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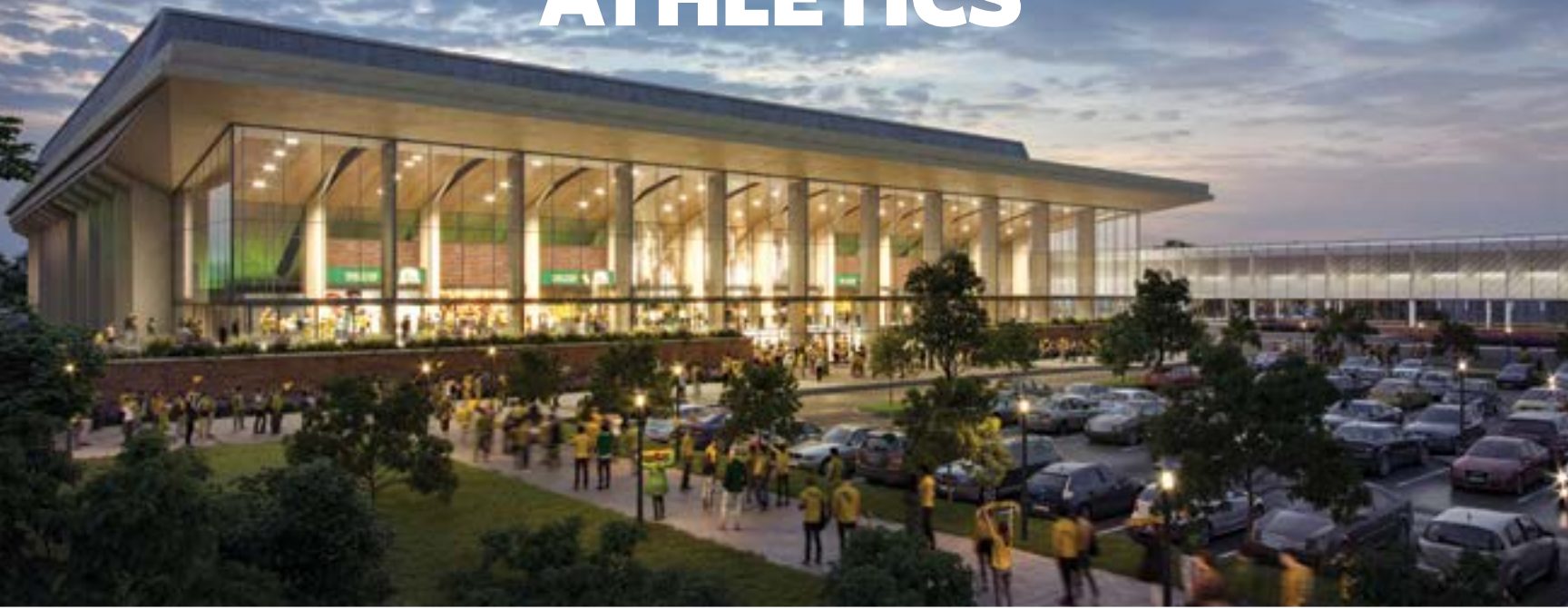


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## SNOW ON THE BRAFFERTON

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## ALUMNI FOCUS

# More Than A Degree

BY ANNA DINWIDDIE HATFIELD '96

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

**T**here's been so much in the news lately about the value of a college degree — especially with a liberal arts focus — in today's world. Between my service on the W&M Alumni Association (WMAA) board, my daily work at an independent school in Richmond, Virginia, and my current status as the mother of juniors in high school, college outcomes are something I think about a lot.

When I first stepped foot on campus as a freshman, I had no idea what the future might hold. I came to William & Mary in part because I wanted more than just a degree at the end of my experience. I wanted a broad set of skills that would help me tackle whatever life threw at me and prepare me for the challenges of the future. I wanted a community and a network that I could call on throughout my life and that would enable me to assist those who came after me. And I wanted to be part of something much larger than me, contributing to a body of knowledge we were creating together. I found all these through William & Mary and the WMAA, and these benefits continue to have a positive impact on my life. I have heard from so many of you who have told me you had a similar experience.

That's partly why the university's new strategic plan, Vision 2026, is so exciting — it builds on W&M's strengths in these areas to continue to add value to our degrees, long after we graduate. The plan will be unveiled over Charter Day Weekend, but you can view the initial framework at [wm.edu/vision2026](http://wm.edu/vision2026).

The three key elements — expand W&M's reach, educate for impact and evolve to excel — align perfectly with the work of the WMAA, which serves not only our alumni but also strengthens the university as a whole. As a board, we have been diligently planning our goals inside this framework to ensure we provide the best support and resources to you, our alumni and friends.

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faculty and scholarship we produce! The more W&M shines worldwide and its reputation for excellence grows, the more valuable all of our degrees become. Our 100,000+ alumni worldwide are ambassadors for William & Mary, and the WMAA helps keep us connected with each other and our alma mater — creating lifelong relationships, sharing the latest news from campus and celebrating our alumni's successes. This goal also includes enhancing community service and civic engagement. We provide a wide range of service events throughout the year, and commitment to civic engagement is a key component of our Alumni Medallion awards, the highest honor given to alumni by the WMAA.

*Educate for impact:* A key facet of this goal is creating meaningful career pathways for students and alumni, so we are prepared for not only our first jobs but our entire careers — and for professions that don't even exist yet. Through our suite of One Tribe, One Network resources, the Career Design Fellowship, and events like Professionals Week and Online Networking Hours, the WMAA helps our community build skills and make connections for fulfilling professional lives. Beyond these services, our professional, cultural, social and intellectual programming connects our global community, opening doors to new opportunities for all and allowing each of us to share our expertise with others.

*Evolve to excel:* We are committed to an inclusive culture of engagement and philanthropy, where every member of our community feels they are a welcome and vital part of our W&M family. This includes our affinity and identity programming as well as increased efforts to improve representation on boards. Through our Alumni Admissions Network, we strive to reach bright students from all backgrounds and regions to encourage them to apply to W&M.

Each of these goals helps strengthen the ways W&M and the WMAA enhance the value of your William & Mary education beyond a degree, so you benefit from being part of the W&M family for life.

We often talk about our culture of engagement & philanthropy, and in true William & Mary fashion, that “and” in the middle — that ampersand between engagement & philanthropy — is crucial. None of this is possible without your support, and we are grateful to everyone who chooses to contribute to the W&M Alumni Association Fund to support the work of the WMAA.

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FROM THE BRAFFERTON

# Focusing on Fundamentals

BY KATHERINE A. ROWE

*William & Mary President*

**W**illiam & Mary has a long history of innovation, evolving to meet the pressing needs of our commonwealth and country. In 1779, William & Mary pioneered legal education.

Roughly 160 years later, a faculty member established a world-class institute of marine science to study the state's water ecosystems. Adaptations like these have advanced William & Mary's mission over the centuries: educating complex thinkers, principled professionals, well prepared to sustain our pluralistic democracy.

Mission fundamentals guide such successful adaptations. In this second winter of pandemic, William & Mary is keenly aware of our fundamental responsibility to ensure that our students thrive in their chosen professions — from the first job they land after college to those that follow — in the rapidly changing workplaces of the 21st century. The value of the education we offer, grounded in the range of the liberal arts and sciences, has never been clearer: We equip graduates for the transformations ahead.

Alumni and friends know well that William & Mary educates for impact. Talented students grow their abilities to problem-solve collaboratively. They sort data with sophistication and name solutions clearly — even and especially at times of uncertainty. In a recent Inside Higher Ed podcast, Ardine Williams, vice president for workforce development at Amazon and a member of the university's Board of Visitors, described how William & Mary is positioned to “create a graduate who is exquisitely capable for the jobs of today and the jobs of tomorrow.”

Adaptation requires resilience, and William & Mary students have brought their resilient spirits to every challenge of the past 20 months. Theirs is a

generation of unusual grit, maturing through uncertainty. These qualities will serve them well as they enter the workforce.

The lessons gained under pandemic position William & Mary to lead the nation in expanding career readiness. Accordingly, during our final phase of strategic planning we have focused on the fundamentals of our mission to equip students for lives of meaning and distinction. Building on the roaring success of the university-wide Career Pathways Initiatives created under pandemic, William & Mary's Career Development & Professional Engagement team is scaling up the innovations they piloted last year. Above all, they will focus on expanding internships and other hands-on learning experiences. As multiple studies have shown, meaningful work-based learning experiences are the most important step to landing the first job after graduation.

In recent years, William & Mary has established a terrific track record in integrating applied learning into a wide range of programs:

William & Mary is the No. 1 public university in the nation for internships, something we take great pride in.

Programs such as the William & Mary Washington Center, which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, pair rigorous academic learning with intensive experiential components. The Washington Center expands our reach in the nation's capital. Their track record is compelling: In a 2018 survey of alumni, 63% of respondents said that their study in D.C. experience had a positive impact on their career opportunities.

Through research labs, such as GeoLab, students lead discoveries in the high demand areas, including spatial data, satellite data and AI.

Yet barriers remain for many students that prevent them from pursuing such valuable experiences without extending their time to degree. Financial constraints limit opportunities. Those whose families do not have broad professional networks are limited in their access to internships. William & Mary must do more to lower these barriers.

We are fortunate to have incredible partners in this effort: our 100,000+ alumni network, the best representatives of the impact of a William & Mary degree. Our parent and family communities are committed to ensuring we prepare our graduates to thrive. So too, business, political and higher education leaders are aligned to recruit and retain talent in our commonwealth.

During Charter Day Weekend, William & Mary will unveil a new, ambitious strategic plan, Vision 2026. You will see, among other goals, our commitment to expanding career pathways for all students, as we strive to provide every student with a fully funded internship experience. I hope you will join us virtually or in person in February, as we outline these and other key priorities for W&M's next half-decade.



A portrait of Luis de los Santos '22, a young man with curly brown hair, a beard, and glasses, wearing a dark grey sweater over a teal shirt. He is standing with his arms crossed against a dark grey background.

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CONSERVATION:**  
*Assistant Professor  
Mara Dicenta works  
with undergraduate  
student researchers  
through the Institute for  
Integrative Conser-  
vation. “The staff at  
the IIC come from all  
different backgrounds,  
but we all come together  
to collaborate,” she says.*

# BY&LARGE

EARTH WORKS

## Connecting People and Nature

*Professor Mara Dicenta and the Institute  
for Integrative Conservation seek to  
involve Indigenous voices in conservation.*

BY KATHERINE VERMILYEA '22

**W**HAT DO BEAVERS IN ARGENTINA HAVE TO DO with river herring in Virginia? Anthropology Assistant Professor Mara Dicenta believes both can help us understand the long-term effects of colonialism on the environment.

Before coming to Williamsburg in fall 2021, Dicenta conducted ethnographic fieldwork related to beavers in Tierra del Fuego in Patagonia, Argentina. The Argentine government introduced Canadian beavers to Tierra del Fuego in 1946 to encourage a fur trade that could help modernize the region and attract more residents. Without predators, the species expanded and has severely damaged native ecosystems.

She is planning to work in Virginia with scientists and Indigenous communities, starting with a project to restore river herring and bring to light traditional ecological knowledge. According to William & Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science, river herring populations have been in dramatic decline since the 1970s due to habitat loss, overfishing and pollution.

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**IN THE FIELD:** *Mara Dicenta analyzes beaver damage while doing fieldwork in Tierra del Fuego, Argentina.*

"I see many parallels between my research in Tierra del Fuego and my research here," Dicenta says. "If you think about it in terms of the environment, both areas have been marked by water. Here we have huge rivers which flow into the sea. Tierra del Fuego is surrounded by the ocean."

Both places also have ties to colonialism.

"Tierra del Fuego became an international trade port," Dicenta says. "Here, we have Jamestown and Williamsburg as key Colonial enterprises. Colonial commerce marked the histories of those who lived in these lands and waters before."

In Virginia, Dicenta is beginning to work in collaboration with the Rappahannock Tribe and the Smithsonian Institution on the restoration of river herring, integrating the tribe's oral histories and current practices regarding rivers, aquatic life and fishing. In Tierra del Fuego, Dicenta is working with Indigenous communities to guarantee their right to be consulted before implementing conservation projects.

Undergraduate students will be involved in her research through the Conservation Research Program housed in William & Mary's new Institute for Integrative Conservation (IIC). The IIC opened in 2020 with the mission of research and education to help solve the world's most pressing conservation challenges.

"In just a few years, the Institute has created so much. The staff at the IIC come from all different backgrounds, but we all come together to collaborate," says Dicenta.

John Swaddle, the IIC's faculty director, says the addition of Dicenta and faculty member Fernando

Galeana-Rodriguez has allowed the Institute to launch its new integrative conservation minor. A dozen students have expressed interest in the new minor so far, while about 10 students are expected to declare self-designed conservation majors.

"Mara and Fernando both have years of experience working with Indigenous communities on conservation solutions framed in environmental justice," Swaddle says. "As emerging leaders in their fields, Mara in anthropology and Fernando in sociology, they are already helping students learn about the crucial connections between people and nature."

Dicenta, who has Spanish and Argentinian heritage, became interested in anthropology in 2007 while she was taking a course on gender and sexuality.

"In this course, I learned that the idea that we have two genders is not the way the rest of the world thinks about things," she says. "I learned about cultures that had three genders, five genders. It shocked me. I discovered that everything I had assumed could be questioned and I decided then to pursue a B.A. and two master's degrees in anthropology." After that, she completed a doctorate in social studies of science.

"As an environmental anthropologist, I realized it is important to also study scientists and how knowledge is shaped by cultural values," she says.

Working in partnership with faculty and students is the IIC's Conservation Advisory Board, composed of scientists, business leaders, community organizers and conservation leaders.

"We've received so many proposals of interest from conservation partners who want to work with William & Mary students," Dicenta says. "We want to collaborate on long-term projects where we can work for multiple years to truly create change."

As an example, one former IIC student, Kat Baganski '21, worked with the Wildlife Conservation Society on a six-month project to analyze places for potential restoration of landscapes in Central America and Mexico that were deforested by cattle ranching.

Looking ahead, Dicenta sees numerous possibilities for the IIC, including bringing a data scientist onto the staff to assist with collecting and interpreting information.

"I also would love to see a future for the Institute where art is a focal point to help us communicate with each other, among disciplines and communities," she says.

This past semester, Dicenta taught Conservation Ethics. This intimate class of 12 students diverted from traditional environmental ethics courses to include more diverse voices and issues.

Topics for Dicenta's Conservation Ethics class included issues related to animal culling, management of animals in zoos and wildlife refuges, the troubled history of national parks and co-manage-



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ment programs, the land back movement calling for the return of colonized land to Indigenous people, and myths portraying the Global South as pristine and wild.

“Central to the course is examining who has a voice in conservation and how to integrate nature conservation with social and historic reparation,” she says. “Students teach some of the classes themselves, which has been amazing. Many are so creative — they bring in art or, in one case, cupcakes to help the rest of the class grasp their topics with all of our senses.”

Driving students’ interest in conservation are issues such as biodiversity loss, environmental decline and climate change, Dicenta says.

Many conservation and anthropology students also are interested in the conflicts of settler colonialism and “decolonizing the environment” — a process that includes elements such as acknowledging the long-lasting effects of colonialism on environmental sciences, resetting the relationship between humans and nature, and seeking justice in spaces where discrimination has been prevalent.

Dicenta’s course in spring 2022, “Indigenous Voices in Conservation,” blends these interests.

“In this course, we are going to be diving deeply into Indigenous communities and looking at their

social and environmental histories,” she says. “We will also be studying some communities’ initiatives to protect the environment and how they have resisted or collaborated with Western systems so that their voices were heard.”

For example, Indigenous communities in the United States have been able to work with government systems through treaties, while Indigenous communities in other countries may not have that option, she says.

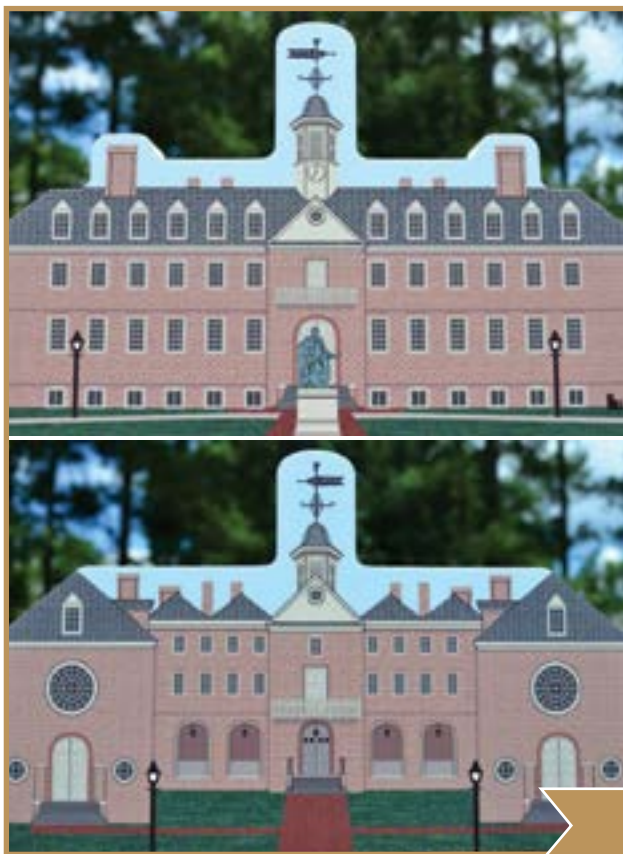
In addition to Dicenta’s project with the Rappahannock Tribe, the IIC plans to implement a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping workshop for the tribe, which will be led by Executive Director Robert Rose, to create, manage, analyze and map data.

“Local peoples must be intimately and justly involved in conservation action that influences their communities,” Swaddle says. “Such an approach is crucial for the future of the planet.”

Dicenta says she is interested in multiple perspectives on how to achieve conservation goals.

“Letting people protect nature in their own ways is vastly important,” she says. “Thinking about how we can all thrive together and coexist on the planet — the Institute for Integrative Conservation’s mission aligns with all of this.”

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# Making News

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*Chinese development project puts AidData in international spotlight*

BY LESLIE MCCULLOUGH M.B.A. '17

**A**IDDATA, THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT research lab based at William & Mary's Global Research Institute, made waves across the world with its release of new findings in September about China's secretive overseas development finance program.

AidData's report, "Banking on the Belt and Road," details how China's spending patterns, debt levels and project implementation problems have changed over time. The project was a four-year effort by a team of AidData faculty, analysts and more than 130 student research assistants, who helped compile a massive granular dataset that captures 13,427 projects across 165 countries worth \$843 billion.

The impact of these findings caught the attention of media outlets worldwide, starting with coverage from BBC News, The Wall Street Journal, The Economist and The Financial Times shortly after the release of the report. The coverage continued with more than 300 media hits over the following weeks, including stories by many domestic outlets such as The New York Times and CNBC.

International newspaper outlets, along with wire services like Japan's Kyodo News, Agence France Presse and Reuters, helped spread the

news around the world. AidData's findings were reported in many countries, including China, Japan, India, Germany, Russia, Italy, France and Bangladesh. The research led BBC World News television and BBC World Service radio programs globally for several hours, was the most read article on the BBC News site on the day of publication, and the story has since been translated into more than a dozen languages for BBC audiences worldwide.

"China will soon face higher levels of competition in the global infrastructure finance market due to the Build Back Better World Initiative and the E.U.'s recently announced Global Gateway Initiative," says Brad Parks '03, AidData's executive director. "As we enter this new era of strategic rivalry, it will be more important than ever that G7, Chinese and host country policymakers rely on hard evidence rather than opinions or conjecture."

As officials at the highest levels of government in the U.S. and overseas continue to comb through the findings and request briefings from W&M researchers, the study further solidifies the university's role as a leading research institution that is advancing knowledge that will shape our future.

For more information on the report, visit [aiddata.org](http://aiddata.org).

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## RISING IN THE RANKS

William & Mary moved up in the latest national and public university rankings by U.S. News & World Report and is once again the top public university for alumni giving. • In the 2022 edition of its "Best Colleges" publication, U.S. News ranked William & Mary 10th (tied) among the nation's public universities, up one spot from a year ago. Additionally, W&M is ranked ninth for undergraduate teaching and is tied at 16th in colleges for veterans. With a two-year average of 23%, the university maintains the highest alumni giving rate of public universities and 22nd among all national universities. • William & Mary also climbed eight spots to No. 11 on Poets&Quants' ranking for best online MBA programs. — W&M STAFF



# CULTIVATING LEADERS

*New study-abroad scholarship at William & Mary honors Gen. Colin Powell*

BY TINA ESHLEMAN

**A** NEW SCHOLARSHIP NAMED FOR THE LATE Gen. Colin L. Powell D.P.S. '88, P '85, P '87, P '92 will help William & Mary prepare leaders who can emulate his example as a statesman on the world stage.

With \$1 million in seed funding from a William & Mary Foundation trustee who wishes to remain anonymous, the university will establish an endowed fund to begin awarding the Colin Powell Global Engagement Scholarship in the 2024-2025 academic year to at least six outstanding students who seek to study abroad. Other donors who wish to give toward the scholarship in tribute to Powell could expand its impact by increasing the number of recipients.

"We are deeply grateful to our trustee for her generosity," says President Katherine A. Rowe.

"Colin Powell dedicated his life to public service

and to creating opportunities for young people. His remarkable legacy lives on through this gift. The Powell scholarship will open doors for future leaders to gain the kind of transformative experience that comes from studying abroad."

Gen. Powell, who passed away on Oct. 18 at age 84, served as national security adviser, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and secretary of state. He broke racial barriers as the first Black American to hold all three positions. The son of Jamaican immigrants, he graduated from the City College of New York and joined the Army through the ROTC. During his 35-year military career, he served two decorated combat tours in Vietnam and rose through the ranks to become a four-star general.

In launching the first scholarship of its kind to be named in Powell's honor, the W&M Foundation

**A TRADITION OF SERVICE:** Gen. Colin L. Powell D.P.S. '88, P '85, P '87, P '92 is shown with his son, Michael K. Powell '85, D.P.S. '02. Both entered the U.S. Army through the ROTC.



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trustee also pays homage to the extraordinary leadership of the general's son, Michael K. Powell '85, D.P.S. '02, at William & Mary. Michael Powell recently ended his term as chair of the W&M Foundation and served on the Board of Visitors from 2001 to 2009, including three years as rector.

"Gen. Powell's service to our country and his faithfulness to the principles on which it was founded are an inspiration to us all," says the trustee, who is an alumna. "I hope that students who receive this scholarship will learn from his example and from that of Michael Powell, who exemplifies so well what it means to be a leader both on the national level and at our beloved alma mater."

Consistent with the values that Colin Powell demonstrated throughout his career, the scholarship will advance William & Mary's strategic goals of addressing global challenges, forging dynamic partnerships to fuel positive change and modeling democratic ideals. It will also encourage consequential research and scholarship and enhance opportunities for students to serve the global community.

W&M is the No. 4 public university in the United States for studying abroad. In a typical year, William & Mary's Reves Center for International Studies helps more than 750 students — nearly 60% of all undergraduates participate by graduation — to study in over 55 countries.

The new Powell scholarship will be one of William & Mary's most prestigious opportunities for students engaged in international study.

"Throughout his life, Gen. Powell modeled leadership with integrity," says William & Mary Chancellor Robert M. Gates '65, L.H.D. '98, a former U.S. secretary of defense and CIA director who, like Powell, served in several presidential administrations. "As someone who started from humble beginnings, he also understood the importance of mentorship and paying it forward for later generations."

In the 1980s, Powell and his wife, Alma, chaired the Parent & Family Council at William & Mary, where all three of their children attended. In addition to Michael Powell, they include Linda Powell '87 and Annemarie Powell Lyons '92. Gen. Powell spoke at W&M's 1988 Commencement ceremony and received an honorary degree from the university the same year.

"We are so thankful that Colin and Alma Powell saw William & Mary as a place where their children could walk in the footsteps of some of our nation's greatest leaders and blaze new trails of their own," Rowe says.

Like his father, Michael Powell entered the Army through the ROTC, but a traumatic injury cut his military career short. He went on to hold leadership positions as commissioner and chair-

man of the Federal Communications Commission and he is currently president and CEO of NCTA — The Internet and Television Association. He and his wife, Jane Knott Powell '85, have established multiple scholarships at William & Mary, with a focus on leadership and opening doors for students from underrepresented backgrounds.

Of the William & Mary students who studied abroad during the pre-pandemic 2018-2019 academic year and the summer of 2019, 23% received scholarships through the university's Global Education Office. There is a particular need for scholarships during the summer, when general financial aid is more limited. Although 72% of students who applied for summer study abroad scholarships that year received some level of aid, the funding was not enough for every interested student to participate, says Sylvia Mitterndorfer, director of global education at the Reves Center, noting that the Powell scholarship represents a significant stride toward making study abroad experiences possible for more students.

Students who apply for the Powell scholarship will be required to submit an application describing their leadership experiences in the classroom and in campus or public service organizations, as well as their vision for how studying abroad will assist them in their career path. A Reves Center committee will review the applications with the goal of identifying the highest-caliber recipients. Scholarship funds may be applied to study-abroad programs during the fall or spring semester, or summer and winter terms. After returning to campus, the Powell scholars will share a report with the Reves Center about their overseas experiences and they will engage with scholarship donors at events throughout the year.

Michael Powell says his family is profoundly moved by the creation of the scholarship honoring his father's legacy.

"It was when I was a student at William & Mary that I began to think I was capable of leadership," he says. "My father taught me that sometimes people will see potential in you before you see it in yourself. That was true for me at William & Mary, and because of that, I was able to thrive here. I am excited about the potential for this scholarship to foster globally minded change-makers."

"Gen. Powell's service to our country and his faithfulness to the principles on which it was founded are an inspiration to us all."

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# WINTER TRAINING FOR YOUR INNER COACH

*Strategies to bring mindful warmth and growth to a chilly season*

BY KELLY CRACE



**BEST PRACTICE:** Nurture your Inner Coach by finding ways to engage daily in the two things for which you most want to be remembered. For more wellness tips, listen to the “Ways to Flourish” podcast at [wm.edu/offices/wellness/virtual/podcast](http://wm.edu/offices/wellness/virtual/podcast).



**A**S WE BEGIN THE NEW YEAR, OUR VARIOUS experiences from 2021 can shape our preferences, expectations and needs for 2022. The past couple of years have taught us that no matter how much we try to control what happens around us, we will constantly be faced with unexpected realities. We have also learned of the mind’s limitless capacity to adapt if we work with it and compassionately develop our Inner Coach.

How do we healthfully manage the chills and challenges of the winter months after a year of managing chronic “too-muchness”?

The first step is to understand and normalize, not harshly judge, our natural tendencies during such times. After a long period of overwhelming demands and uncertainties, our Inner Guardian and Inner Critic gain prominence.

When we move from stressed to strained, our Inner Guardian serves to protect us from the discomfort, fears and upset that overwhelm us. It will compel us to soothe, to avoid and escape, or

to intensely control to remain safe. At the same time, our Inner Critic never lets us off the hook. Despite being emotionally drained or burned out from a tough year, our Inner Critic whispers that we can and should do better. Our Inner Critic will develop what seems like a perfect plan to compensate tomorrow for our failings today, and we trust that our Inner Guardian will figure out a way to protect us from the feelings of being overwhelmed.

This is all so normal and human, but it puts us in a “need” state. We develop a need for relief, a need for control, a need for the new year to be better. This need creates heightened expectations. In effect, the Inner Critic and Inner Guardian set us up for a winter that is soulfully chilling.

How do we avoid this vulnerable tendency? How do we develop a wise Inner Coach that knows when to support and challenge us, that can take hardship and steer us toward adaptation and growth?

I have a challenge for all of you. I want you to reflect on these two questions:

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- If you could only be remembered for one thing (characteristic or quality), what would you want that one thing to be and why?
- If you could actually be remembered for two things, what would you add and why?

Then, practice the steps outlined below over the winter months and write down what you noticed. This exercise from the Center for Mindfulness & Authentic Excellence (CMAX) is designed to train and nurture your Inner Coach and to bring mindful warmth and growth to a chilly season.

Start each day by asking yourself what opportunities there are to practice the two things for which you most want to be remembered. Be realistic in terms of your time and energy. One day you could devote a lot of time to those two things; other days, only a couple of minutes. This step sets you on track to be motivated by purpose, rather than fear and comfort.

When you engage in those two things during the day, do so with complete experiential acceptance. You accept whatever happens instead of needing a good outcome. This step helps you practice defining the worth of the day by your engagement in your values, rather than what you experience. It teaches acceptance.

At the end of the day, take a moment to value and appreciate when and how you courageously practiced those two things that day. This step transforms purpose into meaning and honors the courage it takes to step into hard things that are right.

You can think of these three steps as essential nourishment for flourishing. But there are also three essential seasonings you can add that will enhance and amplify the effectiveness of the above three steps:

- Step into something healthy every day.
- Step into something enjoyable every day.
- Step into encouragement every day (both giving and receiving).

I hope this helps you flourish during the winter months, no matter where you are or what you are doing.

## HERE TO HELP

If you have any questions or would like to talk to Kelly Crace, associate vice president for health & wellness and director of William & Mary's Center for Mindfulness & Authentic Excellence, you can reach him at [kelly.crace@wm.edu](mailto:kelly.crace@wm.edu) or (757) 221-1433.



A FITTING TRIBUTE

## DEDICATED IN THEIR HONOR

New names in honor of trailblazing alumni now grace three campus buildings. Morton Hall, Taliaferro Hall and the Student Recreation Center were dedicated this fall as John E. Boswell Hall, Hulon L. Willis Sr. Hall and the Bee McLeod Recreation Center, respectively. • Boswell Hall is named for John E. Boswell '69, a recognized scholar, professor and advocate for the LGBTQ+ community. Willis Hall is named after Hulon L. Willis Sr. M.Ed. '56, a veteran, professor, karate sensei and police trainer who was the first African American student to enroll at William & Mary. The McLeod Recreation Center honors the late Helen "Bee" Elizabeth McLeod '83, M.B.A. '91, whose passion for wellness and commitment to her alma mater had an indelible impact. • The university is planning to dedicate the Arthur A. Matsu Arcade at Cary Field on April 30, 2022. The arcade is named in honor of Art Matsu '27, the university's first known Asian American student, who was also William & Mary's first well-known football player.

— CLAIRE DE LISLE M.B.A. '21

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# A Global Outlook on Health

*Epidemiologist Iyabo Obasanjo brings experience from Africa and veterinary medicine to her work as a COVID-19 policy adviser*

BY TINA ESHLEMAN



**DOUBLE DUTY:** *In addition to teaching public health courses, Dr. Iyabo Obasanjo helps craft W&M's response to the pandemic as part of the Public Health Advisory Team.*

**W**HEN SHE FIRST HEARD THERE WERE CONCERNS about a new virus from China, Dr. Iyabo Obasanjo was at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, leading a group of 15 William & Mary students on a study-abroad program.

During a session about health issues on Jan. 6, 2020, a presenter mentioned an emerging virus and left the room. Later, the William & Mary group entered a situation room while on a tour and briefly saw a map with red arrows pointing out of Wuhan, China, before the screen switched to a regular world map.

"It was showing all the flights that had left China already," says Obasanjo, an assistant professor of kinesiology at William & Mary since 2017. "I thought, 'That's not good.' But even I could not have predicted how bad it would get."

Obasanjo helps craft William & Mary's response to the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the university's Public Health Advisory Team (PHAT). Since summer

2020, the team chaired by Chief Operating Officer and COVID-19 Director Amy Sebring M.P.P. '95 has provided guidance on how to safeguard the health of the university's approximately 9,000 students and 700 faculty and staff members.

Along with fellow epidemiologist and kinesiology assistant professor Carrie Dolan, physicians David Dafashy and Virginia Wells, and Chief Technology Officer Corinne Picataggi, Obasanjo made policy recommendations for mask wearing and physical distancing, COVID-19 testing and case management, and vaccination requirements.

Discussion in a Dec. 2, 2021, meeting focused on COVID-19 testing for students prior to arrival for the spring 2022 semester and concerns about whether COVID-19 vaccines would continue to protect against the omicron variant.

Earlier the same day, Obasanjo shared her thoughts about the omicron variant as a guest on the Washington-based "Political Misfits" program with Radio Sputnik, a Russian government-owned

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media network, expressing the need for more evenly distributed COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.

“We now have boosters in most Western countries,” she says in the interview. “We need to also get everybody around the world their doses if we are really serious about stopping this pandemic and moving away from it. More vaccine needs to be given to the global community so new strains are not developing all the time.”

Originally from Lagos, Nigeria, Obasanjo is the daughter of former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo. In 2003, she survived an ambush by unknown attackers that killed five people on the day of her father’s election.

Undeterred by the horror of that experience, Iyabo Obasanjo went on to serve as a senator and state health commissioner in her native country, making her exceptionally well positioned to offer a global perspective on health matters.

She has also served on the board of UN Women USA, a nonprofit that supports United Nations women’s programs, and she often speaks on issues related to women’s health.

As a health commissioner in the Nigerian state of Ogun, Obasanjo once managed a cholera outbreak.

“We had to tell a whole part of the city to stop drinking water and to supply them with bottled water until there was no cholera,” she says. She made that determination through wastewater testing — a tool that was also used at William & Mary to help identify where COVID-19 was present and accelerate tests in those areas. If the virus appeared in wastewater samples, Obasanjo checked records of on-campus positive cases to find out where it might be coming from.

Before earning a doctorate in epidemiology from Cornell University, Obasanjo received a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, and a master’s in preventive veterinary medicine from University of California at Davis. Her knowledge of veterinary medicine proved to be useful in evaluating COVID-19 trends.

“A farmer looks at the population of animals, and that translates to managing epidemics,” Obasanjo says. “You are not looking at the individual, you’re looking at the population. I monitor the national, state and county levels — are cases rising or are cases falling? Where are cases coming from? Is there a pattern, and how do we break that pattern?”

As part of her role on the Public Health Advisory Team, Obasanjo serves as William & Mary’s liaison to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), sending a weekly summary about instances of COVID-19 on campus.

“In a way, it takes me back to working directly with public health in addition to teaching it,” she says.

Among the classes she teaches are Introduction to Global Health, a large lecture class, and a freshman writing seminar focused on community health research.

The connection with VDH led to one of her current research projects, which involves a community health workers program serving low-income housing areas in Richmond, Virginia. With help from student researchers, Obasanjo is studying data and conducting interviews with health care workers to evaluate the impact that the program has had since it was launched 10 years ago.

Such programs came about as a way to serve poor communities outside the United States where there are not enough health professionals to take care of the population, she says.

“The idea is you train people with connections to the community in basic preventive health measures,” she says. “It’s a low-cost intervention in poor communities. When health care workers who understand the residents’ lives are talking to them, they find it more acceptable.”

During the pandemic, for instance, community health care workers in Richmond have offered guidance to residents about issues such as the importance of vaccination and COVID-19 testing.

Another of Obasanjo’s research projects looks at COVID-19 trends in African countries and whether those countries implemented measures such as lockdowns or closing their borders in response to the pandemic.

Students are assisting by researching data from organizations such as the World Health Organization and World Bank and from news reports.

Unlike early projections, rates of infection have not been as high in many poorer nations as they are in wealthier countries, despite the lack of access to vaccination and health care generally, she says. That’s because there is less movement in and out of the poorer countries.

“The research is to find out what factors are associated with COVID-19 rates in African countries so we can predict what will happen with other diseases,” she says. “How do you manage your health system for future pandemics?”

Obasanjo says there is debate, for example, about whether shutdowns and lockdowns cause more harm than good, considering their economic impact. But data shows that they can be effective in protecting public health, she says.

“Shutdowns that prevent generalized infection save lives. In saving lives, you save your ability to turn the economy around,” she says. “From a policy perspective, what I do is evaluate what policies countries should put in place to prevent not just COVID but pandemics in the future — what can be done short-term and long-term to improve health outcomes.”

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## Board Notes

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

BY JOHN S. KANE

**NOMINATIONS  
FOR 2023  
ALUMNI  
MEDALLIONS**

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

The submission form may be downloaded at <https://wmalumni.com/medallion> or it can be requested by emailing [alumniceo@wm.edu](mailto:alumniceo@wm.edu). Three supporting letters are required and other supporting documents are encouraged. **The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2023 awards is April 1, 2022.**

**T**HE WILLIAM & MARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (WMAA) Board of Directors held its fall meeting Sept. 16-17, 2021, in Williamsburg.

Anna Dinwiddie Hatfield '96, board president, opened the meeting and welcomed the members. As this was the first in-person meeting of the board since February 2020, she reintroduced those members whose terms began July 2020, and recognized the most recent new members as participating in their first official meeting. The Board moved to approve minutes and items in the consent agenda and then Chief Executive Officer Marilyn W. Midyette '75 reviewed activities and accomplishments for the first quarter of fiscal year 2022. She addressed significant gains and accomplishments in virtual programming and highlighted the ongoing effort in determining and balancing the ratios of live vs. virtual programming, given our successes and the reduced expense impact.

Committee chairs from the Communications, Board Development, Career & Regional Engagement, and Finance & Investment committees updated members on action items and priorities in their respective areas. Other presentations and updates included a presentation on the WMAA's fundraising status and goals, a summary of the Homecoming & Reunion Weekend programming scheduled for in-person events the following month, and a discussion on the planning for the next W&M Weekend in San Francisco, tentatively May 31-June 5, 2023.

Immediate Past President Carla Moreland '81, J.D. '84, summarized ongoing actions between the WMAA, the W&M Foundation and the university about the current Memorandum of Understanding from 2014 and the preparation or necessity of newer documents such as a Master Services Agreement, Administrative Services Agreement and restructured lease for the Alumni House. These discussions are still in progress.

Vice President for University Advancement Matthew T. Lambert '99 gave a recap of university fundraising for the past year, post-campaign, citing achievements in fundraising for

scholarships, the launch of the *All In* athletics campaign, women's philanthropy and career networking services. As a backdrop for the remainder of the session, Midyette provided board members with a brief update on university strategic planning, which was put on hold in March 2020 due to the pandemic. The Vision 2026 framework will be unveiled during Charter Day Weekend 2022.

Board secretary Dave Scott '93 then led the board in a strategic planning refresh focusing on the development of SMART goals by each committee for accomplishment within the next 1-2 years, which they presented prior to adjournment.

Significant discussion and decisions also took place on the following actions:

• *Approved according Associate Alumni membership status to 32 retiring faculty and staff members.*

• *Received presentation on the investment portfolio status from Wells Fargo Advisors, citing a portfolio value of \$10.2 million with a total of 5.8% return since inception.*

• *Received a clean audit recommendation from PB Mares, who presented the draft FY21 audited financial statements, to be finalized pending final investment data from the W&M Foundation.*

• *Approved the revised Board Policies and Procedures manual as recommended by the Board Development Committee.*

• *Approved recommended changes to the Alumni Medallion policy as presented by the Alumni Medallion Review Task Force.*

The next regular meeting of the WMAA Board of Directors is scheduled for Feb. 10-11, 2022, in Williamsburg.

The Alumni Association also held its annual membership meeting virtually on Nov. 13, 2021, at 10 a.m. The presentation and video recording of the session can be found at [wmalumni.com/2021-annual-membership-meeting](https://wmalumni.com/2021-annual-membership-meeting).



# CAST YOUR VOTE

*Meet your WMAA Board of Directors nominees*

BY & LARGE

Please go online now to **wmalumni.com/vote** to cast your vote for the current slate of nominees. The board recommends a YES vote for the entire slate. Voting closes **March 3, 2022**, at midnight. All alumni are eligible to vote in board elections. Full biographies and personal statements can be found at **wmalumni.com/vote**.



**SCOTT '00**



**MARTIN '79**



**PALMORE '67, P '02**



**QUACKENBUSH '05**



**REY J.D. '10**



**MARTINI '14**



**JORDAN '15**



**MARCHBANK '84, P '15**

## **JOHN COLE SCOTT '00 | RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**

John is chief investment officer at CEF Advisors and founded the data service CEFData.com. He is also the founder and executive chairman of The Active Investment Company Alliance (AICA), a nonprofit trade association. As a student, John, a psychology major, founded the Cleftomaniacs a cappella group, was involved in the Sailing Association, Sigma Mu Sigma, Phi Mu Alpha and was a class officer. As an alumnus, he has been a member of his 10th and 15th Reunion committees, a class ambassador, a member and a past president of the Richmond Alumni Chapter and was co-founder and sponsor of the Homecoming '96-'06 tent from 2008 to 2013. He is currently treasurer and chair of the Finance & Investment Committee.

## **HAROLD G. MARTIN JR. '79 | MIDLOTHIAN, VIRGINIA**

Harold is a partner at Keiter, a certified public accounting firm located in Richmond, Virginia, where he leads the valuation and forensic services practice. He received his bachelor's degree in English from W&M and an MBA from Virginia Commonwealth University. Harold is an adjunct faculty member for the W&M Raymond A. Mason School of Business and has taught forensic accounting in the Master of Accounting program for 16 years. He served as president and a member of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Chapter of the W&M Alumni Association, a member of the Class of 1979 20th and 25th Reunion Committees, and a member of the W&M Alumni Admissions Network.

## **FRED PALMORE '67, P '02 | MIDLOTHIAN, VIRGINIA**

Fred is a retired partner at Troutman Sanders LLP (now Troutman Pepper), an international law firm. He graduated from W&M with a B.A. in history and a J.D. from the University of Richmond Law School, where he recently retired as an adjunct professor. He has served on the planning committee for Class of '67 reunions, including the 50th. He was a board member of the Fund for William & Mary and is a member of the Tribe Club. Fred is also a current member of the WMAA Board. He is married to Pamela Goodrich Palmore '68, M.A.Ed. '74 and is the father of a Raymond A. Mason School of Business alumnus.

**KIRSTEN SHIROMA QUACKENBUSH '05 | ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

Kirsten is an attorney in the real estate group at Venable LLP in Washington, D.C. She served as the president of the W&M D.C. Metro Chapter Board from 2009-2013 and was vice chair and then chair of the Chapter Presidents Council. She was also her 10-year Class Gift Committee co-chair. In 2016, she received the Douglas N. Morton '62 Young Alumni Service Award. Kirsten served on the WMAA Board of Directors from 2017-2021 and as ICARE Committee chair from 2017-2019. She currently sits on the Asian Centennial Planning Committee and participates in the Asian-Pacific Islander Middle Eastern/Southwest Asian (APIM) Alumni Leadership Circle.

