

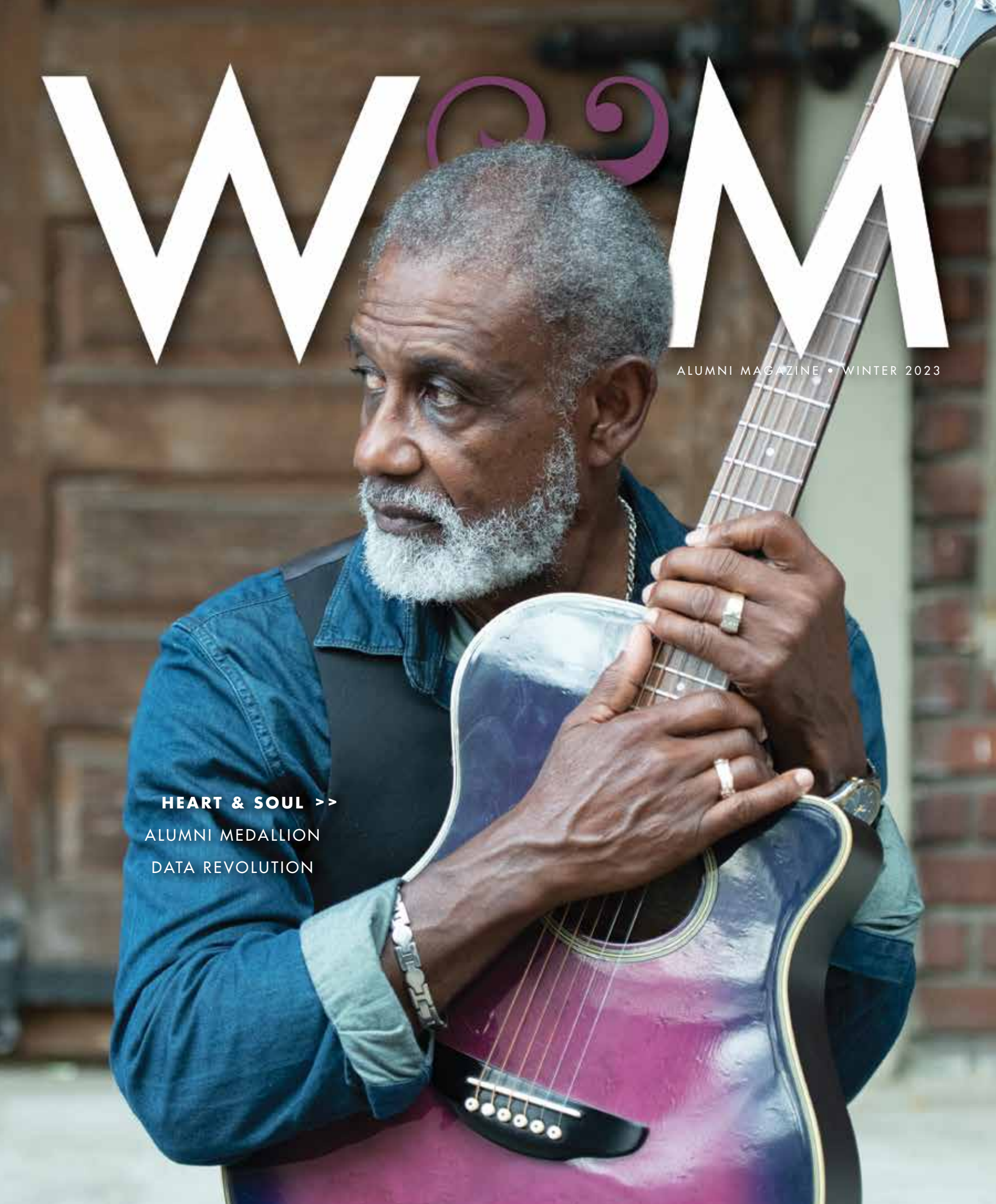
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The expanded Sadler Center, with 53,000 square feet of new space, creates a centerpiece of activity in the heart of William & Mary's campus. A new grand entryway is just steps from the McLeod Tyler Wellness Center and the Campus Living Center. Students helped choose the furniture, selecting pieces that are comfortable and functional.



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Reunited

VIRGINIA KLEMKOWSKI MCLAUGHLIN '71

*Co-chair, 1971 50th Reunion Committee
W&M Chancellor Professor of Education, Emerita*

When I arrived as a freshman in 1967, I looked forward to an amazing four years at William & Mary. As it turned out, my undergraduate experience exceeded every expectation. What I never envisioned was a lifelong relationship with W&M! Having recently participated in the 50th reunion of my Class of 1971, I'm realizing more fully what it means to be an alumna of such an incredible university.

We gain a caring and vibrant community, professional and personal learning opportunities, a voice in the future of our alma mater and so much more.

After several years of COVID-19 restrictions, the Olde Guard (alumni who graduated 50 years ago or more), the Boyle Legacy Society (anyone who includes W&M in their estate plans) and three 50th reunion classes ('70, '71 and '72) came together for Traditions Weekend in April 2022. We had a great turnout and opportunities to connect with people we knew from the other classes — including through special programming on topics like Swem's Special Collections and what student life is like today. Although decades may have passed since my fellow 1971 graduates spent time together, I was surprised once again at how easily we picked up where we had left off as friends. It

seems there's a special bond with people we've known in our formative, young adult years.

Alumni in class years ending in 2 or 7 celebrated their 5th through 45th reunions during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend in October. Having been inducted into the Olde Guard during Traditions Weekend and attending my first Olde Guard Luncheon at Homecoming, I was delighted to learn that there was also a reunion for the Young Guard (Classes of 2013-2022) and a special "First Three Party" just for graduates of the past three years.

Of course, there are many more ways to connect with fellow alumni than through your class year. The Order of the White Jacket (for alumni who worked in food services) hosted its own 50th Anniversary celebration during Homecoming as well, affinity

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and identity groups (wmalumni.com/affinity) hosted tailgates, and departments and student groups across campus held open houses and receptions so alumni, students and faculty with shared interests could connect. Add to that W&M Football's exciting win over Delaware and the big Saturday Night Bash in the Sunken Garden, and Homecoming just seems to get better every year!

Beyond the major campuswide events, W&M offers numerous other ways for alumni to get involved. Professional Development Week, Feb. 27-March 3, features both virtual and in-person regional events to help you connect with and leverage your lifelong W&M network for professional success. Attending regional network events (wmalumni.com/chapters),

submitting your news for Class Notes (see pages 65-93), following W&M Alumni on social media and joining the myl693.com community can help you reconnect with classmates and stay in touch.

My own experiences on the Program Committee for the first Women's Weekend in 2018 and the Class of 1971 Reunion Committee helped me realize anew the joys of working alongside W&M people who bring such talent and commitment to whatever needs to be done. All of these opportunities, so meaningful to the W&M community, are made possible only through the work of our alumni volunteers. I encourage you to take the next step of volunteering to serve as a Class Ambassador or any of the other opportunities listed at wmalumni.com/volunteer.



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Introducing Matt Brandon

Matt Brandon '92 returns to W&M to lead alumni engagement

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Vice President for University Advancement

As fellow alumni and family gathered around the world over the holiday season, we were reminded once again of what makes our community special — our people. The William & Mary Alumni Association (WMAA) represents so many remarkable human beings across the globe, and it requires a leader with a rich understanding of what unites us to lead the way forward.

In November, we welcomed Matthew L. “Matt” Brandon '92 as our associate vice president for alumni engagement and CEO of the WMAA. Matt is just the sort of individual who knows what makes our William & Mary family so special and has been preparing for this role since his graduation.

We are delighted to be working with Matt in this new capacity and know that his wealth of experience will be invaluable as we chart the path ahead for our more than 100,000 alumni in the years to come. Much of Matt’s career has centered around the intersection of engagement and philanthropy, which is exactly what is needed in his role leading our alumni engagement efforts. He was previously the director of development for the Thomas Jefferson Foundation in Charlottesville, Virginia, leading the foundation’s campaign efforts, and prior to that Matt served in leadership roles at Virginia Tech, the University of Virginia Alumni Association and the University of Lynchburg.

Some of you already know Matt from his time as a student and varsity athlete at William & Mary or from his work at the WMAA early in his career. He was also one of the founding officers of the Hulon Willis Association in 1992 and remains involved with that organization.

Matt is a consensus builder who brings people together for the betterment of alma mater. His big

picture, universitywide approach will be vital to increasing the momentum we gained in engaging alumni with each other and the university during the *For the Bold* campaign.

Matt will help us deepen that engagement and continue to inspire alumni to participate with gifts of time, talent and treasure. As we seek to involve alumni in the cornerstone initiatives of Vision 2026, Matt and our entire team will look for new and innovative ways for alumni to connect with one another and alma mater.

When you meet Matt, his love of W&M and his dedication to our alumni shine through — he cares about what makes the university, our alumni and our entire W&M family feel like, well, a family! He has a unique ability to understand and respect our deep history and rich traditions, while also seeing the potential for new and engaging opportunities for all of our alumni. In this spirit, Matt is already working in close partnership with colleagues throughout the university and with our alumni on our efforts to increase engagement, to support our alumni on their career journeys and to expand the university’s reach across the globe.

It is a true delight to have Matt back on campus with a literal and figurative open door for you to stop by the Alumni House or to reach out to share your W&M story with him. Congratulations once again, Matt, and welcome home!





FROM THE BRAFFERTON

Critical Thinking with Data: Liberal Arts & Sciences for the 21st Century

BY KATHERINE A. ROWE

William & Mary President

For 330 years, William & Mary has led the nation in advancing knowledge and innovative ideas — from pioneering legal education in the United States to establishing a world-class marine science institute. We'll honor many of these firsts at the university's annual Charter Day ceremony on Feb. 10.

W&M's strategic plan, Vision 2026, sets out the next ambitious moves that will meet the needs of our community, commonwealth and our nation for decades to come. By 2026, W&M will invest in four key areas where the university already has deep strengths: data and computational sciences, water conservation, citizenship in a pluralistic democracy and pathways to careers. This year, each of my From the Brafferton columns focuses on one of these areas. This issue's focus is data.

The urgency to invest broadly in data sciences at W&M emerged organically, out of necessity, and in response to bursting student interest. In the past decade, interest in computational fields has more than tripled at W&M. From 2020 to 2022, undergraduate computer science degrees awarded at W&M increased by nearly 20%. In the data science program, which launched in 2020, the number of degrees conferred went from eight in 2021 to 35 in 2022.

This surge of interest reflects the growing importance of computational thinking in every community and industry around the nation. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that employment in data science alone will grow by 31% in the coming decade. According to a DataCamp survey, 89% of companies rate building data fluency as a priority for their business.

To meet growing demands for data-savvy employees, the commonwealth, business communities and higher education have aligned around talent. In 2019, W&M joined the Tech Talent Pipeline, which challenged Virginia colleges and universities to produce an additional 25,000 computer science-related degree holders by 2039.

The rapid growth that we are seeing in our computer science and data science programs was identified early in the strategic planning process, in 2019, as

an area where the university would need to scale up our teaching and research to meet demand. Student Assembly outlined this need in a 2019 whitepaper. Faculty, staff and administrators set out to "pursue a more dynamic and influential presence in engineering, computational and information sciences" as part of a fall 2021 Vision Framework for Planning In.

In response, several departments began discussing how we might establish a computing and data science unit. Provost Agouris charged a design team comprising deans from all five of W&M's schools, faculty and other university leaders with exploring what a unit might look like. That team conducted research and drafted a preliminary proposal for the unit. This draft will help inform collaborative cross-campus discussions around education and research at W&M in the areas of computing, data science and applied science.

The main takeaway: Data science is core to a liberal arts degree in the 21st century. For non-specialists (like me), it can be helpful to picture a simple Venn diagram, with three overlapping circles. The toolkits of data science are computational modeling and statistical analysis — two of the circles. Those tools are applied to any large corpus of data — the third circle — structured in a way that can answer meaningful questions. Linguists and literary scholars might study "big bags of words" in online collections to discern how literary genres change over time. Biologists and epidemiologists might study health care data to understand how disease affects different populations. Political scientists and engineers might study social media data to understand how misinformation travels and how it can be countered.

Statistical analysis is a mode of critical thinking, just like the other core modes of critical thinking our graduates cultivate at W&M. Thinking statistically helps humans understand likelihood, pattern and variation — and navigate uncertainty by tracking patterns across large bodies of evidence. Computational modeling is also a mode of critical thinking: a way to describe, analyze and solve complex problems using digital tools.

In the 21st century, the ability to problem-solve effectively and think ethically using these toolkits is part of what it means to be an educated person. That ability will ensure that our graduates lead in whatever domains they choose. Witness W&M's strong showing at the iGEM Grand Jamboree in Paris this past October. For years, W&M's iGEM team has shown its mettle against international powerhouses, such as MIT and Harvard. This year, W&M students once again earned a Gold Medal. Our team also took the prize for Best Software & AI Project.

Many William & Mary alumni are breaking new ground in data and artificial intelligence. You'll read more about their inspiring stories in the magazine's "Data Revolution" feature. At W&M, we aim to cultivate the next generation of well-rounded professionals and principled citizens, fluent in thinking critically with data at scale.

A portrait of Daniela Pereira Flores '24, a young woman with long, dark, curly hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark blazer over a black top and a thin necklace. The background is dark and textured. The entire image is framed by a thin orange border.

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GO TRIBE!: William & Mary Football, seeded No. 5, finished the season with an 11-2 record. A school-record 10 wins came during the regular season. In this photo from Oct. 29, Coach Mike London and members of the team cheer for the Tribe at the annual Breast Cancer Awareness game.



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CAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

A SEASON TO REMEMBER

*William & Mary Football's
record-breaking season concludes
in NCAA quarterfinals*

BY DAVE JOHNSON

IT STARTED IN NOVEMBER WHEN W&M FOOTBALL clinched the CAA title in a 37-26 win over Richmond. Then William & Mary advanced to the NCAA FCS playoffs.

The team was ready. The Tribe was hopeful.

W&M started the playoffs strong by dominating Gardner-Webb 54-14 in an exciting home game. The Tribe then advanced to the quarterfinal round for the first time since 2009.

Students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the Williamsburg community gathered to cheer on the team in a formal sendoff as they boarded the buses for Montana outside Kaplan Arena on Dec. 7, 2022. They were on their way to play the No. 4 seed, Montana State.

As the cheerleaders yelled to the crowd, "Let's go *All In* for the win," the Griffin gave high-fives to children and their parents who proudly saw the team off to the airport.

At watch parties on campus and around the country, the W&M community went *All In* to support the team, watching with bated breath as W&M Football charged forward into the NCAA championships.

But one of William & Mary's finest seasons came to an end on a frigid night in December, more than 2,000 miles away from Williamsburg, Virginia.

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WINNERS: Quarterback Darius Wilson '25 (top photo) and running back Bronson Yoder '23 (bottom photo) had outstanding seasons, with Yoder making first-team All-CAA.



PHOTOS: JIM AGNEW



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SQUISHING THE SPIDERS: *The Tribe beat the Richmond Spiders for the CAA championship title in November. Below, defensive lineman Zyquan Bessant '22, M.Acc. '23 celebrates.*

Montana State, the national runner-up last season, defeated the Tribe 55-7 in a nationally televised game in Bozeman. The Bobcats broke open an early defensive struggle by scoring on eight consecutive drives with six touchdowns and two field goals.

William & Mary, seeded No. 5, finished the season with an 11-2 record, which by percentage (.846) is the second-best in program history. A school-record 10 wins came during the regular season.

"To be in the FCS playoffs and play a caliber of team like this, this is the kind of rarified air we want to be in," W&M coach Mike London says. "We want to be a team like Montana State, that year in and year out is in the playoffs and competing for a championship.

"I believe we can do that, but we've got a ways to go. I love our team and the accomplishments of what occurred this year. We've got some work to do to keep it consistent and sustain it."

When the game kicked off at 8:15 p.m. MT, the temperature was 20 degrees. Worse, the field was frozen in spots, which made footing an issue. Montana loaned W&M its heated benches, but that did nothing for the playing surface.

When asked if the conditions played a factor, London says, "Perhaps some, but control the controllables. That's what happens between the white lines. I'm not going to sit here and say that was the issue. Obviously, we have to deal with whatever the circumstances are.

"With the weather and time change, we tried to adapt as much as we could. That's a good football team that we played."

Bronson Yoder '23 rushed for 122 yards on 26 carries and scored the Tribe's only touchdown, which came with 3:11 remaining in the game. Linebackers Kevin Jarrell '22, M.B.A. '24 and Brayden Staib '23 led the defense with seven tackles apiece.

Each team went three-and-out on its first two possessions. But after William & Mary made it three in three, the Bobcats got their high-powered attack going.

"You talk about explosive plays, they had a few,"

London says. "They got up on us and we couldn't quite get it going as much as we needed to in our running game, which has been dominant for us."

The Tribe finished the season by setting three team rushing records: yards (3,455), average yards per game (265.7) and average yards per carry (5.9).

W&M Football averaged 448.8 total yards a game, fourth on the all-time list. Yoder finished the year with 1,255 yards, the eight-best season by a Tribe back in program history. His 13 rushing touchdowns are tied for fifth.

The team experienced several other incredible moments during the season.

A week before the Montana game, television crews went onto the field at Zable Stadium to cover a surprise of a lifetime for Jalen Jones '25, who was awarded a football scholarship at William & Mary. Jones was a walk on for the Tribe in 2021 as a defensive back and played a key role in the university's breakout season this year. As a cornerback, he was named Defensive Rookie of the Year.

With his family by his side, his fellow teammates and coaches were on hand for the reveal. The joy he and everyone around him experienced as they learned about his scholarship — along with the jubilation of all W&M fans during the fall season winning streak — are reasons enough for the team, the coaching staff and fans alike to continue to go *All In*.

It was a year of many accolades for W&M Football. Outside linebacker John Pius '24 was named the Colonial Athletic Association's Defensive Player of the Year. Making first-team All-CAA were running back Yoder, offensive tackles Charles Grant '24 and Colby Sorsdal '22, defensive end Nate Lynn '23, cornerback Ryan Poole '22, M.B.A. '24 and special teams player Caylin Newton. And the NCAA announced that W&M Athletics has the highest graduation rate of Division I public universities, for the 17th time in 18 years.

The Alma Mater of the Nation's colors — green and gold — were on full display in the weeks and months leading up to the big quarterfinals game. It was a spectacular run for the Tribe.



ONLINE: *See how a scholarship to W&M helps Zyquan Bessant '22, M.Acc. '23 excel in the classroom and in competition. Watch the video at magazine.wm.edu/football-scholarship-2022*

How We Look at the World

Anthropology and literature help us navigate the human experience

BY BRAD WEISS & ELIZABETH LOSH



HOW DO WE MAKE SENSE OF THE WORLD AND OUR PLACE IN IT? AT WILLIAM & MARY, GREAT HEARTS and minds come together to examine this question from a wide range of perspectives. Our faculty are leaders in their fields and collaborate across disciplinary boundaries. As William & Mary educates for impact through Vision 2026, our faculty continue to work closely with our students to examine complex ideas, weigh competing perspectives and look at the world in new ways.

The W&M Raft Debate is a campus tradition in which faculty members, stranded on a theoretical desert island with a one-person raft, argue about who should be saved to bring their area of study to humanity. In a more congenial adaptation, we asked Brad Weiss, professor of anthropology, and Elizabeth Losh, professor of English and American studies, to discuss the many ways their disciplines are essential for preparing students to navigate our rapidly changing world.

WHY STUDY ANTHROPOLOGY?

By Brad Weiss

What did you do today? Or perhaps yesterday, if you're reading this early in the morning? What have you been thinking about? Who have you been talking to? What gets you excited about facing the day? What keeps you up at night?

Regardless of how you answer any or all of these questions, you can be sure that there is an anthropological study of your response. Because, for anthropology, every conceivable aspect of the

human — and more-than-human — experience is within the scope of the discipline.

All of life's experiences provide opportunities for anthropological thinking, research, writing and teaching. Those include the more mundane dimensions of daily living — the sugar you put in your coffee, the commute you took to work and the electricity that powers the device you're reading now. They also encompass the more complicated problems that happen on a truly global scale — the ebbs and flows of transnational supply chains,

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private-public collaborations designed to expand the availability of pharmaceuticals and activist movements to address catastrophic climate change.

In recent years alone, studies of oceanography that recast our understanding of how microbial life shapes the world we live in; historical surveys of debt that demonstrate the political implications of our financialized economy; and studies of bureaucracy that reveal the historical workings of politics and power in both colonial and corporate organizations have offered some of the most inspirational anthropological works whose influence has been felt across the academy. All of these issues are fair game for anthropologists because all of them involve people — people whose ideas and feelings, values and prejudices, relationships and barriers shape the way we all live our lives. How these social and cultural processes shape the lives that people — and others — live is the core concern of our field.

But there's another aspect of anthropology, a somewhat more subtle framing of these questions, that's vital to understanding what we have to offer. Because, as anthropologists we not only ask about all of these — and many other — phenomena, we ask ourselves, at the same time: What makes these part of the human experience? Is there, in

fact, such a thing as “THE human experience”? For each general concern or problem, human communities offer concrete and particular responses, where the details matter. What this means, among other things, is that however we define our world, it could be defined differently. Everything that we take for granted, that we accept as inevitable, is the outcome of the specific activities people have undertaken to create their world — and that means it could readily be quite different.

In the end, anthropology offers us insights and methods for understanding how people understand the world; and even more, the recognition that we have the ability to change it.

Brad Weiss is a professor of anthropology at William & Mary and author of four books including “Real Pigs,” recipient of the Association for the Study of Food and Society’s 2017 Book Award.

WHY STUDY LITERATURE?

By Elizabeth Losh

Stories have remarkable power in our culture, and the study of literature teaches students to analyze elements of stories closely: how they are told, who features in the telling and what lessons they teach. Of course, we encounter stories in

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MCGLOTHLIN FORUM

LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP

The annual McGlothlin Leadership Forum, made possible thanks to the leading generosity of the forum’s co-founders, James “Jim” W. McGlothlin ’62, J.D. ’64, LL.D. ’00 and Frances “Fran” Gibson McGlothlin ’66, L.H.D. ’18, was held Oct. 11-12 at Miller Hall. • In recognition of his lifetime professional achievements, forum co-founder Jim McGlothlin was named the 2022 Virginia Business Person of the Year by Virginia Business. • The much-anticipated event brings distinguished leaders in business and law to William & Mary each year for discussion with students from W&M Law School and the Raymond A. Mason School of Business about today’s important national and global business trends. • The forum’s two keynote speakers were Virginia Secretary of Finance Stephen E. Cummings and former Vice President of People Operations for Amazon and current Secretary of the W&M Board of Visitors Ardine Williams. Cummings and Williams shared their personal and professional experiences and advice on what makes a distinguished leader, fielding questions from students as well as the forum’s hosts. Williams also hosted two candid small-group sessions on leadership with forum participants. — JACOB A. MILLER ’18



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many forms on a daily basis outside of the printed book, such as in movies, games or advertisements, and stories often provide the structure for political speeches, celebrity confessions and religious parables. There are many storytelling professions that William & Mary graduates pursue. A W&M English major has even gone on to be White House press secretary.

Books continue to be an important source of these stories. Check out “Bookstagram” or “BookTok” on social media for signs of the continuing relevance of the printed page. Stories from novels, plays and poems can shape our ideas about interpersonal relationships, human difference, criteria for success, the morality of a given outcome, the credentials for leadership and how to respond to a crisis such as a pandemic or a terrorist attack.

Although literature facilitates understanding of different times and places, stories from another era can still feel surprisingly contemporary. George Meredith’s “The Egoist” was written a century and a half ago, and yet we continue to recognize a character who wants his worth mirrored back to him by subservient others.

Because a love of literature enhances appreciation of language, facility with the written word is linked to many marketable career skills. Along with critical thinking, today’s employers expect college graduates to have strong communication skills. The study of literature is an effective way to expand vocabulary, which is a lifelong form of personal

development that continues years after completing a K-12 education. Shakespeare used more than 20,000 words. Studying plays and poems also can implant important verbal memories that last a lifetime.

Even with the ubiquity of mobile devices, knowing something by heart is still valued in our society. Look at how successful CEOs show off their skills at seemingly extemporaneous speaking. Careful reading of passages is also important for success in many careers, including in the legal profession. In many jobs, such as those in the tech sector, patience with drafting and revision is needed as well. Literature faculty often have had special training in teaching composition and provide feedback to help students find the strategies that work.

Most of all, literature extends the realm of possibility into the imagination in ways that enhance human creativity, which all professions require for problem solving.

Luckily, at William & Mary, students aren’t forced to choose between literature and another field. Many have two majors and graduate with twice the disciplinary capacity.

Elizabeth Losh is the Duane A. and Virginia S. Dittman Professor of English & American Studies at William & Mary and director of the Equality Lab. Her latest book, “Selfie Democracy,” examines the unintended consequences of politicians’ digital strategies.

TOP OF THE CHARTS

RANKINGS DOWNLOAD

William & Mary continues to have the highest alumni giving rate of any public university and moved up among the top 10 institutions for undergraduate teaching, according to September rankings released by U.S. News & World Report. The university is seventh in the nation for undergraduate teaching and 21st among best schools for veterans. Overall, W&M is 13th among the best public universities and 41st among all national institutions. • A new ranking from Morning Consult lists W&M as the top most trusted public university in the country and 12th among all of the nation’s top 135 doctoral institutions. W&M is also once again ranked No. 1 for internships among public universities by Princeton Review and No. 4 for study abroad participation, according to Open Doors. • W&M Athletics had an outstanding showing in the latest graduation rate data published by the NCAA. For the 17th time in the last 18 years, the Tribe has the top Federal Graduation Rate among all Division I public institutions.

— JENNIFER PAGE WALL



BUZZER BEATER

*All In is more than a landmark campaign for W&M Athletics,
it's a life-changing opportunity*

BY JACOB A. MILLER '18

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NET RESULTS: *Riley Casey M.B.A. '23 hopes to translate her experiences as a member of the W&M women's basketball team into making a tangible difference in her future career.*

THE FINISH LINE IS IN SIGHT — IT'S THE TOP OF the ninth — we're fourth and goal in the last quarter — the shot clock is ticking down. Whatever metaphor you choose, the *All In* campaign for W&M Athletics is going full speed ahead with great momentum, thanks to the enthusiastic support of so many proud members of our W&M community.

Let's check the score: To date, more than \$35 million has been raised of the overall \$55-million campaign goal. Approximately \$10 million was given in fiscal year 2022 alone, and more than \$2.1 million in scholarships supported athletes. Over 6,000 donors have pledged or given over the course of the campaign.

One of the most important wins of *All In* has been the growth in unrestricted support for both individual sports and athletics as a whole. While scholarships remain a critical fundraising priority, unrestricted support provides flexibility for athletics staff and coaches to direct resources where they are most needed. Essentially, unrestricted support is a

deep bench from which W&M Athletics can call upon in critical moments.

For example, gifts made to the Athletics Impact Fund allow student-athletes to excel at the highest level of competition by funding athletics scholarships, coaches' compensation and athletics facilities. The Women in Action funds benefit scholarships, operating costs and more across women's programs. And each sport's Excellence Fund provides programmatic and operational resources to that team.

It is easy for incredible plays to get lost in the stats. However, reaching this point — \$35 million for W&M Athletics, increased scholarships for student-athletes and a new home in the Athletics Complex on the horizon — would not have been possible without a solid team and a dedicated fan base cheering them on to victory. Generosity along the way has added up.

Two such longtime members of the Tribe family who have provided unrestricted support for athletics are Charles Crone HON '04 and M. Virginia "Ginny"

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EXEMPLARY GIVING: *Charles Crone HON '04 and M. Virginia "Ginny" Ervin Crone M.B.A. '83 support W&M Athletics because they know their support creates life-changing experiences for student-athletes.*

Ervin Crone M.B.A. '83. They are representative of the thousands of avid W&M fans who have chosen to give to the programs, athletes, coaches and staff who go *All In* every day.

When asked why people should give back, the answer comes back clearly and directly: "Because we have to," Ginny says. "The student-athletes who are supported by philanthropy have the opportunity to use what they get — experiences, opportunities, connections — forevermore. These are people who can do great things with a small investment from us — they get to fulfill their dreams and it can change their lives forever."

Both Ginny and Charles played sports in college. They frequently get to know members of the teams they support, creating deeper connections because they truly care about the impact they are making on the lives of each individual student.

"William & Mary athletes take things to a whole other level," says Charles. "Not only are they great athletes in competition, they're great students in the classroom. They have been given the opportunity to realize a great college education while also being star athletes, with fewer burdens thanks to unrestricted investments in their programs. Doors open for them in ways they never could have imagined."

The Crones see the impact of their generosity, and of *All In* as a whole, most clearly in increased opportunities for student-athletes to thrive and flourish both academically and in competition, allowing them to go on and make a difference in society.

"I hope that the students who come away from this university with that great education and those experiences will go on to put service above self,"

Charles reflects. "Athletes go out into the world as representatives of William & Mary, more so than the average undergraduate student. They interact with students from other schools and hear about their experiences. There are so many negative things in our world that can be changed for the better — that's why we want to empower others through our giving."

Riley Casey M.B.A. '23, a graduate student from Brentwood, Tennessee, hopes to translate her experiences as a member of the W&M women's basketball team to the real world and make a tangible difference in her future career.

"You learn a lot about yourself in athletics that you wouldn't otherwise," Casey says. "You don't know what your best is or how far you can go until you are really down to the wire, going into double overtime. Translating that to the real world, you learn teamwork, collaboration, communication, resilience, working with different leaders — those are things you wouldn't learn as readily elsewhere."

After graduating with an economics degree from Columbia University, where she played basketball all four years, Casey was drawn to W&M thanks to encouragement from her mother and her desire for a more traditional college-town feel after living in the city.

She played basketball in high school as well and comes from a "basketball family." She says playing for W&M is the most fun she's ever had playing the game. She attributes that to her coaches, her teammates, the fans and all those who support the team.

"The culture we have at William & Mary, from the fans to the athletes to everyone involved in making our experience possible, is not something you find at every school. That is a big part of what makes our community so awesome," she says. "As well as our scholarships, philanthropy makes possible all the other things that make our experience so special, from facilities to uniforms to team trips, and that's pretty incredible."

With a few more plays left to make and \$20 million to go to reach *All In*'s \$55-million goal, athletes like Riley need support from the entire community. We still have the final push to go to make it to the goal line, reach home plate and make that buzzer-beater. It is a team effort. Join the Crones, get in the game and support the future of W&M Athletics.

"In five or 10 years when I look back on my time at W&M," Casey says, "I will want the women on the basketball team to have as much fun as I did when I was here. You want the next generation to have as good an experience, if not better, than you did, and the way you make that happen is by paying it forward."



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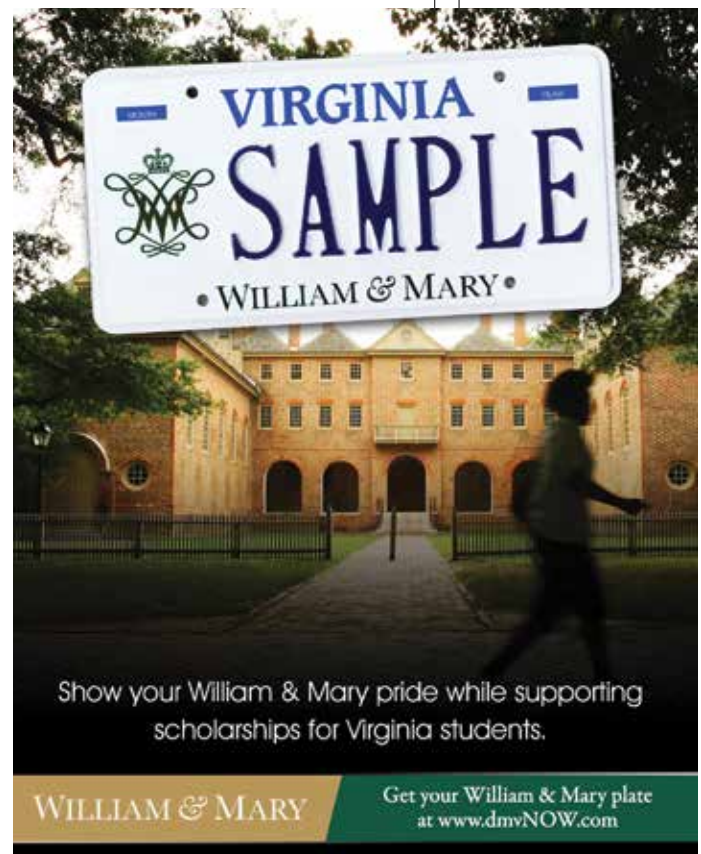
AFFORDING OPPORTUNITY

W&M TO COVER TUITION AND FEES FOR ALL IN-STATE PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS

Beginning with the 2023-24 school year, William & Mary will guarantee scholarship aid to cover at least the cost of tuition and fees for all in-state, undergraduate Pell Grant eligible students.

- The new program will apply to all in-state undergraduate students enrolled at W&M in fall 2023, including new, returning, first-year and transfer students. The goal is to increase the percentage of in-state undergraduates who are Pell Grant eligible to 20% in four years.
- Pell Grants are determined by the federal government through the U.S. Department of Education, and eligibility is determined largely based on income as reported through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). According to Department of Education data, in 2019-2020, more than 93% of Pell Grant recipients came from families earning less than \$60,000 per year. Nearly half of all first-generation college students receive Pell Grants.
- Learn more about how W&M is committed to affording exceptional students the opportunity to attend the university. Visit magazine.wm.edu/pell-grants-commitment.

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**W&M
ALUMNI
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ANNUAL
MEETING**

**FEB. 11, 2023
8:30 A.M.**

Join us during Charter Day Weekend in Leadership Hall at the Alumni House. The annual WMAA membership meeting is open to all alumni and is your chance to get an inside look at the past year and preview of the year to come.

**W&M
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BOARD NOTES**

Visit magazine.wm.edu/board-notes for a summary of the Sept. 15-16, 2022, meeting of the William & Mary Alumni Association Board of Directors.

BOARD ELECTIONS

CAST YOUR VOTE

Meet your WMAA Board of Directors nominees

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 **Feb. 10, 2023**, at 11:59 p.m. All alumni are eligible to vote in board elections. Full biographies and personal statements can be found at wmalumni.com/vote.



