleagues, **Karen O'Brien** was awarded the BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Award in Climate Change for incorporating the social dimension to climate change science through the study of adaptation to unavoidable impacts. After Karen received her bachelor's degree in international relations, she went on to earn a master's degree in land resources from the University of Wisconsin-Madison as well as a Ph.D. in geography from Penn-

sylvania State University. After teaching at Pennsylvania State University, she went on to hold research positions with the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation in Montreal, Canada, and at the Center of International Climate and Environmental Research in Oslo, Norway. Karen has also authored numerous specialist publications, books and reports. Since 2001 she has been working at the University of Oslo, where she is currently a professor of human geography.

**Michael Powell '85, D.P.S. '02** was recently elected to a four-year term as chair of the Mayo Clinic Board of Trustees. He is the president and CEO of The Internet and Television Association, is currently chair of the William & Mary Foundation Board of Trustees, and taught a leadership course with W&M's Washington Center.

As I mentioned in a previous column, I have been enjoying the Zoom meetings that W&M has been providing, and the latest one I attended was called "The Business of NASCAR" with our classmate **Tad Geschickter**, co-owner of JTG Daugherty Racing, **Steve Newmark '93**, president of Roush Fenway Racing, and moderated by **Lauren Edwards '08**, founder and CEO of Reine Digital. Having grown up near Martinsville Speedway, I was familiar with the NASCAR of Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt (both Senior and Junior), but this is definitely not the NASCAR of the '70s anymore! As Tad took us on a tour of the JTG Racing shop, I learned about the building of today's racecars, where engineers use 3D printers to make parts out of steel, saw the paint booth where the cars are painted, and found out that it takes a working team of 100 to make the 32 cars built for JTG Racing. They are even providing a STEM curriculum for students in order to engage the next



generation of NASCAR fans. During the meeting Tad recognized that his fraternity brothers and roommates **Mark Kelso** and **Anthony Jones** were on the call and was grateful for their support. He also took questions from and offered advice to **Nathaniel Chen '16**, founder of Nate Chen Racing, as he discussed professional drifting.

So glad to receive so much news to share with you this time. I look forward to more of you reaching out to me via email, and I also hope that you will check out the Zoom meetings that W&M is providing us. Both are terrific ways for us all to stay in touch. Valette, omnes!

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## 1986 35

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Dear classmates,

In February, I received a wonderful, long update from Dr. **Amy Sue Barta Wall**. She is an ophthalmologist and sole practitioner with Buena Vista Eye PC in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Her husband, **Jimmy Wall**, is an attorney; he recently merged with another firm in Winston-Salem to form Waldrep Wall Babcock & Bailey PLLC. Amy says their greatest accomplishments are their nine children: Emily Jane (married to Andy Burnley), Joe (married to Carina Pascu), Molly Mae (married to Cody Green), David, Liza Kate, Chloe, Jeb, Sadie Quinn and Charlie. For more details about the children, please see the online version of this column at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes. The Walls would love to hear from fellow alumni.

**Dave Fox, Dave Anderson and Ann**

**Brown-Hailey** sent greetings.

**Laura Martin Dunlap**, my freshman hallmate from Dupont 1st West, sent the sad news of the death of **Austin Peery**, who was from her hometown of Covington, Virginia. For Austin's obituary, see [affinityfuneralservice.com/obituaries/austin-page-peery](http://affinityfuneralservice.com/obituaries/austin-page-peery).

Laura is very happy living in Greenville, South Carolina with her husband, Dave, and their 17-year-old son, Ben. Dave is an engineer with Aruba Wireless, a subsidiary of Hewlett Packard. Laura retired from her insurance career in August of this year. She hopes to try some new hobbies and fill her days with fun activities that had been set aside for a long time while taking care of others.

**Mike Doucette** has been with Riverside Health System in Newport News, Virginia, for 32 years, currently serving as president of Riverside Regional Medical Center. In the spring, he was pleased to see a significant decline in COVID cases and was hoping the worst of the pandemic was behind us. He and his wife, Robin, welcomed their first grandson, Jackson Trent Doucette, in November. Jackson and his parents live in Williamsburg, so they are able to see them often.

**Tanya Brown White-Deyo** of Fairfax, Virginia, escaped working at home with a new job last year as the financial analyst senior at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. She is working toward a second master's degree in finance and accounting at Keller Graduate School of Management and may seek a C.P.A. license. She still enjoys karaoke and is contemplating the return of DJ TDubs.

**George Calvert** retired this year after a 31-year career with Amway; he spent the last 20 years running both R&D and the supply chain. He and his wife, Kelly, love to spend time at Tybee Island, Georgia, and are

very active outside. Their future holds a lot more boating and travel, while they both stay mentally active. Kelly is the chief human resource officer at a furniture company, and George is expanding his board/consulting work.

According to the Richmond Free Press on Feb. 27, 2021, **Archie L. Harris Jr '86, J.D. '89** — an attorney, actor, French horn player, martial arts instructor and former professional football player — has a new role as a police officer in "Wonder Woman 1984." The film has done well in box offices during the pandemic and became available on HBO Max in December. Archie still has his legal practice in Washington, D.C., while pursuing acting as opportunities arise.

From Richmond BizSense on Jan. 5, 2021, **John Jones '86, J.D. '89** has a new position as vice president of research and microeconomics analysis with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

On Jan. 23, 2021, The New York Times published an interview with **Andi Owen**, CEO of furniture company Herman Miller. Andi discusses the challenges her business has faced during the pandemic, including layoffs and political tensions among her workforce in the battleground state of Michigan. Among her responsibilities has been encouraging respect, kindness and agreeing to disagree.

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## 1987

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Class of 1987 winter 2021 column was reprinted in the spring 2021 issue. The correct spring 2021 column can be found at

[magazine.wm.edu/class-notes](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes).

We sincerely apologize for the error.

I am looking forward to seeing classmates back at W&M Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2021 this year. Can't wait! Hope you are all doing well! Thank you to those of you responding to my pleas for news back in May. Most of the news this time is actually Tribe legacy news!

**Sharon Meyers Levine's daughter Ansley Levine '20** graduated from W&M in 2020 virtually, which they found to be disappointing, but they are now looking forward to the 2020 Commencement celebration planned during Homecoming this October 2021. The family definitely will be there to celebrate in Williamsburg! Their younger daughter **Amelia Levine '24** entered W&M with the Class of 2024 and finished her pandemic freshman year in May. Sharon notes that W&M did a great job of keeping the community safe and giving the kids as best of a college experience as they could. Her daughter is definitely looking forward to what will definitely be a new and different W&M experience this fall.

Following COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions, Sharon was still able to see several classmates. She met up with **Ann Darby Simpson Rush** and **Karen Griffith Gryga** in Virginia Beach in October at Darby's beautiful home. While returning Amelia to W&M in January 2021, she stopped by to visit with **Linda Habgood Zanfagna '88** and **Gary Zanfagna '88** at their house in Westfield, New Jersey. And she was able to have a post-vaccine visit with **Liese Cochran Mosher** at her parents' home in Washington, D.C., when Liese was visiting from San Clemente, California. Everyone is doing fantastic and enjoying empty nesting and their successful careers.

**Susan Parker Lauer** can't wait to finish up the 2020-2021 virtual kin-

dergarten year and move back into her classroom. Though she's an experienced kindergarten teacher, she really had to step WAY out of her comfort zone this year to teach and connect with her kindergartners through a computer, but notes that if her time at W&M taught her anything, it is that the best growth takes place outside the box with which you are most familiar. Susan has developed a new hobby, which is enjoying listening to fellow alumnus/daughter, **Kathleen Lauer '19**, when she presents "Capitol Conversations." It is presented each weekday at 1 p.m. by the U.S. Capitol Tour Guides. You can find it at [www.visitthecapitol.gov/capitol-conversations](http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/capitol-conversations).

**Jay Black and Lori Jackson Black's daughter Reagan Elisabeth Jackson '21** graduated magna cum laude in May 2021 with a double major. Her degrees are a B.A. in linguistics (the first time this degree has been conferred at W&M) and B.A. in psychology. Reagan is the third rung in Jay's legacy ladder: his grandfather, **J. Martin Diggs '54**, Jay (1987) and now Reagan (2021). Jay and Lori are excited for Reagan's next chapter as she will be at University of Virginia next and will be enrolling in their Master of Linguistics program.

Congratulations to all of you with new graduates!

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**Renee Snyder Norden** is excited to report that daughter **Hallie Norden '24** joined the Tribe and roomed with the daughter of **Jennifer Griffin McDowell '90, Mary-Shea McDowell '24**.

Renee has enjoyed hearing about their experiences while remaining socially distanced. Renee's oldest is a paramedic with Berkeley County, West Virginia, and attending Mary Washington University. After 15 years as director of guidance and college counseling at Highland School in Warrenton, Virginia, Renee recently became executive director of the Mental Health Association, which focuses on providing mental health education and prevention programs and increasing access to care in Fauquier and Rappahannock counties in Virginia. Her husband, David, continues to practice architecture in Warrenton.

**Dinah Manns** survived COVID-19 without any lingering medical conditions while continuing to thrive in her career. Dinah is proud of her son, who finished his freshman year despite the pandemic. Dinah is now academic director of research at Capella University and oversees the counseling, nursing and human services learner dissertation process. She was also selected to serve on Strategic Education Inc.'s CEO's Council for Diversity Education and Inclusion. Dinah reports that serving in this capacity has been a true joy during this time of continued inequity in our country. She is hopeful that in 2021 our country will work toward equity and inclusion. (See pictures online.)

**Cheryl Toth** celebrated being able to attend live football games. For the University of Delaware vs. W&M game, Cheryl's W&M daughter, **Taylor Newbolt '22**, joined her in Delaware to cheer on the Tribe and to see Cheryl's niece, a UD student. After that, it was back to the 'Burg for the JMU game and a girls' weekend with her daughter and sister, a JMU alum. Cheryl was looking forward to long weekends exploring old haunts with her daughter, who planned to stay in Williamsburg over the summer, while working on

research.

After being the director of the Muscarelle for many years and hosting the biggest private tailgate for football seasons with friends and colleagues like Craig and Laura Reeves of the Catering Company, **Aaron H. De Groft** is the new director and CEO of the Orlando Museum of Art and has become involved with the W&M Alumni Chapter in Orlando. While serving as director, Aaron brought in the second largest gift in the history of William & Mary and the largest gift by a woman, dear friend and alumna, **Martha Wren Briggs '55**; increased the attendance at the Muscarelle from 10,000 people in 2005 to 190,000 a year at its high point; and organized exhibitions that were internationally significant on Michelangelo, da Vinci and Botticelli. Aaron credits his success to Professor **Miles Chappell '60**, who once told him, "someone has to wrestle with the monsters and it might as well be us." See the online edition for more about Aaron and the Muscarelle.

**Audrea Topps-Harjo** has been in New Zealand since 2019, arriving right before the pandemic lockdown, and is serving as chief operating officer of A44 Games in Wellington. She also founded InclusionFX, a platform to amplify underrepresented people in the visual effects, television and games industries.

It is with great sadness that we share the loss of our dear friend and classmate **Jennifer Quartana Guethoff '88, M.B.A. '95**. Jennifer was truly one of a kind. From cheerleader to math whiz, Jennifer's positive outlook provided solid footing for the truly exceptional life she would lead. Jennifer loved William & Mary and returned to receive her Master of Business Administration in '95. Following graduation, she began her career with Deloitte in New York City, where she met and married the love of

her life, Jens Guethoff. They relocated to Berlin, where their beautiful daughter Anna was born. In 2003, Jennifer was named Deloitte's inaugural Global Deputy Chief Ethics Officer, and she worked to create a global ethics program from the ground up and served as a role model for ethical leadership for 17 years. She remained engaged with W&M and presented an alumni webinar on ethical culture just a few years ago. She was also a member of the Society of 1918. She traveled the world, building countless friendships along the way. Following her ALS diagnosis in 2018, which Jennifer handled with strength, dignity and grace, she channeled her leadership skills to raise tens of thousands of dollars for both ALS research and her local ALS chapter. "Work hard, play hard"... Jennifer lived life to the fullest, always finding time for the fun that made it all worth it.

From the News: **Matthew L. Clarke** was named market president of TowneBank Chesterfield. **Sean McDermott** is coaching the Buffalo Bills. **Robert R. Simons** is practicing personal injury and criminal law in Haddon Heights, New Jersey. **Sheri Holman** is a national bestselling author, TV writer and producer. Congratulations to all!

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## 1989

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After 30 years in financial technology, and a couple successful "exits," **Steve Dunlap** decided there was no way he was going back to the politics and insanity of a corporate job. As luck would have it,

he found himself dating a fashion designer who ran her own company. It was a match made in heaven: she had singular talent and creativity; he had spent a career learning how to build and scale businesses. Of course, the only prior experience Steve had with dresses was trying to get women out of them, but he knew he'd figure it out! Now three years later, they are growing at a blistering pace, adding new retailers and scaling their eCommerce channels. They've got a tiger by the tail, and Steve's enjoying his work more than ever before. Combining a fun "second act" career with a special woman who makes him smile every day? Priceless. Check them out at [www.meghanfabulous.com](http://www.meghanfabulous.com) and [www.boheme losangeles.com](http://www.boheme losangeles.com)

In April, **Steve Kistulentz** published his third book of poetry, "Mating Calls of the Dead," that intertwines a sense of place with love, grief and death. One reviewer said, "the poems in 'Mating Calls of the Dead' are among the best recent poems of the American South." During the day, Steve is the founding director of the graduate program in creative writing at Saint Leo University near Tampa, Florida. I hear he's working on another novel. When not working on writing, he can be found on the tennis court.

**Anne Ferrell Leggett** and her husband, Jim, sold their home in Virginia and are heading off to the RV life.

They may want to ask **Kim DiDomenico Duty** and Steve for tips on the nomad life. Kim is marking 20+ years as the SVP of public affairs for the National Multifamily Housing Council, a housing policy lobbying group. She had been working remotely from Denver for the past 12 years (visiting fellow classmate **Ed Cannon '89, M.Ed. '00** now and then) and commuting to Washington, D.C., two or three times a month. COVID-19 ended that, so she and Steve sold

their Denver house and embraced the nomad life. They've spent months in Colorado (Breckenridge), Utah (Moab, St. George, LaVerkin, Kanab and Escalante), Arizona (Sedona and Tucson), and Texas (Austin during the once-in-a-lifetime freeze). Kim was fortunate enough to spend time with her freshman roommate **Sam Krumpe** in West Texas. Sam connected Kim and Steve with vaccines so they got two shots to visit her (pun intended), and on the second visit they spent a few days having fun in funky Alpine and Marfa, Texas, and driving around Big Bend Park. Sam documented Kim crossing the Rio Grande into Mexico (technically) to mark her next move, four months in San Miguel de Allende starting in June, and then left her alone in a campground in Terlingua ghost town for three days despite her (Sam's) better judgement. Sam always did have the better judgement of the two! (Kim's words, not mine.)

While my recent travels aren't as exciting as Anne or Kim's, Doug, the kids and I road-tripped to North Carolina and Virginia once we were fully vaccinated. The trip was delayed a few days due to the gas shortage, which meant we were able to sneak a peek and listen to Jimmy Buffett playing live in Delray Beach, and we loved visiting family and friends we hadn't seen since before the pandemic. It felt so great to hear live music and to interact with people live and in person again! After wintering with us for six months, both kids headed back to their university cities (Carter to St. Paul, Minnesota, and Quinn to Amsterdam) and to new apartments in June and are hoping for in-person classes and fewer restrictions next semester.