**CHRISTIA (CHRIS) V. REY J.D. '10 | BRANDYWINE, MARYLAND**

Chris holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration from East Carolina University and a J.D. from William & Mary School of Law. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Signal Corps through the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School, then saw deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. From 2011 to 2017, Chris served three terms as mayor of the city of Spring Lake, North Carolina. He is currently the COO of CAASI Health Services. He also currently serves on the Board of Governance for Charisma University, located in the Turks & Caicos Islands. In 2021, Chris was elected the 36th international president of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

**GRACE A. MARTINI '14 | DENVER, COLORADO**

Grace is a senior consultant in Deloitte's government and public sector consulting practice. Prior to joining Deloitte, Grace completed two years of Teach for America in Memphis, Tennessee, and taught in a classroom of 40 wonderful kindergartners. Grace graduated from William & Mary in 2014 with a B.B.A. in finance and a B.A. in environmental science and policy. She was a Sharpe Community Scholar, an active member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and the senior class president. Grace also participated as a student representative to the Board of Visitors, a President's Aide and a co-chair of the Senior Class Gift.

**CHASE T. JORDAN '15 | LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA**

Chase is a vice president and management team member of Malk Partners, where he leads their private credit transaction advisory practice. While at William & Mary, Chase was a proud Student Assembly senator, member of Alpha Phi Omega and president of TEDx. As an alumnus, Chase has been engaging his fellow classmates, first in Washington, D.C., and now in Southern California. He is a former chairperson of the Young Guard Council, is a class ambassador and volunteers as a member of the Finance & Investment Committee of the W&M Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**BARBARA MARCHBANK '84, P '15 | ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND**

After a short career teaching high school English, Barbara focused on raising a family and supporting her husband, Rob Marchbank '82. Several relocations provided opportunities to become involved in various volunteer interests, consistently resulting in leadership positions in organizations with a focus on youth, music and faith. Barbara also served William & Mary on the '84 Class Gift Committee for the past three reunion years. She earned an M.A. in theology from the Augustine Institute in 2016 and currently serves on its Board of Regents. A trained mezzo-soprano, she has sung in symphonic choruses for over 30 years and is a current member of The Washington Chorus in Washington, D.C.

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

**NOMINATIONS FOR ALUMNI SERVICE AWARDS**

The Douglas N. Morton '62 Alumni Service Award and Young Alumni Service Award are given annually to individuals for their exceptional service to the Alumni Association and the university, often through involvement in regional networks, affinity and identity groups and volunteer opportunities.

You may download a nomination form for this and any other alumni award at [wmalumni.com/awards](https://wmalumni.com/awards) or contact the Office of the CEO at (757) 221-7855. **The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2022.**



## NEW VIMS DEGREE

# MASTERING MARINE SCIENCE

William & Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science launched its new Professional Master of Arts program in fall 2021, welcoming seven Master of Arts (M.A.) students along with 24 others seeking Master of Science (M.S.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees in W&M's School of Marine Science at VIMS. • "We're thrilled to welcome our inaugural class of M.A. students," says Professor Linda Schaffner, VIMS' associate dean of academic studies. "Our program will offer them coursework and training for careers in policy, business, outreach and other areas that require working collaboratively with diverse stakeholders." • Students enroll in the program for up to two years, first pursuing a curriculum of graduate-level coursework that seeks to ground them in the science of marine and coastal ecosystems, as well as the statistical and numerical skills needed for research and analysis. The students then gain professional experience through internships and a capstone project, while developing skills in areas such as collaboration, communication and leadership.

— DAVID MALMQUIST



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## BLACK ALUMNI REUNION

Mark your calendars and save the date for  
W&M's inaugural Black Alumni Reunion!

**MAY 6-8, 2022**

Join us in Williamsburg to reconnect with fellow alumni and the place that brought us together. More details and registration are coming soon as we travel the road to reunion. **#wmBlackAlumni**

**Update your contact information at [wmalumni.com/update](https://wmalumni.com/update)  
to receive the latest news!**

# PATH TO A **VACCINE**

*W&M alumnae play key roles in making sure COVID-19 immunizations are safe and accessible*

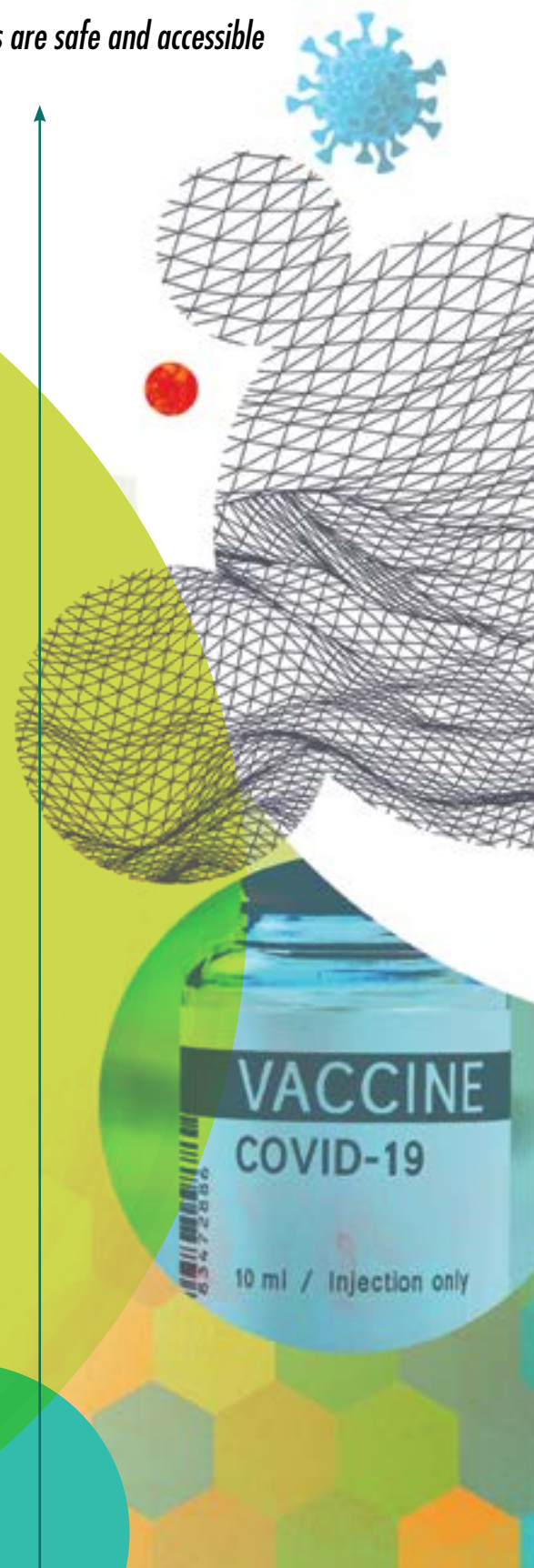
BY **TINA ESHLEMAN**

WITH REPORTING BY **KATHERINE VERMILYEA '22**

**Melissa J. Moore '84** still gets shivers when she thinks about Nov. 30, 2020. It was on that Monday when Moderna Inc. — the startup biotech company she had joined on a leap of faith — unveiled results of clinical trials showing its COVID-19 vaccine was even more effective in protecting against the virus than she had hoped — over 94%.

First confirmed in the United States less than a year earlier on Jan. 21, 2020, the virus had caused over 267,000 deaths in America and 1.4 million worldwide by that point. With no effective treatment available at the time, a vaccine offered the best hope to stop the disease from spreading.

ILLUSTRATIONS BY **STEPHANIE DALTON COWAN**











Moore, who was then the chief scientific officer for platform research at the Massachusetts-based company, drew on her extensive research into the synthesis machinery of cells to support the company's vaccine development.

"Ten years of hard work led to us having all the resources in the right place at the right time to create this vaccine in short order," Moore says.

She and two other William & Mary alumnae — Candice Malone Long M.B.A. '96 at Johnson & Johnson and Colleen Gorman '95 at Pfizer — have played an integral part in making their companies' COVID-19 vaccines available to the public.

As U.S. president of Janssen Infectious Diseases & Vaccines with Johnson & Johnson since June 2020, Long leads the team that introduced the company's vaccine nationwide. Gorman is head of quality events and investigation for global product development at Pfizer, where she leads a team that ensures correct practices are followed during clinical trials, conducts investigations when problems emerge and proposes corrective actions.

Since COVID-19 vaccines received emergency use authorization by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in late 2020 and early 2021, over 514 million COVID-19 vaccine doses had been given in the United States as of Jan. 6, 2022, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and over 9.1 billion around the world. All of the U.S. doses were provided by Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen. Of the three vaccines, Pfizer's was the only one as of late 2021 to receive emergency use authorization for children as young as 5 years old.

Rising numbers of COVID-19 cases have given their work additional urgency, all three alumnae say. The delta variant, combined with uneven rates of vaccination, led to a new spike in cases, hospitalizations and deaths in the fall of 2021, after declining in the spring.

As of Jan. 6, 2022, there had been 827,879 deaths from COVID-19 in the U.S. and more than 5.46 million worldwide.

The emergence of another coronavirus variant, called omicron, in November prompted the CDC to update its guidance on vaccines to say that all who are eligible should get a booster shot after receiving two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or the Johnson & Johnson single-shot vaccine.

All three companies were evaluating the effectiveness of their current vaccines against the new variant and working on immunizations specific to omicron, in case they are needed. Laboratory studies released in December by Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna showed that a third dose of their vaccines raised effectiveness against the new variant to a rate comparable to what was seen previously against COVID-19 after two doses. Health experts

also advised Americans that booster shots would enhance their protection.

"Our manufacturing folks are working around the clock to keep making as much vaccine as we possibly can," Moore says.

Long often thinks of Janssen's founder, Dr. Paul Janssen, who reminded employees that "patients are waiting."

"We live by those words, knowing we must act smartly and swiftly to make a difference," she says.

For Gorman, a personal health challenge made her even more mindful of the need for medical therapies from a patient's perspective. She had been diagnosed with breast cancer after the onset of the pandemic and was undergoing treatment as clinical trials for the vaccine progressed.

"Now, I'm more conscious of how critical our timelines are, and how being able to shorten the timeline really does have a meaningful impact to a patient on the other end," she says.

## MISSION CRITICAL

Moore left a longtime academic career in 2016 for what she calls "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be part of an entirely new way of making medicines" with Moderna. As she describes it, she has spent most of her professional life as a biochemist and molecular biologist researching how cells in humans and other mammals use information in their DNA and transcribe or copy it to RNA to make proteins.

"RNA is the temporary blueprint that your cell's synthesis machinery uses to know what protein to make," Moore says. "If we know which protein we want to make, we can back-translate to make the sequence into RNA. It's the perfect technology for a pandemic or for making vaccines very quickly."

The vaccines developed by both Moderna and Pfizer use genetic material called "messenger RNA" to instruct special immune cells to create the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, which is found on the surface of the virus that causes COVID-19. This imitates a viral infection, prompting an immune response in the absence of any other viral components.

Just two days after Chinese authorities shared the genetic sequence for SARS-CoV-2 on Jan. 11, 2020, Moderna researchers, in partnership with the National Institutes of Health, finalized the sequence for its vaccine known as mRNA-1273. By March 16, 2020, the first clinical trial participants were receiving doses.

"We designed that one mRNA vaccine and put it right into clinical trials because of the pandemic," Moore says. "We looked at other sequences later, but no other sequence worked any better."

Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson also developed extensive COVID-19 vaccine research programs.



The vaccine produced by Pfizer and BioNTech received emergency use authorization on Dec. 11, 2020, with Moderna following on Dec. 18, 2020. Similar to Moderna's vaccine, initial data showed Pfizer's vaccine to be 95% effective against COVID-19.

Johnson & Johnson's single-shot vaccine leverages an inactivated adenovirus vector (similar to a cold virus), which contains a transgene that codes for the coronavirus "spike" protein to prompt an immune response, and received emergency use authorization on Feb. 27, 2021. Interim results from a single-dose study showed the vaccine was 72% effective against symptomatic COVID-19 more than 28 days after administration in the U.S. And in September 2021, Johnson & Johnson announced results from a booster study that demonstrated efficacy of a second dose of the company's vaccine given two months after the first dose was 94% effective against symptomatic COVID-19 at least 14 days following administration in the United States.

Because of the size and pace of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine trials — involving over 44,000 patients at sites around the world — it was especially important to intervene quickly when issues occurred and prevent a bigger impact on the integrity of the trial or on patient safety, Gorman says. "We wanted to make sure if there was an issue we identified it, resolved it and tried to prevent it before many more subjects enrolled."

In her role as head of quality events and investigation, she leads a team that responds when an incident occurs while a trial is being conducted that could affect the reliability of the data or infringe on a participant's rights, such as an error in dosing or an incorrect version of an informed consent being signed. Gorman's team analyzes each situation and develops corrective and preventive actions and tracks them to completion.

"We promptly investigate and perform root-cause analysis on these errors so that we can remediate the single instance and also ensure it is addressed more broadly," she says.

One challenge was to maintain the necessary quality controls during such a large trial in a compressed time frame. For the COVID-19 trials, the timeline for managing a quality event was shortened from the typical 75 days to within 35 days.

"As much as we were being very, very efficient and trying to look for opportunities to go faster and to do things in parallel, we also had to be careful not to cut corners in places that would jeopardize the safety of the subjects in the trial or the reliability of the results, so it was a fine line," Gorman says.

While working on the COVID-19 vaccine trials, Gorman took part in a clinical trial of her own related to her breast cancer treatment at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC). Coincidentally, Gorman had worked on managing clinical trials related to breast cancer as a research assistant at MSKCC after graduating from William & Mary in 1995.

"It was an unusual coming full circle," she says. "For me to be on the other side of it as a patient was also unique, since I'd always been on the side of managing the trial from the institution's perspective."

When Long stepped into her position as president of Janssen Infectious Diseases & Vaccines in the United States, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was in its development phase. Initially, her focus was on supporting access to the company's antiretroviral HIV treatments. Her responsibilities expanded as the company prepared to seek emergency use authorization for its vaccine.

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“My role was to lead and support the team that was preparing to introduce our COVID-19 vaccine, ensuring we were ready to answer the questions that vaccinators and patients might have,” she says. “In addition to developing a vaccine, we had to build a business from the ground up, which becomes especially challenging in the middle of a fast-moving pandemic where every second counts. Since the very beginning, our teams have been working tirelessly to put the right structure in place that will help us deliver potentially life-saving vaccines to those who need them.”

During extensive clinical trials, questions arose about side effects for all three vaccines. For the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, the FDA warned about rare cases of heart inflammation. Because of that concern, the agency was still reviewing Moderna’s application for emergency use of its vaccine among adolescents in December 2021.

The FDA and CDC temporarily paused use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine last spring after reports of rare cases involving a blood-clotting disorder. The FDA also warned about a possible increased risk related to an uncommon neurological disorder, Guillain-Barre syndrome, but concluded that the “known and potential benefits clearly outweigh the known and potential risks” of the vaccine.

Like Moore and Gorman, Long emphasizes that the well-being of people who use their companies’ products is their top priority, and that they are careful not to compromise on safety even under pandemic conditions.

“I am incredibly proud of how our team responded to the emergence of potential rare adverse events associated with our COVID-19 vaccine,” Long says. “As with all our products, we closely monitor reports of adverse events related to our vaccine, and work swiftly with regulators, including the FDA, to update the product fact sheets as new data becomes available. This includes data relating to the safety of the vaccine, as well as its durability and long-term efficacy, with data continuing to be collated and analyzed in real time.”

## A FOUNDATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Although they followed different career paths, the three alumnae recall their time at William & Mary as instrumental in helping them explore their interests and shape their professional identities.

Some of Gorman’s closest friends are women she met in her freshman dorm, Yates Hall, and members of her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta. They were an important part of her support system when she underwent surgery and radiation treatment during the fall of 2020.

“They checked on me on a regular basis and really sustained me,” she says. “Even though I left Williamsburg and came back to New York and have been in New York

ever since, I still feel like that experience was so formative and that these people I met are still so much a part of my life.”

Gorman, who is from New York City’s Queens borough, says that when she was deciding where to apply to college, she was drawn to William & Mary’s beautiful, relatively small campus and first-rate academic reputation. She majored in biology and English, a combination that has served her well.

“Certainly the biology major prepares you for the hard science component of going into a career in health care, but health care is also about how you interact with people, how you communicate and how you solve problems,” she says. “I think that the liberal arts education background at William & Mary lends itself well to those kinds of skills.”

Gorman went on to earn a master of public health in health policy and management from Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health. She began her career at Pfizer in 1998 as a clinical study manager and took on roles of increasing responsibility in study management and clinical operations. After leaving for a little over a year in 2007 to join PricewaterhouseCoopers, she returned to Pfizer as a clinical protocol manager. She’s been in her current position since 2016.

Her advice to students majoring in biology or another science field is to think outside of a traditional career path such as working in a laboratory.

“There are lots of different ways that you can work within science and apply your skills,” Gorman says. “As a biology major, I didn’t know that this world of clinical trials existed. I sort of fell into it through a summer job that I had at Sloan Kettering. I also think that having a liberal arts degree allows you to flex and apply those skills in different places.”

Work experience that Long gained while attending William & Mary also helped shape her career path. She first became interested in the health care field while volunteering at a Northern Virginia hospital during high school. As an undergraduate at the University of Mary Washington, she felt pulled toward business studies, leading her to attend graduate school at William & Mary’s Raymond A. Mason of Business.

During her MBA studies, Long participated in a two-year internship at a local hospital that solidified her interest in health care.

“I worked on a social responsibility audit, which showed how much the hospital gave back to the community, and I participated in a diabetes-focused committee that brought experts together to address disease-related issues and provide education,” she says.

At the business school, Long discovered a strong team dynamic that helped her gain experience working with others to manage a range of situations.

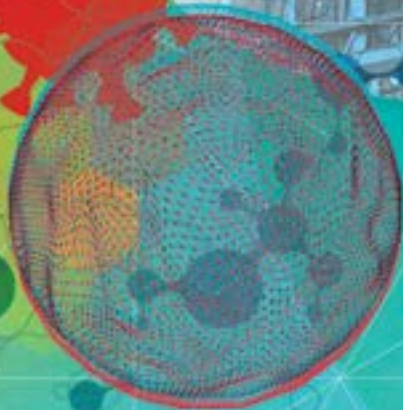




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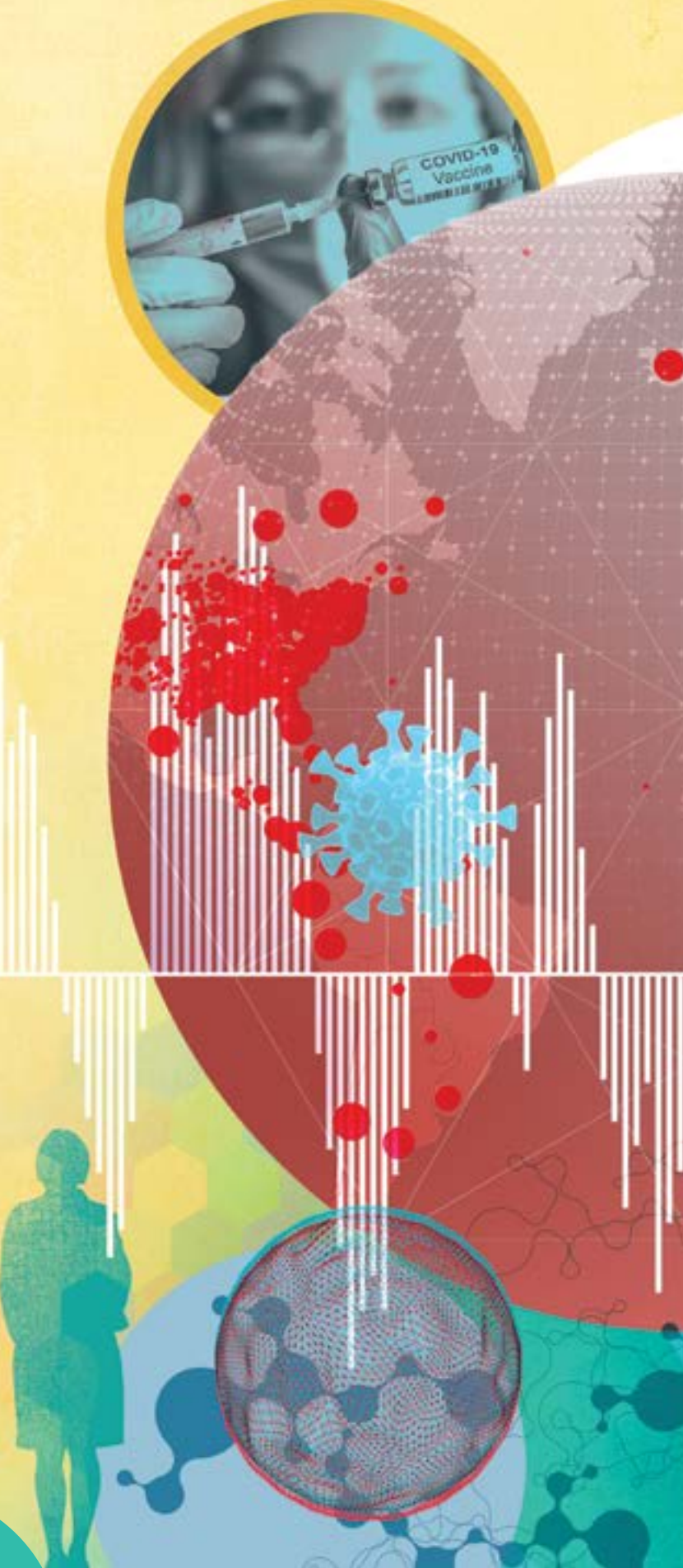
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“My leadership style, which I think of as being purpose-driven, team-focused and innovation-oriented, began to emerge during this time at William & Mary,” she says. “This experience has incredible application to my work today, as teamwork is essential to every part of my job.”

When Ortho Biotech, now part of the Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson, came to William & Mary for recruiting, Long interviewed with the company’s sales and business development teams and was offered a sales position in the Washington, D.C., area.

“I’ve been with Johnson & Johnson ever since and have championed numerous brands and key strategic efforts across the pharmaceuticals and consumer sectors,” Long says. “At a company like Johnson & Johnson, there is an abundance of opportunity and being open to new roles, organizations and channels has been extremely gratifying.”

Moore’s path to a science career also began at William & Mary. A Virginia native who grew up in the Shenandoah Valley, she attended a high school where, at the time, only 20% of the students went on to college. She chose William & Mary “sight unseen,” partly because she didn’t want to go to the same school as her brother Chris, who attended the University of Virginia. Contrasting their experiences, she says she benefited from a smaller environment where she got to know her professors well.

“It was a much more intimate learning experience, and I especially appreciated the ability to do research as an undergraduate,” she says.

At William & Mary, Moore received a bachelor of science in chemistry and biology. Later, while pursuing a doctorate in biological chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, “I learned that the courses were no harder than at William & Mary. In fact, William & Mary had much tougher grading. My education was top notch.”

As a postdoctoral fellow at MIT in the early 1990s, Moore invented technology to join long RNA molecules together. Her advisor, biology professor Phillip Sharp, suggested that she patent her discovery, but Moore declined because she didn’t see how anyone would be able to produce a drug using such long RNA sequences. Sharp earned a Nobel Prize in medicine for his discoveries related to gene splicing in 1993, while Moore was working in his lab.

Moore served as a scientific advisory board member at Moderna before taking on her current role in 2016. Prior to that, she had a long career in academia, and she still holds a position as a part-time faculty member at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

“RNA is considered an unstable molecule,” she says. “The fact that we solved the problems to make a lot of it and make it more stable is a huge leap forward.”

## LOOKING AHEAD

Two years after the first case of COVID-19 was identified in Wuhan, China, much progress has been made in fighting the virus, but significant challenges remain. While continuing to monitor the effectiveness of their vaccines,



Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson have all moved toward expanding the supply in underserved areas around the world.

Moderna is building a new research facility in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and plans to add manufacturing plants in Canada and Australia, Moore says. In addition, the company is looking for a site to build a vaccine factory in Africa.

As of September 2021, Pfizer and BioNTech were working with more than 20 contract manufacturing organizations across four continents to support manufacturing up to 3 billion doses in 2021 and 4 billion worldwide in 2022.

Pfizer also announced in November that its new pill called Paxlovid reduced the risk of hospitalization or death from COVID-19 by 89% by blocking the virus from replicating. The company received emergency use authorization for the pill on Dec. 22, 2021, and expects to produce 120 million treatment courses by the end of 2022.

In November, Johnson & Johnson was finalizing an agreement with a South African company to manufacture and sell its COVID-19 vaccine in Africa, where just 6% of the population is vaccinated. In contrast, nearly 60% of Americans are vaccinated. In addition to expanding supplies, Long sees communication about the safety and effectiveness of vaccines as vital to emerging from the pandemic.

"The availability of vaccines has allowed us to begin changing the course of the pandemic," she says. "However, we are still encountering vaccine hesitancy, which can impact the progress we've made so far. Our job now is to ensure that we are providing the information people need in order to make an informed decision about immunization, and how to protect themselves and their loved ones from this pandemic."

Moore transitioned in October 2021 to a new role as Moderna's chief scientific officer for scientific affairs. Her primary mission now is communicating with the public, policymakers and health care providers about the company's products using mRNA technology.

"We are now entering an age of what I call nucleic acid therapeutics — medicines made out of RNA and DNA — and they're transformative in many ways," Moore says. "People are less afraid of things that they are familiar with, so getting people familiar with the science and the simple concepts behind it is so important."

One therapy on the horizon is a drug that could be used to treat cystic fibrosis. A vaccine for cytomegalovirus, the leading cause of congenital deafness in newborns, is entering Phase 3 clinical trials. The ability to develop vaccines quickly using mRNA could lead to more effective flu immunizations, Moore says. In addition, Moderna is applying its mRNA technology to cancer treatment by using a personalized vaccine to marshal the body's immune system against cancer cells.

Asked what lasting lessons can be learned from the pandemic, Gorman says, "I hope it has taught us that we have to be more prepared. In the beginning, it seemed like there was a lack of preparedness, which created a lot of challenges for us as we were trying as a nation to figure out how to navigate this. I think it has strengthened a respect for science and a respect for the contributions that science can make." ☺



# THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LENS



AWARD-WINNING  
PHOTOJOURNALIST  
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DOCUMENTS ORDINARY  
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**I**N 2005, SEEKING TO BUILD HIS PORTFOLIO AS A PHOTOJOURNALIST, BRENDAN HOFFMAN '02 TOOK OFF FOR AN UNLIKELY DESTINATION — THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN.

He had originally planned to accompany his former mentor from the William & Mary gymnastics program, the late Dr. Winfred “Doc” Ward ’54, to photograph Ward’s medical mission trip with the organization Physicians for Peace.

“Ukraine had just had its Orange Revolution, Georgia had been through a democratic revolution — this wave of revolutions was taking place in countries of the former Soviet Union,” Hoffman says. “Azerbaijan had elections coming up, and there was talk of the same thing happening there.

“It was just my luck that the trip was planned to coincide exactly with when the elections were happening. But for that very same reason, the group decided to postpone it,” he says. “At that point I decided, ‘I’m going anyway.’ In a state of hubris, I got a visa and went.”

The experience marked the start of his photographic journey portraying individuals caught up in circumstances beyond their control — forced migration, armed conflict, economic upheaval — revealing, in Hoffman’s words, “the remarkable human ability to adapt and carry on.”

His work has garnered international publication and acclaim. He is most proud of receiving the Philip Jones Griffiths Award in 2018, named for the late photojournalist renowned for his Vietnam War coverage.

“What I do is instinctive in a way,” he says. “From that initial trip I took to Azerbaijan, it’s the thing that came naturally to me. I don’t know if I could do something different if I tried.”

## ‘THE MISTAKES ARE FREE’

Hoffman’s interest in photography first developed in high school when he took a black-and-white photography class, learning to develop his own film and print photos in the darkroom. He had no intention of pursuing it as a career,



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*A protester in Ukraine throws a Molotov cocktail during clashes with police in 2014.*





LEFT: Donetsk, Ukraine, October 2014. Nadezhda Panasyk in the stairwell of her apartment building, used by Russian-backed forces in the war in eastern Ukraine. “For civilians living near the demarcation line, conflict is like the weather, an uncontrollable condition of the environment with which one must contend daily,” Hoffman writes.

however, and entered William & Mary as a physics major.

“That did not last long beyond my first semester,” he says with a laugh. “Then I switched over to art history.” At the time, William & Mary did not offer a single course in photography. “But I did look at a lot of very good paintings,” Hoffman says. “The use of light and composition and all that gets burned into your brain, and I’m still tapping into that.”

He completed a senior thesis on the role of art in the anti-Vietnam War movement, bringing together his interests in art and politics for the first time.

After graduating from William & Mary, Hoffman moved to Washington, D.C., to work for a nonprofit and continued practicing photography as a hobby. His parents had bought him an early-model point-and-shoot digital camera as a Christmas gift, which gave him the opportunity to experiment. He soon moved up to more sophisticated equipment.

“Technology was changing at exactly the right time for me. The first proper digital SLRs that didn’t cost \$10,000 were starting to come out,” he says. “I don’t think I’d be a photographer if it weren’t for that, because digital pho-

tography allowed me to make a ton of mistakes. Once you’ve got the camera, the mistakes are free.”

As he grew more serious about a potential career in photography, Hoffman knew he had to create a body of work compelling enough to capture an editor’s eye.

“It was a little bit of luck and a little bit of shoe leather,” he says. “I self-assigned some of my early projects, paying out of my own pocket.” Because he was close to his W&M gymnastics teammates — they continue to remain in touch today — he got the idea to reach out to Doc Ward, resulting in his trip to Azerbaijan.

Through those efforts, Hoffman received his first speculative assignments. “In Washington, you’re elbow-to-elbow with 10 other photographers all the time, and they’re all very talented,” he says. “If the guys on either side of you both get a picture and you don’t, you quickly have to ask yourself why. It was like a free workshop every day.”

He became a regular on Capitol Hill and covered the presidential campaigns of 2008 and 2012. “I started meeting all the other photographers and through those connections getting hired, eventually by The New York Times and other

publications,” he says. “It’s still hard to believe that it all worked out. I’m not sure I would have the guts to do it the same way now.”

### **‘THE SKY IS BLUE BUT THE SUN ISN’T SHINING’**

In the summer of 2013, Hoffman decided to leave the United States and move to Moscow.

“I had done everything that a freelance photographer will get the chance to do in Washington. I needed to expand my portfolio and my skills,” he says. “I wanted to not just photograph the people in D.C. talking about things happening elsewhere in the world, but to go there and see it for myself.”

Soon after Hoffman’s arrival in Russia, pro-democracy demonstrations began in Ukraine, focused in Kyiv’s Maidan central square. Hoffman made his way to Kyiv, photographing the increasingly violent clashes between citizens and police.

Although pro-democracy forces succeeded in ousting Ukraine’s corrupt president, Russia took advantage of the nation’s instability, invading Crimea and sparking an insurgency in the Donbas region in eastern Ukraine.






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ABOVE: *A refugee apartment in Azerbaijan, 2006. Hoffman first visited the country in 2005, and has continued to document the ongoing conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia over the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh.*

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RIGHT: *Webster City, Iowa, July 2012. Jesse Hubbard, James Hill and Reese Jensen play with toy guns.*



“Since I had already been photographing this chapter of Ukraine’s history, I thought that there was value in continuing,” Hoffman says. He set up permanent residence in Kyiv and has been photographing the ongoing war in eastern Ukraine for more than seven years.

Hoffman will publish a book of his Ukraine photographs in summer 2022. The title — “The Sky Is Blue but the Sun Isn’t Shining” — is a quote from a young girl he met living on the front line in Donbas, describing her life. “The subtext is about the nature of truth and disinformation, Ukraine being where a lot of these modern scourges were first road-tested.”

### ‘PEOPLE AREN’T METAPHORS’

In July 2020, Hoffman had his first feature story published in National Geographic magazine. His photos document the growing dispute between India and Pakistan over the water resources of the Indus River, exacerbated by climate change.

As with his earliest photos from Azerbaijan, the images capture the essence of individuals coping with disruption, dislocation and uncertainty. Gaining such intimacy with his subjects requires a delicate balancing act, Hoffman says.

“You can’t come in with an agenda,” he says. “You have to be open and honest and not hide what you’re trying to do. It’s human nature. People can intuit if you can be trusted.”

Striving to maintain objectivity is also critical.

“You have to be really willing to see things from other people’s perspective — to get beyond the politics and rhetoric and see people as individuals and try to understand them on that level,” he says. “People aren’t metaphors or representatives of something else, they’re just who they are.” ☺

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LEFT: *Lake Manchar, Pakistan, November 2017. Residents of the lake’s floating village pose with artificial birds, which they use for hunting. Hoffman spent two years documenting life along the Indus River, from its source in Tibet to the Arabian Sea. His photographs were featured in the July 2020 issue of National Geographic magazine.*






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ABOVE: Krasnoilsk, Ukraine, 2016. Petro Dragun (center), in an elaborate bear costume, celebrates the annual Malanka New Year's festival. In 2018, Hoffman was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to document Ukraine beyond the front line.

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LEFT: Kyiv, Ukraine, 2018. Sunday services at the Refectory Church of Saints Anthony and Theodosius at the Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra complex, the crown jewel of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, which is seeking independence from Moscow's patronage.





ABOVE: Webster City, Iowa, July 2013. Girls prepare to perform a dance routine at the Hamilton County Fair. Hoffman began photographing in the town in 2011, after the local Electrolux factory closed and many hundreds of people were laid off. “Intellectually, I could understand the people I met; yet emotionally I struggled to bridge the gap,” he writes. “As much as anything, to do so became the goal of my work.”

RIGHT: Tibet, 2019. Gudong, 19, poses for a portrait before milking goats at her nomad camp along the Indus River summer pastureland, which residents refer to as Yakra Changma.



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TOP LEFT: *Karavy Bread Factory, Nagorno-Karabakh, October 2020. Taking a break from baking bread for the Armenian military, workers watch an online video report about clashes between Armenian and Azerbaijani troops.*

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CENTER LEFT: *Donetsk, Ukraine, 2015. A woman walks past the body of a man killed on the sidewalk when a rocket or mortar struck the road, one of an estimated 14,000 casualties from the Ukraine-Russia conflict.*

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BOTTOM LEFT: *Kyiv, Ukraine, February 2014. Anti-government protesters guard the perimeter of Independence Square, known as Maidan.*

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BELOW: *Children's Medical Center, Nagorno-Karabakh, September 2020. Armenian soldiers wounded in heavy fighting sit in a hospital room in the regional capital of Stepanakert.*



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BELOW: *Babruysk, Belarus, 2015. Election officials inside a polling station. President Alexander Lukashenko was elected to a fifth term with a reported 83.5% of the vote, which international monitors said did not meet democratic standards.*








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ABOVE: *Webster City, Iowa, July 2012. A girl lies on top of a car on a hot summer night.*

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LEFT: *Nagorno-Karabakh, September 2020. Anush Poghosyan prepares to leave her front-line village after heavy shelling several days earlier.*

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# 2022

## ALUMNI MEDALLION AWARDS

Meet this year's recipients, who represent outstanding commitment, dedication and assistance to William & Mary; exemplary accomplishments in their professional lives; and leadership in civic engagement in their communities.

Join us in Hunter Hall at the W&M Alumni House on **Feb. 11, 2022, at 6 p.m. ET** as we honor these remarkable alumni during Charter Day Weekend. A recording will be available for viewing after the ceremony. For more information, please visit [wmalumni.com/medallion](http://wmalumni.com/medallion).

By Claire De Lisle M.B.A. '21

### GAIL W. WERTZ '66, M.A. '20

In a time when women weren't often encouraged to pursue science as a career, Gail Wertz had her first experience with "bench science" — experimental scientific research, often conducted in a laboratory — as an undergraduate at William & Mary. She was hooked. After an internationally acclaimed career as a virologist, she returned to William & Mary for her master's in anthropology and is opening doors for future W&M students through her volunteer leadership and support.

Her contributions to the field of molecular biology are extensive. Her laboratory developed the methodology for genetically engineering RNA-based viruses — work that was the basis for a successful vaccine against Ebola. She's authored 155 peer-reviewed publications and received the National Institutes of Health's prestigious MERIT Award. She's an inventor on 10 patents and has trained 16 Ph.D. students and 27 postdoctoral fellows, at least 17 of whom went on to become professors.

She's also served organizations representing her field, including as president of the American Society of Virology, an editorial board member of the Journal of Virology and more.

Along the way, she continued to conduct her own bench science, even while teaching, running major labs and mentoring students.

"This is extremely unusual and is a reflection of Gail, her passion for her work and her level of commitment to her trainees," says Sean P. J. Whelan, head of the department of molecular microbiology and the Marvin A. Brennecke Distinguished Professor of Microbiology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. "Her selfless devotion to training the next generation of scientists, coupled with

a keen vision for her science, served as an inspiration to me and countless other virologists."

In 2005, Wertz and her husband bought a farm on the Rappahannock River in Virginia. While restoring and farming the historic property, Wertz found Native American artifacts and was curious to learn more. That eventually led to her joining William & Mary's master's program in anthropology and archaeology and working with local tribes to protect and research artifacts from their ancestors.

She also became a founding member of the Graduate Studies Advisory Board (GSAB), which fundraises, advocates, builds community and enhances opportunities for Graduate Arts & Sciences at William & Mary.

For her 50th Reunion, she made an estate provision to the biology department, and as a committee member encouraged others in her class to reconnect with and give back to William & Mary. In addition to her regular support for the GSAB, she also contributes to the William & Mary and Virginia Commonwealth University's Center for Conservation Biology.

"In the 57 years I have known Gail, I have watched her progress from undergraduate leader to internationally acclaimed researcher to cattle farmer to anthropology graduate student at age 75!" says classmate Dee Boren Ferguson '66. "I continue to be amazed at the level of her intellect, curiosity and enthusiasm for each new pursuit."

Read more about Wertz in her 2019 online exclusive at [magazine.wm.edu/gail-wertz](http://magazine.wm.edu/gail-wertz).

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## THOMAS L. DEMAKES '65

From a family of Greek immigrants, Tom Demakes feels a strong affinity for the immigrants from 53 different countries that flock to his hometown of Lynn, Massachusetts, on Boston's North Shore. Alongside his deep commitment to William & Mary, he is dedicated to helping children in Lynn access high-quality education and services so they can thrive.

Lynn is home to his family's successful meat-packing company, Demakes Enterprises, which was started by his parents and is now run by Demakes and his three sons. But when Demakes first came to William & Mary, he didn't think he wanted to go into the family business. After graduating in the ROTC program, he served in Vietnam, then planned to travel. However, family is very important to him, and he returned to help manage what was then known as Old Neighborhood Foods and now includes Thin 'N Trim and Waterhill Naturals & Organics. He says he gets personal joy from sharing the wealth and expertise he's built with the community he calls home.

“When you honor Tom Demakes, you are honoring a man who embodies the ideals of giving back to the place that made you, and of paying good fortune forward. He and his family have ensured that future generations of children in Lynn will thrive,” says Caleb Dolan, executive director of KIPP Academy Lynn. Demakes' philanthropy helped KIPP grow from one school using rented spaces to three schools

in two permanent facilities, serving 1,500 students — 95% of whom are students of color and 80% of whom receive free or reduced lunch.

He has also been actively involved with the Boys and Girls Club, Girls Inc., the Y, local Catholic schools and many other organizations serving the city's youth — investing in major capital projects, leading fundraising efforts, providing professional advice, bringing in new supporters and encouraging community partners to work together.

He continues to help his William & Mary family. As a member of his 50th Reunion Gift Committee, he both supported his alma mater and encouraged his classmates to participate as well. He is a generous donor to the Alumni House expansion project and has consistently supported W&M Alumni Association auctions, W&M Athletics' Botetourt Auction and the Fund for W&M.

A lifelong learner, he went back to school at Suffolk University with his three sons, Elias, Timothy and Andrew, and they graduated with their MBAs together in May 2013.

“William & Mary is blessed and lucky to have a son of the College who is a lifelong leader, benefactor and positive force in transforming communities and lives for their future success,” say classmates Martin Morris '65 and Robert Andrialis '65, a 1996 Alumni Medallion recipient. “His goodwill and good works are classic examples of providing hope, building community and inspiring positive change.”

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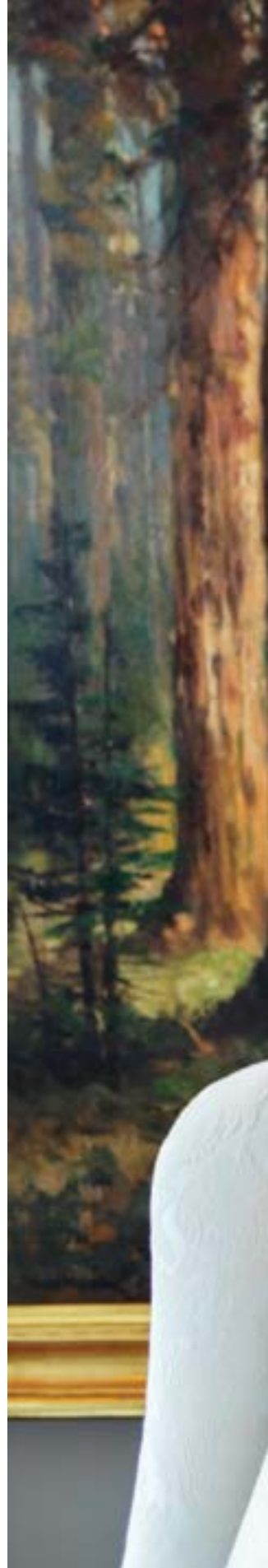












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“Michael is one of those most special alumni who is willing to serve William & Mary in whatever capacity he is asked to fulfill.”

## MICHAEL TANG '76, P'13

Never one to sing his own praises, Michael Tang's leadership, generosity and hard work have nonetheless made an outsized impact in his professional life, in his civic service and for his alma mater. He is motivated to create sustainable value in all that he does so that his work today can benefit future generations.

Tang is constantly traveling the world, keeping up with the demands of his various professional and board roles. He is chairman of Tang Industries, his family's business. He's CEO of National Material LP, one of the largest suppliers of steel in America — and that on top of owning and operating a portfolio of diverse companies and being the master franchisee of Dunkin' in China. He's also president and chairman of the Cyrus and Michael Tang Foundation.