BENTLEY '99



ESTES '75



GEE '99



GIVENS '94



KENNY '92, P '24



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JEAN MARIE WALKER BENTLEY '99 | WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

Marie received her bachelor's degree in English and music at William & Mary and her J.D. from the University of Richmond. Prior to devoting her full time to her family, Marie was a litigation attorney, most recently with Kaufman & Canoles, focusing on real estate title and professional malpractice defense matters. She has served on the board of the Portsmouth Humane Society and in various roles with historic preservation organizations. She joined the WMAA board in 2020. She is currently a class ambassador and actively volunteers with a number of organizations in the Williamsburg community.

JEAN BERGER ESTES '75 | RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Jean graduated from William & Mary with a B.A. in elementary education. After teaching elementary school for several years, she left the profession to raise a family. She served as co-chair of her 30th reunion committee, as a trustee of the William & Mary Foundation and as co-chair of the Richmond *For the Bold* campaign committee with her husband, Rob Estes '74. She also serves on the board for the Murray 1693 Scholars. She is a charter member of the Society of 1918 and a member of the Chancellor's Circle and the James Blair Society. She joined the WMAA board in 2020.

WILLIS H. GEE JR. '99 | STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

Willis is the global chief information officer at Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett LLP, where he is responsible for defining and executing the overall technology and digital strategy. He previously held several senior executive leadership roles at Fortune 500 companies, including Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna and Chubb Ltd. Willis received his bachelor's degree in biological psychology from W&M, a Master of Health Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University, a Master of Science in information systems from Drexel University and a doctorate in global public health from the Arizona School of Health Sciences. He is an active board member for the Boys & Girls Club of America (Hartford) and the Connecticut Cycling Advancement Program. He joined the WMAA board in 2021.

COURTESY PHOTOS

ALICE GIVENS '94 | RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Alice is the chief legal, ethics and compliance officer for LL Flooring Holdings Inc., based in Richmond, Virginia. Previously, she was the senior vice president, general counsel and chief compliance officer for Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc., parent company of Ruth's Chris Steak House. Prior to that, she was vice president and associate general counsel at J.Crew Group, Inc. in New York City, and held various legal and compliance roles with Circuit City Stores, Inc. Alice has been active in the Orlando and New York City W&M networks. She has served on the W&M Annual Giving Board, and on four of her five reunion class gift committees, including twice as co-chair. She joined the WMAA board in 2019.

TINA REYNOLDS KENNY '92, P '24 | OAKTON, VIRGINIA

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

WILLIAM "BILL" SCHERMERHORN '82 | WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

Bill is creative director for Colonial Williamsburg's signature events, combining storytelling and event experience with the traditions of the 18th century to create memorable productions. He was previously vice president and creative director for Macy's Parade & Entertainment Group. Bill is a two-time Emmy Award-winning songwriter and an honorary U.S. National Park ranger. He has a B.A. in history from W&M. Bill has advised alumni partners and students on various events, including the Homecoming Parade, and enjoys collaborating with W&M organizations on annual CW celebrations.

UMESH TRIKHA '03 | NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Umesh is a managing director and an international wealth advisor with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management. Before joining Merrill in 2003, Umesh worked for American Express and The Economist, Intelligence Unit. Umesh was born and raised in England and earned a bachelor's degree in economics with concentrations in finance and marketing from William & Mary. He joined the WMAA board in 2020. He is actively involved with several nonprofit organizations including United Way Campaign and Doing Art Together.

JOHN D. WINDT '89 | VIENNA, VIRGINIA

John is currently an instructional assistant in the special education department at George C. Marshall High School in Falls Church, Virginia. He spent 24 years in the healthcare industry, first with Zeneca Pharmaceuticals and the last 18 with Gilead Sciences in sales and marketing. John was vice president and president of the New York City Alumni Chapter Board and vice chair and chair of the Annual Giving Board. He is also a lead class ambassador for the Class of 1989.

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.

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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 W&M 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 or by contacting alumniceo@wm.edu. **The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2023.**

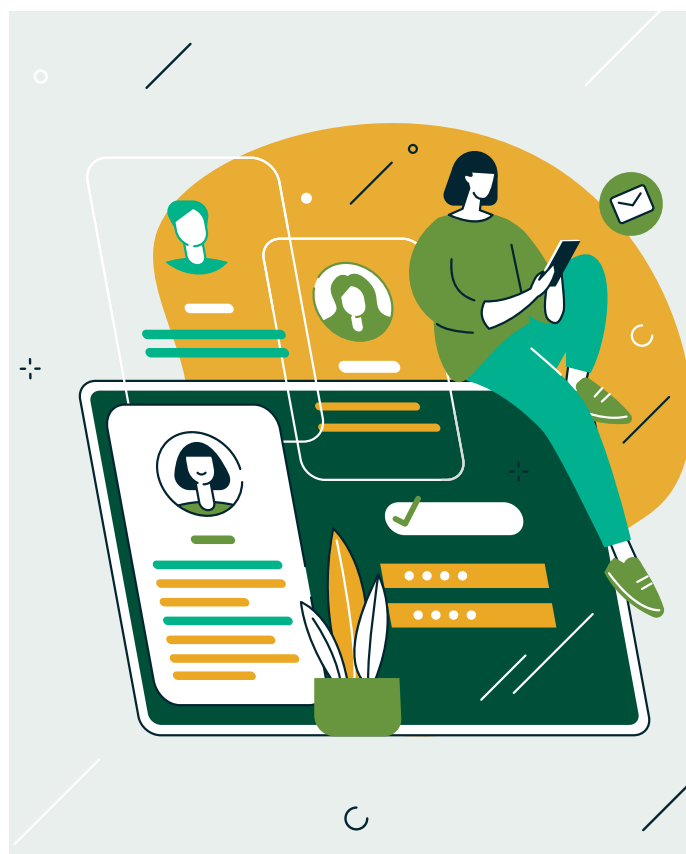


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2023 ALUMNI MEDALLION RECIPIENTS

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

Join us in Commonwealth Auditorium in the Sadler Center on **Feb. 11, 2023**, at **10 a.m.** as we honor these remarkable alumni during Charter Day Weekend. A recording of the ceremony and videos honoring each of the recipients will be available for viewing after the ceremony. For more information or to nominate a deserving individual, please visit **wmalumni.com/medallion**.

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CYNTHIA “CINDY” SATTERWHITE JARBOE '77, P '11

As a member and then president of the W&M Alumni Association Board of Directors, Cindy Jarboe awarded Alumni Medallions to deserving alumni. Now, she is receiving one of her own in honor of her many accomplishments and her service to her alma mater.

“I have been inspired by her dedication, preparation, generosity and love for William & Mary. She is an unparalleled role model for so many. She is brilliant, creative, resilient and remarkably modest for all her philanthropic and professional accomplishments,” says Theresa “Terry” Thompson '67, who received the Alumni Medallion in 2007.

During her tenure as president of the W&M Alumni Association board from 2016-2018, Jarboe advocated for alumni engagement as one of the three pillars of the *For the Bold* campaign, launched the successful signature event William & Mary Weekend and began fundraising and planning for the expansion of the Alumni House, which opened in 2020. Through her generosity to the project, the elevator in the expansion is named for her.

Jarboe brought to the Alumni House project her experience with the funding and construction of Miller Hall, which she helped to oversee as co-chair of the development committee of the W&M Business School Foundation board. She delved into the complexities of W&M's finances as treasurer of the W&M Foundation board and served on the board of the Muscarelle Museum of Art. She is a charter member of the Society of 1918, W&M's women's giving society, and served on its steering committee.

The Society's focus on women holds special meaning for Jarboe. A week after graduating from W&M with her degree in accounting, Jarboe joined Coopers & Lybrand (now PwC) as the only woman in their class of new hires. When she made partner in 1989, she blazed a trail as the first woman audit partner in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Leveraging her experience in audits and mergers and acquisitions, Jarboe became a consultant in 1997 and has continued to do consulting work for higher education and private equity firms. She has also served as CEO and CFO to many companies, most recently Emergency Assistance Foundation Inc.

While at Coopers & Lybrand, Jarboe was asked to serve on the board of the Special Olympics. Seeing the impact of the organization on athletes and their families inspired Jarboe to continue volunteering throughout her life — and encouraging her children, including alumna Kathryn Satterwhite Allen '11, to do the same. Jarboe is currently chair of the supervisory committee for Virginia Credit Union, which provides financial services and education to underserved populations, and chair of the human resources committee and co-chair of Richmond region for the Order of St. John, through which she volunteered with W&M's Puller Law Clinic to help veterans. She is chair-elect and former treasurer for the Society of International Business Fellows and treasurer for the National Panhellenic Conference Foundation.

To guide others as they take on board service, in 2019 Jarboe published “A Guide to Nonprofit Board Success: Answering the Call of Leadership,” and she is a frequent speaker and trainer on the subject of board service and governance.

“If you want something done, call Cindy,” says A. Marshall Acuff Jr. '62, L.H.D. '07, who served with Jarboe on the W&M Foundation board and received the Alumni Medallion in 1993. “She is focused, organized and driven. She will get it done and she'll do it well.”





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STEWART “STEW” SELL ’56, P ’83, P ’87, P ’91

In the 67 years since his graduation, Stew Sell made significant contributions to the fields of immunology and pathology through his research on cancer. He brought his love of the Tribe wherever he went, inspiring others to engage with William & Mary as well.

“Dr. Sell has been a leader not only professionally, but also to increase alumni support for W&M and its growth. He is an exceptional person with a deep concern for his fellow human beings,” says longtime friend and neighbor Jeannette S. Takesian, wife of the late Roosevelt Takesian ’55.

After graduating from W&M with a degree in chemistry, Sell received his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He served as a faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh, UC San Diego, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and Albany Medical College, where he was director of the division of experimental pathology. He also worked for the New York State Department of Health.

He has published numerous books and articles, including the best-selling textbook “Immunology, Immunopathology, and Immunity,” and received National Institutes of Health grant funding in excess of \$9 million. He has been honored with awards throughout his career for both excellence in teaching and the impact of his scientific research.

Each place Sell lived, he gathered fellow alumni together. He helped form the Pittsburgh and San Diego alumni networks and reinvigorated the Houston network. He also interviewed prospective W&M students and hosted receptions for accepted students, welcoming them to the Tribe.

Reflecting on his formative experience at W&M as a varsity swimmer and captain of the team under the late Coach Dudley Jensen, Sell became a stalwart supporter of the Dudley M. Jensen Swimming Endowment. He was inducted into the W&M Athletics Hall of Fame in 1985.

He has served as co-chair of the Fund for W&M and created the Ilze Klavins Sell Memorial Endowment in honor of his late wife to support study abroad in Latvia. To inspire others to give back to William & Mary, he contributed challenge gifts on One Tribe One Day, W&M’s annual day of giving, and sponsored the Class Ambassador Academy, an opportunity for volunteers to return to campus and reach out to their peers to encourage their support. He also established the Sell Family Legacy Fund and Sell Family Physician Scientist Award at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine to support the education of future medical students.

Sell also found time to coach youth softball and basketball, as well as serve as an elder and deacon in his church. Inspired by his time as a student in the W&M Big Band, he founded and was leader of several jazz and big band groups with fellow medical professionals.

Sell is part of a multigenerational W&M family, which includes his first wife, Pat King Sell ’58; their children, Sherri Sell Phillips ’83, P ’14, P ’16, Sean Sell ’87, J.D. ’93 and Stephanie Sell Kinzel ’91; Sherri’s husband, Howard Lee “Bud” Phillips III ’82, P ’14, P ’16; and Sherri and Bud’s children, Samantha “Sam” Phillips ’14 and Alexandra “Ally” Phillips ’16.

“As each succeeding decade unfolded in Stew’s life, he accomplished much in his chosen profession, and he ‘gave back,’ both to the community and to his alma mater,” says David G. Lucas Jr. ’80, Bud Phillips’ fraternity brother and a friend of the family. “He is top-flight in everything he touches. Academic researcher. Musician. Athlete. Father. Grandfather. Friend.”



H. THOMAS “TOM” WATKINS ’74, P ’05, P ’11

When William & Mary calls, Tom Watkins answers, helping to guide and shape the future of his alma mater as a volunteer leader through board service. He brings decades of experience as a leader in his industry and on corporate and nonprofit boards.

“I worked shoulder to shoulder with Tom for over six years on the Board of Visitors, and I experienced firsthand the many ways in which his efforts and sterling character have enhanced the W&M community,” says Lisa Roday P ’13, P ’14. “Tom has an unequivocal love of W&M and an unwavering and selfless commitment to its vigor.”

Watkins received his undergraduate degree in accounting from W&M in 1974 and his MBA from the University of Chicago in 1979. After working as a management consultant for McKinsey & Co., he joined Abbott Laboratories, and over a 20-year career rose to oversee the company’s Asia/Pacific business and later served as president of TAP Pharmaceuticals Inc., a joint venture between Abbott and Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. of Japan. Ready for a new challenge, he became president and CEO of Human Genome Sciences, Inc., a cutting-edge biotechnology company, from 2004 until it was acquired by GlaxoSmithKline in 2012.

While building his career, he reconnected with W&M in the 1990s when he joined the Business School Foundation Board, on which his father, the late W&M Rector Hays T. Watkins LL.D. ’82, had served. He then joined the W&M Foundation board in 2006 and served as its secretary and chair.

In 2013, he was appointed by Virginia’s governor to serve on the Board of Visitors, becoming vice rector from 2015 to 2018. When W&M began the search for its 28th president, Watkins chaired the Search Committee, gathering and incorporating feedback from the worldwide alumni community that led to the selection of President Katherine A. Rowe.

Since most members of the Board of Visitors are Virginia residents, Watkins brought a unique perspective on W&M’s national and international brand to the board as someone who has not lived in Virginia since graduation. He represented W&M in his hometown of Chicago during the *For the Bold* campaign, co-chairing the central region campaign committee, sponsoring the W&M Weekend in Chicago and serving on the Weekend’s planning committee alongside his children Catherine Reeves Watkins ’05 and Hays Thomas Watkins IV ’11.

Watkins currently serves on two corporate boards of directors. He also serves on the boards of two nonprofit organizations, the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

At William & Mary, he and his family created the Watkins Family 1693 Scholarship Endowment, the Watkins Family Athletic Endowment, the Watkins Business Faculty Research Endowment and the Hays T. Watkins Professorship at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business to ensure excellence in teaching, learning and athletics.

“Tom is the sort of W&M person with whom anyone would be proud to serve. His love for our alma mater radiates in all he does,” says Jim Ukrop ’60, L.H.D. ’99, who served with Watkins on the Business School Foundation Board. “He takes the time to make deep, meaningful connections with all those he serves alongside, checking in to ensure they are not only all rowing in the same direction, but that they are personally engaged with W&M. Through his wisdom and leadership across five decades of engagement, our university is poised on a new era of success.”





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BARBARA “BARB” RAMSEY ’75

Barb Ramsey loves bringing together people with similar interests to help them reach common goals. It’s a skill she honed throughout her career and uses daily in support of the university and as a member of the Williamsburg City Council.

“In every way, she personifies the best of servant leadership. Whether it involves the university, the City of Williamsburg or any other organization, she is consistently committed to serving the greater good. To accomplish this, she is a consummate team player and networker, bringing people to work together for a shared purpose,” says friend and classmate Lynn Melzer Dillon ’75, who received the Alumni Medallion in 2009. “She is an extraordinary leader who brings a positive perspective and a commitment to achieve constructive results.”

After graduating from W&M with a degree in biology, Ramsey transitioned to a career in sales and marketing with a focus on clients in the federal government. After spending 11 years with a Williamsburg firm, she was recruited by Thomasville Furniture Industries to move to Germany and be the first and sole sales representative to all the U.S. military bases in Europe and the Middle East. Throughout her almost 30 years with Thomasville in various locations, she traveled extensively and was one of the leading sales representatives for her division.

When Ramsey moved back to Williamsburg in 2009, she joined the Williamsburg Peninsula alumni network and has served in a variety of leadership positions. Among other engagement initiatives, she launched the highly popular dinner in Kaplan Arena with the alumni network and the men’s and women’s basketball teams.

She was chair for the Culture of Philanthropy on the Annual Giving Board during the *For the Bold* campaign, is a class ambassador and was a leader in the Class of 1975’s “Staying Connected” effort for its 40th Reunion, raising over \$5.2 million for their class gift. For her service to William & Mary and its alumni, Ramsey was awarded the Douglas N. Morton ’62 Alumni Service Award in 2016.

Ramsey is also a member of the W&M Athletics Foundation Board. She makes personal connections with student-athletes, frequently hosting teams for dinner at her home. As a co-chair of the Lord Botetourt Affair for eight years, she has been instrumental in the financial success of the auction, helping to raise more than \$2.5 million for W&M Athletics. She also supports the *All In* campaign through gifts to Women in Action funds and the Athletics Complex, among other areas.

In 2016, Ramsey was elected to the Williamsburg City Council, and she was re-elected to a second term in 2020. In this role, she participates in setting policy for the city and acts as a bridge between the city, William & Mary and Colonial Williamsburg, always striving to expand business and tourism opportunities and to better “town and gown” relationships. She is honored to serve as City Council’s representative to the Economic Development Authority, the Chamber of Commerce, the Public Art Council and the School Board.

“Barbara jumped in headfirst, not by speaking more often or more loudly, but by delving into the issues and coming to understand how she could have the greatest possible impact. In the process, she became a steadfast colleague and a valued member of city leadership,” says former Williamsburg Mayor Paul T. Freiling ’83. “She cares deeply. She is a model of leadership in public service.” ☺

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DATA REVOLUTION

W&M FUSES LIBERAL ARTS- STYLE CRITICAL THINKING WITH DIGITAL FLUENCY

If you live in the Chesapeake Bay watershed — home to six states, multiple military bases and much of the federal government — Tim Carroll '87 wants to know whether your septic system will back up in the next 10 years.

Carroll is the head of Microsoft's Climate Portfolio, which means he spends his time feeding enormous data sets into computer models, which in turn help forecast the consequences of global warming.

Take rising sea levels as an example. Even a modest amount — say half an inch — can matter when it flows into the Chesapeake Bay. Higher tides can combine with heavier rainfall and dump water aground in a process called "compound flooding." Consistently wetter ground absorbs less moisture, including — you guessed it — from the septic system that may sit in your backyard. "When people talk about these lofty topics like climate change, the very real impact to individuals may not be that their house gets flooded and washes away, but that their septic system backs up two to three times a month," says Carroll.

His work is essentially a gigabyte-driven game of connect the dots, and it wouldn't be possible without supercomputers and software models that can process tranches of data — from flood maps to the United States census.

But the coding and engineering components of their team's data-driven work are a part, not the whole. Carroll isn't a meteorologist, a scientist or even a top-notch coder. Instead, he's more of a data interpreter, collecting information on opaque issues such as climate change and making them accessible to the public. After all, regardless of its breadth, information isn't useful unless people know how to use it.

"You can't just take a bunch of maps, throw them in front of people and say, 'See what's going to happen,'" says Carroll. "What I've enjoyed doing in the tech field is helping people translate problems."

He, like many others, learned to translate those problems, from general to specific, at William & Mary. From Microsoft to Google, university alumni already work in some of the world's leading data and tech firms and are helping to solve some of the world's biggest challenges. Applied science programs on campus are booming and data stands as one of the initiatives in the university's Vision 2026 strategic plan, so more students will soon follow these alumni's lead.

And they're entering the workforce at a crucial time. The World Economic Forum (WEF) argues the global economy is currently in a Fourth Industrial Revolution, driven by a boom in data and artificial intelligence technology. In five years, according to the WEF, there will be 150 million new technology jobs. By 2030, some analysts project more than three-fourths of all positions will require digital skills.

While technical skills matter, though, they only go so far on their own. Rapidly advancing technology involves a host of practical and ethical questions

around its use, from privacy to accuracy to prejudice. Hence the need for programs at a university like William & Mary, which fuses liberal arts-style critical thinking with digital fluency, says Dan Runfola, Assistant Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Applied Science. People with that combination of skills, he says, are exactly what the world needs in a time of intense change.

"Not only do I think we are the right place to be doing this," says Runfola, "I think we're pretty much the only place doing this."

MCGYVER TO MICROSOFT

But when Carroll entered the workforce, no one was doing it at all. In the late 1980s, data and computing hadn't become cornerstones of business or education. Even when Carroll graduated and moved to San Francisco, things were antiquated by today's standards.

His first job was at a startup delivering now-clunky VHS tapes to people's homes. His boss was a computer scien-

tist who was so paranoid that Carroll and the other young employee would break something that he put McGyveresque duct-tape boundaries on the floor to keep them away from anything important.

"It was great, and I learned an extraordinary amount right up until I was flat broke and had to move home," Carroll says.

In fact, that experience was what first encouraged Carroll to continue in the tech industry. Back in Maryland, he called up the three biggest computer dealers in his area, and one of them gave him a chance. Carroll began to learn the tech side of the business, moving to other companies such as Compaq, and eventually immersing himself in the worlds of supercomputing and cloud technology. He joined the founder of a software startup that was later acquired by Microsoft, which led him to his current role.

"My differentiator was not that I was a computer scientist or a better coder, because I wasn't," says Carroll. "But



I am fortunate to be able to translate technical capability into a language that non-technical decisionmakers and policymakers require.”

That same skill set, dating back to his days in government and history courses at the university, helps him now. There are two main pillars in climate security — reducing greenhouse gases and adapting to climate change. Carroll works in the second, and predictive modeling is crucial to his work.

Analysts can mix and match climate and census data to understand the challenges that underserved populations face in a warming world. Companies can mix highway data with sea level rise projections to predict the resiliency of supply chains. States in the Chesapeake Bay watershed can watch trends in the bay to adapt their infrastructure.

“Once you’ve collected the data one time, the number of things that you can use it for, if you understand how, are extraordinary,” he says.

LEARNING TO LEARN

Extraordinary too is the role data has in our daily lives — which so often orbit around social media and smartphones — and in solving the world’s biggest problems. Accurate and available data has been crucial in the world’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Granular economic data facilitates the Federal Reserve’s fight against inflation. Information sharing from national intelligence services has helped sustain Ukraine’s self-defense.

For a snapshot of why data plays such a big role in the world today, look no farther than Runfola’s office desk in the Integrated Science Center.

Atop it stand eight monitors, two computers and one laptop, arranged as if he were a football fan trying to stream every Sunday game. At any given time, the displays show computer models processing terabytes of information.

His desk is a microcosm of the data revolution. Computers now, including some of his, are doing things scientists theorized decades ago but didn’t become possible until the last 10 years. Meanwhile, students in Williamsburg are watching and learning.

“It’s all about how we teach a computer to think,” he says. “There are mathematical, engineering and philosophical parts to that question, but the fundamental piece is how we represent information that we, as humans, understand in a way that computers can understand also.”

Consider a straight line in a painting, he says. When someone looks at vertical lines, different neurons fire up than when someone looks at horizontal ones. Easy for a human, he says, but hard for a computer, which can’t come close to replicating the vast neural networks in our brains.

Unlike Runfola’s toddler, who’s currently learning to walk through trial and error, machines don’t by nature observe and assess new information. They have to be taught to do that, through software models that input and analyze data sets. The more sophisticated the model, and the larger the data set, the better the results. To wit, scientists are just now learning to teach machines to walk — like Spot, a robot dog developed by Boston Dynamics.

“It’s all still pretty janky,” says Runfola. “As a field, we’re not very good at it yet.”

DELI DATA

Modeling may sound inscrutable, says Evgenia Smirni, chair and Sidney P. Chockley Professor in William & Mary’s computer science department. So instead of getting lost in a labyrinth of data jargon, she suggests people just think about getting a sandwich.

Start by thinking like a restaurant owner. There are multiple steps in almost every customer’s visit: going to the counter, ordering, paying and waiting. Owners want two things: to turn a profit and to make sure custom-



ers enjoy their visit. So each of those steps has to be managed in a balance, without too long a wait for food or too many employees working at once. In this case, a model would use data — such as the number of line cooks and cashiers and the demand based on time of day — and then project the average time to order, pay and wait.

Simulations like these can help solve exponentially more complicated problems — such as the number of COVID-19 tests an area needs to monitor infection rates or the fastest ways to decarbonize the world economy. Those may seem like apples and oranges (Ryans and Reubens?) compared to a model about sandwiches. But it's essentially the same process.

No wonder, then, that “everybody and their cousin is hiring in computer and data science,” says William & Mary Provost Peggy Agouris.

Almost 90% of companies surveyed by the online learning platform DataCamp say increasing data fluency is a moderate or high priority. A third of all global jobs — more than one billion — will be transformed by technology over the next 10 years, according to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. By 2030, that will require around the same number of people to reskill, and Accenture, a consultancy, estimates G-20 countries, made up of the world's 20 largest economies, could be putting \$11.5 trillion of potential gross domestic product growth at

risk over the next 10 years if those skill demands aren't met.

A microcosm of that demand-driven progress is at play at William & Mary, says Smirni. “We have been experiencing a tremendous interest in offering more computer science classes at the undergraduate level,” she says. Perhaps unsurprisingly, she points at the data.

Ten years ago, the total number of available seats each semester for undergraduate computer science classes was 842. Now it's 2,119. In the same period, the number of faculty in the department has increased from 14 to 23. There are 277 students majoring in computer science — 34% of whom are women, which is 50% more than the national average. Seven percent of the computer science majors are Black, which is double the national rate. The average starting salary for university graduates with a computer science degree is \$94,000. Those who work in big tech start around \$129,000.

“We have a fantastic reputation and are following national trends,” says Smirni. “Everything is moving toward high-tech industries.”

Agouris lists multiple initiatives to encourage that growth: work by the student government to incorporate data literacy across the College (COLL) Curriculum, funding from the state to graduate more students and hire more faculty in computer science, and a proposal for a new school of computing and data science.

“The wave of data has come in and has the ability to infuse new techniques and new skills in our teaching, labs and research,” Agouris says. “We're not starting from scratch, but enriching areas where we're already strong.”

A SEARCH FOR GOOGLE

Perhaps the university's greatest strength, when it comes to this field, is its synthesis of hard sciences and the humanities. Students studying computer science, for example, are taught critical thinking. That combination can be an indispensable asset in the workforce.

Just ask Nami Choe '98.

Choe is Google's director of marketing data science, which means she leads a team of analysts who help clients advertise with Google's data and advertise



ing technology, or AdTech, platforms. But she didn't start her time in college, or even her career, thinking she was on track to work at the world's biggest search engine. Instead, she thought she wanted to be a doctor.

She started down the pre-med track, but it took a year and a half to realize "I stunk at it," she says. "I had this existential moment because I didn't know what I was going to do with my life. I was like, you know what, I'm going to change majors and I'm going to bust my butt to do this."

So she did, switching from biology to sociology. She liked numbers, she liked math and she liked how people could be creative with those two things to learn about the world. It felt like a perfect fit.

Choe earned a graduate degree in biostatistics and went to work in public health. She figured she'd end up in epidemiology at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or doing research for a pharmaceutical company, but the economy was in a downturn and she eventually landed a consultant job for the Department of Defense. The rigidity there, in part, taught her how much she relished the ability to think through information in her own way.

"You have to be creative in how you use the data to tell stories, because it's never going to be perfect," says Choe. "Data's always messy."

She later worked for Ogilvy and then Ralph Lauren (no, she says, employees do not get free merchandise a la "The Devil Wears Prada"). A former colleague reached out about an opportunity at Google, and after some initial doubts Choe interviewed. She got the job and is now in her eighth year.

COOKIES AND DOTS

Three days a week, Choe puts on sneakers and takes the subway to Google's New York office. There, she changes into more professional shoes, stashed underneath her desk. (At one point, she had about a dozen pairs at the office, she admits.) A coaster from Newport, Rhode Island, sits atop: "Well-behaved women rarely make history."

That's her kind of bric-a-brac, she says.

"What I find fascinating about my job and why I love it so much is that the AdTech world changes constantly," Choe says. Privacy regulations, in particular, are growing more common across the world. So-called "cookies," which track and sort users as they surf the web, are slowly being phased out.

The upshot for Choe is that constant change demands constant creativity. Clients as different as Adidas and Constant Contact — who all have limited marketing resources — want to spend their budgets wisely. Users, meanwhile, don't want overly invasive ads. "With the industry changing so much," she says, "how do we keep up, maximize our return on investment, and make sure our customers and users have the best digital experience online?"

Recently, she's been working in the emerging market of connected TV services such as Roku or Amazon Fire TV. These are embedded in television sets to make content more accessible, and for someone like Choe, that means a huge rise in the number of new ways users can access and enjoy that content.

So she, like Carroll, plays the elaborate game of connect the dots. Customers usually use their devices all in one geographic area. That's one dot. They usually express interests or hobbies in their activity. That's another. Then, sometimes days or weeks after seeing an ad, they buy a product. Choe and her team have to draw that causal path and show their clients whether ads are working — and if not, how to improve them.

But in a meeting with clients, Choe and her team don't often start with data or analytics. "We ask a lot of questions, because sometimes what they think their problem is, isn't really the problem." First, they have to come up with

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a clear problem statement and then hypothesize how to solve it, even while acknowledging that the hypothesis will likely take tweaking.

"There is no perfect solution," Choe says. "There's no perfect score or perfect result."

IF YOU GIVE A STUDENT A ROBOT

In the same way, there's no perfect technology, says Runfola. Data, artificial intelligence, supercomputing — these tools have enormous promise to solve problems, but they also have pronounced flaws.

The advances in semiconductors and the spread of cellphones over the last decade now mean that the world, more than ever, is online. Among other issues, online platforms can raise privacy concerns and make it easier to spread dis-

information, for example via deepfakes or other doctored images. At an ethical level, says Runfola, there needs to be a debate around artificial intelligence and how increasingly advanced robotics will change society. That's hard when the world of tech often has a develop-first, think-later mindset.

"That's problematic in a lot of ways because it pushes you to develop these algorithms without really thinking about the potential societal implications," he says.

Technology alone can't give someone a meaningful life, says Chet Thaker P '17, P '19, CEO of TeleBright, an expense management company, and a trustee on the William & Mary Foundation Board. "That sense of skepticism is entirely appropriate, and frankly we put too much trust in what comes out of machines," he says.

Instead, he suggests, people could try to use these new capabilities for the things humans don't do well or just don't like — such as combing through massive amounts of information or routine tasks that take little attention. TeleBright, for instance, collects invoices from its many clients and then loads them onto a platform for those clients to review. "As you can guess," says Thaker, "ingestion of these invoices from 250 different providers is not a uniform task."

The process often results in irregularities or small errors, which are time consuming to identify and then correct. So TeleBright is exploring the use of robotic processing automation to better catch and correct those flaws. It would save a massive amount of time.

In addition, Thaker wants to use machine learning to scan and study client expenditures. "What we want the AI to do is to look through clients' phone bills and observe the patterns that are otherwise not visible to a single analyst," he says. TeleBright may have all this data, he says, but it may not be able to identify the most nuanced ways to interpret it. Having artificial intelligence available, says Thaker, enables "seeing the forest around the trees."

This technology is increasingly coming to campus. Already, Thaker convinced UiPath, a robotics company, to

donate \$4 million worth of bots to the school of business, one for every undergraduate student.

'WE ALREADY DO'

Thaker belongs to a tennis gym, where each Sunday at 7 a.m., the website opens reservations for the week ahead. Everyone, including him, wants their preferred times. But most people, also including him, don't want to wake up so early on a weekend. So he's working on a bot that will automatically log him in at 6:59 a.m., enter his password and reserve his choice slots.

"What do I get out of this? Amusement," he says. And maybe an extra hour or so of sleep.

Choe also sees a similar mixture of work and play involved in advanced technology. On one hand, it's incredibly fun to solve complicated problems. On the other, it's important to understand technology's limitations. Tech powered by data can connect billions of people and identify patterns no one human could notice. It can't replace human interaction or get around foundational matters of trust.

Just as she and her team focus on finding the right question at the outset, they also can benefit from the process of building trust. "The marriage of observation plus modeling equals better outcomes," she says. "There are ways to keep AdTech platforms accountable and transparent."

William & Mary students will have a hand in that. They already do.

One of Runfola's undergraduate honors theses this year focuses on the issue of bias and satellite imagery. Whether from race or class or sex, it's easy to think of how algorithms might be prejudiced when using a picture of a face, he says. It's much more difficult to think of that when the algorithm is looking at a top-down image of a home. But that doesn't mean prejudice doesn't exist. Neighborhoods, cities and whole areas have certain characteristics — from the quality of the infrastructure to the building styles — and can be subject to some of the same biases as individuals. The student Runfola is working with wants to probe that.

"We're kind of uniquely situated here to look into these ethical issues," he says. "It's what we already do."

There are growing pains associated with new technology disrupting the world, says Choe. Change can be scary, but it doesn't have to be. Not if people are prepared.

"The way we work is going to change and you've got to be OK with that," says Choe. "But as long as data is there we're going to be OK." 🐼

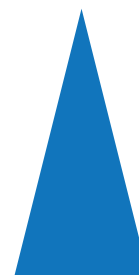








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Heart & Soul

FOR CARDIOLOGIST AND NASHVILLE RECORDING ARTIST CLEVELAND 'CLEVE'
FRANCIS JR. M.A. '69, WILLIAM & MARY MARKED A TURNING POINT

BY TINA ESHLEMAN

IN THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY WHERE CLEVELAND “Cleve” Francis Jr. M.A. ’69 grew up, the path to town led through a nearby landfill. At times, smoke from burning trash blew soot onto the clothes his mother had hung out to dry.

Railroad tracks marked the dividing line in the racially segregated town of Jennings. The all-Black high school, named after Confederate leader Jefferson Davis, received hand-me-down books with missing sections and writing on the pages. Francis watched his mother, Mary, walk seven miles to work as a maid, and his stepfather toil as a day laborer.

Alongside these stark realities, Francis absorbed the rich musical culture for which Louisiana is known — gospel, blues, jazz and zydeco — and listened on the radio to Sam Cooke, Elvis Presley, James Brown, Mahalia Jackson, Johnny Mathis and others.

“Everybody had some kind of musical talent,” he says. “I knew people who played harmonica, banjo, guitar, trumpet and saxophone.”

Lacking money to buy an instrument of his own, he made a makeshift guitar using one of his stepfather’s cigar boxes. He cut a hole in the middle, fashioned strings from window-screen wire, crafted a neck using a board and taught himself to play.

Impressed by her son’s resourcefulness, Mary Francis saved spare coins for a year to buy a \$25 Sears & Roebuck Silvertone six-string guitar. However, she warned young Cleveland — nicknamed Cleve — that if his grades started to drop, the guitar would go up in the attic.