If you haven't seen your name in Class Notes in a while or ever, why don't you take a moment and share what you've been



up to? You don't have to have launched a new career, written a book or hit the road to be included. We would love to hear what has kept you busy during the pandemic and what you're doing as life reopens. I especially love hearing stories of classmates reconnecting.

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## 1990

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Hello, everyone. Apologies for the late notice for this issue and thanks to those of you who were kindly quick to respond. We have some classmates who've never shared updates before — kudos to you. I hope it inspires others to contribute sooner than later.

**N. Gordon Knox** is a partner at the law firm of Duane Morris LLP. Gordon is a transactional finance attorney focusing on real estate finance and municipal bond financing, based in Baltimore. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two boys, Adam (19) and Brandon (17). Gordon is proud to report that **Adam Knox '24** just finished his freshman year at W&M.

**Dillon Banerjee** is wrapping up a four-year diplomatic assignment to Stockholm as regional senior commercial officer to the Nordics, United Kingdom and Ireland and is currently serving as acting U.S. ambassador to Sweden through the summer. In August, he planned to head back to the U.S. before moving to the family's next posting in Geneva, where his wife will be working at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations doing public diplomacy.

Their daughter, **Ella Banerjee '23**, is on summer break after completing her sophomore year

at W&M (yay!), and their son just graduated from high school (photo online) and is gearing up to start his freshman year at UVA in the fall.

Dillon and family are grateful to eke out one last summer in Sweden before moving on. They are also looking forward to seeing friends and family Stateside soon!

Rev. **Gillian Barr** moved to Stonington, Connecticut, in the summer of 2019 to become the rector of Calvary Episcopal Church. She has met several W&M alumni and alumni parents in the Stonington area and enjoys living in a huge rectory in Stonington Borough with a view of Fishers Island Sound. In her limited free time, she loves sailing, kayaking and exploring the greater Stonington/Mystic area.

**Jay "J.B." Wilson** has lived in Scotland since 2016. He chairs a nonprofit that is developing a walking trail from Inverness to John o' Groats in the Highlands called the John o' Groats Trail (jogt.org.uk). Walkers from around the world are welcomed, and he would love to meet alums who come walk it. It looks quite amazing!

**Sophie Lee** earned her Master of Social Work in clinical behavioral health at the University of Maryland. After more than 30 years in the government contracting sector, most recently as CEO of her company, AMSAQ, Sophie went back to the books to follow her passion of working with others, particularly focusing on hospice care. Sophie has been looking after all of her family and friends — fellow W&M alumni and others — for many years. Now she gets paid to do it. We all hope she doesn't charge us retroactively. Kudos, Sophie, for an impressive achievement!

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## 1991 30

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Congratulations to **Dane Snowden**! He is president and CEO of Internet Association. He previously was chief operating officer for NCTA - The Internet and Television Association.

Thanks to **Brad Bunn** for writing for the first time. Since graduation, he has worked for the U.S. Department of Defense, mostly in human resources. He has been a member of the senior executive service since 2003 and was recently promoted to vice director of the Defense Logistics Agency, a DoD agency that provides logistics, supplies and other services to the military, federal agencies and partner nations. In his new position, Brad is the senior civilian executive in the agency, leading 27,000 civilian and military members located across the globe in support of our military. In 2019, he was awarded the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive. In 2020, Brad was awarded the Roger W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership by the American University School of Public Affairs. Brad lives in Manassas with his wife, Deanna, and his daughter, Eliza, who is a 2019 James Madison University graduate, and their dog, Moze.

**Susan Dettmar** lives in Old Town Alexandria with her pet bunny Tenzing Norgay. She graduated from the University of North Carolina business school in 1995 and went to work for Deloitte. She left to work at a startup in 2003 but returned to Deloitte in 2010 when the startup was sold to a strategic buyer. Susan is currently head of mergers and acquisitions services for Deloitte Consulting.

**Michaelen Kastantin**

**Barsness** had lunch with **Sue Sullivan Babcock**, **Gillian Haskell Coppock** and **Lisa Green Price '92** in the spring — she said everyone looked the same! Her oldest daughter started Loyola Marymount University this year. Her daughter Claire is in high school and her son Peter is in elementary school. She is senior vice president of finance and accounting at the Humane Society of the United States. She has been working remotely and worries what her two dogs, Maggie and Fiona, will do when everyone is back at school and work by the time this column comes out. Michaelen will be back on campus for a Wayne F. Gibbs Accounting Society event in the fall.

**Alice Kalaskas Allred** started a new job at the City of Norfolk's Commonwealth Attorney's office in June 2021.

**Chris Dunn** recently left the Virginia Beach public defender's office to become associate attorney at law firm Randall Page, P.C. Chris hopes his college band, The Jesters, will be reuniting again for a Homecoming performance like they did for our 20th reunion. Members of the band include **Ashok Subramanian** on vocals, **Jeremy Dawson '92** on guitar, **Biff Lyons** on keyboard, **Jason Kerins '92** on bass and Chris on drums.

**Jonathan Rubin** is professor and chair of the Department of Mathematics at the University of Pittsburgh. He was selected for the 2021 Class Fellows by the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics.

The pandemic inspired **Marcia Agness Kochel** to have weekly video chats with W&M Choir friends **Louisa Turqman Kenny** and **Wendi Gerth Buck** as well as Louisa's twin sisters, **Liz Turqman '88** and **Maggie Turqman '88**. Louisa, Wendi and Marcia are all public school educators. Wendi is an occupational therapist in the Twin Cities, Louisa is a school principal in

New Jersey and Marcia is a school librarian in Decatur, Georgia. Their beloved choir director, Dr. Lendrim, retired shortly after we graduated and now his replacement, Dr. Armstrong, is retiring after 25 years at William & Mary.

COVID inspired **Kimberly Streeter Patrizi's** family to move from Pennsylvania to Topsail Island, North Carolina. She said they spent so much time at their house there during the pandemic, they decided to move permanently a few years earlier than originally planned.

**Jim Lister '91, J.D. '94** and **Patricia Haefs Lister** celebrated the graduation of their daughter **Margaret Lister '21** from W&M this year, 30 years after their graduation and their marriage on May 11, 1991, in the Wren Chapel. Margaret is a biology major and moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, for a med-serve fellowship.

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## 1992

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Happy fall, everyone! It was good of many of you to write in response to my first request for news. Find more in the online Class Notes!

**Charles Bowery** writes: "I live in Washington, D.C., with my wife, **Mary Ann Bowery '93**, and work for the U.S. Army as the civilian executive head of its history and museum programs (I retired from active duty in 2015). I am the president of William & Mary's Association of 1775, which is our affinity group for military and civil service alumni."

**Marne Naas** enjoyed hiking, cycling and strolling along Charlottesville's

Downtown Mall with her husband to celebrate her 50th birthday. As she studied kinesiology and has a clinical background in physical therapy, Marne kindly sends congratulations to my daughter **Hannah Keith '20** for working toward a similar career.

**Butch Gross** shares: "I, too, have a degree from William & Mary in kinesiology and I taught and coached in Virginia for 18 years in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula before becoming an assistant principal at Gloucester High School and Page Middle School. From there I became principal at Lancaster High School and then principal/director at the Northern Neck Technical Center in Warsaw, where I've been the last two-plus years. Leading a school during the pandemic has been challenging but also rewarding as we learn how to reach students in a different capacity. My wife, **Sheri Gross M.Ed. '95**, is also in education and we live in Center Cross with our 18-year-old daughter. She is a recruited athlete in golf and she is trying to finalize plans for college next year. Our 23-year-old son, Larkin, is a professional golfer who serves as an assistant professional at Springfield Country Club in Northern Virginia part of the year and also plays professionally."

**Raxa Desai Natara-jan** recalls that she and I studied abroad together in Montpellier, France, during our junior year.

My freshman dormmate **Brian Cole** and his wife live in Reston, Virginia, and work as government contractors. They have two children in elementary school.

**Douglas Stambler** contributed an interesting idea about alumni crowdsourcing funding through W&M to help those in need. Thanks for this generous thought, Douglas; I have shared it with Advancement staff.

**Todd Tarkenton** has been enjoying a career in education. After serving as

a student-athletic trainer for the Tribe and graduating with his B.S. in kinesiology (another shout-out to Hannah), he taught middle school science for 10 years. He is now in his eighth year as principal of Green Run High School in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Todd and his wife, Diane, have two boys in college.

**Edith Sanders Min '92, J.D. '03** writes: "Since graduation, I had a host of jobs before returning for law school ... I have been on my own as a sole practitioner for about seven years now, doing only court-appointed cases for about four years. My husband and I have three kids, all in their teens. I enjoy talking to prospective students about W&M or the practice of law in general. Some of my fondest memories of W&M are working in the Costume Shop (Prof. Patricia Wesp). I still like to go thrifting and make things in my spare time."

**Lanier Saperstein** was a government major, loved his classes with Bill Morrow and Larry Evans, started the squash club, was a member of the debate team and described himself as "an all-round nerd." After W&M, he lived in New Hampshire, Washington, D.C., the U.K. and then New York and has been there ever since. He is a partner at Jones Day, representing foreign banks — mainly Chinese — which makes for fascinating work. He lives with his wife and 17-year-old son in leafy Rye, New York; his office offers a fantastic view of the Statue of Liberty.

Lanier keeps in regular touch with classmates **Jonathan Baron**, who enjoys a career as a counselor on political risk and who lives with his wonderful family in the Washington, D.C. area, and **Craig Phillips**, who is in New York City and has a lovely wife and adorable daughters.

**Karin Ciano** joined the Minnesota Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility in February.

**Mo Kappes** mentions

being an alum of Western Albemarle High School, one of the local rivals of Monticello High School, where I teach. It's a small world.

**Jennifer Dundas Judd** currently works as a hospital chaplain at two hospitals in the Kansas City, Missouri, area which has proved challenging during COVID. She recently proposed an innovative project for increasing resiliency among frontline workers through the Chaplaincy Innovation Lab that received funding from the Henry Luce Foundation. She's also training to run a 50K at 50 years old.

**Michael McCann** is a partner at Troutman Pepper in Richmond. He shares that he and one of my Charlottesville friends, Pete Caramanis, attended law school together.

**Christel Temple** was promoted to full professor in the Department of Africana Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Her fourth book, "Black Cultural Mythology," came out in paperback in January. She and her son, Tyler, thrive in Pittsburgh, but get back to Richmond each summer. This winter, she kept busy with Black History Month talks and book talks including, thanks to Zoom, an address to people at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands.

**Lauren Gadkowski Lindsay** is thrilled to be back working as a fee-only financial planner for Beacon Financial Planning, the company her mom founded. Her daughter Grace is 11 and will head to middle school in the fall. Her family was able to get back on the road for spring break, visiting Tallgrass National Monument, Homestead National Park, the Badlands, Devil's Tower and Mount Rushmore.

As Lauren expresses, I hope this finds you and your friends and classmates safe and healthy. Please share more news!

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## 1993

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Please visit [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1993](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1993) for the original, irreverent and quasi-journalistic-participant-observer meta-interview version of this column.

Why do correspondents and correspondence matter? Aspirationally speaking, correspondence informs, entertains and inspires. It's like public radio's *raison d'être* or Disney's mission & vision statements. But I can't create this column alone!

For many of us, 2021 includes the half-century milestone, so it's not hard to wax philosophical. Perhaps this is a time to reflect on memories from college, or maybe share how you are marking your 50th birthday. Right? It's easy and fun to brag — even on someone I may not know — sharing accomplishments and such. If you personally explain why the news is meaningful, I may just quote you verbatim!

For example, **Rita Luther** recently wrote: "Everyone who knew me at W&M knew that my life dream has been to work at the Smithsonian. I'm thrilled to announce that I was recently hired as a head curator and my first exhibit will be 'The Psychology of Quilts in American History.'" Like Rita, I too am thrilled to have a new position (as grants manager for the City of Goshen, Indiana).

Similarly, **David Scott** has joined CM Group's board of directors; **Katie Larsen** received a place on the @Forbes "Best-In-State" Wealth Advisor List; and **Erica Edwards-O'Neal** was one of the "Top 100 Diversity Officers" by @NDC\_Diversity. If I missed your news, will you let me know?

Taking time to express something to another per-

son is hard to measure or evaluate, be it handwritten or carefully composed email. Recently I found a small packet of memorabilia from 1993 to 1995, when I lived in Budapest and taught English. Of particular interest was a letter inviting me to visit the city of Pecs. The host, Rachel, was someone I had never met, but because of a shared connection as William & Mary alumni, I was bold enough to write and connect, using an address I found in an English Department newsletter. I remember think how serendipitous it seemed, despite her reply, which was both hilarious and heart-warming.

In her return letter, she rightfully wise-cracked: "Hard to believe you found your way to me by means of that cryptic — and erroneous — message in the W&M English newsletter. I have no idea how they got it that screwed up. My name is not Susan — and I graduated in '89, not '93 — and my brother has never been anywhere near Hungary. Nor have I 'run off with the Gypsies,' though I'm working with them. Ah well!" And with that, Rachel invited me (and friends) to visit her and Tim, her close friend who was also serving as a Peace Corps volunteer.

From the moment my traveling friend Matt and I arrived in Pecs, we had one of the most memorable weekend excursions, including a visit to a massive outdoor market, mineral baths in a nearby thermal spring, and learning about several Romani and Gypsy populations, including the Lovari (Olah Gypsies), Szinti, Beas and Romungro (Hungarian Gypsies). I still have a booklet Rachel published called "The Gypsy Road."

I might be exaggerating the degree to which Rachel and Tim acted as complete paragons of hospitality: They were several years older, and their Hungarian was impressively fluent; most of all, though, I was struck by a generosity of spirit



and concern for others' well-being.

Although that experience was long ago, I still vividly remember the impact of that encounter as more than a fun week-end excursion. Meeting people like Rachel and Tim somehow gave me a needed boost against some of the loneliness, homesickness and uncertainty I felt, and although they made it seem like nothing special, it was much easier to revel in the beauty of the city and surrounding landscape.

And so it is with your correspondence with this correspondent: I will admit that I am limited in my ability to reach out to you, but you have my contact information.

Like a letter to or from a stranger, or a trip to a foreign land, you never know what adventure may await you. The journey may be as important as any destination.

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## 1994

Class Reporter  
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Spring is upon us here in the mountains of western North Carolina and we're spending tons of time in our yard. Birds, cicadas, rabbits and deer fluster about all day long. Hard to recognize we just navigated an entire year in basic isolation. New beginnings, new hopes!

Speaking of new beginnings, please welcome Jack Henry Conreaux to our lovely planet, born Aug. 25, 2020! The second son for **Suzanne Conreaux** and family! Suzanne — I trust and hope spring has offset the chills from this past Atlanta winter (elections and whatnot).

Congratulations to **LaTisha Owens Tarrant** for earning a promotion to senior vice president, deputy general

and corporate secretary for PRA Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: PRAA). LaTisha was promoted on March 1, 2021; having joined the firm in 2016, LaTisha's growth and development included leading PRA's corporate and securities teams, as well as providing counsel and advice to their board of directors. Congratulations, LaTisha!

**Pete Snyder** is making news again. Were I to tally news and media hits per classmate, Pete is near the top! The latest article in The Washington Post (late January 2021) reflects on his business acumen, creativity and drive to support his community through politics. It was cool to read about New Media Strategies, recognizing it spawned an online reputation management industry. Nicely navigated, sir. Keep up the good fight!