When he's not traveling, he's splitting his time between Las Vegas and Chicago, a city that's special to him and his family. In 2018, as honorary co-chair of W&M Weekend, he welcomed William & Mary to Chicago and hosted an exclusive tour of the Cyrus Tang Hall of China, which is named after his father, at the Field Museum of Natural History. In addition to serving as a trustee for the museum, he also serves as a trustee for the University of Chicago Medical Center, on the board of the National Defense University Foundation, a governor of Ditchley in the United Kingdom, and much more.

“Michael Tang embodies what I believe we most value in W&M alumni: success, modesty and service,”

says H. Thomas Watkins '74, P '05, P '11. “Michael is one of those most special alumni who is willing to serve William & Mary in whatever capacity he is asked to fulfill.”

Always willing to share his expertise with his and his daughter's alma mater, Tang served on the W&M Foundation Board, the steering committee of the Business School Foundation Board and the *For the Bold* steering committee. From 2009-2013, he led the university on the Board of Visitors, where he chaired the Committee on Strategic Initiatives and New Ventures. This year, Tang is honorary chair of the university's Asian Centennial.

To enhance the W&M experience for the next generation of students and faculty, in 2008, he established the Tang Faculty-Student Research Endowment, and in 2013, he gave a leadership gift to create the Tang Professorship in Economics.

“Few alumni have consistently demonstrated the sustained, passionate loyalty to William & Mary that Michael has. Significantly, he has followed up that passion with action,” says Jeff Trammell '73, former W&M rector and a 2017 Alumni Medallion recipient. “He has served in leadership positions for some 30 years and has brought his business and international acumen to the campus in a way that has benefited not only the efficient management of the university but also our academics, students and faculty.”

Learn more about Tang in his 2018 cover story at [magazine.wm.edu/tangs-world](http://magazine.wm.edu/tangs-world).



**ONLINE:** *View a video about each recipient after the ceremony on Feb. 11 at [magazine.wm.edu/2022-medallion](https://magazine.wm.edu/2022-medallion).*

“Underlying his work ethic is a deep sense of community responsibility, engagement and altruism. Bruce has positively impacted the lives and financial stability of countless individuals.”

## BRUCE C. HOLBROOK '71, P '00, P '01

**A**n accountant by trade, Bruce Holbrook is also a consultant and mentor to entrepreneurs and physicians, an organizer and philanthropist dedicated to improving his community, and a stalwart supporter of William & Mary.

“Underlying his work ethic is a deep sense of community responsibility, engagement and altruism,” says Dr. Edward R. George of Virginia Oncology Associates. “Bruce has positively impacted the lives and financial stability of countless individuals, both through his creative solutions to economic problems and his charitable work that has touched so many lives.”

Passionate about his hometown of Norfolk, Virginia, he has served his community through a variety of boards, including as president of the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, chairman of the Norfolk Community Services Board and as current board chair of the McMahon Parater Scholarship Foundation, which provides scholarships to Catholic schools. He founded Residential Options Inc., which provided housing for people with mental health and substance abuse issues. As a board member of the DePaul Hospital Foundation, he led the effort to keep this public Catholic hospital open for the low-income families in Norfolk that relied on it.

Along the way, he took the time to mentor talented people and grow their careers. For example, when Dr. Elias Zerhouni was recruited to vice chair of radiology at DePaul, Holbrook personally helped him and his wife get visas. Later, when Zerhouni discovered a way to differentiate cancerous and benign lung

tumors, Bruce encouraged him to create a startup, Computerized Imaging Reference Systems, which is still a globally recognized and successful company in Norfolk — the first of many ventures they created together. When Zerhouni was director of the NIH, Bruce advised him on aligning the NIH’s financial and visionary priorities.

In his professional career, Holbrook held a variety of leadership positions at Goodman & Co., where he helped grow many successful businesses. He is now president of Bruce Holbrook Consulting, which provides management consulting for startups and similar businesses, and treasurer of Zerhouni Holdings, a health care consulting firm.

At William & Mary, Holbrook served on the inaugural BBA Partners board at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business. He and his wife, Susan, established an endowment in 1999 to enhance the academic experience for accounting students. They have also included W&M in their estate plans.

W&M is a family affair for Holbrook: his two daughters and son-in-law also attended, and Holbrook and his family can often be found enjoying campus, cheering on the Tribe and attending university events.

“Dad set many important examples for me, such as hard work, dedication, and giving back to the community. However, one of the even more important things he taught me was the love of William & Mary,” says his daughter Jennifer Holbrook Burris ’01, M.A.Ed. ’02. “You can see that love in all his does and all he will continue to do.”



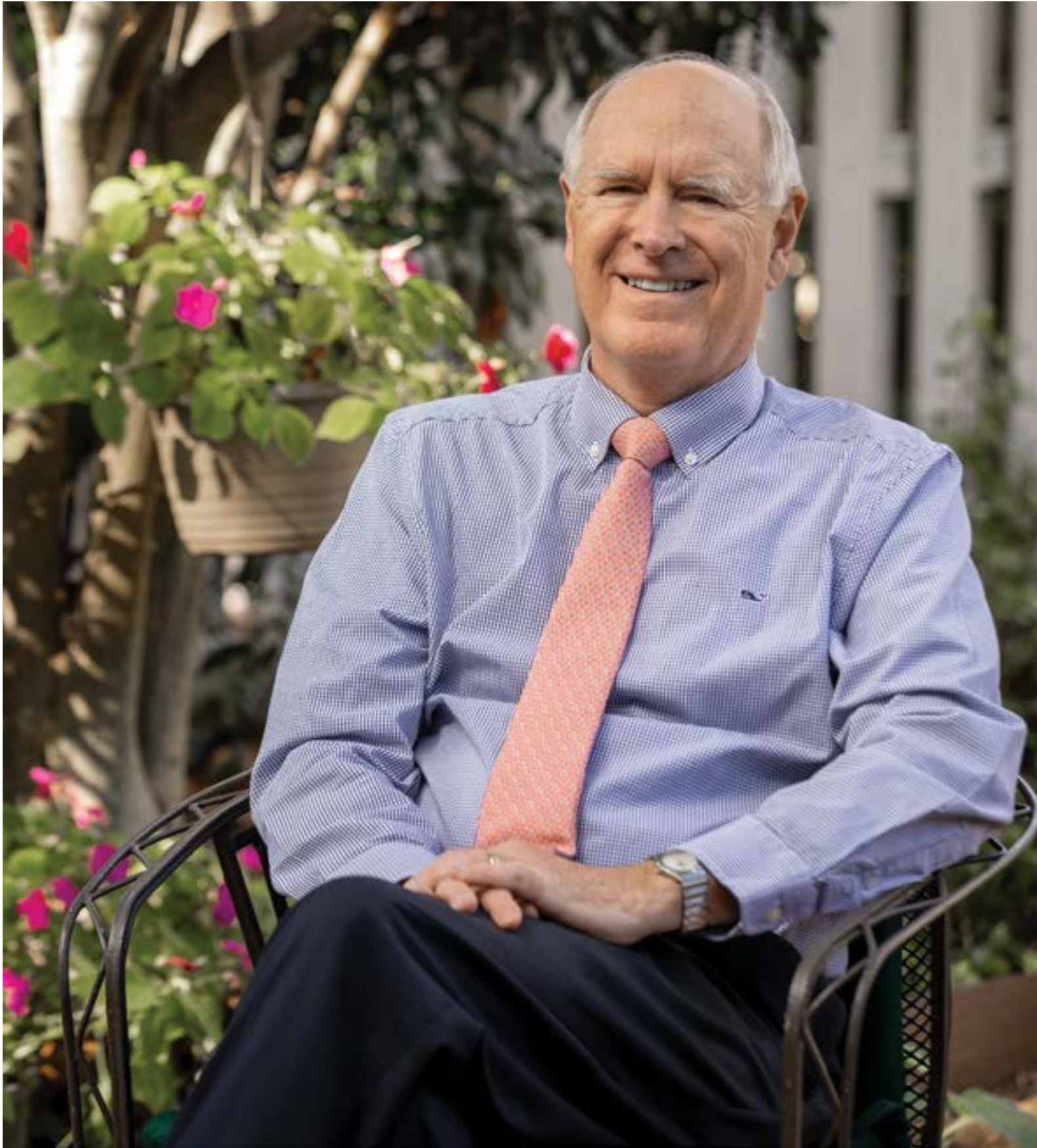


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## WATCHING YOU

*Many of the exhibitions at Art Center Nabi, founded by Soh Yeong Roh '84, in Seoul, South Korea, explore the relationship humans have with technology.*



**AN EXPANSIVE VISION:** *Soh Yeong Roh '84 explores the convergence of art, technology and society at Art Center Nabi, the museum and creativity hub she founded 20 years ago in Seoul, South Korea.*

PHOTO: PARK SANG-MOON



“WE HAVE TO BALANCE THIS CONSTANTLY INVADING OR COMPETING INFLUENCE FROM TECHNOLOGY WITH ... HUMAN CREATIVITY.”

# Citizen of the World

DIGITAL ART INNOVATOR SOH YEONG ROH '84 ADVOCATES  
A COSMOPOLITAN OUTLOOK

**ALUMNI PROFILE** If people from the future were to visit our time, they would see a period of great convergence resulting from digital technology. Soh Yeong Roh '84 shares this observation as she reflects on the achievements of Art Center Nabi, the museum and creativity hub she founded in South Korea's capital 20 years ago, and considers what comes next.

Fields such as art, technology and business that used to have more defined boundaries have become more fluid and malleable, Roh says.

“A lot of new things are popping up,” she says. “Our center started from a position at the intersection of art and technology and society. So I think we have a bigger role to play. We could work as a platform for all kinds of energy to merge and create together.”

While businesses primarily use technology for goal-oriented, commercial purposes, artists have the freedom to explore and play with other possibilities for technology, Roh says. They also are able to delve into its implications for society with a critical eye.

Art Center Nabi has been at the forefront of digital art exploration with projects such as “A.I. Imagine,” a multi-venue exhibition that used artificial intelligence technology for sound and dance performances, and included an interactive robot arm and virtual reality,


animation and game installations. Another, called “Robot Party,” explored interactions between humans and machines.

“We have to balance this constantly invading or competing influence from technology with what I think is the core of humans that is distinguishable from technology and algorithms, which is human creativity,” Roh says.

In November, Art Center Nabi opened “Party in a Box,” an online and in-person exhibition. As Roh explains it, the games and artificial intelligence-based artworks that visitors see are selected based on how they answer a series of questions when they register.

The exhibition is the culmination of a program in which Art Center Nabi invited about two dozen “PlayMakers” under the age of 40 to propose and create games that integrate “art, engineering and socioeconomic values based on technological imaginations and cultural and artistic creativity.”

As she prepared to open the exhibition this past fall, Roh was also wrapping up work on a book she was writing about the convergence of art, technology and society at Art Center Nabi over two decades. The pandemic disrupted plans for a 20th anniversary celebration, but she is grateful for the opportunity to slow

 **ONLINE:** Check out “Party in a Box” and other Art Center Nabi exhibitions virtually at [nabi.or.kr](http://nabi.or.kr).

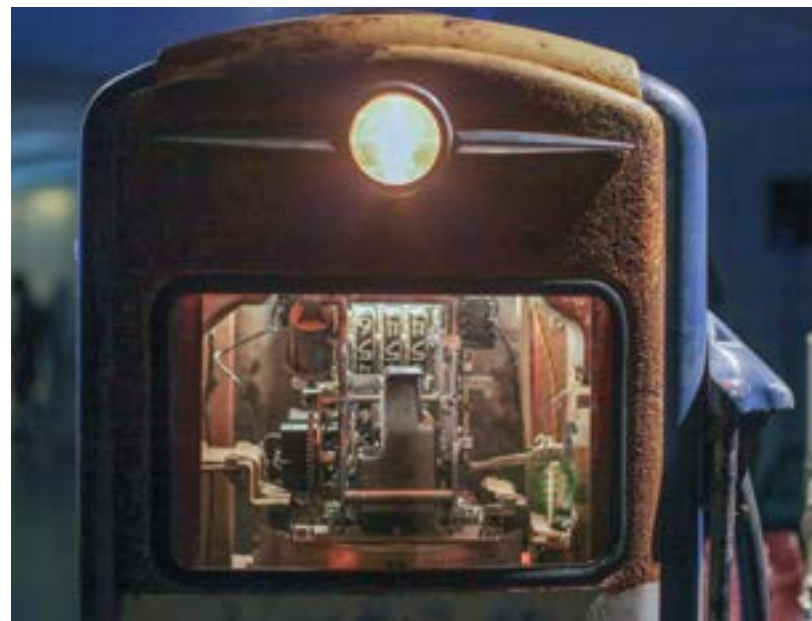
**DATA DRIVEN:** The “Making Art for Stock Market” installation at Art Center Nabi created pen drawings and generated sound by processing information from the Korean stock index.



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**USER BEWARE:** *The interactive “Data Pump Jack” display warns that personal information collected online can be misused and manipulated, comparing the situation to the oil crisis of the 1970s.*



down, stop traveling and spend time with her grown children, who returned home. Although she empathizes with those who have experienced hardship because of COVID-19, she found a few silver linings.

“I was able to learn to cook, finally,” she says. “I began gardening. Being closer to nature, the soil, the flowers and trees was very blissful for me.”

### EYES ON THE FUTURE

In addition to her role as a pioneering arts leader, Roh is known as the daughter of former military general and South Korean President Roh Tae-woo, who died Oct. 26, 2021, after a lengthy illness.

A New York Times report after his death described Roh Tae-woo as “a bridge between authoritarianism and democracy.” As that suggests, the former president’s legacy is complicated. He took part in a military coup in 1979, but later became South Korea’s first democratically elected president and initiated significant reforms during his five years in office. After his term ended, however, he was imprisoned as the result of an investigation of his role in the coup and a 1980 crackdown on pro-democracy protesters.

“The transition toward democracy is never smooth,” Soh Yeong Roh says. “He introduced democracy because he believed in it. Things changed quite a lot after my father was inaugurated.”

Roh says her father was able to maintain stability in the country while pursuing economic growth and building diplomatic relationships with the United States, Japan, China and Russia. President Roh also improved relations with North Korea and engineered a denuclearization pact. During his term, South

Korea hosted the 1988 Olympics, which elevated the nation’s standing on the world stage.

“He was a big planner and he was also very future-oriented,” Soh Yeong Roh says. “He saw the role of Koreans as not confined to this peninsula.”

That forward-looking vision is something she shares and works to promote through art and education. Art Center Nabi frequently hosts seminars, including a three-part online series in December 2020 with sessions on “Art, Technology and the Cosmos,” “The Poverty of Philosophy After A.I.” and “Humanizing the Machine/Mechanizing the Human.”

Roh has taught classes at Sogang University and Seoul National University, and she has hosted William & Mary Global Research Institute Summer Fellows at Art Center Nabi. One fellow was Amy Zhao ’19, who learned about the impact that blockchain technology could have in the art world. In 2021, Zhao won first place in the “Design & Creator” stream of WizForm’s Build Your Dream competition for a project idea called “The Art Block,” an application that links physical art to a digital token on the blockchain to connect artists and artwork and protect art ownership.

In 2017, Roh visited Williamsburg to give the prestigious George Tayloe Ross Address on International Peace, and she has agreed to serve starting in spring 2022 on W&M’s Reves International Advisory Board.

“I like to follow in the cultural area what my father envisioned politically, his big picture,” she says. “Korea is prospering culturally, so it may be faster way to achieve what he had envisioned.”

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## WILLIAMSBURG AND BEYOND

Roh came to W&M as a student during a turbulent time in South Korea, where she had attended engineering school at Seoul National University for two years before arriving in Williamsburg in 1982.

In Seoul, “our university closed down for a very extended time,” she says. “We couldn’t study. There were riots and demonstrations every day. Instead of going to school, students were in the streets throwing stones and fire bottles at the police.”

Roh, whose father was a military leader at the time, did not join the pro-democracy protesters, but she sympathized with them.

“I was ostracized by other students because of my father,” she says. “When I moved to the States, it was more like an exile.”

She did not know much about William & Mary, but she had heard of the university’s strong academic reputation.

“Information about American colleges was almost nonexistent in Korea, so I guess it was providence,” she says.

Unlike students she knew from Korea who attended large universities in America, Roh was able to participate in local cultural experiences, such as going on a hayride and roasting marshmallows over a bonfire in the woods. On the other hand, she missed being part of a more cosmopolitan atmosphere.

“When you are young and very curious about the world, for me it was a little too quiet,” she says.

Roh made friends with other international students, whom she describes as “similar-minded misfits.”

She majored in economics, but her favorite class was English composition, which she says helped her organize her thoughts.

“I didn’t speak much English, but the teacher was so attentive and dedicated,” she says. “I got an A-plus at the end, not because I did better than the American students, but the professor saw how much progress I made, and she graded on that, so I am very grateful.”

After receiving her bachelor’s degree, Roh pursued graduate studies in economics at the University of Chicago and earned a master’s degree in education from Stanford University. Her three children attended large universities — Brown, Stanford, Yale and the University of Chicago — but Roh believes she received a better undergraduate education than they did, because of the high quality of teaching and individual attention she received at William & Mary.

Through involvement on the Reves board, Roh hopes to help foster a more cosmopolitan environment in which people and perspectives from a wide variety of cultural, geographic, ethnic and religious backgrounds are fully integrated into the life of the university and there is an expectation of mutual respect and understanding.

“What I want to tell the William & Mary community in one sentence,” she says, “is ‘go beyond global, be cosmopolitan.’”

— TINA ESHLEMAN



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# Snag That Swag

MICHAEL MARTOCCI '17 FINDS SUCCESS WITH STARTUP SWAGUP

**ALUMNI PROFILE** Turns out, there's a lot of money in free stuff.

The “swag” industry — logoed merchandise like T-shirts, stickers and mugs, which is often given away by companies, schools and conference organizers for free — is big business, accounting for about \$30 billion in sales worldwide. Still, most businesses in this sector have been hurt by the pandemic, as in-person events worldwide have been canceled.

Michael Martocci '17, however, has taken the swag world by storm with his startup, SwagUp.

In 2020, when the industry was down 30%, SwagUp tripled its sales, grew from around 50 to over 100 employees and opened a new physical location in Florida. Martocci was named to Forbes' 2021 30 Under 30 list. EY named him a 2021 Entrepreneur of the Year for New Jersey. Inc. Magazine called SwagUp the 23rd fastest growing company in America.

How has he achieved this rapid growth, against all odds?

“There's a general need for connection, and building culture is top of mind for a lot of companies in a time when you're not able to interact in person,” says Martocci. “We took entirely new approaches to this industry by looking at what other industries and disciplines were doing. We reinvented it.”

SwagUp provides swag boxes — prepackaged, completely customized collections of branded merchandise — for companies to use for onboarding new employees, for colleges to welcome new students and for virtual conferences to send to remote attendees, for example. Their user interface allows businesses to easily order the boxes on-demand, and then SwagUp handles creating the merchandise, packing and storing the boxes and sending them to the final recipients.

Much of their early growth came from courting other startup businesses to provide them with swag as they built their brands. Martocci has found a supportive community among other young entrepreneurs.

“Entrepreneurs are very growth-minded and everyone's here to help each other. Asking for help and having mentors allows you to move quicker and avoid mistakes,” he says. “It can be hard to relate to people outside this world — running a company like this is a very different lifestyle and can consume your life. This network knows exactly what I'm going through.”

This is not Martocci's first startup — not by a long shot. He's been founding businesses since he was 5 years old, selling everything from his family's groceries to sports trading cards. He bought his first stocks at 13.

When he started at William & Mary in 2013 — a university he chose for its traditions, beautiful campus and “kind and down-to-earth people” — he thought he would become a finance major and then start a career as a wealth manager. But the entrepreneurship bug kept biting. He and a friend started an app called “Clique” that enabled W&M students to find fellow students to do activities with (for example, “Anyone up for a volleyball game in Barksdale Field at 3 p.m.?”).

Clique was his first foray into swag — after discovering how expensive it would be to print banners and signs to advertise Clique, he started a web service that allowed fraternities on campus to order cheap swag from suppliers overseas.

Then, midway through his junior year, opportunity struck. NFL player Steve Weatherford, whom Martocci met through his father's sports and entertainment travel company, asked Martocci to help him start a fitness training business.

**SWAGGER:** SwagUp, founded by Michael Martocci '17, creates branded merchandise and packages, stores and mails it for clients — including fellow startups, universities, conferences and businesses of all kinds.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL MARTOCCI '17



"I was very into fitness, and he was trying to figure out the next step in his career. I knew that I could help him monetize what he had built in the NFL," Martocci says. "I loved W&M and the experience and the people that I met, but I was ready to take next step. So I decided to leave and pursue this opportunity."

Martocci dropped out of William & Mary to run Weatherford Fit full time. They made \$1 million in the first year.

Never one to rest on his laurels, Martocci then joined a venture capital firm. It was there he came up with the plan for SwagUp, which he launched in 2017. It's been on an upward trajectory ever since.

Though he didn't graduate, Martocci credits the liberal arts education he received at William & Mary as the basis for his later success.

"I have a really strong appreciation for what people call polymath thinking — understanding many different topics — because there's a lot of value in taking approaches from different disciplines and applying them in a way that is new," he says. "Broad-based knowledge makes you a much more interesting person, who can relate to many more people."

Being at William & Mary helped him become more social, and the experiences he gained as social chair of Kappa Delta Rho helped him as a manager and in developing clients. He took a wide variety of classes, becoming exposed to principles of philosophy, psychology and sociology that help him understand people and the world around him.

"You don't know, yet, what you don't know when you are 17 years old. Some people think they have their life figured out at that point, especially high achievers, but there is value in exploring the many paths your life might take you," he says. "Had I gone straight into business school, it would have put blinders on me too quickly. Society is better when people are well-rounded and have well-formed opinions. I appreciate that I don't think the same way a lot of other businesspeople do."

Martocci stays connected to the Raymond A. Mason School of Business and the Cohen Career Center, and SwagUp offers internships to students each year. Fellow alumni Grayson Kilgo '17 and Jake Wang '18 also work at SwagUp, and Martocci says they frequently come across other William & Mary community members in the course of their work.

Though running this business is not without its challenges, Martocci is excited for what the future will hold.

"SwagUp is the first company I've started or been a part of that feels like there are endless possibilities," he says. "Every day feels new and exciting."

— CLAIRE DE LISLE M.B.A. '21





# Gold-Medal Leadership

KATHY CARTER '91 IS BRINGING THE 2028 OLYMPIC  
AND PARALYMPIC GAMES TO LOS ANGELES



**BRINGING THE WORLD TO LA:** *In her new role as CEO of LA28, Carter's responsibilities include overseeing the preparation and execution of the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.*

**ALUMNI PROFILE** From her days as vice president of Major League Soccer to her current role as chief executive officer of LA28 — the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles — Kathy Carter '91 has been all about leadership.

Looking back, she got a crash course on that subject in her first year on the women's soccer team at William & Mary.

Her coach was John Daly, who would win 413 games in 31 seasons. Two of her teammates were seniors Jill Ellis '88, L.H.D. '16, who coached the United States to two World Cup championships, and Julie Shackford '88, now in her fourth season as the Tribe's head coach. Carter saw little playing time that season. But she paid attention to the way the seniors encouraged younger players to keep up with their schoolwork.

"How do you help somebody who was coming in behind you? That is an invaluable lesson of leadership," she says.

Carter also drew inspiration from Mark McCormack '51, L.H.D. '97.

"When I was a senior, Mark, who was one of the originators of the sports marketing industry, came

back to William & Mary and spoke to a lot of the student athletes," she says. "Coming out of that, everybody said, 'Boy, wouldn't it be great? This is exactly what I want to do, to go into sports.'"

Carter, who earned her B.A. in political science and government, will be using what she learned to the fullest over the next seven years. In September, Carter was promoted from chief revenue officer to CEO of LA28. It will be the first time the Olympics have been in the U.S. since 1996 and in Los Angeles since 1984.

Seven years might seem like a long way off, but Carter and her group are already busy.

"There are probably three phases to the journey," she says. "The first was for us to really establish how we pay for it. What's the revenue look like? The second is starting to put the foundational elements of the organization in place, because we're essentially a startup that'll grow to be tens of thousands of people and then we'll go out of business.

"Then we'll move into the third phase, which is execution, and that won't happen until about 2024. So we've got a few years to make sure we've got the foundation of the organization in place."

PHOTO: PHOTO BY RICH FURY/GETTY IMAGES FOR LA28



“TO ME, IT’S NON-NEGOTIABLE TO PAY IT FORWARD AND TO HELP FUTURE LEADERS ... THERE’S NO BETTER WAY TO DO THAT THAN THROUGH ATHLETICS.”

Carter’s first job out of college was as a consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton in Bethesda, Maryland. In 1993, she joined World Cup Marketing to help organize the 1994 World Cup in the U.S. That started her on a path to a career in athletics.

She spent the majority of her career in soccer and was one of Major League Soccer’s founders. After the joint venture between LA28 and the U.S. Olympic Committee won the right to host the 2028 games in LA, she signed on as their chief revenue officer.

Carter also makes it clear that 30 years after graduation, she still loves her alma mater. She is strongly behind the *All In* campaign for W&M Athletics, which aims to build community, raise \$55 million and increase annual giving.

“To me, it’s non-negotiable to pay it forward and to help future leaders,” she says. “Part of that is contributing back to the university and certainly to W&M Athletics. That helps us create future leaders for our country and across the globe. There’s no better way to do that than through athletics.”

Sports were always a big part of Carter’s life. She grew up in Northern Virginia, the same area as Ellis and Shackford. Together, the three of them worked a soccer camp run by Ellis’ father. She believes these

experiences and her time at W&M set the foundation for her success.

“If we look at the history and the statistics today, a disproportionate number of women who are in the C-Suite played collegiate athletics or were athletes through their childhood,” says Carter. “There’s no doubt that what you learn and the commitment you have to make to be a Division I collegiate athlete has an undeniable impact on future leaders.”

She loves coming back to campus and being part of the W&M family. Every time she returns to Williamsburg, she enjoys reconnecting with all the great things she remembers from her time at W&M.

“I made my lifelong friends at W&M. There is something very special about the experience as students, as athletes and as people, and I think the college does a great job of fostering that. It is sort of a special sauce. There is an experience that people come away with that is a foundational element of who they become.

“In my recent trips to W&M, it’s been remarkable to see the investment in the facilities. And I’d say to all alumni, get in the game and help continue that trajectory forward! William & Mary is a beautiful place and something we need to continue to make even better for the next generation.”

— DAVE JOHNSON AND LESLIE MCCULLOUGH M.B.A. ’17



**TEAMWORK:** Carter was inspired by the leadership style of her coach and fellow players on the women’s soccer team at William & Mary.

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# Long-Awaited Homecoming

THE W&M COMMUNITY REUNITED ON CAMPUS FOR  
HOMECOMING & REUNION WEEKEND 2021

**ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT** This year's Homecoming & Reunion Weekend was especially meaningful as the W&M community gathered in person again after being apart for so long. Despite overcast and sometimes rainy weather, almost 3,000 alumni, parents, family, friends, faculty, staff and students participated in the weekend's nearly 100 events. The Class of 2020 also celebrated their in-person Commencement ceremonies over the weekend.

To maintain the health and safety of our community and prevent the spread of COVID-19, most Homecoming events this year took place outside or in open-sided tents.

Homecoming & Reunion Weekend is made possible in part by the W&M Alumni Association Fund, which helps support signature events and the many other services and programs that connect W&M alumni with each other and their alma mater.

Thanks to all who participated! We look forward to seeing you next October for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2022.

— KATHERINE VERMILYEA '22 AND CLAIRE DE LISLE M.B.A. '21



PHOTO 1: SKIP ROWLAND '83; PHOTOS 2, 3, 4: ALFRED HENCZEG





**TOGETHER AGAIN:** 1. Classmates posed for the class photos in the Sunken Garden.  
 2. NFL legend, writer, civil rights activist and Disney executive Reggie Williams spoke at one of the weekend's many community events.  
 3. The W&M Alumni Association welcomed everyone back to campus with the dedication of the newly expanded Alumni House.  
 4. Reunions were double the fun this year with celebrations for class years ending in 0, 1, 5 and 6.  
 5. Former Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates '65, L.H.D. '98 and former Navy SEAL Team 2 Cmdr. Mike Hayes discussed the present and future of Afghanistan, battle- and boardroom-tested advice for leading with purpose and the role W&M can play in helping veterans transition to new leadership roles in civilian life.  
 6. Alumni, family and friends gathered in the Wren Courtyard for the annual Sunset Ceremony to remember those who passed away since October 2019.  
 7. Campus was filled with green and gold spirit, despite rainy weather.  
 8. Chi Omega celebrated 100 years since its founding as W&M's first sorority.



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**EVENTS OF ALL KINDS:** 9. The Muscarelle Museum of Art offered tours of “Forever Marked by the Day,” an exhibition commemorating the 20th anniversary of the September 11 attacks.

10. With a final score of 31-24, W&M defeated Albany on the football field.

12, 14. There were more tailgates to choose from than ever this year, with food trucks on the Sunken Garden and the Alumni House Lawn. WMAA identity networks LatinX, the Crim Dell Association and the Hulon Willis Association, as well as the Society of 1918 and the W&M Washington Center, also hosted tailgates.



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**CELEBRATIONS:** 11. This year’s Homecoming Grand Marshal, Mrs. Hunter J. Smith ’51, L.H.D. ’18, was honored before the football game for her many contributions to William & Mary’s campus and curriculum. Smith provided the lead gift for the Alumni House expansion, as well as transformational support for Zable Stadium, the Pi Beta Phi sorority house renovations, the Tribe Club, Freshman Seminars, Swem Library, the Fund for William & Mary and the undergraduate program. 13. W&M celebrated the dedication of the Institute for Integrative Conservation and welcomed the W&M community to the official home of this important initiative.



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## *Beautiful beginnings start at William & Mary*

Despite spending three years on the same campus together and participating in very similar activities — service trips, intramural sports, visiting delis — Anna '12 and Patrick '13 took a few years post-graduation to finally find their way to each other. They ultimately met in classic millennial fashion — through an online dating app. Anna messaged Patrick first. Patrick messaged back, "You went to William & Mary? How have we never met?"

Knowing they found something special in each other and after conquering a long-distance relationship, Patrick popped the question in Williamsburg. They made the commitment of saying YES to each other and to marriage, and solidified their lifetime commitment by walking over the Crim Dell Bridge.

On Aug. 14, 2021, Patrick and Anna fittingly held their reception at the Alumni House following their wedding ceremony.

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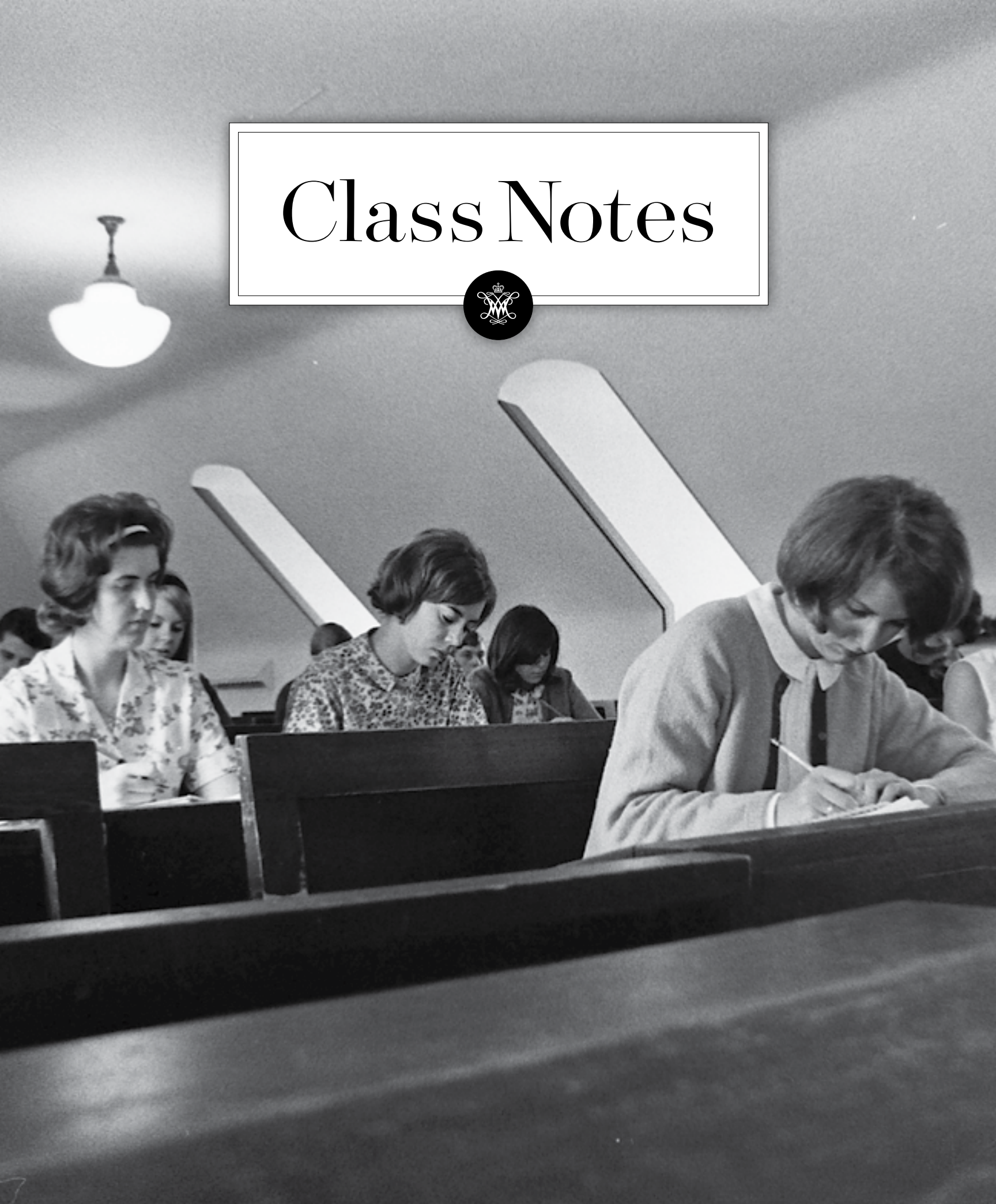
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# Class Notes



## WHAT'S THE STORY?

Students in the 1960s take a class in the attic of the Sir Christopher Wren Building, the oldest academic building in continuous use in the United States.

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*Class Notes has been a William & Mary tradition for decades, made possible by the efforts of our dedicated volunteer class reporters. While we make every effort to collect columns and check facts, each column is the responsibility of the class reporter.*

## 1951 ☸

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It has been a rough time for our families and friends but unfortunately, we are not out of the woods yet. COVID-19 has reappeared with a vengeance despite my prayers and protestations. I was hoping it would be corralled by now and though we successfully tackled the problem many times, there still seems to be some reluctance to continue the procedures that have proven successful.

Last spring our class lost two good friends, **Nancy Walton Fricke** and **Dave Klinger**, both talented classmates. In addition, I was packing in preparation to move from my home of 48 years (since 1973) into a charming retirement community. I decided to plow through my old Alumni Gazettes to see if I would be able to store some of the issues. I found most of them but naturally I knew I wouldn't be able to take them all to my new apartment. I had saved almost all the issues since 1995 in a rusty but clean metal filing cabinet

and was elated to find one readable for this issue's debut. Written by my predecessor **Jim Baker**, it had featured several classmates' travels, including mine. For those who need a memory jog, the Gazette was originally written on traditional newsprint in a modern format but gradually morphed into what it is now — a slick and informative, well-written magazine. My treasured cabinet contained all types of publications since 1995, the year I retired from Wake Forest University. Jim had been our reporter for some years — **Jane Waters Nielsen** recruited him for this job after she retired.

Everyone was retiring in the '90s and I had written enthusiastically to Jim to remind him to include my travel suggestions in the next issue, which featured trips to Paris, Interlocken and the Galapagos. Jim and **Elaine Campton Baker '49** loved to travel too. A few weeks later, Jim asked me to take over the column for him. Following my stipulations, I said "Yes, but only for a couple of years." I held the job for the next 25 years, and here we are. As for the sale of the house, I turned over my keys to the new homeowner the day before Thanksgiving 2020, eager to give up lawn battles.

Let the grass grow!

I also had encouraging news with a hopeful voice from **Michael Levy**. You can read his full letter in the online version of this column.

It is with a great deal of sorrow that I have decided to resign as your reporter. I turned 91 in mid-September and believe it or not, there are other residents here at Brookridge who are older and more active than I. (Not many though!)

It has been a joy for me to be part of this project for my alma mater. A June 1951 copy of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, now slightly yellowed, revealed that there were 312 seniors in our graduating class. Fortunately, our former moving traditions and ceremonies have changed with the times. William & Mary's amazing growth is evident. I watched graduation online in 2021. Our own graduating year featured Sen. Paul Douglas as our speaker in hot and humid overcrowded Blow Gym when a sudden deluge of warm showers prevented our majestic stroll into Wren Yard. But we were invited to formally parade into the Yard on our 50th Anniversary on a bright cool sunny morning in 2001. That happily made up for

the original insult.

I want to thank you all. We reporters had enthusiastic encouragement and assistance from our classmates and publication staff who cheered us along at every opportunity. Our friends allowed us to print their stories. Without your participation there would not have been as many connections with our classmates. It was great following and sharing your progress over the years and helping you celebrate special occasions, your children, careers and travels.

## 1955 ☸

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Hi Classmates,

As I write this, in early October, the virus is still with us, though things are better. I agree with **Ed Watkins '56** and **Belinda Owens Watkins '56** — away with the masks!

**Floie DeHart Burns** is still my most faithful correspondent. Her latest news is she's planning to move from Florida to Bryan, Texas, to be near her daughter, Daryl. Bryan is close to College Station where Texas A&M is located.

I enjoyed reading the article on our classmate **Ming Chang** in the spring W&M Alumni Magazine and I was happy to read that his granddaughter, **Grace Gibson '23**, is a Gamma Phi Beta sorority sister of mine.

I received a phone call from **Lee Everett Kostel '55**, **HON J.D. '17** the day after Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. She had good news — William & Mary won the football game against Albany, and not so good news — it rained all weekend. Not

surprising about the rain, but congratulations to the team!

Our granddaughter, **Alex Vincent '16**, has decided to specialize in pediatrics at Georgetown Medical School. She has started in the newborn intensive care unit. Her sister, Christine, is also in physicians training at Jefferson in Philadelphia. She hasn't decided on a specialty. Our granddaughter, Katelyn, is studying to be a teacher at the University of North Georgia. She worked as a day camp counselor during this summer. Zachary, our youngest "grand," is a junior in high school. He plays in the marching band.

I'm still hoping to hear from you before the next magazine issue.

## 1956 ☸

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**Tricia Kizzia Landen** comments that she and **Bob Landen '52** are still getting used to their home at Williamsburg Landing after 27 years in their "old" house, which they miss. Likewise, I spend time looking for things and wondering if I gave something I can't find to Goodwill during our downsizing!

**Hugh MacMahon** reports that he is hale and fairly hearty! After a cruise on the Danube in 2018, his first time to Europe, he is going on another this fall. He is leaving from Brussels to Antwerp by bus, then a small ship on the Moselle, then the Rhine, through the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Switzerland, and Germany to Basel — a 16-day trip with stops at various towns to shop and see how the people live. Hugh has had his third

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Pfizer shot (lucky him). It will be his first trip to Europe without Pat Prinz.

A short note from **Marcia Cooley** pointing out the elimination of Class Notes from the 1940s in recent W&M Alumni Magazines and the need for reporters from some 1950s classes. (We will trudge on!!!)

In our last Class Notes, we commented on the bookstore moving. **Will Molineux** sent us a note for this issue, so we wonder if the bookstore has or will ever open. It is evidently "coming soon"! Will also said the walls are up for the Phi Beta Kappa extension and the adjoining music building.

**Les Sykes Waldron** wrote Williamsburg was having lovely fall weather. Remember those days!! She has had her flu shot and date for the COVID-19 booster. She and Jim await their annual visit from theater and W&M pal **Walter Placzek '83**.

Only **John Hummel** and **Nancy Harshbarger Hummel** would take a trip to Canada in "the time of COVID!" They needed proof of two shots, and negative test results within 72 hours of crossing the border. They took care of that but drove through Hurricane Ida on their first day of the journey. Once they successfully got into Canada, they spent a week at a timeshare north of Quebec City, then spent a week driving around the Gaspé Peninsula. Driving up and down the St. Lawrence Seaway, they saw no ships — because of COVID, no foreign vessels were allowed into ports.

Nancy also reported on Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, saying the "big" event for alumni was the dedication of the super-enlarged Alumni House. There they saw **Jane Thompson Kaplan** at the reception.

Nancy's final report was on all the construction going on in town (Monticello Ave.) and on campus.

Jane saw lots of folks at Homecoming, but not many from the Class of

1956. In addition to the dedication of the beautiful, newly redone Alumni House, she reported on the Scholarship Luncheon where **Bob Gates '65, L.H.D. '98** was the speaker. He is heading up a committee to rewrite the constitution of the NCAA. Jane is optimistic he can "fix it"! Another speaker at the lunch, **Carl Fowler '20**, is a football player on scholarship who graduated in three years and is now in law school. He is still playing football, one of only three law student athletes in the country.

An interesting note came from Dr. **Stewart Sell**. He entered W&M in February 1953 as a pre-med student. He was doing fairly well until the start of fall semester '54. He was shocked when he flunked the first physics exam. There was a student who received an A and seemed to really know what was going on. He lived down the hall, so Stu asked him for help. He clearly explained how one had to put different parts of the course together to solve the problems. Stu convinced the professor to let him retake the exam. He aced this one and went on to get a A in the course. Stu lost track of his "tutor" and forgot his name, but not what he had done for him. Then he read a recent W&M Alumni Magazine featuring retired **Admiral Ming Chang '55**, a physics major. He said this must have been who helped him!

Ending on a sadder note, **John Shumate**, who grew up in Hampton, Virginia, died in March 2021. John had a 37-year career with the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. (now Verizon). He married Martha Jean and had a daughter, three sons, and six grandchildren. He retired to Williamsburg.

**1957** ☾

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Received a nice note from **Vince DeVita '57, D.Sc. '82**, who hopes to attend Homecoming with his wife, **Mary Kay Bush DeVita**. Vince continues as the Amy and Joseph Perella Professor of Medicine at the Yale Cancer Center, where he and his daughter, **Elizabeth DeVita Raeburn '88**, are currently preparing the 12th edition of Vince's textbook, "Cancer: Principles & Practice of Oncology," which remains the most popular cancer textbook in the world.