Music became Francis’ respite. He would sit for hours under the giant weeping willow tree in their yard, playing his guitar and writing songs. More than a decade later, while he was pursuing a graduate degree in biology at William & Mary, those memories inspired the song “The Willow Tree” on an album he recorded in 1969 called “Follow Me”:

When the world’s against you and you’re down and out ... you just follow me and you’ll see there’s peace beneath the willow tree.

"I was almost in tears because it impressed me how significant that music was to people back then."

The late W&M sociology professor Victor Liguori, a mentor who recognized Francis' talent as a musician after hearing him play at the campus pub Hoi Polloi, pooled funds with his colleagues to pay for a recording session in Norfolk, Virginia, resulting in the production of about 250 copies of the album. These came out after Francis graduated from William & Mary, and he sold them at periodic performances while attending medical school at Virginia Commonwealth University. He labeled the album's style "soulfolk," combining elements of different genres and including his own compositions as well as songs by Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Gordon Lightfoot and the Beatles.

Although music took a back seat while Francis completed medical studies and established his cardiology practice in Northern Virginia, he has returned throughout his life, metaphorically, to that willow tree back home in Louisiana.

In the late 1980s, a chance encounter with a patient's family member sparked a series of events that led to a recording contract in Nashville, Tennessee. Francis took a leave of absence from his clinic to explore an alternate career as a professional musician.

The anomaly of a Black man performing country music attracted a wave of media coverage. Former

NBC "Today" show host Katie Couric interviewed him in 1992, and his story was highlighted in The New York Times, USA Today, People and Jet magazines, Entertainment Weekly and other publications.

All the positive publicity did not translate into widespread album sales, however. After three years, Francis returned to his medical practice, feeling as though the odds were stacked against him and he'd never attain the level of mainstream success he wanted.

Today, it's apparent that he made more of an impact through his music than he previously realized.

One of his country albums, "Walkin'," is on display at the National Museum of African American History and Culture, which opened in 2016 in Washington, D.C. At a 2021 event celebrating the contributions of people of color in country music, the Rosedale Collective — a label dedicated to cultivating and promoting underrepresented voices in country, folk and Americana music — presented Francis with its first Hazelhurst Award in recognition of his influence. He was also honored with the Black Opry Icon Award in 2021.

In June 2022, Los Angeles-based Forager Records re-released Francis' 1969 recordings in an anthology titled "Beyond the Willow Tree," hailed by reviewers as a little-known gem. A July 2022 article in The

A TRAILBLAZER IN MEDICINE AND MUSIC: *After completing medical school and residency, Dr. Cleveland Francis Jr.*

M.A. '69 established a successful practice and became the first Black cardiologist in the Inova Health System. Opposite page: As a graduate student at William & Mary, Francis formed the "soulfolk" music duo Cleve and Dave with David Gapp '67, M.S. '70. Below, he is shown with his late mother, Mary Francis.

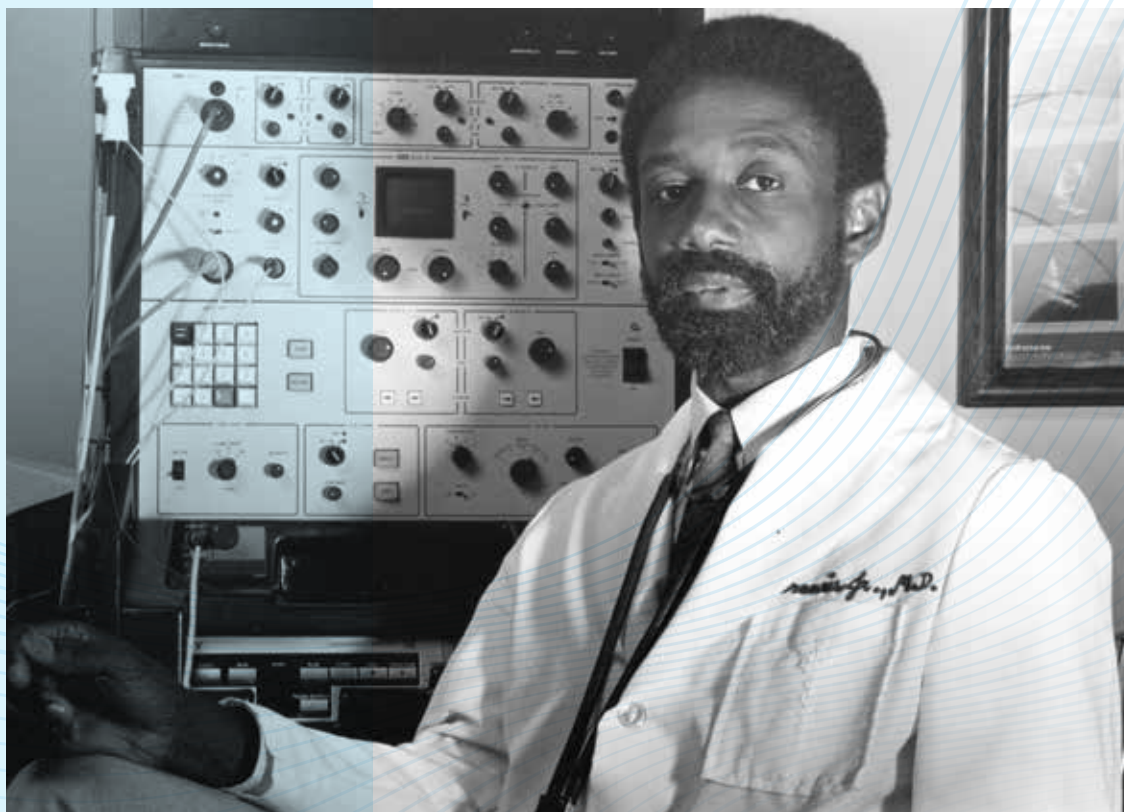


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Washington Post highlights recent acclaim for Francis and quotes fellow musicians describing him as an inspiration and visionary who was instrumental in founding the Black Country Music Association and convened one of its first meetings.

Seeing the re-release of the album he recorded as a graduate student at William & Mary was an emotional experience for Francis, now 77.

"I was almost in tears because it impressed me how significant that music was to people back then — and that those songs I was writing would interest people today," he says. "I was also impressed by Victor Liguori's vision. He said, 'You have to record some of this.' If he hadn't insisted, I probably wouldn't have done it."

LESSON I: 'LEARN AS MUCH AS YOU CAN'

It was something of a coincidence that led Francis to William & Mary.

His mother, the daughter of sharecroppers, had to leave school to work in the fields when the harvest came in, so she only learned to read and write at a fifth-grade level. But she saw education as a path out of poverty and was determined that her children would follow it. She also imparted her own wisdom, which her son calls "Mary's Lessons." One often-repeated saying was "Learn as much as you can."

In addition to his love for music, Cleve Francis was always drawn to science.

"I thought I would be a high school biology or chemistry teacher in my hometown," he says. "They were the ones who lived in the better houses."

As a high school student, he participated in science club and once traveled to Baton Rouge with his teacher and two classmates for a statewide science competition. On the way back, the teacher wanted matches for his cigarettes and they stopped in the town of Opelousas. Francis offered to run inside a small bar and pick up a penny pack. Ignoring the "whites only" sign, he popped in and asked a waitress for matches, but soon found himself blindsided by a punch in the face from a male patron.

When he returned home, bloodied and shaken, his mother asked him what he thought was an odd question: "If the man who hit you fell into a well, would you pull him out?" He thought about this for a while, and said yes, he probably would. Relieved, Mary Francis left the room. The incident illustrated another of her lessons: "Don't let hatred control your life."

"My mother did not want me to become an angry man," Francis recalls in a draft memoir he's writing. "I needed to keep my eyes fixed on my future."

The oldest child and first in his family to attend college, Francis enrolled in Southern University, an all-Black school in Baton Rouge, with funding from the National Defense Education Act.

During his freshman year, he came down with a sore throat and went to the student health center, where he was



CLEVE FRANCIS



YOU DO MY HEART GOOD

surprised to see that the doctor, a man in his 80s, was Black. Back in Jennings, there were no doctors' offices available to Black residents, and the closest hospital where they could receive treatment was 50 miles away.

"I was totally amazed," he says. "I didn't even know you could do that. I said, 'That's what I'm going to do.' I went in and changed my major from biology education to pre-med biology just like that."

After switching to pre-med, Francis met an influential professor, Director of Music Huel Perkins, through a required humanities course. One day, Perkins challenged his students by asking them what talents they could share with the university community. He invited each of them to make a 15-minute appointment so he could see or hear their contribution.

Francis brought his guitar to the appointment and started to play. Halfway through the second song, Perkins told his secretary to cancel the rest of his appointments and bring in a tape recorder. He then asked Francis to play a concert for the music department.

"You're a folk singer," Francis recalls Perkins telling him. "You've developed a natural style. What you're doing is unique."

Noticing that Francis' guitar was cracked, Perkins took him downtown and bought him a new one. The professor kept the old Silvertone guitar until his death in 2013. Francis sang at Perkins' funeral and then brought the guitar back with him to Virginia.

Despite his standing as a good student at Southern University, Francis received rejections from all 12 medical schools he applied to, not anticipating that racial discrimination would be a factor at medical schools outside the South.

"It was devastating," he says. "Then the reality hits you — maybe they didn't consider you at all."

Francis started to think he would have to return to his earlier plan of teaching biology, but his dream was to practice medicine. Drawing on his Baptist upbringing, he prayed and asked God for help. Not long afterward, while walking in the biology building and pondering what to do, he noticed a prepaid postcard from William & Mary on the door of the department offices seeking applications for graduate studies in biology. He took it back to his room and left it on his desk for a couple of days.

Although he didn't know anything then about W&M, he says, "I thought, 'What do I have to lose?' I ended up putting it in the mail and that would change my whole life."

When he received notice of a package two weeks later, he thought it might be cookies from his mother. Instead, it was a syllabus and application. He filled it out and after another couple of weeks, received a letter of acceptance.

"I read in the library about Thomas Jefferson and all the great people who went to William & Mary," he says. "I saw that it was one of the oldest academic institutions in the country. I said, 'I'm going to go and see what it is.'"

With a graduate degree from William & Mary, he thought, perhaps he would have better luck getting into medical school.

LESSON II: 'PEOPLE WILL HELP YOU IF THEY SEE YOU ARE ABOUT SOMETHING GOOD'

Francis arrived in Williamsburg at 5 p.m. on a Saturday in the fall of 1967, carrying his guitar and a small brown suitcase, after traveling by train from New Orleans. As he stood at the Williamsburg train station wondering which way to go, a car pulled up and honked. The driver was a white woman whom he'd helped with her bags when the train stopped in Richmond. To his surprise, she asked if he needed a ride — something he'd never experienced in Louisiana.

"Williamsburg was a whole new world," he says. "The town was still racially segregated, but not as oppressive as in Louisiana."

He said he wanted to go to a Black church, and the woman drove him to First Baptist Church on Scotland Street, where he planned to seek help finding housing. As it turned out, the minister, the Rev. David Collins, was also from Louisiana and invited Francis to share his house. The two became friends, and Francis began singing in church, just as he had back home in Jennings, where the first song he played in public was "Amazing Grace." Members of the congregation welcomed him into their homes.

"They were very proud of me for coming to William & Mary," he says.

Despite being one of just a handful of Black students at the university — the first three Black residential undergraduate students also arrived in 1967 — Francis says he felt welcomed by the biology department faculty and his fellow students.

His faculty adviser was Garnett R. "Jack" Brooks, now a professor emeritus, who specialized in herpetology, the study of reptiles and amphibians.

"He was very kind and understanding, and guided me through my research," Francis says. "One of my



SHOW OF SUPPORT:
Francis holds a memento from
his days as a touring country
singer in the 1990s.

jobs as a graduate assistant was to make sure that the snakes were fed. I overcame my fear of snakes and acquired a small boa constrictor as a pet.”

During Francis’ second year of graduate school, he and fellow biology student David Gapp ’67, M.S. ’70 shared an apartment and began a friendship that continues today. After being turned away by a white-owned rental company that the biology department secretary had contacted beforehand on their behalf, the two found a Black landlord who was willing to rent to them. Gapp, who is white, says he was dumbfounded by the rental office’s response, but Francis took it in stride.

“Cleve taught me to be a better person,” Gapp says. “He helped me to understand the experience for Black people as it was then, and as seen through the eyes of someone who grew up in Louisiana.”

Gapp recalls that Francis started performing music at bars and coffeehouses in the area not long after arriving at William & Mary. Along with music by folk groups such as Peter, Paul & Mary, Francis would play songs by Hank Williams and Glen Campbell.

“He became a celebrity pretty quickly — everybody knew Cleve,” Gapp says.

During the summer of 1968, Francis talked Gapp into performing with him after learning they could make more money as a duo — \$50 per night instead of \$25 — which would help with their rent and grocery expenses.

“I thought it was a horrible idea,” Gapp says. “I had picked up the guitar as part of the folk craze of the ’60s, and I was remarkably mediocre. But Cleve pushed, and I said OK. So we started practicing together.”

Performing as Cleve and Dave, they were featured on television station WAVY-TV and made appearances around town, culminating in a standing-room-only show at William & Mary’s Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall on Valentine’s Day in 1969. Among the songs from that set were Joni Mitchell’s “Both Sides Now,” Otis Redding’s “Dock of the Bay” and Francis’ original composition “The Willow Tree.” The appreciative crowd gave them a standing ovation.

“The music was gentle,” says Gapp, a retired Hamilton College biology professor living in Maine. “It wasn’t strident at a time when there was a lot of strident music. Even when he sang about protest, it was not harsh.”

Gapp played on the album Francis recorded at Studio Center in Norfolk. Bruce Grant, then a new biology professor, provided the bass line on the single “The Willow Tree,” but he bowed out when the project expanded.

“I could hear them practicing from time to time,” Grant says. “When they learned I played guitar, too, they invited me to join them. We became friends. But I was very busy as a brand-new faculty member, so when they became more ambitious about making an entire album, I knew that would require far too much time than I could spare.”

Francis then recruited Kenneth Zeigler, a teenager who was dating his younger sister, Nancy, to play bass on the recordings. By then, Francis’ parents had separated and he had helped his mother and two youngest siblings move to Williamsburg. His mother worked as a waitress at some of the area’s higher-end restaurants until Francis persuaded her to retire, and she remained in the area until she passed away in April 2022.

While at William & Mary, Francis says he found the right audience for the music he wanted to play.

“There was never really an avenue to play folk music at Southern University,” he says. “People were listening to the Temptations and James Brown, and I was sort of a closet folk musician.”

Francis wanted to tell stories and provoke conversations during a time when students were protesting the Vietnam War and becoming active in civil rights.

“The intent was not to dance but to sit and listen,” he says. “Folk music was a cultural force and I was in it.”

One of the songs in “Beyond the Willow Tree” responded to the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. Francis heard the news of the civil rights leader’s death while driving back to Williamsburg with Gapp after they’d spent spring break at the home of Gapp’s family in Northern Virginia. They didn’t say a word the rest of the drive, and Francis wrote “Ballad of Martin Luther King” upon returning to their apartment.

LESSON III: ‘YOU MUST BE WILLING TO TAKE A FEW STEPS IN THE DARK’

Having earned a master’s degree in biology from William & Mary, Francis was accepted into the VCU School of Medicine (formerly the Medical College of Virginia). There, he was one of just two Black medical students. The other student, Archer Baskerville, became his roommate, and through Francis, Baskerville met a William & Mary student whom he later married, Viola Osborne Baskerville ’73.

After medical school, Francis completed a fellowship at George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C., but then found job opportuni-

ties lacking at hospitals and established medical practices.

“Although it was 1973, a lot of white practices didn’t feel comfortable with Black associates,” he says. “That was shocking to me that we were still at that point.”

Francis then decided to start his own practice, Mount Vernon Cardiology Associates. He obtained a \$30,000 line of credit — a daunting amount for him at the time — and established a multicultural, multilingual practice.

“It was a prototype and it was very successful,” he says. “People would seek us out.”

One weekend in the late 1980s, Francis was on call for the cardiology group and wound up in a hospital critical care unit treating a patient who’d had a heart attack. After monitoring the patient throughout the night, Francis met the man’s brother, John Hall, who arrived from Florida in the morning and happened to be a professional musician.

When he learned that Francis played music, Hall asked to hear it. Francis gave him a cassette, which he then passed along to Jack Gale, president of Miami-based Playback Records. Gale later contacted Francis and they recorded an album titled “Last Call for Love” featuring the single “Lovelight,” the B-side of Glen Campbell’s “Rhinstone Cowboy.” Francis hired a young filmmaker to produce an accompanying video for “Lovelight” that became a hit on Country Music Television, peaking at No. 9, and was named MusicRow Magazine’s Independent Video of the Year in 1990.

Record executive and producer Jimmy Bowen noticed the video on TV after playing golf one day and flew Francis to Nashville, where he was offered a three-year deal in 1991 with Liberty Records (now Capitol Records Nashville).

Francis talked it over with friends and his practice partners, who encouraged him to go for it. He was single, since his first marriage ended several

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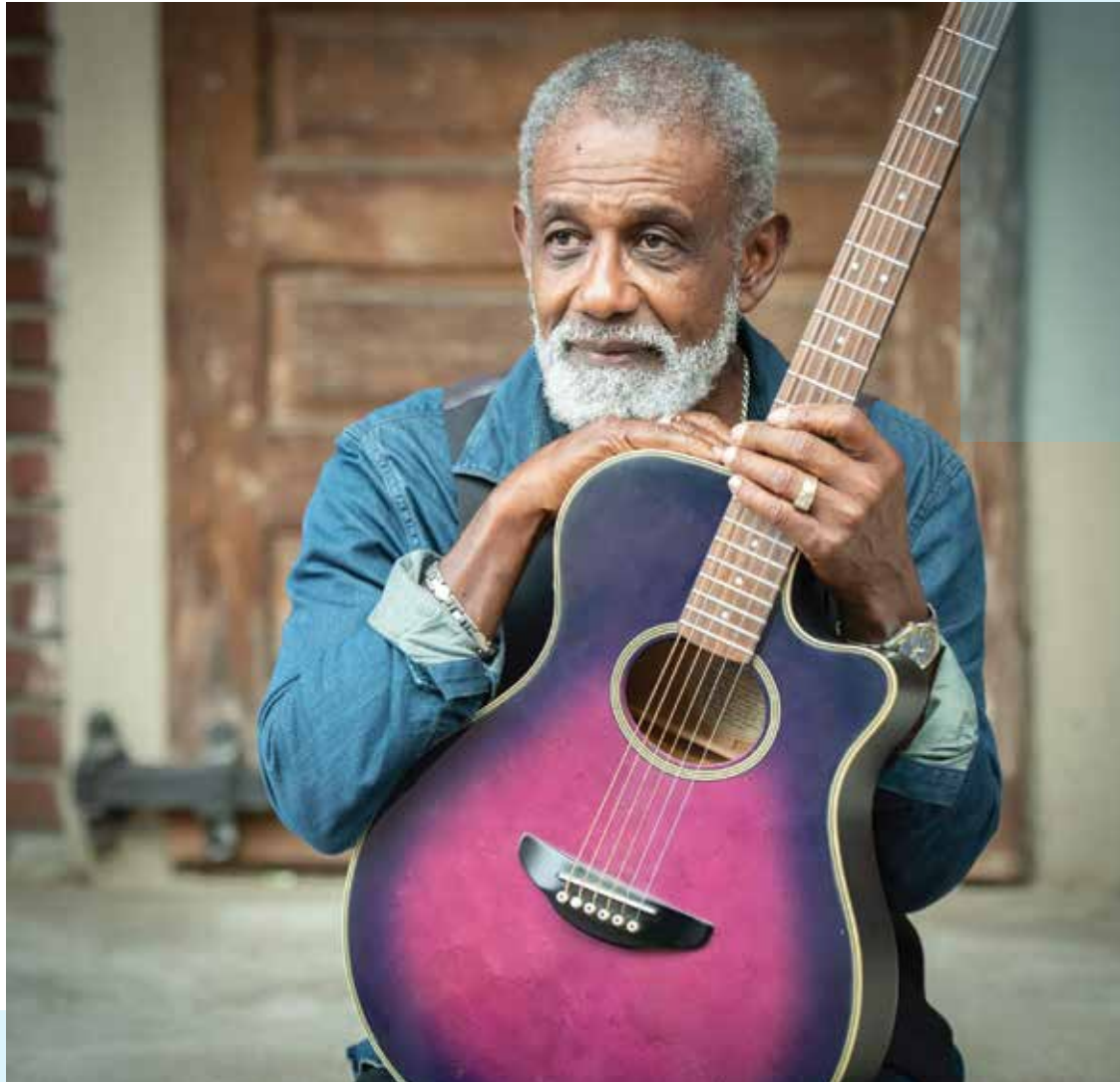


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DELAYED RECOGNITION:
In the last two years, Francis has received the Rosedale Collective’s Hazelhurst Award for his influence as a Black country artist and he also received the Black Opry Icon Award. In June 2022, Los Angeles-based Forager Records re-released his 1969 recordings in the anthology “Beyond the Willow Tree,” hailed by reviewers as a little-known gem.



ONLINE: Look for more photographs and links to Francis' recordings in the digital version of this story at magazine.wm.edu/cleve-francis.

IN THE GARDEN: Like he did as a youth, Francis often finds inspiration while playing music outdoors. He is shown here next to a swimming pool at his home in Alexandria, Virginia.

years earlier, and had no children, so he felt it was as good a time as any to make a leap of faith.

Soon, he was performing around the country, appearing at the Country Music Association's Fan Fair and the Grand Ole Opry and traveling to England, Scotland and Canada.

But after three years, he felt he'd gone as far as he could. He had not been able to get his music played on country music radio or join the kinds of big-name tours that would have boosted his career — something he attributes in large part to the industry's lack of openness to diverse performers at the time.

"If you could get on a Garth Brooks tour, you'd play 15 minutes before he comes out and you've got 100,000 people there," he says. But Francis never had that opportunity. Some venues were not open to having a Black artist perform, he says. "It wasn't a fair playing field. I was never allowed to demonstrate my talents."

By then, he adds, "I was older and country music was changing to a younger demographic. If I hadn't made it by then, I wasn't going to make it."

Based on his own experience, Francis saw the need for a trade organization that would spotlight the music of Black artists, act as a liaison to record labels and create opportunities for performers to reach a wider audience. His vision led him to form the Black Country Music Association in 1995. After Francis left Nashville, singer Frankie Staton moved the organization forward and began holding Black country music showcases. As described in *Rolling Stone* magazine, "in the late '90s and early 2000s, the BCMA blossomed into a thriving community of Black Nashville artistry."

When Francis returned to his cardiology practice, he continued playing music on the side.

"I promised my mother that I would never get to a situation where I would put my medical career in jeopardy after all she had done and I had done," he says.

Through televised competitions and platforms such as YouTube and TikTok, there are more avenues for Black country musicians to reach an audience these days, Francis says. And even though things didn't turn out as he had hoped in Nashville, he is remembered

PHOTO: MICHAEL S. WILLIAMSON/THE WASHINGTON POST

as one of the most high-profile Black country music artists after Charley Pride in the 1960s.

“Growing up and learning about all the different country artists, especially the ones that look like me — from Charley Pride to DeFord Bailey before him — I heard about Cleve Francis,” Jimmie Allen, who won the Country Music Association Award for New Artist of the Year in 2021, told *The Washington Post*. “He was definitely one of those artists I wish would have gotten the recognition he deserved, but he touched many people’s lives that he probably didn’t realize, including mine. Cleve’s definitely one of my inspirations.”

LESSON IV: ‘STAND FOR SOMETHING’

Francis sold his medical practice to Inova Health System in 2015, and retired from seeing patients in 2021. He lives in Alexandria, Virginia, with his wife, Hardeep Francis, a since-retired health care quality consultant who has been supportive of her husband’s medical career and musical pursuits. Her passion for birding and landscape photography has taken the couple around the country and overseas.

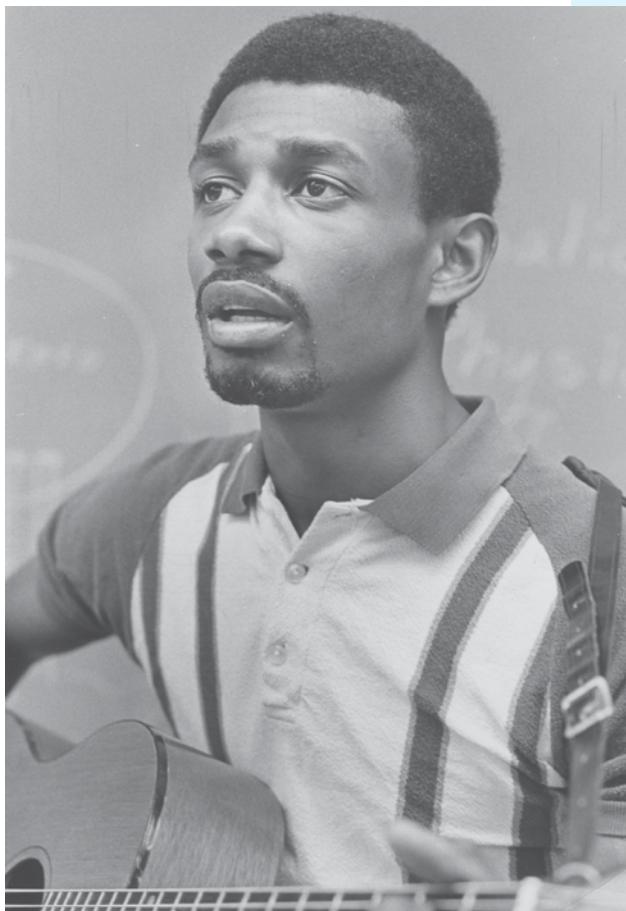
Cleve Francis remains involved on a part-time basis as diversity advisor for the Inova Heart and Vascular Institute. He founded an Inova Health System program called Dream Big to introduce teens from underserved areas to career opportunities available in health care systems.

“My interest is increasing the pipeline of Black health professionals by working with young minorities in elementary and high school,” he says.

Just as he did when he was at William & Mary, Francis writes songs inspired by current events — most recently the single “Buffalo,” responding to racially motivated killings in New York state. He performed “Martin,” another song he wrote commemorating Martin Luther King Jr., in 1985 in Atlanta for the 22nd anniversary of King’s “I Have a Dream” speech. Along with Francis, a recorded version features vocals by Patti Austin, Ollie Woodson, Daryl Coley, Vanessa Williams, Yolanda Adams, Cybill Shepherd, Claude McKnight, Will Downing, Jackie Johnson, Kelli Williams and the National Civil Rights Museum 25th Anniversary Mass Choir. Francis also wrote “Reflections on the Wall” in 1987 by request for a ceremony at the Vietnam Wall dedicated to those who fought in the war.

Before the pandemic, he played at the Birchmere in Alexandria once a year, usually accompanied by a 12-piece band. He hopes to return to the stage soon, perhaps in a pared-down setting with just a guitar and a microphone.

“I feel very lucky,” he says. “That’s why I’m anxious to tell my story. I hope to inspire kids who start out in a similar situation to see that with will and determination, they can do anything.” ☺



A LIFELONG PASSION: Francis always loved writing songs and performing, but he didn’t consider music as a full-time career until he was offered a recording contract in the early 1990s. Above, he performs at Zed Restaurant in Alexandria in 1990. At left, Francis plays shortly after arriving in Williamsburg as a graduate student in 1967.





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LET THE MUSIC TAKE US HOME AGAIN

Nest Pas, a band formed in 1984 by Theta Delta Chi fraternity brothers — including Chip Puskas '87, P '22, aka Charles Esten (left) — returned to William & Mary to perform during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2022. Read about the all-alumni band's shared history of music and brotherhood in our online exclusive at magazine.wm.edu/Nest-Pas-2022.

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GOAT CHEESE LIKE NO OTHER: *One of Cypress Grove's signature cheeses, Truffle Tremor is a soft-ripened goat cheese containing pieces of truffle. It has a "bloomy rind" that ripens from the outside in, creating a creamy layer and a stronger flavor the longer it ages.*

“IT’S MY JOB TO GUIDE YOU TOWARD FLAVORS YOU WILL ENJOY AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO EXPLORE CHEESES YOU DON’T KNOW YOU LIKE YET.”

Sweet Dreams Are Made of Cheese

RICHARD WALSH '10 CHANGED PATHS TO
BUILD A CAREER IN ARTISAN CHEESE

ALUMNI PROFILE Many people love cheese. As someone who has made cheese his profession, Richard Walsh '10 helps them count the ways.

In a tasting with Walsh, participants learn not only about the flavor profiles of each variety of cheese, but also about the chemical composition of the milk used in the cheese, the animals that produced that milk, the history of the cheese-making process and even insights into cheese import laws.

As a Certified Cheese Professional, a designation awarded by the American Cheese Society to members of the industry who have worked with cheese for at least two years and passed a comprehensive exam, Walsh is well-versed in many aspects of cheese production, sale and consumption.

Ultimately, though, he says the enjoyment of cheese all comes down to personal preference.

“You are the ultimate expert on what you like,” he says. “It’s my job to guide you toward flavors you will enjoy and encourage you to explore cheeses you don’t know you like yet.”

Walsh is the Southeast regional sales manager for Cypress Grove, one of the first producers of artisan American goat cheeses. The company makes and sells fresh goat cheeses, or chèvre — the soft white cheese you often see sold in rounds or logs — as well as soft-ripened cheeses with an edible rind (similar in appearance to brie, but with a texture akin to cheesecake), and Gouda-style, firm cheeses.

Other than the Gouda-style cheeses, which are made in Holland exclusively for Cypress Grove, the cheeses are made in Humboldt County, California, near the Pacific Coast. They are sold online and in high-end grocery and specialty stores nationwide, and are served in restaurants, resorts and hotels.

Walsh represents Cypress Grove and its sister company, Cowgirl Creamery, at trade events and meets with buyers to discuss the product lines. He also analyzes market data and creates plans to increase sales and launch new offerings.

“It’s a privilege to represent two California companies founded by pioneers in the American artisan cheese movement,” he says.

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CHEESE, GLORIOUS
Cheese: Walsh represents Cypress Grove and its sister company, Cowgirl Creamery, whose cheese is shown here, at trade events and he meets with buyers to discuss product lines.

Cypress Grove was founded in 1983 by Mary Keehn, who began raising goats in the 1970s as a source of milk for her children. She traveled to France to learn about cheesemaking, and on the long flight back, she had a dream about a cheese with a line of ash through the center, reminiscent of the thick fog in Humboldt County. The creamery's award-winning "bloomy rind" soft-ripened cheese, Humboldt Fog, was born, and Cypress Grove grew from there.

Though he is particularly fond of Humboldt Fog, Walsh also enjoys other producers' cheeses and has many favorites.

"If I had to choose just one cheese ... it would be Parmigiano Reggiano," says Walsh. "It's known as the 'King of Cheese' for a reason — it's aged for two years, virtually indestructible and versatile in the kitchen. You can grate it over your pasta, use the rind in soup or sauce, or just bite into a hunk while standing at your fridge as a midnight snack."

WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WHEY

When Walsh was a student at William & Mary (two of his siblings, Patrick Walsh '07 and Mary Walsh '15, are also alumni), he didn't picture himself building a career around cheese. His father was in the Navy, and Walsh saw himself going into public ser-

vice. After graduating as a marketing major with a concentration in process management and consulting, he joined Booz Allen Hamilton, a federal consulting firm based in Northern Virginia, not far from where Walsh grew up.

But while he worked with interesting people and learned a lot about the professional world in this first job, it didn't excite him. He kept thinking back to his minor at William & Mary, environmental science and policy (now called environment and sustainability), where he was introduced to the work of authors such as Marion Nestle and Michael Pollan who exposed various problems in our food system. He wanted to make a difference in the world of food, but he didn't know how.

When a friend told him about an internship at an Italian farm, Walsh was intrigued. After being accepted to the competitive program, he took a leave of absence from his job, traveled to Tuscany and spent three months working at Spannocchia, an agritourism estate. He took care of heritage breeds of cows, donkeys and primarily pigs, studied Italian and learned about the Slow Food movement. Returning to his job after that experience didn't feel right.

"When I returned from Spannocchia, I struggled with what to do," Walsh says. "I had hoped that the experience would lead to an epiphany about my mission in life, but I've learned that watershed moments like that are rather rare. Sometimes taking a step away from something you know isn't right simply positions you to be open to something better."

Walsh found a way to combine his interest in food with his marketing major as a program manager with the Whole Foods Market Mid-Atlantic regional marketing team. Learning about each department, he was introduced to the world of specialty cheese — including products from Cypress Grove.

Three years into the job, a friend he made at Spannocchia told him about a new role opening up at Cypress Grove. There, he found a company with a rich history and a modern dairy that serves as a model for the growing goat industry in the U.S. — as well as a welcoming food community.

"The people in this industry — from olive importers to pastry chefs to numerous hardworking cheesemakers and cheesemongers — generally share an admiration for and genuine interest in each other. There's competition, but there's also camaraderie," he says.

WHEEL LIFE AS REAL LIFE

Walsh works remotely from his home in Washington, D.C., but also travels frequently to the dairy in California and around the country for his work, with a focus on the Southeast. Though it can be



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FANCY FOOD: Left: *Midnight Moon* is a Gouda-style goat cheese; Below: *Richard Walsh* attends industry events like the *Fancy Food Show* in New York City, a biannual food show that brings together specialty food producers, importers, brokers and buyers from all over the world.

tiring, he's glad to be back on the road now that pandemic-related travel restrictions have eased. Still, supply chain issues linger and keep him on his toes.

"The food industry — like many industries — was turned on its head during the pandemic. Specialty food, especially highly perishable cheeses that require specific care throughout the supply chain, can face disruptions that lead to delays in delivery, spoiled product and frustrated customers. It's up to a sales manager to handle those issues when they arise," he says.

His coursework at William & Mary showed him how to think critically, solve problems and actively listen, while the rigor showed him what he was capable of, he says.

"But more than anything, the people I met there continue to be some of my closest friends; they have helped me more than words can express," he says, discussing his college roommate Julian Brown '10 and first roommate in D.C., Sara Grant '10. "We have supported each other through numerous job and career shifts, adventures, moves, relationships, ups and downs."