**DUDE!!!** Yeah, that is how I spoke in college — also how I speak now (not going to lie). I love getting to read about all the great things our class does but I really enjoy reading about my suitemate from freshman year — Dupont 2nd East! **VIKE!** You know I'm talking about you, dude! You make us all proud, but especially Jimmy, Phil and me! Oh yeah, this is about you ...

**Dr. G. Vike Vicente** is The Eye Guy (read about him in Bethesda Magazine, Feb. 1, 2021)! Vike is looking (see what I did there) at the latest issues with pediatric ophthalmology and exploring issues holistically. Recognizing that during the pandemic, everyone is spending more time in front of computer screens and surrounded by additional stressors, Vike teaches us to turn off our screens an hour before bed, "Put the phone down. Take a break."

Special thanks to LaTisha and Suzanne for sharing updates this last cycle. I hope to hear more from everyone else. Till next time, be well and stay safe!

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## 1995

Class Reporter  
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**Tom Curitore** launched a FinTech startup Jelli (www.jelli.us), a personalized way to segment your money for budgeting, saving and sharing. They continue to receive funding and recently signed a partnership with Visa.

Congratulations to **Kathleen Mogelgaard**, who was appointed as the president and CEO of the Population Institute. Bill Ryerson, chair of the Population Institute's board of directors, stated "Kathleen is an innovative thought leader and effective communicator on the importance of population issues and reproductive health and rights."

Alvarez & Marsal Tax and, LLP, an affiliate of leading global professional services firm Alvarez & Marsal, has strengthened its federal tax practice with the appointment of **Elizabeth "Libby" Goodwin** as a managing director. Libby brings over 20 years of tax advisory experience, serving at both consulting and public accounting firms, as well as serving as an in-house tax advisor for investment companies.

**Anil Asrani** became the CEO of a biotech company called Tear-Solutions, focused on the development of a novel treatment for dry eye disease and based in Charlottesville, Virginia.

**Christopher H. "Smitty" Smith** was recently made a member of the Conference of Freight Counsel, an association of attorneys in private and in-house practice in the United States, Mexico and Canada representing motor, rail, ocean and air freight carriers, brokers and forwarders in cargo claim and freight charge disputes. Chris is currently a partner at HunterMaclean, a business

law firm with offices in Savannah and St. Simons Island, Georgia.

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## 1996 25

Class Reporter  
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As we work to create a "new normal," I'm thrilled to hear from classmates about how they have persevered professionally and personally through the pandemic. Here I will shamelessly share my art channels, as painting and drawing have sustained me. I post originals on Instagram @artexplosion22. You can buy cool products featuring my designs at society6.com/madebybetsy. I'd love to hear about what you all have created!

Music scholar and fiddle player **Tes Slominski** (you may have heard her play with Appalachian Infidels, Stephen Cristoff and the Cricket Troupe, the Middle Eastern Music Ensemble and in Colonial Williamsburg while she was at William & Mary), published a book in 2020, called "Trad Nation: Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Irish Traditional Music."

**Caroline Castle Laney** (who has an adorable little boy), wrote that for more than a year she, **Tes, Colin Willett** and **Ann Bunker '97** have played board games every week via Zoom. "We started last spring when we were all in strict lockdown, and we are still going strong," Caroline reported. "We have a wonderful time visiting and playing online board games, with frequent cameos from Colin's dog Frankie, Tes' cats Mirrim and Murph, Ann's cat Sumi and my son Dawson."

The FBI honored **Bridgette Trela** for her "great courage and selflessness" by presenting her with the FBI Thomas E. DuHadway Humanitarian Award. Bridgette is a

supervisory special agent in the FBI's Weapons of Mass Destruction Directorate who donated one of her kidneys to Rita Frazier, the wife of FBI employee Antoine Frazier, in 2019. After learning about Ms. Frazier's need for a kidney, Bridgette began a year-long donor compatibility testing process. "Preparing for, and after my donation, I was very private about it," Bridgette explained. "I didn't even tell the recipient I was the donor, but they found out the week of the surgery." After the donation, however, the Washington Regional Area Transplant Community contacted Bridgette to ask her if she would share her story publicly to help promote organ donation. She has now become a donor advocate. "I realized if I use my story as a platform to get people to listen, I can make a difference in more people's lives than just one. My hope is that shining a light on myself will inspire people to be organ donors and choose to help others in a different way." Learn more at beadonor.org. See photos in the online edition.

Irish artificial intelligence firm Altada Technology Solutions appointed **Trucle Nguyen** as its chief innovation officer in May. Altada also operates offices in Europe and New York. Before joining Altada, Trucle worked in senior leadership positions at Axiom Global, Bridge-water Associates, Gerson Lehrman Group, Novartis and Reliant Pharmaceuticals. Congratulations, Trucle!

More congratulations to **Eric Legg** on receiving tenure and being promoted to associate professor at Arizona State University, where he is a faculty member in the School of Community Resources and Development. His research focuses on the impact of recreational sports on community and youth development.

**Sarita Talwar Finnie** shared that "life is good for Team Finnie in New Jersey!" Sarita works for

Bayer Consumer Health, leading OmniChannel Marketing. "Life outside of work is full and fun with my middle school boys' (Glen, 13, and Kieran, 11) activities — music, sports, clubs, all good stuff," Sarita wrote. She and her husband Steve celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in July. A monthly highlight for Sarita is her Monroe Hall girlfriends' Zoom catch up with **Carolyn Simonet Walker, Elizabeth DeRosa Parker, Ellen Youel Ahmad** and **Nicole Ricard**. "It's great to catch up on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness!" Sarita said.

Urbanna archaeology is an area of expertise for **David Brown '96, Ph.D. '13**, co-director of the Fairfield Foundation. He gave a lecture in March on discoveries of early- to mid-18th century pottery that may have belonged to African American enslaved people or Virginia native Americans, which may be the earliest examples of pottery found in the area.

Thanks for sharing your stories. Keep them coming to [betsyrosso@gmail.com](mailto:betsyrosso@gmail.com)!

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**Rochelle Harris Marcus** is in her 20th year teaching middle school language arts. She said: "My son has started high school and my daughter is in seventh

grade. Both look forward to a return to sports, music and the arts. My husband is a university professor training secondary social studies teachers. I have just completed my final round of treatment for breast cancer. It was a tough year, but I'm happy to say I have been given a clean bill of health."

**Lee C. Meyer** joined Las Aguilas, a capital management company, as lead strategist in San Antonio, Texas. She and her husband, Dr. Andrew Meyer, proudly serve, respectively, as committee chair and cub master for Pack 59. Their son, Aaron, is an Arrow of Light, and daughter, Charlotte, is a Bear. Lee also serves as a mentor for Alamo Heights High School's incubator program and for local small business owners.

**Luke Brooks-Shesler** and his wife, Christel Kessler, and their kids, Toryn (8) and Emerus (6), live in Waterville, Maine, where Luke is a visiting assistant professor of psychology at Colby College. In January, Luke taught a four-week course titled The Psychology of Creativity and Innovation and taught Industrial and Organizational Psychology in the spring.

After living in Chicago and being the music director for The Second City's National Touring Company and getting married, **Bryan Dunn** moved to Boston in 2010 and got back into teaching high school science and coaching cross-country and track while still playing music in venues around the city. Bryan and his wife, Kate, have two kids, Jude (7) and Louise (5). He got his doctorate in curriculum, teaching, learning and leadership from Northeastern University and was recently hired by The Roxbury Latin school as their dean of faculty and science chair. Bryan said: "The architect for Roxbury Latin's campus, William Perry, used that job as his portfolio to get the job of restoring Colonial Williamsburg, so I feel like I'm

walking down DoG street every time I'm at work!"

**Travis Patton** and his husband, Jeff Seese, are celebrating owning their vineyard and winery for three years. It's called Chester Gap Cellars, located in Rappahannock County, Virginia. Travis loves when W&M friends visit.

**Greg Politzer** is still living in northern Israel with his wife, Leah, and their children, David (17), Benjamin (14), Devorah (11), Shalom (6) and Menachem (2). Greg has been traveling back and forth between the U.S. and Israel as a hospital physician teaching family medicine residents in Southwest Virginia.

**Amy Moeller Sullivan** had identical twin boys, Benjamin and Logan, on Dec. 11, 2019.

**Jen Harman Papadakis** married George Papadakis on Sept. 12, 2020, with quite a few William & Mary alumni in attendance.

**Cory Bucknam** continues to teach art to junior high school students and was hired to teach the next generation of art educators in the Maine College of Art's Masters in Art Education program in Portland, Maine. She has also been accepted into the National Art Education Association's prestigious School for Art Leaders.

**Chris Carr** became a pastor at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Richmond, Virginia, in 2020. Chris and his wife, **Jennifer Garnett Carr '99**, and their daughter, Susanna (Class of 2025?), are excited about the ministry opportunities in such a diverse area of Richmond, near Virginia Commonwealth University. Chris said: "I served God's people at Christ The King Lutheran Church, Richmond, for the past six years and give thanks for our ministry together, including with Pastor **Randy Lohr '83**, and other fellow William & Mary alumni. However, Tribe Pride continues with alumni I've already met

at First English Lutheran, including **Carol McGuire McCue '83** and her daughter, **Molly McCue '20**. Transitioning in a pandemic has made getting to know people extra challenging, so continuing prayers are appreciated. Anyone living in Richmond or traveling through is always welcome to join us in worship in person or online, or look me up and reconnect."

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## 1999

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Hello, Class of '99!

Vanderbilt University announced that **Emily Greble**, associate professor of history and associate professor of German, Russian and East European studies, was awarded a 2021 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship. The fellowship will support Emily's research for her third book. Her first book focused on Sarajevo during World War II; her second book (due out in 2021) is titled "Muslims and the Making of Modern Europe." In addition to her research, writing and teaching, Emily also serves as the director of graduate studies in the Department of History.

Williams College shared that **Matt Sheehy** will head to Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts as their chief financial officer at the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Matt has been Williams' associate vice president for finance and administration since 2013 and previously worked at George Washington University and Carnegie Mellon University.

Congrats to these two classmates! I hope to hear from more of you soon about where you are in

2021 and what lies ahead for you!

Tribe Pride!  
~Meredith

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## 2000

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**John Cole Scott** celebrated 20 years at the investment firm CEF Advisors, where he serves as chief investment officer. He recently set up a non-profit trade association, the Active Investment Company Alliance, and he helped organize two full-day events and a weekly podcast, the NAVigator. He is in his fourth year serving on the WMAA Board of Directors, splitting time between the I-CARE (inclusion, chapter, affinity and regional engagement) and Finance & Investment committees. He has been staying busing working from home since March 2020 and has enjoyed spending more time with his daughter, Lexi.

Amid all the challenges of the pandemic (including her husband, **Hunter Keeton**, working from home and their two children in hybrid learning), **Jessica Lévai's** first book is getting published. The book is titled "The Night Library of Sternendach," and it is a vampire story written almost entirely in Pushkin sonnets.

**Judy Fontana Minkoff** reported that her professional New York-based a cappella group Stiletta released a music video with a message of hope for the world. The song is a cover of Adele's "Remedy." The song was originally written as a love song from a mother to her child, but in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the lyrics have taken on a new meaning. Stiletta's perspective is from the eyes of those who have lost their livelihoods in the



entertainment industry, but they believe the positive message in this song can be felt by everyone. You can see their video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/NPFkqa4SpqUB>.

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## 2002

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Hello Class of 2002! Sometimes I think our classmates are reluctant to submit notes in an attempt to stay humble about our achievements. Luckily, our parents are usually good about bragging for us, as is the case with **Laurel Witt**. I received an update from her proud father that Laurel was recently awarded the Rainbow Award at the University of Kansas Medical School. Laurel, an assistant professor of family medicine, was presented the award for exemplifying professionalism in medicine and the willingness and capacity to mentor others. Way to go, Dr. Witt!

The W&M Alumni Association did some hunting for more achievements from press releases and found that **C. Evans Poston** was recently appointed director of government relations for Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia. This news comes courtesy of Virginia Business magazine.

And, last, I was delighted to see an update on **Daniel Webber** from the Washington Business Journal. He recently

became president of Edelman's D.C. office after 17 years with the company. After working countless events with him through UCAB, I am not at all surprised to see the level of success he has had in his career, so kudos to you, Dan!

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## 2003

Class Reporter  
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Hey there Class of 2003! Sorry I missed the last issue and MUCH THANKS to those of you who pointed it out. I love being on a team.

Summer is almost here and W&M graduated IN PERSON. I watched the festivities while peering through the iron gates at Zable, like the nuns in those dangerous scenes in "The Sound of Music." Well, really, I just saw the processional and heard the hymn. But it made my heart soar! Will we ever again take for granted long, hot ceremonies outside with repeating choruses? We will. But for now, it feels good to begin celebrating milestones together again.

Congratulations to **Miriam Magdieli**! President Biden named Miriam the director of communications for the National Endowment for the Humanities. Most recently, Miriam was the chief communications officer and director of marketing at the Phillips Collection, a modern art museum in Washington, D.C.

**Billy Parker** has joined Virginia Military Institute as assistant football coach handling running back responsibilities. When Billy played Tribe Football, he was named First Team All-Atlantic in 2002 and 2003. Congratulations Billy!

Have a beautiful summer, everyone. Enjoy turning or being 40! You

look amazing. Tell me your secret. Go Tribe.

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## 2004

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Recently, I achieved the classic, "over the hill" milestone of turning 4-0. When I turned 10 years old, I had just returned to Oklahoma with my dad and sister from Miami (my dad lived in Florida at the time). When I turned 20, I was with my friends eating at Chili's in Williamsburg (my Chili's favorite standby — chicken quesadillas and Southwestern egg-rolls). When I turned 30, I was stuck at JFK airport escaping Hurricane Irene. For my 40th birthday, it was a much quieter affair. I spent an evening by myself, eating some smoked salmon and catching up with some Netflix series. Although I still love being with people, and we have had a pandemic which forced us to be more isolated, I kind of just wanted a quiet, relaxing birthday for myself without any drama, surprises or any expectations except for me to fully enjoy MY day. In the end, I was successful! I know many of you who will top (or already have topped) "the hill." So, for the next column, if you have already established your job, had your 2.5 kids and are fully settled into mid-life, let me know what fun (or boring) things you did for this milestone. Of course, I still love hearing about the traditional exciting personal news of what is happening in your lives and careers.

On the topic of 40, **Kristen Johnson** was selected as one of Style Weekly's Top 40 Under 40 for 2020 and was featured in the Richmond, Virginia-based magazine. She is

the director of development and community engagement for Real Life, a nonprofit in Richmond that supports individuals impacted by incarceration, homelessness or substance use disorder by giving them an opportunity to overcome their personal and community barriers that hinder their pathway to a thriving life. She is currently living in Church Hill in Richmond with her partner, Myke Reiser, and is active with the Junior League of Richmond. It was so nice to hear from Kristen. For all of you die-hard column fans, you might remember the last time we heard from Kristen was when she was in her first year of law school at the University of Richmond back in 2004!

Just a little further up I-64 in Charlottesville, Virginia, **Shannon Siner Shoup** and her husband, Jon, welcomed a beautiful daughter, Alaia Shoup, in October 2020. As a side note (and looking back through our class column archives), I want to wish the Shoups a happy 13th wedding anniversary last June!

In the land of sunny St. Petersburg, Florida, and in the realm of reality TV, **Adam Hess** and his wife, Julia, along with their two daughters, have had the home builder duo Brian and Mika Kleinschmidt help rebuild their lakefront home on the HGTV show, "100 Day Dream Home." For you who have all-access to whatever streaming service, I believe the episode is in the second season.