**Kathy Hamilton Steinwedell** resides in Seabury, New Hampshire, at a continuing care facility. She remains very active, playing lots of pickleball and working with Japanese silk embroidery. Kathy attended a big family reunion of 11 at a nearby lake and is hoping to attend our Olde Guard event next spring.

**Terry Slaughter** and his wife, **Barbara Higbee Slaughter '55**, now have 12 great-grandchildren with another on the way. He plays lots of golf and the two of them travel visiting their big family. I remember well Terry pitching for the baseball team during our William & Mary days.

**Margi Helter Melnick** has a grandson, Jack, graduating from W&M this year, and a granddaughter, Kelly, a freshman at W&M.

**Jim Kaplan** and **Jane Thompson Kaplan '56** recently moved to Williamsburg Landing. Jane hosted a big "50s Lunch Bunch" at their new home for 16 nearby women, all alums! Six Class of '57 were among the attendees: **Letty Shield Best, Alice Matthews Erickson '57, M.A. '75, Susan Briggs Eley '57, M.A. '62, Shirley Richardson Fitzgerald, Mary Talmage Kaylor** and **Barbara Booth Watson**. Lots of stories exchanged at that gathering!

An email from **Nancy Beery Thomas** contained info that she and husband, Tommy, reside at Warm Hearth Village

near Blacksburg, Virginia, located conveniently near their children, grandkids and three great-grandchildren.

**Marcie Kocher** continues her very active outdoor life and belongs to the California Alpine Club. This year she camped out in Joshua Tree National Park and Yosemite, plus a canoe trip down the Green River in Utah. Hey, Marcie, I haven't camped out since I was in the U.S. Army! She also welcomed her first grandchild, born in April.

**Bill Armbruster** and his wife, **Betty-Wright Fraher Armbruster '58**, have had an eventful year. Bill went on a Kentucky "Bourbon Trail" trip with his two sons and three of his seven grandsons that, as Bill relates, had him sampling every Kentucky bourbon! This followed a scary bout of COVID-19 that lasted 10 days.

Betty-Wright and Bill are proud one of their grandsons is currently studying at W&M's business school.

**Don Harris**, Ruth and their sons, **Tim Harris '91** and **Jonathan Harris '94**, remain busy with their online fine foods business, [www.latienda.com](http://www.latienda.com), which imports and distributes the finest foods from Spain. Their youngest son and his wife, Rian, are U.S. diplomats stationed in the nation of Georgia assisting Afghan refugees in resettlement.

I received a nice note from **Mary Frances Curro**, who continues her artistic talents compiling a collection of her poems, writing new ones and painting. Mickey swims regularly and mixes it in with yoga. This year visited her family, including three great grandkids in North Carolina. She stays in regular contact with **Marcie Kocher** and her TriDelt sisters.

Marsha and I remain well here in the 'Burg and have season tickets for football and basketball. Keep your info coming to me ... all want to hear about you. My phone is 757-345-6878.

**1958** ☾

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Greetings Fabulous Fifty-Eight Classmates,  
I had much more news to report than space, so please go to [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1958](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1958) for more.

Guess what? I had an hour-plus phone conversation with our fun Head Cheerleader **Tim Cochran** in August. We caught up on 60-plus years since graduation. Did you know he and **Susie Moore** met on the train from Texas to William & Mary as incoming freshman? They then married four years later in May '58 in Bruton Parish and moved back to Dallas, Texas, where Tim worked for Prudential Life Insurance in sales for many years. Wanting a change, he switched to radio sales. Years after Tim and Susie split up, Tim married again, and only last February he lost his second wife to cancer, but they raised a blended family successfully. Tim lives in a senior living facility and keeps the fellow residents happy. Remembering how Tim could cheer up a William & Mary crowd at ball games, I'm sure he keeps his new friends laughing and enjoying life.

**Tom Lightner** wrote to share his thoughts about the renaming of buildings, which you can read in our online edition. He adds, "Pat, this will be my last input for Class Notes. I am extremely disappointed with the direction the

College has taken ... I had even offered to make a substantial donation to the College for support of better facilities for the ROTC program, which I have long sought, but when I voiced my objections [to renaming buildings], I was told that my donation was no longer acceptable. So be it. And thus the end of my last donations—period!!! I had to vent on this.” We hear you, Tom.

**Sandi Berg Shirey:** “Our big news du jour is that we are great-grandparents! Our daughter’s daughter had a daughter Sept. 4. Of course, Evelyn Hooper (Evie) is brilliant, talented and beautiful. At three weeks of age, that’s not bad!”

**Betty Wright Armbruster:** “The most exciting news from us is the birth of our first great-grandson, William Maxwell Armbruster, in June. **Bill Armbruster ’57** calls him William the 6th as he is the 5th Armbruster to be named for him. Mac is a real blessing to us.”

**Beverly Wilson Palmer:** “Greetings classmates: Hans and I are back in Arlington, Virginia, after three months on Cape Cod. We continue to enjoy Don Snyder’s emails and weekly Zoom with our Ludwell suitemates from 1954-55. While in Chatham this summer, I had a pleasant encounter with a computer expert, thanks to my wearing my W&M cap. It turned out that the young man behind the desk was a W&M graduate, sometime in the 1990s. His mother, also living in Chatham, also a grad, 1966?. So you never know where these fellow alums will appear!”

**Paula Heslin Nelson:** “Have been in a wheelchair for three years with an MS-like condition called transverse myelitis. Any ideas for travel in a wheelchair are welcome! I’m still looking for ways to see the world.

“I lost my daughter this year to brain cancer, and that pretty much puts an end to life as one knew it. Our boy and his wife and

son left. No other relatives ... so it is lonely here on the planet. Rarely if ever see or hear of a reference to W&M up here in the NW corner. I Zoom when I can with Ludwell buddies: **Bevo Wilson, Polly Stadle, Myrna Tichenor, Melissa Smith, Sue Davis, Margie Gomours**, all of whom are doing well and on their own. I am in the assisted living world now, where the food is reminiscent of life in the Caf, where I used to keep track of you as freshmen and sophomores with a big ‘spreadsheet,’ a pencil and a clicker until most of you deserted the Caf (and that endless juke box rendition of ‘Sixteen Tons’ for the Wigwam next door.”

**Kent Watkins** shared that he was quite successful in the Maryland Senior Olympics tennis category. He also had entered in the basketball free throw; golf putting; pickleball; and ping-pong. As chair of the American Academy of Housing and Communities, he is working with the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

He also wrote about his fascinating photo essay about removing Confederate monuments and he’s working on his memoirs.

**James “Jim” Osborn**, Theta Delta, passed away last February. He was a classmate our last two years at W&M. In college, Jim joined the ROTC, which led to a successful career in the Army, mostly in Germany. Following that he spent 30-plus years with IBM.

**Julie Vakos Nordstrom** and **Clyde Nordstrom** keep tabs on me which I love. They are always cheerful and funny. Thanks friends.

**Polly Johnson Rowlett** was overjoyed to have a wonderful visit with her granddaughter, Anne, and first great-grandchild.

These notes are the last for me. I am happy to announce that the team of **Beverly Wilson Palmer** and **Melissa Smith FitzGerald** will be your next Class Notes writers. Please give them lots to

do. I have loved hearing from you. What a pleasure to keep in touch! Thanks, friends!

“Just down the hall,” Pat (for Pete).

## 1959 ☼

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I’m starting this just before Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, which is Oct. 7-10. The Tribe will be playing Albany and we are off to a good start — 3 and 1, so we certainly want to keep the wins coming.

As I’ve said before, the reward for doing this column is hearing from you classmates. I got an email from **Bev Harris Olsen** saying she and her husband, Ric, have moved from California (after 41 years!) back to Virginia to be nearer her daughter, Kathleen Jenkins, and are living in the beautiful West End of Richmond in a senior facility, Vitality Living. Ric has Alzheimer’s so he is in a memory unit and she has an assisted living apartment right down the hall from him. I invited Bev and Kathleen (or Kay), her daughter, to my home for lunch and we had a wonderful visit catching up. Kay is a professor and chair of the sociology department at William & Mary and her husband, Mark Lerman, is a lecturer in the speech and dance department. Bev stays busy painting with watercolors and oils. I visited her and was most impressed by her talent. Her granddaughter, **Kathryn Lerman ’19**, is a W&M grad. She keeps in touch with **Sarah Derry Callahan** who lives in Sun Lakes, Arizona, and **Barbara Tomblor Corey** who lives in Laurel, Maryland. **Bill Davidson** writes

that he is celebrating his 85th birthday with his two great-grandsons who were born just 15 days apart. One is named Bill, after him, which he says was quite a shock!

**Char Tolley Etgen** is always great about keeping me in the loop. She and **Garry Etgen** had two family weddings this past summer, one in Denver and the mountains which made breathing a bit difficult. The other was at a ski resort in Vermont which “almost killed us getting there!” I agree with her when she says changing planes several times is not for old age! Garry is back to full-time teaching online because of the Delta variant and Char is still helping older ladies get to meetings, grocery shopping for them and writing educational seminars for them to keep their minds active. They won’t be able to make Homecoming as they are not quite ready for another plane trip as they still have another family wedding coming up in New York City in December. How nice to have all those fun family get-togethers!

**Jay Lawler** and I are fine. He is now retired after 50 years of building residential homes, but he and our son, **Brad Lawler ’83**, now buy older homes and restore them for sale. I stay busy with golf and bridge, but my volunteer work seems to be on hold until COVID-19 subsides. I am planning to have lunch in Williamsburg with **Terry Walker Perrine** and some other Tri Deltas later in October so I’m sure I’ll have news from them for my next column.

Keep in touch, and, as always, GO TRIBE!!!!

## 1960 ☼

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.

## 1961 ☼

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Wonderful notes from **Dottie Gabig**: “WOW ... the Classes 1960 and 1961 FINALLY had their 60th Reunion! Considering the setbacks in planning due to COVID-19 and W&M’s mandates, 50 or so classmates from both classes returned to celebrate our BIG REUNION in a tent on the Wren Yard ... and in a rain-free evening!

“A SPECIAL THANK YOU to **Sue “Mo” Moyer Hardage** for her perseverance and time in pulling off our gathering.

“Gamma Phi’s **Betty Lee Powell Squatriglia ’60** (with her husband **Bob Squatriglia ’60, M.A. ’65**), **Louise MacDowell Battist** (and her husband Jerry), and **Carole Waller Welborn** (and her husband **Jerry Welborn ’59**) reunited.

“No doubt, football players **Dwayne Woolwine** and **Bob Stoy ’61, M.Ed. ’65** ‘replayed’ games!

“Pi Phi’s **Joan Costabell Austin** (and her husband Keith) and **Susan “Moe” Moyer** (and her husband **Bob Hardage ’58**) connected.

**Dan Link ’61, M.Ed. ’62**, **Ron Monark**, **Paul Verkuil ’61, D.P.S. ’17**, **Jay Lawler ’59**, **Lee Bowman**, **Margie Barnhart Gunn**, **Marge Gessner Cheek** and **Ann Lichtefeld Kauffmann** shared memories and stories of 60 years ago!

“Tri Deltas rebounded with many laughs and memories. **Pris Edwards Howard**, **Fran McLean**, **Liz Rader O’Neill**, **Bobbie Berkeley Ukrop**, **Kay Barchey Ogline** and **Dottie Nowland Gabig** relived our W&M years!

“The dedication of the newly expanded Alumni House was wonderful! Seeing and being part of this beautiful facility is



enough for you to come home!

“As always, the Sunset Ceremony was very moving. Remembrance was a service of music by the Choir and remarks by Associate Rector of St. Martin’s, Rev. **Lisa Green ’83**.

“Sadly, a memorial service for four Sigma Nu brothers was canceled due to COVID-19 precautions. Our class lost **Jim Porach, Mike McCall, Wayne ‘Cheeko’ Cheek and Fred Clayton**.

“We also learned earlier in the week that **Beth Humrickhouse Secules** died.

“Please keep in touch with your alma mater! Send news to **Di Titolo Alexander!** Homecoming isn’t the only time to connect!”

A call out of the blue came from **Steve Oppenheimer**: Lots of travel after graduation, then joined the army to fulfill his ROTC obligation with the Army. He spent time in London before deciding to become an optometrist. He practiced in El Paso, Texas, and Ohio before moving to Los Angeles, where he became the optometrist to the stars, supplying glasses to Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Dolly Parton and Sylvester Stallone, among many others. He sold his office and began traveling again — he built a hotel on the beach in Pattaya, Thailand, where he met his wife-to-be and settled into married life raising a son and daughter. Their home is filled with over 300 pieces of antique ceremonial art rescued from the Holocaust and thousands of antique eyeglasses.

I urge you all to read the complete letter from Steve online at [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1961](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1961) — it is full of wonderful stories and remembrances of his exciting life.

**Paul Verkuil ’61, D.P.S. ’17** wrote just before the reunion that his most important event is to speak about **Jim Porach** on Sunday morning at a memorial arranged by his amazing widow, Barbara.

(See Dottie’s note.) He said, “I also plan to play tennis with Henry Hart, who is a wonderful English professor and the most recent poet laureate of Virginia. We will be joined by **Gerald Bullock M.Ed. ’97** and **Mike Tierney ’87, M.A. ’88** at the Williamsburg Inn courts.”

**Jerry File** writes that as a member of his George Washington High School 1955-56 basketball team, he has been elected to the Alexandria, Virginia, Athletic Hall of Fame. The team finished the season by defeating the 1956 Woodrow Wilson High School team (and classmate **Bev Vaughan ’61, M.Ed.**) in the state semifinals and then losing to the Newport News High School team of **Kenny Roberts ’62**, coached by future W&M Coach **Bill Chambers ’53**.

From **Liz Rader O’Neill**: “Homecoming was just a great weekend. Aside from the 60th Reunion and the wet but victorious ball game, we worked in a coffee, birthday party, shopping downtown and a visit to the Muscarelle Museum’s excellent and moving 9/11 exhibit.”

**Joe Alexander ’60, M.A. ’62** and I were so sorry to have missed this event. Perhaps were too COVID cautious!! But we were lucky to have our granddaughter **Megan Croom ’18** visit for a full week during her fall break from graduate school in Utah! Thanks to **Ron Monark** for keeping us up to date on the activities, especially the football game!!

I encourage everyone to consider returning for Charter Day, Feb. 11. I’ll keep you posted.

PLEASE be sure to continue reading these notes online — they are full of pictures from our 60th not to be missed!!

## 1962 ☾

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Here I am writing this column before my deadline of Oct. 12 for this winter issue so there will not be any Christmas card news in this column.

My mantra has been “Home Alone, Home Alone” for so long now. I go out for meds, bank, fast food occasionally and medical appointments. I have everything else delivered. Life is a whole new ballgame. I have wonderful neighbors who check on me every day. I did see my son and family in July. I had not seen them since January 2020. Jim has not been buried yet. Maybe by the time this issue comes to you we will be able to have a memorial service and burial for him.

**B.A. Aubry Walsh** and her husband have lived in Lakewood Ranch, Florida, since 2020. She said that due to the pandemic they have not met many new friends since moving, but they are still enjoying their Florida lifestyle. Later in the year they will go to Washington, D.C., to meet **Stuart Richardson Dopp** and **Danny Dopp** to attend the funeral of the wife of **Gerald File ’61**.

**Linda Lester Hagen** likes her new retirement home in Des Moines, Washington. It has lots of amenities and activities. No meals but available if you choose. She has a partial view of Puget Sound. She had a bad fall. Healing is going slowly. She has been unable to drive. However, she assured me she will be healed for our 60th Reunion in 2022.

Stay well and safe.

## 1963 ☾

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Tri Deltas have enjoyed the memorable fun of reunions. Their first one, planned for Sept. 15, 2001,

was canceled because of 9/11. Actually, a reunion did occur since **Crellin James Byrd** and **Lynn Thomas Johnson** were already in France so they went to **Babs Beaumont’s** home for a mini-reunion. **Ann Harvey Yonkers** somehow made it out of Washington, D.C. A reunion was planned for May 2002. The late **Carol Boardman Artigues** and Babs lived in Aix-en-Provence at the time, so that made five Tri Deltas at Babs’ home. They met in France one last time five years ago. They have also had a number of reunions between North Carolina and Delaware. A memorable one was held recently in Sonoma, California, fortunately right before the wildfires started. As Babs wrote, “Being together is always wonderful, with so many fond memories.”

I must admit I would love if the Alpha Chis got together also. Hint, hint for some organizing-type Alpha Chi.

**Emily Renzel** sent the sad news that **Dotty Shaw Boyle** passed in May 2021. Dotty and her husband, Charles, lived in North Carolina and then Texas. She was a teacher and cared about her students and others.

**Vi Sadlier Huse, Amy Rodabaugh Bays, Sally Siegenthaler Lichtenstein, Dotty Shaw Boyle and Emily Renzel** got together sporadically over the last 20 years in Cleveland, Ohio; Houston, Texas; Sanibel Island, Florida; and Austin, Texas and always had a wonderful time remembering their Ludwell days among other fun times at William & Mary. Their last reunion was 2016 as they had to cancel their plans for 2019, and then COVID-19 intervened in 2020. They shall miss Dorothy Anne Mary Rose Shaw Boyle, who always kept them laughing.

The past year and half certainly curtailed my travels! That, of course, gave me lots of time to quilt. Now I have a grandson and a niece looking into colleges for next year. I hope they make up their minds as to

where they are going to go so that I can make them college quilts. I have been very unsuccessful getting any of my offspring to go to W&M.

Well! I thought I had more news. Please remember to send me news about what you are doing — in Christmas cards, emails, snail mail, etc. We all want to know what our classmates are up to.

## 1964 ☾

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I was delighted with the fall issue of the Alumni Magazine. I’ve reflected on the message in “Our Community of Belonging” by Anna Dinwiddie Hatfield ’96 in the online version of this column at [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1964](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1964), where you can also find additional information from many of the people listed below.

**Bill Corley** of Carmel, Indiana, read the fall article “Putting Children First” about Dr. Lee Beers ’92, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Bill is hoping to connect with her about community health networks to provide health initiatives for children in schools, primarily involving school nurses’ programs. Bill is looking forward to celebrating our class’s collective 80th birthday on campus.

**Dick Goodwin** of Fresno, California, wrote that he was scheduled to go to Japan to see his grandchildren in October 2021, but Japan is “locked down” again. He is looking now at March 2022. He says, “Our Portland grandchildren visited twice this summer during a string of 100-degree days. In July, Susan and I celebrated our anniversary at the Grand Canyon where we have many wonderful family memories. We rediscovered my wife’s niece after

four years who is retired military with 100% PTSD disability and are helping her recover."

**Phil Tutschek** of St. Augustine, Florida: "I sold my home here in March and moved up the street to Beth's. I thought it would be 'proper' to get married, so we did on June 12. We held the wedding right here by our pool and had about 50 friends and family. It was a lovely affair with lots of food and fun."

He adds that his stepson, Spencer Murphy, and his family weathered the hurricane in New Orleans all right.

**Joyce House Shields** of Naples, Florida: "I moved from Alexandria, Virginia, to Naples, Florida, this summer. I moved into a beautiful apartment in Bentley Village, a continuing care community. It is 15 minutes from my sister, **Gay House Manning**, and brother-in-law, **Tom Manning**. It is great being together in the same area!"

**Ed Horton** lives part of the year in Williamsburg and will return to his other residence in Naples, Florida, when the weather changes.

**Claudy Tucker Barnes** of Virginia Beach, Virginia: "My husband, Tom, passed peacefully on our 56th Anniversary, Aug. 22, 2021. Tom loved to attend Tribe football and truly enjoyed spending time with me and the girls of Theta over the years! There was a large tribute gathering for him at the oceanfront at the old Coast Guard station in September, where taps was played. Happy news from here is that **Karen Patrick Flitercroft** and **Gretchen Scherer Israel** and their spouses spent a week at the beach. I also got together with **Bob Stoy '61, M.Ed. '65** and **Mary Berkeley Stoy** in September! I am exhibiting acrylics locally and still playing 'old lady tennis' at the Cape Henry Racquet Club nearby."

**Cathy Parsons Thomas** of Long Beach, New York: "My former roommate, **Polly Cherry Royalty**, passed away

Aug. 19, 2021, from colon and breast cancer. Polly and her husband, Jim, had a lumber yard business in Harrodsburg, Kentucky."

Cathy's husband, a physician, died of heart disease years ago. Cathy lives by herself in a 70-year-old 10-room house on Long Island, but says she is often visited by their three children and seven grandchildren. Many of us coeds who lived in Jefferson and Barrett Hall will fondly remember Cathy and Polly playing their ukuleles and we'd all join in with our favorite songs ... always a great way to get away from studying for those final exams!

**Sue Trice Fieglein** of Austin, Texas: "We have done little traveling since we returned from New Zealand on March 17, 2020, to find we were in the midst of a pandemic. We are building a house closer to our oldest son (in Leander, Texas, a suburb of Austin). Besides the pandemic, snow and ice slowed the project, but hopefully we're on target to close next month. Meanwhile our house sold too quickly and we are spending the waiting time with our son, Hank, and daughter, Ashley. My son's kids are in college, so he and his wife are empty nesters; Ashley is doing well; our grandson, Devo, turns 12 next month and he's anxious to get vaccinated."

**John Slifka '64, M.Ed. '70** of Belfast, Maine: "Patricia and I live in Maine in the summer and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in the winter. We have three children and seven grandchildren who live in the Richmond, Virginia, area. We are planning to move there in 2022 to be with the children and will hopefully then visit the W&M campus. The last visit was at our 50th Reunion in 2014.

"The years since graduation have been filled with a good life. In the early years we shared happy times with classmates, then served in the U.S. military for 20-plus years followed by a second career in public education

for 12 years in Virginia."

**Ginnie Peirce Volkman** of Alexandria, Virginia: "My husband, Al, and I are well, being good and dutifully following Dr. Fauci's directions as to COVID behavior. We had a wonderful family gathering at the beach in Duck, North Carolina, last summer. We also went to the National Sheep Dog Finals at Belle Grove Plantation in Virginia last fall. While there we spent the day with **Gretchen Scherer Israel** and Fielder who live in Winchester with their cockapoo puppy, Izzy. We all had brunch with **Bobbie Mulcahey Frazier** of Leesburg, Virginia."

That's all for now. I hope our connections will continue in 2022. It's our 80th birthday year for most of us. Maybe we will be able to celebrate together this spring during the Olde Guard events of Traditions Weekend.

## 1965

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**Ginny Blount Fluet** and **Barb Wampler Melby** are freshly returned from a delightful Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. The beautiful new Alumni House was dedicated, followed by our class reunion in the gorgeous room that was dedicated to the Class of 1965 in honor of our 50th Reunion gift. What fun it was to share the reunion party with the Class of 1966! Fabulous food and drink and tales that regaled were enjoyed by all. The rain did not deter the hearty, who were rewarded by an exciting Tribe victory over Albany.

We are choosing not to

name people without their permission. Instead, we encouraged them to send news. And **Art Henderson** did! Art lives with his wife, **Nancy Henderson '66**, in Newport News, Virginia. They have two children in Richmond and are able to see their two granddaughters frequently. Since Art's retirement as CFO of Noland Company 15 years ago, they enjoy competitive duplicate bridge, and play more golf than bridge. They recently took a Lewis & Clark trip "backwards" (starting on the West coast and ending in South Dakota). They have also traveled with **Tom Kirkup** and **Anne Barden Kirkup**.

**Gene Mosers'** geocaching has brought him to 47 states and five countries. The internet brought him to his significant other, Leni, who was born in Norway during the German occupation. At this writing, Gene and Leni are planning a Danube River cruise in October, where Gene hopes to find the village where his "Groessmutter" grew up. Gene has been on several river cruises. He is still in Hampton and loves to visit Williamsburg. He's looking forward to introducing Leni to Crim Dell.

**Trilby Busch** wrote with the sad news that our classmate **Jay-Louise Weldon** passed away in early September in Ocean City, New Jersey, after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. Our condolences to her husband, Mike Wynne, and her two sons. Trilby holed up last year during COVID-19 at her cabin outside Grand Marais, Minnesota, but made up for the isolation by driving to and from Duluth, Minnesota, to Toronto — a total of 1,800 miles. She spent a month with her daughter after the birth of her first child. In October, Trilby received an award from the Duluth Preservation Alliance for the restoration work she did on her 1952 house designed by a student of Frank Lloyd Wright. It was the first modern house to get a preservation award.

Congrats, Trilby.

The following reflection on the Sunset Ceremony at Homecoming is from **Sharon "Kathie" Brewer Jones**. Thank you for sharing this, Sharon, and our condolences on your loss.

"I sat in an intimate courtyard of remembrance and solace of loved ones lost. Embraced in the arms of weathered bricks, my heart was warmed by the soft candlelight and mind soothed by the angelic voices singing in memory of those dear to us. The ringing of the bell resounded in me, offering peace and meaningful closure in this place held so dear.

"This past weekend was my first time attending a Sunset Ceremony at the Wren Building. Having lost my husband, **Leonard "Charlie" Jones**, last year, I was looking forward to spending the weekend retracing steps and reliving memories of our meeting, dating and getting engaged here on this beautiful campus. With William & Mary so steeped in tradition, I knew it would be a memorable service, but with over 1,000 loved ones being honored, I honestly thought that it would feel less than personal. Instead, I came away feeling nostalgic, uplifted, soothed and with a true feeling of genuine condolence from this place that meant so much to my husband and me. Every detail was well thought out, from the lighting of the candles held in graceful hurricane lamps and solemn ringing of the Wren bell, to the delicate garlands of magnolia leaves and flowers adorning the tables. The care put into the ceremony was truly respectful and created a moving and memorable moment of closure that will always be dear to my heart."

Barb's freshman roommate and fellow Tri Delt, **Melinda Duke Ball**, was also remembered at the ceremony. Melinda passed away in February 2021 in Mandeville, Louisiana. We send our sympathies to her husband, Stuart, her two children and five grandchildren.



Our connection to the College is strong and made stronger by attending events such as Homecoming. To those we saw in good health ... keep it up! For those dealing with health issues ... we carry you in our hearts. For those who were absent ... send news!!

## 1966 ☾

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**Vic Bary's** wife, Maureen Strazdon, wrote "Celebrating Cranford" (New Jersey) for the Images of America series from Arcadia Publishing. It is available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Mary Kay and **Walt Wenk** plan to celebrate **Margaret Conn Walsh's** birthday in Williamsburg and resume travel in 2022.

**Keith Taylor** reported 69 people registered for our 55th. Prior to the reunion, he and **Carol Taylor HON '14** tested positive for COVID-19 but were recovered for the festivities. From **Pete Nance**, I learned that he and Keith were THE representatives for our official class photo — they held the banner high. Also spotted in attendance were **Clyde Culp '65** and **Mary Ellen Coleman Culp**, Sandy and **Keith Dauer**, **Tim Sullivan** and **Anne Klare Sullivan '66, M.Ed. '68, M.A. '73, Ed.D. '86, Betty Bishop Griffin '67, M.A.Ed. '73 and Gene Griffin '66, Jake Smith '66, J.D. '74 and Ginger Graef Smith '69, M.Ed. '74, Anne Jeffries Critchfield** and **Steve Critchfield**, as well as **Martha Wessells Steger**, who arrived from Milwaukee after attending the Society of American Travel Writers convention. Not being able to travel lately, Keith has set up a travel scholarship fund for history professors at W&M and he and Sandy have donated to

the building of an outdoor classroom at their local elementary school.

**Jim Hartman** was with us for two years and keeps in touch with several classmates. He lives in Denver, Colorado, summers in northern Michigan and winters in Thailand.

Last issue **Spencer Timm's** move from a huge farm to a condo was mentioned. He reported that aside from the physical move all is good. Since **Dick Kern '64** and I just did something similar a comment he made hit home — Spencer had to move to understand that being lucky to be old means being smart enough to make the changes that are needed.

**Joe Pitt** is professor emeritus of philosophy after teaching at Virginia Tech for 50 years! **Steve and Maureen Baber Parel** spent the summer in Bend, Oregon, before heading back to Dallas. **Dottie Gilbert Jordan** and **Tom Jordan** did their downsizing last year. They missed Homecoming after getting COVID, despite being vaccinated and very cautious. Also missing the festivities was **Bob Sigafos**, who spends time in San Diego and Alexandria and likes to sneak in a trip to Williamsburg while he's here in Virginia.

**Elaine Neam Starace** and Ed married in 2012 and each has four married kids and 18 grandchildren, ranging from college age to a 3-year-old ballerina. Pre-COVID, she and Ed traveled extensively, including a trip to Machu Picchu, and they are hoping to get to Egypt soon.

Carruth and **Mary Blandford McGehee** moved from Baton Rouge to a retirement community in Knoxville. Plans are to get involved with the Knoxville Symphony.

I was saddened to learn that **Harry Wilkins** lost his wife of 48 years, Bonnie, in February. Harry reports that **Bill Anderson** and **John Jacobsen** remain special friends and are helping him at this time. **Joan Lowry Coates** said she rightsized — not

downsized — a great term. She and Jim have lived in Union, Kentucky (near Cincinnati), for 51 years, where they were able to raise their two children in a rural environment with city amenities nearby. Lots of trips with an exciting one to Iceland recently.

Melinda and **Bart Watt** have lived in the Memphis area for 38 years where he retired from AutoZone. Their children are also in Tennessee — one in Memphis and one in Nashville.

Anne and **Phil Marstiller** live in Middleburg, Virginia, where they enjoy the equestrian community. Phil retired from a 51-year career in law, representing whistleblowers. He has endowed the Philip S. Marstiller tennis scholarship at the College and is now forming a foundation — Giving Back — to help disadvantaged children attend college. Their two sons live in Richmond and Denver, and one grandchild is at W&M.

**Colston Newton '66, J.D. '69** did have a taste of "normal" with a fishing trip with his grandson. Colston said his daughter is dating a PiLam, the first PiLam he's met since W&M days. **Grace "GiGi" Cramer's** book, "Miracle Warrior," is with the editors with an early 2022 publishing date. Elaine and **Woody Caine** are the backbone of the Charleston music world and The Citadel/Patriot's Point scene. Woody teaches and writes with his newest venture gathering stories on WWII veterans. Woody has been recognized by the Marquis Who's Who in America.

**Susan Embrey Coleman** reported on the resumed COOT (Chi Omegas on Tour) trips. **Judy Hein Harrell**, **Carol Boysen**, **Alice Annon Miri**, **Mary Ellen Gordon-Scudder** and **Karen Cottrell '66, M.Ed '69** spent a week at Bald Head Island. Bob and **Susan Bunch Blandford** plan to winter in Stuart, Florida. **Betty Bishop Griffin '67, M.A.Ed. '73** and **Gene Griffin '66** have stayed in Williamsburg and have five grandchildren

ranging from ages 7 to 13. Their daughter **Beth Griffin Wallig '95** and her husband, **Greg Wallig '94**, also have a home on the York River, so lots of visiting opportunities.

I did get a sad note from **Bonnie Mayo Burnham '66, M.A.Ed. '78** with a recap of her last five years. After our 50th Reunion, she lost her husband, mother, sister-in-law and a cherished therapy dog. Special friends from the College were a help to her during all of this — **Jane Snead Ford** and **Margaret Hanzlik Mullins '66, M.Ed '69**. Bonnie has a new therapy dog now and works with Fairfax County Pets on Wheels visiting assisted living and nursing homes.

Dick and I are now in our downsized apartment in a retirement community in Davidson, North Carolina. Amazing Meg completes our little family and we are enjoying being close to our grandsons. I've started a Bunco group to get in the action here. Dick's claim to fame with all the Davidson College people around us is playing two football games on their field and winning both — a little street cred with the locals.

## 1967 ☾

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are looking for a reporter for the Class of 1967. If interested, please contact the magazine staff at [alumni.magazine@wm.edu](mailto:alumni.magazine@wm.edu) or at (757) 221-1167.

## 1968 ☾

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**Gerald Burnett** wrote that he owns and operates Buckeye Bend Books, a used books store in Buckeye, West Virginia. He says this has been a joy since he opened it in 2006 in a former schoolhouse. He is open from April to October.

The rest of the year he returns to Greene County, Virginia, where he retired from a career in education.

Several classmates emailed informing me of the death of **Linda King Olson** on August 25, 2021, at her home in Newport News, Virginia surrounded by family. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, **David Olson '66**, their two sons and a grandchild. Linda was a dedicated and talented teacher. During her tenure at McIntosh Elementary School, she was honored as the Newport News Elementary School Teacher of the Year and received the Organization of American Historians Tachau Award, recognizing her vision and leadership as a passionate advocate of history education, both in her own classroom and at the district and regional levels. Her love of cooking and hospitality led to her role in helping to create "The William & Mary Cookbook." Linda retained her passion for U.S. history, interning and ultimately serving on the board of the Museum of Frontier Culture in Staunton, Virginia.

I received messages on the death of **Sarah Cottrill Campbell** from her husband of 52 years, **Lyle D. Campbell '67** and her sister, **Mary Cottrill '77**. Sarah passed away quietly at home on April 3, 2021, following a two-and-a-half-year battle with cancer. She earned a master's degree in marine science from the University of South Carolina in 1976. She was twice a Teacher of the Year finalist at USC Upstate, teaching from 1977 through 2012. She was the author or co-author of numerous technical papers and abstracts in paleontology and represented USC Spartanburg at international conferences in Vienna (malacology) and in Budapest and Praha (environmental science). She was a founding member of Providence Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina. She was the faculty mentor for the USC Upstate chapter of Students for Life. Sarah found joy in her

Czech heritage, visited the Czech Republic four times, and represented the Czech Republic for 30 years at the Spartanburg International Festival. Sarah was an accomplished naturalist, a member of South Carolina Association of Naturalists, and a past president of Piedmont Audubon. She marveled at the beauty of, and excelled in the identification of wild flowers, birds and mollusks. Sarah loved classical music and played the bassoon in the Spartanburg Symphony. Sarah is survived by three sons four grandchildren.

**Bruce Oliver** wrote that he had the opportunity to talk with lots of members of our class (and spouses) during Homecoming weekend. He said it was good to see **Mike Madden**, **Al Yates**, **Steve Slotnick**, **Bob Shay** and **Judy Stratton Shay**, **Bob Gadkowski**, **Chip Young**, **Sue Stephenson**, **Walden, Terre Latsios**, **Wilkinson**, **Fred Palmore** and **Pam Goodrich**. **Palmore '68, M.A.Ed. '74**, **John Garrett '67** and **Rose Gammon Garrett**, **Bob Trice** and **Susan Saulmon Trice**, **John Medinger**, **Bob Ridout**, **Scott Langhorst** and **Diane Mims Langhorst**, **Don Sanders**, **Howard Kahn**, **Rich Richels**, **Don Freeman** and **George Oldfield**. It was also great to attend the official opening of the Alumni House (spectacular) and to see the 31-24 Tribe comeback victory (exciting) in the Homecoming game.

I'm sorry that there was no column in the fall issue of the Alumni Magazine. The deadline coincided with the transition of my husband into hospice. I was his primary caregiver, and he was cared for in our home. He succumbed to ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease in June. We married in the Wren Chapel in 1973 and had a wonderful life together.

Please send in your news. My inbox and I are lonely.

## 1969 ☾

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Hope this finds everyone well and maybe by the time you read this the pandemic will be receding. (When I last wrote in the early spring, we thought that ... and then the delta variant arrived. So, I hope this time it will be happening.)

In August I was able to attend the renaming ceremony for John E. Boswell Hall (formerly Morton Hall, which did not exist — I think — in our "day"). It was a nice ceremony attended by the family of **John "Jeb" Boswell**, as well as friends and many current students. If you get the chance to stop by, there is a nice photo portrait of Jeb in the entrance. It's the building directly west of the Muscarelle Art Museum on Jamestown Road.

Thanks to a leadership gift from **Steven Kohlhagen** and **Gale Gibson Kohlhagen**, William & Mary has established a Bray School Lab to uncover the history of the Bray School, which is perhaps the oldest existing school for African Americans. The project will involve students at all levels, as well as community members, descendants of students at the Bray School, and alumni using an interdisciplinary approach to examine the stories of the school's students and teachers and the impact of the African American history and culture on Williamsburg and William & Mary.

**John "Mac" Deekens** retired in June from the town of Stuart, Virginia's council, after more than 20 years of service, including two separate stints. From 1986 to 1998 he served on the council and as both vice-mayor and mayor before moving outside of the town limits. After annexation of his new home, he returned to the council in 2013 for seven

more years. He and his wife have recently moved to a retirement community in Northern Virginia.

Otherwise, my news is all sad. In recent months three more members of our class have died: **Wanda Munoz**, **Cynthia Smith Powell** and **Nancy Tierney**.

After earning a degree in sociology with a minor in Spanish, Wanda became a social worker in Richmond. She later worked as a speech writer for the Federal Aviation Administration, where one of the speeches she wrote for the administrator was included in a book by Ralph Nader. Wanda was a cheerleader and a member of the Ludwell Rat Pack. She was retired in Williamsburg at the time of her death. She left several family members, including two sons.

Cindy lived in Oak Island, North Carolina, at the time of her death. She had retired from the Internal Revenue Service in 2000 and then worked as a real estate agent. In college, Cindy worked on the Flat Hat, and was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity. Her survivors include her husband and several other family members.

Nancy earned a degree in history and then taught at Virginia Beach for several years. After marriage and a move to Northern Virginia, she worked for the American Truckers' Association, and later as a paralegal for Holland & Knight law firm. She was an avid sports fan and loved travel, especially to the beach. She left a husband, five children and nine grandchildren.

Our condolences to the families of all three, and to the many friends among the W&M family.

Homecoming was a bit more subdued than usual — partly the weather (wet and muddy!) and partly, I think, the lingering hesitancy to travel with COVID-19 still hanging on. At various times I saw **Ted Zychowski** and **Cathy Coleman Zychowski '70**, **Jake Smith '66, J.D. '74** and **Ginger Graef Smith**

**'69, M.Ed. '74, George Watson '69, M.A.Ed. '78** and **Connie Wilson Watson '71, M.A.Ed. '78** and **Susie Smith Stewart '69, M.A.Ed. '72** — all living the Williamsburg area — and **Rick Spurling '69, M.B.A. '71** and **Jane Youngblood Spurling**, and **Janet Ackroyd Ellis**, but they're all the classmates I saw. Am hopeful to see more of you next year.

Milton and I are well and mostly returned to pre-COVID activities, if a bit more careful of where we go and with whom. As we begin 2022, let's hope that this is a better year for us all.

Go Tribe!

## 1970 ☾

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We had all hoped that by Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2021 COVID-19 would only be a lingering memory, but as the Yiddish adage goes "Man plans and God laughs." Maybe we will have better luck for Traditions Weekend, April 22-24, 2022. The actual calendar of events will be available in January 2022.

We were not able to attend Homecoming but we did receive a report from **Kathy Plasmatti Baldwin**. Once again, **Cary Kennedy** and his wife, Kathleen, hosted an open house at their Toano home on Friday. Hopefully, this generous event will continue for many years. Kathy said that the Friday evening Sunset Ceremony was beautiful and very moving. She reports that the new Alumni House is special and is definitely worth visiting.

There are many new improvements and additions to the library, Phi Beta Kappa Hall and the many other new buildings on campus. Much has changed in the 55 years since we were all freshman!

Unfortunately most of the news we have recently received are death announcements. **Laura Keyes Perry** sent us the following: "You may have heard of the passing of **Hugh Hopkins**, a member of our class, earlier this year. His daughter is an alumna. Friends from William & Mary who were able to visit him during his last days included **Swanson Grizzard**, **Jim Valva**, **Sally Johnson**, and **Bill Blessing**." **John Hempel** sent us sad news of **Jim Wheat's** and **Liz Tarpoley's** passings. Check magazine.wm.edu/in-memoriam for their obituaries.

**Harry Cross '72** sent this about **Jim O'Brien** — "I read about Jim O'Brien today. He was such a wonderful character and fun guy. I enjoyed playing on the team as a freshman with all of you — although you did have a little fun with the freshmen sometimes, especially on that spring break trip where we acquired a Greenwood sign! I think that is a table now? You and Jim were a tough team."

"Hope you are doing well. I am staying close to home until the virus gets down, but I am helping to coach a varsity women's tennis team. We have five seniors we have been coaching up since they were eighth graders, so we are doing well this year. Hope to make the state finals. Take care, see ya at W&M sometimes. I am on the '73 50th Reunion committee, so we may see you two at that event."

After over 50 years, I ran into **Dave Sloan** this summer. Coincidentally, he and I play at the same tennis club in New York. Dave transferred to UConn after sophomore year. He was a Phi Tau at W&M and was a member of the inaugural men's lacrosse team. Dave and I reminisced about the days at James Blair Terrace as out-of-state freshmen. It



is a small wonder that only half of the dorm didn't make it to sophomore year. Dave went on to law school and still practices law in New York. As of October, he and his wife made the jump from snowbirds to permanent residents of Florida, with occasional New York trips to manage his clients. Small world story — Dave's wife is friends with the wife of **Steve Dew M.B.A. '94**. All is well with Dave and he passes along good wishes to all his College classmates.

Our next report is due in early January 2022. Please write. We would love to hear from you! Hope to see you in April in the 'Burg.

## 1972

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Hello everyone! Mark April 22-24, 2022, on your calendars and plan a spring trip to Williamsburg. It is our official 50th Reunion! You can follow plans as they unfold at traditionsweek end.wm.edu. I'm happy to report our notes are plentiful.

**Robert Rycroft's** book, co-edited with Kimberley Kinsley, was published last summer. Its title is "Inequality in America: Causes and Consequences." Robert visited **Sam Marcuson** and his wife, Judy, last summer where he and Sam "prank called" **Wayne Smith**. He also spent several wine-soaked days with **Bill Sirbaugh** and **Delores Gooch Sirbaugh**.

After a 42-year career as a divorce attorney, **Bruce Linder** is enjoying retirement. He and his wife, Jean, have three children and two grandchildren. They enjoy visiting the kids in San Francisco, New York City and Dedham, Massachusetts. He remains close friends with **Bruce Gumbert**. They sound like tailgating professionals with season tickets for the New England Patriots since 1975!

He would love to hear news from **Linda Abernathy** and **Gail Granger '71**.

I joined a group of 25 women from our class in Virginia Beach for a belated 70th birthday celebration in September. **Brooke Coleman Taylor** was the coordinator extraordinaire of this great reunion! She lives in the Fan District of Richmond with her husband, Bob, and they enjoy family time in their Virginia Beach condo.