William & Mary gave him not only a strong network in D.C., but also a better understanding of himself. He cites his freshman seminar with Kathleen Slevin, a sociology course called "Identity and Society," in shaping his understanding of how race, class, gender and sexuality intersect and helping him embrace his identity as a gay man. Completing the Semester at Sea study abroad program introduced him to the wonders of travel and exploring

new cultures (and led him to his dear friend Grace Heusner '10). Being a tour guide, orientation aide and senior admissions interviewer honed his storytelling skills and confirmed him as an extrovert.

"Those were probably my favorite moments on campus, helping people who would be my peers to become the best versions of themselves," he says.

During the pandemic, he served as a facilitator for the Courageous Leadership Institute, a virtual program orchestrated by the Undergraduate Admission office that brought together high school students to develop leadership skills and encourage conversations about values.

The advice he gives students: "Get to know yourself and journal a lot. Ask for help when you need it and help others around you. It's OK if you don't know what to do after graduation, but don't wait around for a perfect opportunity. Start somewhere and remain mindful to alter your path as you go."

Changing careers to start on a completely new path required soul searching and a leap of faith, and Walsh feels fortunate to be doing something he enjoys for a company he believes in.

There are three things that helped him find direction in his life that he shares with anyone who might be feeling lost.

"It's impossible to know how things will play out," he says. "But trust yourself. Be confident, not conceited, and embrace growth. Focus on gratitude. I'm deeply grateful for my time at William & Mary, and how it contributed to the person I've become."

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Point of View

OMAR KAMARA '15 CRAFTS A FILMMAKING CAREER WITH STORIES
OF HIS WEST AFRICAN FAMILY



TRUE TO LIFE: Actors Benjamin A. Onyango (right) and Omete Anassi portray the father and son in the autobiographical film “Mass Ave,” written and directed by Omar Kamara '15.

ALUMNI PROFILE A scene from the short film “Mass Ave” by Omar Kamara '15 depicts a young man sketching in a notebook while holding a ladder as his father does landscaping work in an affluent Washington, D.C., neighborhood. The father, a Sierra Leonean immigrant, has already scolded his son for wasting time, reminding him that he'll soon be going to medical school and urging him to focus on the task at hand.

“The next time I see that trash, I will shred it!” the father warns when he spots the notebook, and the son mutters, “I was just drawing an idea I had.”

If the tension between the father and son in the film seems realistic, that's because it is. Kamara wrote the story and dialogue based on his own life. Like the father in the film, his dad comes from a patriarchal community in Sierra Leone, in which the man of the house expects his orders to be followed without question. Kamara, who was born and raised in Northern

Virginia, found himself pulled between two cultures — the traditions his parents brought from West Africa and the way of life he observed outside their home.

He made “Mass Ave” while enrolled at the American Film Institute after graduating from William & Mary. Accepted by more than a dozen film festivals, it won the Directors Guild of America's Best African American Student Filmmakers award for the West Region in 2021 and was a finalist for the American Black Film Festival HBO Short Film Award. As a result, HBO has been airing “Mass Ave” on both its network and its streaming platform HBO Max.

The story Kamara tells in the film centers on a real-life incident in 2018 that marked a turning point in his relationship with his father. While the son in “Mass Ave” has an art school brochure tucked into his notebook, Kamara had his sights on film school. Instead of sketching as he held the ladder for his father, he

PHOTO: JONAS B. FISCHER

was jotting notes from a conversation they'd just had about Sierra Leone. The two were working at the home of a longtime client in Georgetown when a passerby viewed them with suspicion and called police. The situation escalated after Kamara's father reacted with angry indignation at being confronted by law enforcement officers in a neighborhood where he'd been working for over three decades.

"It felt like a personal affront," Kamara says. "He thought he had earned his place there."

Aware of encounters with police that had turned deadly in the past for Black citizens, Kamara took control of the situation. While his father fumed, he explained to the officers what the two of them were doing, calmly repeating, "We're just landscapers."

Afterward, he lectured his father about the dangers of arguing with police.

"Sierra Leone has a culture based on respecting your elders, and you don't really talk back to them," he says. "But I was so upset by the events, I ended up yelling at my dad for the first time, and that moment changed our relationship forever."

Suddenly, his father was able to see him not as a child, but as an adult capable of sound judgment. "Now, my dad is my best friend on the planet," he says.

Like his film counterpart, Kamara's father, Saidu Kamara, wanted his children — the first generation in the family to attend college — to have professional careers. Scholarship support and Pell Grants helped fund Omar Kamara's education at William & Mary.

"All four of us were supposed to be doctors," Kamara says. "Deep down, though, I knew I didn't want a career in science."

Nevertheless, he began as a neuroscience major at W&M before switching to economics. One day, a friend showed him the film "Blue Valentine," which stood out from the plot-heavy movies he was used to watching and sparked an interest in making his own character-driven productions.

"I wanted to be a filmmaker, but I thought it was too impractical," he says. "My big plan was to make money in business and then pursue film."

At William & Mary, he found camaraderie in the African Cultural Society, where students whose families came from countries such as Sudan, Ethiopia and Eritrea shared his feeling of being between two cultures.

"It became an immediate family for me," says Kamara. He met his girlfriend of eight years, Aliyah Wooten '18, M.S. '19, through the society.

Kamara moved into the Africana House and served as vice president and later president of the society. He also worked part time in the W&M Phonathon, making calls to alumni, parents and friends of the university for feedback and support, and moved up to a role in which he trained other students. Both experiences boosted his confidence.

"William & Mary gave me platforms to lead, which is fantastic," he says. "As a director, leadership is probably the most important thing."



BEHIND THE SCENES: Kamara relaxes on the set of "African Giants" with lead actors Dillon Daniel Mutyaba (left) and Omete Anassi (right). The story is inspired by Kamara's relationship with his younger brother, Abou Kamara '18.

PHOTO: LORENA PUENTES



After graduating, Kamara worked for a year as an alumni engagement coordinator with the W&M Alumni Association.

"I had a great experience there," he says. Even so, he realized he was not going to be satisfied doing anything other than working in the film industry. He moved to Richmond, Virginia, and began filming his own productions. Those became part of his application to the American Film Institute, where he earned a master of fine arts in 2020.

Afterward, Kamara was hired as a director's assistant with John Hamburg at Netflix on the comedy "Me Time" starring Mark Wahlberg and Kevin Hart. He continues to work part time for Hamburg at the director's company.

Although Kamara lives in California, William & Mary connections remain important. For example, Leo Blumberg-Woll '19 produced the next film Kamara wrote and directed, "African Giants." He contacted Kamara via Instagram after noticing accolades online for the "Mass Ave" script.

Blumberg-Woll is the development and operations manager for Represent Justice, a media nonprofit founded in conjunction with the 2019 film "Just Mercy." He didn't know at first that Kamara was also a William & Mary alumnus, but they discovered they had much in common as both sought to gain a foothold in the film industry.

Like Kamara, Blumberg-Woll started on a different path as a government and economics major, but

he felt drawn to film as a way of advancing social justice. He was looking for a new project after producing the short film "The Family Meeting," directed by Rebecca Usoro. A finalist for the 2022 American Black Film Festival HBO Short Film Award, the film is set to be shown on HBO in February.

The two alumni filmed "African Giants" — a story about a pair of brothers that is also inspired by Kamara's family — over 16 days in Los Angeles during July 2022 for under \$250,000.

"We became like brothers through the entire process," Kamara says.

Each of them invested money in the project, and Blumberg-Woll took the lead on raising the rest, aided in part by William & Mary's alumni network.

"We were trying to get this thing financed as we were hiring crew and finding locations," Blumberg-Woll says. "It was absolutely terrifying every single day."

This past fall, they submitted "African Giants" to festivals including Sundance, South by Southwest and Tribeca. Now they are starting work on their next project and making plans to form a production company.

"Omar and I have similar ideas about what we want to do," Blumberg-Woll says. "We've had conversations for hours where he says this is what I want to do now, this is what I want to do next year, this is what I want to do in three years. And I'm like, 'I'll be there for all of that.'"

— TINA ESHLEMAN



KINDRED SPIRITS: *Leo Blumberg-Woll '19 (above) formed a brotherly bond with Kamara while producing "African Giants." Kamara (below, right) works on the script with actor Omete Anassi.*



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SELF-PROCLAIMED PALEO FANATIC TIMSHEL PURDUM '93 INSPIRES PASSION AND CURIOSITY AS EDUCATION DIRECTOR AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM OF VIRGINIA



PURPOSEFUL FUN:

Timshel Purdum '93 loves her role as education director at the Science Museum of Virginia, where she finds creative ways to engage visitors.

ALUMNI PROFILE When Timshel Purdum '93 was growing up, she was fascinated by dinosaurs, but in her mind, that didn't translate into a career. As a William & Mary student, she was interested in science, but a laboratory or a hospital never seemed like the right place for her. She didn't realize immediately that there are careers in science beyond stethoscopes and test tubes.

After trying her hand at research in aquatic toxicology and finding she was too accident prone to do it for her career, she led children on wilderness expeditions — but discovered she wanted a better platform to teach. It wasn't until she volunteered at the Baltimore Aquarium that she started to think she had found her passion.

"Once I started teaching there, I remember feeling like, 'Wow, I can do this? This is really awesome,'" she says. Constantly learning new things

in the realm of science and presenting that information to young minds excited her in ways she hadn't expected.

After a brief stint working at various nature centers, Purdum entered the world of museums. A common theme in all of them? They had dinosaur exhibits. She worked at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia for 15 years and then, just over four years ago, her love for science led her back to her home state to the Science Museum of Virginia in Richmond.

Purdum's official title is the Virginia C. Ellett Director of Education. "One of my biggest roles is to have as much fun as possible in what I do. Sometimes that includes putting on weird costumes and making videos dressed as a honeybee. But it's always having fun with science."

The Science Museum offers a number of programs to educate guests of all backgrounds about

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science, with Purdum heading many of them. Most recently, she hosted Minds of All Kinds, the Science Museum's free disability-friendly event. People of all ages with disabilities are invited to the Science Museum to learn about all things STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) — complete with American Sign Language interpreters, sensory tables, quiet rooms and accommodating audio and visual effects.

However, Purdum's favorite event to host is Girls in Science, an event she wishes she could've attended as a young girl. Girls in Science is an event that invites girls from around the area to spend the night at the Science Museum and do experiments.

"When I'm teaching, I always try to model how cool it is to be in STEM," she says. "Modeling and mentoring are so important. I think that's why I really like being part of a science museum. We're all about those incredible moments of people seeing that it's OK to be passionate and curious and want to know about science from all different walks of life."

Finding unique ways to educate children and adults who come to the Science Museum is what occupies most of Purdum's time. "I love the freedom to get into character and bring science to life," she explains. One of her favorite projects included dressing up as Eleanor of Aquitaine, who was queen of England and France in the 12th century, to talk to adults about medical treatments in the Middle Ages — including showing adults real live leeches and talking about their uses — and relating that to modern science.

Jennifer Guild, manager of communications and curiosity at the Science Museum, appreciates having Purdum as a creative and enthusiastic presence. "The thing that is so fantastic about Timshel is that she's so passionate about science, and it permeates every part of her life. She's never not seeing things through a scientific lens."

Throughout her professional career, Purdum has nurtured her childhood passion by participating in a paleontology group called Elevation Science that goes on paleontological digs in southern Montana and northern Wyoming. "It's fantastic," she says. "You're avoiding rattlesnakes and scorpions, while at the same time, you're digging up something that no one's seen in 150 million years. That never stops being thrilling."

Anyone can volunteer to go on these digs, spending as little as a day or as long as a couple of weeks with the group. "I just love when it's the first time somebody is out with us," Purdum says. "We wander around looking for new fossil sites by sticking



rocks to our tongues, and they're like, 'What are you doing?' and we explain that fossils stick to your tongue because there are capillaries from the gaps in the bone that a regular rock doesn't have."

In her search for the right college, Purdum only ever considered William & Mary, because of its strength as a liberal arts & sciences university. "Science is a human endeavor," she explains as the reason she chose W&M. "It's all about humans trying to understand the world. And if I didn't understand history, or art or English, I couldn't do what I do — for example, talking about the Middle Ages and how science was then and how it's changed — if I didn't have those perspectives."

After all the museums she's worked at and dinosaur expeditions she's gone on, Purdum's heart still lives at W&M: "My favorite life experiences were the four years I spent there."

And for some parting advice, Purdum offers this: "Don't accept less than you're worth when chasing your passion."

— JULIA DEKORTE '23

BEE MINDFUL: Purdum dressed up as a honeybee for a demonstration about the importance of bees to our ecosystem.



Wow, What a Weekend!

W&M HOSTED ITS SECOND WOMEN'S WEEKEND, SEPT. 16-18, 2022



A FORCE FOR GOOD:
Some of the 300-plus W&M Women's Weekend attendees gathered in the Sunken Garden for this aerial photo in the shape of the W&M Women logo.

ALUMNAE ENGAGEMENT William & Mary's second Women's Weekend proved once again that W&M women are extraordinary — bringing a wide range of passions, talents and perspectives to our university community.

More than 300 alumnae, parents, faculty, staff, students and friends gathered on campus for the weekend's events. Many volunteered to share their expertise in panel discussions and in Mary Talks, short presentations on big ideas in the style of TED talks. New this year, a Women's Expo showcased goods and services from W&M women entrepreneurs. Isabel Wilkerson, Pulitzer Prize-winning and New York Times bestselling author of "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" and "The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration," gave a powerful keynote speech and held a book signing.

Many of the sessions throughout the weekend highlighted the ways in which women create positive change at W&M and in their communities. Panelists described, for example, how they advocate for immigrant women, increase women's representation in key fields and use their platforms as athletes and coaches to combat discrimination, build bridges and use their collective power to create social change.

Attendees also participated in exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of campus and community locations, including the Bray School, believed to be the only remaining Colonial-era building in the country

that was dedicated to the education of Black children; William & Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science; the Tribe Square Entrepreneurship Hub; and the Muscarelle Museum of Art, as construction progresses on the Arts Quarter. Fitness and wellness sessions kept bodies as well as minds active and engaged.

Women's Weekend was sponsored by the Society of 1918 — W&M's women's giving society — which underwrote half of the expenses of the weekend, including scholarships for 30 students to attend. Other sponsors included W&M Strategic Cultural Partnerships, the Mellon Foundation and W&M Libraries. In a highlight of the weekend, the Society of 1918 announced the amount it has raised for the Alumnae Initiatives Endowment (AIE). More than \$5.1 million has now been raised. The proceeds of this endowment support events and programs for W&M women throughout the year. The Society also announced that with this objective reached, its focus has shifted from "by women for women" to "by women for women for William & Mary," with future fundraising expanding beyond the AIE to causes throughout the university.

"We learned from each other, strengthened friendships old and new, and saw how women make a tangible difference in the success of the university," says Val Cushman, senior director of alumni engagement and inclusion initiatives. "All while having a ton of fun."

— CLAIRE DE LISLE M.B.A. '21

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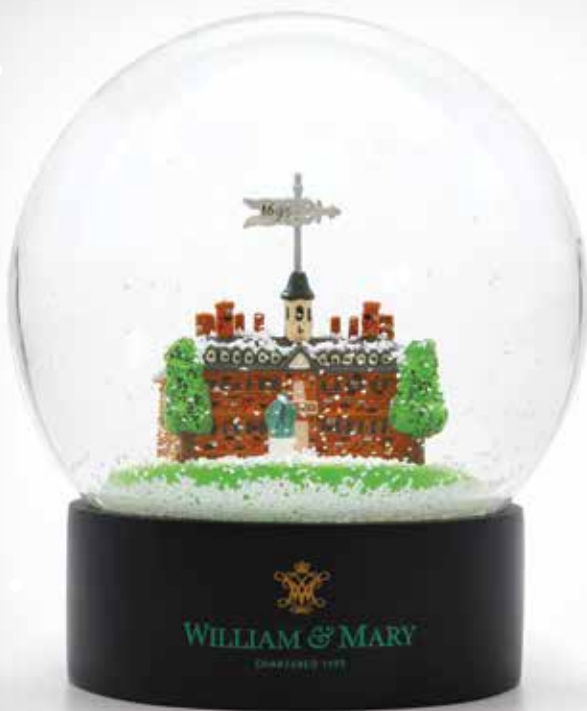


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Class Notes



WHAT'S THE STORY?

Queen Elizabeth II visited William & Mary in 1957 and 2007, coinciding with the commemorations of the founding of Jamestown. She was made an honorary member of the W&M Class of 2007, greeted more than 7,000 people from the balcony of the Wren Building and rang the Wren bell.

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1955 ☼

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Hopefully, you will understand why I'm so proud of our oldest "grand," **Alexandra Vincent '16**. When I found out she was going to be a freshman at William & Mary in 2012, and then when she graduated in 2016, I was "all smiles." Since then, she has studied at and graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine. She is now an intern at Nemours Children's Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware. **Floie DeHart Burns**, my most faithful correspondent, wrote that Hurricane Ian passed through the part of Florida where she lives with just some wind and rain. She told me of teaching Spanish to her cousin, a nurse practitioner who has many Hispanic patients. One of Floie's memories of our freshman year is choreographing a dance for the final exam of our modern

dance class and she asked me if I remember that. Actually, I do!

Please write and describe some of your William & Mary memories and, by the way, what you're doing now.

1956 ☼

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Thank you to those classmates who sent us some news!

Les Sykes Waldron said Williamsburg was spared by Hurricane Ian, but she was concerned about family in Puerto Rico. Now to quote Les: "Graduation is so far back. When I look at photographs of the day, I can't believe how young my roommate and I look. Ah, those were the days." She hopes "all '56ers avoided COVID-19." Well, that is another story.

Jane Thompson Kaplan missed Homecoming & Reunion Weekend due to a case of COVID-19. And in

July, she lost that very special guy, **Jim Kaplan '57**, from pulmonary fibrosis and lung cancer. She comments that the campus is loaded with construction equipment. After four years, Phi Beta Kappa Hall may be nearing completion. The groundbreaking of the Muscarelle expansion was in November, and at the Kaplan Arena, the addition is underway. **Jane Dougherty Marfizo**, who was Jane's other Barrett Hall suitemate, will come for a visit with her daughters.

Now, news from Jane Marfizo: Four Kappa Kappa Gammas, **Dorothy "Dot" Chapman Sullivan, Sally Ives Gore, Pat Wells McDonnell** and Jane went to Boothbay Harbor, Maine, in September. It is a beautiful area and they stayed at Brown's Wharf Motel and Marina. (Dot made the arrangements.) The rooms bordered the bay and marina. They had a wonderful four days catching up with their lives and memories of long ago! They hope to have another "Kappa reunion" in Williamsburg in 2023!

News from **John Hummel**: At the Olde

Guarde Luncheon during Homecoming, John and **Nancy Harshbarger Hummel** were from the oldest class attending (yea! 1956!!) The Grand Marshals were **Bill Armbruster '57** and **Betty-Wright Fraher Armbruster '58**. However, there was no parade this year. The weather was just right for Homecoming!

Hugh MacMahon went on a partial land/bus and ship cruise of Norway's west coast and fjords in September. It was chilly and rainy. By ship, they went up the North Sea (rough ride). They crossed the Arctic Circle and into Finland. He saw some amazing sites including Stave Kirkke (church) in Borgund, built in 1100 by Vikings, one of 27 remaining out of 200. It was quite an experience, but Hugh says he should have gone when he was younger!! He not only saw reindeer, but ate it twice! This may be his last big trip — he was the oldest in his group of 22 travelers. It was an experience!!

Now, last, **Ed Watkins** and I decided to take a trip to Canada in late August. We flew to Montreal, but our favorite spot was Quebec. (We "rented" a tour guide.) Everything was fine until the last day, when Ed sank to the floor and couldn't get up. Somehow, I managed to haul him up and with the use of a wheelchair, made it to the airport and home to Atlanta, where our daughter met us. The next day, he sank to the floor again and we had EMT come get him and they took him to the nearest hospital with an isolation room (not the nearest one). It was COVID-19, and Ed was in the hospital three to four days, but spent two weeks in a rehabilitation facility recovering. A physical therapist is still coming to the house, but we are

now returning to "normal" with a rollator (walker) for good measure. The weather is changing and the hummingbird feeder will be replaced by a suet block so we can watch the birds from our dining room table!

Best wishes and good health to all our classmates!

1957 ☼

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This is being written two days after a terrific W&M Homecoming & Reunion Weekend that included a thrilling Tribe win over No. 6-rated Delaware at a packed Zable Stadium on a perfect October afternoon with a warm sun and cool temps.

The Great Class of '57 was right at the forefront of this Homecoming with our own '57 member, **Bill Armbruster**, and **Betty-Wright Fraher Armbruster '58** leading the way as the Grand Marshals, a wonderful and well-earned high honor for these two. It was truly wonderful to see them recognized during the game on the football field to loud cheers from the big alumni turnout. Not only recognized, but presented with framed football jerseys with their class years on the jerseys! Bill received the College's highest alumni award, the Alumni Medallion, in 1989. Visit our online Class Notes to see a photo of the Armbrusters at Homecoming.

Some familiar faces also seen at Homecoming from our days at the College: **Mary Ripley Harris, Tom Harris, Jim Dillard '59** and **Joyce Butt Dillard '58**, and **Betsy Treiber Peccatiello '59** and **Larry Peccatiello '58, M.Ed. '59**.

KEY: ☼ OLDE GUARDE 25 REUNION

Marsha and I had dinner with the Peccatiellos; Larry has just been honored by the NFL Washington Commanders (nee Redskins) by being named to their all-time "Greatest Players" list celebrating their 90 years of operation. Larry was a three-time Super Bowl winner as their defensive coordinator.

We happily had a chance to chat with **Shirley Richardson Fitzgerald**, who attends all the Tribe football games. She sits near **Denys Grant '58**, who currently lives in Richmond. Shirley continues to greet the W&M players when they come on the field at the beginning of the game.

Also had a brief email from our old friend **Dr. Vince DeVita**. Vince remains active at the Yale School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut, where he is the Amy and Joseph Perella Professor of Medicine.

I'm just sorry more of you couldn't make Homecoming, and communication from all of you has been missing for this letter. Please be sure to catch up with me for the next one.

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Greetings, Class of 1958!

We'll begin with honors:

The Washington Commanders have added 10 more legends to their "Greatest Players" list in recognition of the franchise's 90th anniversary,

including **Larry Peccatiello '58, M.Ed. '59**, a former W&M football player and assistant coach.

Ginnie Peirce Volkman '64 shared this news about one of our classmates: "From Sept. 10-17, my husband and I were on an American Cruise Lines ship around the islands and shipping centers of southern New England. We were most happy to make the acquaintance of some W&M grads also onboard, a delightful couple from Ashland, Virginia — **Sandra Berg Shirey** and her husband, **Richard Shirey '59**. ... [O]f course, we shared memories of W&M, especially since they were students when Queen Elizabeth II visited." Sandra's news included their move from Ashland into the Westminster Canterbury Richmond retirement community.

With the death of Queen Elizabeth II on Sept. 8, 2022, the College featured news of her two visits there, separated by 50 years. The royal visit of Oct. 16, 1957, prompted two messages from our class. **Kent Watkins** writes: "We were seniors then and I had been working for President [J.A.C.] Chandler as his acting director of information, because the regular person had quit. So, I was involved in the College's planning of her visit. And then I wrote the article for the December Alumni Gazette. You can read the whole article by Googling it." See our online Class Notes for photos and more news from Kent.

And from Acton, Massachusetts, **Bob Bradley** adds: "I remember the ROTC group lined up on a walkway and the queen and Prince Philip walked by and the prince stopped and asked one cadet what ROTC meant ... and of course he told him." Sending greetings to all his classmates, Bob writes that he keeps in touch with his former roommate, **Clyde Nord-**

strom, and his wife, **Julie Vagos Nordstrom**.

Kent is a busy alumnus. He tells us, "I am still working full time, mostly advocating on Capitol Hill for legislation in the areas of infrastructure, climate and affordable housing, and at HUD on various programs in policy development, research technology, community development, disaster relief, housing and international." He concludes, "I miss seeing classmates — have been in touch recently with **Carolyn Scheele Fakadej**, **Bill Mitchell** and **Mary Ann Breese Brendel**, and played recently at an international tennis benefit at Columbia Country Club with a younger pro who was on the W&M tennis team years after me. I will be doing a book launch on my memoir of my years at W&M probably in the new year."

Pat King Sell (whose shoes we are trying to fill) describes her recent visit to Williamsburg with children and grandchildren: "It was therapeutic to walk the W&M campus once more. It never gets old." While there, she saw **Polly Johnson Rowlett**, who also sends greetings. Polly is unable to travel, but welcomes any and all visitors.

We're delighted to hear from '58ers, hopeful for ever more news.

1959 ☉

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I'm starting this just before Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, which is Oct. 7-9, so I hope I'll have more news after that.

I saw **Jim Dillard** at one of the Tribe's first football games. His daughter rented two castles in Scotland

three years ago and then COVID-19 twice kept them from going! Finally this summer they were able to spend one week in the high country — castles, waterfalls and hikes. They were also near St Andrews for a week. What a wonderful trip!

Ginnie Peirce Volkman '64, class reporter for 1964, had news for me. In September, she and her husband were on an American Cruise Lines ship around the islands and shipping centers of southern New England and met some W&M grads also onboard. One couple was from Ashland, Virginia — **Sandi Berg Shirey '58** and her husband, **Richard Shirey**. They enjoyed several excursions together and even more meals. The cruise took them to Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, Newport, Bristol, New Bedford and several whaling centers from the past ... and an authentic lobster bake. They shared memories of W&M, especially since they were students when Queen Elizabeth II visited. Thank you, Ginnie, for sharing your news!

Dave Middleton had a heart valve replacement in February and it went well. However, he reports that what hurt mentally was when the cardiologist said, "No More Driving!" Now his sons squire him everywhere. How nice that they live nearby! He had a surprise joint birthday party given to him and his son Jon, who was born on David's 30th birthday! Relatives came from all over — Florida, Rhode Island, Colorado, Northern Virginia, Richmond and locally. As David said, "WOW!"

Jay Lawler '61 and I had quite an adventure in September. We went with **Don Beck '64** and **Carol Evans '64** on a road trip to the western part of Virginia. We drove to Abingdon and went to the Barter Theatre to see the play "9 to 5," which was wonderful. We then had dinner at The Tavern,

the oldest bar in Virginia (1779). If you know Don Beck, you will not be surprised that he could find that bar! The next day, we were taken in a pickup with our rented bikes to Whitetop Station on Whitetop Mountain (second highest mountain in Virginia!) where we then rode bikes down a 17-mile trail, the Virginia Creeper Trail, which is part of the National Recreation Trail system. Jay would have been quite happy on a bike ride that was half that distance and found that sitting on a boulder along the way was more comfortable than his bike seat! Our next adventure with them was far calmer — three days on Bald Head Island, staying in a lovely house donated by **Bruce Patterson '80** which Carol had "bought" at the Lord Botetourt Affair to benefit W&M Athletics. It is so much fun to rip around the Island on golf carts, as cars are not allowed! Your car is left on land and you ferry over to the island.

I just received a wonderful news letter from **Anne August Blunt**. **Mary Sue Holland Ellis '60** has written and self-published a book about growing up in Petersburg and life experiences thereafter. The title is, "I Could Tell You Some Stories — How I Spent My Autumn Pandemic." It's lighthearted, very funny and thought provoking as well. Anne also said that **Madaline Wentworth Baker** and her husband, Allen, sold their vacation home in Colorado and are now renovating their home in Fort Smith, Arkansas. So much for retirement communities! **June Roberts Clarke** continues to travel back and forth from Richmond to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where she has a home. Anne's forever friend, **Gail Jordan Busch**, moved to a lovely freestanding home in a Bedford, Massachusetts, community with views of horses, a barn and wide-open spaces. Three of her

four children are nearby, and her son bought the family home, so they continue to gather there for special occasions.

Now it is after Homecoming, and I had hoped to have more news for you after the weekend. However, COVID entered the picture and Jay got sick, so we had to miss our first Homecoming ever! He's fine now and we were able to watch on TV as the Tribe upset Delaware 27-21, so it was a great Homecoming game!

Keep in touch. It's so much fun to hear from everyone!

GO TRIBE!

1960 ☼

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I had a spare but rich response to calls for news this time around, and I am happy to share these with you.

Jim Ukrop '60, L.H.D. '99 reports: "**Bobbie Berkeley Ukrop '61** and I have graduated to the 'old folks home' (Westminster Canterbury). We both are challenged with the typical things that come from old age. However, we are really excited about the leadership at the College with Katherine Rowe as president, Brian Mann as athletic director, **Matthew Lambert '99** in charge of fundraising and Todd Mooradian as our new business school dean. We can all be proud that William & Mary is ranked 41st in the nation among all colleges and universities."

Dick Neely sent a delightful note: "I am now 84, like many of you. Growing old is not for sissies. I have turned completely gray except for my hair, which is white and has the look and feel of laundry lint. What's left badly needs a haircut and my skin needs

pressing too. I've shrunk 3 inches; am going deaf in one ear, but still have all of my most important teeth. I am in very good health, have lots of energy and feel I can do anything I damn well please ... actually doing it is another story. Also, there are times when I get confused. Lastly, I read where those who keep on having birthdays live longer ... that's my plan."

Ralph Crutchfield sent what might be the most succinct summary of 60 years: "I am up here in Boulder, Colorado, enjoying time with the kids and grandkids in the Rockies. Some of the kids are here and some in Oregon. Since college: military, airborne, ranger, flight and Heidelberg, Germany. Then grad school at Oxford and Columbia. In business and a member of the State Bar in the Southeast for years. Now retired and traveling some with the family. One grandkid now in Peru and Patagonia as part of college. How times have changed!"

But **Ken Rice** still holds the trophy for the class of '60 golf-devotion award. First the backswing: "Kay and I attended our first University of Charlotte football game against William & Mary here in Charlotte on Sept. 2, and we had a great time. Our hosts were great, the tailgating was fabulous, and it is always good to win on the road." Then the downswing: "Sept. 5 was Kay's birthday, and we were leaving our retirement apartment to celebrate at our favorite restaurant when Kay noticed I was not making sense (most times it is hard to tell). She rushed me to the hospital (I will do anything to get out of paying for an expensive dinner) where I was diagnosed with a seizure. Later that evening, I was beginning to make more sense, and after a series of tests I was released the next day." And finally, the follow through: "I was back on the golf course

the next day and feeling fine but on yet another medication. I still owe Kay a birthday dinner."

1961 ☼

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From **Paul Verkuil '66, D.P.S. '17**: Judy and I are thrilled by the arrival of our new grandson, Ari Nijelow, now 2 months old and living with his parents, Alex and Ioanna, in New York City's West Village. We are also going on another W&M alumni trip to Sicily after doing Tahiti in the spring. Oddly, we seem to be the only W&M couple doing so this time, but we are very excited about this visit to that amazing island. We are also attending the inauguration of Liz Magill as the new president of Penn; she is an old friend with University of Virginia ties. Judy will, of course, be welcoming her successor and I will be marching in the procession representing W&M, second in line to Harvard, as always.

Don Weissman writes: I substitute teach at the local high schools, filling in where needed. What a treat! The curriculum and level of study is much more complex than when we were in school. On the other hand, student computer and smartphone use (either welcomed or unauthorized) is ubiquitous. And I cook: breads, pies, cookies, roasts, pizza, soufflés, scones, jams, jellies, etc., and share all with our friends and acquaintances. My W&M hoodies and T-shirts are getting a bit faded from constant use. It is time to get new ones. And, always proud to bump into Atlanta-area W&M graduates and friends.

Allan Brownfeld '61, B.C.L. '64 is going to

spend Thanksgiving and most of November visiting his son Peter in Italy, where he is a diplomat. That gives him a chance to spend time with his four grandchildren there, visit their athletic events and musical performances. He is busy with writing and plans to do some columns about Italy's recent election. He also does a regular article for the Washington Report on Middle East Affairs. His son **Burke Brownfeld '04** has been in the news. He and a colleague have developed a program called Guardian Score to improve police-community relations by giving citizens an opportunity to rate their interactions with the police. The Washington Post did a story about this and it is now being tested in Alexandria, Warrenton and Front Royal, Virginia, as well as in jurisdictions in New York, Pennsylvania and California. Burke was employed by the William & Mary Police Department as a student. After college, he was a police officer in Alexandria for six years. He was then in charge of security for the U.S. Peace Corps in South America and the Caribbean and served as director of security for the Organization of American States and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, known as the Metro.

Dottie Nowland Gabig wrote about Homecoming & Reunion Weekend: **Sam Sadler '64, M.Ed. '71** was the speaker at the Olde Guard Brunch and entertained us with tales of being dean of students! Many brought back memories of our days as students. Even Panty Raids seemed to have been an issue under him! After 41 years with the College, he rightly deserves a student center named after him!

We attended the moving memorial service for the five Sigma Nus recently lost: **Wayne "Cheeko" Cheek, Jim Porach, Mike McCall,**

Chuck Harris and **Fred Clayton. Dave Fiscella** and his wife, **Judy Trimm Fiscella '62**, and sons presented a lovely tribute to all the Sigma Nus.

Many Sigma Nus and former football players attended: **Bob Stoy '61, M.Ed. '65, Dave Gatti '62, Doc Comegys, Wayne Woolwine** and **Ira Lebenson.** Barbara Porach, Jim's wife, and family were there to pay tribute, as was **Al Owens '61, B.C.L. '63.**

Other classmates who attended were **Sue Moyer Hardage** and **Bob Hardage '58, Bobbie Berkeley Ukrop** and **Jim Ukrop '60, L.H.D. '89, Pris Edwards Howard, Fran McLean, Liz Rader O'Neill, Dottie Nowland Gabig, Lee Bowman** and **Donna Cavish McCollough '62.**

At the Sunset Ceremony on Friday evening in the Wren Courtyard, tribute was made to the more than 400 alumni and friends who died this past year. Among them from our class were **David Marshall Barry, George Chapman, Dorothy Sapoch Clayton, Samuel Johnson, W. Irby Moncure, Patricia Smith Pheris, Carolyn Washer Rubin, Elizabeth Humrick-house Secules, David Slayback** and **Richard Streen.**

1962 ☼

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Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2022 has come and gone. We want to thank **Patty Bayliss Owens** for spending her time and energy putting together a 60th reunion for the Class of 1962. Patty deserves a round of applause from all of us for her hard work. Thank you

again from all of us. A job well done!