Moving from reality TV to online reality, check out the W&M Alumni Magazine's Online Exclusives section, [magazine.wm.edu/online-exclusives](http://magazine.wm.edu/online-exclusives), and you will find one of our classmates featured in the spring book roundup. **Alice McKeon** wrote a book with **Chuck Robb LL.D. '83** titled "In the Arena: A Memoir of Love, War, and Politics." The book is a memoir of Chuck Robb's interesting life.

Alice also participated

in a panel discussion with the W&M Washington Center's Writers of Washington program about her new book (quite a "W"&M alliteration). You can view this panel discussion at [wm.edu/dc/writersof-washington](http://wm.edu/dc/writersof-washington). NOTE: Scroll down to "Past Events" and select "W&M Writers of Washington: The Politics of Writing About Politics." The audio begins at 1:00, and Alice is introduced at 4:20 (I at first thought my connection or audio was not working; alas, that is why I mentioned the audio times).

Well, this is the end (of the column) for now. As always, let me know what you are up to, and what is going on in your life that you would like shared with the rest of your fellow class alums. It is almost transitioning to fall, and I would love to hear if you are planning on traveling back to Williamsburg for Homecoming, or whatever your newfound "maskless" adventures will be!

Take care,  
-Owen

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## 2005

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I've long found this notion of "storks" as being basically the "Santa" of babies a bit offensive. Bringing a child into this world is HARD and should never be made light of.

Besides, we all know that babies are born when a magic troll fairy puts sparkle dust into a mommy's coffee, and that makes the baby grow.

Right??

However it works, **Dan Crissman** is over the moon excited about the birth of his son, Benjamin, born April 8. Word on the street is that he is very cute ... Benjamin, not Dan. Although, I'm sure Dan is nice enough looking, too.

**Becca Hall** managed to

put everyone else's Valentine's Day to shame when she and J. Patrick Murray became engaged this past Feb. 14!

To be honest, I had a date that night, too — with a box of chocolates and some cheap red wine! HAHAAHAHA LMAO! (What? You've heard that one before?)

Becca and Patrick are planning a fall wedding later this year in Virginia. My absolute best to you!

**Katie Lauer Beard** is living it up in Columbus, Ohio. No, really. I'm almost loathe to tell you how this mother of two elementary-aged boys somehow manages to actually complete the things that most of us aspire to do late at night before bed, when we're tired and worn and lamenting about how we've STILL never learned how to play the guitar.

(I can't be alone in this.)

Indeed, Katie plays the violin in her community orchestra, is the treasurer of her sons' school PTA, AND has taken up writing as a hobby during the pandemic. (I took up a hobby, too, but it mostly involved searching the credentials of various kids' KN-95 masks on the internet.)

Katie also happens to be a former teammate of mine — we both did synchronized swimming at William & Mary — and we shall forever share the bond that only a box of Knox gelatin can create. (I'll let you Google that one.)

Speaking of me — because why not?! — I happen to have some news to share, as well. I, **Patience Burke**, just started a new job with the Waterkeeper Alliance. I am the regional organizer for the Gulf and South Atlantic Regions of the U.S.

If you're curious what I do ... I basically dress up as Captain Planet each day and respond to every question I receive with variations of "The power ... is yours!"

You're probably wondering ... and the answer is yes, I already had the costume.

**Ayanna Jones**, re-

cord-setting thrower on William & Mary's track and field team, was interviewed in February for the University's "Tribe Scribe" sports publication. From that, we learned that over the past 15 years, Ayanna has made the natural progression from Virginia high school teacher to Virginia assistant principal to Saudi Arabian-based academic supervisor at Rowad AlKhaleej International Schools.

Toooooootally normal curriculum vitae.

Seeing as how Ayanna is always on the hunt for the next challenge, let me put this out there — at some point they're going to send humans to Mars. Just saying.

Let's end this round of Class Notes with a cheery update from **Kelli Raker**! In January, she was named one of the Legal Technology Resource Center's 2021 Women of Legal Tech. Two months later, she and her partner, Nathan Williams, welcomed their son, Niko Ray Williams.

Niko, your momma is a champion. In more ways than one.

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## 2006 15

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Hello Tribe family! As I write this to make the May deadline, I am wrapping up the most interesting of my 15-year teaching career in kindergarten! But as we say with most people and events, kindergartners rise to high expectations and they have worked so hard to overcome all the many obstacles placed in their paths including mask wearing, social distancing, hybrid education and a whole new way of making friends and playing in school. I hope as you read this now, in September,

life has returned to as normal as possible for you. But not totally normal. For we always want to be better and more optimistic. So, may your start to fall be full of hope, new adventures, and positivity. May you have good health, even better friends and so many wonderful things to look forward to that each new day always looks better than the one you just lived.

Our own family life is a busy but lovely chaos as always. My husband, Jimmy, and I have just celebrated our 14-year anniversary and have returned to a somewhat normal schedule that consists of juggling two energetic and active girls (third and sixth grade this year!) in addition to our pets: a boa constrictor, bearded dragon, two cats and a hamster. And by the time this goes to print, surely a new Labrador puppy. Between Girl Scouts, BETA, soccer, swimming and church, finding time to write this is not always the easiest. But I VERY much enjoy being able to connect with alumni and feel like I am doing a small part in keeping tradition and school pride alive with the magazine. Hope you have many, many celebrations, developments, and successes to share with us by next time. Until then, check out what our classmates have been up to! Hope to hear from you soon!

Exciting baby news is coming your way! First we heard from **Meagan Lewis Sallade**. She and her hubby, **Brian Sallade**, welcomed a beautiful little girl. Their daughter, Emma Frances, was born on Sept. 11, 2020. Meagan said they are loving being parents to their first child and that baby Emma is "already keeping us on our toes but bringing us so much joy!!" The family cannot wait to go to visit in Williamsburg, as soon as safely possible. Congratulations Sallade family! We know that Emma is already a wonderful addition to the

Tribe family!

**Kylie Horney Hulbert '06, M.A.Ed. '08**

and her husband, Matt, wrote in with some awesome news. Beatrice Alder Hulbert was born on Feb. 7, 2021. The happy couple are over the moon as are the best big sister, Eleanor, and amazing big brother, Grant. The Hulbert family say they are "all in love with our newest addition." They have really enjoyed living in Virginia and the kids particularly enjoyed the snow that came this past winter. We are so excited and happy for you guys and hope life continues to give the best of its blessings to you. Congratulations and best wishes!

Twitter brought about some kudos for the Class of '06 this time! Congratulations goes out to **Thao Nguyen**, leader of the band Thao & The Get Down Stay Down (@thaogetstaydown) whose album "Temple" was named one of the 10 best Bay-area albums of 2020 by KQED. What wonderful news and best wishes on a wonderful 2021 as well! Very impressive and definitely a band to keep on your playlist.

Also on the feed was **Travis Parno** and the Historic St. Mary's team. They recently located the site of the original St. Mary's Fort! This 1634 palisaded fort, the first permanent English settlement in Maryland, is around the size of a football field. I love that even in a world with so much technology and modernization, we are still discovering amazing places and information to tie us to our past and help us appreciate our ancestors and their accomplishments in establishing our here and now!

Thanks for reading! Remember to take a minute and send us your updates now. Take care and have a wonderful day!!!

Fondly,  
Amber Walker Giddings

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## 2007

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Thank you to all the amazing people who sent in updates. The Class of 2007 is incredible.

**John Bavoso's** full-length play, "BLIGHT," was published in April 2021 following productions in Washington, D.C., and Orlando, Florida, and is available for purchase and licensing through Next Stage Press. Find it at [nextstagepress.net/blight](http://nextstagepress.net/blight). The play tells the story of Silvia and Cat Henson, who have just moved to the small, affluent town of Greenville, Delaware. Their new house, however, was recently the home of a teenaged mass shooter and his single mother. In between dealing with the stigma attached to the house and some very opinionated neighbors, Silvia and Cat grapple with whether this is the right time and place to bring a new baby into the world. The D.C. production was presented by Pinky Swear Productions and starred fellow W&M alum **Rachel Manteuffel '06**.

**Katherine White Baylor '07, M.Acc. '08** and **Phil Baylor** had their second son, John Rory Baylor, on Aug. 5, 2020. He joined big brother Hobey (5) and the family is back in New England, living in Exeter, New Hampshire.

**Tore T. DeBella** was just elected partner at Faegre Drinker, effective Jan. 1, 2021. Tore is one of 17 attorneys elected in the new partnership class. Tore is an attorney in the firm's intellectual property practice group in the Washington, D.C., office. He counsels clients and litigates disputes relating to intellectual property and marketing practices. Tore manages trademark portfolios of all sizes, both domestic and international, through the entire brand life cycle — from



selection and adoption of a brand through registration and enforcement.

**Richael Faithful** married Adiel Suarez-Murias on Oct. 30, 2020. Their wedding was covered in HuffPo; a link to this beautiful article is included in our online Class Notes. Richael and Adiel celebrated five years together on May 1, 2021.

**Alyson Fletcher** was recently promoted to principal and active transportation sector leader at Nelson\Nygaard where she works out of their Boston office. She works in transportation planning and design, serving client communities across the United States. Her team's work creating a long-range transportation plan for Casper, Wyoming, was recently featured in an issue of Municipal Magazine. In 2021, she completed a comprehensive study of safety and mobility factors of the Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail around Lady Bird Lake in Downtown Austin. In the past year, she has been invited for guest lectures at four different graduate planning and policy programs and she has been a panelist speaking on safety and equity in placemaking at the national Vision Zero and Walk Bike Places conferences. Fletcher earned dual master's degrees in city and regional planning and landscape architecture from Cornell University.

In spring 2021, Alyson reconnected with other alumni who studied architecture within the Art & Art History Department at William & Mary. Their work was featured in a retrospective exhibition celebrating Edwin J. Pease's teaching retirement: 30 Years of Architecture at William & Mary: 1991-2021 Alumni Exhibition. Fletcher joined a moderated panel with **Nathaniel Elberfeld '06** and **Kareem Obey '16** to discuss the impact of teaching and studying architecture within a rigorous liberal arts context like William & Mary and reflecting on the collective impact this

cohort of alumni has brought to the profession through design thought leadership, teaching, writing and built works.

**Ryan L. Ford** was promoted to partner with the global law firm Hogan Lovells. He works in the Litigation, Arbitration and Employment practice group for the Washington, D.C., office. He has experience in litigation for motor vehicle manufacturers and is well-versed in franchise law issues. He also represents clients pro bono in disability and housing-related litigation.

**Jonathan Hemler** married Kelly Key in a small, intimate family nuptial Mass on Jan. 9, 2021. It was a great day despite everything going on with COVID. A formal reception was planned for August 2021 with Class of 2007 members **Andrew Welch**, **Kevin Newton** and **Jon Lamb** in the wedding party!

**Darby Hull** is working for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She's on LinkedIn and would be interested in hearing from other alum at HHS.

**Lawrence Natke** joined Schulte Roth & Zable law firm's New York office as a partner. He practices primarily in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, alternative asset management transactional matters, leveraged buyouts and general corporate law matters.

**Dr. Christopher Pizzola** has joined Cape Fear Cancer Specialists in North Carolina as a medical oncologist. After graduating from William & Mary, he received his Doctor of Medicine and Master of Public Health from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine in Richmond. He completed his residency and his fellowship in hematology and oncology at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

**Jouette Groseclose Rowe** and **Matthew Rowe** welcomed their first child, Harper Lillian, on

Aug. 19, 2020. The family lives in Danville, Virginia; Jouette is a pediatric occupational therapist and Matthew is director of economic development for Pittsylvania County, Virginia. In 2019, Pittsylvania County and the city of Danville were recognized by Site Selection Magazine as the No. 6 micropolitan area in the nation for business relocation. Matthew is also board chairman of the Southern Virginia Regional Alliance and was recognized by the Virginia Business magazine as part of the Virginia 500-The 2020 Power List.

**Kristen Slack Treegoob** and her husband, Harrison, just welcomed their first child into this world! Jameson Hayes Treegoob was born April 15, 2021.

**Greg Teich** has had a busy year! He got engaged in June 2020, bought a house in Seattle in July 2020, got married in August 2020 at Glacier National Park, and finally, he and his wife, Amy, were expecting their first child at the end of May 2021. Greg works at Microsoft in Redmond, Washington, where he gets to wave at **James Ambrose** during non-pandemic times.

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## 2008

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I hope everyone had a great summer and I look forward to seeing many of you at Homecoming next month! Thanks to everyone who submitted an update.

**Dr. Kara Siford** is a family physician in Manassas who has treated many patients for COVID-19 this past year. Thank you, Kara, for being an essential and awesome worker.

**Megan Luckey Davis** and **Brian Davis** welcomed their daughter, Kayleigh Rose Davis, on May 16,

2020. Big brother Brody turns 4 in October.

**Sofia Alicia Balaño** is living in Geneva, Switzerland, where she has now worked for 10 years as a writer and editor on economic policy issues. She is also in the third year of her Ph.D. in English language and literature at the University of Geneva with an expected graduation date of 2023-2024.

**Allie Dunleavy** is living in Roanoke and raising her two little ones, Owen and Leah (future classes of 2035 and 2037!), with her husband, Brad. She is continuing her practice as a PA in orthopedic spine, which she has done since 2011.

**Kathryn Bruce Hardin** and her husband, Sterling Hardin, welcomed their third son, Dean Bruce Hardin, on Feb. 3, 2021.

**Kate McCarthy** is a new trial attorney for the Criminal Division (Fraud Section) at U.S. Department of Justice.

On May 9, 2021, James Willis McClammer, son of **Laura Whipple McClammer** and James "Jamie" McClammer, was born! James Willis is welcomed by older sister, Isabel May McClammer, who has already been a great helper and mentor when it comes to her little brother. Laura, Jamie, and Isabel are already enjoying their newest addition to the family!

**Louis P. Malick** became a principal of Kraimon & Graham, a leading Maryland law firm providing litigation, real estate and transactional services. Louis is recognized in The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch and Maryland Super Lawyers.

**Hannah Dudley-Shotwell's** 2020 book, "Revolutionizing Women's Healthcare: The Feminist Self-help Movement in America" (Rutgers) won the Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize from the Western Association of Women Historians. Here is the commendation from the awards committee:

"Hannah Dudley-Shotwell's unflinching account

of a broad spectrum of women's reproductive and mental health self-help offers a fresh view of feminism from the activist work of women who defined self-help as putting feminist theory into practice. Women's self-help advocates were consciously political, responding to state, medical, and patriarchal control over their bodies and health. Attentive to how the divergent feminist thought of Indigenous, Black, lesbian, and older women informed women's self-help, this is a timely book that richly illustrates women's own understanding of the interlocking oppressions of racism, classism, sexism, ageism and heterosexism and how to tackle them."

Feel free to email me your updates at any time ajpin08@gmail.com!

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## 2009

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Hello Class of 2009!

Thank you to those of you who shared your wonderful pieces of news with me so that the rest of our class can celebrate along with you.

Be sure to send me any updates and life milestones you are celebrating so they can be featured here and on the online Class Notes. Your class wants to hear from you, whether it is a new job, a wedding, a new family member or something outside of the norm. It is all important and worth sharing! Just send them to me at afoiles@gmail.com. The online version also supports photos, so feel free to send those in along with your updates if you are comfortable with President Rowe printing them out and keeping them framed on her gallery wall inside the Brafferton.

Make sure you keep your information updated with William & Mary at

wmalumni.com/update so you can take part in the amazing events being planned for this upcoming year.