Let me race through updates, keeping magazine space in mind:

**Carolyn Curley Butler** is a birth and postpartum doula, providing consultation services for new mothers. She has a full house near Denver, living with her husband, Patrick, her daughter and her husband, plus three granddaughters. She hikes, kayaks, and snowshoes and loves jigsaw puzzles.

**Nancy Sturgeon Luzar** and **Rex Luzar '71** live in Williamsburg. They have three children and eight grandchildren. She is the pianist at her church and Rex retired as a vice president from WACO, Inc., an industrial insulation company.

**Janice Brown Kennedy**, retired from the IRS, enjoys playing tennis and gardening, specializing in daylilies. She is looking forward to her daughter's wedding.

I saw amazing pictures of **Gil Peterson Young's** property that she has spent years planning and landscaping. This is her fine arts degree in action!

Future events ... **Rip Scherer '74** and **Michele Ragone Scherer's** daughter will have added a grandchild to the family this October.

**Carol Christensen Jackson** was running for reelection in November as a councilwoman in the Charleston, South Carolina, area. Hopefully I'll have a win to report next time around.

**Harriet Stanley** is looking forward to furnishing her recently purchased home in the historic district of Charleston. She spends

her summers on Cape Cod and winters in South Carolina.

**Cheryl Menke** enjoys living in Annapolis, Maryland, and is an elementary school ESOL teacher. **Sherry Neff Kerley** lives in Richmond and enjoys life after a career as an elementary school teacher.

**Marsha Seidman Gewirtzman** and **Neil Gewirtzman '71** are living the beach life in Kiawah Island, South Carolina. She stays busy with four book clubs and bike riding while Neil plays golf three times a week. He has learned to read music and has added guitar playing to his skill set.

**John Constance** and **Hayden Gwaltney Constance** retired to Raleigh, North Carolina. She rose through the ranks at Verizon and retired as vice president of sales and marketing operations. She then started a consulting company until she took retirement seriously five years ago. John spent his career at the National Archives and then served as head of Congressional affairs for Legal Aid. They are both very active in volunteerism. Check out John's blog, Constantely Hoping. "It's just plain fun," according to **Nancy Sturgeon Luzar**.

**Mavis Henry Moses** lives in Richmond and stays in shape by going to several exercise classes a day. She was an elementary school art teacher driving all over Richmond in the days before GPS was a thing.

**Michele Pugh Harvey '72, M.Ed. '73** and **Peyton Harvey '72, M.Ed. '73** live in Spartansburg, South Carolina.

**Anne Iarrobino Barter** and her husband, Jim, live in Bethesda, Maryland. She enjoys walking, her book club and most of all, her grandchildren. They look forward to traveling. **Mike Stakias** and **Jean Henry Stakias** live in Philadelphia but are spending more time at their house in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Golf is a major pastime for them.

**Elaine Blyth Bixiones** and her husband

live in Jacksonville, North Carolina. She has organized many trips for students all over the world and then branched out to adults. She loves it!

**Becky Walker Adams** got her master's degree in social work and was a social worker in a hospital setting.

**Bill Gibbons** and **Susie Slaton Gibbons** are CPAs and their two children are following the same career path.

**Cheryl Clark** retired as a priest for the Episcopal church and lives in Williamsburg. **Christy Bruce Bunting** lives in Norfolk and is active in her church. **Betsy Stone**, where are you?

Sad news to report on the passing of **Chrissie Ulmer Moore** in December 2020 and **Frances Marian Norton** in September 2021.

## 1973

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By the time you read this, William & Mary football season will be over. They are 4-1 presently and just won the Homecoming game against Albany — the Danes, not the Ragnar bunch. I'm in the 'Burg for a few days dealing with the foibles of a 92-year-old mom and what her next life phase entails. I've retired a second time from a supposed 3-6 month interim CEO/regional government gig that turned into a year-long journey. At least now I can pay for the kitchen remodeling Ann Marie has plans for.

In addition to the regular and entertaining Facebook posts from the likes of **Jean Zettler**, **Martie Davis**, **Barb Bounds Brown**, **Mary Mann Smith**, **Harry Cross '72**, **Billy Gardner '74**, **Ami Cuervo '74, M.Ed. '77** and **Anne Timpano '72**, there is now the emerging artistic presence of **Connie Warren Desaulniers '75** and her vibrant paintings

on display in the 'Burg. **Tamara Lucas Copeland** is also daily posting her D.C. journeys and neighborhood photos as well as candid shoots of our citizen democracy in action.

**Bob Gottke** was at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2021 and had lunch with our forever president, **Andy Purdy**. BTW, for our next edition, others of you who went to HC '21 please provide updates that I can pass along to the hoi polloi.

**Lewis McGehee '74** and his thriving live music career down in Virginia Beach includes "guest" keyboardist Kayce, his daughter. I know Lewis has frequent sittings at 'Burg events and his ever-present smile is ready to grace fellow alumni photo bombs.

In Richmond, **Debbie Prillaman '73, J.D. '76** is maintaining a stiff upper lip after her husband of 40 years Robert Shrader passed in March 2021. They have two sons. Robert was a Vietnam veteran and unlike Deb got his J.D. from University of Richmond.

Our own **John Vile** was recently quoted in a New York Times article about July 4, the American flag and the current divide nationally over former signs/symbols of unity that even the Stars and Stripes can't help quell.

The annual Fredericksburg, Virginia, gathering of a plethora of W&M wrestlers on Sept. 18, 2021, was facilitated by **Tom Monday '74, M.Ed. '79**, at the home of our classmate **John Kaila**. His faithful co-conspirators were **Todd Christensen '75**, **Brad Smallwood '72, M.B.A. '75** and **Scott Mober**.

The cross spectrum of Men In Tights included **Steve Forbes '75, J.D. '81**, **Craig Corson**, Coach **Dick Besnier M.Ed. '67** and coach **Ed Steers M.Ed. '70**. Others included **Drew Bright '70**, **John "Rocky" Trudgeon '75**, **David Topping '75**, **Donnie Moore '78**, **Ken Leonard '77**, **Rick Dixon '76**, **Tom Dursee '78**, **Bob Wilson '75**, **Tony Christ '71**, **Greg**

**Giordano '71, J.D. '74, Jud Mason '70, M.Ed. '76** and last but not least **Colin Steele '80**. I have a group pic of this fine assemblage our heyday of W&M grappers in case anyone wants to know what they look like with clothes on.

Folks, I need more pearls before the swine updates. Just like our vintage favorite rock groups, the herd is thinning but not gone and we '73ers can keep spinning our tales and life journeys. PEACE

## 1974

*Class Reporter*

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Did you miss Homecoming & Reunion Weekend in October? No worries — **Marsha Montgomery, Barb Blake Williams, Nancy Eller** and others have re-scheduled our class's mini-reunion in the historic, quaint town of Frederick, Maryland, for April 1-3, 2022. "We're going to have a GREAT weekend in Frederick!" writes Marsha. "Now I know why I've wanted to stop and see the town for so many years. The format will be much like the successful mini-reunion in Richmond in 2017: Friday night happy hour, on your own Saturday with some suggestions from the committee for things to do, and a full-group dinner (requiring reservations and advance payment) on Saturday night. No activities will be planned for Sunday, but we'll give suggestions for brunch locations and attractions to visit after the event (think Gettysburg if you love exploring Civil War battlefields). We will also provide info on hotels in a range of prices." Stay tuned.

For those of us who made it to the 'Burg for the Oct. 7-10 Homecoming weekend, it was our 47th, so not a reunion year for our class. But Jim and I saw **Nat Hamner**

**'75 and Nancy Sloan Hamner, Rich Hodsdon and Joe Montgomery** and we toured the gorgeous, expanded Alumni House. Lots of other friends, of course, but those were the only 1974 classmates we spotted that Saturday. The highlight of the day for us was the talk by W&M Chancellor **Robert Gates '65, L.H.D. '98** in the Sadler Center theater.

Congratulations to **Lisa Liberatti Heuvel '74, M.A. '05, Ed.D. '11**, a professor at Christopher Newport University, who has published a new book, "Living History in the Classroom: Performance and Pedagogy," designed to help K-12 history and social studies teachers make their subjects engaging to students through storytelling and interpretation. Lisa has lived in Williamsburg and worked for Colonial Williamsburg over the years in several capacities.

My own news: my publisher brought out my new historical mystery series set in Chicago's Roaring Twenties. "The Mystic's Accomplice" was released in June 2021 and "Spirits and Smoke" in January 2022. The manuscript for the third is due Dec. 31, so I'd better get to work.

As COVID-19 declines, travel and social gatherings are picking up. Do let us hear about your activities and your families' milestones!

## 1975

*Class Reporter*

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Just got home after attending our 46th Homecoming & Reunion Weekend! It was great to gather again on campus in something close to normal, although careful attention to safety is still at the forefront and William & Mary did a wonderful job of bringing us together again. I did not get to see quite as

many people as I wanted, but hopefully many of you were there and had a great time. Send me news if you did!

**Anne McGuire** sends greeting from Freiburg, Germany, where she has been living and working since 1985! After singing with several German opera houses over 15 years, she opened her own voice studio in 2000 and continued teaching until retiring in 2020. Transition to retirement was a bit different than planned, but she reports she is doing well, is healthy, has a wonderful network of friends, and while she didn't say it, I suspect she is still singing. While not able to attend Homecoming, she is kept "in the loop" by some of her close classmate friends.

**Meredith Merritt-Beagle** has just published "Astrocytoma: My Journey," taking a year and a half to complete this difficult project. It is about her recovery from brain cancer. While it contains science material, it was written for a more general readership and she feels certain all would find it accessible. The publisher is Library Partners Press/Wake Forest University, and it is available from Amazon.

**James B. "Buck" McCabe '73, M.B.A. '75**, joined the board of directors of ChenMed, a national leader in primary care for underserved seniors. For 35 years, Buck was CFO and a member of the executive committee for Chick-fil-A, building a small group of restaurants in the Southeast into a \$10 billion a year service company. Buck received his bachelor's degree in accounting and his MBA at W&M, then went on to graduate from Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program. He is a CPA and served as a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

And last but certainly not least ... '75 Best Class Ever continues its reign. The BCE theme was symbolized through the beautiful bookmarks **Jane Koenig Terry** designed and the BCE buttons courtesy of

**Van Black**. Huge thanks to classmates' support of our Homecoming service project raising funds for the Williamsburg chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). The goal was exceeded by 33%! Kudos to those classmates who braved Saturday's torrential rains to join in the Annual NAMI Walk — **Roy Terry and Jane Keonig Terry, Tom Ferguson '75, M.B.A. '78, Nancy McMahon, Jim Larsen, Heldur Liivak and Beth DiPace Liivak '76, Sharon Pandak '75, J.D. '78, and Van Black**. The open House at **Barb Ramsey's** home was another wonderful gathering. Thanks, Barb, for yet again being such a gracious host, and thanks to all who helped with food, setup and cleanup. Special thanks to Heldur, self-appointed greeter, who shared his Green and Gold copy from our freshman year. It verified not only who was attending but also confirmed how little any of us have changed!

I've heard that some may not be receiving the all-class emails I send. If you are reading *this* but are *not* receiving the emails, it is because the College does not have an active and current email for you or because you have requested to unsubscribe from hearing from the College via email. If you would like to receive emails with class news or announcements such as the one I sent about Barb's Open House and Homecoming service project (my emails are not tied to fundraising or giving records), send a note to **alumni.records@wm.edu** with your current email, or visit [wmalumni.com/update](http://wmalumni.com/update). Go Tribe!

## 1976

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Hi everyone. Despite being a reunion year for us, the turnout at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend seemed a bit disappointing based on the number of classmates who turned out for the class photo. I did get a chance to chat briefly with **Stokes Kirkland and Charlie Wilkes**, both of whom are physicians, who seemed to be involved in some bizarre competition to see who could stay in practice the longest. I also chatted with **Steve Huebner and Diane Arnold Huebner**. Steve has retired from his work in hospital administration, and they have moved to the Williamsburg area. Having been on the Tribe cross country and track teams himself, Steve now volunteers with both teams.

A number of classmates wrote in this time around, starting with **Madonna Moss** (see more from each in the online version). In her own words, Madonna is "in the process of retiring from 31 years as a professor at the University of Oregon. Over that time, I've accumulated archaeological materials from many sites ... and at this point, I am finishing up analyses on 50+ sites (most in Alaska) and returning them to museums and repositories. My specialty is identifying animal remains. Over this last year or so, I've had a chance to visit with some fellow William & Mary alums. **Rob Scarr '75** visited in his camper van in April, **Louanne Cole Weston '75** dropped off her youngest child to start at the University of Oregon (in person!) a few weeks ago, and I have occasional visits from **Cindy Hoover '75** and **Shelagh and Terry Regan '75**, who live in the Seattle area. I also checked in with **gayle yamada** whose recent documentary film, 'Vanishing Chinatown: The World of The May's Photo Studio,' can be seen on PBS. I am also in touch with **Susan Yerkes Horne** who still lives in the 'Burg and has been a loyal correspondent through thick and thin."

**Jim Klagge** wrote in to



say “I am in my 37th year as a philosophy professor at Virginia Tech. In the last two months I have published two books: “Wittgenstein’s Artillery: Philosophy as Poetry” (MIT Press, 2021), and “Tractatus in Context: The Essential Background for Appreciating Wittgenstein’s Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus” (Routledge, 2022). I have been working on the latter book off and on for 46 years, since taking a class on Wittgenstein by Professor Bohl at William & Mary in 1975. My wife, Kathy, and I try to visit our daughter, **Meagan Klagge Boyd ’04**, and her family near Washington, D.C., every six weeks or so. Facebook has allowed me to stay in touch mainly with other members of the W&M Debate Team. Our beloved coach, Patrick Micken, professor emeritus of theatre and speech, passed away in March 2019.”

**Ruth Edwards Duenster** chimed in as well. She is a self-described “bum who has been goofing off for the last 21 years after working as a lawyer for ExxonMobil for a mere 21 years. Still living in Houston for most of the year but spend the four hottest months in Park City, Utah. I foolishly agreed to hike the Grand Canyon in April 2021 down to Phantom Ranch with friends, which I clearly should have done much earlier in life. But once you get to the bottom, there is no choice — you have to hike back out! Clearly, I haven’t learned from that experience as I am about to bike the Natchez Trace in Mississippi. So, life is good. Carpe diem!”

Our final contestant is my old Lambda Chi brother and brief roommate up in New York, **Bob Gessner**. Said Bob, “**Nancy Esper ’77** and I made a trip to South Carolina to visit our grandchildren in June (birthdays). My amazing 91-year-old mother came with us and had a wonderful time. Then, they came to visit us in August for a week. The highlight for me was arranging for the kids to drive an excavator at the

site of an old hospital my siblings and I purchased and are tearing down (the local school district will buy it for a new building). It was a hoot to see a 3-year-old driving and digging on a real machine. Retirement is good for me. Nancy still is working. Katherine (our younger daughter) is doing a great job running the family business, so I have the luxury of not worrying about it.”

Thanks to everyone who wrote in this time. Next year will be the 50th anniversary of our graduation from high school and I hope that all your schools are planning a huge celebration (I know mine is) and that you can attend worry-free. I look forward to hearing about it from you, as well as anything else you want to share. ‘Til then ...

## 1977 45

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At 32,000 feet high above Maine, I finalized my winter report during the nearly 1,000-mile journey back to Atlanta. Marinda and I just enjoyed a week of rest and recreation on a coastal island 15 miles from shore. The fall leaves were beautiful and the cove view from our rental cottage was stunning. We enjoyed the Pumpkin Fest and Regatta in the village of Damascotta our last night at a quaint B&B on its river.

For our classmates who attended Homecoming & Reunion Weekend last October, I encourage you to send updates for me to include in my spring report. Be reminded that next October 2022 will be our 45th class reunion ... hope to see many of our classmates in person.

In response to my summer report, I heard from **Randy Daniel ’73, M.B.A. ’76**. He offered thoughts on the death of **Richard McKenna ’76**,

including how **Jeff Harrison ’73, M.B.A. ’75** and Rich played golf together. Jeff is a faculty member at the University of North Florida. Randy and his wife, **Marcia Daniel ’76**, have lived in the Stockbridge, Georgia, area since 1981. He continues to practice dentistry.

**Don (Ross) Ratcliffe** also replied to my summer report. He enjoyed reading **Carl Anderson’s** update and interest in locating him. I forwarded him Carl’s email. Don retired the end of 2021 and intends to visit friends such as **Terry Coughlin ’76**, and travel to Canada, Europe and Australia.

My PiKA fraternity brother, **David Paul Rizzo ’79**, passed away peacefully on Sept. 3, 2021. Deepest condolences to his wife, Robin, and their family. Dave’s family considers his legacy to be NC IDEA, a nonprofit organization whose mission is focused on the economic development of North Carolina. He also leaves behind a legacy as an entrepreneur, technology leader, venture capitalist and economic developer.

Congratulations to my PiKA fraternity brother, **Paul Fletcher ’79**, who last August was named executive director and chief executive officer of the Virginia Bar Association. In September, he began leading Virginia’s largest voluntary professional association of 4,000 lawyers, judges and law students under the direction of its board of governors. Paul is publisher and editor-in-chief of Virginia Lawyers Weekly, a role he has held since 1989. Since 2020, he also has been editor of Michigan Lawyers Weekly. He serves as chair of the Virginia Press Foundation and is a past national president of the Society of Professional Journalists.

**Margaret Nelson Phillips ’79** called me and shared she is a criminal defense lawyer in Lynchburg, Virginia. In 2010, she was honored by induction as a fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation and the Ameri-

can Bar Foundation.

**Pat Kruger ’76** informed me that **Linda Mahon** died of cancer last February. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi and an economics major. Linda had a long career in banking. She lived in Bedford, New York, with her loving companion of 35 years, Robert Saunders. Linda was a longtime board member and past treasurer of the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Westchester County.

Congratulations to **John Rathbone** for being appointed by Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam last June to William and Mary’s Board of Visitors. He began his four-year term on July 1. John is a former chief financial officer for Norfolk Southern Corporation and is the father of two W&M alumni, **Jay Rathbone ’02, M.Acc. ’03**, and **David Rathbone ’05, M.B.A. ’11**.

In 2020, **Max Gillespie** ended his 40-year run as athletics director of Hampton Roads Academy. In an interview with the Virginian-Pilot, Max shared “They’re students first and athletes second, but for a student to emphasize athletics while working hard in the classroom shows a lot of maturity.” Max gave many of them a path. During his four decades as the Navigators’ AD, the school added six sports and 18 teams and now boasts 44 teams competing in 22 sports.

Classmates, thank you for your news. Send updates and know that the Class of ’77 cares.

## 1978

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Congratulations to **Dawn Fitzgerald Griggs**, a first vice president with Cushman & Wakefield | Thalhimer, on her election as a regional director for the Society of Industrial

and Office Realtors (SIOR). Dawn has more than 30 years of commercial real estate experience. According to the SIOR announcement, she currently works as a sales and leasing specialist in Newport News. Dawn is also a past president of the Virginia Chapter of the Society of SIOR and received the Industrial Lease Top Deals of the Year award twice from the Hampton Roads Association for Commercial Real Estate.

**John Sissener Dennis** is founder and CEO of Mypulses, a research-based, digital health start-up located in Geneva, Switzerland. Mypulses develops algorithms for sports, wellness and health using big data analysis of pulse wave forms. As the company’s website explains, Photoplethysmography (PPG) — used in many wearables to calculate heart rate frequency — is an optical technique that detects changes in blood volume and can also collect pulse wave signals. With machine learning and with technical advances in PPG pulse wave collection, Mypulses has extended pulse wave analysis well beyond indications of cardiovascular health.

John has also found an exciting way to give back to his alma mater and foster future leaders to “think differently about health and wellness.” John, a W&M Reves International Advisory Board Member, felt uniquely situated at the intersection of medicine, technology and business — geographically and professionally — to create an opportunity to place William & Mary students on the forefront of international health management and technology. A few years ago, he contacted the World Health Organization and several other international organizations to explore the possibility of William & Mary students visiting to ask questions and to learn from specialists from a wide variety of different health topics. The responses were positive. With the international partners interested, Dennis next reached out to his William & Mary connections. He found similar

enthusiasm for his initiative across the university. The resulting Geneva Winter Program has the ability to adapt to the interests of the attending students with emphasis placed in areas of most interest. The interests will undoubtedly change over the years with the topic of COVID-19 currently commanding most attention. One idea John and his wife, Christine, have is to offer more presentations on nutrition next year. "What we eat and how we get nutritional balance is key to health. Let's see which topics are of most interest next year and how we plan accordingly. I look forward to the Geneva program 2022!" Thank you, John and Christine, for initiating such a valuable and innovative opportunity for W&M students!

**Mark Finley** continues to inspire as he recently graduated as a certified P2 paraglider pilot. His first solo flight began with a hike up to the launch site on Tibbets Mountain in Washington state and a flight which included 600 feet of elevation gain in the thermals! Way to go Mark ... Yikes!!!!

My husband, **Rick Smith**, and I, motivated by the pandemic and the fact that these bodies just ain't gettin' any younger, have been doing quite a bit of hiking of the Adirondack 46ers (46 peaks over 4,000 feet). We are now up to 36. Any of you out there want to join us next summer for the final 10? As I write this column, it is Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2021. Perhaps some of you were able to attend and have some news to share ... we'd all greatly appreciate it, especially me! Carpe Diem.

## 1979

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Here's some good news: William & Mary was able to host an in-person Homecoming & Reunion Weekend

celebration this past October — hurray! Although it was not our reunion year, I hope many of you enjoyed this fun weekend in beautiful Williamsburg reconnecting with classmates and reliving fond college memories. **Jon Horovitz** was among those in attendance, along with **Mike Blackburn**, **Tom Rozantz**, **Joe Manderfield** and Kayla, **Bobby Rash** and Jeanne, **David Kelley '81**, **Jack Kroeger '77**, **J.D. '81**, and hosts **Steve Ball** and **Michele Zimmer Ball '78** and **Mark Mullady** and Kathy, all of whom gathered to honor Tribe Football teammate **Michael J. Wagner**, who passed away in April after a long illness. COVID-19 necessitated a very small funeral, so Mike's teammates and friends were grateful for this chance to pay tribute to him at a sunset ceremony attended by Mike's wife, Beth, and their three sons.

It seems more and more of us are venturing out to travel and gather with friends and family again. Two intrepid travelers, **Mary Ann Heyser Wright** and **Carol Arnold Hollenbeck**, toured Iceland together under the expert guidance of Connoisseurs Tours, where our classmate **Brooke Tribble Weinmann** is director of partner engagement. They visited the capital city of Reykjavik, many gorgeous waterfalls, a lava cave, a black sand beach with volcanic basalt columns, and the site of the first Icelandic parliament in 930 AD. They straddled the tectonic plates of two continents while hiking a rift valley and rode a monster truck up a glacier through a blizzard to an ice cave with tunnels more than 100 feet deep inside the glacier — wow! But the absolute highlight of the trip for them both was seeing the Northern Lights.

**Kathy Yankovich Hornsby** didn't just travel to Paris, France. She basically took up residence there for two months to welcome the arrival of her first grandchild, Lilah. Kathy's son Keith plays professional basketball in Europe, currently playing

for a team in Paris where he lives with his wife, Heidey, and their new daughter. At this writing Kathy is still there, hoping her French might improve enough to be "not pitiful." Felicitations et bonne chance, Kathy!

**Kevin Ellis**, **Anne Stephan Henkel** and I traveled to McLean, Virginia, in September for, believe it or not, the 50th reunion of our eighth-grade class! Kevin is currently enjoying retirement in Lookout Mountain, Georgia, where he lives with his wife, Laura. When he isn't outdoors enjoying the trails, creeks and mountain views, Kevin volunteers his time with Metanoia Prison Ministries. Prior to the COVID-19 shutdown, Kevin taught classes in economics and personal finance to prison inmates, taking a cue from W&M professor Peter McHenry, who used to begin his classes by playing songs somehow relevant to the day's topic (think Pink Floyd's "Money"). This was a huge hit with Kevin's inmate students, and Kevin says he is very grateful to Prof. McHenry for sharing teaching materials and tips as Kevin prepared for his transition into academia. In August Kevin was able to resume in-person one-on-one mentoring at the prison.

Kevin's daughter **Lauren Ellis Sturdy '14**, who recently relocated to Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with her husband **Ian Sturdy M.S. '15**, joined us for a pre-reunion gathering at the home of **Amy Moll Newman** and her husband, Bill Marshall. Amy is thrilled to be a first-time grandma and is keeping busy in retirement playing tennis and pickleball, volunteering, traveling and singing in a choir of "kindred spirits with mediocre voices"! She and Bill have become snowbirds, spending winters basking in the sun at their condo in Florida.

**Pernie Forehand** found an unusual way to help local organizations and groups that were negatively impacted by COVID. Joining forces with some other creative souls, she undertook a project to write poems for three music-themed limerick

books, the sales of which provided much needed support to local outreach organizations severely impacted by COVID. Pernie says she'd love to hear from old friends and make new ones (and apologize to a certain friend from sophomore year).

Classmates in the news include **Paul E. Fletcher**, recently named executive director and CEO of the Virginia Bar Association. Paul was publisher and editor-in-chief of Virginia Lawyers Weekly and serves as chair of the Virginia Press Foundation. He is past president of the Society of Professional Journalists and a fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation.

**J. Thomas Savage** is the new director of educational travel and conferences for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. He is returning to Williamsburg after sixteen years with the Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library, where he directed the hugely successful "Costumes of Downton Abbey" exhibit. Earlier in his career, he served as senior vice president and director of Sotheby's Institute of Art for North and South America, and as curator and director of Museums for Historic Charleston Foundation.

That's all for this time. Please be well and let me know what you're up to!

## 1980

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Summer has come to a close and up by me, the leaves are beginning to turn. Homecoming has also just come and gone and I look forward to receiving some news from Williamsburg. In the interim, I have a couple of quick news bites for you.

Earlier this year, **Annette Iversen Osterbind** was promoted to assistant vice president and branch manager of TowneBank's Innsbrook office in the Richmond, Virginia, area. Annette has spent the ma-

jority of her career thus far in the financial and banking industry, more particularly in the wealth management sector, and enjoys the customer experience. Additional areas of interest include the Safe Harbor shelter and the Sacred Heart Center.

In the "Summer 2021 Book Roundup" published in the W&M Alumni Magazine, two books written for a younger audience by **Kathryn Dobbs Erskine** were featured — "All of Us" and "Lily's Promise." Each of the books follows young adults as they navigate the world around them — in one it is a new school ("Lily's Promise") and the other takes the reader on a tour of the planet to see that we are all more similar than not ("All of Us"). Kathryn was awarded the 2010 National Book Award for Young People's Literature and the 2012 Dolly Gray Children's Literature Award for her novel "Mockingbird." Kathryn and her husband, Bill, have two children, Fiona and Gavin, and make Virginia their home.

The last bit of news I have is from **Kim Lopdrup** who lives with his wife, Cathy, in Winter Park, Florida. Until recently, Kim's days were spent at the helm of Red Lobster Seafood Co. as chief executive officer. During his tenure, Kim led three different successful turnarounds of the business, each under a different owner. In August, he retired from Red Lobster so that he could move into his new venture as chairman of the board at Kalera, a fast-growing vertical hydroponic farming company. In his spare time, Kim will remain on the boards of Wawa and Bob Evans Restaurants. Kim and Cathy have four grown children — **Jennifer Lopdrup Bickerstaff '11**, Rebecca Lopdrup Miller, Rachel Lopdrup and George Lopdrup, the youngest, who graduated from The Geneva School this spring and is now at Full Sail University. Jen is also a W&M grad and is director of product management, QuickBooks for Small Business, at Intuit, keeping extra busy with an adorable toddler at home named Reagan. It sounds



like Reagan is the apple of her grandfather's eye. Rebecca is head of product—Alexa Smart Properties at Amazon and Rachel is a fourth-year medical student at the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine.

Well that is all the news she wrote, so please remember to drop me a note from your Homecoming visit, or any other trip. Until then — be well, stay safe and enjoy your family and friends!

## 1981

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Hi everyone! It is October as I write this and I've seen a lot of GREAT photos from Homecoming & Reunion Weekend! Glad that so many of you got back to the 'Burg! Tougher to do from Dallas, but I hope to make it next year for our (GULP) 40th!! I was reminded on Facebook recently that as much time has passed between 1980 and 2021 as 1980 and 1939 ... Really made me feel the passage of time.

I'm about to head to Charlottesville for Parents Weekend and looking forward to being in Virginia in the fall! When you live in Texas you really miss the change of seasons ... ESPECIALLY the fall. I don't have that much news, so PLEASE send some updates soon!!

**Lisa LaBlanca Rogers** wrote to let us know that her second picture book, "Hound Won't Go," published by Albert Whitman & Co., came out in April 2020. It's a rhyming book for little ones based on Lisa's endearing but stubborn rescue hound. Lisa's first picture book was "16 Words: William Carlos

Williams and 'The Red Wheelbarrow,'" published by Penguin Random House. That book won the Julia Ward Howe award from the Boston Authors Club. Congrats Lisa!! Next up is a nonfiction book, "Discover Her Art: Women Artists and Their Masterpieces," which looks at the life and art of 24 women painters from the 1500s to 1960. It should be out in March 2022 from Chicago Review Press.

My own news is that I recently walked the Camino de Santiago (the walk of St. James) in Spain with some women from our church. I've never experienced a pilgrimage before! We "only" walked from Sarria to Santiago (approx. 100 miles). It was challenging (especially for my knees!) but very rewarding. If any of you has the Camino on your bucket list, I'd be happy to share more!

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. I do see a lot of posts on Facebook, but I'd prefer to hear from you personally!! I don't want to share more than you want me to! Stay safe!! Miss everyone!

## 1983

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Please see our online notes for a longer version.

Mea culpa, I'm sorry, **Christie Baty Hudgins**, for spelling your name wrong in the last issue.

Congratulations to **Ute Heidenreich '83, J.D. '90** for receiving a "Distinguished" rating for 2021 from Martindale-Hubbell (a rating firm for lawyers based on peer and client reviews). Ute leads Towne 1031 Exchange, LLC (a subsidiary of TowneBank) handling every aspect of tax-deferred exchanges. A native of Germany, Ute

has worked for TowneBank for over 10 years. After graduating from W&M, she attended William & Mary Law School.

**Alex Zavistovich** posted that his new project "Poe Theatre on the Air" was honored by the International Edgar Allan Poe Festival with Best Adaptation Award for the production of "Hop Frog." You can find it on the wypr.org website.

"Discover the inside story of Alan Turing, Tommy Flower and their team who worked together during WWII to create the world's first digital electronic computer and decrypt a code more difficult than the Enigma cipher." That is the description of **David A. Price's** book "Geniuses at War: Bletchley Park, Colossus, and the Dawn of the Digital Age" released in June 2021! After graduating from W&M with a degree in computer science, David graduated from Harvard Law School and Cambridge University. He wrote "The Pixar Touch" and "Love and Hate in Jamestown" (which I read last summer after visiting Jamestown. Highly recommend!) David was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

**Ellen Alden Mulvey** has been working as a public school elementary teacher for 20 years. She lives in Plano, Texas. She has three grown daughters. The youngest, Shannon, is U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter pilot. Her middle daughter, Heather, owns and runs Order 66 Toys. Colleen, the eldest, does graphic design and works for Sky Candy circus training center in Austin, Texas. Ellen and her husband, James, also a teacher, have been married for 38 years.

**Debbie Norris Maccagnan** hosted a bunch of Phi Mus from near and far for Homecoming: **Phyllis Eyre Mann '81** (Debbie's big sis), **Kiko Yamashita Leonard '81**, **Chris Wieland McIntosh '81**, **Donna Lee Harpster Williams '81**, **Nancy Mullin Cahill '81**, **Susan Motley Mann '81**, **Robin Patty Jones '81**, **Donna**

**Meeks Christensen '81**, **Marcia Seymour Horst '82**, **Suzanne Scholte '81** and **Diane Frey '81**. Most of them were celebrating their 40th reunion. They heard Debbie's son-in-law perform at the Virginia Beer Co. Friday night, ate lots of Cheese Shop sandwiches, lots of Hot Holly's and Jamestown Pie Co. for dessert. Debbie recommends the Blue Talon, where she went for brunch on Sunday with her daughter, **Kate Maccagnan Perry '12**, who is associate dean of admission for W&M. Hubby **Vic Maccagnan** missed some of the fun because he had to fly off to Germany for work.

**Brian Failon's** lovely wife, **Kim Eckert Failon '85**, threw him a fantastic 60th birthday party at Craft 31 in Williamsburg with their kids, **Nick Failon '24**, **Caroline Failon '19**, **Kathryn Failon Constantine '11** and her husband **Andre Constantine**. Also in attendance were **David Warren '85** and **Diane Limm Warren '85**, **Brent Kelly** and **Carol Doub Kelly**, **Dave Reynolds '84** (**Mitzi Smith Reynolds '84** was visiting their daughter at UVA), **Patty Gorski Harris '87**, **Julie Warren Fletcher '87**, **Scott Brazil '84** and **Andrea Smelzer Brazil '87**, **Nancy Cote Kane '84** and her husband, **Chris**, **Robert Nicol**, **Alan Nabors '84**, **M.B.A. '88**, **Stuart Nabors '88**, **Brett Brickey '84** and his wife, **Denise**, and daughter, **Morgan Brickey '20**, and **Brynne Mabry '24**. **Bud Phillips '82** and I also attended.

HoCo21 is a wrap. Friday afternoon was the dedication of the Alumni House expansion. After President Rowe gave some remarks, there was a ribbon cutting. **Hunter Smith '51, L.H.D. '18** held the remnants of the ribbon and said to the assembled group, "Whoever catches this gets to donate the next building!" Funny because Taylor Reveley caught the ribbon. Hmm? Anyway, at the dedication I saw **Skip Rowland**, the ever hard-working photographer, capturing what

will surely be spectacular images, as he was doing all weekend long. Also there were **Ed Lull** and **Lynn Rosenberry Lull**, **Beth Sala Covin**, **Fraser Hudgins '84** and **Christie Baty Hudgins**, **Nancy Cote Kane '84**, **Lois Korb Peterson '81** and her husband, **Dick**, **Micki Leef Stout '65**, **Frances Jones Aylor '71**, **Karen Clark Norsworthy '70**, **John Campagna**, **Ally Phillips '16** and **Stew Sell '56** (also my dad). It was great to see **Marge Gessner Cheek '61**, who was a neighbor of Bud's growing up and very influential in Bud attending W&M.

Dinner Friday was with **Steve Tuttle**, **John Campagna**, **Jon Huddleston '82, J.D. '86** and **Cyndy Nash Huddleston '83, M.Ed. '86**, **Beth Sala Covin** and her husband, **David**, **Fraser Hudgins '84** and **Christie Baty Hudgins**, **Tom Rowland '84** and his wife, **Julie**, **Bud** and me and two of our kids, **Ally Phillips '16** and **Jason Phillips**. After dinner, some folks headed to the Inn for drinks on the Terrace with **Brian Mann**, the new athletics director. Later, a few hardy souls headed to the Green Leaf, which was packed. There were folks reliving the glory days — let's see who I can remember: **Ed "Crash" Perez '84** and his wife, **Emily**, **Bob Reiley '86**, **Steve Tuttle**, **Skip Rowland** (sans camera), **JJ Johnson Head '84** and her husband, **Dan Head '85**, **Janet Lawson Head '86**, who introduced me to our Pi Phi sister **Patty Hanson Puskar '87**, who introduced me to her husband, **Charles Puskar '87** (aka Charles Esten of "Nashville," "The Office" and "Outer Banks" TV shows among others). Their daughter **Addie Puskar '22** is a senior soccer player and Pi Phi.

I am pleased to report, at his request, that **Brian Mount '83, M.Ed. '93** is still alive and kicking and coaching high school track in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He also recently became a grandpa!

As always, apologies to

anyone I forgot and all that I left out, like everything that happened on Saturday: the tailgates, the Class Ambassador reception, the Big Bash, the **Robert Gates '65, L.H.D. '98** conversation.

HoCo is always so fun, you should come back even if it's not our special year!

## 1984

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Greetings, Class of 1984! I am still basking in the warm glow of spending the weekend back in Williamsburg for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. Seeing all the familiar faces and places as well and the many new developments on and off campus was wonderful!

My husband, **Greg Miller**, and I enjoyed spending the weekend with **Kari Guillen Traver '85** and **Tony Traver '85** at their beautiful home on the James River. Before the game, the Tribe cheerleaders stopped to share a cheer with all of us tailgating with **Emily Powell Boddy '83** and **Mark Boddy '87**, including **Marna Ashburn '85** and **Drew Gilfillan '87**. Soon afterward, we had the pleasure of meeting our new athletics director, Brian Mann, and our head basketball coach, Dane Fischer. Having tea with my sister, **Jennifer Horrocks Francois '91**, while her husband, **Kent Francois '91**, cycled with Greg was another highlight of the day.

I was delighted to bump into **Richard Goodman '89** during Homecoming. Richard is a member of the W&M Tysons book club I joined several years ago while I was living in the D.C. area. Thanks to Zoom meetings over the last 18 months, I now participate from South Carolina — so meeting Richard in person was a special treat!

The drizzly Williamsburg

weather did not dampen spirits during the weekend and the rain held off for the beautiful Sunset Ceremony in the Wren Yard. This year's ceremony honored alumni, family and friends who passed away at any time since the last ceremony was held in 2019, and it was a privilege to represent our class and recall special memories of two of our classmates, **Ford Cochran** and **Sally Lewe Bratz**, who were among those honored.

I shared the sad news of Ford's passing in our Class Notes back in 2019, but Sally's passing was more recent, in August 2021. While at William & Mary, Sally was a member of the women's tennis team and Delta Delta Delta sorority. A USTA-certified tennis professional, Sally dedicated her career to sharing her love of tennis with players of all ages, serving as coach of the Haverford College and Villanova University tennis teams and coaching privately in Pennsylvania and Delaware before relocating to Charleston, South Carolina, several years ago. Sally remained close to her William & Mary friends, especially those in our sorority. She was an active participant in our sorority graduating class's Zoom group that began meeting during the pandemic. Born on St. Patrick's Day, Sally always brought fun to any gathering and her loyal friendship, warmth and humor will be greatly missed by all those who knew her.

**Rhonda Gillespie Raney '84, J.D. '87** was named executive director at Interact, a Raleigh, North Carolina-based nonprofit organization that supports victims and survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence in Wake County, North Carolina.

**Soh Yeong Roh**, founder and director of Art Center Nabi, a media art center in Seoul, South Korea, hosted William & Mary student fellow **Amy Zhao '19** as part of the Global Research Institute's Summer Fellows Program, which pairs student fellows with William & Mary

faculty and international organizations to conduct research around the world. Amy's experiences at Art Center Nabi inspired her to develop ideas for utilizing blockchain technology to address intellectual property issues in the art world. Read more about Soh Yeong on pages 52-55.

**Luanne Spruill Guter-muth** has been named chair of the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She retired as executive vice president and chief administrative officer at Washington Gas last year. Founder of LSG Solutions LLC, a corporate and organizational consulting firm, Luanne serves on the boards of Washington Performing Arts and Northern Virginia Family Service and volunteers in other community and industry organizations. She and her husband, Mike, run Good Spirit Farm, a farm winery in Round Hill, Virginia. Their son **Matt Guter-muth '22** is in his fourth year at William & Mary.

My husband, Greg, reconnected with **Allan Robinson** after he and his wife, **Elaine Bogan Robinson**, retired to nearby St. Helena Island, South Carolina. Allan and Greg played on the William & Mary men's tennis team together as freshmen, and they both have continued to play competitively over the years. They recently competed in their first national doubles tournament in Savannah, Georgia, and were happy to discover that their results placed them among the top-ranked players in their age group nationally.

Connecting with each other seems more important now than ever, so I encourage you to let those who meant a lot to you during your years at W&M know how much you value their friendship. I visited with **Tim Wilson** recently, and we remarked how the bonds of friendship within our class at W&M have impacted our lives — and how unique this experience seems to be and how grateful we are for it.

If you have any updates

you'd like me to share in the next Class Notes, please let me know!

## 1985

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This weekend is Homecoming, and although I won't be attending, I hope those of you who did go will let me know of any updates from our classmates.

I heard from **Roy White-hurst**, who had read in my last column about my move to North Carolina. He is a fisherman like my husband and is also considering a move down here to fish the many nearby lakes. Hope to see you whenever you decide to check out the area, Roy! There's always room in our boat for you!

**Lauren Onkey** has become the director of the Corcoran School of the Arts & Design. She previously served in leadership roles at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Cuyahoga Community College and at Ball State University, where she spent 14 years teaching popular music studies and postcolonial literature. Lauren was most recently senior director for NPR Music, and was involved with developing the "Tiny Desk Concerts" series.

This September marked the 20th anniversary of 9/11, and we should remember our classmate **James Lee "Jimmy" Connor**, one of the seven alumni who perished on that day.

As I read the most recent email from the Classical Studies Department, I was saddened to hear about the passing of Professor Julian Ward Jones Jr., whose presence loomed large there for four decades. I have so many memories of my time with Dr. Jones, beginning with my placement as a freshman into Latin 304, which was held in Brafferton Hall for a while due to asbestos removal in Morton (now Boswell) Hall. I spent that first semester trying so hard to prove that I belonged in a

class with upperclassmen, and vowed to overcome the obstacle that Dr. Jones placed before me when he told us he did not give the A grade to his students. (I accomplished my goal and eventually earned that A!) Dr. Jones was an excellent advisor to me, and he was always so kind to invite his students during the holidays to his home, where he and his wife hosted us for dinner and often a slide show of his travels to Roman Britain. If you ever had a class with Dr. Jones or would like to find out more about the life of this extraordinary professor, please see the link in our online Class Notes at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1985.

Sorry to end on a sad note, but sometimes the sad news comes along with the happy. No matter what type of news you have for me, I look forward to hearing from you. Valette, omnes!

## 1986

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Congratulations to **Kris O'Keefe McCusker** and Dave McCusker Jr., who were married at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Graham, North Carolina, on June 20, 2020. In attendance were her senior roommate, **Kathleen Calpin Newton**, and husband John; Kris' brother, **Kevin O'Keefe '85**, and wife Diana; and Kris' mother, Gloria O'Keefe. Kevin's three grown children, Brian, Alexandra and Ella O'Keefe, along with Dave's three adult children, served as bridesmaids and groomsmen. Dave's granddaughter was the flower girl.