There were many wonderful activities and occasions to relish. The W&M football game was great. W&M (No. 16) vs. Delaware (No. 6) turned into a W&M victory of 27-21. There is nothing like a win on Homecoming. The only event that was disappointing was that the parade was canceled. The weather for the weekend was perfect. It was sunny and fallish.

Heard from **Linda Lester Hagen**, who flew in from the state of Washington. She met up with **Billie Barnes Isenberg** in North Carolina and with Billie's daughter drove over to Williamsburg, where they met up with **Jackie Fleming**. Many Gamma Phi's could not attend due to their husbands being unable to travel.

Stuart Richardson Dopp and **Danny Dopp** live in Williamsburg, so they were there. They do a lot of work for the College during the year.

If you went to Homecoming, drop me an email or snail mail telling me about your experiences.

1963 ☼

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I received an email from **Joe Cunningham** catching up on what he has been doing. After graduating from William & Mary, he went to The Ohio State University College of Medicine. He interned at Memorial-Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhasset, New York. His surgical residency in Ohio was interrupted by a year in Vietnam with the Navy and a year in California, also with the Navy. Next was Hawaii with the Kona Medical Associates, followed by South Carolina with Judy, the mother of their

three children, where he practiced general surgery. Now that he has retired from surgery, he works part time as a provider at South Carolina's DoctorsCare, an urgent care conglomerate. It sounds like he has taken up golf and is "tearing down an old wooden downtown house" in Aiken, South Carolina. He sends hello to all of us.

I am glad to hear from Joe because that's it for news of other classmates. You can take this as a Big Hint that I'd love to hear from you!

1964 ☼

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Happy 80th birthday once again to all our Class of 1964. We've come a long way. As **Milton "Bucky" Reigelman** and **Sandy Dail Reigelman** said, "We're still vertical and kicking in Danville, Kentucky ... though not as many high kicks." Bucky thought he'd kept his 80th birthday a secret from the group he and Sandy were leading through Ireland on a Centre College alumni trip ... until their alumni group and all 200 others gathered for an evening of Irish song and dance in Dublin's The Merry Ploughboy Irish Music Pub burst into "Happy Birthday." A few months later, Sandy was similarly caught completely off guard by their family of 12 and other friends who secretly assembled in a historic Hermitage Farm thoroughbred horse barn outside Louisville that was recently turned into the farm-to-table Barn8 Farm Restaurant & Bourbon Bar.

Dick Goodwin says, "We were in Annapolis for my '60th+2' high school reunion, visited grandchildren in Wilmington, North Carolina, then celebrat-

ed our anniversary at the Grand Canyon. We have taken several trips to Napa to support the wine industry. Our Japan family got to visit us in August and were joined by our family from Portland, Oregon. We had six of the nine grandchildren on and off most of August. In the fall, we visited Japan and Korea. I was stationed in Korea from 1965-66 as an infantry officer inside and near the Demilitarized Zone."

Lucy Hummer

Richards shares: "With the worst of COVID-19 behind us, traveling was on my agenda again. First was a circumnavigation of Iceland, watching beluga whales and polar bears in Hudson Bay, then a 24-day Northwest Passage cruise from Nome, Alaska, to Halifax, Nova Scotia, with stops in isolated Inuit villages and Greenland. The tours were great, but dealing with understaffed airports and airlines was not."

Vee Jones Davis:

"I just got back from a reunion of the 1964 W&M Alpha Chi Omegas in Arlington, Virginia. Joining me and touring Washington, D.C., were: **Gail Blake Wright**, **Peggy Brown McMaster '64, M.Ed.** '77, **Ed.D. '05, Mikey Cloney**, **Joyce Dooley Ikenberry**, **Francine Fowler Handy** and **Julie Johnstone Estes**. Joining the sisters were Guy Davis, **Lenny McMaster '64, J.D. '76**, **Ike Ikenberry '63** and Harry Wright. It was so much fun to reminisce about college days and catch up with what's going on in our lives." Gail has shared their Reunion Diary. Vee sent a front-page Richmond Times-Dispatch article about **Jim Holdren**. Jim is quite a legend in Virginia as a winning cross-country/track coach. Guy has breakfast every Saturday morning with Jim and several other retired coaches, athletics directors and sports enthusiasts — the ROMEOS (Retired Old

Men Eating Out). Jim (age 81) is retired from teaching, but not from coaching. See the Alpha Chi Omega Reunion Diary as well as a link to the Holdren article in our 1964 Class Notes online (magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1964).

Lee Marinelli: "I'm the ghost of the Class of 1964. I bussed tables in the cafeteria my sophomore year, 1961-1962, and waited on the athletes training table my junior year, 1962-1963. I was friends with many of the football and basketball players from that year onward, and was the cashier in the Wigwam my senior year, 1963-1964. I attended and graduated from Vanderbilt Law School after W&M. I fondly remember being on Professor Don McConkey's 1960-1964 debate team with **Tony Steinmeyer** and we both participated in W&M's ROTC program during those years. Both Tony and I served as officers in the Army during the Vietnam conflict, and both of us worked as attorneys in the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington. I have lived in the Greenville-Greer-Spartanburg area of South Carolina for 20 years. I live with two cats and two border collies. Now retired, I'm into chess and photography as hobbies. I take classes in photography through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Furman University in Greenville."

Gretchen Scherer Israel and her husband, **Fielder**, write about recent lunch gatherings in Leesburg, Virginia, to celebrate 80th birthdays with **Bobbie Mulcahey Frazier** and her son, **Kip**, and **Ginnie Peirce Volkman** and **Al**. In September, Gretchen and Fielder were with **Claudy Tucker Barnes** on the boardwalk at Virginia Beach, where they had a serendipitous encounter with **Penny Sanders Buck '65** and her husband, **Jim**. Gretchen and Penny hadn't seen each other in 58 years and still

recognized each other! They even braved the Virginia Beach surf while their husbands looked on. Turning 80 and encountering friends along the way is more fun. Vive octogenarians!

On our way to North Carolina's Outer Banks last summer, we (Ginnie and family) stayed in one of the Colonial houses in Williamsburg. I took my granddaughter, **Zoe**, on a tour of the W&M campus — the Wren Building, where I had my freshman English class, and especially the Crim Dell bridge, our class gift. And then we saw **Sam Sadler '64, M.Ed. '71** ... wow, has he grown over the years! No, not you Sam. You look remarkably the same. It was the Sadler Center that has expanded to service a huge variety of student needs, including the new Campus Living Center. Sam spoke about "A Journey of 41 Years: A Dean's Life From Behind the Scenes" at the Olde Guard Brunch during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend.

Here's a lasting thought from Bucky and Sandy: "Stay positive and test negative."

1965 ☼

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What does retirement look like?

Howard Busbee '65, J.D. '67, M.L.T. '68, L.H.D. '22 tells us that he failed retirement, but his failure is a win for the College! Howard served as the interim CEO of the W&M Alumni Association since last August, while a national search for the next permanent CEO took

place. He found this an “enjoyable slice of time at the Alumni House and beyond!”

From the sound of it, retirement for **Mike Sopchak** and **Dickey Barron Sopchak '67** meant eating their way across the south of France on the “Gastronomad Provence Rose Experience.” They visited a winery and an olive farm, went truffle hunting and had four-star chefs fix them wonderful meals. Mike highly recommends this trip to everyone, and offers another tip — flying “La Compagnie” — a small airline with comfortable seating and good food. (Good food on an airplane??? Didn't think they did that anymore!) Mike attended Homecoming & Reunion Weekend and looks forward to attending some Tribe Basketball games.

We know so many people who have retired to Williamsburg. Add Navy Capt. **Malcolm “Mick” Taylor Jr.** in Governor's Land to that list. He and his wife, Rita, have been there since his retirement from the Pentagon in 2014. They have 13 grandchildren scattered around the country. Mick wrote from Pensacola, Florida, where he had the honor of pinning his Navy “Wings of Gold” from 1966 onto his grandson at Naval Air Station Whiting Field. A proud grandparent moment for sure.

In September, **Ginny Blount Fluet** and **Barbara Wampler Melby** attended the second W&M Women's Weekend at the College. This is an exceptional weekend. The selection of speakers, sessions and tours was varied, interesting and educational. We were hosted by **Babs Lewis Korman '66** and Wonder Dog Swiffer in her home in Williamsburg (**Jim Korman** lives there, too, but he wasn't invited). It was reminiscent of the Tri Delt House with Babs, Gin and Barb, **Glenda Hudgins Anthony** and **Gail Morgan '66** hanging out but not studying.

It was good to hear from **Bonnie Cheshire Greenwalt**, another one we can't put in the retirement column as she continues to be a Realtor in Martinsburg, Virginia. She attended her Martinsville High School 60-plus reunion in September. As we reported in the last column, Bonnie lost her husband, Frank, in May 2022.

We lost another classmate, **Jay-Louise Weldon**, who passed away in September 2021 in Montclair, New Jersey, where she lived for 40 years. Our condolences to her family and friends.

Don't mean to end on a depressing note, but at our age (not fond of that phrase!) we are losing spouses, friends and even children. What this says to me is that we need to gather, connect and stay in touch as much as we can. Renewing old friendships at College functions like Homecoming, Women's Weekend, Olde Guard functions, sporting events, etc. are ways of doing this. Reading about each other's lives, while not as satisfactory as personal contact, is another way. This is a pretty shameless way to encourage you to send news to this column, but it's a thought from us to you. Gin and Barb are still well and have good lives. We hope the same for you and yours. Let us know. Until next time ...

1966 ☾

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Our classmate **Art Walsh '66, J.D. '73** passed away in June. Art and his brother, **Pat**, have been a major part of our years at the College. Deepest sympathy to all the Walsh family. **Pat** and **Marg Conn Walsh**, **Babs Lewis Korman** and **Jim Korman '65**

and **Mark Kay** and **Walt Wenk** sailed around Scotland and visited the northern islands in August with lots of stories about Arty to share.

Anne and **Phil Marsteller** attended his 60th reunion at Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania. Two grandchildren will be in France next year and Anne and Phil will visit. Horseback riding has been an important part of their lives, but after multiple injuries, Phil's leaving that to Anne.

Vic Bary and his wife spent 17 days in France, from Paris to Burgundy, and then south through Provence, ending in Nice. Included was a seven-day canal trip on a small barge.

Laurette Harvey moved to Bethesda and continues her work as a psychotherapist. Her son's family lives in Manhattan, Kansas, where they have a small organic farm — look up Piccalilli Farm.

Bob and **Martha Graham Orton** moved from Charlottesville to Falls Church and are new grandparents.

Boyd and **Pat Clark** traveled to the Pantanal wetland in Brazil, where they saw colorful birds, anteaters, tapirs and jaguars. They are now exploring campgrounds in the Southwest to get away from Denver winters.

Wilford Kale earned awards for his last two books and is now concentrating on freelance writing. His daughter, **Anne-Evan Williams** (Dean Lambert's granddaughter), was named headmaster of Wasatch Academy in Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

Last October, **Larry Court** and **Kathy Hill Court '67** moved from Annapolis to Katy, Texas, after 37 years! Larry has had major back realignment surgery and is recovering. Living with one of their sons is their version of assisted living.

Jeanne Weber Ringe found one positive in COVID-19. She connect-

ed with W&M friends of 60 years. The Zoomers included **Marjorie Rankin Peterson** (Williamsburg), **Nancy Combs Maffett** (Colorado Springs), **Bruce Edel Kakel** (Anchorage), **Chris Hunt Stack** (Port Washington, New York), **Mar-C Milona** (Roanoke, Virginia), **Brenda Robertson** (Rehoboth Beach, Delaware), and **Jeanne** in east Tennessee. All are retired, some are volunteering, playing pickleball, skiing, hiking, choir singing, dog training and traveling.

Jake Smith '66, J.D. '74 and **Ginger Graef Smith '69, M.Ed. '74** and daughters, **Jaclyn Smith '01** and **Allyson** went to Ginger's “new” niece's wedding with a large gathering of Ginger's birth family on hand. At Homecoming & Reunion Weekend they attended a “RE-HUD-DLE” commemorating the '67 defeat of Navy at the home of **Jim Barton '69**.

Gail Williams Wertz '66, M.A. '20 asked for a plug for W&M's GSAB — the Graduate Studies Advisory Board, www.wm.edu/as/graduate/about/gradadvisoryboard.

Pam Hurt Ferguson bought a condo in Greenville, South Carolina, near her son's family and to escape winters in Indianapolis.

From **Susan Embrey Coleman** a COOTS update (Chi Omegas on Tour). They took their 2020 delayed cruise on the *Harmony of the Seas* in the Caribbean. The cruisers this year were **Judy Hein Harrell**, **Alice Annon Miri**, **Sandy Odum Glennie**, **Mary Ellen Downing Gordon-Scudder** and **Susan**. Susan was relieved to get away from the chaos of Hurricane Ian in South Florida.

Elaine Neam Starace and **Ed** are off to Egypt.

Over Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, **Sandy** and **Keith Dauer** met with history department

members who have benefited from their research grant money. At Sandy's alma mater, Indiana State, their grant money is directed at students rather than faculty. Now off to Rome and a repositioning cruise to Tampa. **Betty Bishop Griffin '67, M.A.Ed. '73** and **Gene Griffin** enjoyed Betty's 55th reunion at the Alumni House.

Ruth and **Spencer Timm** live in Fort Myers, Florida, and Southborough, Massachusetts. After Hurricane Ian, their Florida condo was structurally sound but 8 feet of water in the garage has kept Spencer busy with residents and insurance companies as the association treasurer.

Judy Poarch Nance '69 and **Pete Nance** rented an 1824 captain's home in Greenport, Long Island, last summer and Pete can add expert oyster shucker to his accomplishments. They returned to their New York City apartment and are delighted to report that NYC is back!

Marilyn and **Dan Nase** are zip line junkies. For their 55th anniversary, they did their 22nd zip line adventure in Banning Mills, Georgia, the Flight of the Falcon, a quarter mile long reaching speeds of 75 miles an hour. They have one more to do — a zip line in a cave in Louisville, Kentucky. Health-wise things are getting better with Dan's second knee replacement, but his months long battle with shingles has him plugging the vaccine. Their Harvest of Life Spanish Bible Project shipped 2,000 Spanish Bibles to prisoners in 2021 with even more being delivered this year.

Bernie Leigg is working on a novel, “Robbie Leonard.”

Charles and **Nino Allen Shipp** are headed to England and Barcelona to see classic estates and artwork, as well as attend many choral performances.

Martha Wessells

Steger is writing an article on civil rights sites for Richmond Magazine and will receive an award from the National Federation of Press Women in Fargo, North Dakota.

And, after years of writing, editing and rewriting, **Grace “Gigi” Guinn Cramer ’66, M.F.A. ’67** has her book printed and available. “Miracle Warrior: Surviving a Shattered Life” was included in the W&M Alumni Magazine’s Summer 2022 Book Roundup. Gigi’s memoir tells the incredible story of a car accident that almost took her life and the resiliency with which she fought to stay alive. I just read a preview on the Amazon page and now I want to read more. Do check this out.

Sandy McNeill Kern ’68 and **Dave Kern ’66, M.Ed. ’68** are moving to a retirement community in Salisbury, North Carolina. They will still be living close to us, which is good. Downsizing is a bugger, though.

I just got a notification of the death of one of Dick’s fraternity brothers and classmates, **G. Bruce Taggart ’64** — affectionately known as The Buzzard.

Personally, we are now officially old — we just got a Handicapped placard for our car — damn!!!

1967 ☾

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Unfortunately our class continues to be affected by the Vietnam War. I have learned from **Carroll Darby Branyon ’68** that her husband, **Jim Branyon**, died as a result of exposure to Agent Orange while he was a combat medic in Vietnam. It was a long battle dealing with Parkinson’s disease and Lewy body dementia.

This is not an obituary, but you should know that Jim received a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star and ultimately gave his life for his service to our country.

Diane Giangrande Stallings retired from the National Park Service in 2003. She played in the percussion section of the Big Green Marching Band (aka Varner’s Raiders). Many years ago, she took up the French horn and has enjoyed playing in local community groups in the Newport News area.

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Bruce Oliver writes, “Homecoming was a huge success in October. There were ongoing events throughout the weekend. I had the honor to represent the Class of 1968 by emceeding the Olde Guard brunch and participating in the Sunset Ceremony. It was great to see so many of our classmates, including **Kathy Burge Callaway, Bob Cline, Ned Hopkins, Carol Figg Hopkins, Pam Goodrich Palmore ’68, M.A.Ed. ’74** (and her husband, **Fred Palmore ’67**), **Rose Gammon Garrett** (and her husband, **John Garrett ’67**), **Don Lillywhite, Ric Brown, Brian Shortell, Mike Madden, Midge Ernst Madden, Bob Shay, Judy Stratton Shay, Al Yates, Chip Young, Terry O’Toole ’68, C.A.S.E. ’78, Ed.D. ’82, Bob Gadkowski, Greg Jennings, Lyle Bagley, Art Louise, Scott Langhorst, Don Freeman and Ed Weisberg ’69**.

“Kathy and Bruce will be working with a committee to plan our 55th reunion, which will occur at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2023. Our

50th reunion set all kinds of records and we hope to have a new record, the largest turnout for a 55th reunion ever! More details will be shared in the Class of 1968 updates that will be sent periodically to all our classmates with more specific details when they are available. If you are not receiving our updates, contact Bruce at bruceoliver1968@gmail.com and he will check to make sure your current email address is in the database.”

Gail Gates Womble ’70 wrote, “It’s with great sadness that I’d like to report the passing of my husband, **Ben Womble**, on Oct. 1, 2022.”

If you have a special memory of Ben, please send a note to Gail recalling it.

In February 2022, the William & Mary School of Education unveiled a new installation in the school building honoring trailblazers who broke barriers at the university within the field of education and opened doors for generations of future educators. Among the three inaugural honorees on the Trailblazers Wall is **Jo Lynne Stancil DeMary ’68, Ed.D. ’82**. Photos and biographies are now displayed in the front hallway of the school building. Additional trailblazers will be identified and celebrated annually.

Dee Joyce-Hayes writes from Lexington, Virginia: “**Bari Hodge Bienia** and her husband, **Richard, Linell Broecker, Sue Stephenson Walden, and Jenny Kerns-Windsor** and her husband, **Bob**, gathered at our house on March 17 to honor the St. Patrick’s Day birthday babies, **Linell and Sue**. In addition, although **Judy Stratton Shay** and **Bob Shay** were not able to join us, we toasted Judy as our third St. Pat’s birthday baby. We celebrated five birthdays because both my husband, **Gary**, and **Jenny’s** husband, **Bob**, were also born in March. We decided that this definitely must be an

annual gathering, not only to celebrate the birthdays, but also to celebrate these friendships that began with our Kappa Alpha Theta Pledge Class in 1965 and have grown stronger!”

Robin Russell Gaiser contributes: “Staying home and safe has given me time to read voraciously in every possible genre plus take some more writing classes and seminars. Currently my writing is for fun with no goal of publication. After reading quite a bit of Southern Appalachian literature, I began creating “Haints” from many donations from friends’ junk drawers. Haint comes from haunt, a feared evil spirit or boogeyman. Haints can be the bad guys themselves or the thing that scares them away. I am making the latter. Haint blue is the color you often see on the ceilings of porches or shutters or steps in the South. Each of my Haints has a long carpentry nail painted Haint blue fashioned into the design. Once a couple people saw one, I was barraged with requests! Currently I am creating No. 63. Great fun and distraction! And all free! I am giving an Appalachian dulcimer lesson to one carefully vetted student and having a blast. Lessons can include weaving Bach with old fiddle tunes!”

Happy New Year! It’s plea time for news for 2023. Please plan to gather at Homecoming 2023, our 55th Homecoming & Reunion Weekend.

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Dear Friends:

Not a lot of current news, but happily, I have heard recently from **David Appler ’68** and **Phyllis Kline Appler ’69, M.A. ’74**, who, like

many of us, have had a year of family and travel. David is a trustee at their church and very active in the Lions Club, as well as still playing his trombone. Phyllis volunteers for the local food bank, remains very active in the General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC), serving now on their International Board, and at church. In June, she received a regional award from GFWC. She is also a trustee for Alvirne High School.

Also received a nice email from **Eric Assur**, who is enjoying retirement after a career in Northern Virginia justice and school administration. He and his wife traveled recently to Portugal, Spain and Germany. Eric does volunteer work for the Boy Scouts and adult education, while also doing contract work assisting in restorative justice programs for some teen offenders in Fairfax and mentoring future Supreme Court mediators. He and his wife also enjoy their cabin in Luray. In the fall, he plans to participate in the Senior Olympics and continue taking classes at George Mason University.

Another NOVA classmate is **Michael Lubeley ’69, J.D. ’72**, who was a finalist for the Charles J. Colgan Visionary Award in 2022 — an annual award given by the Prince William Chamber of Commerce to recognize business leaders in innovation, community involvement and leadership of the business community. They called Mike “one of Northern Virginia’s more recognizable land use attorneys ... an expert in zoning, land use, commercial real estate and business law and ... at the forefront of numerous controversial and successful rezonings.” In addition to his law practice, he has taught real estate at Northern Virginia Community College, and for the Virginia Farm and Land Institute. Congratulations, Mike!

I received word this week that the College has established a “new and

unique Archive of American LGBTQ Political and Legal History” in memory of **John Boswell**. Former William & Mary Rector **Jeff Trammell '73** donated his collection of materials related to efforts to achieve nondiscrimination policies and domestic partner benefits in Virginia, and the Mattachine Society of Washington, D.C., donated its collection, which focuses on the history of federal discrimination against LGBTQ civilian employees and military personnel. “We are excited that this unique archive at Swem Library should attract similar collections to document this important era in American history,” said Charles Francis, co-founder of the Mattachine collection with **Pate Felts M.B.A. '78**.

Since this was not a reunion year for us, the turnout at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend was modest. Fortunately, we have a large contingent of Williamsburg retirees. Most of the news I got there was of the bad kind. We have lost seven more classmates:

Clifford Lindsay, a chemistry major with a Ph.D. in mining engineering. He spent 50 years mapping the caves in Virginia and West Virginia and was a life member of the National Speleological Society and a founding member and director of the West Virginia Cave Conservancy. His book on West Virginia caves will be published soon.

Curt Lowe, a history major with a Ph.D. from Emory University. Curt taught at Auburn and Marshall universities and Black Hawk College before settling at Mount St. Clare College/Ashford University, where he taught and retired as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. An avid sports fan, he traveled frequently to Europe with his late wife, **Flora Stith Lowe**.

Nancy Hulse Oliver spent 32 years as a teacher, counselor and guidance director in Fairfax County.

She and **Bruce Oliver '68** have long been stalwarts of alumni events.

William Price, a finance major, spent his business career with Interbake Foods, after serving for six years in the National Guard.

Susan Moncol Ryan, who earned an advanced degree in clinical and school psychology, worked in the North Carolina school systems her whole career and was active in her church.

Sandra Skeen Spengeman '69, M.A. '72, an ancient languages major, was another educator who spent her career in Franklin, Virginia, where she taught Latin and was active in the Junior Classical League.

Douglas Volz spent his career in human resources with Haynes Hosiery and then Sara Lee Corp. At his core, he was a people person “who enjoyed a good meal and a fine glass of wine” with friends.

Our condolences to all the families, especially **Don Spengeman '69, M.Ed. '71** and **Bruce Oliver**.

Sooooooooo, please drop me an email, send a letter, or put a note in a bottle. News is scarce, but I am sure that we are all doing new and interesting things in retirement. Milton and I are well, though not as busy as pre-pandemic. The garden and painting take most of my time and a new-to-us beagle mix is keeping Milton busy.

Hope 2023 will be a good year for us all, and that I will at least see you in 2024 for our 55th reunion — yikes!

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Thank you, **Ron Stewart** and **Susie Smith Stewart '69, M.A.Ed. '72**, for answering my plea for

news from Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2022!

“We attended the Sunset Ceremony with lots of family members on Friday evening to honor my sister-in-law, **Anne Bradstreet Smith '68**, who passed away in December 2021. I saw very few of our classmates there, but did see **Herb Armstrong '70, Ed.S. '89** from a distance. As always, a well done ceremony. Saturday was a gorgeous day for Tribe football and the Tribe did not disappoint, having us hold our breath to the very last play winning 27-21 over Delaware! A hard-fought game and a well-earned victory, adding to the Tribe’s record-setting season ... Our very happy news is the addition of our third grandchild and the first girl. Hannah Page Bowder, the second child of our daughter, **Megan Stewart Bowder '98**, was born here in Williamsburg on Sept. 30, 2022. Susie was with our daughter in the delivery room and got to cut the cord. Dad Andrew Bowder is a pilot for NetJets and was heading home from his normal flight schedule. He arrived shortly after to hold his 3-hour-old daughter! Susie and I just love to hold and squeeze her!”

Many of you have enjoyed Zoom meetings with classmates. Please send Zoom news/general news/whereabouts/travel experiences/retirements/sorority centennials/updates to Class of 1970 Colonial ReEcho (50th reunion), etc. for my next column!!! And Herb ... how was the Pi Lam annual 2022 Homecoming Reunion?

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Not many of our classmates were registered attendees at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend in

October, including your reporters. It may be that we were still exhausted from a wonderful Traditions Weekend in April. However, we did enlist **Kathy Plasmati Baldwin** and **Jim Baldwin '70** to give us a report. Kathy described the weekend as wonderful, with perfect weather for a walk around campus and said the Hearth: Memorial to the Enslaved is “awesome.” The memorial resembles a fireplace hearth and is located between the Brafferton and Ewell Hall near the Wren Building. Kathy also attended the Saturday morning Presidential Conversation: Democracy and the Media that featured four young alumni who are working in various media outlets covering Russia and Ukraine, and was very impressed. At this writing, Tribe Football looks to be on the upswing. Jim reported a great Homecoming win against formerly undefeated Delaware.

Lynn F. Briley '71, D.Sc. '18, Janet Brown Strafer '71, M.Ed. '77, D.Sc. '18 and **Karen O. Ely '71, D.Sc. '18** — also known as the Legacy Three — were the first Black undergraduate students to live in residential halls and take full advantage of campus facilities and offerings. All three attended William & Mary’s first Black Alumni Reunion, held in May. Following remarks made by the Hon. **Birdie Hairston Jamison '79, J.D. '82** and W&M Chief Diversity Officer **Fanchon “Chon” Glover M.Ed. '99, Ed.D. '06, Hulon L. Willis Jr. '77**, the son of the late **Hulon L. Willis Sr. M.Ed. '56**, launched a string of commitments, raising \$30,000 in pledges for the National Pan-Hellenic Council garden. To read more, visit magazine.wm.edu/first-black-alumni-reunion.

We heard from **John Hempel** with some interesting news of his restoration project of Schwix-on, or Schwab-Dixon, the former mansion of a

Pittsburgh steel magnate. A section of the mansion was used as one of many settings in the Lee Daniels supernatural film “The Deliverance.” The cast included College alumna **Glenn Close '74, D.A. '89**. Unfortunately, John never had the pleasure of meeting her.

Received the following email from my JBT next-door neighbor, **John Coffey**, detailing his life after the College: “I was such an underachiever at William & Mary that I drove a Colonial Williamsburg tour bus past my graduation in Wren Courtyard. Shortly after, I got a first gig playing drums full time and I went on to play music for a living for 17 years, mostly living out of a suitcase all those years.

“I discovered Pensacola, Florida, and the wonderful University of West Florida (UWF) when I came here to play a gig. When I finally got off the road, I settled here, finished a second bachelor’s and master’s in computer science and a doctorate in education with a computer science concentration.

“I was one of the first graduate students hired by the Institute for Human and Machine Cognition (IHMC, www.ihmc.us) where I worked for 15 years. When I finished my master’s, I was hired into a visiting instructor position at UWF, with half time for IHMC. After finishing my doctorate, I competed for and attained an assistant professor position at UWF. I made associate in four years and full professor five years later. After 30 years at UWF, I will finally retire at the end of 2022. In the words of the Grateful Dead — ‘What a long, strange trip it’s been.’”

Frances Jones Aylor had a book launch in Richmond in October. “Choosing Guilt” is her latest novel. It’s set in the Swiss Alps and is available online or in paperback.

Stay safe and healthy. Please write with your life stories and updates.

1972

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Autumn is arriving and the colors are beautiful. The world around us is in chaos but I'm hoping there are many things to keep us smiling.

Kudos to **Harry Cross**, the 2022 First Citizen of Suffolk, Virginia! This award was given by the Downtown and North Suffolk Rotary clubs to honor his years of service to the community, its youth, his church and local businesses. He has served as president of the Downtown Suffolk Rotary Club and held leadership positions at the local YMCA and the United Way. He volunteered at the Suffolk Literacy Council, was president of the Suffolk Tennis Association and the Suffolk Youth Athletic Association, and he has served in many leadership positions at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, where he has taught a Sunday School class for many years. Harry, you have certainly generously given your time in many ways, and this honor is well-deserved. As for everyday life, he was formerly a Navy flight officer and is now the owner/broker of Cross Realty with his son, Lee. His father started the business in 1953.

I want to share the sad news of the passing of two of our classmates—**Kemp-ton Shields** and **Sherry Neff Kerley**. Condolences to their families.

Hopefully you saw our online Class Notes in October (magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1972) that included the news from our 50th reunion. Thanks to everyone for being so nice and not running the other way when they saw me with my paper and pen in hand to get the latest news. Stay well and stay in touch!

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1973

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Greetings, fellow '73ers:

As I pen this missive, W&M fall sports are doing reasonably well with national rankings, such as football being in the top 15 of FCS after the victory over Delaware at Homecoming. The faculty and President Rowe appear to be having a crisis of confidence and the national political scene seems fraught with acrimony and extreme partisanship as we approach the 2022 midterm elections.

The Traditions Weekend for our 50th reunion celebration (seems like only yesterday we were sweltering in the Wren Courtyard), April 28-30, 2023, is developing into a jam-packed three-day toast to our durability, thanks to our 25-person steering committee and W&M staff, particularly Sarah Garrett and Rebecca Murray. Our class project/fundraising initiative is to promote enhanced funding for undergraduate internships and applied learning opportunities through an endowment with a starting nest egg of \$100,000, to be supplemented by us reaching our stretch goal of \$9.5 million by April 2023. This project aligns with the W&M Vision 2026 plan to provide funded internships or applied learning experiences for every undergraduate.

There are approximately 733-840 '73 grads, of whom 39% have been contributing to various W&M fundraising/endowment programs over the past 5-10 years. The '73 committee would like to hit at least 50% of our class making donations/pledges by March 2023 and reach the stretch goal mentioned above. Another 92 of us joining the money trail will make

a true statement and be on par with our other early '70s/50th reunion "cousins." Be sure to also participate in the content for our 2022/23 ReEcho print edition of where are we now and what did we look like then.

Mary Mann Smith, Barb Bounds Brown, Dede Miller Nelson and Lynda Butler have been working feverishly on our private W&M '73 Facebook page, which is where we can upload personal updates and up to 10 pictures that hopefully reflect the baby boomer evolution(?). Find it at facebook.com/groups/wm1973.

Learn more about our 50th reunion and how you can participate at traditionsweekend.wm.edu/50th-reunion.

In the more mundane world, **Bob Gottke** has been spending time in Italy, touring with his lovely wife, Michelle, when not quaffing a beer or two with about six other W&M graduates (whose names escape me) at a Charleston RiverDogs baseball game. W&M Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2022 saw at least the following of our "mates" in attendance — **Joanie Spiegel Wachter and Bruce Wachter, Mary Mann Smith, Scottie Noel Alley, Hilda Garrett, Terry Hughes Burrridge, Brian LaFerriere** and assorted Chi Omegas/Kappa Kappa Gammas and Tri Deltas for good measure.

Steve Snyder in the Middleton, Pennsylvania, area has been planting tree seedlings to become mighty oaks with his grandkids.

W&M Law School has three new portraits in the Deans Gallery, including our own Professor **Lynda Butler**. The Chancellor Professor of Law is the longest-serving female faculty member and was also interim dean in 2008-2009, vice dean for eight years and held numerous other positions. She has the distinction of being the

first woman to lead a law school in Virginia! Bravo!

Jeff Trammell, the high school Roundball All American from Blountstown, Florida, and W&M scholar-athlete as well as team captain, who also got a law degree from Florida State University, has been instrumental in setting up a new Archive of American LGBTQ Political and Legal History in Swem Library. Our former college rector, you may recall, had a long career on staff in the U.S. House and Senate offices, served as managing director at Hill & Knowlton and founded Trammell and Co., a Washington, D.C.-based public affairs firm which saw him working on three U.S. presidential campaigns — Gore, Kerry and Hillary Rodham Clinton. Jeff and his partner, Stuart Serkin, have been together since 1977 and were married by former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Quick segue to the W&M Hall of Fame, where the inductees for the Class of 2020 (COVID-19 delayed) included **Melinda "Mindy" Wolff '75**, who has continued to excel in U.S. Masters Swimming. Read more about her in our online Class Notes at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1973.

Ending on a somber note, the Herndon/Fairfax County school system lost a great teacher when, after a valiant three-year battle with the Big C, **Phyllis Rojko Pearce '74, M.Ed. '76** on Sept. 17, 2022, joined the choir of angels "upstairs." The 32-year Fairfax County schools veteran was also a field hockey coach in the county. Her husband, John, and her five siblings and various nieces and nephews, along with her faith in the Almighty, helped sustain her as she battled the scourge. Her dedication to teaching helped her keep her head up; this included giving her high school's 2022 graduation speech this past June. Colleagues describe her as unforget-

table and irreplaceable. She joined four others from our class — **John Bruce, Steven Glessner, Edward Martin** and **Michael S. Smith** — who passed away earlier in 2022.

I'm already over my quota for the winter 2023 issue, so remember April 28-30, 2023 — our Legacy Reunion! Please donate to our class project and let's get over 50% of us as contributors. Peace Out!

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Congratulations to **Steven Noll** on the book that he edited, "Writing for the Public Good," a collection of 100 opinion pieces by David R. Colburn and former U.S. Sen. Bob Graham of Florida. Spanning 30 years and addressing a wide variety of topics, these essays show the key role Florida has played in modern American life and politics.

Nancy Sloan Hamner and her husband, **Nat Hamner '75**, traveled to France in June, visiting Lyon, Annecy, Chamonix and Paris, and meeting some of their daughter's future in-laws. Their younger daughter, Annie, will be getting married in June 2023 in France. Their older daughter, Catherine, presented them with their first grandchild in September, a little girl they named Sloan.