Go Tribe!

Andy

Updates:

**Robert Franklin** and his wife, Erin, welcomed their second daughter, Eloise Cooper Franklin, to their family on April 7. Baby Eloise is doing great and her big sister, Virginia, is taking the role of big sister in stride.

**Sarah Nolan** and her husband, David Gaskin, welcomed their first baby, Margaret Anne, on April 20, 2021. They live in Denver, where Sarah works as an employment law attorney.

**Dustin Dunbar** started a new job as investment associate with the Center for Innovative Technology. He and his wife, Stephanie, were also expecting a baby girl in August 2021.

**Cassondra Bever** was married on Oct. 10, 2020, to Matthew LaMagna (Georgetown, Class of 2011). They bought their first house in January of this year.

**Danielle Derringer Zhang** started a new job at Carnegie Learning as an instructional designer on their math content design team.

**Jeremy Powers** and **Allison Powers** have a few updates to share! Jeremy finished his plastic and reconstructive surgery residency at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia, in June 2020. He recently completed a one-year fellowship in microvascular and craniofacial reconstructive surgery at Beaumont Health in Royal Oak, Michigan. Allison Powers finished her time in practice as a family physician at St. Francis Family Medicine Center in Midlothian, Virginia, and completed a one-year fellowship in surgical obstetrics/maternal and newborn health at Beaumont Health in Wayne and Dearborn, Michigan. They have accepted faculty positions in plastic surgery and

family medicine with East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee. Jeremy will establish a pediatric craniofacial clinic at Niswonger Children's Hospital and bring microsurgery services to the region. Allison will begin her practice in family medicine and obstetrics, developing a new division for the department of family medicine. Their son, Eli, recently finished kindergarten in Michigan and will start first grade in Tennessee. Their daughter, Selah, turned 2 in June. They expected to welcome a new baby boy Powers in late August 2021.

Congratulations to **Ashley Poling** on her election as vice chairwoman of the Postal Regulatory Commission!

**Dr. Irène Mathieu** (@gumbo\_amando), a Fulbright alumna who is both a pediatrician and a published poet, was featured on the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association (@VirginiaHHA) podcast.

Congratulations to **Brandie Burris**, who was recently elected editor-in-chief of Minnesota Law Review! She is the first Black law school student to hold that position in the publication's 104-year history.

**Austin Wright** has co-written a book, "The Sheriff: A Novel." Sheriff Donovan, who's suffering from terminal cancer, tries to cap his legacy by cleaning up his Texas town with the help of Christian Prohibitionists. When some Three Chop citizens push back on these efforts, a battle over their home erupts.

**Alexandra Bracken** has published a new book, "Lore." She is the best-selling author of The Darkest Minds series. In "Lore," nine Greek gods take to the streets of Manhattan to participate in what's become a regular trial for them — they become mortals and are hunted by the descendants of ancient families every seven years as punishment for a past sin. One god — Lore Perseus — has long

refused to participate, but what will she do when two other candidates request her help in this year's competition?

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## 2010

Class Reporter

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Hi all,

I hope this issue finds you well and that plenty of you are able to make it to Williamsburg this October for our rescheduled 10-year reunion. Time really does fly! I know it's personally been far too long since I've been to the 'Burg, and am hoping to sneak in a visit when I'm in Richmond for a friend's wedding in late October.

This column will be short and sweet this time, with only a few updates. To start: **RC Miller** and **Ayana Russell Miller** recently moved back to the Newport News area, where they took over as owners of the Peninsula Family Skating Center. After careers at various tech companies including Facebook, Snapchat and Pinterest (Ayana) and at Zoom (RC), the couple was excited to move back to their hometown and buy the rink where they both skated as kids while growing up in the area and pursue a new chapter as business owners.

**Joe Hart** graduated from his psychiatry residency at Albany Medical Center this spring. He's going to practice psychiatry in Hawaii for a little while before moving back to Virginia sometime next year.

**Heather Enriquez** and **Mark Enriquez** welcomed a son, Malcolm, in October 2020.

That's all! Send me updates, and this column can be longer next time :)

Karyn

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## 2011

Class Reporter

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**Allison Mickel** has written a book about labor in Middle Eastern archaeology, called "Why Those Who Shovel are Silent." She is currently living in Amman, Jordan, as a fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Center of Research.

**Brittany Lane** and **David Blitzer** got engaged in September 2020. Their wedding is scheduled for this October 2021.

**Caitlin Clements** continues to work as associate producer on the musical "Dear Evan Hansen." Caitlin is also a co-producer on the Broadway revival of the Neil Simon play "Plaza Suite." Looking forward to live theater's triumphant return later this year!

**Cassie Crumal** relocated to Raleigh, North Carolina, in February 2020, where she recently took a new position with Onna as a customer success advisor in March 2021. She spends her free time helping coach a local volleyball club and is also an avid member of Orange-theory fitness!

**Chloe Lewis** recently appeared in HBO Max's new show "That Damn Michael Che," as well as the national commercial campaign for Third Love. She married James Rosen (Colgate '10) on July 10, 2021, in Beaver Creek, Colorado. Follow her adventures on Instagram @yourbestrunningfriend!

**Christina Preville Krakoff** graduated from Pitt Law in 2014, where she met her now husband, Nick Krakoff. They were married in Maine in August 2018. They both practiced law in Pittsburgh until June 2020, when they relocated to New Hampshire to be closer to family. Christina is now an associate attorney at McLane Middleton in Manchester, New Hamp-

shire, practicing estates and trust law.

In November 2020, **Cristina Blough**, CNP was officially sworn in as a court appointed special advocate (CASA). As a CASA volunteer, Cristina has been trained to advocate for children's best interests within the foster care system. Her commitment as a CASA is that she will stay with each assigned case until it is closed and the child is in a safe, permanent home.

Congratulations to **DJ Mangas** on his new role as passing game coordinator for LSU! DJ both played and coached for William & Mary football.

**Ericca Dent '11, M.A.Ed. '12** was named 2020 Burbank Teacher of the year, a 2020-2021 Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year and a 2021 California Teacher of the Year Finalist!

**Haley Smith** is crushing it as the only female resident in her class at Northwestern in the orthopedic surgery department.

**John Pothén** and his wife, Abby, welcomed their daughter, Mira Elizabeth Pothén, on May 17, 2020. John is currently in the M.D./Ph.D. program at Emory University, and he earned his Ph.D. in sociology at Emory this semester. He has two more years of medical training left before he graduates the program in 2023.

**Karla Bercaw September** and her husband, **Quincey September '14**, had their first child, Sage Naomi September, on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 2021.

**Kathryn Satterwhite Allen** and her husband, **Gil Allen J.D. '14**, welcomed their second daughter, Amelia Bennett Allen, on March 9, 2021.

**Kelsey Weissgold** and **Christian Dingler** welcomed their daughter, Margot Wren Dingler, into the world on April 4, 2021.

**Kyle Wayne Taylor** married Petty Officer First Class Jason Street on March 13, 2021. They currently live in Williamsburg, Virginia, with their



two dogs and cat. Kyle returned last year to W&M, where he is currently an MBA candidate.

**Laura Evers** is an English literature Ph.D. student at Washington University in St. Louis, where she also serves as an editorial intern for RHINO Poetry.

**Laura Halley Thornton** is living the dream in Florida with an orthopedic manual physical therapy fellowship.

**Maggie Spriggs** received her doctorate in nursing from the University of Virginia in 2019 and is now a nurse practitioner in the only dedicated preventive cardiology practice in Virginia. She is looking forward to our 10-year reunion!

**Megan Hermida Lu** and **Jasper Lu** welcomed their daughter, Evie, into the world on June 24, 2020. They're planning on bringing her to our 10-year reunion at Homecoming this fall!

**Meredith Deeley** and **William Douthitt '12** became engaged in January 2021 and were married in May 2021 at a family-only backyard wedding. The two started dating via a dating app years after graduating but realized their paths had actually crossed earlier with a chance encounter at Kappa Delta's (Meredith's sorority) Campus Golf event in 2011.

**Priscilla Pinckney Gharai '11, M.Acc. '11** and her husband, Hooman Gharai, welcomed their second child, Cyrus Daniel John Gharai, on Oct. 23, 2020.

**Steffi Fitter '11, M.Acc. '12** recently became a dog owner while holding down a superstar career as an investment banker!

Over the course of the pandemic, **Tim Koch** worked to reschedule and communicate with ticket holders for several shows on Broadway as well as other performances in venues around the U.S. He recently moved to Hell's Kitchen in Manhattan and can't wait to sit in a theater again soon!

Congrats to the Class of '11 new moms **Whitney Styslinger** and **Kate Lawson '11, M.Acc. '12** on the birth of their beautiful first and second babies!

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## 2012

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Hello Class of 2012!

Before we moved to Jerusalem, I didn't really have preconceived notions as to what it would be like to live here. I knew it would be different, but I usually like to experience a new place for myself and research as I go.

What I CAN tell you is that I certainly didn't expect a war to break out. Of course, we were aware of ongoing tensions in the region before we moved, but I felt it was reasonable to assume that during our two years here, things would remain fairly peaceful.

So when the air raid siren cut through an eerily quiet afternoon a few weeks ago and we scrambled to make it to the bomb shelter in 90 seconds, it all felt otherworldly and surreal.

Even though my heart skipped a few beats, I remember thinking that logically, if any wayward rockets hit Jerusalem, the chances of one landing on our exact building were slim.

But isn't that what everyone thinks? That "this logically wouldn't happen to me, right?" Until, like one Israeli family, a rocket exploded through their living room window, ruining everything except for the kitchen table that was set for Shabbat lunch — brisket still piled neatly on each plate and all. Luckily, no one was hurt.

Although we generally feel safe here, especially after the ceasefire, I feel

grateful to have grown up in a country where we don't have to worry about rocket attacks. Sure, America has its issues, but something like this happening would almost be unfathomable.

We aren't going to let the last few weeks color our time here — we've met amazing people, we've visited so many places that are rich with history, and we're excited to continue exploring. I just know that, as Walt Whitman wrote in his poem, "The Sleepers," "Peace is always beautiful."

In Tribe We Trust,  
Maddie

**Christina Hecker Zhang** and her husband, Shaun Zhang, welcomed their son, Shaun Mac Zhang, on Nov. 23, 2020.

**Lindsay H. Oakley** married Alfredo Almaraz in Evanston, Illinois, on Jan. 2, 2021.

**Briana Sewell** is running to represent Prince William County in the Virginia House of Delegates. The election will be held on Nov. 2, 2021.

**Jay Sogliuzzo** and **Sarah Cunningham Sogliuzzo** happily welcomed their son, Jack William Sogliuzzo, on Jan. 22, 2021.

**Kate Mize** recently started a new job in impact investing at Arctaris Capital Partners.

**Sean Eichenberger** will attend UVA's Darden School of Business MBA program starting this fall and will be a member of the 2023 graduating class. Sean and his wife, **Jenny Grenga Eichenberger '11**, live in Charlottesville, Virginia, with their twins, Campbell and Thatcher.

**Tim McDade** and **Kaci Kennedy McDade** welcomed their little girl, Annemarie Kennedy McDade, on Feb. 20, 2021. They hope that she will be part of the William & Mary Class of 2043!

**Tom Seabrook** and his wife, Bryn Seabrook, welcomed their first child, Robert, on March 4, 2021. They are all settled in at Keswick, Virginia, where they bought their first home last spring.

**Christopher Fong** and **Anna Pettyjohn** welcomed their son, Oliver Harris Fong, on April 13, 2021.

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## 2013

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Hello! I received a lot of updates this time so please be sure to read our online Class Notes, where more details can be found. I can only include so much in print! Thank you for keeping our class connected.

**Sarah Young Haden** married her husband, Chris, on July 20, 2020, in a small ceremony along the Potomac River. Sarah teaches eighth-grade physical science and a Gifted and Talented class at Manassas Park Middle School. Check out more updates in our online Class Notes. From Sarah to all of us: "Blessings to everyone in the W&M community — I hope that all is well."

**Gabrielle Mizerak Aguirre** and **Carlos Aguirre '13, M.Acc. '14** got married on Sept. 12, 2020, with socially distanced alpacas in attendance. They currently live in Washington, D.C., with their dog, Onyx.

**Brittany Flowers** married **Matthew Jefferies '12** on Sept. 19, 2020. By the time of this publication, Brittany hopes to have successfully defended her dissertation and received her Ph.D. in cancer biology from the Stanford University School of Medicine. She has also received the 2021 Stanford Community Impact Award.

**Megan Lyons** and **Eric Hinkle '16** were married in Richmond, Virginia, on May 29, 2021. **Katelyn Power** was co-maid of honor and **Brendan Otten '16** was

the best man. **Rachel LaVigne**, **Lauren Weiss '14**, **Emily Parrish '15**, **Karthik Kumarappan '16** and **Christian McConville '16** were also in the bridal party.

**Gabrielle Enriquez '13, J.D. '19** and **Matthew Devendorf** got married in Ridgefield, Connecticut, on June 12, 2021. The majority of their bridal party and many of their guests were also fellow William & Mary alumni, both from undergraduate programs and the law school. Gabrielle and Matt currently live in Arlington, Virginia, where both are attorneys.

**Meghan Moore** was promoted to captain in the U.S. Army JAG Corps in May. She is currently stationed in Fort Hood, Texas.

**Bradford Downs '13, M.B.A. '19** lives in Los Angeles and his first project as a film producer, "The Conqueror," screened at over 30 film festivals, including the W&M Global Film Festival in 2019, and won nine awards including Best International Short at the Oxford International Film Festival. See our online Class Notes for more and to also learn about Bradford's first feature film, which was produced alongside **Milan Chakraborty '00** and is now streaming.

**Katharine Meister** also lives in Los Angeles and, by the time of this publication, will have graduated from UCLA Anderson with her M.B.A. She and freshman year roommate **Rebecca Hoffman** picnicked in Connecticut last fall where their lunch included BEHAVE gummies, a company founded by **Mayssa Chehata**. Katharine says they are delicious!

**Anastasiya Olds Plachta** joined NASA as an IT specialist in July 2020, which Anastasiya describes as a dream-come-true job! She and her husband, **John Plachta M.B.A. '13**, have two sons: Zachary,

born on Oct. 15, 2018, and Nathaniel, born on Nov. 11, 2020.

A warm congratulations to **Laura Traub Cooper** and her husband, Rob, who welcomed their first child in July. Laura is living in Baltimore and completing her general surgery residence at the University of Maryland.

**Scott Waldman '13, M.Acc. '14** and his wife, **Amber Waldman M.Acc. '14**, also welcomed their first child, a daughter named Nora Rosa Waldman, on Dec. 12, 2020.

Looking ahead:

**Emily Bart** and her fiancé — who got engaged Nov. 14, 2020, on the Crim Dell Bridge — are getting married in Galloway, New Jersey, on Oct. 23, 2021. **Gabrielle Mizerak Aguirre** and **Meghan Baker Koehler**, both former Tribe swimmers with Emily, are in the bridal party.

**Ellie Kaufman** is engaged and planning a spring 2022 wedding. She recently started a new role as the Pentagon producer at CNN, covering the Defense Department and the U.S. military. Ellie lives in Washington, D.C., with her fiancé and their dog.

**Laura Claggett** has gone back to school to pursue her M.B.A. at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Business School and will be graduating in spring 2022.

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## 2014

*Class Reporter*  
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Congratulations to **Hilary Adams** and **Griffin Voltmann**, engaged on Christmas last year!