Congratulations also go out to **Virginia "Gin" Groseclose Payne**, who married Glenn Payne on April 16, 2021, at the Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville, Virginia. It was a gorgeous weekend — wedding on Friday, wineries on Saturday and golf on Sunday. The newlyweds were acquaint-



ed in high school and had reconnected in October 2018. Glenn is the head golf pro and general manager at a small golf resort in New Market, Virginia. Gin has worked for Afton Chemical Corp. (formerly Ethyl) for 28 years. Her son, Dalton, graduated from high school in 2021. He has worked for over two years at Jersey Mike's in Midlothian, Virginia, and is a freshman at Brightpoint Community College (formerly John Tyler).

**Steve Hall** is living in Richmond, Virginia, and recently accepted a management position at Berkshire Hathaway Energy GT&S (formerly with Dominion Energy). He transitioned a few years ago out of litigation, which he practiced for many years after going to law school at the University of Virginia. He was thankful for having a good network of friends during COVID-19, but he's glad to be back in the office. He would welcome connecting with any alumni in the Richmond or Charlottesville, Virginia, areas.

**Brian McGahren** of Portland, Oregon, reports that he and his husband, Larry Ludeking, have been more or less hunkered down since COVID began, but they've had some interesting times. As members of their local chapter of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), they volunteered during March, April and May to assist with paperwork and traffic control at vaccination sites run by Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue. Brian and Lars had been taking ballroom dancing lessons for several years through their local Fred Astaire Studio. When COVID restrictions began lifting, they signed up at the Bronze/Beginning level for the Fred Astaire Dance Championship in Las Vegas during the last week in July. In Brian's words, "We competed in six dance forms both as an amateur-amateur couple, and as part of amateur-professional couples, each of us partnering with our instructors. I had the singular challenge of being the Follow when partnered

with my husband, and of being the Lead when partnered with my instructor, so I was flipping roles a lot. Oh, yes .... and we were the only same-sex couple out of hundreds who were competing." Congratulations to Brian and Lars for coming home with a medal.

According to a Virginia Town & City article dated June 1, 2021, **Lisa Robertson Kelley** has been appointed as the first female city attorney for Charlottesville, Virginia. She had served as the city's chief deputy attorney. Lisa's history also includes work as a private practice attorney and as a county administrator.

On Sept. 13, 2021, Virginia Lawyers Weekly named **Todd Leeson** as a member of The Class of 2021 "Leaders in the Law." Todd is a partner with Gentry Locke Attorneys in Roanoke, Virginia.

**Kathy Fitzgerald Lind** and **Greg Lind '87** sent greetings from their new home in Florida. Kathy works for Deloitte. Greg is retired and does some guest lecturing at the hospitality school at the University of South Florida. Their son Ryan has moved to the Astoria neighborhood in New York City's Queens borough. Their son Matt graduated in May with a master's degree in financial crimes and investigation with a certificate in sports investigations integrity.

If you attended our class reunion in October, please send news for the next column.

## 1987 35

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**Matt Seu '86, M.B.A. '89** and I spent a wonderful long weekend in Williamsburg for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend! Festivities started with a Thursday eve Tribe Women's Soccer game under the lights. **Marsha Fishburne Lycan** and **Julie**

**Cunningham Shackford '88** were of course on the sideline coaching, but we got to chat with Neil and **Jen Finn Duffy '86, Chip Puskar** and **Patty Hanson Puskar**, and **Nancy Reinisch O'Toole '88**, and Bo Wilhelm. Patty and Chip were there cheering on their daughter **Addie Puskar '22**, a senior on the team who was recently named William & Mary Student Athlete of the Week. Nancy was in the crowd with us cheering on her daughter **Jillian O'Toole '23** who is a junior on the team, along with **Kayleigh Shackford '23** (Bo and Julie's daughter). Being able to cheer on the daughters of friends I've known since '83 is a special experience.

We got to spend some time at happy hour Friday at The Lodge with my Tri Delt sorority sisters **Sarah Wilson, Karen Griffith Gryga** and **Sharon Meyers Levine**. I was happy to meet Sarah's oldest daughter Clementine, who was on a college visit checking out W&M (her husband Chris Robins was back in Massachusetts with their youngest daughter, Lola). Sharon and her husband, Ken, had a busy weekend not only with Homecoming events, but they also were looking forward to the graduation ceremony for their oldest daughter **Ansley Levine '20** on the Sunday of Homecoming weekend. We were joined by some W&M sorority sisters and friends of Ansley and **Amelia Levine '24**, along with **Stu West '88, M.B.A. '93, Mike Sapnar '88** and his son Sam, **Mark Sweeney '86** and **Jeff Tinnell '85**.

Some other names and faces in the crowd this weekend included **Mark Boddy** and **Emily Powell Boddy '88, David Bond, Mark Batzel '88, Rhanna Kidwell '86, Cathy Caputo Livingstone '86, Martha Feathers Owens '85, M.Ed. '92, Ed.S. '94, Erin Sheehy Downs '84, J.D. '87, Darcy and Kelly Jackson Higgins '85, Diane Alleva Cáceres '87, M.A. '89, Lynn Alleva Lilley, Carl Kumpf '88** and his W&M undergrad

daughter **Cayla Kumpf '22, Dan Head '85, Pam Bitto Watts '86** and her husband, Jim, **Karen Nelson** (in town for events including the Sunset Ceremony and the graduation ceremony for her daughter **Susanna Maisto '20**), **Catherine Nelson Schlawin '89**, and many, many others (forgive me if I forgot to add your name, I'm getting old!).

While talking with **Dan Head '85** and **Marsha Fishburne Lycan** at the Tribe Women's Soccer tailgate, I got to speak briefly by phone with Dan's sister **Laura Head Milgram**, who was a Spotswood freshman back in '83 with Marsha and me! Laura is doing well and is living in the Cleveland area with her husband and four kids. Laura earned her medical degree at Case Western University and specializes in pediatric pulmonology.

W&M sent a few news clippings with news about classmates. In August 2021, W&M News published a story by **Daisy Garner '21** highlighting **Amy Zhao '19** and the recent award she received in the "Design & Creator" stream of WizForm's Build Your Dream competition. Daisy's article titled "The Art of Blockchain" notes that Amy's project idea focused on using blockchain technology to "address intellectual property issues in the art world." (You can find her article at magazine.wm.edu/online-exclusives). Her interest in blockchain apparently began when she took a course at W&M's Global Research Institute. **Mike Tierney '87, M.A. '89** is the co-director of William & Mary's Global Research Institute, which brings together faculty, practitioners and students to explore and research real world issues. You can learn more about GRI at [wm.edu/offices/global-research](http://wm.edu/offices/global-research).

In August, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette featured a piece on **Chip Puskar** (Charles Esten), his roles on the successful ABC/CMT show "Nashville" and more recently on "Outer Banks" on Netflix, and his close ties to Pittsburgh. Chip's mother, **Cynthia Fulwiler**

**Puskar '63**, and dad, the late **Charles E. Puskar Jr. '63**, were William & Mary graduates, and Chip was born at Allegheny General Hospital. He and his sister **Cathy Puskar '89**, spent most of their early childhood in the Pittsburgh area before relocating to Alexandria, Virginia. They still have many Pittsburgh-area relatives and friends, and the article notes that he's often back cheering on the Steelers whenever he can. Chip and Patty live in Nashville, Tennessee, and are proud parents of three children: Taylor, Chase and **Addie Puskar '22**. Chip is serving once again as the 2021 National Light the Night Honorary Chair. The Light the Night Walk is the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) fundraising event to pay tribute and bring hope to those battling cancer. Patty and Chip have been heavily involved and personally committed to helping LLS. (They are putting on their 8th Annual Light the Late Night concert this year.) Their daughter Addie (who plays Tribe Women's Soccer) is a leukemia survivor and has been cancer-free for 18 years. To learn more or donate, visit [bit.ly/TeamAddie2021](http://bit.ly/TeamAddie2021).

It was fun bumping into so many friends and classmates at Homecoming. Next year is our 35th Reunion, so I hope you can make plans to be there next October!

## 1988

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**Betty Steffens Clark** is living and working in Alexandria, Virginia, doing engineering consulting at Systems Planning and Analysis Inc., where she has been employed for 26 years. Although she majored in physics at W&M, Betty earned her M.S. in electrical engineering at San Jose State University and her Ph.D. in aerospace engineer-

ing at Virginia Tech specializing in control theory. She and her husband have five children, all in their 20s, who are doing well. Three earned engineering degrees at Virginia Tech. Their daughter graduated from VCU with a degree in exercise science. The fifth is studying music. Betty has enjoyed attending several W&M class reunions, where she visited with **Catherine Policastro Freiling '88, M.B.A. '93, Terry Forbes, Natasha Nimo Chihlas** and many of Natasha's Lodge friends. She also had get-togethers with **Tristan Coffelt '89** in Northern Virginia. Betty is amazed how the campus has changed since her W&M years. She enjoys visiting the staff at the physics department and exploring DoG Street when in Williamsburg.

Holding down the W&M stake in San Antonio, a block from the San Antonio River, **Amy Hartman** and her spouse, John Roby, are celebrating 20 years of marriage, and they welcome W&M folk for patio Mexican food when visiting their fair city. Amy leads human investments at Credit Human credit union, and she and John are in training to walk the Camino de Santiago in Spain in 2022.

**Mark Gartner and Ann Lanman Gartner** started their 32nd year at The Peddie School in Central New Jersey in September 2021. Mark works in the math department and is a track coach, while Ann is the assistant athletic director and works in the dorm where they live with 33 ninth and 10th-grade boys from around the world. They have two grown sons who are each math teachers in independent schools. Mark says it is really nice to have the entire family in the education business.

**Tom Dungan and Teri Dale Dungan's son Thomas Dungan '17, M.Acc '18** got married on Sept. 5, 2021, to Leigh Lloveras at a family property in The Plains, Virginia. They had two generations of William & Mary alumni present to celebrate the happy couple. Thomas'

siblings **Matthew Dungan '20 and Megan Dungan '23** were in the wedding party. Many of Tom and Teri's dear W&M friends joined the celebration: **Sharon McElwee Barnes and John Barnes '89, Renee Morgan Orlosky** and Bob Orlosky, **Lynne Sisson Haynie '88, M.Ed. '02** and Russell Haynie, **Christina Langelier Hamilton and Sean Hamilton '89, M.B.A. '01, Elmer Bigley '89** and Kathleen Mahoney, **Geoff Ayers** and Jen Ayers, **Rodney Alejandro** and Janet Alejandro, and **Alicia Francis Bond '90** and Matt Bond.

**Mollie McNeil Morgan and John Morgan** decided to travel from their home in Los Altos, California, to Williamsburg in June 2021 and get as much out of the trip as possible. They turned it into a mini reunion with fellow Class of '88 friends **Beth Ann Stefanini Clark, Hallet Murphy Culbreth** and **Anne Newlon Doll**, who came out to cheer Mollie on at the Rev3 Half Ironman distance triathlon. Mollie and John brought their daughter Abigail Morgan, a high school senior, to tour William & Mary. She was lucky enough to be on campus for the first in-person Information Session since the beginning of the pandemic. She is applying for fall 2022 and they are keeping their fingers crossed. The Morgans also were able to enjoy lunch at Paul's with **Sam Bryan and Frances Eva Demmerle '89** and their daughters.

From the news: **Caitlin Lewis Smallwood** is Netflix's vice president for science and algorithms, leading predictive decision models, algorithm research and experimentation science.

**Dave Roesser** has been appointed as the chief executive officer of Encina Development Group in Woodland, Texas, effective Aug. 2, 2021.

**Jill Ellis, '88, L.H.D. '16** was named the president of the latest National Women's Soccer League expansion team in San Diego in June 2021.

## 1989

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When I asked for you to send in your news, you answered loud and clear! Thank you! Please visit the online Class Notes at [magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1989](http://magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1989) to read much more!

**Tom Carnell** retired from the State Department in 2018 and then went back to work there as a contractor. He and his wife, Lisa, are super proud that both kiddos — **Brendan Carnell '20 and Sarah Carnell '23** — are members of the Tribe!

**Becky Samuels Paquet** could no longer resist being closer to home and bought a house in Williamsburg.

**Paul Gormley** visited W&M in August to drop off his son, **Ronan Gormley '25**, between assignments in Somalia and at the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, Turkey.

**Jim Perry** has been married to Sarah Shine for 21 years, lives in Orlando, Florida, and has two grown children. Jim is a client executive with Gallagher Benefit Services.

After working at a major international law firm for five years, **Trevor Burroughs** started a job as a project manager for Complete Discovery Solutions. Last year he found himself needing a new dentist and connected with **Peter Colicis '90**.

**Grant Phelan** and his wife, Jo Ann, recently returned home from Parents Weekend at Wake Forest, where their son is a freshman. While there, Grant got together with former roommate **Chris Fox**, who lives in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, with his wife, Lyn.

Grant stays in touch with **Don Wilson and Beth Ann Wilson**, who live in Northern Virginia, where Don works in real estate development and Beth Ann

is the head women's volleyball coach at Marymount University.

**Heidi Hanzel Van Voorhis** is beyond thrilled to have a son at W&M, **Clairborne Van Voorhis '24**.

**Dee Vantree-Keller** merged her firm, DVKLAW, with Holcomb Law. In August, she moved her oldest daughter into her room on the Lawn at UVA.

**Sallie Wellons McOwen '89, M.A.Ed. '93** and **Steve McOwen** went to visit Tim Dragelin and **Lauri Gabig Dragelin '89, M.A.Ed. '91** at their house on Lake Tillery, North Carolina. Tim is still with FTI Consulting. Lauri works at an independent school in Charlotte.

Sallie met **Shelley Watrous Palermo '88** for lunch in Cary, North Carolina, one day. Shelley is a physical therapist and lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with her husband, **Jim Palermo '88**. In March, Sallie spent the day with **Sara Hammel McNamara** and her daughter.

**Judy Conner Olbrych** and her husband, Tim, who is still teaching in the W&M Music Department, have been married for 32 years. After running her own business as a copywriter, Judy joined tawk.to as their head of content.

**Alison Alten Jia** lives and works in Washington, D.C.; she and her husband have continued their exploration of porcelain and decorative arts with their companies Middle Kingdom ([mkporcelain.com](http://mkporcelain.com)) and Cobalt Guild ([cobaltguild.com](http://cobaltguild.com)). She sees and hears from **Jennifer Spurlin Bertulaitis, Liz Killebrew Conwell** and **Chris Hinders** in the D.C.-Maryland-Virginia area, and **Heather Miksch Tzou** in San Jose, California, most frequently.

Monroe hallmate **Susan Ball Wolski** started a new job as academic administrative specialist at the University of Richmond.

**Theo Davis** relocated from Brooklyn to Long Island, New York, during the lockdown. In April 2020, he joined the internationally acclaimed litigation firm of Ajamie LLP. On Sept.

26, 2020, Theo married his partner of 15 years and mother to their two daughters. Fellow Lambo, Pastor **Mike Hanafée '91**, flew in from Detroit to perform the nuptials.

**Caroline Kraus** lives in Northern California and in 2015, she founded the Moments Of Truth Project, a platform sharing films, photography art and writing. To see the project's first documentary, visit moments oftruthproject.com.

**Mary Ann Love Harwood and Jay Harwood '90** moved to The Woodlands, Texas, just north of Houston. Mary Ann still works for PNC. She's looking forward to connecting with KDs **Lauren Camillo Sullivan** and **Meg Bissing-er '90**. Jay continues to work in consulting. Over the summer he visited with **Dave Uehlinger '88, Mike Walsh '88, Tim Duval '88** and **John Farrell '88** in Washington, D.C., for the funeral of a fellow W&M grad **Johnny Maisto '87**, who passed away earlier this year.

**Val Duguay Strain** has jumped back into her physical therapist assistant job and also still builds electric guitars.

**Jon "Appleseed" Williams and Beth Williams '91** are both working for the University of Virginia. They had fun catching up also with **Dan Berry** and his family at a W&M-UVA football game, **Andrea Williams Mulvaney '91** and **Tim Mulvaney '91** in Richmond, Virginia, **Erinn Finger Hansen '91** in Williamsburg and **Sidney Rankin Medford '90**, who was touring UVA with her daughter. Jon's brother **Chris Williams '90** also lives in Charlottesville with his wife, Catherine.

**Jackie Brockman Tury** is excited to report that she is finally living full time in the Outer Banks of North Carolina! During a monthlong summer stop in Richmond, they met up with **Tracy Lucas Moe** and **Wayne Moe '88, Kristin Master Slacin, Sherri Fink Radday '88** and **Mike Radday '86, Alison Martin Furlough '88** and



**Deena Muller '88.** Special thanks to Tracy, Kristin and Aurelia **Amory Scharnhorst '89** for giving new homes to paintings Jackie created in her RVA summer series!

**Stewart Tatem** and **Julie Devish Tatem** are now empty nesters, but their two kids live near them in Reno, Nevada. Stewart still enjoys his pediatric practice but will be looking to retire in four to five years. Julie enjoys reading, singing in the church choir and relearning French. In September, they stayed with **Laurie Maxwell Simmons** and her husband, Richard, in Northern Virginia, where they got to see **Sherry Adams Johnson** too. Julie also had a girls' week in Reno this summer with Laurie, Sherry and **Melanie Martin Long.**

**Amy Reichart Warren** and **Harry Warren's** daughter, **Natalie Warren '22**, is giving a talk virtually at this year's AGU (Advancing Earth and Space Science) conference in December. Harry will also participate virtually to talk about his solar physics work for the Naval Research Laboratory.

**Colin Ruh '89, M.B.A. '94** has worked for Capital One since its beginning and his current role is in risk management. **JoAnn Adrales Ruh** has been busy substitute teaching and volunteering. This summer, several Tribe friends met for their biennial reunion with **Michelle Furman Veeck**, **Tim Padgett** and **Stephanie Goila Padgett '90**, **Kristin Palm Jones '90**, **Jennifer-Ashley Hillman '90** and **Hollis Clapp '91.**

**Todd Martin's** youngest daughter started at the University of Cincinnati this fall.

**Jon Lindquist** sends his greetings from Germany, where he heads a research lab in experimental nephrology. He and his wife have three kids (grades 7, 9, and 11).

**Eric O'Toole** started a new role as president, North America for Edgewell Personal Care. He was in the 'Burg for Homecoming and watched his daughter, **Jillian O'Toole '23**, play soccer.

**David MacDonald** started a new job as senior internal communications strategist at First Citizens Bank in Raleigh.

**Cindy Corlett Argentine** has a new children's book out called "Night Becomes Day: Changes in Nature." She caught up with **Beth Vogel Dudley** this summer and they and their teen daughters spent a great couple of days in Chicago.

**Jim Stager** continues to serve as a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch in State College, Pennsylvania. Jim and **Chris Gessner** try to get together during his visits back to Pittsburgh. Chris recently accepted a position as president and CEO for Akron Children's Hospital. Jim and **Vince Edwards** are planning to get together during one of Vince's visits to State College.

**Wally Welham '89, M.B.A. '00** and **Jen Burgess Welham '90** have downsized to an apartment in Reston Town Center in Virginia, and are building a house in Williamsburg, in Kingsmill.

Theta sisters **Karen Hohnacki Perigard** and **Michelle Wade Scheuerman**, along with their spouses **Greg Perigard** and **Craig Scheuerman**, proudly watched their daughters **Morgan Perigard '20** and **Campbell Scheuerman '20** participate in the long-awaited Class of 2020 Commencement ceremony on campus in October. Congratulations to the resilient Class of 2020!

## 1990

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**Michael Hardy Edwards** and **Mark Gavin "Lud" Ludvigsen '91** — it's been 20 years this past September, and we still grieve for you, your families and loved ones. Rest in peace.

**Diane Duffrin Kelley** and **Pamela Sanderson DiDonato** caught up this September during new

student move-in weekend at Stanford, where their sons will both be first-years. They reminisced about William & Mary days and fond memories of Barrett Hall (what happened to single-sex dorms?!). Diane is a French professor at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. After a first career in investment banking, Pam completed a degree in nursing and is now a clinical nurse expert in the PICU at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. See a photo in our online notes.

I stumbled upon **Mike McSherry's** LinkedIn profile and was compelled to share his career highlights. After working as a product manager at Microsoft, Mike co-founded Zivo Internet Services, which he sold in 1999. He then co-founded Boost Mobile, which was sold to Dish for \$1.5 billion in 2020. Since 2003, he has co-founded three more companies, the most recent being Xealth, the leading software platform for doctors to prescribe and monitor digital health tools (content, apps, devices, ecomm products, etc.) from their electronic medical records. Making us proud, Mike!

As you know if you follow our class updates, we have some amazing, creative classmates. Cases in point:

According to his bio on Penguin Random House, **J. Todd Scott** "has been a federal agent with the DEA for more than 20 years, working cases investigating international maritime smuggling, domestic meth labs and Mexican cartels." He has a law degree from George Mason University and is a father of three. A Kentucky native, he now resides in the Southwest, which provided the backdrop for "The Far Empty." His most recent book, "Lost River," was released on June 23, 2020.

**Bill Lawrence**, we thank you and applaud you for "Ted Lasso."

**Margot Stanley Bram** (and **Adam Bram**) said that despite some rainy moments, they had a blast at the 2021 Homecoming. On

Friday, they helped celebrate the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Alumni House expansion. They enjoyed running into **Sophie Lee**, **Audra Lalley Mallow** and **Christy Mortin DeMier** after the ceremony and catching up with these active alumni! That evening, they went to the Class of '90 Reunion and hung out with **Trish Holder Phillips** and **Eddie Phillips**, **Michael Gunlicks**, **Zack Matzanias '91**, **Bettina Ristau**, **Jen Stephens Fallon**, **Sydney Merritt Kelley**, **Jenny Wayland**, **Suzanne Culp Raygan '91** and **Kathleen Gallagher Jaye**.

On Saturday, at tailgates and the evening Big Bash, Margot and Adam also met up with **Jon Gregory**, **Melinda Summerlin Hancock '91** and **Jason Hancock '91, M.A.Ed. '95**, **Derek Turrietta '89**, **Tom Stewart '89** and **Julie Wagner Stewart**. **Elizabeth "Beth" Kennedy** lives in NYC, where she works for private equity firm Warburg Pincus and also as a freelance classical singer. She wrote that Homecoming weekend was a beautiful trip down memory lane! **Sharon Wibbe Mankovich**, **Beverly Kelly Alksninis** and **Beth** held court with **Stephanie Ploszay Karn '91**, **Bettina Ristau**, **Jon Gregory**, **Jon Layton** and a host of Pikas at the Green Leaf, just like old times!

She loved catching up with **Kate McCauley** and **Cathy Lareau '91** over brunch at the Williamsburg Lodge. **Bonnie Joblin Crews '92** and **Lisa Tilley Svendsen '88** also said hello; both have daughters who are now W&M students — **Julia Crews '22** and **Ellen Svendsen '23**. Another highlight for her was hearing the glorious William & Mary Choir in their first live concert in two years and reconnecting with fellow choir member **Ron Wolfe '91** at the class reception! See a photo in the online notes.

I'm sure many more of you were at Homecoming, so please send me your accounts to include in the next Class Notes.

## 1991

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I am writing this column just days after Homecoming and our 30th reunion. The comment I received the most at our class party — "thanks for writing the column!" It made me laugh. I do not have enough space to list everyone I saw, but you know who you are so send me an update!

Seven of the Yates 2C crew spent a long weekend relaxing at a beautiful house on the water on the Northern Neck of Virginia. **Amy Yenyoo**, **Noelle Chalfoux Dunlap '91**, **Carol Bowman Kennedy**, **Victoria Chase**, **Susanne Stagg Cooper**, **Rachel Hiebert Warren** and I relaxed by the water, enjoyed tons of good food and beverages and played a rousing game of Cards Against Humanity. We spent a day in Williamsburg for our class party and visiting Noelle's daughter **Maddie Dunlap '25**, who is a freshman.

A few weeks prior, I was able to spend a beautiful day by the pool with **Anisha Sheth Mason** and **Shuchi Sharma '92, M.A. '93** at **Geralyn McLernon Sola's** house while Anisha was visiting from California. Anisha, Geralyn and her husband, Mike, were also at Homecoming.

**Mai Lan Fogal Isler** met up with several other '91 TriDelts in Cancun, Mexico, last year — **Lauren MacDonald Wittstadt**, **Nyla Hashmi Reed** and **Dawn McCashin Perotti**. Mai Lan lives in Boulder, Colorado, practicing law and working part time as an adjunct professor of law. Her daughter **Anna Isler '22** is a senior at W&M. Nyla lives in New York City and is founding partner of a consulting company called Educe Group. Lauren works at Educe from Baltimore. Dawn is also a lawyer, living in Dallas. They also attended

the reunion together.

**Debbie Levine Snyder** took a new job as assistant dean of career management at Santa Clara University Law School, relocating to San Jose, California, with her husband, Kurt. Their daughter is completing her senior year of college at Indiana University studying abroad in Japan. Their son is a freshman at Stanford. The pandemic allowed her to reconnect with many of her Hunt 2nd freshman hallmates via Zoom.

The magazine staff sent me a wonderful article on **Jennifer Joyce '11**, who is manager of interpretive programs at the National September 11 Memorial and Museum in New York City. Trained as a public historian, Jennifer works with docents and tour guides who interact with visitors. Jennifer did two virtual tours of the museum for the W&M Alumni Association during COVID-19 and, as part of the program, honored the seven W&M alumni who perished on 9/11, including our classmate **Mark Ludvigsen**. Read more at magazine.wm.edu/issue/2021-fall.

As part of the *All In* fundraising plan for W&M Athletics, **Jennifer Tepper Mackesy** and **D. Scott Mackesy** will have the new state-of-the-art tennis facility named after them. They are both honorary co-chairs of the *All In* campaign, which has a goal of \$55 million. Jen and Scott were both student-athletes at W&M — Scott in tennis and Jen in soccer.

**Patton Oswalt** voiced the title character M.O.D.O.K. in the Marvel stop-motion comedy series of the same name. All episodes of the show are on Hulu.

**Melinda Summerlin Hancock** joined Sentara Healthcare as senior vice president and chief administrative officer in July. She was previously chief administrative officer and chief financial officer for the VCU Health System. She has her MBA from University of Phoenix and is a certified public accountant.

**Eric Kauders** is now the president and chief ex-

ecutive officer for Old Point Trust. Eric has a law degree from the University of Virginia. He currently serves on the board of directors for the Virginia Council on Economic Education and the Virginia Bankers Association's Trust and Wealth Management Committee.

I was reminded that I forgot to mention my own job change in the last column ... I am now a product portfolio manager for core markets and diversified solutions at CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield — a long way of saying I manage a portfolio of health insurance solutions for large group customers in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia.

## 1992 30

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Welcome to 2022, classmates!

It drizzled on Homecoming weekend in October, but it was lovely to be back in Williamsburg. I strolled around campus, rang the Wren bell, met some fellow Class Ambassadors, and attended my daughter **Hannah Keith '20's** belated Commencement. I would have enjoyed seeing some classmates! Next year, for our 30th Reunion, I will do better to communicate a place and time when we might gather, for a photo at least.

**Vivian Brown Henderson** was appointed in December 2020 to serve as a general district court judge for the 2nd Judicial District of Virginia in the City of Virginia Beach.

**Chris Ralston**, a partner at Phelps Dunbar LLP in Louisiana, was elected president of the Louisiana Bar Foundation last year and will serve through April. Chris specializes in commercial litigation.

**Mohamed Noor** is a professor of biology and dean of natural sciences at Duke University. He also

teaches massively open online courses (MOOCs) through Coursera, including one to help students connect to science via "Star Trek." In 2020, he launched a YouTube channel called "Bio Trekkie Explains." He creates all the content personally, including videos explaining human-Vulcan interbreeding and mutation. Check out this article from the spring 2021 issue of the W&M Alumni Magazine: "Resistance (to Science) Is Futile" (online at magazine.wm.edu).

**Curtis Gordinier** and his wife, **Stefanie Glasel Gordinier '93**, live in the Richmond area. They have three sons, 13-year-old Lukas and twins **Timmy Gordinier '25** and **Nicholas**. Timmy plays on William & Mary's soccer team. Curtis is the CEO of Cedar Hill Management, LLC, a family investment office that invests in equities, private equity and venture capital.

**Carolyn Eaton-Nowinski** and her husband travel extensively. This fall, they went to Panama to visit a couple of expatriate communities. They planned to continue to Germany and other places in Europe. Carolyn writes and posts about their adventures on her blog: [www.let-me-show-you-the-world.com](http://www.let-me-show-you-the-world.com).

**Bart Shepherd** lives in San Francisco with his wife, **Kathy Bello Shepherd '90**, and two teenage daughters. Bart is senior director of Steinhart Aquarium at the California Academy of Sciences, the first scientific institution in the Western U.S., where he has worked for 25 years. Bart also co-leads the Academy's Hope for Reefs initiative, which aims to reverse the rapid decline of the world's coral reefs through science, learning and community engagement. This work has taken him to many exotic locations and has led to the discovery of many fish that are new to science, which are then described and named by Bart and his collaborators.

**Angie Wonsettler Ridgel** and her husband, **Jason Ridgel '94**, celebrated their silver anniversary this year. Angie was recently awarded

promotion to full professor at Kent State University in the School of Health Sciences and was also named as the associate director of the Brain Health Research Institute at Kent State University.

**John Stewart**, past president of the Florida Bar, brings his statewide estate litigation practice to GrayRobinson's Melbourne office. After studying public policy at William & Mary, John has practiced for more than 24 years in the areas of alternative dispute resolution and civil and commercial litigation, specifically focusing on trusts and estates, as well as real estate and contract disputes. He is an experienced mediator and is a Florida Supreme Court qualified arbitrator.

**Matthew Gillen** was hired by the City of Aspen, Colorado, as executive director of the local affordable housing program, which manages over 3,000 deed-restricted for-sale and rental units in its multimillion-dollar inventory.

**Melinda Irwin** was appointed the Susan Dwight Bliss Professor of Epidemiology at Yale University in February. She is associate dean of research and professor of epidemiology at the Yale School of Public Health, associate director (population sciences) in the Yale Cancer Center (YCC) and deputy director (public health) in the Yale Center for Clinical Investigation.

**Alan Williams** has 29 years of football coaching experience and currently serves as safeties coach for the NFL's Indianapolis Colts.

I look forward to sharing more as you share with me. Happy spring!

## 1993

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As this issue's date for submitting articles came, I have received no news since the last correspondence. Please consider sending an update about your life or other news. Thank you!

## 1994

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Greetings all; I spent the day driving the Blue Ridge Parkway here in Western North Carolina marveling at the colorful expanse fall brings to our area. My day inspired me to wrap up my Class Notes for the magazine, but sadly, I experienced a personal (and relatable) tragedy on the way home. I somehow failed to secure my water bottle and it appears I've destroyed many of the pages of my travel journal — the one I used to take notes from our 25th Homecoming. I recall the day my roommate's dog ate a homework assignment and couldn't help but laugh at the symmetry of these situations.

In light of my fiasco today, I'm channeling a little déjà vu for this submission. **Monica Sigmon** leads our spotlight this time around with more news on her gallery (in the 'Burg), Sigmon Taylor Studio. Monica hit our pages in 2019 when she was tagged by Sony (yes, that Sony) as one of six Alpha Female Creators-in-Residence. Now, she and her studio are being recognized for a digital exhibit that provides a unique view of another art form — dance. I believe the exhibit is closed at this point, but you can catch glimpses through their website: [www.sigmontaylor.com/motion](http://www.sigmontaylor.com/motion). The exhibit shares some of the lives of dancers navigating within the ambiguity of the pandemic.

**Sarah Smart Warburton's** second novel, "You Can Never Tell," a suburban serial killer thriller, was published Aug. 10, 2021, by Crooked Lane Books. Her first novel, "Once Two Sisters," was a Publishers Weekly starred review, a CrimeReads recommended debut, and a PopSugar pick of the month. She and her husband live in Blacksburg, Virginia, with their two teenagers. Congrats, Sarah!

Last, many thanks to **Vike Vicente** for reach-



ing out after reading his update. I think he felt I was stalking him with my uncanny reporting on his professional career. I shared that his paranoia about my practice was unjustified and perhaps misplaced — our alumni group sees and hears all (please take that note in good humor). Suffice it to say, the updates this time around were brief and it would be brilliant to hear from more folks.

I have started the countdown to our 30th Reunion and hope to be able to share much more about our classmates between now and then. If my journal doesn't dry out well (even if it does), it would be great to get some recent accounts about what's going on. Warm and safe regards to all!

## 1995

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Hi all — such a quiet time! If you had a chance to enjoy Homecoming & Reunion Weekend or just have something to say, please drop me a line!

**Dani Wise Johnson** is the owner and founder of BlueLine Environmental and moderated a panel conversation at William & Mary with two other alumni on the future of green jobs today.

**Mike Tomlinson** was featured in a ranking the NFL's 10 best coaching matchups on the 2021 regular season schedule. His highlights included having a Super Bowl win under his belt and never having a losing season during his 14 years in Pittsburgh.

Bella Ciao!

## 1996

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We've settled into another school year in our household, thankfully with both kids back in the classroom, albeit masked. It's a relief

that they're back to socializing and sports and our house is that much quieter during the day so I can work. I hope you all are staying healthy and well and having fun whenever possible!

Congratulations to **Kim Lee D'Errico** on being recognized as Chief Financial Officer of the Year in the nonprofit category by Virginia Business. Kim has worked with Special Olympics Virginia for more than 21 years, currently serving as the organization's vice president for finance and administration. "The job is a great meshing of my love of people and of numbers," Kim wrote. She and her husband live in Richmond with their "three lively children and even livelier labradoodle puppy." Kim said she loves to spend time with her family, volunteer and exercise whenever she can.

**Donnell Kearney** married Jeanderson Oliveira on June 18, 2021, in a private ceremony in their home. The couple met in Salvador, Brazil, three years ago and plan to live in Washington, D.C., with their dog Milo. Donnell and Jeanderson vacationed on the Eastern Shore after the wedding and are planning a proper honeymoon in 2022. Mazel tov on your marriage!

I learned that **Michelle Gable Bilski** is a best-selling author whose fifth novel, "The Bookseller's Secret," came out last August. Michelle left her finance career several years ago to focus full time on writing, which was clearly a wise choice! She and her husband, **Dennis Bilski '95**, and their two teenage daughters live in Cardiff-by-the Sea, California. Last summer the family visited colleges, including a stop at William & Mary! Michelle noted that "during our East Coast trip we saw **Elaine Turville** and her family, and **Laura Schobitz Bauer** and her family, who just happened to be signed up for the same tour at UVA as we were! Elaine is a partner at Accenture in Washington, D.C., where she's been since graduation, and Laura is still practicing medicine in Lynchburg, Virginia. It was

so great to see them both, but we didn't have nearly enough time together."

Last October, **David Falcon**, who I've known since elementary school and who I occasionally run into around Northern Virginia, celebrated the five-year anniversary of Ackerman & Falcon LLP, the law firm he created. David was also a founding member of the Virginia Workers' Compensation American Inn of Court. He completed his one-year term as president of the organization, which works to promote civility and professionalism in the bar, in June. It has grown to include over 200 members, making it the second largest Inn of Court in the United States. Congratulations to David for being named one of Virginia's Go To Lawyers for Workers' Compensation by Virginia Lawyers Weekly.

**Ruth Jones Nichols** was named chief movement officer for Feeding America, the country's largest domestic hunger relief organization. Ruth will lead Feeding America's movement to end hunger in America. She brings 25 years of nonprofit leadership expertise to the role, including heading the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore and the YWCA South Hampton Roads. She also worked for the District of Columbia Public Schools and began her career as a social worker.

I am so proud of my classmates working hard to change the world! I always love hearing from you. Email me at [betsyrosso@gmail.com](mailto:betsyrosso@gmail.com). Take care and be well!

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Congratulations to **Danielle Carrabino** who had a baby girl, Mia, in August 2020. Danielle says: "Chris Martone (her father) and I moved to central Massachusetts in July 2019. Before the pandemic, I was commuting over an hour to Northampton for my job at Smith College. Since 2018, I've been the curator of painting and sculpture at the Smith College Museum of Art. We decided to move to Worcester County for Chris's job and to be closer to friends and family in Boston." Danielle has also been teaching fitness classes on the side for the past 11 years.

**Liz Testwuide MacPhail** wrote to say she "lives in Austin, Texas, where I've lived since 2005 by way of New York City — with my three sons (11, 9 and 9) and one girl-dog (2). I own an interior design firm ([lizmacphailinteriors.com](http://lizmacphailinteriors.com)) as well as a boutique to-the-trade showroom ([reissstudio.com](http://reissstudio.com)). Very few connections here to W&M alumni, but every once in a while I spot a bumper sticker or a sweatshirt from the ol' alma mater. I haven't been back to Williamsburg in probably 20 years, which makes me feel super old, but I do have a design project in Charlottesville right now, so I may need to take a side trip to tour campus once again."

**Molly O'Neill Kellogg** has been living and teaching in Maine for the past 13 years and has branched into working directly with teachers, particularly in gifted education. She and a colleague recently published a professional book for teachers through Prufrock Press called "A Field Guide to Gifted Students: A Teacher's Introduction to Identifying and Meeting the Needs of Gifted Learners" to accompany a workshop for educators.

**Matt Rowan** is the vice president of residential lighting at Dominion Lighting, a high-end lighting retailer with showrooms in Arlington, Virginia, and Maryland. Prior to that he worked as Gensler's Director of Lifestyle 1/Brand Design Studio.

**Carrie Collins Bennett**

and her husband, Matt, relocated to Savannah, Georgia, about 10 years ago to raise their family near the sand and water. Carrie says: "Of course, now that our three kids (ages 15, 13 and 11) are older, it seems we spend more time tied up in travel sports on the weekend than on sandbars or fishing boats. That said, we have made time to properly install a love for Busch Gardens, Williamsburg, bread ends and house dressing and cartwheels in the Sunken Garden." Carrie has been working in healthcare administration for over 20 years and currently serves as the chief operating officer for a local neurosurgery practice. Her work recently gave her the opportunity to partner with **Ada-Marie Walsh Aman '99, J.D. '02** on a contract.

**Aaron Wais** is now a partner in Lathrop GPM's Los Angeles office. He's joined the firm's Intellectual Property Litigation Practice Group where he supports clients in a wide variety of disputes ranging from intellectual property and business litigation to data privacy matters.

**Olivia Wright Jackson** was recently featured in DBusiness Magazine, Detroit's business journal. Olivia manages Accenture's Detroit office and has worked for the company for the past 23 years.

**Brent Colburn '98, M.P.P. '20** has stepped down as vice president for communications and public affairs at Princeton University to join the University of California system as senior vice president for external relations and communications.

Sadly, I must also pass along the news that our classmate **Jonathan Brown** passed away on March 3, 2021, in the Dominican Republic, where he'd recently relocated. After graduation, Jonathan earned his CFA and worked in the bond market for 15 years before switching careers to study coding and web design at Georgia Tech. He became a web developer and launched his own for-profit company. Our

thoughts are with his family and friends.

## 1999

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Please see the online version for more!

In October, **Greg Barber** ended his 18-year run at the Washington Post to become a vice president of product at Vox Media. According to Vox Media on Oct. 7, Greg “will lead consumer revenue from a product perspective at Vox Media ... He’ll also focus on bringing new premium subscriber-only experiences to market. Barber was the co-founder of the Coral Project, a collaboration with the Washington Post, The New York Times and Mozilla to build an open-source commenting system and best practices for growing communities around journalism.”

**Allie Betts** was named director of development for the Foodbank of South-eastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore. Previously she served as the senior gift planning officer at the Greater New Orleans Community Foundation.

**Christine Cataldo** joined Mercer Advisors as the chief technology and digital officer; previously she served as chief operations and technology officer for Edelman Financial Services. At Mercer, she will lead the technology and digital platform expansion efforts.

Last summer, **Karen Daly** became the president of Stratford Hall, the historic site in Stratford, Virginia. After her years of work at Dumbarton House in Washington, D.C., Karen took the reigns at Stratford as its first female president.

On Sept. 1, **Allison Foley** became an assistant general counsel at Hogan Lovells in Washington, D.C., after nearly nine years at the firm focusing on e-discovery. In the new role, Allison will focus on risk management,

legal ethics and professional responsibility issues. On the personal front, Allison fostered several dogs during the pandemic and adopted the approximately 7-year-old Shih Tzu, whom she named Fenway, in September 2020.

**Osman Parvaiz** accepted a role as the president of Capital One Philippines. His family moved to Manila in the summer and say they are now surrounded by the nicest people in the world! Oz’s wife, Adela, is learning the flute as a bucket list item. Their son is 13 and plays guitar and violin and has Oz relearning Algebra 2!! Their daughter is 11 and is an avid (and fierce) basketball player. Their dog Bolt is of course everyone’s favorite! Oz says they miss the U.S. but are settling in nicely.

**Drew Polly** and his wife Angela have been enjoying life as the parents of two kindergarteners and their dog Ollie Polly. Drew has now published over 90 research articles and book chapters about teaching and learning and enjoys spending most of his days in elementary school classrooms working with students and teachers.

**Jay Rapoport** has been serving as director of lifelong learning at Temple Shalom of Chicago since 2014. He still finds time, though, for his work as a composer. He had his network television debut on the Winter 2020 Disney Holiday Singalong (wishing America a “Happy Chanukah!”) and released his first fully produced music video, “La-bri’ut,” (funded by the Covenant Foundation) in spring 2021. Six of his songs will be included in a forthcoming children’s music songbook.

**Ellen Lee Moncure** and **Joe Wong** are excited that their son **Yates Wong ’25** (no, not named after the dorm) is now a freshman at William & Mary. This means a lot of excuses for trips to the ‘Burg, lunches at the Cheese Shop and naps in the Sunken Garden. Also, they are celebrating that their daughter, Phoebe, started a year of AmeriCorps service with FoodCorps and is working in Connecticut to

connect kids with healthy food in school. This is especially fun because Ellen is celebrating her new position as chief external Relations officer for FoodCorps. The two younger kids are also doing well.

I’m exhausted seeing all that our classmates are doing, but I still look forward to hearing more! Drop me a line and share your news!  
Tribe Pride!  
~Meredith

## 2000

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In 2020, **Dave Barak** accepted a new job in a new city, mere weeks before national lockdown orders. He is a National Park ranger and the public information officer for Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in Lafayette, Louisiana. In addition to his professional endeavors, Dave has made a romantic commitment to his partner Jim, whom he met during a Key West vacation in 2018.

In her capacity as manager of interpretive programs at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York City, **Jennifer Joyce ’11** was invited to speak about the seven William & Mary alumni, including **Alysia Christine Burton Basmajian**, who perished on 9/11 and whose names are inscribed at the memorial in permanent remembrance.