Paul Wergley has been back in Virginia this past spring, reconnecting with old friends and playing music and singing at various locations in Virginia Beach. This season, he's in California, playing a regular Friday/Saturday gig at The Nest in Indian Wells, between Los Angeles and San Diego.

Dr. Susan Early Otero is no longer a

full-time reconstructive surgeon; she now works part-time doing wound care in nursing homes. Since she loves wound care and old people, this is a perfect job for her. "Plus no nights, no call, and no weekends!" she writes. She lives in an old Victorian farmhouse on the Rappahannock River in Virginia's Northern Neck, which she is in the process of renovating. Susan's husband, Pablo, passed away from cancer 10 years ago. Their oldest son, also named Pablo, **Pablo Otero M.B.A. '17**, graduated from W&M and works for Freddie Mac. Another son, Luis, works for Sherwin-Williams; their daughter, Elisa, works for Disney. Susan is looking forward to the annual girls' get-together she takes with **Sarah Beeler Hudson, Barb Rambo, Carse Weber and Kathy McMullan**. They've had fun in years past sailing in the British Virgin Islands and hiking along the Continental Divide. This year, the trip's closer to home in Washington, D.C.

Sarah Beeler Hudson and **Mike Hudson** are proud grandparents of a little boy named Fields. Sarah has been involved in the Master Gardener program for the past few years, so she spends a lot of time with her "dirt therapy." The Hudsons live in Charlottesville, Virginia. **Carse Weber** retired from her job as assistant provost at Bryant University near Providence, Rhode Island. She and her husband, Bill, moved to the North Carolina coast, where boating is practically a religion. Dr. **Kathy McMullan** lives outside Denver with her husband, Mike, enjoying retirement. Kathy recently returned from a long trip to Scotland with their daughter Sadie (visiting her Scottish heritage, I presume?). **Barb Rambo** and her husband, Tom, divide their time between houses in San Francisco and Arlington, Virginia, and her farm in the

Berkshires. They are also enjoying grandparenthood. Their son Scott is a pilot with the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels; son Stuart works in advertising in San Francisco.

I was sad to learn of the death of **Phyllis Rojko Pearce '74, M.Ed. '76** in September after a six-year battle with cancer. Phyllis earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from W&M, where she also excelled in sports, particularly field hockey and lacrosse. She dedicated 32 years of her life to teaching special education students at Herndon High School in Northern Virginia, where she also coached the women's field hockey team. She achieved national board certification for her teaching in 2002 and maintained that certification up until her death. Phyllis met her husband, John, at a prayer group meeting. They shared a strong faith and enjoyed traveling, playing cards with friends and attending sporting events together.

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Mindy Wolff was inducted into the W&M Athletics Hall of Fame in September 2022! Mindy was a swim team champion and two-time All American, holding state records for the 50-meter and 100-meter breaststroke. She competed in the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women national meet each of her last three years at W&M. As a U.S. Masters swimmer, she was No. 1 in six individual events, holding two national records in her respective age group between 2005 and 2019. For a complete and inspiring account of Mindy's amazing career

and incredible achievements, go to tribeathletics.com/honors/hall-of-fame/mindy-wolff/424. Cheering her on at the induction ceremony were her husband, Ed Greer, and classmates **Marilyn Ward Midyette** and **Payne Midyette, Lynn Melzer Dillon, Lynne Shackelford, Barb Ramsey, Leslie Scent Kniceley and Pat Ferguson Watkinson**. While **Mary Lou Giermak Nexsen** was not at the ceremony, Mindy also got to catch up with her that weekend. Besides sending me news about Mindy, Lynn happily reports that life has returned to a bit more normal with summer 2022 travels. She and **John Dillon** visited Lexington, Kentucky; Stone Harbor, New Jersey; North Carolina's Outer Banks and St. Michaels, Maryland.

Richard "Rick"

Johnson sent news of a whirlwind trip last spring visiting 10 national parks with classmates **Jon Jarvis** (former director of the National Park Service under former President Obama), **Randy Mayes, Bruce Pflaum and Dale Cropper**. They met in Utah, touring national parks and monuments, state parks and the Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park. Jon provided great insider knowledge from his days with the NPS. Along with incredible sights and experiences, they shared fond stories of W&M and lifelong friendships. Rick mentioned "fireworks wars" and cold beverages. Talk to Rick!

Another gathering occurred just after Labor Day when nine Pi Beta Phi met up in Sandbridge, Virginia Beach, for three great days of endless talks, walks, yoga, fun, food (including Frogmore stew, also known as a Lowcountry boil) and more celebrating of those lifelong friendships. There to celebrate getting together again in person after COVID-19 postponements were **Jean Berger Estes** (our gracious host!), **Melissa**

Wright Johnson, Jan Wampler Booker (our yoga teacher!), **Cathy Gonzales O'Kelly, Jan Rivero** (master chef behind the stew!), **Kathy Burke Dictor, Emily Davies '76, Sue Hanna Gerdelman '76** and me!

Jeff Doyle and his wife, Jane, made the decision to move into a retirement community last November, leaving the only house they've lived in for their 42 years together in Ithaca, New York. That has to be a record, Jeff, given most people's frequent moves through the years. It was hard to leave their home and gardens, but they took some of their prize plants to their new home. Their new community is said to have the second-best physics department in Ithaca ... lots of Cornell University faculty there! Jeff is still with Cornell in the Plant Breeding and Genetics Department and remains very active in research. His chairmanship of the department ended in 2020. Jeff's mother, 96, lives in Ithaca and Jane's father, 100, still lives on the Indiana farm where Jane was born.

Meredith Merritt continues her work as a writer, which includes the frustrating part — waiting for agents and publishers to respond! Current works in process include haiku, children's books about dragons and a poem.

Bruce Falk sent news of a great time at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend with classmates and friends: **Mike Madden '75, M.Ed. '77; Chris Jackson '77 and Jan Tomes Jackson '78; Steve Hendricks '77** and his wife, Cindy; **Andy Vanderhoof '77** and wife, Marie; **George Tsahakis '77** and **Gary Killmon '77**. Walks around DoG Street and a huge "W" for the Tribe, beating 5 & 0 Delaware, made for a great weekend.

Judith Baroody published her second book of short stories, "Paris Gold:

Ten Tales of Treasures Lost and Found." Fiction based on her travels around the world, it is laced with suspense and horror. Both this and her first book, "Casablanca Blue," are available on Amazon.

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Greetings, everyone! Hope you have thus far escaped any serious effects of COVID-19. Continue to be cautious as we inch our way toward Olde Guard status. Do you realize that it has been 50 years since we entered the world of self-determination, fraternity/sorority rush, steak nights at the Commons, movie nights at W&M Hall, class selection via the accumulation of key punch cards on the floor of W&M Hall, Big Green buses to JBT, weekly use of the campus laundry, deli sandwiches, eye-opening mid-terms, Southern Conference football games and many other freshman year memories? Did you attend your 50th year high school reunion? How was that? Hope you had a chance to renew some of those tight bonds you had in high school.

I heard this time around from a couple of people who hadn't been heard from in quite some time. Distance runner extraordinaire **Brendan Gallaher** wrote to say, "Since my retirement from global fund management in 2004, I have had fun investing in commercial and residential real estate and rare classic cars. I will have a car at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in August. We spend most of our time in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where we enjoy the peace and quiet. I still manage to run or bike every day, though at

a much slower pace than my W&M running days!" Good on ya, Brendan, for staying active. And **Jeff Sconyers** chimed in with the following update: "The University of Washington promoted me to teaching professor as of the 2021-2022 academic year; I've been teaching Health Policy Development, Ethical Issues in Health Services, and Critical Thinking in the UW Master of Health Administration program since 2012. On June 30, 2022, I retired, though I will continue to teach Critical Thinking for at least this 2022-2023 academic year. I was fortunate to receive 'emeritus' status following retirement, so I will get to keep my UW email address. I'm hoping in retirement to continue working to promote better cooperation and integration between public health and the health care delivery system, a need the last several years have made pretty apparent."

For the second year in a row, I participated in the RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa) during the last week in July; a total of 460-plus miles over the course of seven days, of which I rode a shade over 275 miles. I was part of a group to which I was introduced several years ago by fellow Yates 3rd North denizen **Mark Bundick**, and Mark and I rode several of the course segments together this time. On College Jersey Day, we proudly displayed our W&M cycling jerseys and drew a few compliments from fellow riders. We didn't see any Harvard jerseys, so I think we can say we represented the oldest school in the ride, though we were far from the oldest people in the ride. Look for a photo in our online Class Notes.

Well gang, stay vigilant as the world begins to re-open. And if you have some news or some experiences you'd like to share, please drop me a line; the mill needs grist. Take care. Go Tribe!

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Dear Classmates,

Happy New Year! As we begin 2023, I urge you to reach out to one or more of the following classmates and friends who participated in last fall's 45th reunion during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend: **Nate Adams, Susan Anthony, George Coleman, Gail Borgatti Croall, David Croall, Katherine Eason, Jerrold Epstein, Alexandria Forte-Nijssen, Michael Gornicki, Nancy Carter Hammond, Debra Harrison '75, Craig Hoffman, David Hubbard, Christopher Jackson, Cynthia Bennett Jarboe, Douglas Jones, John Kroeger '77, J.D. '81, M.L.T. '82, Barbara Leary Jones, Gail Matthews '79, John McGrath, Patricia Giermak Millea, Deborah Davis Miller '77, M.Ed. '79, William Myers, Melinda Cox Nonnenmacher, Angela Briggs Overbey, Mark Palmer, Pamela Jordan Penny, Alan Pyle III, Ann Taylor Ruble, James Rutledge, Paul Sando, Bonita Saunders, Sandy Fuller Spicknall '77, M.B.A. '80, Margaret Rollins Stanton, Pat Steele, Anne Weekley Thompson, Stephen Turner, Andrew Vanderhoof, Priscilla Brown Knight Williams, Hulon Willis Jr., Richard Witty, Mark Woolley, Robert Wright** and David Wyatt.

From Oct. 6-9, 2022, we were offered an assortment of events connecting alumni and the university community together. I can't ask you enough to join classmates in five years for our 50th reunion in 2027!

My Homecoming photos and complete news can

be viewed on the W&M Alumni Magazine website, so visit magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1977 to see the full update.

For those wondering what there was to do, we exchanged fellowship, remembrances and shared values through special faculty and alumni presentations. At the Sunset Ceremony late Friday afternoon, we remembered the loss of William & Mary classmates who had died. That evening, my wife, Marinda, and I took our first ever sunset ferry ride to Surry, Virginia, to eat at a local seafood restaurant.

Art exhibits, music concerts, department open houses and receptions, and tailgates for special groups kept us involved. One-on-one reminiscences took place during Saturday afternoon class photos. (Be sure to check out our Class of '77 group photo at the above link.) Marinda and I were blessed to visit for the first time Hearth: Memorial to the Enslaved, which honors the people whom the university enslaved over the course of 172 years. Just a few steps away, I met a bride about to be married in the Wren Chapel and her wedding party, eagerly anticipating her new life with the blessings she had received at William & Mary.

Team spirit was encouraged with women's soccer on Thursday, women's basketball practice and men's basketball scrimmage Saturday morning, our Homecoming football game Saturday afternoon, and women's soccer and field hockey on Sunday. I confess I didn't attend every event and that's what made this weekend so special — you could pick and choose from engaging events while reacquainting classmates with news about our families and pursuits.

I had the opportunity to introduce my wife to my organic chemistry professor, Randy Coleman, at the chemistry department's open house.

He invited me to sign the special tribute the College gave him after teaching for 50 years. Afterward, Marinda and I got to ring the Wren Building's bell, after missing the opportunity to do so my senior year. Before the football game, I recorded a short message for the W&M Health and Wellness podcast "Ways to Flourish" for the university community.

Thanks to all our classmates who supported W&M's advancement and growth through the class giving campaign either in advance or during the weekend. Special thanks to our '77 Class Ambassadors Christopher Jackson and Andy Vanderhoof for helping engage classmates philanthropically and socially toward this aim. On Thursday afternoon, I met and took a photo with **Matthew T. Lambert '99**, vice president for university advancement, and Rebecca A. Murray, director of development operations and campaign planning.

The Homecoming football game delivered lots of excitement, with the Tribe assuring victory in the final seconds against the University of Delaware. For specific updates on classmates and photos, be sure to continue reading at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1977.

Send news of your life and know that we, the Class of '77, care.

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Congratulations to **Brian Morra**, whose book, "The Able Archers," won the 16th Annual National Indie Excellence Award for Best Military Fiction. As part of the W&M Writers of Washington series, Brian spoke about his novel in May

2022. The discussion focused on the writing process, the history of the Cold War period and connections to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Brian has been interviewed by CBS News Radio about his book and W&M Chancellor **Robert Gates '65, L.H.D. '98** (CIA deputy director for intelligence, 1982-1986; director of central intelligence, 1991-1993; U.S. secretary of defense, 2006-2011) described it thus: "While a gripping work of fiction, 'The Able Archers' is a powerful reminder of the value of human judgment and the continuing peril posed by nuclear armed powers." Find a link to the talk in our online class notes, magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1978.

Shari Slocum Casey wrote that she traveled on a "William & Mary Alumni Association-promoted Danube cruise." The cruise started in Budapest, Hungary, and included visits to Bratislava, Slovakia, Vienna and Melk, Austria, and culminated with visits to Passau, Salzburg, Oberammergau and Munich, Germany. At Oberammergau, she attended the "Passion Play" ("Oberammergauer Passionsspiele"), which has continued to be performed by the inhabitants of the village of Oberammergau in Bavaria, Germany, since 1634 to thank God for delivering their village from the plague. **Marilyn Ward Midyette '75**, leader of our W&M Alumni Association (who retired in August 2022) was also on the tour, helping to ensure that the event happened smoothly and enjoyably.

Congratulations to **Gray Oliver** on the publication of his collection of original poetry, "Walking in Williamsburg: A Life in Words."

Last June my husband, **Rick Smith**, and I gathered with several other W&M alumni and friends of newlyweds Doneva and **Hank Zimmerman** in Reva, Virginia, for a full day of music and celebra-

tion. Attendees included **Renee Van Denberghe Goode '83** and **Allen Goode, Jimmy Kruis, Sheryl Lukasik Bass** and **Robert Bass**, Fiona and **Rick Marquis**, Jami and **Jon Kaylor**, and Uva and **John Stanley '77**. We were treated to music by several bands and performers with connections to the bride and groom, including a set performed by **Paul Kruis '76** and one performed by The Currys (a great band based out of Charlottesville which included brothers Tommy and **Jimmy Curry '11** and their cousin **Galen Curry '08**. The party (or "mini-Woodstock" as we called it) was going strong well into the evening. Let's just say that age has not inhibited our dance moves!

If you haven't yet focused on it, Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2023 next October will be our 45th reunion! I will share that date as soon as it is available next year. It would be fantastic to have a strong showing from our class. Please mark the date on your calendar and spread the word. I hope to see you "walking in Williamsburg" and catch up in person!

Carpe Diem.

1979

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Lots of news to share this time, so here goes:

P. David Mozley has transitioned from professor of nuclear medicine in the Weill Medical College of Cornell University to chief medical officer of Radiopharm Theranostics Ltd., a biotech company developing novel treatments for cancer. He also celebrated his 35th wedding anniversary to Lyn Marie Harper Mozley this past year. Congratulations, David!

Nora Bentley Dz-

uban retired from an oncology specialty pharmaceutical sales position in 2019 and moved from Alexandria, Virginia, to St. James, North Carolina, where she and her husband, Bob, have settled into retirement life. Nora plays golf five days a week, and serves as an elder at her Presbyterian church, where she chairs the Adult Christian Education Committee. She indulges her creative side in a stained-glass mosaics class at the local community college. Bob also does volunteer work and plays "some golf." Their eldest son, Michael (Yale and Harvard Law), and his wife, **Allison Hutchings '09**, and their two children Henry (age 4) and Annie (age 1 1/2) live in Potomac, Maryland. Their son **Daniel Dziuban '11**, a graduate of Elon University School of Law, and his wife, Kati Ruark, live in Durham, North Carolina, and are expecting Nora's third grandchild in November. Their youngest son, **Matthew Dziuban '13**, and his wife, **Laura Brond Dziuban '13** (who is also a class reporter), live in Boston, where Matthew works as a senior software engineer. Nora's mom passed away in April 2021 at age 102. Besides missing her terribly, Nora has been busy settling her affairs as trustee of her estate. Nora and Bob traveled to Morocco with a W&M Alumni Journeys tour in 2020, arriving back in the U.S. three days before the Moroccan borders were closed due to COVID-19. Like many of us, they had to cancel a planned trip in 2021 — in their case to London and Southampton, England, to visit Nora's brother, **Russell Bentley '84**, and his wife. This year, they are planning a week with all their sons and their families in Bethany Beach, Delaware, and a trip to Positano, Italy.

In 2016, **Kyle Sonnenberg** and his wife, Mary, moved back to Southern Pines, North Carolina, where Kyle had

previously served as town manager for 16 years. Kyle is now retired, but Mary continues as president of the Partnership for Children of Cumberland County. Their son, Dr. **Eric Sonnenberg '09**, along with his wife and daughter, live nearby in Mebane, North Carolina. Kyle has kept busy with extensive renovations to their home, which sits on 7 acres where Kyle is developing "the garden of [his] dreams" and hosting tours for local garden clubs. Kyle is again serving as president of the regional land trust, having first served in that office 20 years ago. He recently led a successful effort to merge with a neighboring land trust, creating the second largest land trust in North Carolina. Kyle has also been serving on the boards of the local United Way and a local lecture series, was appointed by the governor to the North Carolina Zoo Council, and writes a public affairs column for his local newspaper. Prior to the pandemic, Kyle and Mary traveled to Tuscany, Italy, and took a golfing trip to Tasmania with their son and his wife. While in Australia, they visited with **Alan Kramer '78** and his wife, who live in Melbourne, where Alan works as an IT consultant. More recently, they attended the North American Rock Garden Society's annual conference, and traveled to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Kyle's parents temporarily moved in with them during the height of the pandemic. Sadly, Kyle's father, who struggled with dementia, passed away in January 2022. Kyle says he keeps up with **Shari Slocum Casey '78**, who, with her husband, has retired from London, England, to Woodstock, Vermont, where they enjoy long walks with their dog, trips across the U.S. in their camper, and travels to more exotic locales around the world.

Julie E. Williams '79 established the first

endowment supporting diversity efforts at W&M in honor of her family. The Hon. **Birdie Hairston Jamison '79, J.D. '82**, a retired judge in the Richmond, Virginia, General District Court, serves as the trustee for her estate. Judge Jamison was a speaker at William & Mary's first Black Alumni Reunion, held last May, which raised \$30,000 in donations for the National Pan-Hellenic Council Garden.

Mark Payne lives a little southeast of me in Temecula, California, where he is enjoying time with kids and grandkids, and wrote to say how much he enjoys reading what everyone has been up to and how important it is to stay connected over the years. Send me your news and let's keep the connection going!

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I hope everyone enjoyed the summer and maybe as I write this, you are just returning from Homecoming & Reunion Weekend and connecting with friends. Don't forget to drop me a note so that I can include your news in the next column. I thoroughly enjoy hearing from our classmates and reading all of your accomplishments and look forward to sharing your news.

I start off with some sad news. The celebrated **Dhanobroto Roy**, or Broto Roy, passed away in 2021. Dhanobroto was a tabla percussionist and composer and a master of genres from raga-jazz to Indian classical tabla to folk and Bengali soul. He appeared at the Kennedy Center's Eisenhower Theater, at the Reston Multicultural Festival and with the Dallas opera, to name but a few. Dhanobroto released many albums and believed that

music brought people and cultures together. He and his vision will be missed. Our condolences to the Roy family.

Shortly after the last column, I received word from **Cary Holladay** with news of her latest work. "Images of America: Glen Allen" was released by Arcadia Publishing on July 4. It is a pictorial history of a Richmond suburb with a rich past and wonderful future, as well as a personal connection for Cary. Glen Allen is where Cary spent part of her childhood and has wonderful memories of her time there. Glen Allen was founded in the early 1800s as a farming community and grew to become a popular vacation location by the late 19th century. Cary traces the growth of the town and then its rebirth and renewal in the 1980s as a thriving new cultural, recreational and tourism center. "Images of America: Glen Allen" is but the latest of Cary's published works. Cary was awarded the O. Henry Prize for her story "Merry-Go-Sorry" and received a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts. Congratulations on your latest book, Cary, and be sure to let us know of your next!

Lori Brown writes from the New Orleans area, where she and her husband, Tom, recently celebrated their 42nd anniversary and the baptism of their fifth grandchild, Addison. Lori and Tom's two sons, Tray and Matt, each live with their families close enough that Lori and Tom get to enjoy their five grandchildren almost every day. Thomas, the oldest is 6 and Elliot, Avery, Emma and Addison follow. They keep Lori and Tom young. Lori is the human resources director for Ochsner Health, a nonprofit health system in the Gulf region spanning from Lake Charles, Louisiana, to Alabama and from Shreveport to the Gulf. Lori specializes in the HR needs of the physicians

and advanced practice providers employed by Ochsner Health. Lori was looking forward to a reunion with her Phi Mu sisters in September as she wrote.

Over the summer, **Steve Trumbo** and his wife, **Sue Bodenheimer Trumbo '81**, also celebrated their 40th anniversary and welcomed their first grandchildren — identical twin girls, Elsie and Henny — born to their son Will and daughter-in-law, Amanda. The only problem is that the girls live in Colorado — not nearly close enough since Steve and Sue live in Cheshire, Connecticut! Steve and Sue also have two other sons, Keith, who just completed law school at the University of Connecticut, and Nate, who is working in Manhattan. Steve enjoys teaching and research in animal behavior at UConn-Waterbury and Sue is a personal assistant for elderly clients.

That's about all the news I have for now. Do drop me a note with news from Homecoming or any recent events in your life. Thanks for remembering me! Take care and be well.

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Hello again 1981ers,

I hope this update finds you all well and enjoying the winter.

We received two updates from our classmates this time around.

The first is from **Dave Fulford '81**. After graduating from William & Mary, Dave started his Ph.D. program at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine (formerly the Medical College of Virginia) in Richmond that summer. He completed the program and graduated with a Ph.D. in microbiology in 1985.

The next step was a post-doctoral position at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut. There, he worked on a research project investigating the role of complement and the inflammatory process leading to periodontal disease. After two years, he moved on to a teaching position at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, where he taught courses in general biology, human biology, microbiology, immunology and virology for 35 years. Dave also directed a number of master's degree students and worked on several small research projects looking into the prevalence of Lyme disease bacteria in mice on Presque Isle State Park in Erie, Pennsylvania, and the use of radiant catalytic ionization to kill bacteria on a variety of contaminated surfaces. This June, he retired from the university.

Along with his teaching career, he went back to school at the Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania School for Ministry, and upon completion of that program and the Education for Ministry program from Seawane: The University of the South, he was ordained as a deacon in 1995 and, one year later, as a priest. Following his ordination, he was installed as the vicar of St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church in Edinboro, Pennsylvania, where he is still serving the congregation. Dave is continuing his work with the Edinboro Campus Ministry Cooperative, which provides pastoral care for the university students, faculty and staff.

Since coming to northwestern Pennsylvania, Dave has pursued a variety of activities, including canoeing, camping, hunting, hiking, fishing, biking and photography, as well as hobbies such as fly tying, knitting and crocheting. He is a 35-year member of Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons (AF&AM) in Pla-

inville, Connecticut, and a member of Oasis Lodge No. 416 Free & Accepted Masons (F&AM) in Edinboro, Pennsylvania.

Thanks for the great update, Dave — and congrats on all of your accomplishments.

We also got a second update that our classmate **W. Jeff Barnes '81, J.D. '86** recently published his first novel, "Mingo," a tale of two brothers on opposite sides of the 1921 West Virginia coal mine wars. It's a great read and has been well received, including recently being nominated for a Readers Favorite award. More info on the book can be found at <https://wjefbarnes.com/>.

Thanks for all the good info — and keep the news coming.

Go Tribe!
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Hi everyone! It is October as I write this. We had a very busy summer and I missed submitting the fall column. My apologies! I also missed our 40th Homecoming & Reunion Weekend this month and all the great news I might have heard by attending! Like many of you, we are empty nesters now and traveling a fair amount. This summer, we spent several weeks in Italy, and this fall we had a lovely time in Canada. Still wish I saw more of all of you!

We also spent some time this summer and fall visiting the kids — Nick just started his second year at the University of Southern California getting his MBA and enjoying all that Los Angeles and Santa Monica have to offer; Noah is working for Smith + Nephew in Memphis, Tennessee, in supply chain; and Olivia just

started her third year at the University of Virginia, where she is interviewing like crazy for summer internships in consulting. While moving Olivia into the sorority house at UVA, we hit bad weather on the return flight and ended up having to spend the night in Richmond. It was a lovely excuse to meet up with **Diane Ratchford Murray** and Bob Murray. Diane looks terrific. She is very involved in the care of her mother. I know that many of us find ourselves in the position of taking care of aging parents — hopefully we can do it with half the grace of Diane.

On a somber note, **John Sullivan** sent notice that his wife, Anita Adams Sullivan, passed away after a long battle with cancer. We send our thoughts and prayers your way, John.

Congratulations are due to **Nancy Jear Waples** on her appointment by Vermont Gov. Phil Scott to the state's Supreme Court. She is the first woman of color to serve on Vermont's top court. Well done, Nancy!!

This weekend, I look forward to attending the wedding of **Beth Alford Wolfe's** daughter, Patrice! It will be a very happy affair. Patrice and her fiancé, Matt, live in Charleston, South Carolina, where Patrice teaches science. So excited for both of them and their families!

That's all of the news I have! Chances are, YOU attended Homecoming and are BRIMMING with news of our classmates! I am here to unburden you! Send all of your updates my way and I'll share them with our class! Take care, all!

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Make sure to read our online Class Notes at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1983 for more! Starting with a plug for the Society of 1918 (W&M's women's giving society) and the fun-filled festivities during W&M Women's Weekend on campus in September. I attended along with **Nancy Cote Kane '84**, **Lois Peterson '81** and **Catherine Watkins '05**, who all serve on the Annual Giving Board. Val Cushman and her team do an amazing job with all the 1918 events. **Janet Atwater '84** is the chair of the steering committee and a natural leader who makes everything funnier. Classmates on the steering committee of the Society of 1918 are **Cyndy Huddleston '83**, **M.Ed. '86** and **Christie Baty Hudgins**. Other classmates in attendance were **Colleen Lierz Drummond** and **Beth Sala Covin**. Here's a Hail Mary: I met a woman from the Class of '88 and we sat together at a table. We had a great conversation and promised to stay in touch. But, alas, I cannot remember her name, even though we shared contact info. We were going to trade names of books we enjoyed reading. If you read this, please shoot me an email.

In other news, the Williamsburg-Peninsula Alumni Chapter held an event in October organized by **Martha DeBord '78** featuring Michelle King, who runs W&M Esports. In attendance were **Suzie Bailey Sterrett '79** and Jeff Sterrett, **Rick Overy '88** (who ran for City Council), **Barb Ramsey '75** (who is on City Council), **Howard Busbee '65**, **J.D. '67**, **M.L.T. '68**, **L.H.D. '22**, then interim CEO of the W&M Alumni Association, and many others. Established in fall 2020, the Academic and Applied Esports program prepares students for Division I competition and entrance into the esports industry. They are in need

of support to get this fledgling operation off the ground, as they did not get a multimillion-dollar gift to get started. King is the only person working in this program. Esports in general is a bigger financial operation than the NFL.

Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2022 was almost like normal. Some folks missed it. Here are a few. **Brian Mount '83, M.Ed. '93** was on a Viking River Cruises trip from Basel, Switzerland, to Amsterdam with his partner, Sue Baskwill. He says Viking was "top notch." Brian is in his 10th year of coaching cross country at Gettysburg High, which had two boys heading into the postseason competition. Brian also writes that he celebrated his first year of being a grandfather!

Lynn Rosenberry Lull didn't attend this year because she was busy with the impending arrival of grandbaby No. 2. Her poor hubby, **Ed Lull**, had to miss it since the Dimeslots were performing on Saturday afternoon at the Virginia Beer Co. for the fifth consecutive year. Classmates **Ed, Bill Williams** (whose wife, Cissie, and daughter, Molly, came to celebrate) and **Bill Grossman** were joined by **Deeme Katson '81, Bill Cusmano '81, George Long '82** and bass player **Reid Harrison '82** (who spends most of his time at his home in Gloucester or in Paris, France). Patrick Clark, the son of **Sue Johnson Clark** and **Steve Clark '84** (who passed in 2012) helped with drums. Fans in attendance included **Christy Belt Grossman** (who was on a tight travel schedule between Paris and work meetings), **Christie Baty Hudgins '84, Jennifer Costello Meeks '82, David Friedman** and several track teammates, **Amy Rosenberry Zavrel '87** and **Mark Zavrel**

and their kids, **Tommy Zavrel '25** and **Lily Zavrel, Jeanne Lull Hopke '80** and **John Hopke '80, Suzie Bailey Sterrett '79** and **Jeff Sterrett** and **Betsy Dolan '84. Fred "Rick" Hurwitt** was there and is happy to share with the class that he lives in Reston and is the CFO of a construction company. Fred was Bill Grossman's freshman roommate and came to see him play at VBC. Fred was hanging out with **Dave Rowley**; they play tennis whenever they get together. Dave recently relocated from Atlanta to Williamsburg. The Dimeslots sounded as good as ever. Let's get a grassroots groundswell going to encourage the W&M Alumni Association to book them next year!

Friday night was the Class Ambassador Reception, where President Rowe accepts the oversized check for all the donations that reunion year classes have made to the Fund for W&M, says a few words to the crowd of ambassadors and thanks them for their efforts. Did you know that the Fund for W&M is an annual fund that needs to be replenished every year? The Class Ambassador Reception flowed into the Friday Night Fest with **Charles Puskas '87**/Chip Esten's band N'est Pas. For all the ladies at the late-night Lodge, your secrets are safe with me!

Saturday started with a book talk at Swem, followed by the sorority receptions. This year, the Thetas celebrated their 100-year anniversary of joining the W&M student experience. In my estimation, attendance at the sorority receptions was a bit light. Here's hoping for a better turnout next year! The students were welcoming as they pored over some old photo albums that were even older than us! I saw **Kim Crase Claytor, Dana Disque Hearn '82, Kim Eckert Failon '85, Kay Fanestil Gilbert '87, Patty Gorski Harris**

'87 and **Julee Warren Fletcher '87**. I walked across the court to Chi-O for their mimosa brunch, only to discover it had been moved to a special tailgate spot.

The campus was filled with tailgates, so the Green & Gold Walk (this was the replacement for the parade) could parade from the Sunken Garden to the Alumni House. A notable new tailgate was hosted by **Beth Sala Co-vin** for Chi-O and friends on the Alumni House lawn. This included **Karen Jones Wood, Win Whitehurst '69, M.Ed. '72, Toni Biordi '69, M.Ed. '72, JJ Johnson '84, Trisha Flaherty Farrell '82, Joanne Fenity Zapicchi '82, M.Ed. '83, Martha Feathers Owens '85, M.Ed. '92, Ed.S. '94, Laura Schwarz Buckius '82, Diane Broach Forthuber '84, Lori Buckius '84, Lori Selden Haislip '84 and Rob Haislip '84, Amy Caramanica Boyd '85 and John Boyd '85** and their son, **Christie Baty Hudgins and Fraser Hudgins '84, and Skip Rowland** (Photographer extraordinaire! He was working, of course). Beth says the mimosas were flowing, and everyone who stopped by (me included) got to take a photo or give a wave from the back of the convertible Mustang just like a HoCo grand marshal! Those Chi-Os are still celebrating their centennial. Next up, Kappa in 2023!

The Tracy and **David Lucas '80, Val and Don Morris '82 and Sherri Sell Phillips and Bud Phillips '82** Spots 82 tailgate has become a tri-spot tailgate near the student entrance. In addition to my dad, **Stew Sell '56**, and our neighbor Jeannie Takesian, friends of Spots 82 that day were **Laura Gilbert Carr and Dabney Carr '84, Scott Wolf, Brad Lawler '84, Frank Swithers '82, Julie Doolittle Andino and Mark Andino '80, Kathryn Litten,**

Anne Sharp '82, Barry Sharp '81 and Katie Sharp '14, Jack Horst '81 and Marcia Seymour Horst '82, Julia Findlay '82 (and all the Phi Mus according to Jack), **Dave Martin '82, Steve Tang '82, Janet Lawson '86, Bob Reilly '86, Fred Caprio '85, Kevin Haney '81** and many of the same folks from the Chi-O tailgate. According to Dave, whatever happens at Spots 82, stays at Spots 82, so no other notes to report! **Ally Phillips '16** also made an appearance along with her roommate from senior year, **Amanda Lutick '16**. (Apologies to all of you I neglected to mention in these notes: send me an email for next time.)

The day was as glorious as a glorious fall day in Williamsburg can be! The football game was exciting and excruciating at the same time, with the Tribe prevailing in the end. The Saturday Night Bash was a fun and loud event that left me with no voice the next day. On Sunday, I watched the Tribe's women's soccer team play. The Tribe tied Monmouth 2-2. Way to go, Tribe. Can't wait to do it all again next year for our 40th! Here's hoping for another glorious weekend in 2023.

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Fall greetings to the Class of 1984! My husband, **Greg Miller**, and I were in Williamsburg last weekend to attend the wedding of Victoria Traver, the daughter of **Kari Guillén Traver '85** and **Tony Traver '85**, to Andrew Coston. Beginning with a fife-and-drum performance, the beautiful ceremony

was held in the Wren Courtyard on a perfect autumn evening, and the couple was whisked away in a carriage through the fall splendor of Colonial Williamsburg afterward. We stayed across the street from the ongoing construction project that is Phi Beta Kappa Hall, at the family home of **Lilly Graves Weber '85**, and we enjoyed walking through CW and having Cheese Shop sandwiches with Lilly, her husband John, and **Susan Gordon Henry '85**. During the weekend, we enjoyed visiting with **Marna Ashburn '85** and **Susan Hudgins Franz '85**, as well as Tony and Kari's family, including alumni couple **Rob Guillén '83** and **Kim Clarke Guillén '83**, and their son, **Alex Guillén '10**.