Congratulations also to **Jessie Partridge '17** and **Jeb Cooke**, who had a daughter, Frances Courtney, on April 7, 2021.

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## 2015

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## 2016

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Hello Class of 2016,

I hope that everyone is keeping safe and well! Please see some updates from our class below:

As the pandemic carries on, vaccines are rolled out and mask mandates are lifted, **Chelsea Dade** is working with KFF (Kaiser Family Foundation) to continue to support equitable access to credible vaccine information for those who need it most. As a community engagement manager, she works alongside faith-based organizations, health equity groups and civic leaders to bring KFF's Greater Than COVID vaccine info campaign, THE CONVERSATION (<https://www.greatherthancovid.org/theconversation/>), to Black and brown communities. One of the high points of the campaign occurred recently when THE CONVERSATION's co-developer and medical lead, Dr. Rhea Boyd, was featured in conversation with former President Barack Obama, discussing the campaign and COVID-19 in communities of color.

This spring, **Claire Glick** graduated with honors from Shenandoah University's Accelerated Second Degree BSN program. She will begin her nursing career at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, caring for critical and intermediate care patients in the Nelson Medical Progressive Care Unit.

**Evan Jacquez** graduated from the Lewis Katz School of Medicine in the spring and began an orthopedic surgery residency at Georgetown University Hospital this past summer.

After graduating with an M.A. in classical studies from Columbia University in 2020, **Katy Knortz** began a Ph.D. in classical art and archaeology at Princeton University. As a field archaeologist, she typically spends her summers excavating at various sites in Italy.

At W&M, **Leslie (Wangxiaoqi) Sun** double-majored in mathematics and accounting. After graduation, Leslie got a master's in financial mathematics from Johns Hopkins University, and she is now working at Goldman Sachs in New York as a quantitative strategist. Since moving to New York, Leslie has picked up a few new hobbies (snowboarding and surfing) and has been spending most winter and summer weekends on them. Prior to the pandemic, she had been volunteering at a local nonprofit organization for two years and is hoping to get back to it once pandemic ends.

**George "Brody" Marino** recently finished a master's degree at the University of South Carolina and has taken a contracting position with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Brody will be soon moving to Mobile, Alabama, to better support disaster response capacity in the Gulf. Any Southern or Gulf Coast-based Tribe alumni are welcome to connect with him!

**Samantha Wickman** graduated from UVA's medical school in the spring and planned to start residency in internal medicine at VCU in July.

On June 26, 2021, **Beatrice Chessman '16** married Paul Schumann at St. Cecilia's Church in Brooklyn, New York, shortly after completing her M.F.A. in painting at the New York Studio School.

And finally, Miranda Elliott's ambient pop solo project Old Man of the Woods released its debut EP "Dissolve" in 2020. Miranda wrote, recorded and produced the record in her home studio, and is now working on her debut LP, slated to be released this fall with Totally Real Records.

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

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## 2017

*Class Reporter*  
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Class of 2017, it's been four years since we rang the Wren Bell — a whole college experience worth! It's so fun to watch how our class has pursued their passions, continued their education and celebrated milestones since graduating.

After graduation, **Kristen Merritt** moved to New York City to continue pursuits of a career in music, and she is releasing her first self-produced independent album this year. This album was created in collaboration with two other W&M alumni, **Brendan Helm '18** and **Ian Wright '19**, as well as Seth Schrieber, and is slated to be released in September 2021. Kristen launched a Kickstarter campaign in April to cover the remaining costs (after a small grant she secured) for videography/photography work for the album, and in addition to being fully funded in the first eight hours, the album reached overfunding status. By the time you read this, she will have released three singles. Accompanying music videos were able to be filmed due to the success of the Kickstarter. Find links to her music in the online Class Notes.

Many of you completed or will begin graduate

programs this year. To name a few:

**Hannah Cannon** graduated with an M.S.W. from VCU on May 15. This year she started as a family services specialist in the Children's Services Act (CSA) Unit of Harrisonburg-Rockingham Department of Social Services. She lives with her cats Stu and Roux in Staunton, Virginia.

In June, **William Sheahan** completed his graduate program at the University of Washington School of Public Health with an M.P.H. in epidemiology, global health track. He plans to work with a Seattle-based global health nongovernmental organization called PATH as a research associate in their Malaria/Neglected Tropical Diseases Team after graduation. **Flannery Sonner** will pursue a juris doctor degree at the Georgia State University College of Law in Atlanta beginning this fall.

**Gaela Normile** passed the Virginia bar exam in July 2020 and is now an attorney at Vandeventer Black LLP in Norfolk, Virginia. She also got engaged to her college sweetheart, **Alex Ghenea '18**. They will be getting married next summer in their hometown of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Speaking of college sweethearts, **Kira Holmes** and **Colleen Truskey** worked together after graduation as post-baccalaureate fellows for W&M's Center for Geospatial Analysis (CGA) to map campus love stories, after hearing a rumor that 25% of William & Mary students end up marrying someone else from the university. In the "Where W&M Couples Meet" map, which launched in 2018, students and alumni plot where and when they met their significant other. I love maps, meet-cutes, and our beloved campus, so I really enjoyed reading the article about the work of the CGA fellows and exploring the interactive map. Read the article and



explore the map at [magazine.wm.edu/online-exclusives](http://magazine.wm.edu/online-exclusives).

Did you marry someone from W&M? Go to grad school? Explore a new interest? We'd love to read about it. Continue keeping in touch!

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## 2018

Class Reporter  
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Once again, the skilled and thoughtful editorial staff of the W&M Alumni Magazine have saved you all from another edition of our Class Notes where I write solely about my college friend group, how much I enjoy taking my dog, Beau, for walks, and the amount of time I spend with my casebooks. If you all emailed me your life updates — or to make things really interesting, other people's life updates — at [brannock.notes@gmail.com](mailto:brannock.notes@gmail.com), I could sing your praises in addition to those of **Claire De Lisle M.B.A. '21**, managing editor of the W&M Alumni Magazine, who also earned her MBA from the business school this year.

Congratulations to Claire, and many thanks to her for both writing and sending me an article about **Laura Papp** who has joined **Charles "Drew" Stephenson '92's** craft beer business, Pleasure House Brewing in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The moral of the story: Wear your William & Mary apparel to all your exercise classes because you never know when an alumnus might offer you a job. Laura wore a William & Mary sweat-shirt to a yoga class at Pleasure House and she struck up a conversation with Drew, who hired her for part-time work at the brewery. The part-time gig led to a full-time job where Laura manages the

business's social media platforms and assists in brewing. If you live in or are visiting Virginia Beach, stop in for a pint and to see them in action. You can read the full article at [magazine.wm.edu/online-exclusives](http://magazine.wm.edu/online-exclusives).

While I would like to say I spend my free time taking yoga classes at breweries, I, like many of us, spend an inordinate amount of time glued to Instagram. Since you folks won't email me your updates, however, I chalk this activity up to research because I glean data about your lives from your social media platforms. Instagram has recently informed me that we should congratulate **Mary Turgeon** and **Zack Thornberg** for graduating from law school at Catholic University. The pair are engaged. **Abigail Russo** also earned her J.D. this spring, but from another fine Virginia institution of higher education, the University of Richmond. We should congratulate **Ariana Kuhnsman** on her acceptance to Rocky Vista College of Medicine in Parker, Colorado, and **Lillian Starsiak '20** for her acceptance to the George Washington School of Medicine in Washington, D.C.

Despite having to search for your accomplishments in the depths of social media, I do manage to catch up with some of you personally. In our last year of undergrad, I lent **Elizabeth Palms** my copy of "The Chesapeake House" because she had already shipped hers back to her parents' home in Colorado but needed the book for a class. In the excitement of graduation and tumult of trying to figure out what I was doing with my life, I completely forgot about the book until my parents moved and instructed me to deal with some boxes of my books still lingering at their house. I found the dust jacket, but not the book, and then remembered I had never re-

trieved it from Elizabeth. I can't recommend this practice enough, however, because it gave me an excuse to text her and ask about it. Elizabeth recently completed a fellowship in the decorative arts and design department of the Dallas Museum of Art in Dallas, Texas. She'll begin another fellowship at a museum in New Orleans in July. While I'm thrilled that she has these amazing opportunities ahead of her, I am also sad that I will have just missed her in Texas. If our time had overlapped, we would have been living in neighboring cities because I'll be there clerking for an appellate judge in June. She's living the glamorous life of a burgeoning academic, traipsing from city to city caring for and studying our country's most treasured items, and I hope to catch up with her one of these days.

Whom have you recently had the chance to catch up with after several years? Email me and let me know because I'd love to hear about it, and the rest of the class will appreciate not having to read another column about how much studying law school requires of me.

Cheers,  
PMB

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## 2019

Class Reporter

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## 2020

Class Reporter

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Hello, Class of 2020!

I hope this note finds you safe, healthy and looking forward to our upcoming reunion (and

Commencement!) this October. I can't wait to reconnect with you in Williamsburg.

Here's what some of our classmates have been up to:

**Jasmine Garnes** is pursuing her M.S.W. from Howard University. She interned at the U.S. Department of Human Services in Washington, D.C., and became a COVID-19 Peer Educator Program project manager.

**Hannah Hrcir** is working on her Ph.D. in the biochemistry cell and developmental biology program at Emory University. She also adopted a cat named Lola.

Since September 2020, **Angela Leersnyder** has been participating in an ORISE Fellowship hosted by the EPA's Office of Water.

**Anna Barood** joined the M.D. program at Eastern Virginia Medical School.

**Taylor Lombardo** is working on her clinical psychology Psy.D. at Regent University.

**Morgan Tompkins** and **Erica Bucchieri '19, M.S. '20** moved to the Washington, D.C., area last summer. Along with **Daniel deButts**, they spent many weekends with roommates **Luke Esposito '19** and **Jacob Rexrode '19**. Lately, they've wondered who will adopt a quarantine puppy first.

**Raadhika Tandon** is pursuing her M.A. in global risk at Johns Hopkins SAIS Europe.

**Carter Trousdale** is working as a management consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton, supporting the Office of the Secretary of Defense in D.C.

**Heather Byrum** is working on her M.P.P. at UNC Wilmington.

**Luke Erdahl** has been serving as a seminarian of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America while completing his Master of Divinity degree.

**Dave Naitove** has been working on his M.Ed. at Johns Hopkins while teaching high school

ESOL and history.

**Roarke Fernandez** has been honing their skills in graphic design and venture capital, while working on a master's degree.

**Liam Watson** ran for county supervisor in his hometown of Montgomery County, Virginia.

**Katie Brownfiel** started teaching AP Language and Literature at Hampton Roads Academy.

As a member of the Medical Reserve Corps, **James Card** has been leading volunteers and National Guardsmen in the fight against COVID-19.

**Nathan Knight** signed a two-way contract with the Atlanta Hawks in November.

**Suzie Bae** started her career with KPMG as an advisory associate in the Federal Healthcare Advisory practice. She spent the summer teaching elementary and middle school English and public speaking.

**Greg Garnhart** has been traveling around the country while working remotely as a full-stack web developer for one of SAP's newest startups.

**Koltyn Caricofe** recently moved to Reno, Nevada, to work for NuLegacy Gold Corp. in the mineral exploration industry. He's also been enjoying the local desert racing scene.

**Sarah Hauge** married David Kinley in August 2020 and started medical school at UVA's School of Medicine.

**Hailey Ulrich**, who recently moved to Los Angeles, worked on Biden's campaign team as a staffer in Arizona and Sam Rasoul's campaign for Virginia lieutenant governor.

**Juliana Salcedo** graduated from UVA's School of Education with a master's degree in teaching.

**Alex Fay** moved to Mooresville, North Carolina, to work as a test engineer with Corvid Technologies.

**Jessie Urgo** married Bo Hickin in April 2020.

**Philip Grotz** is work-

ing on his M.D. at the UVA School of Medicine and starts rotations at Inova Fairfax Medical Campus in February 2022.

**Alicia Draper** became an associate financial services professional for Charles Schwab.

**Kolby Williams** accepted a position as an AmeriCorps VISTA in Utah and will be working at the Moab Free Health Clinic.

**Martha Gizaw** is pursuing a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering at Virginia Tech.

**Hana Liebman** is working on her master's degree in English language and literature at UVA.

As a Teach for America corps member in Chattanooga, Tennessee, **Elizabeth Pokol** currently teaches eighth-grade social studies at Orchard Knob Middle School.

**Robert Collie** accepted a position with Mediterranean Shipping Co. in Baltimore as a clerk.

**Marie Murphy** married Hunter Arnold on June 5, 2021, and is working for Booz Allen Hamilton as a general management consultant.

**Diana Haemer** published her second book of poetry, "Sensing."

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## 2021

*Class Reporter*  
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**Judith Tauber '21** double-majored in Italian studies and European studies. While at W&M, she co-founded the Italian club, worked as a peer scholarship advisor at the Charles Center, served on faculty-led committees and studied several languages. She will pursue a Ph.D. in Romance studies at Cornell University beginning in fall 2021 and looks forward to serving you as a class reporter!

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## Arts & Sciences

*Graduate School  
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Another great summer is ending and students, both young and old, are headed back to the classroom.

I visited the 'Burg again at the onset of summer and it was fantastic to see the transformation of the W&M campus over the past few years! It has been 10 years since I left W&M and five years since I moved from the area. I was able to visit some old dining favorites and try some new ones too! I do miss Virginia, except for the summers. Keep on sending your news this way.

**David Corlett M.A. '00, Ph.D. '11** (American history), a lecturer with the Faculty of Leadership and Integrative Studies at Arizona State University, was elected to vice president of the L. Alan Cruikshank River of Time Museum's board, as reported by the Fountain Hills Times this past February.

**David A. Brown Ph.D. '14** (history) is the co-director of the Fairfield Foundation, which is a nonprofit archaeological and historical research group in Gloucester, Virginia. The Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal reported back in March that he gave a free online lecture: "Archaeological discoveries in Urbanna: the Sandwich, Gressit, and Lister properties."

Check out these new reads about our alumni in the W&M Alumni Magazine's Online Exclusives section!

**Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle M.A. '04**

(American studies), a high school teacher of English and Cherokee studies, published her debut novel "Even as We Breathe: A Novel" (University Press of Kentucky, 2020). It was named one of NPR's Best Books of 2020 and was a finalist for the Weatherford Award.

**Ella Maria Diaz M.A. '02, Ph.D. '10** (American studies), associate professor of English and Latina/o Studies at Cornell University, published "José Montoya" (University of Minnesota Press, 2020), an illustrated book about Montoya's legacy as a leading Chicano activist, artist and teacher.

**Ike Irby M.P.P. '17, Ph.D. '17** is a policy advisor in the Office of the Vice President. He previously served as a senior policy advisor to Vice President Kamala Harris when she was a U.S. senator.

**Amy Sebring M.P.P. '95**, W&M's chief operating officer, has been leading the Public Health Advisory Team's COVID-19 response.

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## Mason School of Business

*Graduate School  
Reporter*

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Greetings! I hope your year is going well as we head into the fall. Williamsburg is gorgeous this time of year, and I have great memories of being on campus with the leaves changing. We have quite a few exciting updates from our fellow Mason alumni.

Personally, I finished my doctoral degree from Vanderbilt in leadership and learning in organizations. It was a wonderful experience and I'm

also very thankful to be finished!

Please keep me posted about milestones happening in your life that we can celebrate and share with others. My email address is angelapcourtney@gmail.com, and I look forward to hearing from you!