**Caroline Borden** is an English Language Learner teacher with Middlesex County Public Schools.

“Pizza Head,” the 7-square-foot Jimi Hendrix portrait made of Chanello’s pizza boxes by **Michael Fitzpatrick** and **Jonathan Leahy**, was added to the collections of the Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP) in Seattle. After William & Mary, Michael joined the military and now works in finance as the vice president of business operations for Vector Remote Care. Jonathan continued to pursue the arts,

working on the music for all six seasons of the HBO show “Girls,” for which he was nominated for a Primetime Emmy, and the movie “Bill & Ted Face the Music,” which earned him a Grammy nomination. Another alum, **Katherine Hughes ’05**, works at MoPOP as a registrar, caring for and maintaining the museum’s collection, including “Pizza Head.” Read more at [magazine.wm.edu/issue/2021-spring](http://magazine.wm.edu/issue/2021-spring).

**Jack Gary**, director of archaeology for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, gave a presentation for the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Capital, in which he highlighted the three main areas being excavated in Colonial Williamsburg.

In January, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf appointed **Liz Gerloff Wagenseller** to serve a six-year term as the executive director of the Office of Open Records. The OOR is an independent, quasi-judicial agency that hears and rules on appeals submitted by an individual whose request for public records is denied. Liz is greatly enjoying working to increase transparency and accountability in all levels of Pennsylvania government.

**Mike Leach** was named the assistant men’s golf coach at William & Mary. Mike was a two-time All-American tight end on the W&M football team and a 2011 inductee into the William & Mary Athletics Hall of Fame. He enjoyed a 16-year NFL career prior to his retirement back to Williamsburg in 2016 with his wife, **Julie Sommer Leach ’99**, and their two children, Ryan and Madeline.

**Stephanie Dang Murphy** became the first Vietnamese American woman elected to Congress after ousting a Republican 24-year incumbent for the congressional seat in Orlando, Florida.

A feature in the Spring 2021 issue of the alumni magazine, as well as one in Vogue, provided insight into the day-to-day of **Jen Psaki** in her capacity as White House press secretary and how her time

at William & Mary helped prepared her for that role.

## 2001

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## 2002 20

*Class Reporter*  
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I lucked upon this Class Notes gig after **KatyBeth Dreisbach Lee** decided to pass the torch after serving for many years. I was happy to receive an update from her recently. She earned her Ph.D. in public policy and administration this summer from Virginia Commonwealth University where she continues to serve as the director of business career services. She is married to **Mac Lee ’04** and has two children, Isaiah (9) and Anna (7). Congrats, Dr. Lee!

One of our own, **Jessica K. McAnneny Burt**, was recently honored by the Raymond A. Mason School of Business with the Howard J. Busbee Finance Academy Alumna Award for 2021. Jessica is managing director at Black Rock in New York City. She lives in Darien, Connecticut, with her husband, **William Burt ’00**, and their three children. So glad to see one of our classmates recognized by our alma mater.

**Sean Thompson** sends greetings from Yokosuka, Japan, where he is currently assigned as the executive officer of Region Legal Service Office Western Pacific with the United States Navy JAG Corps.

**J. Christopher Clements** was recently promoted to senior staff architect at Hoffman Architects, an architecture and engineering firm specializing in the rehabilitation of building exteriors.

Moving back to academia, I also received an update from **Scott Moore**. He was recently tenured and



promoted to associate professor of history at Eastern Connecticut State University. His book, "Teaching the Empire: Education and State Loyalty in Late Habsburg Austria" was published by Purdue University Press.

If you keep up with the online articles of the William & Mary Alumni Magazine, you may have noticed an article on politically focused Chi Omega sisters that included **Christy Boardman Grubbs**.

According to that article, Christy began her career working for various political jobs before landing at her current position as director of strategic advocacy at Lockheed Martin, an aerospace defense company.

That is quite a few updates for this issue — keep them coming! And don't forget, 2022 marks our 20th Reunion, so make your plans to come to Williamsburg next fall!

## 2003

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Greetings Class of 2003! Homecoming & Reunion Weekend was this weekend, Oct. 7-10. I was here, because I'm always here, and it was lovely to see campus filled with reunions, celebrations, and people reliving their best awkward days.

Confession: this year, the year Beyonce and I turned 40, has been The Year I Got Cranky With the College Students. All it takes is 18 years and one pandemic and I'm now the aging lady sitting on her front porch shaking her fist at the number of cars parked in driveways. Or, worse, the crazed woman who runs OUT TO THE STREET to yell "Slow down! There are children here!" This is me now. Please intervene.

This weekend our street was particularly packed with cars transporting future leaders into houses for some socially distanced fun. I'm still okay with fun, just cranky that I can't get

my car out of my driveway amidst the nine oversized crossover vehicles that transport one student each around the perimeter of W&M. (See what I have become? Somebody stop me.)

Then I discover that the geology department minivan has been parked in front of my house for quite a while. So many questions. Was the department field tripping on Matoaka Court? Did a brilliant young research assistant pile his friends in to explore the ecosystem of college parties, and forget to bring them home? In the words of a friend as we stood by the van on Sunday morning puzzling about its presence: That party must have rocked.

Let's congratulate two of our classmates in the world of college sports! **David Corley** was named running backs coach at the University of Richmond. David, who was inducted into the William & Mary Football Hall of Fame in 2014, brings over 15 years of coaching experience to the program, most recently at South Carolina State.

**Allison Evans Kwolek** was named the first head coach of Women's Lacrosse at Clemson University. Clemson recently added lacrosse along with gymnastics to its athletics program and they will begin competition in 2023. Allison, who was named to the William & Mary Athletics Hall of Fame, has been lacrosse head coach at University of Richmond since 2013.

Congratulations, David and Allison!

I'm going to close with a note from our classmate **Alex Reyno's** sister. Please read and consider participating. Stay warm this winter. And young and generous at heart. What a gift to be here long enough to get cranky. Go Tribe.

"My name is Christine McArdle and I am currently a graduate student in the Writing Program at Johns Hopkins University. I am currently working on my final thesis which is a collection of short stories about my brother Alex Reyno, Class of 2003. As many of

you know, he passed unexpectedly only a few weeks before graduation.

"The short stories within this collection cover a range of genres from simple narrative to magical realism. The stories have been inspired by my own memories, observations and emotions, along with that of friends and family.

"For many people, Alex's was the first face of William & Mary as they attended one of his orientation tours. Many of you had the privilege of knowing him personally.

"I am hoping to gather more stories for my collection. If you have anything you would like to share, including pictures, please send your contact information to thealexreynoproject@outlook.com or to cmcardl3@jhu.edu.

"This project is very near and dear to my heart and it has been over 20 years in the making. Thank you for taking the time to consider becoming part of this project."

## 2004

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How has your last few months been? Did you get to go to Homecoming & Reunion Weekend this past fall? Are you glad that another pandemic year has passed, but still having to endure the endemic product shortages, government inaction (or too much action, you decide), and a slight hint of malaise? Well, not much has been happening with me. I am still doing a little of business travel, but mostly locations in the Great Plains and the eastern edge of the Rockies region. Hopefully, in the next article, I will be able to give you more news about myself, and hopefully hear some about you. But in the meanwhile ...

**Alexis Gevanter** ran for an open state senate seat in Fairfield County, Connecti-

cut, this past August. Alexis, running as a Democrat, was narrowly beaten by her Republican opponent, Ryan Fazio (8,911 votes for Fazio vs. 8,459 votes for Gevanter). Alexis is from the Princeton, New Jersey, area, having worked for Congressman Steve Rothman (NJ-9) as his legislative correspondent/staff assistant after college. After graduating law school and marrying, she became a business attorney, and is currently living in Greenwich, Connecticut, with her husband.

Back in the fall, **Tom Hannett** dropped me a line to wish me a happy 40th birthday and share some good news. He and his wife, **Lisa Hopkins Hannett '05**, welcomed their second son, Ethan David, on April 9, 2021. Ethan's big brother Charlie, who is in the first grade at St. John Academy in McLean, Virginia, could not be happier.

Before ending this edition of our alumni column, I did receive a brief note from **Adam Buckley**, wishing me a happy 40th birthday. Adam is returning this spring to the U.S. after living a few years overseas.

As always, I love hearing from you all. I look forward to reading your updates and sharing them with our class.

Take care,  
-Owen

## 2005

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## 2006

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As I write this, it is Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. I didn't get to attend this year, but I thoroughly enjoyed the posts of friends and Phi Mu sisters that did. NEVER do I see green and gold or the word "Tribe" that I don't feel a surge in

memories and fond feelings of the College and all the beauty that is Williamsburg. I say this each year I cannot attend, but next year, I'll be there!!!

Jimmy and I remain as busy and joy-filled as ever! Rylee is in sixth grade and in middle school! She made the co-ed soccer team and is currently trying out for girls' basketball. She was the Homecoming princess and is just blossoming into an amazing person! Our youngest, Locklyn, is coming into her own as well. She is in third grade this year, excelling in the talented and gifted program and fighting for "knock-out" champion on the fall softball field. Jim has gotten a big promotion at work as supervisor of the maintenance department at Captain's Cove Community and I'm in my 16th year of teaching. My kinder babies are turning 21 this year! We are enjoying EVERY minute of life to the fullest and hope you are too!

I heard from some classmates that are doing just this as well. First, I received word from friend and education classmate **Michelle Lezzi Arnold**. She just finished her Ph.D. in the curriculum and instruction program with Old Dominion University in August 2021. She is now serving as a professor of undergraduate and graduate work in literacy education for ODU. When I commended her on this amazing feat, in the midst of a pandemic no less, she let me know that this goal was seven years in the making and actually started at W&M. Now two kids later (Emily is in kindergarten and Josh is 2), the journey is complete! Michelle said she "feels like it's a big accomplishment that's worth sharing" and I agree 1000%. I am so excited and happy for you and your family and wish you all the best with education and life in the coming year. Congratulations Dr. Arnold.

Another huge accomplishment was submitted by Class of 2006 alumnus **Daryl Cameron**. Daryl recently received his tenure at Penn State, where he is now associate professor, af-

ter a wonderful promotion. He works jointly with the Psychology Department and the Rock Ethics Institute, and directs the Empathy and Moral Psychology Lab. He and his wife, **Lauren Klapper-Lehman Cameron '07** (English faculty at PSU) have two amazing kids. Nathaniel (born in 2012) and Ada (2018) are the couple's pride and joy. We love hearing about your family's terrific educational and career endeavors and congratulate you both on your success and your beautiful family.

Before I sign off, I want to share a chance encounter from a few weekends ago. We live in Sanford, Virginia, which is about 25 minutes away from Chincoteague Island and Assateague, Virginia, where Misty of Chincoteague (the book and pony) is famous, as well as the world-acclaimed Wild Pony Swim. This is the island where I teach and our children go to school, play sports, etc. We happened upon a brand-new kindness park on the island, one named for and built in honor of Brianna Merritt, a forever 12-year-old hero of cancer, that I have written about before in the column. Who should I see there but **Marion Cavin Handley '07** (sorority sister)?! She and her family were visiting and had just happened to be at the park too. We haven't seen each other since Jimmy's and my wedding back in 2007. I was walking with my kids and spied her youngest daughter and said "Hey, I know her!" This chance encounter would not have come to fruition without the family photos I had seen of Marion and Kevin and their amazing family online! And it was a great reminder that even in a wild, crazy, and huge world ... small blessings are entwined in each and every day, even when you are least expecting them!

Until next time, please keep those updates coming. It is never too late to share what's happening in your life and who you've been able to meet up with in the Tribe family and make some new memories with. Stay safe, live each day as enjoyable

as possible, and hark upon the gale!

Amber Walker Giddings

## 2007 15

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I hope everyone is staying well as we begin this new year. Seeing all of you thriving in so many ways gives me hope. A quick update from me: I am currently living every English major's dream in my position as a bookseller at an independent bookstore.

**Marilyn Brown**, honorary alumna, was recently welcomed to the Board of Trustees for the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation. Marilyn is also a member of Colonial Williamsburg's President's Council, and she owns Morton Publishing, a company that publishes higher education course material.

**Tiffany Bryant** was featured in the spring '21 issue of the W&M Alumni Magazine. She is the assistant manager of audience enrichment at the John F. Kennedy Performing Arts Center. During the beginning of the pandemic last year, she and her team created digital resources for teachers, caregivers and students, since the Center was not open. Read the story at [magazine.wm.edu/issue/2021-spring](http://magazine.wm.edu/issue/2021-spring).

**Christopher Fried's** novel "Whole Lot of Hurlalaloo: A Twenty-First Century Campus Phantasmagoria" was published back in October 2020. On May 28, the National Indie Excellence Book Awards announced it was a finalist in the comedy category. "Darkly satirical but touched with a nostalgia for 80s and early 90s pop culture," the book tells the story of controversy on a college campus.

**Katie Kazmer Jordan** and her husband, Benjamin, welcomed their first child, Theodore, in April 2021. They live in Colorado.

**Cristina Martinez** was featured in a Washington

Post Magazine article about diverse interior designers who are working towards more equity in a mostly white industry. After college, she worked in marketing, event planning and hospitality before launching her virtual design firm, Cristina Isabel Design, in 2019. Additionally, Cristina was recently invited to speak to interior design students at Marymount University in Alexandria.

**Chris Smith and Robby Wiley '05** were featured in the Virginia Gazette in an article about their successful brewery, Virginia Beer Co. In 2016, they founded their company in Williamsburg's Edge District. Robby is the district's liaison member on the city's Economic Development Authority. The article mentions that Virginia Beer Co. is now a household name in Virginia and its beers are exported around the U.S. and overseas.

**Jason Smith and Joyce Carbaugh Smith '09** recently moved from Houston to Raleigh, North Carolina. Building on her years teaching geology at Lone Star College in Texas, Joyce is pursuing a Ph.D. in geoscience education at North Carolina State University. Last year, Jason helped Axel Wirth and Christopher Gates write and publish the first how-to book on cybersecurity for embedded devices, "Medical Device Cybersecurity for Engineers and Manufacturers" (Artech House, Aug. 31, 2020). It was named Cybersecurity Book of the Year for 2020. Through their mutual employer, Velentium, Jason and Christopher are now offering a set of professional training courses based on the book.

This year, Jason and Velentium CEO Dan Purvis are writing a book tentatively titled "28 Days to Save the World," about Velentium's partnership with General Motors to retrofit a Kokomo, Indiana, vehicle factory in just four weeks for manufacturing 30,000 critical care ventilators under executive order for the fight against COVID-19. The book is under contract with BenBella Books with an anticipated release in fall 2022.

**Levi Thompson** and his wife, Emily Drumsta, welcomed their son, Adam Gregorian Thompson, to the world on May 8, 2021. In August 2021 they began new positions at the University of Texas at Austin, where Emily is assistant professor of French and Italian and Middle Eastern studies and Levi is assistant professor of Persian and Arabic literature. They are sad to leave their colleagues at Brown University, where Emily was assistant professor of comparative literature, and the University of Colorado Boulder, where Levi was assistant professor of Arabic, but they are looking forward to living and teaching together in Austin.

**Kaitlin Turek** got married to Landis Rojas in April 2021 in her living room in Colombia over a Zoom ceremony with the state of Utah. In Zoom attendance were many dear W&M friends. She also used the pandemic to get an online master's degree in emergency management from Arizona State University. After finishing her Colombia tour with the Department of State in June 2021, Kaitlin moved back to Alexandria, Virginia, to start a year-long master's in Quantico at the Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

**Rachel Biondillo Young '07, M.Ed. '08** and her husband, **David Young M.B.A. '13**, welcomed their fourth child, Judah Joseph, on Sept. 23, 2021. He joins his three siblings, Jeremiah, Esther and Abigail, in giving the family a great deal of joy.

## 2008

*Class Reporter*  
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Greetings Class of 2008! I hope everyone is having a great winter. A few updates to report:

**Tina Ho** opened her own practice, Tina Ho MD Facial Plastic Surgery, in July in Wayne, Pennsylvania. She had an official launch party open house on Sept. 23.

**Roslyn Haynie Banks**

self-published her first children's book, "Adelaide The Accountant," this summer. This book highlights a week in the life of a self-employed tax accountant in the rural Northern Neck of Virginia. Adelaide also visits the Sunken Garden in Williamsburg. You can check out this book on Amazon, Target or Barnes & Noble! For more information, visit [www.AdelaideRoseTax.com](http://www.AdelaideRoseTax.com).

**Jacob Dreyer** is working as a senior editor for the publishing house Palgrave, based in Shanghai, where he publishes 50-60 books per year. This year, a highlight was publishing Earl Carr's "From Trump to Biden and Beyond." Be on the lookout for online talks coordinated by Michael Steelman. Jacob also published an essay about Chinese climate policies (find the link in our online notes).

The Best Lawyers in America has named **Louis Malick** a "Best Lawyer: Ones to Watch" in the areas of commercial litigation and appellate practice. Louis is a principal at Kramon & Graham in Baltimore.

**Sarah Vogelsong** won first place in the "Outstanding Explanatory Reporting, Small" category in the Society of Environmental Journalists' Awards for Reporting on the Environment contest. The winning entry was "Virginia's Clean Energy Transition," a five-part series on the landmark Virginia Clean Economy Act and the course it charts for a carbon-free electric grid by 2050. The SEJ contest is the world's largest and most comprehensive environmental journalism competition.

**Robert Tisdale** was selected to be deployed in support of Operation Allies Welcome, the USCIS operation for processing evacuees from Afghanistan. He is at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, an Army National Guard base. He is working around the clock to process evacuees; it is exhausting work, but extremely rewarding.

**Ben Bromley** was promoted to co-acting director of prospect development at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia.

**Pat Beard** joined Get-Upside in Washington, D.C., supporting the growth of restaurants nationwide.

**Anthony Elope** co-founded the student-led effort to establish the Asian & Pacific Islander American Studies (APIA) program at William & Mary in 2016. Under his leadership, student researchers uncovered the story of Arthur "Art" Matsu, who is believed to be the first Asian American student to attend W&M, graduating in the Class of 1927. Thanks in part to that research, William & Mary has re-named the Arcade at Cary Field, the arched walkway at Zable Stadium that serves as its northern colonnade, the Arthur A. Matsu Arcade in his honor. Gov. Ralph Northam also announced that Matsu's marker is one of five new state historical highway markers that will highlight topics of significance to Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) history in Virginia. Matsu played football at the college and went on to play in the NFL.

The Dean's Innovation Fund was established in 2020 thanks to a generous gift from Shelley and Thomas Jennings, along with their daughter **Kathleen Jennings**. The family established the Jennings Family Scholarship Endowment in 2011 to support W&M students training to become teachers. Kathleen served on the School of Education Development Board from 2014 to 2020. The Dean's Innovation Fund will annually support projects designed by faculty to expand the school's impact and innovative partnerships.

Feel free to send me updates at any time [ajpinn08@gmail.com](mailto:ajpinn08@gmail.com). Thanks to everyone who contributed this issue!

## 2009

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Hello Class of 2009 and Happy Homecoming, well, belated Homecoming by the

time you are reading this.

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.

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](mailto:afoiles@gmail.com). There is also an online version which supports photos, so feel free to send those in along with your updates, too.

Go Tribe!

Andy

### Updates:

**Joyce Carbaugh Smith** (geology) and her husband, **Jason Smith '07** (English), recently moved from Houston to Raleigh, North Carolina. Joyce is pursuing a Ph.D. in geoscience education at North Carolina State University. Her research focuses on comparative best practices developing inquiry in postsecondary geoscience education for in-person and remote instruction.

**Katie Dixon Wohlgenant** and her husband, Kevin, welcomed their second daughter, Wren Douglas Wohlgenant, in April 2021. Wren joins her big sister, Hazel Newcomb Wohlgenant, in hopefully being a future W&M student! Katie works as a political consultant from her home in Chicago, for various campaigns, causes and elected officials. She was part of the communications team for Christine Blasey Ford during the confirmation hearings of Brett Kavanaugh and the digital fundraising teams for Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee and more!

**Matt Burns** is living at 10,200 feet in Leadville, Colorado, where he has just purchased his first home. He is currently working as a children's ski instructor.

**Caitlin Phillips Moses** and her husband, **Karl Moses**, welcomed a baby boy, Kam, on Aug. 26. He and his big sister, Tallulah, are both doing well.

**Alex Kyrios** was promoted to senior editor of the Dewey Decimal Classification, at OCLC, Inc. In normal times, he works out of the Library of Congress, in Washington, D.C. He would like to share that the Dewey number for W&M is 378.7554252.

**Martin Feeney** married **Katherine Covino '12** on Sept. 18, 2021, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Washington, D.C. Tribe members of the wedding party included **Jack Mayer '09**, **Eric Evans '10**, **Meghan Dowling '11**, **M.Acc. '12**, **Matthew Schofield '12**, **Melissa Trask '12**, **Brittany Hale Powers '12**, **Nicole Janaka '12**, **Victoria Chung '12**, **Victoria O'Brien '12** and **Lilian Liu '13**. Martin and Katherine live in Washington, D.C., with their mini goldendoodle, Portia, and both work at Deloitte.

**Andrew Howell** recently started a new position as an attorney in the Office of General Counsel at the U.S. Small Business Administration. In that position, he represents the agency in labor and employment law matters.

**Kelsey Meiklejohn Bowen** and her husband, **Nathan Bowen '07**, welcomed their first child, Celia Meiklejohn Bowen, on June 27, 2021.

**Mackenzie Hall** has been named principal at Troy Intermediate School.

**Lance Zaal '09, M.B.A. '12** recently bought the Lizzie Borden house in Fall River, Massachusetts. He says he plans to utilize the name and crime-scene residence of Fall River's most notorious accused killer as a means of encouraging more people to visit the city.

**Meaghan O'Grady** has been named director of business development at Palladium Equity Partners.

**Katharine Schellman** recently published her second book, called "Silence in the Library: A Lily Adler Mystery."

**David Culver** works as an international correspondent at CNN's Beijing bureau. Read more about

him at [magazine.wm.edu/issue/2021-spring](http://magazine.wm.edu/issue/2021-spring).

**Doug Hurson** recently caddied for top-rated amateur golfer Rose Zhang, helping her advance to the next round at U.S. Girls' Junior.

## 2010

*Class Reporter*

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I hope this issue finds you happy and healthy as we navigate life in these ever-evolving times. I know some of you were able to return to Williamsburg for our belated 10-year reunion in October 2021. I hope it was wonderful! I was thankfully able to visit later that month when I was in Virginia for a wedding, and I soaked up the magic of campus after a four-year absence. Despite not making it to the main reunion, as our class reporter, it has been special to continuously reflect on how we've grown and thrived in the past decade. May this next decade be even better than the last!

In the present, here's what's news:

In May 2021, **Valerie Hopkins** joined The New York Times as a correspondent in their Moscow bureau, where she'll be covering Russia. Valerie spent the past 10 years living in Eastern Europe and reporting on various geopolitical battles in Eastern and Central Europe, most recently for the Financial Times.

Virginia Del. **Jay Jones** lost his bid to unseat incumbent Attorney General Mark Herring in the Democratic primary in June 2021, but made a vigorous and competitive bid for the seat, winning the endorsement of Gov. Ralph Northam.

The Virginia law firm Gentry Locke announced that Richmond associate **D. Scott Foster Jr. '10, J.D. '14** was named to Virginia Lawyers Weekly's 2021 class of "Up & Coming Lawyers."

**Caitlin Boverly** joined a W&M alumni panel discussion on green jobs in August

2021. Caitlin works as a sea turtle scientist at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton, Florida.

The W&M women's soccer team hired former Tribe goalkeeper **Grace Barnard** as an assistant coach in July 2021.

The Rev. **Janelle Neubauer** was named Muhlenberg College's next chaplain.

**Cliff Burke** published his first young adult novel, "An Occasionally Happy Family," released by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in May 2021. The book tackles challenging topics, including moving on after a parent's death, but does so "with humor and heart," per the reviews. Cliff teaches writing and humanities at a middle school in the San Francisco Bay Area.

It's been an eventful few months for **Kristen Pantazes** and **McKinley Sims**. Kristen defended her dissertation in August and earned a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Pennsylvania. September brought another big milestone — KP and Kin welcomed a baby boy, Gryffin Evangelos Sims, on Sept. 10, 2021. Gryffin is the Welsh spelling of the mythical creature, plus the name was also inspired by our very own Tribe mascot! The middle name is in honor of Kristen's maternal grandfather and is a celebration of her Greek heritage.

**Ali Snell** successfully completed her preliminary exams as a geology Ph.D. candidate at Texas A&M in September 2021 and is looking to finish her Ph.D. in 2022.

**Susan DeBusk Whyte** and her husband, **Christopher Whyte**, welcomed a daughter, Rose Pendleton Whyte, on Aug. 15, 2020.

**Cayla Neidlinger In-serra** and **David In-serra '11** welcomed a son, William Joseph In-serra, on Aug. 23, 2020.

**Miriam Foltz** and her husband, Steven, welcomed their first child, Parker Mason Foltz, in January 2021. They live in New Castle, Delaware, where Miriam serves as pastor of New Castle Presbyterian Church.



I was also lucky enough to have some extremely fun reunions with old W&M pals this past summer. **Shirin Wertime, Margaret Smith and Jeff Ondocsin '09** visited Cambridge in August, and I spent Labor Day weekend in Duxbury, Massachusetts, with a crew that included **Sara Grant, Sarah Rojas, Vicky Chao, Richard Walsh, Kristen Pantazes, McKinley Sims, Sami Aboulhosn, Colleen Campbell '11, Sravya Yeleswarapu and Varun Pandit '11**, with brief guest appearances from **Carolyn DiProspero '10, MA.Ed. '11 and Drew Albright**. I can't wait to hear all about everyone's new adventures. Keep in touch!

## 2011

*Class Reporter*  
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Happy New Year! I hope you and your families had a wonderful past few months. We've got some fabulous announcements in this column — I hope reading your classmates' good news brings you the same joy it brings me! I have my own news this time — my husband **Andy Foiles '09** and I are expecting our second son in February. We are thrilled and cannot wait to meet him.

**Emily Hahn and Calvin Kao** welcomed a son, Felix Stephen Kao, on May 17, 2021.

**Anushya Ramaswamy** is currently in Austria for a year with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

**Jennifer Joyce** (my freshman hallmate!) is currently serving as the manager of interpretive programs at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York City. She works with the docents and tour guides at the museum that directly interact with visitors, relate the events of 9/11 and help provide broader historical context. Check out her write-up at magazine.

wm.edu/issue/2021-fall!

**Isabelle Thibau** has been working at the National Eczema Association (NEA) since January 2020 as their senior manager of community research. She took the opportunity during COVID to move from California back to her roots on the East Coast, first to Maryland and now Alexandria, Virginia. She recently took a short weekend trip to William & Mary and had a great time reliving good memories of campus (and seeing how much it has both changed and stayed the same) and of Colonial Williamsburg.

**Tim Koch and Lucy Mathias Mayer** wine and dined in New York City this summer with (newly-weds!) **Alec Saxe '13** and **Meghan Veno '13**. Check the online edition for a photo!

From April 2019 to March 2020, **Miriam Hodgkins** and her husband, Dave Seal, lived in Masaleng, a tiny village in the southern African nation of Lesotho. Completely crowdfunded but otherwise with no formal support, they founded a solar-powered computer lab at a rural high school. Despite the pandemic, Computer Lab in the Sky continues to be a completely sustainable project. On July 2, 2020, they welcomed their first child, a boy named Keller Thomas Seal. In October 2020, they moved to Alma, Colorado, the highest altitude incorporated town in North America, where Miriam works as a certified children's ski instructor at Breckenridge Ski Resort and Dave works for the town.

In July 2021, **Cristina Hughes Blough** was promoted to director of corporate partnerships and diversity, equity and inclusion at Volunteers of America, Inc. in Alexandria, Virginia. She is also working to become a certified professional diversity coach (CPDC), which should be confirmed by November 2021 by the Coach Diversity Institute.

Congratulations to **Erica Dent '11, M.A.Ed.**

**'12**, who got engaged on Sept. 26!

**Allison Mickel's** book, "Why Those Who Shovel are Silent," was published in March! Since then she's been living in Amman, Jordan, as a fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**Michael Nickerson** has been living in NYC for the last 7.5 years, after obtaining his M.P.H. in health care management from Boston University. He moved to the Upper West Side from Chelsea earlier this year with his partner, Justin, and they are in the process of adopting their first puppy! For the last several years, he's been working at NYU Langone Health, where he's a manager on the corporate strategy and business development team, focusing on strategic planning and network integration projects for NYU's various campuses in the New York metro area and Long Island region.

**Nicole Rickabaugh** and her husband, **Christopher Bahls-Mariles '12**, welcomed their baby boy, Augustin "Gus" James Mariles, in August 2021.

**Andrew French** graduated in June 2021 from the VCU-Shenandoah Valley Family Practice Residency in Front Royal, Virginia. He and **Sarah Cameron French** moved to Gate City, Virginia, as he started a new job as a family practice physician with Holston Medical Group.

## 2012 10

*Class Reporter*  
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Hello Class of 2012!

I hope you all had a wonderful fall and are welcoming the start of a new year!

By the time this is published, I'll be a brand-new mom to a brand-new daughter. It's hard to fathom, but I guess we really are that old. For those of you who have already become parents, I'm sure you also experienced the roller coaster of

emotions that I'm currently feeling — anticipation, excitement, anxiety, the fear of launching into the unknown and preparing to raise a child for like ... the rest of our lives!

I mean, wasn't it just 10 years ago that we were all traipsing around campus? Studying by day (and night) but then also eating Paul's Deli cheese fries and serving ourselves some sort of sickly sweet mystery punch at the units? And now we're ... parents?

Reflecting back on those days and comparing the "me" I was then to the "me" I am today (currently racing to make this deadline with my laptop propped up on my pregnant stomach) it feels like I'm a totally different person.

But then I open up my Instagram DMs and fire off a wild baby question to my "Moms Anonymous" group, which is made up of my best friends from William & Mary who all have young babies themselves or are moms-to-be like me, and one word comes to mind: "Tribe."

"Pregnancy is a TRIP! Here for ya."

"Sending all the good vibes!"

"Happy to jump on a FaceTime call!"

"You're going to be a GREAT mom!"

I read the messages and realize that sure, I've probably changed a lot since college, but you know what hasn't? My tribe of people.

How lucky are we to have spent four years in a place where we met our "Tribe" for life?

"True friends are never apart. Maybe in distance, but never at heart." — Helen Keller

In Tribe We Trust, -Maddie

**Brittany Sevachko Gabriel** and Peter Gabriel are expecting their first child, a baby boy, in January 2022.

**Katherine Covino** married **Martin Feeney '09** on Sept. 18, 2021, in Washington, D.C. The wedding party was composed of many Tribe members, including **Matthew Schofield, Melissa Trask,**

**Brittany Hale Powers, Nicole Janka, Victoria Chung, Victoria O'Brien, Jack Mayer '09, Eric Evans '10, Meghan Dowling '11, M.Acc. '12 and Lilian Liu '13.** Martin and Katherine live in Washington, D.C., with their mini goldendoodle, Portia, and both work at Deloitte.

**Shaelyn O'Reilly Bouchard** and her husband, Sean, welcomed their son, Brooks Bouchard, on July 17, 2021. They live in Rhode Island, where Shaelyn works as a physical therapist at a local hospital. She became a board certified clinical specialist in neurologic physical therapy in 2019.

**Samantha Meadows Bierlich** married her husband, Brad Bierlich, on May 15, 2021.

**Emily Matson and Austin Strange** were awarded the prestigious 2021 Wilson China Fellowship alongside Assistant Professor of Chinese Studies Emily Wilcox. The Wilson China Fellowship is a China-focused non-residential fellowship that supports the next generation of American scholarship on China. Emily and Austin reached near native level of fluency in the Chinese language during their time as W&M undergraduates.

**Michael Paulus** was named senior associate athletic director/executive director of athletics advancement at Syracuse University. He is responsible for overseeing the development and philanthropic efforts for Syracuse University Athletics.

**Caitlin Oakley** served as the national spokesperson for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services until January 2021 and now works at Bristol Myers Squibb Co. as their director of corporate communications and media relations.

## 2013

*Class Reporter*  
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Hello, all! Thank you once again to everyone who sent me such wonderful and exciting updates. I feel very lucky to be able to help keep our class connected and to share positivity with you all!

This fall, I had the joy of being part of the wedding of **Carly Guinn '12, M.A.Ed. '13** and Drew Lane, who were married on Oct. 2 in Warrenton, Virginia. **Shawna LeBlond '12** and **Chelsea Bracci** were also bridesmaids, and the Tribe Pride at the wedding was strong: **Matthew Dziuban, Jonathan Fischer, Blaise Springfield** and **Bryan Lassiter '14** were also in attendance. It was a beautiful day and weekend filled with many smiles and a lot of love!

On Indigenous Peoples Day, which is now officially observed by the city of Boston, the 125th running of the Boston Marathon occurred after being delayed due to the pandemic. I had a lot of fun volunteering at a hydration station alongside fellow alumni **Jasper Lu '11, Mattie Clear '18** and **Camille Karabaich '18, J.D. '21**. See our online Class Notes for a picture from the day!

**Caitlin Roberts** married Philip Rogers in September 2020 at White Oak Canyon in Shenandoah National Park. They had a small family dinner after their ceremony in Philip's parents' backyard. A few weeks later, they enjoyed a "Buddymoon" in Portland, Maine, with what would have been their wedding party. Caitlin's William & Mary suitemate, **Maddy DeSimone**, was in attendance.

**Kameron Adams King** married Patrick King on Sept. 19, 2020. By the time you're reading these Class Notes, Kameron will have also received her Ph.D. in environmental engineering from Old Dominion University, and will be starting a new job at the U.S. EPA in the Office of Research and Development.

**Liz McGlynn Bellamy** and **Aaron Bellamy '12** welcomed a daughter, Orla Mae Spjut Bellamy, into

their family in February. She surprised her parents by coming over two months early, but she charmed her way out of the NICU early and all are happy and healthy.

**Ryan Ferrera** and **Rosemary Willis Ferrera '14** welcomed their third child, Gianna Rose Ferrera, on July 9. Big brothers James, 4 years old, and Joseph, 2 years old, are smitten with their little sister. The family has recently relocated from Fairfax to Chesapeake, Virginia, and look forward to visiting Williamsburg more often as a tribe of five!

**Sarah Higgins Becker** and her husband, **Matthew Becker '12**, welcomed a baby girl on July 12.

**Amber Huang** also welcomed new additions to the family. She gave birth to twin girls, named Kira and Lucy, on July 31.

**Grant Smith** was awarded the National Institutes of Health Director's Award in recognition of extraordinary contributions to digitally transform the National Institute on Aging's research grant award process.

**Katie Beaver** was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood on June 26, 2021, and now serves as the assistant rector of Christ Church on Capitol Hill.

Also in June 2021, **Julia Powers Davis** got married in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Julia works as a licensed mental health therapist in a group private practice in the Durham, North Carolina, area.

**Katelyn Power, Megan Lyons Hinkle, Caroline Russell, Lauren Weiss '14, Meghan Costello '15** and **Eric Hinkle '16** attended a Thomas Rhett concert at Jiffy Lube Live this summer, making sure W&M was well-represented at the tailgate before the show. Their next tailgate together was during Homecoming weekend. To them and to anyone else who went to Homecoming, I hope you had a blast being back on campus!

Finally, a warm congratulations to our classmates who made the news:

**Shaylin O'Connell** has been inducted into the Loudoun County High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Shaylin earned six varsity letters playing volleyball, basketball and lacrosse before playing four years of volleyball at W&M. She went on to earn her master's degree from Shenandoah University and her doctorate from George Washington University and is now a licensed occupational therapist in Washington, D.C.

**Scott Daisley '13, J.D. '16** has joined the firm of Sands Anderson PC as an associate. Scott is a healthcare lawyer who provides proactive legal advice to healthcare providers on regulatory and administrative law matters. He is based in the firm's Williamsburg office.

## 2014

*Class Reporter*  
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Congratulations to **Aryn Martin '16** and **Brett Prestia '14** on the birth of their second child, Beau Asher Prestia, on Oct. 11, 2021.

Congratulations to Rose Stillwell and **Nathan-iel Baugh '12** on their marriage on Sept. 5, 2021. So many members of the Tribe were in attendance at the beautiful Glen Foerd Mansion on the Delaware!

## 2015

*Class Reporter*  
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Hi, Class of 2015! **Kathleen Swift '14, M.A.Ed. '15** and I moved to Key West, Florida, last summer to start new jobs, and in September we were lucky to be there for the wedding of **Jim Szabo** and **Chloe Miksovic**! It was one of the biggest honors of my life to be Jim's best man; **Nuha Naqvi** did an incredible job officiating,

and also in the wedding party were **Will Sweetser, Lynn Nakamura, Paige Bermudez Hooks** and **Stephanie Winslow '14**.

**Joshua Fleitman** married **Kate Kielty** following a one-year pandemic wedding postponement in Pittsburgh on Aug. 1, 2021. Their relationship started sophomore year after meeting at a social mixer between the Equestrian team and the Stairwells a cappella group. One highlight of the wedding included a surprise performance by a group of Stairwells alumni. Kate and Josh were joined by several other W&M alumni pictured in our online Class Notes. From left to right: **Bert Garry '14, Waverly Langston '16, Aaron Ng, Andrea Blazanovic, Matthew Van Dongen '14, Gaby Wildfeuer, Isabel Carpio Anderson, Ian Anderson, Katherine Ambrose '17, Elena Rosenblum, Brian Crowley '16, David Zavelsky '13, M.S. '18, Joshua Fleitman, Kate Kielty, Rhys Tucker '14, Emerson Sieverts, Thomas J.P. Magloire, Robert Quittmeyer '17, Katelyn Clarke, Hitoshi Koshiya, Ethan Baker '16** and **Virginia Ruiz '88**.

**Ashley Murphy** writes, "**Jason Wang** and I were featured in the winter 2020 issue of the W&M Alumni Magazine (magazine.wm.edu/issue/2020-winter), as we met our freshman year at the Alumni House during an ice cream social. Our wedding reception was to be the first such event held in the newly expanded building. Due to the pandemic, we cancelled our ceremony and reception and eloped on Dec. 21, 2020, at the Palm Beach County Courthouse in Florida."

**Caroline Ulich** married David Keyser on Dec. 5, 2020, in Berryville, Virginia. **Kaylie Raber** and **Braxton Hicks '15, M.Acc. '16** were also in attendance. She also hit year two as a physician assistant

in the ER at Winchester Medical Center.

**Claudia Swain** graduated this past May with her master's degree in security studies from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. She writes, "I am moving on to bigger and better things!"

Congrats to everyone!

## 2016

*Class Reporter*  
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It's hard to believe it's been nine years since we first stepped foot on campus — I hope everyone is doing well! Please find some updates from members of our class below:

This past summer, **Wyndham Batchelor** graduated from the University of Miami with a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering and is now doing postdoctoral research in Bethesda, Maryland.

**Yuezhong Zheng** recently moved to the San Francisco Bay Area to start a new job as the program manager of graduate programs in economics at the University of San Francisco.

**Alex Bateman** currently lives in Norfolk, Virginia, with his wife. Alex's family started a new brewery/coffee shop in Norfolk called COVA Brewing Company this past year. Alex also just started law school at the Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach.

According to Columbia Climate School, "**Aiyana Bodi** has recently joined Project Drawdown as a senior associate with Drawdown Labs. After graduating from the Master of Public Administration in Environmental Science and Policy program (MPA-ESP) at Columbia University in 2019, she began working as a summer research fellow for Mighty Earth, a global advocacy organization focused on reducing deforestation through global supply chains. During her time in this fellowship, her

research focused on rubber agroforestry along with aiding in a campaign directed at forming a coalition on sustainable natural rubber.”

According to the Daily Press, “The Bleed Virginia team and the Founding Fathers, primarily James Madison alumni, were chosen to participate in The Basketball Tournament, an annual event for non-NBA pros with a \$1 million winner-take-all prize to be divided among the champion team.” Bleed Virginia’s roster included W&M alumnus **Terry Tarpey**.

**Domenic Martinelli ’16, M.Acc. ’16**, Tribe Football alumnus, and **Michelle Goss**, Tribe Lacrosse alumna, were married on Aug. 7, 2021.

**Brooke LaRue** and **Alex Chadwick** were married this September in Boulder, Colorado.

On Oct. 8, **Zack Jones** got married to his husband, Asa Maurer. In attendance were a few classmates: **Allison Givens**, **Aaron Thompson**, **Eva Cruz ’16, M.Acc. ’17**, and **Ashley Murphy Wang ’15** and **Jason Wang ’15**.

And finally, **Dennis Braden** and **Lexi Braschi** got married in Ashburn, Virginia, on Sept. 25. A long list of W&M alumni were in attendance, including bridal party members: myself, **Meaghan Morgan ’17**, **Jack Wehr** (best man), **Aaron Skonecki**, **Matt Filbert**, **Philip O’Brien ’17**, **Patrick Lockett ’15** and **Constantin Fabian**.

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

## 2017 5

*Class Reporter*  
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As I write this, it’s the middle of lovely autumn, and I’m in Newport, Rhode Island! Greetings from New England.

This summer, in addition to working in Advancement

& Alumni Engagement at a boarding school, I took on an additional role as an assistant dorm head. Dorm life was such an important part of my William & Mary experience, so I’m honored to contribute to student life here. I lived in the Randolph Complex both years I attended and it felt like home.

Speaking of home, did you attend Homecoming? I’d love to hear about it! This year it fell on the same weekend as the Homecoming I plan for work. I love Williamsburg in the fall — hope you enjoyed a picnic on one of the lawns!

Let’s catch up with each other here:

**Meagan Solano** started graduate school at NYU, as part of their dual MBA/MFA program for business and film producing.

**Flannery Sonner** began law school in August 2021 at Emory University School of Law in Atlanta.

**Amy Lin** is a second-year veterinary school student at Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. She took over the @wmalumni Instagram in September to share her #LifeAfterWM.

According to Richmond’s Style Weekly (Aug. 10, 2021), **Victoria Goldsby** is the owner of coffee roaster Column 15, and has partnered with other entrepreneurs to open Market on Meadow in Richmond. Column 15 also has a Williamsburg storefront!

The Orange County Review (March 12, 2021) featured **Alex Montes de Oca** for his work as head coach with Battlefield Area Star Swimmers (BASS), a year-round competitive swim program based at the Woodberry Forest School near Orange, Virginia, and how they’ve been able to excel through the pandemic. A BASS alumnus himself, Alex was on the swim team for all four years at W&M and after graduation, returned to Orange County where he took an assistant coaching job at BASS.