I was sorry to miss Homecoming on the prior weekend, especially as many members of our class came back on this nonreunion year to attend the annual Sunset Ceremony together to honor classmates who have passed way since last year. One of those remembered was **Tim Wilson**, who was a sports writer and editor of The Flat Hat when we were in school, and, as previously reported here, passed away last November after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. **Joanna Ashworth** was among those who attended the Sunset Ceremony in honor of Tim, and she shared how moving the ceremony was, with the choir singing "Shenandoah" and everyone joining to sing "Our Alma Mater" as the candles glowed to represent our lost ones and the Wren Bell tolled in memoriam. Also attending the ceremony in honor of Tim were **Noah Levine** and his wife, Jackie, **Patty Canonico, Dabney Carr, Alison Hawley Ewing, Anne St. Clair Woron, Ellie Dehoney, Dave Ramey and Jennifer Gregg Ramey, Mark Wysong '84, M.B.A. '99** and

Lucy Martin Wysong, Dave Scanlon and Meg Hunter Scott. Jill Bobbin '85 was also in attendance to honor her father, **Larry Bobbin '56**.

Tim stayed in very close touch with William & Mary friends, even having weekly Zoom calls with Noah Levine and **Josh Slocum** for many years. He had organized reunions of his Yates freshman hall over the years, so many of Tim's dearest friends also joined together to bid farewell to Yates before its planned demolition. Many of those who attended the Sunset Ceremony together also gathered for Tim's memorial service in Annandale, Virginia, in June, including **Kelly Jackson Higgins '85, George Foreman, Greg Faragasso, Paul Wolfeich, and Chris Gleason** and **Ingrid Johns Gleason**. A brick has been installed in Tim's memory on the terrace of the Alumni House.

Another loss in our class this year was **Dave Murphy**, who passed away on July 8, 2022, after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Remembered by our class as an outstanding quarterback and football team leader, Dave led the Tribe to a winning season our senior year, its first since 1977. Nearly 40 years after graduation, he still shares the school record for the most completions in a game. He is one of four quarterbacks in W&M football history to have thrown for at least 360 yards twice in a career, and his pass completion rate still stands fourth on the Tribe's all-time list. Dave dedicated his time and talents to William & Mary athletics over the years, as executive director of the Tribe Club for several years, supporting fundraising and other initiatives for the William & Mary football and the athletics programs, and as a volunteer analyst on the Tribe's radio broadcast for a season. He

was a financial advisor with Wells Fargo for 35 years in his hometown of Richmond, Virginia, and among his community service endeavors, Dave served on the board of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond for 21 years. He is survived by his wife, **Kellie Larsen Murphy '85**, and their children: **Cameron Murphy '18**, Thomas, Luke and Meredith. Dave was remembered fondly by many who were quoted in an article published about him on the Tribe Athletics website in July.

Another football player from our class, **Douglas Yeamans**, passed away in July 2020. Doug worked in management at the Kings Arms Tavern in Colonial Williamsburg for many years. He is survived by his two sisters and their families.

In happier news, **Guy Crittenden**, another Tribe football player and now an acclaimed waterfowl artist, won the 2023 Michigan Waterfowl Stamp competition. Guy also won this competition in 2015 and 2017, and his painting will become the 2023-24 Michigan Waterfowl Stamp.

Jenny Nazak was recognized by the City of Daytona Beach, Florida, as a Juneteenth Home-town Hero. Author of "Deep Green," a book on low-footprint living, Jenny is the founder of the Daytona Beach Permaculture Guild, an eco-restoration and community activist organization. A life member of the Daytona Beach Chapter of the NAACP, Jenny is engaged in many community organizations, including serving on the Mayor's Equity Initiative and Beachside Advisory Council, Inspire Arts and Neighborhood Watch, and she is steward of a Little Free Library.

It is always great to hear from you, so please send along any updates you'd like me to share in the next Class Notes! You can also post your own update by joining the W&M my1693 online community

at my1693.com. Hope to see you there!

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Another year has ended, and hopefully all of you have gone back to living your best lives! Perhaps you were able to make it to Homecoming & Reunion Weekend; if so, please send me updates from the classmates you saw there.

Congratulations to **Kathleen Doherty Rohrecker**, who was recently named the senior vice president of marketing for data insights start-up Code Climate, creator of Velocity, the leading engineering management platform.

Colleen M. Quinn was named to the Virginia Lawyers Weekly list of "Virginia's Go To Lawyers for Employment Law 2022."

Kord Basnight, a student in William & Mary's online M.Ed. in counseling program, has been selected by the Tillman Foundation as a 2022 Tillman Scholar. The prestigious scholarship, founded by the family of Pat Tillman, annually recognizes military service members, veterans and spouses who demonstrate extraordinary commitment to service, scholarship, humble leadership and impact.

I received some very informative emails from **Alison Weiskopf** and **Marna Ashburn**. Since I received Alison's first, I will include part of it here and then the rest, as well as Marna's, will be in the next issue. (Yes, they gave me that much news!!!)

Unfortunately starting with some very sad news — **Mary Kach Chapin** passed away peacefully on Aug. 1 after a nearly two-year struggle with brain cancer. She is survived by her wonderful children, Ellen, Sarah and

Christopher, her husband, Doug, and her four-legged family members Ruby, Piper and Oreo.

Condolences also to **Kellie Larsen Murphy**, whose husband, **Dave Murphy '84**, passed away July 8 from pancreatic cancer.

Tom Simpson '85, M.B.A. '02 and his wife, Julie, are hiking the entire Appalachian trail, taking a break in the fall to see their daughter, who is expecting their first grandchild.

Gregg Crump and his wife, Tricia, celebrated the wedding of their eldest son, Connor, to his high-school sweetheart in Geneva, New York.

Tracey Wright Laws celebrated 30 years of marriage to her UVA law school classmate, Troy. They live in McLean, Virginia, but spend most of their free time at their farm located just north of Charlottesville. Both of their children graduated from W&M: **Anna Laws '19**, a former Peace Corps volunteer in Peru, is at Emory for graduate school, and **Preston Laws '21** is a paralegal at Kirkland & Ellis in Washington, D.C. Tracey is senior vice president and head of worldwide government affairs for Athene, a leading retirement services company. Tracey and Troy see some W&M friends regularly:

Jennifer Campbell McGarey, Melanie Perper Love and Brad Love '83, Lesley Mackay Heiser, Cathy Walsh Bos and Howard Bos, and Lydia Pulley and Rodney Willett '85, J.D. '90. She also keeps in regular touch with **Tracy Sinnott Mason** and **Trish Henry**.

Alison Sellin Weiskopf has spent 25 years managing events at J.P. Morgan Chase in New York. She and her husband, Dan, have two children at Elon University — Victoria (Class of 2022) and Will (Class of 2025). While visiting the kids at Elon, they often get to catch up with **Demetra**

Yeapanis Kontos and sometimes with **Tracy Sinnott Mason**, who lives with her husband, Scott, in Mooresville, North Carolina. Tracy's son, Preston, is a junior at Wake Forest. Tracy also keeps in touch with **Lesley Mackay Heiser**, who lives in Asheville, North Carolina, with her husband, Bob.

Demetra Yeapanis Kontos began her 19th year at Durham Academy as an administrator in the Lower School; she is proud that some of her former students have also attended W&M. Her husband, **Chris Kontos '84, M.A. '85**, is a professor of cardiology and cancer biology at Duke and the director of the M.D./Ph.D. program. Their son Michael (Duke Class of 2016) works in marketing with Allied Partners and his fiancée, Christina (Duke Class of 2016, and she received her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree there in 2019), live in Denver and are planning a wedding for next October in Durham. Their other son, Alexi (Duke Class of 2019), is a business analyst for CISCO.

Jane Knott Powell and **Michael Powell '85, D.P.S. '02** recently welcomed their first grandchild, Theo Elian, born in August in Arizona to their son Jeffrey.

Much more news to come! Valet, omnes!

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Happy New Year!

Mike Fetters and **Denise Schulke Huttenlocker** became second-time grandparents last July when their son **Zachary A. Fetters '16, M.A.Ed. '18** and his wife, Madeline, of Williamsburg brought baby Paul Augustine into the world.

Denise and her husband, Rob, and Mike all visited in late July and report that Dad, Mom, the new baby and big brother Duke are doing great.

Last spring, **Dave Anderson** and his wife celebrated the birth of Anna James, their first grandchild. Their family is doing well.

Rob Tulloh and his wife, Colleen, are still in Austin, Texas. He works for Cloudfare, an internet company, and manages a team of engineers who deliver domain registration services to customers. Colleen, now retired, volunteers and travels. Last fall they visited the German cities of Berlin, Dresden and Munich, as well as Prague in the Czech Republic. They enjoyed the fall weather and racked up lots of steps on their fitness bands. Rob highly recommends the Secret Food Tour in Berlin. Their daughter, who works for Blue Origin in Florida, is engaged and planning to be married in the spring. Their son lives in Austin and works for software developer Adobe. Rob's favorite hobbies are long-distance cycling and bread baking.

Heidi Carr, Steve Hall and Jeanne Cherundolo McPhillips each wrote a few lines to say hello.

A week after **Tanya Brown White-Deyo's** graduation from DeVry University's Keller Graduate School of Management, her partner, Peter Rogers, was hit by a drunken driver, sustaining life-threatening vertebrae injuries to the neck. They spent most of the summer working on his rehabilitation; he was able to return to work in August. Tanya is preparing for the CPA exam. She has resumed her work with Toastmasters and was recognized for completing Dynamic Leadership Level 3 with All in the Family Toastmasters Club. She also competed in the Fall Humorous Speech and Table Topics contests and received first place in

Area 23 on Sept. 10. She still works remotely for a hospital and does some Uber driving and karaoke.

Dr. **Ken Farber** has completed 30 years in family medicine, currently working for The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, a Top 100 Hospital in the United States per U.S. News & World Report. His wife of 32 years, Pam, just retired after 20 years sitting on the board for the Congenital Heart Alliance of Cincinnati, a non-profit that funds pediatric congenital heart defect research. She remains active with many charities, including Matthew 25: Ministries, which provides global support in times of natural disasters. Their older daughter, Audrey, and her husband live in the Lincoln Park community of Chicago. Their younger daughter, Halle, a recent Ohio State University graduate, is working for AmeriCorps in Boston and plans on attending law school this fall. Ken remains a die-hard fan of the Reds, Bengals and Buckeyes, but his heart is always with the Tribe. He sends a shout-out to his Kappa Sigma brothers.

Virginia Groseclose Payne and her husband, Glenn, celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary at Kingsmill Resort. They enjoyed golf, shopping at the outlets and yummy eats/drinks on DoG Street. Last summer, after her son, Dalton, finished his first year of college, they enjoyed a family getaway to Wilmington, North Carolina. Virginia and Glenn managed one more trip, to Hilton Head, South Carolina, before summer ended. She is still working for Afton Chemical Corp. and beginning to think about retirement. Glenn is enjoying his general manager position at Fauquier Springs Country Club in Warrenton, Virginia. Virginia is very thankful her family had a healthy and safe 2022.

Todd Leeson was among the W&M alumni named to the Virginia

Lawyers Weekly list of "Virginia's Go To Lawyers for Employment Law 2022." Others include **Nicholas Johnson J.D. '05, Lisa K. Lawrence J.D. '92, Colleen M. Quinn '85 and Jimmy F. Robinson Jr. J.D. '98.**

Check out the online column for more news!

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Our 35th reunion Weekend was truly wonderful! We had an amazing turnout, perfect weather and missed all those unable to make the trip. I'm so grateful to all of those who sent in updates. Please see our online class notes at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1987 for much more!

Friday got busy right away as the Class of '87 arrived in full force. I met up with some of my Tri Delta sisters at the Lodge, including **Lisa Viviano Henesey, Sarah Wilson, Sharon Meyers Levine, Ann Darby Simpson Rush, Kim Norris Chappell '88, M.A.Ed. '92 and Kathy Redmond Schaum** and got to see **Wendi Willard Spalding, John "JR" Reynolds and Courtney Joyner Reynolds**. Afterward, I made my way over to the Inn to meet up with **Lee Norris Barnes** and her husband, **Billy Barnes '82, Lisa Milkovich Panciocco '88 and Susan Cramer Twining '88**. Then we joined the crowds (alumni and undergrads) walking over to the Friday night kickoff at the Sunken Garden.

N'est Pas was in top form after just a few days of practice and the main tent was packed. Thanks go to **Clem Cheng '86, John Hendrickson '88, Art "Artie" Schmalz '88, Chris Neikirk '88, Chip Puskar** (profes-

sionally known as actor and musician Charles Esten) and **Dennis Whelan** for starting off the weekend in a "rocking" way at the Friday Night Fest!

Love has been in the air for a few of our classmates. **Carol Lye** and **Jay Sailer '88** were that cute couple back in '87 and they renewed their love a few years ago! They married at Bruton Parish last February and live in Lexington, Virginia.

Congratulations to another '87 love match: **Lisa Hasteley and Dan Mahlbacher** actually met at our 30th reunion and the two are getting married in December 2022!

I got a big assist on this column from my girl **Karen Sheehan Maher**, who, along with her Lodge mates, took on Homecoming with a never-ending supply of energy. Karen made the trip from Long Island and joined up with **Beth Stanford Fuchs, Carrie Lang, Liz Hunter '87, M.A.Ed. '90, Theresa Jacoby Massie, Sara Sawyer and Suzie Gruner McMullen**. Liz's son, **Noah Dalbey '22**, graduated from W&M. Suzie's son, **Luke McMullen '24**, is currently at W&M.

Five of us were late for the '87 class photo (**Karen Sheehan Maher, Eileen Aquino, Elizabeth Overstreet Trumbull, Sasha Mobley** and I) because we were having too much fun catching up. Luckily, we got help from **Jon Tarrant and Nicole Drapeau Gillen** and took our own. Elizabeth regularly meets up with **Lynn Flaherty Dommel** and **Kathleen McCarthy Sober** to play pickleball. Elizabeth's daughter **Aly Trumbull '24** plays field hockey for the Tribe and her other daughter, **Brittany Trumbull '19**, is an alumna. The Class of '87 may just be responsible for the Tribe field hockey's team success! **Maddie George '24**, daughter of **Joe George** and his wife, Christine, is a goalkeeper on the team (their son **Kyle George '18** also

attended W&M). **Pyper Friedman '25** is the daughter of **Toni-Jean Lisa "TJ" Friedman** and her husband, Kevin. **Sally Snead '23** is a senior on the team and is a daughter of **Margie Vaughan Snead '89** and her husband, Bill. (Their other daughter, **Anne Snead '20**, is also an alumna.)

Drew Daniele and his wife, Diana, live in southern California and just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in October with a sentimental road trip. They drove for 10 days going from Nashville to Asheville, and then visited **Amy Johnson Ford '89 and Mike Ford '89** in Johnson City, Tennessee. Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2022 was the culmination of the journey! Drew says that fellow Lodge 1/Pi Kappa Alpha pals **Mike Cole, Mike Dutton and Mike Hecht** do not live too far away. **Mark Clouser '86** recently returned to Southern California and **Doug Neil '86**, former PiKA president, also lives in the area.

On Friday night, Drew reconnected with **Ann Darby Simpson Rush, Sharon Meyers Levine** and fellow Tri-Deltas and fellow former swimmers **Lisa Viviano Henesey** and **Sarah Wilson**. Drew ended that evening, just where it all began so many years ago, by spending time with **Mike Moses** and others from DuPont Hall at the post football game reception. Drew got to spend some good times Saturday with his former roommate **Kurt Witzgall**, several PiKAs and several swimmers including **Scott Graham, Tim Aslaner** and **Bill Sykes**.

Carylin Miazga Waterval had a fun-filled weekend. She and many friends were sure to attend the Farewell to Yates Dorm (1962-2023) event. W&M is demolishing Yates to make room for its new residential plan. Friends meeting there included Carylin, **Mike**

Dingman '86 and **Christina Cornejo Dingman, Kevin Davis and Aimee Bellaria Davis, Jim Calpin and Karen Rodgers Calpin, Chris Foote and Katherine Parkinson Loevinger.** Yates 1st Center and Yates 1st South were represented well, including **RA Dan Head '85.** Carylin enjoyed seeing other Class of '87 women who were all in Alpha Phi Omega (service fraternity) together, including **Elizabeth Murphy Weithman, Theresa Whalen, Carolyn Bond DuBois, Anja Bergman Crider and Kathy Healy Fitzsimons.**

Congratulations are in order for **Norman Johnson**, who has had a busy 2022 and published his second book. "Darwin's Reach" is about how evolutionary biology is being applied in many areas from medicine to agriculture to the environment, and in law. Norman is an adjunct research assistant professor in the Biology Department at University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

Jenny Koleda Hoenescheid, Julie Benedick and Lezlie Farrell Anderson '87, M.B.A. '96 reunited for the trip to our 35th. We were part of a group (**Karen Sheehan Maher, Marsha Fishburne Lyan, Nancy Reinisch O'Toole '88, Julie Cunningham Shackford '88, Jen Finn Duffy '86, John Cunningham '91 and Grace Barnard '11**) that joined forces for a wonderful tailgate, and had a lot of fun seeing everyone. I had a great time talking with **Jon Tarrant, Kelly Hughes Iverson and Ann Hebert Stephens.** Ann traveled from Houston, where she works for Shell Oil Co., Kelly is an attorney working in Maryland, and Jon lives in Baltimore. On his drive home from Williamsburg, Jon stopped in for brunch with **Terri Erwin '86**, who lived for a decade working as an entrepreneur in Hawaii, and now

is in Richmond working in the public interest field. Jon's in touch with **Todd Middlebrook '85** and **Pete Trippi '87**, and is looking forward to catching up with them the next time that he's in NYC. Jon recently heard from **Hart Baur '86**, who was up in Stafford, Virginia, attending his daughter's soccer tournament. It was great seeing everyone. Hope to see some of you at some W&M game weekends this winter and spring!

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Diana Bulman recently left Stanford University, where she was fundraising for the School of Medicine and its hospital, to take a job as chief development officer and president of the foundation for Aspen Valley Hospital in Aspen, Colorado. She started on Oct. 10 after spending some time unpacking and getting a more winter-friendly car!

Joseph Romance is living in southern, rural Pennsylvania and, with co-author Chapman Rackaway, just wrote an academic book titled "Primary Elections and American Politics: The Unintended Consequences of Progressive Era Reform."

Marybeth Wittekind Sharpe was appointed chief administration officer for the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. She will lead the communications, facilities, finance, grants administration, human resources and IT functions for the \$9 billion private foundation.

Dawn Boyce, Rachel Edelstein, Alison Martin Furlough, Sarah Handley, Laura Draeger Kavanagh, Beth Philpott Phares, Kris Satkunas and Liz Tur-

qman celebrated their 22nd annual post-college getaway together with a trip to beautiful Santa Barbara, California. Suggestions for future destinations are welcome.

Thanks to everyone who wrote to us this year and we'd love to hear from those of you who haven't checked in lately. Go Tribe!

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Wow! Homecoming & Reunion Weekend *felt* like it did pre-pandemic. It was great to have so many classmates join the fun, including: **Anne Abbruzzee Perkinson, Harald Anderson, Anne Humphries Arseneau '89, M.A.Ed. '92, Dan Berry, Karen Barsness Boksan, Courtney Christensen, Paul Cullen, Amy McCormick Diduch and Kent Diduch '87, Lisa Lodi-no Eggleston and Kirk Eggleston, Stephanie Hunter Estes and Howard Estes '88, Gene Foley, Kelly Fitzpatrick Glisson, Charles Harris, Walter Hartman, Kim Hoge, Marnie Mitchell Keogh, Jeff Lambrecht, Gretchen Holhweg Lusby, Steve McCleaf, Will Mennen, Eric O'Toole, Becky Samuels Paquet, Brian Poulos, Cathy Puskar, JoAnn Adrales Ruh and Colin Ruh '89, M.B.A. '94, Mike Savage '89, M.B.A. '95 and Katie Flaherty Savage '90, M.A.Ed. '96, Jim Skorpinski, Tony Spears, Shannon Watson, Paula Proteau Vonasek, Mark Washko '89, M.P.P. '94, Jon Williams, Michele Beasley Williams and Eric Williams '88** and me. Dancing to N'est Pas was a blast at the Friday Night

Fest! Amy, Kent, Doug and I met some amazing students and alumni at the Econ-Government-Public Policy-International Relations brunch and GRI (Global Research Institute) BBQ. The Tribe won an exciting football game. The Flannel Animals played at the Virginia Beer Co.

Cathy Puskar has been named the "2022 Business Leader of the Year" by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. She has navigated the ins and outs of commercial regulations and local zoning laws to help hundreds of businesses succeed.

Rich Evonitz was named general counsel for Delta Dental Plans Association, an association of the 39 Delta Dental member companies in the United States and Puerto Rico delivering dental benefits to over 80 million members.

J.D. Bowers II was named dean of the Honors College at Rutgers University. He also serves as professor of the practice in the departments of African studies and history in the School of Arts and Sciences.

Todd Martin was happy to hire top candidate **Lauren White '21** (Delta Gamma) for a new position with the GREAt Aspirations Scholarship Program (GRASP), a Virginia-based nonprofit that helps students navigate the financial aid system.

Patricia "Kate" Maliga is going back to school at Saint Joseph's University for her EMBA.

Chuck Bailey, chair of William & Mary's Geology Department, and a W&M student-faculty team are producing a short film on the geology features inside the Blue Ridge Tunnel, providing a rare look inside the belly of the earth.

Eddie Davis retired from the federal government in March 2022 after serving for 31 years as a special agent at the U.S. Department of Justice. He currently resides in the Atlanta area with his

wife of 24 years, has a daughter in grad school at the University of Michigan, a daughter and son attending Georgia State University, and a daughter who will be attending Virginia Commonwealth University on a full track scholarship.

Former William & Mary women's soccer standout **Amy McDowell Simpson** competed for the title of "Fittest on Earth" at the 2022 NOBULL Cross Fit Games in Madison, Wisconsin, in August.

By the time you read this, our family will have two 2022 college graduates — Quinn (computer science, Vrije Universiteit — Amsterdam) and Carter (geography and Asian studies, data science minor, Macalester College). To celebrate, we spent a week sailing around Menorca, Spain, where we swam, snorkeled and stand-up paddleboarded daily, and enjoyed fabulous Mediterranean food and chill time together.

Many Homecoming conversations centered around *the next act* as our classmates shift to life as empty nesters, embark upon entirely new careers or focus on retirement, hobbies and travel. We'd love to hear the new things you're doing. If you'd like to share your time and talent with W&M, there are plenty of ways to get involved — being part of a panel discussion, mentoring a student, serving on a board ... I can help connect you to the right people.

Make plans to attend Homecoming in October as we ramp up for our reunion celebrations in 2024.

1990

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Hello! Just back from the Huntsman Games in St. George, Utah — the largest annual multisport

senior competition in the world. Yes, we are old enough to compete in senior games, and yes, I recommend checking out the 30 sporting events offered. I can attest that, in volleyball, the competition was friendly yet fierce! The beautiful desert venue makes it easy to explore Zion National Park, Lake Powell and Bryce Canyon or golf in your free time.

David Luhnnow shared via Twitter this past August that he has “just left Mexico after 22 wonderful years there with The Wall Street Journal. I am now in London with Helena and the kids and will be U.K. bureau chief at the WSJ. As Monty Python says, ‘And now for something completely different.’”

In commemoration of W&M's first Black Alumni Reunion in May, **Karla Munden**, who recalls being one of very few students of color in the business school during her time at W&M, established the Karla D. Munden Scholarship Endowment. Karla is the senior vice president and chief audit executive for Lincoln Financial Group and currently serves as a member of the William & Mary Foundation Board of Trustees.

Billy Coleburn is retiring after serving 16.5 years as mayor of his beloved hometown of Blackstone, Virginia. He remains editor of the Courier-Record newspaper and a member of the state FOIA Council and plans to either learn guitar for a rock band or host a talk show for his next act. Billy and **Joyce Anzolut Coleburn** are the proud parents of **Mary Katherine Coleburn M.Ed. '22**, who will continue her education to become a school psychologist. Their older daughter, Caroline Coleburn Noblin, is a television journalist for CBS6 in Richmond, Virginia. Joyce earlier this year was recognized as one of Honeywell Building Solutions' top sales executives.

East Cooper Medical

Group in South Carolina recently welcomed Dr. **Cary Fishburne**.

Cary practices at the newly created East Cooper Center for Pelvic Medicine and his arrival ushers in a line of new service for the medical group, urogynecology.

I noticed in the W&M Alumni Magazine's summer book roundup that our own **Molly Gimmel** authored “Master Your Mindset: How Women Leaders Step Up.” In her book, Molly, an entrepreneur and former chairwoman of the National Association of Women Business Owners, shares rules, tips and personal anecdotes to teach readers what it means and what it takes to be a leader in all aspects of life.

On April 29, the Owens Foundation and the Owens family — including **Catherine “Carrie” Owens Garland, Carroll W. “Coby” Owens III M.B.A. '92, Donnie Owens '65, J.D. '71 and Patricia “Patty” Bayliss Owens '62** — were honored with the Pathfinder Award, the highest external honor bestowed by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Given annually, the award recognizes individuals who have displayed an enduring commitment to VIMS' three-part mission of research, education and advisory service. Read more at the link in our online Class Notes: magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1990.

Lawrence Whistler lives in his hometown of Buffalo, New York, where he is president of Nottingham Advisors LLC, a financial services firm. Larry joined Nottingham in 2006 and heads the Investment Policy Committee, along with portfolio and relationship management responsibilities. Prior to joining Nottingham, Larry worked as an independent registered investment advisor (RIA) for two years, and before that spent a decade as a bond trader for Merrill Lynch Capital Markets

in Los Angeles and New York City. Larry currently serves on the board of Catholic Health, where he chairs the Finance & Operations Committee. He is a past board member of Gateway-Longview, United Way of Buffalo & Erie County, Hauptman-Woodward Institute, Buffalo-Niagara Partnership and the CFA Society of Buffalo, where he served two terms as president. He was also an adjunct professor at Canisius College's Richard J. Wehle School of Business. Larry and his wife, Margaret, have three children.

Newly appointed W&M Board of Visitors member **AnnaMaria DeSalva** was included in the PR-Week Power List 2022 as one of “the most powerful movers and shakers in the [public relations] industry.” AnnaMaria is the global chairman and CEO of Hill+Knowlton Strategies.

“As the man once said, the harder you work, the luckier you get.” Congratulations to Ted Lasso co-creator **Bill Lawrence** on the Apple TV+ show's second consecutive Emmy for Outstanding Comedy Series.

1991

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Michaelen Kastantin Barsness has a new job — CFO of Washington International School in Washington, D.C. She has been working in nonprofit accounting for the past 12 years, but this is her first time working for an independent school. Michaelen lives in Gaithersburg, Maryland, with her three children — one in college, one in high school and one in elementary school.

Michael Bloom is enjoying life in southern Maine and is working as the chief strategy and

innovation officer for Incompass Human Services, headquartered in Massachusetts. He told me he was recently awarded one of the highest honors of his career — the prestigious, national 2022 Exceptional Service to the Association Award from the American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD). He recently served as the president of the Northeast Region of the Association.

Cliff Fleet '91, M.A. '93, J.D. '95, M.B.A. '95 spoke at W&M Convocation last August to welcome the newest class at the College. Cliff is president and CEO of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, an adjunct professor in the Raymond A. Mason School of Business, chair of the William & Mary Foundation and a board member of the Omohundro Institute.

That is all I have for this column! Please consider sending me your own update.

1992

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Happy New Year! Thanks for sharing news, as always. Please note that the editing and publishing process takes some weeks, so your news gets printed a season or so after you share with me.

I was happy to hear from my fellow Canterburyan and freshman dormmate **Jeremy Normand**. His youngest child began her studies at the University of Arkansas this fall. They are great fans of SEC football; Go Hawgs! Jeremy's family spends lots of time in Mexico these days; they love getting away to their home in San Miguel de Allende. Most of the time it's 35 degrees cooler there than it is at their other

place in Texas, a welcome respite in summer.

Erica Bailey had a lovely interview with Nick Wallis, a British journalist, during the Johnny Depp v. Amber Heard trial. She attended with two of her daughters on the day that Whitney Heard testified. Her video is linked in the online magazine.

Michael Holtzman is a former senior U.S. government advisor and is president of SEC Newgate/Bellwether Strategies, a prominent public relations firm that represents the American Jewish Congress. He helped arrange a first meeting between Holocaust survivors Frank Shatz and Dr. George Berci almost 80 years after they escaped from a Nazi labor camp.

Deb Herring Schaefer married her husband, Mark, in a “planned” surprise engagement/wedding; they are three years into their honeymoon! She is a psychiatry key account specialist for Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceuticals, helping patients recover from depression. Deb is enjoying life as an empty-nester and is looking forward to the upcoming marriages of two of Mark's children.

Please have a happy winter and spring. I'll hope to have more to share in May!

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With Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2022 in the rearview mirror and as 2022 comes to a conclusion, I hope this correspondence finds you well. Although I did not make it to Williamsburg for the festivities, I was able to join several alumni for a backcountry camping trip in the High Sierras of California. **Kurtis Alexander '94** and **Aaron Wehner '94**

have tracked hundreds of miles for decades now, and their intrepid organizing has become something of an autumn pilgrimage. **David Brooks '94, Scot Carr '91** and I caught up with them on and off the trail, and it was wonderful.

Harris Kay and I reconnected in 2022, and I've also found a number of other alumni and alumnae out there. If you would like to share some of your news, I am happy to include it in the correspondence.

For example, **Rene Rodgers** writes: "Shout out from the girls from DuPont First West — **Carmen Farris Smith, Erin Fries Taylor, Leslie Zuidema Winesett, Lori Manganelli Wiesner, Rene Rodgers and Susanna Baird**, along with Corinna Barnes (wife of **Adam Burgess**)! This past weekend, we got together to celebrate our (slightly late) 50th birthdays and spent our time reminiscing and laughing. Anyone remember painting DuPont's "Under the Sea"-themed hallway, chain voicemails on the Aspen system, the wonderful Ernestine and \$3 pitchers at the Delis?"

"Carmen is a nurse anesthetist in Northern Virginia. She and **Chris Smith** just sent their oldest off to college. Erin and her spouse, **James "JT" Taylor**, still do policy research in the Washington, D.C., area, and James loves coaching their boys' sports teams. Leslie and **Andy Winesett** are still in Houston, but recently came up to Virginia to move their oldest to the University of Virginia. Leslie works with International Baccalaureate students at the public high school, and Andy is still at Exxon Mobil. Lori is adapting to a fully telehealth psychotherapy practice and happily raises chickens and rescues greyhounds with her family. Rene is head curator of the Birthplace of Country Music Museum in Bristol, Tennessee/Vir-

ginia, where she co-hosts the radio show 'Museum Talk' on Radio Bristol. She invites everyone to listen in online and come visit the museum. Susanna is editor of the storytelling journal *Five Minutes* (five-minutelit.com) and runs a small nonprofit getting clothes to schoolkids who need them. She and **Rich Thornett '94** live with their family in New England. Corinna and Adam live outside D.C. with their children, and Adam is a software developer.

"DuPont '89-'90, we had a lot of fun remembering all of you and challenge you to write in, too!"

Thanks, Rene! Also, there's a note informing me that **Mark Chloupek** was hired as the next chief legal officer for hotel management company Aimbridge Hospitality. Mark is a legal executive and industry veteran who brings 23 years' experience in hospitality to the role.

As we're fast approaching our 30th reunion, I hope many of you will plan on being there in 2023. In the event that you cannot or do not plan on attending, please send me a note in 2023, so that you can be included. Thanks in advance!

1994

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Not too much on the news blotter for the winter update. Since that is the case, I'll close out waxing poetic about the wonders of Appalachia.

But first, congratulations to **LaTisha Owens Tarrant** for being named chief human resources officer for PRA Group Inc. LaTisha will head the global human resources operation spanning 18 countries and over 5,000 employees. LaTisha has more than 20 years of public company experience and is a member

of the senior leadership team.

As always, please drop me a note on what is going on in your neck of the woods. If not, you may just get more of this: It's Oct. 12 as I delve into our Class Notes. With one update, I debate how to fill the empty slate that dares conflate that nothing has happened with the Class of 1994. With windows open, a breeze flows past my knees, as I stand at ease ogling this white expanse, void of words. Distracted, two deer passed by here, comfortably invisible against the fall foliage. Scuttling after, likely for a tea party, a pair of squirrels, a whistle pig and a large — in both count and size — gaggle of turkeys. I dare say that warrants attention and possibly catering.

1995

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Dr. Michael Amendola '95, M.A. '96 and **Dr. Diana Otoyá '15** are leading the efforts in 3D printing for the larger Veterans Affairs Health Care System. They have each presented on behalf of the VA to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on the advantages of 3D printing in surgery. Read more at the link in our online Class Notes, magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1995.

Phillip Chang '95

was named the new senior vice president and chief medical and quality officer for Memorial Hermann Health System in Houston, effective May 31. He leads the strategic direction and operational management of the organization's quality and safety programs.

In a summer interview with "The Pivot" podcast, Pittsburgh Steelers coach **Mike Tomlin '95, L.H.D. '08** talked about impactful moments over

the years and shared untold stories, from Super Bowls to coaching dynamic players to an inside look at being the NFL's only Black head coach.

1996

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Joyful moments of the past year included seeing Brandi Carlile in concert twice — we planned a road trip to Nashville, Tennessee, around her! When I turned 48, I started personal training three days a week at 6:30 a.m. The fact that I am both going to the gym and waking up early to do it is shocking to old friends, including my William & Mary roommates, who witnessed me sleeping through every alarm for four straight years.

For **Valencia Hicks'** birthday, she attended a weeklong training in Belgium for her new job as U.S. region office manager for INDEFF, an industrial automation and manufacturing execution systems integration company headquartered there. In 2020, Valencia celebrated 25 years of service to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Nu Chi Chapter, earning the designation of Silver Star and becoming a Life Member of the sorority. She is a member of the AKA Pi Rho Omega Chapter in Chesterfield County, Virginia, and served as chapter president.

Tara Dowdy Hatch-er is also in Chesterfield, where she was elected as a judge in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. She closed her private law practice and is excited to embark on this new opportunity.

In Baltimore, **Meghan Davis** serves as co-director of the Johns Hopkins P.O.E. Total Worker Health Center in Mental Health, where, she explained, "We aim to support health care workers, agriculture/forestry/fisheries workers

and other essential workers to improve wellbeing and mental health. P.O.E. stands for the psychosocial, organizational and environmental aspects of the work and is a nod to Edgar Allan Poe, who is buried in Baltimore."