**Ron Barden '85, M.B.A. '00** is now serving as chief financial officer for IMCS Group, a leading behavioral telehealth provider in workers' compensation treatment and recovery that is located in Florida. He has more than 30 years of experience as a business leader developing strategies to support technology-enabled health care and service businesses.

**Josh Jackson M.B.A. '19** has been promoted to senior vice president of the Naval Business Unit at SAIC. He has supported critical defense programs within SAIC for more than two decades.

**Harris Ligon M.B.A. '17** is now the CEO/co-founder of Telegraph in the Chicago area. He and the Telegraph team are building the first ever cloud-based operating system for freight railroads. Their mission is to build a rail-centric digital platform that makes working with railroads simple, efficient and automated.

**Stephanie Linnartz M.B.A. '97** was promoted to the role of president of Marriott International and will oversee global consumer strategy and manage global development, technology advances as well as the growth of the Marriott Bonvoy loyalty program.

**Vince Schoenig M.B.A. '93** was named executive vice president and senior IT operations officer of Union Bank in Morrisville, Virginia. He previously worked with Old Point National Bank in Hampton, Virginia, as the senior vice president of information technology. Outside of time spent with family and work, he is an avid rugby player.

**Brian Sturm M.B.A.**

**'17** earned a promotion to assistant J1 at Joint Forces HQ. In addition to his service to our country in the military, he's a devoted dad who actively volunteers and coaches his daughter's wrestling team.

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## School of Education

*Graduate School  
Reporter*

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**Mary Jo Callan Ed.D. '20** has new roles as executive director of the Swearer Center and associate dean for engaged scholarship at Brown University. She will lead the center's community engagement initiatives and began her new job on May 17. Callan earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Michigan.

**Chon Glover M.Ed. '99, Ed.D. '06**, W&M's chief diversity officer, recently earned the Peninsula Humanitarian award for her "significant contributions to the promotion of respect and understanding among people of diverse backgrounds."

**Pamela N. Harris Ph.D. '16**, clinical assistant professor with William & Mary's School of Education, recently published her first book, a teen novel, "When You Look Like Us," with HarperCollins.

**Antonis Katsiyannis Ed.S. '88, Ed.D. '89**, Alumni Distinguished Professor at Clemson University, has been named Clemson's faculty athletic representative. He is the recipient of numerous awards including Clemson's Class of '39 Award for Excellence and the 2018 Frederick J. Weintraub Outstanding CEC Leadership Award. He has served as the president of



the Faculty Senate and as the president of his professional organization, the Council for Exceptional Children.

**Hollylynn S. Lee M.A.Ed. '95**, who completed her master's in secondary math education at William & Mary, is one of three finalists for Baylor's prestigious Cherry Award for Great Teaching. The winner will be announced in spring 2022. Lee is a professor of mathematics and statistics education in NC State's College of Education.

**Bronwyn MacFarlane Ph.D. '08** was selected as one of the top three professors for 2021 by the Board of Visitors at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock as the winner of the university-wide Faculty Excellence Award for Public Service. She published four books, 25 articles, 25 book chapters and delivered over 150 presentations.

**Lynne Sisson Haynie '88, M.Ed. '02** is happily retiring after giving a total of 31 years to Virginia's public education system! She taught English for 12 years and then dedicated 19 years to being a school counselor at Northumberland Elementary School.

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## Law School

Graduate School  
Reporter

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**Rick L. Burdick J.D. '76** was elected chairman of the board of AutoNation, Inc.

**Daniel Lonergan J.D. '83** retired as a federal government attorney, having practiced with agencies such as the FDIC, Department of Justice and Federal Reserve.

**Mark Bader J.D. '86** recently retired as senior associate tax counsel at Freddie Mac.

The Hon. **Brenda C. Spry J.D. '89** was appointed a circuit court judge by the Virginia General Assembly.

The Hon. **Helivi L. Holland J.D. '90** is now a judge for the Suffolk General District Court.

**Judith Corrigan J.D. '91** is general counsel for the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission in Massachusetts.

**Carl Failmezger M.B.A. '92, J.D. '92** has been named to the board of directors for Boys and Girls Clubs of the Northern Neck (Virginia).

**Karen Hale J.D. '93** is chief legal officer at Novartis.

**Crystal R. Jezierski J.D. '97** has joined the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as associate general counsel.

**Stephen P. Diamond Jr. J.D. '98** joined Freeline as senior vice president and general counsel.

**Jeffrey A.D. Cohen J.D. '98** is a shareholder at Greenberg Traurig LLP.

**Alicia L. Lewis J.D. '99** has rejoined the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to serve as special counsel to Acting CFTC Chairman Rostin Behnam.

The Hon. **Holly Smith J.D. '99** has been appointed a judge of the Virginia Ninth Judicial District.

**Ian R. Conner J.D. '03** has joined Latham & Watkins as a partner.

**Dave Massaron J.D. '04** is Michigan's state budget director.

**Josh D. Whitlock J.D. '06** is a principal at Jackson Lewis.

**Ashley Reynolds Marshall J.D. '07** is Charlottesville, Virginia's first deputy city manager for racial equity, diversity and inclusion.

**Elizabeth Y. Ryan J.D. '07** joined Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.

**G. Zachary Terwilliger J.D. '07** is a partner

at Vinson & Elkins.

**James "Jacky" Bilsborrow J.D. '08** joined SeegerWeiss LLP as partner.

**Andrew F. Knaggs J.D. '08** is CEO of PACEM Solutions International and PACEM Defense LLC.

**Loren C. Locke J.D. '08** is a partner at Ford-Harrison LLP.

**Sarah B. Miller J.D. '08** was elected member at Bass, Berry & Sims.

**Alan Kennedy M.A. '09, J.D. '09** and his wife Tamalynn welcomed their daughter, Caledonia, on October 2, 2020.

**Bishop Garrison J.D. '10** is senior advisor to U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin for human capital, diversity, equity and inclusion.

**Nathan C. Mortier J.D. '10** joins Sands Anderson as counsel.

**Paul J. Spadafora J.D. '11** was elevated to principal at Lasher Holzapfel Sperry & Ebberson.

**Christopher R. Brennan J.D. '12** was promoted to partner at Reed Smith LLP.

**Thomas C. Moyer '08, J.D. '12** was promoted to partner at Akin Gump.

**Gregory Proseus J.D. '12** is chief of staff to Commissioner Keith Sonderling at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

**Bradley Reed J.D. '12** is a partner at Frantz Ward.

**Jacqueline A. Rogers J.D. '12** is a partner at Potter Anderson.

**Ashley J. Heilprin M.P.P. '13, J.D. '13** is a partner at Phelps Dunbar LLP.

**Melanie R. Walter M.P.P. '13, J.D. '13** is executive director of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency.

**Andrew R. Howard J.D. '14** is deputy public defender of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in charge of the Major Felony Unit.

**Ali Rabe J.D. '14** now represents District 17 in the Idaho State Senate.

**Danielle E. Makia**

**J.D. '19** recently co-founded Pembe, a nonprofit organization designed to connect prospective law students of African descent with appropriate mentors in order to boost representation in U.S. law schools.

**Layla Abi-Falah '17, J.D. '20** is the 2021-22 Drapers' Scholar. The Drapers' Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating William & Mary Law student who goes on to enroll at Queen Mary College of the University of London for a year of post-graduate study.

**Chenxi Lu J.D. '20** has joined Kaufman & Canoles as of counsel.

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## Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Graduate School  
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**Felipe Arzayus M.S. '00**, chief of the monitoring and assessment branch in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, recently reprised his VIMS-era role as a science judge in the 24th Annual Blue Crab Bowl, Virginia's regional competition of the National Ocean Science Bowl (NOSB), an annual academic contest to test knowledge of the oceans among high-school students. We were delighted to hear he would be judging with Dr. John Brubaker!

**Matt Harwell Ph.D. '00** recently transferred within EPA's Office of Re-

search and Development and is now the chief of the Pacific Coastal Ecology Branch in the Pacific Ecological Systems Division in Newport, Oregon.

Janet visited **Kate Mansfield Ph.D. '06** at her new home in Oviedo, Florida, in May. Kate is an associate professor and the graduate program coordinator for the University of Central Florida's Biology Department. Kate leads the UCF Marine Turtle Research Group's (MTRG) long-term nesting beach and coastal juvenile research programs (@ucfturtlelab on Instagram). Kate's research program has been getting some podcast and radio airtime attention following their recent publication, coauthored by **Jiangang Luo Ph.D. '91**, in the journal *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, describing the "lost years" of young green sea turtles in the Atlantic.

Kate and Janet also visited with **Erin Seney M.S. '03** and her family at their new "farmette" near Oviedo, where they enjoyed Easter Bunny s'mores around the firepit. Erin is an assistant research scientist and non-teaching faculty member with UCF's MTRG.

Readers, your class reporters, Scoop Hinchey and Newshound Nestlerode, want your updates for future columns. 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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## UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

**Frances “Fran” Geraldine Schaaf Shepherd ’38** of Williamsburg died April 17, 2021.

**Austin Leonard Roberts Jr. ’41** of Williamsburg died May 22, 2021.

**Gen. Dewitt Richard Searles ’43** of McLean, Virginia, died Feb. 27, 2021.

**Barbara Ann Gunnell Littleton ’44** of Hammondsport, New York, died May 1, 2019.

**Georgiana Crise DeShong Drahos ’45** of Wyoming, Michigan, died Aug. 7, 2020.

**David Milton Marcus ’45** of Clemmons, North Carolina, died April 21, 2021.

**Marylou Manning Thorburn ’45** of Bridgeport, Connecticut, died Feb. 4, 2021.

**Joseph “Mike” Wiley Sherrard Jr. ’46** of Salem, Virginia, died April 18, 2021.

**Fritz “Pete” Herbert Zepht Jr. ’46** of Avon Lake, Ohio, died April 29, 2020.

**Patricia Grace Nunes Scott ’47** of Grand Cayman Islands died March 4, 2021.

**Dvara-Lee Levin Williams ’47** of Boston, Indiana, died Feb. 25, 2021.

**Judith Nevias Diamond ’48** of Poquoson, Virginia, died March 10, 2021.

**Jane Tisdale Seaton Harrell ’48** of Jacksonville, Florida, died Sept. 13, 2019.

**Betty Virginia Hotopp Van Aken ’48** of Loudon, Tennessee, died April 8, 2021.

**Elizabeth Bradford Jones Amos ’49** of Varina, North Carolina, died June 3, 2021.

**Elaine Campton Baker ’49** of Falls Church, Virginia, died Feb. 18, 2021.

**Eleanor “Cookie” Anne Cooke Barnard ’49** of Ithaca, New York, died April 20, 2021.

**Mervyn Waller Mingfield ’49** of Richmond, Virginia, died Feb. 21, 2021.

**Eleanor Stephenson Abel Owen ’49** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died April 18, 2021.

**Jane Adele Renton Smith ’49** of Collegeville, Pennsylvania, died March 13, 2021.

**Donald John Sudkamp ’49** of Las Vegas, Nevada, died Aug. 6, 2019.

**Nancy Lee McFadden Walker ’49** of Louisville, Kentucky, died May 24, 2021.

**John William Lynd ’50** of Tavares, Florida, died Aug. 2, 2019.

**William “Bill” Coles Saunders III ’50** of Plantation, Florida, died Sept. 14, 2020.

**Anne Howard Dunn Nock Sigler ’50** of Lakeland, Florida, died May 31, 2021.

**Ernesto “Hugh” Justo DeSamper ’51** of Williamsburg died May 25, 2021.

**Nancy Ailene Walton Fricke ’51** of Elk Grove, California, died May 4, 2021.

**Joseph Hubert Kelly ’51** of Hampton, Virginia, died Feb. 25, 2021.

**Arnold Edward Petty ’51** of Port Republic, Maryland, died March 26, 2021.

**Mary Louise Eldred Morrison Callaway ’52** of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, died March 27, 2021.