**Hallie Stufano** has had a career shift and is currently a fifth-grade

teacher at the Fairmont private school in San Juan Capistrano, California. One of the silver linings of this pandemic for Hallie has been feeling the respect and appreciation from the public of the importance of teachers and education.

**Jake da Silva Passos-Hoios** and **Henrique da Silva Passos Neto ’15** married March 13, 2016, on the Crim Dell, and are now coming up on their sixth anniversary. (Look for photos in our online Class Notes.)

**Carolyn Herbst Chrisman ’78** and **Dan Chrisman ’79, M.S. ’89, Ph.D. ’99** would like to announce the engagement of their daughter **Emily Chrisman ’17** to **Daniel Martchek ’18, M.B.A. ’22**.

**Stephen Gurley** and **Laura Jones** got engaged in May.

**Jessica Tiblin** and **Matt McGuinness** got engaged on Memorial Day.

**Briana Gironda** and **Peter Ten Eyck ’15** got engaged over Labor Day Weekend in Bend, Oregon. They were both on the gymnastics team at W&M (which is how they met), so Tribe Pride runs deep in this family! They’re looking forward to planning their wedding with their 7-month-old Boston Terrier, Bisby.

**Katie Camden** and **Andrew Gnapp ’16** got engaged in August in Nantucket. They met at the end of Katie’s freshman year and have been dating almost eight years now. (See photos online.)

**Thomas Pulisic ’16** and **Molly Atwater ’17, M.S. ’18** were married Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021.

## 2018

*Class Reporter*  
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This past fall, I stalked everyone’s social media to live vicariously through your posts about Homecoming. I made the mistake of taking almost the

maximum amount of credits fall semester. No one tells you that although the work gets easier once you become a 2L, you have more work per class. (To **Meredith Lerner ’16**, my favorite 1L at Washington and Lee because she purchased my torts casebook: Please consider this your official notice.) I’m frequently drowning in casebooks, so **Hollie Soave** was kind enough to update me on Homecoming 2021. Hollie and **Doug Jiang ’16** took a brief break from medical school to visit their old stomping grounds. **Stefan Edemobi ’17**, another of their Eastern Virginia Medical School classmates, also joined them. Hollie said that she was able to see **Elizabeth Pokol ’20** and several of Doug’s Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brothers.

If finding an increasing number of gray hairs in the past several months didn’t make me feel old enough, I recently realized that everyone I knew as an undergraduate has graduated. My Phi Mu littles, **Marina Schlosser ’20** and Elizabeth, as well as my Phi Mu grand-little, **Lizzy Smith ’20**, all returned to Williamsburg to belatedly celebrate their commencement at Homecoming this past fall. **Caitlin Dumm ’21**, **Meg Wilder ’21** and **Kelsey Garrett ’21** were also in my Phi Mu Uncorked family and are finding their way in the life-after-college world. In fact, Marina recently started a new job as a market research analyst at G2 in Chicago, and Kelsey is traveling the world — again — while earning her master’s degree in international relations and diplomacy at the School for International Training. Meg moved to New Orleans this past fall for a year-long stint at Eden House, which provides housing for survivors of human trafficking. I am so privileged to know these ladies and cannot wait to see where their careers take them.

You’d think I’d be finished with career updates after mentioning medical degrees, master’s degrees and big moves, but I’m not.

Considering that William & Mary attracts some of the most talented people in the nation, I shouldn’t be surprised that this list runs long. **Hunter McConville** is now Washington and Lee’s assistant director of annual giving. I’m thrilled to have him in Lexington, Virginia, so that we can grab lunch and catch up on occasion, and I like to think I’m useful by providing insight into life at the law school. Over the summer, **Sarah Anderson ’17** left FreedomWorks and is now the program manager for criminal justice and civil liberties at R Street Institute. She works remotely and spends most of her time in Colorado, which allowed her to visit me this past summer when I was working for an appellate judge in Fort Worth, Texas. During her visit, we had brunch with **Kaitlin Hann Clem ’16**, whom Sarah knew from her days in W&M’s Women’s Chorus. Kaitlin received her master’s in education from Arizona State University in 2020 and now works as a behavioral analyst for autistic children. **Rachel Teslow**, another Phi Mu sorority sister, and her husband have moved back to Minnesota, where Rachel is completing her capstone for her doctoral degree in occupational therapy from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. **Amanda Lewie** took over the W&M Alumni Association’s Instagram (@wmalumni) a few months ago to share her experiences as a teacher at the Mission Preparatory School in San Francisco.

I also have a little news of my own. This coming summer, I will be a summer associate at Gentry Locke in Roanoke, Virginia. During my interview last August, I was fortunate to meet **Monica Taylor Monday ’88, J.D. ’91** and **Spencer Wiegard J.D. ’04**. It’s always wonderful to make more W&M professional connections, and I am absolutely thrilled to have the opportunity to learn from the attorneys at Gentry Locke this summer.

Before I sign off, I want to extend my warmest



well-wishes to **Mary Turgeon** and **Zack Thornburg**, who were married this past fall. **Mikaela Richardson '17, M.Acc. '18** was in Mary's bridal party. If you see Mary and Zach, make sure to wish them a lifetime of happiness.

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## 2019

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 or at (757) 221-1167.

**James Kunder** of Alexandria, Virginia, was recently commissioned as an ensign in the United States Navy upon completion of Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. He was subsequently assigned to a U.S. Navy guided missile destroyer, the USS Momsen, based in Everett, Washington.

James is a 2015 graduate of St. Stephen's and St. Agnes school, Alexandria, where he served as class president his senior year and was a member of the wrestling team. He majored in public policy at William & Mary, served as a member of the university's Honor Council and was active in student government.

Having completed his Navy Officer Candidate School studies in the top 5% of his class, he was designated a Distinguished Naval Graduate upon commissioning as a surface warfare officer.

## 2020

Class Reporter  
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Hi Class of 2020!

I am writing this note from the Richmond airport, as I wait to board my plane headed back to Nashville after a wonderful, and majorly overdue, homecoming and graduation weekend! I

am so glad I got to see so many of you in Williamsburg over the past few days (which went by much too quickly). Thank you to those of you who made the trek to the swamp — my heart is so warm and renewed with love and appreciation for the Tribe.

And lovely as this weekend was, a year and a half did occur between our original Commencement date and our eventual walk across the stage; so, here's what some of our classmates got up to in that time!

**Ellen Longman** was promoted to senior research analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

After completing a master's degree in economic and social history at the University of Oxford, **Emma Diduch** is now teaching a course on data analysis for the social sciences as an adjunct lecturer at Mary Baldwin University in Staunton, Virginia. She is simultaneously applying to Ph.D. programs to continue her studies in economic history.

Sans pandemic puppy, **Morgan Tompkins, Erica Bucchieri '19, M.S. '20, Elliot Kim** and **Daniel deButts** "gathered for a festive night of grilled vegetables and white wine in Arlington, Virginia. And while Elliot's restive hand inched towards a strung guitar, the klatsch ultimately departed nary a tune, leaving our companions yearning for something grander."

**Nick Wells** has been pursuing his M.A. in French at Middlebury College's school in Paris, where he is specializing in civilization, culture and society. While in Paris, he has also been taking several classes at the Sorbonne! This past summer (after getting vaccinated), Nick traveled up and down the East Coast to visit with W&M friends and spend time with his girlfriend, **Bailey Hall**.

**Angela Leersnyder** moved to Wales in September and began working on her master's degree in

conservation practice at Cardiff University.

**Lilliana Starsiak** started medical school at the George Washington School of Medicine.

**Varun Desai** moved to New York City in November for a consulting job at Oliver Wyman. He's hoping to meet other alumni in the city, so reach out to him if you're currently in the Big Apple!

**Nazrin Garibova** received a Fulbright U.S. Student Program award. As an English teaching assistant, Nazrin will travel to Azerbaijan where she will be working along the Transcaucasian Trail. After completing the program, she will be pursuing a graduate degree focused on the Southern Caucasus. **Teddy Wansink** and **Grace Bruce** were selected as alternates for the award.

**Gloria Cruz Olea** will be graduating from Boston University this spring. She will be receiving a master's in curriculum & instruction, with a focus in secondary English education.

**Gabrielle Concepcion** is pursuing her MBA in financial management at Johns Hopkins Carey Business School. She works full-time in her dream job as a program financial analyst at ManTech in the D.C. area, supporting contracts for the Department of Defense.

**Danielle Batterman's** essay on "The Democratic Disconnect: Why Hamas' Apparent Ideological Moderation Has Not Led to Behavioral Moderation in Governance in the Gaza Strip" was awarded the Shatz Award by the William & Mary Monitor. The award is given to the best essay submitted by an undergraduate student to the Monitor. Danielle is now pursuing her master's in conflict studies from the London School of Economics.

Lastly, **Yessica Ayala Bonilla** married fellow Tribe alum **Jordan Bonz Hudson '12** on Sept. 3, 2021. Congratulations to the happy couple!

As always,  
Devon

## 2021

Class Reporter  
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Congratulations, everyone, on your graduation! It has been lovely hearing where life has taken you post-graduation, and I look forward to hearing your news. Keep the updates coming!

**Nadiah Cooper** worked in the summer as a Governor's Fellow for the Northam administration and was then offered a full-time position on the Policy Team. She now lives in Richmond with her college roommate.

**Phillip Firehock** is now a member of the inaugural class of the 2024 Occupational Therapy Doctorate Program at Duke Medical School, where he looks forward to applying the lessons learned from his undergraduate studies. Over the summer, he enjoyed participating in the annual nationwide Scottish Highland Games in North Carolina for the first time. He also had the opportunity to visit with **Jacob Shusterman '19** in Richmond, Virginia.

**Jade Chen** moved out to the San Francisco Bay Area to work for Oracle full time, as an applications engineer. In her spare time, she's been exploring the Bay Area (food festivals, hiking, tours, restaurants, etc.) with other new hires, which has been an awesome time.

**Will Michael** is doing the Master of Science in Business Analytics program at William & Mary as well as playing his fifth year of football.

**Grace Ford-Dirks** began her Master of Arts program in material culture at the University of Delaware in August, where she is a Lois F. McNeil Fellow in the Winterthur Program for American Material Culture (class of 2023).

**Laura Toland** began law school at Georgetown University Law Center.

**Miso Park** graduated with a psychology major and a public health minor; she is now pursuing a Master of

Public Health at UVA.

**Ian Doty** is a now an associate at Prism Group, a rapidly growing Washington-based public affairs firm, owned by **John Stanford '10**. He works on the firm's government relations and public relations portfolios, focusing on tech, biomedical sciences and small business issues.

**Caroline Cox** will serve as a Fulbright English teaching assistant in Germany; **Grace Klopp** will serve as a Fulbright English teaching assistant in Taiwan; **Maxwell Minogue** will serve as a Fulbright English teaching assistant in Brazil; and **Sahithya Vishwanath** will be a Fulbright English teaching assistant in South Korea.

**Vanessa Guzman** and **Jonathan Diaz-Ramos** founded W&M's First-Generation, Low-Income support group, a network to help students develop strategies to deal with the anxiety of being a first-generation student.

**Elsie Woodward** graduated from William & Mary with a degree in kinesiology after a 54-year gap.

**Caroline Duckworth** received a James C. Gaither fellowship at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a foreign policy think tank in Washington, D.C.

**Aria Austin** placed top 10 at Miss Virginia and won the preliminary talent award for the Italian aria "Vissi d'Arte." She's also the longest-serving Miss Greater Richmond because of the pandemic. In July, she started working on Capitol Hill as a staff assistant for Virginia Sen. Mark Warner.

## Arts & Sciences

Graduate School  
Reporter

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I hope that you've had a great start to the New Year! Please join me in congratulating our fellow alumni on their accomplishments in 2021 and be sure to share some of your recent highlights with us.

**Brent Colburn '98, M.P.P. '00** joined the University of California's Office of the President as the senior vice president for external relations and communications on Aug. 30. He was previously vice president for communications and public affairs at Princeton University.

**Scott Atwood M.A. '91** (history) was recently sworn in as the chair of the Florida Bar's Labor and Employment Section, where he assists in formulating and implementing legal policy on the state and local levels. He is a stockholder at the law firm of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.

**Seth Feman M.A. '05, Ph.D. '16** (American studies) organized an art exhibition tour titled "Alma W. Thomas: Everything is Beautiful," which features more than 100 of her works. This tour opened in July 2021 at the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk, Virginia, where Seth is the deputy director for art and interpretation and curator of photography. This exhibit also visits Washington, D.C., and Nashville, Tennessee, before concluding in summer 2022 at the Columbus Museum in Georgia.

**Sarah Chasse M.A. '12** (American studies) is an associate curator for exhibitions and research at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Massachusetts, as noted by the American Art Review this past July.

**Jody Lynn Allen Ph.D. '07** (history), assistant professor of history and the Robert Francis Engle director of the Lemon Project at W&M, was recently named to the Virginia Commission to Study Slavery by Gov. Ralph Northam, as noted by the Virginia Gazette this past June. The charge of this commission is to expand

the history and the public's awareness of slavery.

**Thomas J. Ruth M.A. '67** (chemistry) was the 2021 recipient of the Georg Charles de Hevesy Nuclear Pioneer Award as reported by the Journal of Nuclear Medicine this past August. He was recognized for his significant work in nuclear chemistry, specifically the identification and development of radioisotopes for positron emission tomography (PET) imaging, as well as the development of cyclotron-based technology that allowed the production of the radioactive medical isotope <sup>99</sup>Tc without a nuclear reactor.

Check out these new reads: Summer 2021 Book Roundup at magazine.wm.edu/online-exclusives!

**Lisa L. Heuvel '74, M.A. '05, Ed.D. '11** (American studies) edited "Living History in the Classroom: Performance and Pedagogy" (Emerald Publishing Limited, 2020), a new book to help K-12 history and social studies teachers engage their students.

**Hilary Holladay M.A. '87** (English) published "The Power of Adrienne Rich: A Biography" (Nan A. Talese/Doubleday, 2020), the first comprehensive biography of this iconic poet and feminist.

**Holly A. Mayer Ph.D. '90** (history) published "Congress's Own: A Canadian Regiment, the Continental Army, and American Union" (University of Oklahoma Press, 2021), which examines Col. Moses Hazen's 2nd Canadian Regiment.

**Nancy C. Parrish Ph.D. '93** (American studies) published "The Downton Era: Great Houses, Churchills, and Mitfords" (Troubador Publishing, 2019), which explores the interwoven chronicles of these two families.

## Mason School of Business

*Graduate School  
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Greetings! I hope your year is off to a great start. We have quite a few exciting updates from our fellow Mason alumni. Given everything that our world has been navigating the past couple of years, it is wonderful to have reasons to celebrate as a community! The Tribe community is resilient, warm and supportive. We look after each other in all times — prosperous and challenging. 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.

**Michael Brock M.B.A. '01** has been appointed as chief strategy officer of Acepodia, a biotech company developing next generation solid tumor and hematologic cancer cell therapies. Michael has 20 years of experience with strategic health care investment banking. Over the past 10 years, he was a managing director in Wells Fargo Securities' Healthcare Investment Banking group and was responsible for the coverage of biopharmaceutical companies.

**James B. "Buck" McCabe '73, M.B.A. '75** has joined the Board of Directors of ChenMed, a leader of providing primary care to underserved senior adults. He is the former chief financial officer and member of the Executive Committee for Chick-fil-A and was instrumental in its growth for over 35 years.

**Timothy M. Dunham M.B.A. '00, J.D. '00** has been named assistant director of the Training Division in the Criminal Investigation Division at FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C. Previously, he was promoted in 2020 to deputy assistant director

of the Criminal Investigative Division at headquarters, where he was in charge of programs dealing with transnational organized crime, violent crime and operational support.

**Phani Eturu M.B.A. '18** is an IT career veteran who has launched a Code Ninjas location in Glen Allen, Virginia, in June 2021. Code Ninjas is an innovative national franchise dedicated to teaching kids STEM skills. Participants follow a game-based curriculum to progressively earn nine belts, and they publish their own app upon completing the program.

**Matt Hubbard M.B.A. '19** has been promoted to senior vice president, market president of American National Bank & Trust, where he was previously vice president, commercial relationship manager. American National Bank & Trust has been servicing businesses and individuals in the Virginia and North Carolina areas for over 100 years.

**Shane Smith M.B.A. '09** has been promoted to president and chief executive officer of Smithfield Foods Inc. Shane has been a leader at Smithfield since 2003, serving most recently as chief strategy officer. In this role he created, executed, and sustained the organization's organic growth strategy and also led the company's growth through mergers and acquisitions.

**Phil Tuning M.B.A. '02** was selected to become the executive director of the Executive Partners program at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business. Phil joined the Executive Partners program in 2020 following an extensive career that included serving as the president of John Deere Financial Canada. The Executive Partner "EP" program at the Mason School is a differentiator from other business schools, partnering with numerous business executives in the Williamsburg community to provide hands-on mentoring and learning experiences for students.

**Lance Zaal '09, M.B.A. '12** has acquired the Lizzie Borden Bed & Breakfast Museum in Fall River, Massachusetts, and plans to refresh the museum for 21st-century guests. Lance is an accomplished entrepreneur who has founded/co-founded multiple businesses including iTourMobile, King of Clubs Coffee and Brewing Co., and 15 businesses in the tourism and entertainment industry.

## School of Education

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**Melinda Anderson Ed.D. '14** was recently named the executive director of NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising. (Black Issues in Higher Education, June 24, 2021)

**Byron Bishop Ph.D. '05** recently became the assistant superintendent of Middlesex County Public Schools. He recently completed his service as executive director of curriculum and instruction for the New Kent County Public Schools. Byron and his wife, Lisa, are the parents of two adult children, Logan and Aidan. (Southside Sentinel, June 24, 2021)

**Loury Floyd Ph.D. '03**, the dean of the School of Education at UNC Pembroke, was recently selected to be an Impact Academy fellow. Loury will join 24 leaders from around the nation who serve in higher education. (Laurinburg Exchange, Aug. 2, 2021)

**Megan Harris M.A.Ed. '14** has been selected as the Gloucester County Public Schools Teacher of the Year. She teaches mathematics at Peasley Middle School. (Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal, April 29, 2021)

**Natoya Haskins Ph.D.**

'11 was recently selected as an inaugural recipient of the Values in Action Award, which is given for exemplary values-driven leadership. She currently serves as the director of diversity and inclusion and an associate professor of counselor education at the William & Mary School of Education.

**Lisa Heuvel '74, M.A. '05, Ed.D. '11** recently published "Living History in the Classroom: Performance and Pedagogy." As a professor at Christopher Newport University, Lisa edited this book, which is designed to help social studies and history teachers bring history to life. She is the co-author of "The College of William & Mary in the Civil War" (2013) with her son, Sean M. Heuvel '02, M.Ed. '05.

**Tracy Seitz M.Ed. '10** is the superintendent of Middlesex Schools. She lives in Deltaville with her husband, Paul. They have two adult children, Shelby and Jacob. Tracy completed a doctoral degree in leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University. (Southside Sentinel, May 20, 2021)

**Lisa White M.A.Ed. '98** was recently named Teacher of the Year at Tappahannock Elementary School. (Rappahannock Times, May 26, 2021)

**Leslie Bell-Stanton M.Ed. '89, Ed.S. '90** took on a new role as school psychologist in Middlesex Public Schools. She has lived in Williamsburg for more than two decades. Along with a bachelor's degree from Randolph Macon, a master's in history from Liberty University and her degrees from W&M, she is a graduate of the FBI's Citizen Academy. (Southside Sentinel, Aug. 19, 2021)

## Law School

Graduate School  
Reporter

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See the website for much more.

**David J. Agatstein J.D. '68** retired after 30 years as a U.S. administrative law judge.

The Hon. **Robert A. Rapaport J.D. '79** was elected chairman of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission.

**Garen E. Dodge J.D. '82** rejoined national employment law firm Jackson Lewis P.C. as a principal.

**Arthur E. Gary J.D. '83** was appointed to the position of deputy assistant attorney general for policy, management and procurement in the U.S. Department of Justice.

**Barbara L. Johnson J.D. '84** was reappointed to a second term on William & Mary's Board of Visitors.

The Hon. **Junius P. Fulton III J.D. '85** was appointed to the Virginia Court of Appeals.

The Hon. **W. Neal McBrayer J.D. '89** was elected vice president of the Tennessee Judicial Conference.

**Amy Allison J.D. '94** is the chief administrative officer of Denver Film.

The Hon. **Carla N. Archie J.D. '95** assumed the role of senior resident superior court judge in North Carolina's 26th Judicial District.

**Erica Swecker Beardsley J.D. '95** was appointed chair of the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals.

**Richard H. Ottinger J.D. '95** is the new president of the Virginia Bar Association for 2021.

**Brenda J. Oliver J.D. '97** joined Jackson Lewis.

**Krista Newkirk J.D. '98** was appointed president of the University of Redlands.

**Gurbir Grewal J.D. '99** was appointed director of the Division of Enforcement at the Securities & Exchange Commission.

**Tim M. Dunham M.B.A. '00, J.D. '00** was named the assistant director of the Training Division at the FBI.

**Carrie Hunt J.D. '00**

is the next president of the Virginia Credit Union League.

**Henry D.W. Burt II J.D. '02** is chief operating officer at Troutman Pepper.

**Ward P. Griffin J.D. '03** is deputy general counsel in the Office of the General Counsel of the Farm Credit Administration.

Col. **Shane Reeves J.D. '03** was appointed the next dean of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

**David Massaron J.D. '04** joins Wayne State University as chief business officer, CFO/senior vice president for finance and business operations, and treasurer.

The Hon. **Dominique Callins J.D. '05** was appointed to the Virginia Court of Appeals.

**Kristine Kippins J.D. '05** joined Lambda Legal as its deputy director for legal policy.

**Mark Ohrenberger J.D. '05** is now senior associate general counsel for the Arkansas State University System.

**Jessica D. Aber J.D. '06** was confirmed as U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

**John D. Owens III M.B.A. '06, J.D. '06** joined Greenberg Traurig as a shareholder.

**Rebecca Price J.D. '07** has been appointed solicitor to the Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Board of Assessment Appeals.

**Brian K. McNamara J.D. '08** has joined Tulane University School of Professional Advancement as professor of practice in the public administration program.

The Hon. **Reneta Green-Streett '03, J.D. '09** was sworn in as a Delaware Superior Court Judge.

**Stanimir Kostov J.D. '09** joined Allen & Overy as a partner.

**Austin W. Musser J.D. '09** joined Bricker & Eckler LLP as a partner.

**Christia "Chris" Rey J.D. '10** was recently elected as the international president for Phi Beta

Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

**Brett Herbert J.D. '13** married Mallory Taylor Brennan in Midlothian, Virginia, on July 24, 2021.

**Taylor L. Connolly J.D. '14** was elected principal at Brown & James in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Hon. **Chace Craig J.D. '14** was appointed associate municipal judge in Abilene, Texas.

**Ambria Armstrong J.D. '16** joined Barley Snyder as counsel in their Business Practice Group.

## Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Graduate School  
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Red Steve Zissou beanies off to **Padma Venkatraman M.A. '94, Ph.D. '01**, who was the featured author at the W&M Homecoming & Reunion Weekend Alumni Author Breakfast this October. She authored the award-winning middle-grade fiction book "The Bridge Home," and her latest middle-grade book, "Born Behind Bars," was released this September.

**Beth Hinchey Malloy** couldn't be prouder of her first cousin once removed, Cora, who is a freshman marine biology major at the University of Delaware, or happier that she is taking a marine science course from **Art Trembanis Ph.D. '04**! Art is a professor in the College of Earth, Ocean and Environment where he leads the Coastal Sediments, Hydrodynamics and Engineering Lab (CSHEL). Love that acronym! Check our online Class Notes at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/vims

to read a feature on his team's involvement in the finding of the USS Nina shipwreck which sank off the coast of Delaware and Maryland in 1910.

Another fun fact about this family — the year Cora was born, **Beth, Janet Nestlerode, Jo Gascoigne Ph.D. '03** and Mark Patterson conducted a live broadcast from NOAA's Aquarius with Cora's mother, Sarah, and her third-grade classroom in Ohio. This vintage issue of The Crest has a great article on the 2002 and 2003 Aquarius missions led by Mark and **Lawrence Carpenter Ph.D. '06**, plus some other fun memories: [https://www.vims.edu/\\_docs/crest\\_fall2003.pdf](https://www.vims.edu/_docs/crest_fall2003.pdf). Talking about you, Knauss Fellows **Jacques Oliver M.S. '00, Ph.D. '05** and **Bruce Vogt M.S. '03** (see page 8)!

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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Below, you can read the names of members of the William & Mary community whose passing was reported between June 16 and Oct. 6, 2021. **To read extended obituaries, please go online to our magazine website at [magazine.wm.edu/in-memoriam](http://magazine.wm.edu/in-memoriam).** Please send information to Alumni Records, P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187, call (757) 221-1167 or email [alumni.magazine@wm.edu](mailto:alumni.magazine@wm.edu).

## UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

**Elinor Marion Derr Lamade '42** of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, died July 21, 2021.

**Anne Emily Armitage Madden '43** of Richmond, Virginia, died July 24, 2021.

**Carolyn "Connie" Rosenkrans Loizeaux '45** of Sudbury, Vermont, died Sept. 19, 2021.

**Betsy Mann Jones Nugent '45** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died June 12, 2021.

**Ann Hawes Manson Gatling '46** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died June 21, 2021.

**Edward Blair Guy '46** of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, died Aug. 20, 2021.

**Marjorie Fell Wallace Johnson '46** of New Orleans, Louisiana, died Aug. 20, 2021.

**Patricia Anne Dancy Cooper '47** of Durham, North Carolina, died Sept. 19, 2021.

**Lucy Elliot Spigel Herman '47, M.Ed. '63** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Jan. 29, 2021.

**Katherine "Kitty" Rook Hardiman Atkinson '48** of Henrico, Virginia, died June 22, 2021.

**Nancy Jane "Holly" Holland Blanford '48** of Tampa, Florida, died Sept. 10, 2021.

**Alice Lee Ritchie Colvin '48** of Valley Lee, Maryland, died June 13, 2021.

**Evelyn Lola Armstrong Harper '48** of Northville, Michigan, died Sept. 23, 2021.

**Sara Fowlkes Oliver '48** of Kansas City, Missouri, died Sept. 18, 2021.

**Mary Martin Hoffman '49** of Williamsburg, died July 18, 2021.

**Herbert "Herb" Bruce Keil '50** of Potomac, Maryland, died June 8, 2021.

**Kenneth "Ken" Neil Bruchey '51** of Frederick, Maryland, died June 24, 2021.

**Frances Jeanne Struwe Chisholm '51** of Peoria, Arizona.

**Harold Eugene Cox '51** of Exeter, Pennsylvania, died Sept. 8, 2021.

**Frderick Arthur Jacobson III '51** of Tucson, Arizona, died Aug. 28, 2021.

**Barbara Jean Fried Jaffe '51** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died June 11, 2021.

**James "Jim" Sands Kelly '51** of Williamsburg, died July 22, 2021.

**Paul Elliott Levin '51** of Ridgewood, New Jersey, died Jan. 6, 2021.

**Carl Ivan Pirkle Jr. '51** of Atlanta, Georgia, died Jan. 14, 2021.

**Elias Richards III '51** of Lynchburg, Virginia, died Aug. 4, 2021.

**James "Jim" B. Smith '51, M.Ed '54** of Williamsburg, died Sept. 12, 2021.

**Lillie Elizabeth Torbert '51** of Washington, D.C., died Aug. 30, 2021.

**Mildred "Milly" Johnson Woodling '51** of Friendswood, Texas, died June 29, 2021.

**Barbara Jane Pottinger Shumar '52** of Winchester, Virginia, died July 9, 2021.

**Paul Gant Johnson '53** of Lewisville, North Carolina, died Sept. 14, 2021.

**Welby Charles Poland '53, J.D. '56** of Waynesboro, Virginia, died June 17, 2021.

**John "Jack" Thomas Stabile Jr. '53** of Vero Beach, Florida, died Sept. 2, 2021.

**Nancy Caroline Yowell Starr '53** of Erie, Pennsylvania, died July 30, 2021.

**Robert "Bob" Edward Turvene '53** of Williamsburg, died June 16, 2021.

**Susannah Bryan Lyons Williamson '53** of Bel Air, Maryland, died Sept. 24, 2021.

**Jean Adelaide Lang Zauner '53** of Fort Wayne, Indiana, died March 1, 2020.

**Robert "Bob" Nathaniel Lawrence '54** of Charlottesville, Virginia, died Dec. 20, 2020.

**Idus "Mac" Bailey McCurry Jr. '54** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Sept. 10, 2021.

**Rear Adm. Henri "Bert" Bertram Chase III '55** of Kilmarnock, Virginia, died Jan. 20, 2021.

**Margaret "Peggy" Calvert Donnelly Hino '55** of Dallas, Texas, died July 31, 2021.

**E. Dale Lutton '55** of Millsboro, Delaware, died Aug. 13, 2021.

**Dr. John Charles Marsh '55** of Williamsburg, died July 14, 2021.

**Aubrey "Tom" Thomas Witherington '55** of Richmond, Virginia, died June 10, 2021.

**Darrell Jean High Wittkamp '55** of Richmond, Virginia, died July 15, 2021.

**Mary Virginia "Jinny" Beck Devilbiss Reichart '56** of Sylva, Ohio, died July 24, 2021.

**Margot Ketcham Shriver '56** of Reisterstown, Maryland, died Aug. 17, 2021.

**Nina Mae Briggs Carter '57** of Williamsburg, died Sept. 4, 2021.

**Dr. Harry G. Hager Jr. '57** of Williamsburg, died July 10, 2021.

**John "Big Daddy" Joseph Popular '58** of Belleair, Florida, died June 14, 2021.

**Shirley Ann Smith Shoquist '58** of Rockwall, Texas, died June 28, 2021.

**Lynn Everard Bear '59** of Saint Paris, Ohio, died Aug. 7, 2021.

**Martin Holden DeHaan '59** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Sept. 2, 2021.

**Robert Martin Gaydos '59** of Export, Pennsylvania, died Sept. 28, 2021.

**Jean Scott Davis Kosko '59** of Roanoke, Virginia, died June 11, 2021.

**Carey "C.J." Jean Adams Robertson '59** of Annandale, Virginia, died July 13, 2021.

**James "Jim" Boykin Osborn '60** of Aiken, South Carolina, died Aug. 27, 2021.

**Richard "Rick" William Carbin '61** of Barnard, Vermont, died July 21, 2021.

**Susan “Sue” Marie Yarnold Dilloway ’61** of Colorado Springs, Colorado, died May 15, 2021.

**Charles “Charlie” Waddington Harris ’61** of Amissville, Virginia, died Aug. 22, 2021.

**Elliott “Chip” Ralph Ingram III ’61** of Savannah, Georgia, died Aug. 2, 2021.

**Jerald “Jerry” Deaton Saunders ’61** of Newport News, Virginia, died June 21, 2021.

**Robert “Bob” David Charbonnier ’62** of Santa Rosa, California, died April 9, 2021.

**Mary Patricia “Pat” Naughton Charter ’62** of Sicklerville, New Jersey, died Aug. 29, 2021.

**Charlignè Gaines Marinos ’62** of St. Pete Beach, Florida, died Sept. 10, 2021.

**Susan Bland Moore ’62** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Sept. 20, 2021.

**David “Dave” Charles Buckle ’63, M.S. ’65, Ph.D. ’74** of Williamsburg died Sept. 5, 2021.

**Mary Douglas Spencer Eubank ’63** of Ocala, Florida, died July 9, 2021.

**JoAnne “Jo” Virginia Hines Rhudy ’63** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Aug. 24, 2021.

**Carol Jean Hurt Roberts ’63** of Rocky Mount, Virginia, died July 25, 2021.

**Rev. Walter Royce Braman ’64** of Fredericksburg, Virginia, died Aug. 24, 2021.

**Franklin “Ed” Edward Harris ’64** of Roanoke, Virginia, died June 22, 2021.

**Craig Stotter Kuhner ’64** of Arlington, Texas, died Sept. 14, 2021.

**Clifford Fred Meyer ’64** of Medford, Oregon, died March 13, 2021.

**The Hon. David Wayne O’ Bryan Sr. ’64, J.D. ’67** of Glen Allen, Virginia, died Sept. 6, 2021.

**Pauline “Polly” Goddard Cherry Royalty ’64** of Panama City Beach, Florida, died Aug. 19, 2021.

**Doris Nadine Williams Wallace ’64** of Gaithersburg, Maryland, died June 27, 2021.

**Arthur “Art” John Massey ’65, M.A. ’67** of Citrus Hills, Florida, died June 8, 2021.

**Robert “Bob” David Willis ’65** of Kaukauna, Wisconsin, died Sept. 20, 2021.

**Col. Jerry Alexander Wiseman ’65** of Knoxville, Kentucky, died June 12, 2021.

**Martha Lee Benz ’66** of Holland Point, Maryland, died Sept. 25, 2021.

**Henry “Hank” Adams Davis Jr. ’66** of Chatham, Virginia, died Sept. 15, 2021.

**Elizabeth “Betsy” Clark Reed Godsman ’66** of Essex, Connecticut, died Sept. 11, 2021.

**David “Dave” Alan Stewart ’66, J.D. ’69** of McLean, Virginia, died July 12, 2021.

**Martha “Marty” Anne Miller Witherspoon ’66** of Abingdon, Virginia, died July 2, 2021.

**Frederick “Rick” Otto Boysen ’68** of Flagler Beach, Florida, died Aug. 13, 2021.

**Phyllis Jeanne Morse Curcuro ’68** of Randolph, New Hampshire, died June 27, 2021.

**Linda Louise King Olson ’68** of Newport News, Virginia, died Aug. 25, 2021.

**Rosemary Jean DeCarlo Snow ’68** of Vienna, Virginia, died Sept. 26, 2021.

**Dr. Mary Louise Morden Malewicz ’69** of Bad Axe Florida, died Jan. 16, 2021.

**Wanda Elizabeth Lewis Swan Munoz ’69** of Williamsburg died Aug. 24, 2021.

**John Bennett Artman ’70** of Edenton, North Carolina, died Aug. 28, 2021.

**Delaine Baylor Holsopple ’70** of Land O’ Lakes, Florida, died Sept. 13, 2021.

**Mary Cynara Stites ’70** of Storrs, Connecticut, died March 26, 2021.

**Nicholas “Nic” B. Schindel ’71** of Dallas, Texas, died May 31, 2021.

**Elizabeth “Liz” Ann Tarpley ’71** of Woodbridge, Virginia, died Aug. 16, 2021.

**Christopher Columbus Turner III ’71** of Dunellen, New Jersey, died July 1, 2021.

**James “Jim” Bryant Wheat ’71** of Newport News, Virginia, died Aug. 13, 2021.

**James Francis Christensen ’75** of Crystal Lake, IL, died Sept. 6, 2021.

**Frances “Fran” Marian Norton ’72** of Cromwell, Connecticut, died Sept. 4, 2021.

**Jane Muse Partin ’72** of Beaufort, North Carolina, died July 19, 2021.

**Deborah “Debbie” Anne Barkovic Truesdell ’72** of Mantua, New Jersey, died Aug. 8, 2021.

**Anne Brown Davis ’75** of Richmond, Virginia, died July 1, 2021.

**Charles “Chuck” Francis Connolly Jr. ’76** of Norfolk, Virginia, died Aug. 8, 2021.

**Richard Dudley McClintock ’76** of Arlington, Texas, died Aug. 4, 2021.

**David “Dave” Paul Rizzo ’79** of Wilmington, North Carolina, died Sept. 3, 2021.

**Marcy Ann Thomson ’80** of Howell, New Jersey, died Aug. 12, 2021.

**Richard Leonard Stuart ’81** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died July 3, 2021.

**Stacey Jean White Thomas ’81** of Abingdon, Virginia, died Sept. 1, 2021.

**David Charles Etheridge ’82** of Lynchburg, Virginia, died June 22, 2021.

**Conrad Lawrence Campbell ’83** of Jacksonville, Florida, died June 21, 2021.

**Paul Skallman Markowski ’83** of Clifton, Virginia, died July 9, 2021.

**Cathy Nell McCurdy ’83** of Nashville, Tennessee, died June 18, 2021.

**David “Dave” A. Vaughn ’83** of Onley, Virginia, died May 13, 2021.

**Sabina Sally Ann Lewé Lewis Bratz ’84** of Charleston, South Carolina, died Aug. 15, 2021.

**John Divine McGee III ’85** of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, died July 1, 2021.

**Jon Frederick Kumnick ’87** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Oct. 3, 2021.

**Dr. John “Jack” Lowell von Klar ’87** of Chattanooga, Tennessee, died Dec. 24, 2019.

**Laura Gail Holman Newmark ’93** of Huntsville, North Carolina, died July 6, 2021.

**Eric Richard House ’94** of St. Louis Park, Minnesota, died July 25, 2021.

**Dr. Wanda Flinn Lee ’94** of Gaithersburg, Maryland, died Sept. 18, 2021.

**Dr. Zohra Aziza Baccouche ’95** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died June 11, 2021.

**Lt. Col. Troy Darren Marshall ’95** of New Market, Virginia, died June 17, 2021.

**Brian Wallace Sansone ’95** of McLean, Virginia, died May 22, 2019.

**Melissa Lee Cox ’96** of Harwood, Maryland, died June 15, 2021.

**Katie Lynn Grauman Grier ’00** of Winchester, Virginia, died Aug. 20, 2021.

**Catherine “Katie” Virginia Sayle ’09** of Williamsburg died May 31, 2021.

**Melissa Ann Commander ’17** of Chesapeake, Virginia, died Aug. 15, 2021.

#### GRADUATE ALUMNI

**Matilda “Tillie” McLeod James Smithers M.Ed. ’55** of Arlington, Virginia, died July 16, 2021.

**Lawrence Lee Oldaker M.Ed. ’58** of Juneau, Alaska, died Aug. 1, 2021.

**The Hon. Sebastian Gaeta Jr. J.D. ’62** of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, died July 8, 2021.

**Shannon "Skip" Taylor Mason Jr. B.C.L. '62** of Henrico, Virginia, died June 19, 2021.

**R. Lowell Coolidge B.C.L. '65** of Well-sboro, Pennsylvania, died Sept. 3, 2021.

**Lawrence Hunter Woodward M.Ed. '67** of Zuni, Virginia, died June 30, 2021.

**Chris Gross M.A.Ed. '68** of Yorktown, Virginia, died Aug. 25, 2021.

**Terrance D. Orlick M.Ed. '68** of Chelsea, Quebec, died Aug. 17, 2021.

**James Robert Schiess M.S. '68, Ed.S. '88** of Swannanoa, North Carolina, died June 19, 2020.

**Claudette Rima Smith Irwin M.Ed. '69** of Nags Head, North Carolina, died Aug. 8, 2021.

**David Leon Siders J.D. '69** of Fairfield, Virginia, died Sept. 10, 2021.

**John Elsworth Brown M.T.S. '70** of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, died Aug. 12, 2021.

**Barbara Rose Miller Lingenfelter M.Ed. '72** of Ashland, Virginia, died Dec. 21, 2019.

**Lewis Henry Perkins Jr. M.B.A. '72** of Tampa, Florida, died June 13, 2021.

**Paul "Dick" Richard Morrow M.B.A. '73** of Weston, Florida, died July 23, 2021.

**Max Alan Robinson M.B.A. '73** of Knoxville, Tennessee, died Sept. 27, 2021.

**Mary Curtis "Tom-mie" Thomas Fary M.Ed. '76** of Gloucester, Virginia, died July 6, 2021.

**Min Namkung M.S. '79** of Bowie, Maryland, died July 30, 2021.

**Morton Leonard Bresenoff M.L.T. '81** of Raleigh, North Carolina, died July 5, 2021.

**Wayne Richard Knight M.A. '82** of Fallbrook, California, died Sept. 8, 2021.

**Joseph "Boots" Thomas Tambe Ed.D. '82** of Emerald Isle, North Carolina, died June 25, 2021.

**Christa Lynn Beverly Baker J.D. '86** of Hyattsville, Maryland, died Sept. 18, 2021.

**Paul Dalton Rudd Ed.S. '87** of Sparta, North Carolina, died Aug. 10, 2021.

**John "JK" Patrick Kelly M.A. '88** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Aug. 19, 2021.

**Charlotte Evans Copley Ed.D. '90** of Williamsburg died Sept. 29, 2021.

**Mary "Mimi" Mercer Daniel M.B.A. '91** of Richmond, Virginia, died Sept. 19, 2021.

**George Robert Mulligan M.B.A. '91** of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, died July 31, 2021.

**Jane Tweeddale Adams M.A.Ed. '92** of Hampton, Virginia, died July 14, 2021.

**Gordon Frederick Chappell M.S.T. '92** of Williamsburg died March 17, 2021.

**F. Eileen Burklow Turner M.B.A. '92** of Williamsburg died July 13, 2021.

**Richard "Rick" B. Gallier M.B.A. '93** of Appomattox, Virginia, died July 26, 2021.

**Mark Gregory Capron J.D. '94** of Lakeland, Florida, died Sept. 3, 2021.

**Patrick Thomas Fennell J.D. '96** of Troutville, Virginia, died June 13, 2021.

**Nicholas "Nick" Forgues M.B.A. '08** of Sterling, Virginia, died Aug. 20, 2021.

**Richard "Rich" Francis Hanley M.B.A. '16** of Yorktown, Virginia, died Sept. 19, 2021.

#### HONORARY ALUMNI

**Joseph "Joe" Remo Pinotti HON '08** of Williamsburg died May 10, 2021.

**Karen J. Beldegreen HON '06** of Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia, died June 24, 2021.

#### HONORARY DEGREE

**The Hon. John William Warner Jr. LL.D. '81** of Middleburg, Virginia, died May 25, 2021.

#### FORMER STAFF

**Marlene S. Brummer** of Gloucester Point, Virginia, died Aug. 21, 2021.

**Mary Ann Marrow Cooke** of Williamsburg died July 16, 2021.

#### FACULTY EMERITUS

**Robert "Bob" John Byrne** of Yorktown, Virginia, died June 21, 2021.

**Julian Ward Jones Jr.** of Williamsburg died Aug. 28, 2021.

**Lt. Col. Paul Vincent Koehly** of Yorktown, Virginia, died June 21, 2021.


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**Mark M. Johnson** of Montgomery, Alabama, died June 25, 2021.

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