**Rose Cameron “Camie” Spotts Griffin ’52** of Wilmington, North Carolina, died April 5, 2021.

**Jane A. Gross ’52** of Sea Girt, New Jersey, died Feb. 12, 2021.

**William “Bill” Earl Harrison ’52** of Norfolk, Virginia, died June 29, 2019.

**Dr. Thomas “Tom” Johns Hopkins ’52** of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, died Feb. 20, 2021.

**James C. Leister ’52** of Falls Church, Virginia, died Mar. 29, 2017.

**Betty Gwyn Wilkinson Miller ’52** of Richardson, Texas, died June 30, 2020.

**Roberta “Bobbe” Mary Lamont Redding ’52** of Williamsburg died April 23, 2021.

**Beth Morrison Affeldt ’53** of Madison, Wisconsin, died Feb. 16, 2021.

**Bettye Bowerman Zepht Spoto ’53** of Tampa, Florida, died May 3, 2021.

**Ann Monroe Angle ’54** of Charlottesville, Virginia, died April 26, 2021.

**Peter Stewart Austin ’54** of Belfair, Washington, died Jan. 14, 2021.

**David Louis Garson ’54** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died April 3, 2021.

**Howard “Bud” Garrett Leatherwood Jr. ’54** of Bowie, Maryland, died May 3, 2021.

**Edmund Leon Saffko ’54** of Glendora, New Jersey, died Feb. 25, 2021.

**Charles “Charley” Frederic Shaffert ’54** of Wallingford, Connecticut, died May 2, 2021.

**Warren Allan Weiss ’54** of New York, New York, died May 26, 2021.

**Joseph “Joe” Francis Campagna ’55** of Reston, Virginia, died April 29, 2021.

**Edward “Eddie” Brownlee Snider ’55** of Glasgow, Virginia, died Feb. 28, 2021.

**Patricia “Trish” Anne Scott Steindler ’55** of Santa Fe, New Mexico, died April 11, 2021.

**William Lee Younger Jr. ’55** of Brooklyn, New York, died May 13, 2020.

**Diana Helen Ottenmiller A’Harrah ’56** of Alexandria, Virginia, died March 9, 2021.

**Brenda Kornis Cattrell ’56** of Fairfax, Virginia, died March 23, 2021.

**Roberta “Jackie” Jackman Harrison ’56** of Sunnyvale, California, died Dec. 8, 2020.

**William “Jerry” Jared Humphreys ’56** of Vista, California, died Sept. 11, 2019.

**James “Jim” Laverne McInnes ’56** of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, died March 18, 2021.

**Graham Sanford Palmer ’56** of McKinney, Texas, died April 22, 2021.

**Harlan J. Reynolds ’56** of Stamford, Connecticut, died May 17, 2020.



**John Willard Shumate**  
'56 of Williamsburg died  
March 15, 2021.

**Joan Marie Sandford  
Santos** '56 of Fryeburg,  
Maine, died April 26,  
2021.

**Nancy Ann Hilton  
Wentzel** '56, M.S. '83  
of Woodstock, Virginia,  
died Feb. 5, 2021.

**James "Shad" Irvin  
White** '56 of Clover,  
South Carolina, died Feb.  
7, 2021.

**Malcolm "Mal" McKay  
Anderson** '57 of Lompac,  
California, died Jan.  
29, 2021.

**Jacqueline "Jackie"  
Still Brantley-Lithgow**  
'57 of Harrisonburg, Vir-  
ginia, died Feb. 23, 2021.

**Robert Anthony Dilweg**  
'57 of Chevy Chase,  
Maryland, died March  
20, 2021.

**Ann Worthington  
Balance Rau** '57 of  
Lancaster, Virginia, died  
June 12, 2020.

**William Franklin  
Carver** '58 of Virginia  
Beach, Virginia, died May  
12, 2021.

**Cornelius Adrian Lem-  
mers** '58 of Arlington,  
Virginia, died Feb. 16,  
2021.

**Peggy Lee Cowie  
Russell** '58 of Wichita,  
Kansas, died March 25,  
2021.

**Dominick Raymond  
Alesso** '59 of Paramus,  
New Jersey, died Nov. 20,  
2020.

**Sue Sydney Marshall  
Sheldon Donaldson**  
'59 of Williamsburg died  
May 7, 2021.

**Richard Hale "Dick"  
Prosl** '59 of Williams-  
burg died Feb. 14, 2021.

**Llewellyn "Llew" North  
Smith Jr.** '59 of Wil-  
liamsburg died March 2,  
2021.

**Leslie Gladwin Suggs**  
'59 of Powhatan, Vir-  
ginia, died Oct. 21, 2019.

**Anthony John Diamond**  
'60 of Shreveport,  
Louisiana, died March 1,  
2020.

**Jeanne Gordan Tracy  
Eichelberger** '60 of  
Lexington, Virginia, died  
Feb. 11, 2021.

**Yvonne Omega Rowland  
Munden** '60 of Sugar  
Land, Texas, died March  
10, 2021.

**Edgar "Ed" James  
Sharbaugh** '60 of  
Tequesta, Florida, died  
Feb. 5, 2021.

**Hal Edwin Burch Jr.** '61  
of Hampton, Virginia,  
died April 7, 2021.

**David Darden Dicker-  
son Sr.** '61, J.D. '68 of  
Virginia Beach, Virginia,  
died May 19, 2021.

**Joesph Leonard Dun-  
ford** '61 of Virginia  
Beach, Virginia, died Feb.  
28, 2021.

**Robert Guy Nicholson**  
'61 of Jacksonville,  
Florida, died Sept. 9,  
2020.

**Patricia "Patsy" Hodges  
Cooper** '62 of Dun-  
woody, Georgia, died  
March 4, 2021.

**Kristin "Kris" Dverseth  
Thompson Coursen**  
'62 of Willow Springs,  
Missouri, died March 10,  
2021.

**William "Bill" Franklin  
Mattox** '62 of Mar-  
tinsville, Virginia, died  
March 5, 2021.

**Thomas "Tom" Fred-  
erick Pagel** '62 of  
Portage, Michigan, died  
Dec. 17, 2019.

**William Beeuwkes  
Shuler** '62, M.A. '64,  
Ph.D. '68 of Port Ange-  
les, Washington, died  
March 10, 2021.

**Anne Wilson Warren** '62  
of Newport News, Vir-  
ginia, died May 6, 2021.

**Martha Beatrice  
Walker Blanks** '63 of  
Williamsburg died April  
18, 2021.

**James "Jim" J. Gudinas**  
'63 of Lake Mary, Flor-  
ida, died Nov. 18, 2020.

**Robert "Bob" R. Moore  
Jr.** '63 of Cincinnati,  
Ohio, died March 18,  
2021.

**Dale Barton Thoma** '63  
of Lexington, Kentucky,  
died Feb. 12, 2021.

**Joseph Weston II** '63 of  
Grand Mound, Iowa, died  
May 6, 2021.

**Jeanene Iris Anker** '64,  
M.Ed. '70 of Newport  
News, Virginia, died  
Sept. 29, 2020.

**Donald Porter Davison  
Jr.** '64 of North Grafton,  
Massachusetts, died  
June 5, 2021.

**William "Bill" Dewey  
Harrell Jr.** '64 of Ches-  
apeake, Virginia, died  
April 18, 2021.

**Marsha Ann Maxwell  
Brown** '64, M.Ed. '75  
of Yorktown, Virginia,  
died May 18, 2021.

**Hugh Miller III** '64 of  
Woodbridge, Virginia,  
died Feb. 22, 2021.

**Jonathon Fred Regal**  
'64 of McKinney, Texas,  
died Feb. 6, 2021.

**Frederica Lucinda Dud-  
ley Burgess Rice** '64  
of Seattle, Washington,  
died March 6, 2021.

**Melinda Catherine Duke  
Ball** '65 of Madeville,  
Louisiana, died Feb. 16,  
2021.

**John "Mike" Michael  
Granville** '66 of  
Oceanside, California,  
died Feb. 4, 2021.

**Mary "Marcie" Willis  
Lynn** '66 of Newport  
News, Virginia, died  
March 16, 2021.

**Peter Jay Marshall** '66  
of Upton, Massachusetts,  
died Feb. 9, 2021.

**David Hugh Popplewell**  
'66 of West Chester,  
Ohio, died March 4,  
2020.

**William Daniel Thomas**  
'66 of Aspen, Colorado,  
died Feb. 16, 2021.

**James Harold Boylan  
Jr.** '67 of Raleigh, North  
Carolina, died Feb. 23,  
2021.

**Julia Ann Dickinson  
Greenwood** '67 of  
Henrico, Virginia, died  
Feb. 25, 2021.

**Sarah Lu Cottrill Camp-  
bell** '68 of Spartanburg,  
South Carolina, died  
April 3, 2021.

**Mildred Corbett Lamm**  
'68, M.Ed. '72 of Jack-  
sonville, Florida, died  
March 6, 2021.

**Robert Archer Mason**  
'68 of Buskirk, New  
York, died June 6, 2021.

**Marian Sue Chapman  
Moore** '68 of Charlot-  
tesville, Virginia, died  
May 15, 2021.

**Steven Brooks Vore** '68  
of Montgomery, Ohio,  
died Jan. 14, 2020.

**Cynthia "Cindy" Sue  
Smith Powell** '69 of  
Oak Island, North Caro-  
lina, died Feb. 23, 2021.

**Nancy Carol Hauck  
Tierney** '69 of Wood-  
bridge, Virginia, died  
March 31, 2021.

**Mary Gay Dalton  
Overbay** '70 of Marion,  
Virginia, died Feb. 18,  
2021.

**Glen Edward Conrad**  
'71, J.D. '74 of Roanoke,  
Virginia, died May 20,  
2021.

**Hugh Caldwell Hop-  
kins** '71 of Wytheville,  
Virginia, died April 29,  
2021.

**Sarah Virginia Chap-  
man Rogers** '71  
of Newport News,  
Virginia, died May 31,  
2021.

**Suzanne Wood  
McSmith Buckingham**  
'72 of Shackelfords, Vir-  
ginia, died May 6, 2021.

**Elizabeth "Betsy" Mary  
Gleysteen** '73 of Top-  
ping, Virginia, died Feb.  
17, 2019.

**Patricia "Pattie"  
Hudgins Patton** '74 of  
Parkman Township, Ohio,  
died March 15, 2021.

**James Stephen Peters**  
'75 of Williamsburg died  
April 26, 2021.

**Luis Benito Caraballo**  
'76 of Salem, Oregon,  
died April 3, 2021.

**Stephen "Steve" Frank  
Dalton** '76 of Queen-  
stown, Maryland, died  
May 11, 2021.

**Richard "Rich" Bruce  
McKenna** '76 of Mana-  
hawkin, New Jersey, died  
March 25, 2021.

**Linda Carol Owens  
Smith** '76 of Midlo-  
thian, Virginia, died Feb.  
13, 2021.

**Ernestine Folk Hook** '77  
of Yorktown, Virginia,  
died Feb. 14, 2021.

**Steven Dale Kuhn** '78 of  
Finleyville, Pennsylvania,  
died July 5, 2019.

**Bertha Branch Turner**  
'78 of Suffolk, Virginia,  
died March 11, 2021.

**Stephanie Gay Tyler** '78  
of Falmouth, Maine, died  
Feb. 13, 2021.

**Helen Griffin Johnson**  
'79 of Webster Groves,  
Missouri, died Feb. 2,  
2021.

**Michael Joseph Wagner  
Sr.** '79 of Marlton, New  
Jersey, died April 21,  
2021.

**Melinda Johnson Mor-  
gan** '80 of Ashburn,  
Virginia, died Feb. 28,  
2021.

**Bryar Chappell Nettles**  
'81, J.D. '84 of Wake-  
field, Virginia, died April  
24, 2021.

**Cynthia "Cindy" Melissa Pryke '82** of Williamsburg died April 29, 2021.

**Edna Hall Williams Hodges '83** of Capron, Virginia, died May 5, 2021.

**Kimberlei Ann Barrigar '86** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died July 22, 2020.

**John Joseph Maisto '87** of Silver Spring, Maryland, died March 8, 2021.

**Betty Elizabeth Scott '94, J.D. '98** of Norfolk, Virginia, died Feb. 4, 2021.

**Jennifer Lynne Gray Masek '94** of Midlothian, Virginia, died Oct. 5, 2020.

**Rebecca Anne Helms McKnight '96** of Greensboro, North Carolina, died April 27, 2021.

**Jonathan Michael Brown '98** of Erie, Pennsylvania, died March 3, 2021.

**Megan Dow McPhee '99** of Roanoke, Virginia, died March 5, 2021.

**Jason Dennis Plummer '99** of Edgewater, Maryland, died March 3, 2021.

**Ian Scott Stowe '11** of Richmond, Virginia, died April 26, 2021.

**Colin Ross Kingston '14** of Burlington, Vermont, died Oct. 23, 2020.

**Vanessa Nicole Gray '16** of Hayes, Virginia, died Feb. 14, 2021.

**Julia "Julie" Carmen Rodil '18** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Feb. 13, 2021.

**Basel Osman '21** of Woodbridge, Virginia, died June 1, 2021.

#### GRADUATE ALUMNI

**Ray Thurmond Oglesby M.A. '55** of Rochester, New York, died Dec. 14, 2020.

**William Irvine Jack M.A. '58** of Amelia Island, Florida, died May 29, 2021.

**Josephine "Jo" Lydia Zitta M.Ed. '59** of Richmond, Virginia, died May 7, 2021.

**Neil William Schilke B.C.L. '61** of Fremont, Nebraska, died April 8, 2021.

**Guy Hubert Quesenberry M.Ed. '64** of Dugspur, Virginia, died March 4, 2021.

**Constantine "Gus" A. Spanoulis B.C.L. '64** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Feb. 2, 2021.

**Raymond Leon Murray Jr. M.Ed. '65** of Chesapeake, Virginia, died Feb. 25, 2021.

**Joseph "Joe" Daniel Liner Jr. M.Ed. '66** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died May 20, 2021.

**Violet Blackmon Peele M.Ed. '66** of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, died May 4, 2021.

**Allan D. Zaleski B.C.L. '66** of Norfolk, Virginia, died March 24, 2021.

**Charles Kemper Price M.Ed. '67** of Richmond, Virginia, died March 11, 2021.

**James "Jim" Morgan Oglesby M.Ed. '68** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Aug. 17, 2020.

**Bobby Lee Albrite M.Ed. '69** of Callao, Virginia, died Feb. 6, 2021.

**Mary Ollie Vee Walpole Lowe M.Ed. '70** of Wheaton, Illinois, died Feb. 3, 2021.

**William Elliott Moor-man Jr. M.T.S. '70** of King Queen Church, Virginia, died Feb. 21, 2020.

**Kenneth Kermit Plemmons M.B.A. '70** of Leicester, North Carolina, died April 30, 2021.

**Joseph Warren Carlin M.T.S. '71** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Feb. 7, 2021.

**Harry Montague Ward M.Ed. '71** of Charlottesville, Virginia, died June 1, 2021.

**Linda Laity Hite M.Ed. '73** of Yorktown, Virginia, died March 3, 2021.

**Richard F. Holladay Jr. J.D. '73** of North Palm Beach, Florida, died March 12, 2021.

**Richard Larry Lewis J.D. '73** of Jonesville, Virginia, died June 2, 2021.

**Robert "Bob" William Spode Ph.D. '73** of Everett, Pennsylvania, died March 16, 2021.

**John William Goslee M.B.A. '74** of Newport News, Virginia, died March 28, 2021.

**Johnson Kanady III J.D. '75** of Deltaville, Virginia, died Feb. 24, 2021.

**Thomas Wesley Wright J.D. '76, M.L.T. '86** of Richmond, Virginia, died March 16, 2021.

**Charles Edward Delaney M.A.Ed. '77** of Williamsburg died April 17, 2021.

**Daniel Paul Barner M.Ed. '81** of Newport News, Virginia, died Dec. 31, 2020.

**Virginia Sue Chewing M.Ed. '82** of Irvington, Virginia, died March 26, 2021.

**Laura Marie Fike Everhart J.D. '82** of Norfolk, Virginia, died March 20, 2021.

**Theresa J. Grogan M.A. '82** of Tuscon, Arizona, died April 10, 2021.

**Mary Kathleen Parks M.Ed. '82** of Bellevue, Nebraska, died March 20, 2021.

**Betsy Ann Bampton C.A.S.E. '85, Ed.D. '87** of Richmond, Virginia, died March 21, 2021.

**Gail Bareford Hardinge M.Ed. '85** of Barhamsville, Virginia, died May 9, 2021.

**Susan Cameron Polesnak M.B.A. '85** of Charlotte, North Carolina, died Feb. 17, 2021.

**Martin Brian Reinbold M.A. '85** of Cottage Grove, Oregon, died March 20, 2021.

**Roger Harrison Mudd D.P.S. '87** of McLean, Virginia, died March 16, 2021.

**Michael Joseph Conroy LL.M. '88** of Weems, Virginia, died May 26, 2021.

**Hannah Elizabeth Sims J.D. '94** of Oakland, California, died March 20, 2021.

**Stephen Todd Bowden M.S. '95** of Fairfax, Vermont, died June 3, 2021.

**Elissa Beryl Bishop-Becker M.Ed. '00** of Key West, Florida, died April 27, 2021.

**Daniel "Danny" William Forrest II M.Ed. '05** of Yorktown, Virginia, died March 14, 2021.

**Davina Parmet M.Ed. '08** of Williamsburg died March 25, 2021.

**Khyati Karan Muchhala M.B.A. '19** of Richmond, Virginia, died May 8, 2021.

#### STAFF

**James "Jimmy" McCullagh** of Williamsburg died April 5, 2021.

**Lena V. Jefferson** of Williamsburg died May 24, 2021.

**Mary Elizabeth Schilling** of Williamsburg died Feb. 24, 2021.

#### FACULTY EMERITUS

**Richard George Flood** of Hammond, Indiana, died March 11, 2021.

**Evan Morgan Massey** of Richmond, Virginia, died March 10, 2021.

**Dennis "Denny" McSweeney** of Williamsburg died Feb. 22, 2021.

**John "Jack" Andrew Musick** of Gloucester, Virginia, died Feb. 13, 2021.

**Maynard Meldrim Nichols** of Gloucester, Virginia, died May 12, 2021.

#### FACULTY

**Robert Edward Ransom Jr.** of Hampton, Virginia, died April 28, 2021.



“We feel like W&M has given our family so much and it is our responsibility to give back with interest.”

— Kirsten Caister Elim '90, P '21  
and Marc Elim '88, P '21



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“**Why do we give?** Kirsten and I have always believed that you get out of life what you put into it. To maintain William & Mary’s level of excellence, it takes individuals to step forward and contribute.

Both my parents are heroes to me. After my dad passed away in 2020, we wanted to do something to honor his incredible legacy. He loved W&M so establishing an endowment to support international students as a tribute to him by including the university as a percentage beneficiary of my retirement plan seemed like the perfect fit.

We are very fortunate to be in the position to help make a better life for others. Sometimes in life we look back and wish we had done more and given more of ourselves. Legacy planning allows everyone to make an impact not just for today, tomorrow or the next few years, but for centuries to come.”



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