Continuing up the East Coast, "Writing Islands: Space and Identity in the Transnational Cuban Archipelago" is **Elena Lahr-Vivaz's** second book, which analyzes works by Cuban writers. Elena is a professor of Spanish at Rutgers University-Newark.

At the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges, **Marlene Kuhtmann Clapp** leads data analysis for SUCCESS — Supporting Urgent Community College Equity through Student Services, a collaboration among community colleges and the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education. SUCCESS grants to community colleges provide supportive services to students from underserved populations.

Heading west to Denver, **Meredith Genova** has "been enjoying being my 8-year-old daughter's Brownie troop leader. It's tons of fun but like a second job."

Scott King and his wife, Stephanie, and their 7-year-old son, Dax (an enthusiastic Cub Scout), love being outdoors in their new community of Weaverville, a mountain town outside Asheville, North Carolina. Scott is a soil and wetland scientist specializing in ecological restoration.

Eric Sivers married Shannon Stevens in Helena, Montana, on Sept. 17, 2022. In attendance were **Matthew Siano, Matthew Wilson, Michael Dowd, Craig Hammond '94, James Coffman '94** and **Jennifer Jester Coffman '93**. Eric manages water quality permitting programs and Shannon owns a child and family therapy practice. They love mountain biking, kayaking and skiing and help lead the Montana Bicycle Guild

and the Montana Enduro Series.

Another outdoors enthusiast is **Jonathan Fernsler**, whose family uses their pop-up Vanagon camper to travel anywhere they can surf or ski. Jon lives in Grover Beach, California, and works as a physics professor at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo.

My friend **Keith Humphrey** also works at Cal Poly as vice president for student affairs. Keith was named an inaugural senior impact fellow for the Aspen Institute Leadership Development Index. Aspen tapped 25 college and university leaders to increase by 2.5 million the number of young people who have a meaningful leadership experience. Meanwhile, Keith is finishing his term as chair of the board of Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center. "If you ever want to do something stupid, serve on a hospital board during a pandemic," he noted.

Farther down the California coast, **Brett Ozga** treats mental illness among people who are homeless and those dealing with addiction. He is becoming a certified peer support specialist and plans to build a career in the field. Brett enjoys the ocean in North County, shooting pool and competing at trivia nights.

I am always intrigued and inspired by hearing what our classmates are doing in the world. Please drop me a line at betsyrosso@gmail.com to share your story!

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Etim Edim was the keynote speaker at the third annual Data Feast Case Competition at William & Mary's Raymond A. Mason School of Business in May. Etim currently serves as the executive director/CFO for the Technology, Operations, Resilience Divisions at Morgan Stanley. Prior to that, he served as a senior vice president at Credit Suisse for over eight years, and as a senior consultant in the Technology and Operations Strategy group at Deloitte Consulting for three years.

Kendrick Ashton was among four alumni appointed by Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin to the William & Mary Board of Visitors. He is co-founder and managing partner of The St. James Group, a sports, wellness and entertainment company. Kendrick previously served on William & Mary's Board of Visitors from 2012 to 2016. He currently serves on the boards of several other organizations, including the Board of Trustees of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

Congratulations to **Rich Williams '98**, **M.B.A. '04** and **Kyle Ahlgren '97**, whose adult swimming organization Club Tribe captured the 2022 U.S. Masters Swimming Summer Championship club title in Richmond, Virginia, in August. They defeated 169 other club teams while also setting two International Swimming Federation world records and six USMS national records.

1999

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Hello, Class of '99!

Yanek Korff is still living in Vienna, Virginia, with his wife, **Emily**

Korff '98 and their younger daughter, Vera. Their oldest daughter, **Alanna Korff '26**, is a freshman at William & Mary this year and a member of Kappa Delta. Yanek has been serving on the board of the MSBA program at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business since 2019 and continues to work in cybersecurity at Expel, a venture-backed company he founded with two others in 2016.

"Buy This, Not That: How to Spend Your Way to Wealth and Freedom" by Sam Dogen (**Wesley Kong**) was included in the W&M Alumni Magazine Summer 2022 Book Roundup. After spending 10 years working at Goldman Sachs and Credit Suisse, "The Financial Samurai" has compiled his knowledge into this guide to help readers make better financial choices and achieve economic freedom.

That's all for this round, but please send me your updates for the next edition. No news is too small. It's great just to hear where our classmates are and what they're up to these days!

Tribe Pride!
~Meredith

2000

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Eric Chen became co-chair of the Family Medicine Department at UNC Health Blue Ridge in Morganton, North Carolina, and will resume committee work with the North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians in January. Over the summer, Eric and his boys spent a relaxing week at the Outer Banks of North Carolina with **Karen Chin Repsher '03** and her family.

Leanne P. Clement is the new general director of the Charlottesville Opera in Virginia. She and her team opened the new

season with "The Sound of Music." It was the first show featuring the full 127-member opera company since the pandemic began.

Gerson Florez shared that his family "exploded" in recent years. In November 2021, his family adopted their 5-year-old daughter from Bogotá, Colombia. Then, in March 2022, their second son was born, joining their daughter and their 9-year-old son. Gerson and his family moved to Florida, where he joined Cleveland Clinic Florida and continues his practice in orthopedic care, treating shoulders, elbows and hands.

For Rep. **Stephanie Murphy**, who helped lead a January 6 committee hearing, the attack on the U.S. Capitol echoed her family's experience fleeing Vietnam. Stephanie was featured in a Time magazine article published July 11 (see our online notes at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/2000 for the link).

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As I write this column, I am mere days past a soul-warming trip to the 'Burg for our 20-year reunion Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. It was eerie to discover that while my quasi-beloved Morton Hall is now Boswell, the building looks mostly the same, including the infamous carpeted walls.

Mostly, I had a blast reminiscing and making new memories with my former Yates crew, **Kelley Kaufman**, **Amanda Ingram Deaton**, **Laurie Bronson Stradley**, **Razeeb Hossain** and

Nik Tysiak. It was also nice running into other classmates after so much time! I am not sure how I feel about my kids ringing the Wren Bell before they turn 10 when I waited until the end of senior year for the privilege, but it made for some cute photos.

I received word that **Hugo "Brad" S. DeBeaubien** has been recognized in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation and Employment Law – Management. He is a partner in the Tampa office of Shumaker, Loop, and Kendrick LLP.

Rachel McCall was promoted to vice president of the Downtown Norfolk Council. She will lead operational and strategic initiatives including public art, event planning and business development in the city's first official arts district.

Classmate and W&M Board of Visitors member **S. Douglas Bunch '02, J.D. '06** has been appointed a representative of the United States to the 77th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

I am continuously impressed at the accomplishments of our classmates. Keep your updates coming!

2003

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Hey Everyone!

Just two quick notes this time — as a class we like to maintain our air of mystery. Go Tribe.

Josh Riley is running for Congress in New York's 19th Congressional District! After graduating with us, Josh went on to Harvard Law School and then an array of accomplishments in both public service and private practice. He and his wife Monica live in Ithaca,

New York, with their 2-year-old son.

Congratulations to **Brad Parks** for the publication of "Banking on Beijing" from Cambridge University Press. Brad co-authored the book with W&M Global Institute Research Director **Mike Tierney '87, M.A. '88, and Austin Strange '12.**

2004

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I know that you all will not read this until sometime in the dead of winter, or the very early sprigs of spring; however, I am currently writing this column during my favorite time of the year! It is early October, and you know what that means? Halloween movies (and, of course, our beloved W&M Homecoming & Reunion Weekend)! Yes, with Netflix and the endless stream of (un)consciousness, one could watch Halloween-themed movies anytime of the year. But the tradition of lying on the floor, snacks in hand, and my eyes and ears waiting anxiously for that familiar, haunting opening theme music of my favorite scary movies is very nostalgic and oh-so-comforting.

OK, enough of reflecting on fun, "scary" memories. Back in June 2022, I received a nice letter from **Bryn Reinecke Douglass** on some beautiful personal stationery. I have always cherished handwritten letters and cards because you can almost "hear" the person talking to you through his/her handwriting. Well, Bryn also cannot believe that we are now in our collective 40s. She reminded me of that time when Bryn, some friends and I went to the Trellis during the summer when she had summer school

and I was a counselor at a history camp for high school students that was hosted by our college. As always, it was good friends, good times and good food. And of course there was some Death by Chocolate mixed in there. She could not believe that it was almost 20 years ago that happened — literally a lifetime/generation ago.

Last April and May, Bryn visited her former roommate **Lauren Larkin** in Minneapolis. While there, the pair saw a Twins game and dined at some local restaurants. Lauren later accompanied Bryn and her family to Bryn's uncle's memorial service in Waseca, Minnesota. Bryn's family is originally from southern Minnesota, so it was a nice family reunion for her. Back home in South Carolina, Bryn began attending the "new" W&M alumni group in Columbia. In addition to seeing some fellow alumni, Bryn also has a professional relationship with **Sarah Cotts '08**, who works at TA Instruments as a rheology applications scientist, and helps out Bryn and her associates at Zeus Inc. in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Bryn has also reached a milestone of 15 years with Zeus Inc. as a scientist in the corporate laboratory. Bryn, it is truly an accomplishment to stay with an employer for a decade and a half for our generation! Congratulations, and yes, I am trying to make it back out to the East Coast to see a few of my fellow alumni I have not seen in years, including you!

Not too long ago, I heard from **Dan Rose**. Although Dan was a double major in German and European studies, he mentioned that we probably did not know each other (I was a history/government double major, with an unofficial Hispanic studies minor, almost major). But for some reason, Dan, your name seems really familiar. I knew a few people in the German house, and I probably had

a European studies class with you during freshman year or senior year, so yes, our paths probably crossed sometime! Well, Dan gave me a rundown of everything he has done since graduation. After majoring in German and European studies, and studying in France for his junior year, Dan received a Fulbright Teaching Scholarship. He taught in a secondary school in Deutschlandsberg, Austria, near the Slovenian border. After realizing that teaching was not his calling, he returned to the D.C. area and began work as a paralegal in a big K Street firm. He eventually went to law school at UNC-Chapel Hill. After graduating in 2011, Dan clerked for an appeals court in Rochester, New York. While there in upstate New York, Dan met his future husband, Levi. They moved in together and relocated to the Syracuse area, where Dan was offered a position in a medium-sized local firm. Dan and Levi bought a house, got a dog and got married — in that order! After a European honeymoon where the happy couple visited sites that Dan fell in love with while living on the Continent, the duo began talking about children. Despite the despair of the pandemic, Dan and Levi welcomed a baby boy in May 2020. Dan, Levi and baby make three (think of the old 1920s "Pennies from Heaven" song) then moved into a larger home, while at the same time, Dan was offered partnership with his firm. The following year, Dan and his family made a stop in Williamsburg from a vacation in the Outer Banks of North Carolina and visited retired professor George Greenia and his husband. Dan and Levi also had to do the obligatory crossing of the Crim Dell bridge, toddled through the Sunk-en Garden and did selfies in front of the Wren Building. Dan, I hope you did not try to convince Levi to participate in the W&M Triathlon tradi-

tion. Haha. I do wish you, Levi and your little one happiness and joy for the future. Just like Bryn, I hope to see you and other fellow alumni in the 'Burg someday, hopefully soon. At least we have our 20th reunion coming up in less than two years.

And since we are talking about some Hispanic studies previously mentioned, I heard from **Amy Firestone**. Amy, a Hispanic studies major, was on CNN en Español as her role as vice president of Apprenticeship Carolina, South Carolina Technical College System. Perform a Google search on Amy Firestone with the aforementioned elements and view her interview to see what a Hispanic studies major could entail as a career.

Burke Brownfeld and **Brendan Hooke** made the lead article in the Metro section of The Washington Post of June 4, 2022 (print edition). The story features a program for police accountability, Guardian Score, which was developed by Burke and fellow classmate Brendan. Burke started his police work at the W&M police department as a student. He later served as a police officer in Alexandria, Virginia, and went on to be in charge of security for Peace Corps volunteers in South America and the Caribbean. Later, he headed security for the Organization of American States and the Washington, D.C., Metro system. Brendan was a police officer for almost six years with Fairfax County, Virginia. While a police officer, Brendan received his M.S. in high tech/computer forensics from George Washington University. He then remained with Fairfax County law enforcement and rose up through the ranks as captain/assistant director of the Information Technology Bureau.

Wow! Thank you all for providing a more interesting column this time. I so enjoyed reading about your life accomplishments

and stories, and then getting to share them with our fellow classmates. Keep up making a difference. The more you know ... OK, enough of 1980s kitsch. Have a great spring and summer, and I will talk with you soon!

Take care,
-Owen

2005

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Hello, Class of 2005!

As I write this, my family and I are about to move from Arlington, Massachusetts, to Newton, Massachusetts, so we are busy! Hopefully by the time you read this, we'll be well settled and at least half of our boxes will be unpacked.

Here are some updates from your classmates:

Amal Aboulhosn Giknis '05 and **Francis Parrish Giknis '05** welcomed baby Malcolm this past September. The Tribe grows in Philadelphia!

Karla Westfall Hunt '05 graduated with a B.S. and a double major in geology and environmental science. She worked with another W&M alum, **Anthony Creech '82**, at Resource International in Ashland, Virginia, until August 2014, when she retired (she went to school late — nontraditional student). She was ordained a vocational deacon in the Episcopal Church in September 2018 and her granddaughter was born in 2019. Between ministry and babysitting, she manages to fill her time very easily.

She serves at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1719 N. 22nd St., Richmond, Virginia, where she can be found on Wednesday mornings from 10-11 a.m. sitting on the corner with a fellow deacon offering Prayers to Go. Anyone interested in knowing more or participating in any way is more than welcome to stop by.

Natasha Henderson '05 and her husband, **Steven Griffin '05**, had their first child, Archer Hyperion Griffin, on June 8. He's a healthy, happy kid so far and, fingers crossed, a prime Class of '43 candidate. She also realized that the current freshman class might consider our class old!

Jessica Patterson Sokol '05 moved from Connecticut to Charleston, South Carolina, in September 2020 and settled into Lowcountry life in Daniel Island. She welcomed her third child, a girl named Frances June Sokol, in May 2021. She works for a local art gallery, Meyer Vogl Gallery, and would love to connect with any alumni in the area! (jesspatt@me.com)

In August 2021, **Laura Nixon Kriviski '05** began a job in the Budget Division at the Census Bureau and was tackling the learning curve of a brand new role before going on extended leave. She and her husband, Eliot Kriviski, welcomed a baby girl, Madeline, in early November 2021.

Anh Tran '05 and her husband, Aaron Karty (alas, a UVA alumnus), just had their first child, Lilith, and on the heels of that, she has recently become a licensed architect, because that's the natural trajectory for an anthropology major, right? The obsession with human outcomes is certainly shared across the disciplines for her and has been a major focus for her entire career.

Unknown whether or not any of that will be Lilith's thing, but that's OK because she's very busy being the cutest potato.

Cassidy Harris Jones '05 was recently recognized for her contributions and leadership over in Montgomery County, Virginia (Blacksburg area). First, she was named to the Top 40 Under 40 list by the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce in spring 2022. Then she

received the 2022 Leading Women "Emerging Leader" Award, also from the Chamber of Commerce. Her business, Slate Creek Builders, was named a "Best Place to Work" by the chamber, and recently named "Builder of the Year" by the New River Valley Home Builders Association. Chip and Joanna of Magnolia would be jealous of their builds!

Weijia Jiang '05 and her husband, **Luther Lowe '06**, welcomed their second baby, Jack Li Jiang Lowe, in May.

Sadly, all six members of Chandler House missed Homecoming & Reunion Weekend this year, but for good reason: **Julia Baltz '05**, **Kensley Davis '05**, **Jenny Gilman '05**, **Kat Vitale '05**, **Caroline Gilpin '05** and **Jacqueline Langholtz '05** had their own mini reunion in Vermont! Over brilliant fall colors and a killer throwback playlist (hit up Kensley for the mix!) they caught up on the 17 years since they'd all been together and promised not to wait until they're 56 to do it again.

2006

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It is October as I am writing this ... It is nearly Homecoming & Reunion Weekend and I am missing the 'Burg! The leaves are starting to change colors here in my hometown on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and the air is getting cooler and the nights longer. It is crazy how time flies and how much happens between each time we share Class Notes. So right/write now, grab your phone or computer and send me your update! I know lots of things have been happening with you ...whether it be your career, your family, volunteer endeavors, or even your own continuing

education. Share your special moments with us!!

Our girls are 12 and 9 and were both recently baptized in our Baptist church. We are so proud of them and don't know where life would be without them to keep us entertained and on our toes! My husband, Jimmy, and I celebrated 15 years of marriage in August and I am still in kindergarten, teaching my 17th group of tiny humans! Our life is just as busy as ever and just as blessed, filled with soccer, cheerleading, basketball, swimming, Girl Scouts and church activities. The house is never clean, the sink is always full of dirty dishes and we are always away from home on another adventure. We are thankful for this crazy, fun-filled life we live. We are joking about opening a zoo as we currently share our home with eight pets: a betta fish, a cat, a 1-year-old chocolate lab, a hedgehog, a leopard gecko, a bearded dragon, a ball python and a tarantula. We hope that your life is full of blessings and lots of crazy fun too! The following Tribe fellows wrote in to share some of their recent updates!

Jeff Hedley recently shared that he and his wife, **Kristyn Shiring Hedley '07**, moved back to VA after being away for almost 10 years. This move comes after a long and rewarding 14 years of medical training following William & Mary. Jeff has just started as a cardiac electrophysiologist at Sentara Healthcare. The happy couple has two children and are very much enjoying soaking up the sun and ocean waves, as they really missed it while they were away. Jeff and Kristyn visit the campus often (and the site of their 2010 wedding, the Wren Chapel). The family hopes to ensure the kids are thoroughly spoiled and positively enthralled with all things 'Burg-related such as the Cheese Shop, antique hunting and all things Tribe-like! The

Hedley family is anxious to become involved in local alumni chapters ... so reach out with any upcoming events!

We also heard from **David Scott**. He and his sweetheart Abigail got married on July 24, 2022, at Eolia Mansion in Harkness State Park in Waterford, Connecticut. There was a lot of Green & Gold pride in attendance. These included some of David's freshman hallmates from Fauquier Hall. He says that really meant a lot to him, as some of those friendships began to root those very first days of college life and are still standing the test of time. W&M alumni that took part in the wedding celebration included David's younger brother, **Christopher Scott '08**, **Sean Blaney '06** (and his wife, Beth), **Philip Lynch '07** (and his wife, Stephanie), **Hunter Kreger '08**, **Aaron Lentz '09** and Abigail's longtime friend **Jason King Ed.D. '24** (and his wife, Candance). We wish David and Abigail a lifetime of happiness and many wonderful adventures during these first few years of marriage. Please send us updates!

Until next time, I hope you have many great days on purpose, full of sunsets, family adventures, and maybe a W&M memory of the past — or better yet, a brand new 'Burg moment in the present! Sending lots of Green & Gold love!

2007

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When I heard that Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II had passed away, I remembered her visit to Williamsburg during our senior year and how she was made an honorary member of our graduating class. That unique connection is one of the amazing experi-

ences that our time at William & Mary gave us!

Thank you to everyone who shared updates with me. Please continue to share your news with me and our whole class.

As founder of Artfully Awear, **Ariel Adkins** creates clothing inspired by works of art, hand-painting each piece while also working as the curator of art, culture and community at Twitter. She was recently featured in a Heromag article along with photos of her incredible designs.

Nathaniel Baldwin got married to Nicole Escudero on Dec. 27, 2020.

Crystal Bell is currently a program specialist in secondary curriculum and instruction at the Virginia Department of Education's Training and Technical Assistance Center (T/TAC) at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). She is currently a second-year doctoral student at VCU pursuing her doctorate in educational leadership. She is passionate about improving the outcomes of students with disabilities and supporting Black students in literacy and mathematics. Her research interests include supporting students with disabilities and recruiting, retaining and supporting Black teachers in the K-12 sector and beyond. She was recently accepted to present at the 2023 Council for Exceptional Children's national conference on research she's done on specially designed instruction in Louisville, Kentucky. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Owen Beste married Bridgette Reilly on July 3, 2022, in Clayton, New York, in the Thousand Islands.

Timothy Boykin earned his J.D. and M.B.A. from the University of Richmond. After practicing law in Norfolk, he moved back to Richmond in 2014 where his wife Reba, a Hokie, is a dentist at her family practice.

He worked with a fintech company for several years and is now an in-house attorney at Owens & Minor. He has served for the past four years as the president of the Order of the White Jacket and enjoyed celebrating the OWJ's 50th anniversary during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. The Boykin family went to the home football opener against Campbell soon after welcoming new baby boy Timothy "Oley" to join Rosie (5); Lili (3); and Ivy Belle (2).

Kathryn Baystar Healy '07, M.B.A. '12 and **Andrew Healy '05** welcomed a baby boy, Brian Robert, on June 2, 2022. His big sister, Lindsay (3), is doing a great job of helping and snuggling!

Lucia Lykke and her husband John Coughlan had a son, Julian Lykke-Coughlan, in May 2020.

After six years in Massachusetts and two in the U.K., as of August 2022, **Laura Sauls** has returned to the Washington, D.C., area. She is working as an assistant professor of global affairs at George Mason University. In addition to teaching on global environmental governance and climate justice, she's involved in a diverse set of research projects, looking at everything from how climate change impacts migration in Central America to how forest communities' use of drones influences community rights and biodiversity conservation. She's living in Silver Spring, Maryland, with her partner, José, and a motley array of houseplants.

Chris Smith, founder of the Virginia Beer Co., recently spoke at a meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Capital. He discussed the decisions and challenges that he and his partners faced before the grand opening in 2016.

K.C. Tydgat, her husband, Michael Uowski, and their son, Michael David, welcomed a new member of the family, Thomas Cameron, born July 5, 2022.

The new Apple TV+ series "Best Foot Forward" is inspired by events in the life of Paralympian **Josh Sundquist** and his best-selling memoir, "Just Don't Fall." He also serves as a producer and writer for the show. The W&M Alumni Magazine interviewed him for the online article "A Step in the Right Direction" (see link in the online notes, magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/2007). His most recent book, "Semi-Famous," came out in July 2022.

2008 15

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I hope everyone is doing well! Can you believe we graduated 15 years ago in May? I hope you can make it back for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend in October to celebrate. It was great seeing everyone for our 10th reunion. Thank you to everyone who submitted an update!

Hannah Davis is co-directing a training institute for counselors to serve underserved populations in a group practice setting in Commerce City, Colorado. She and her partner, Chase, are expecting baby No. 2 this fall, to join big brother Luca who is 3 1/2.

In April, **Mike Peck** left Health-Ade Kombucha, and took the lead finance role at a collection of beverages start-ups, namely De La Calle Tepache. The brand is carried in Whole Foods and Target nationwide — give it a try!

In October, **Juliana Glassco** became the director of development for HistoriCorps, a historic preservation organization headed up by Jason Whitehead, who was Colonial Williamsburg's master of historic masonry trades and worked there for 23 years! She is excited to return to her Williamsburg roots!

Tina Ho and her husband and son, Leo, welcomed another boy, Remy, on Feb. 14, 2022. They look forward to celebrating future February family birthdays together on Feb. 13, 14, 19 and 27!

In June, the Princeton University Art Museum appointed **Elena Torok** as its associate objects conservator. Elena comes to Princeton from the Dallas Museum of Art, where she contributed to conservation efforts for exhibitions, loans, new acquisitions and a collection of more than 26,000 objects.

Kurt Steinhouse recently joined the international law firm Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP's Planning and Zoning practice. He also teaches planning law at Columbia University and is chair of the New York City Bar Association's Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee. For the decade before BCLP, Kurt worked in public service, most recently serving as general counsel to New York City's zoning board.

Sarah Vogelsong, an award-winning energy and environment reporter, has been named editor-in-chief of Virginia Mercury, a nonprofit news outlet in Richmond covering Virginia government, politics and policy.

Andrew Hipolit has joined the government relations team as assistant vice president, financial policy, research and advocacy at the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA). He is conducting financial policy research and analyses to promote the community banking industry and advance the policy objectives of the association.

Kramon & Graham, a leading Maryland-based law firm providing litigation, real estate and transactional services, has chosen **Louis Malick** for its Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch 2023 edition.

You can submit an update at any time by emailing me ajpinn08@gmail.com.

2009

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Hello Class of 2009! How many Leafe mugs are *too* many to still have in your 30s? Asking for a friend ...

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. It is always so uplifting to receive your emails and hear you brag about yourselves.

Be sure to send me any updates and life milestones you are celebrating so they can be featured here and on the online Class Notes. Your class wants to hear from you, whether it is a new job, a wedding, a new family member or something outside of the norm. It is all important and worth sharing! Just send them to me at afoiles@gmail.com. There is also an online version which also supports photos, so feel free to send those in along with your updates too.

Go Tribe!

Andy

Updates:

Alison Mika Schutte and her husband Dan welcomed their second child, Luke, on April 15, 2022. Big sister Abby (5) is especially excited about his arrival as they settle into life as a family of four in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Matt Burns is teaching 6th grade in Leadville, Colorado, the highest city in America at 10,152 feet. When not teaching, he is coaching future athletes how to ski.

Alex Kyrios married Allie Alvis in September in Alexandria, with **Matt Beato**, **Ross Gillingham '10** and **Nick Hoelker** serving as groomsmen. Other attendees included **Patty Lampert Anderson '79**, **Jenny Dorand**, **Chris Kyrios M.B.A. '85**, **Paula Lampert Kyrios '77**, **Sam Lockhart '10** and **Zach Pilchen '10**, **Walter McClean**, **Chris**

Ours, **Daniel Reisch '07** and **Orren Saltzman '10**.

Andy DeSoto was appointed as the senior advisor for the social, behavioral and economic sciences directorate of the National Science Foundation. In this role, he will work to establish partnerships within and outside of NSF to grow these sciences' opportunities to advance NSF's mission.

2010

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Hello, Class of 2011! I hope you all are doing well. Be sure to check the online edition for some great photos that go along with your classmates' submissions. Stay safe & be well!

Cassie Crumal got engaged to Zach Allman on Aug. 21, 2022. He "hit a home run" by asking her at the Colorado Rockies game. A wedding date has been set for Dec. 16, 2023, in Louisburg, North Carolina. Cassie also started a new job in September as a customer success manager at Jellyfish, an engineering management platform, joining fellow Tribe alumni **Adam Harris** and **Julia Rennie Pearson '18**.

Sheila Wilson and her husband, Duane Ruch, have big news — the couple are expecting! They will welcome a small human into the world the first week of January.

Maggie Spriggs got married on Sept. 25, 2022, to Peter Lovegrove in Charlottesville, Virginia. A wonderful group of William & Mary Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters from the Classes of 2011 and 2010 were in attendance.

Kate Tidaback Foiles started a new job at Virginia Tech, working as an executive assistant to the chair of the Department of Chemistry. Although she misses teaching and singing, she gets plenty of chaotic kid time and nursery rhyme singalongs at home with her two boys, Hugo and Teddy.

Julianne Sickstele Brainard and her husband, Will, continue to live in Indianapolis. Julianne is in-house counsel for Otsuka America Pharmaceutical Inc. They recently welcomed their first child, Ellen Elizabeth Brainard ("Ellie") on July 14, 2022, at Bastille Day-appropriate 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Caitlin Clements has just begun a postgraduate creative writing course in the United Kingdom which she'll be working on part-time for the next two years — the program in Writing for Young People (focusing on children/middle grade/young adult fiction) is at Bath Spa University. Caitlin is excited for this new adventure, and to be splitting time between New York City and the U.K. in the months ahead. She is also on the co-producing team for the West End play "Orlando," which will begin performances in London next month, and run through February. It stars Emma Corrin in the lead role; she is best known for playing Princess Diana in "The Crown" on Netflix. A fun one to get to be a part of, and looking forward to performances beginning soon!

Isabelle Thibau has had a year full of happy news! Most recently, Isabelle got married to Swastik Sahoo on May 6 in Washington, D.C., on a bridge in front of the Tidal Basin overlooking monuments dedicated to W&M's former chancellor and student (Washington and Jefferson). The couple have since moved to Fairfax, Virginia. Isabelle also was recently promoted to associate director of Real-World Data at the

National Eczema Association where she manages NEA's app to help patients manage their eczema and conduct research with the data they collect. The work she's done at NEA has been incredibly rewarding and exciting, especially at a time when targeted therapies are newly available for a disease that, for the most part, only had steroids as an effective treatment option.

2012

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Hello, Class of 2012!

If you attended Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, I hope it was an awesome time, and if not, I hope you had a wonderful fall. We moved back to the U.S. in July and have been on the go ever since — getting back into the swing of things and moving into our new home in Ellicott City, Maryland. (Come say hi if you're ever in the area!)

Amidst the pure chaos of the move and bouncing between our parents' homes while chasing a very energetic 10-month-old, I found myself harkening back to the days of sitting in Tucker Hall, breathing in the smell of old wood, books, chalk and sewage (any other English majors remember that rumor where someone left a sewage vent open for years on end so it kind of smelled faintly like ... well ... you know?) I wonder if that was true.

Anyway, I realized I miss taking notes. As in, taking notes with a pen and paper while listening to my professor talk about a passage in "Beowulf" or "The Canterbury Tales." I miss schlepping around those insanely thick Norton Anthologies, translating Old English poetry, and the list goes on. I miss learning in the traditional sense.

I find that "learning" as an adult mostly consists of a quick Google search, a wing and a prayer. I've learned how to hire and pay a contractor to fix water damage in our house (fun!) I've learned how to read my daughter's cues as she grows (this cry means she's hungry, that cry means she's tired), I've learned how to measure a window for curtains (ugh, math).

It seems so banal to reflect upon, but my husband reminded me that learning in the academic sense as well as in the "real life" sense are both important and they build on one another, even if it doesn't feel like it at the time.

I may not be studying history or philosophy anymore within the hallowed halls of William & Mary, but as Aristotle once said, "The things we have to learn before we do them, we learn by doing them."

In Tribe We Trust,
-Maddie

Sarah Fiorito married Shane Brennan on Oct. 22, 2022, in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Katherine Covino and **Martin Feeney '09** happily welcomed their daughter, Elizabeth "Elle" Anne Feeney, on Sept. 5, 2022.

Brittany Sevachko Gabriel and her husband, Peter, welcomed their son, Noah Douglas Gabriel, on Jan. 3, 2022.

Congrats to W&M Global Research Institute Director **Mike Tierney, '87, M.A. '88, Austin Strange** and **Brad Parks '03** on their new book, "Banking on Beijing," from Cambridge University Press.

Sacha Vania Tri-nette Thompson '97, M.Ed. '99 and **Jerome J. Carter**, co-presidents of the Hulan Willis Association, opened events at William & Mary's first Black Alumni Reunion, held in May, with remarks prior to a panel discussion Saturday morning titled, "Being Black at W&M: Past, Present & Future."

Kristen Smith Abri-

go and **Nick Abrigo** welcomed their third child, a son named Oliver Leo Abrigo, on Oct. 5, 2022.

2013

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Happy New Year, Class of 2013! I wish you all a happy and healthy start to 2023. Thank you to those classmates who sent me your updates! Please also take a look at our online Class Notes, as that's where you'll find links to some pretty cool projects.

Ellen Robinson started a new senior-level job as a product manager for web services at Georgetown University.

Sarah Young Haden and her husband recently bought their first house together in Bristow, Virginia, and adopted a 9-year-old cat named Puffin who loves to climb and lie on laptops while the humans are working. Sarah is still working at Manassas Park Middle School as an eighth grade science teacher, but she has taken on an additional role supporting teachers and gifted students as the school's first gifted resources teacher. She sends well wishes to all!

Melanie Levine and **Matthew Muller '12** moved from Singapore to Chicago in January 2022 after three years abroad. They are enjoying life back in the U.S. and would love to connect with any W&M alumni who also live in the Windy City!

Liam Anastasia-Murphy started his own business last year called Timber and Salt, a woodshop that focuses on making sustainable furniture and custom interiors. They have a small bandsaw mill where they can process logs and turn them into building materials. Learn more about this sustainable, family business in our online Class Notes. In

addition, Liam continues to make and release music with his music project Surnames. He has been releasing new singles — check them out in our online Class Notes as well!

Kyle Stark was the recipient of the Founders Award with the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, as shared in a New Mexico Tech news release published on May 14, 2022. Kyle earned his master's degree and doctorate in hydrology at New Mexico Tech.

Lexington's News-Gazette mentioned **Brock Johnson** in an article published on Aug. 24, 2022, highlighting him as one of six new teachers in Lexington City Schools in Virginia. Brock is the new school counselor at Waddell Elementary School.

B.J. Minor was the focus of an article published on Aug. 30, 2022, by the Culpeper Star-Exponent. B.J. is starring in a new eight-part limited series on Hulu called "Mike," in which he portrays a teenage Mike Tyson.

2014

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Congratulations to **Greg Skipworth**, who accepted a position teaching dual enrollment U.S. history and contemporary issues at Giles County High School in Pulaski, Tennessee.

The Broke Royals, which includes **Colin Cross '14, M.Ed. '20, Phillip Basnight '13** and **Rebecca Silverstein Basnight**, released their third album, "Local Support," this summer. They also performed at Busch Gardens as part of the Summer Celebration series. The Broke Royals got their start at William & Mary when Colin and Philip were working with Alma Mater Productions, according to an article

this August in the Virginia Gazette.

Alana Ogata is an analytical chemist and assistant professor at the University of Toronto Mississauga. She is working on bioanalytical technologies that can sense tiny amounts of proteins in the body that cause diseases such as Alzheimer's, cystic fibrosis, cataracts and more. Read more about her work in the online edition.

Go Tribe!

2015

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Congratulations to **Tyler Jones**, who completed his Ph.D. in the Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology Program at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 2021. He writes, "I did research into how dysregulation of immune signaling can cause immunodeficiency and lymphoma. I now started a postdoc job at the University of Chicago working on identifying new cancer immunotherapy targets for developing therapies." Great work, Tyler!

And congratulations to Dr. **Hannah Tucker** on her marriage to Dr. Mike Laforest. Hannah and Mike met during their doctoral programs at UVA. After graduation in 2021, Hannah was hired as an assistant professor of history at the Copenhagen Business School, and they now live in Denmark. After some intercontinental wedding planning, they were married on Oct. 15 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, with lots of William & Mary alumni in attendance, including **Skyler Paltell**, **Abby Dean**, **Allyson Mateja**, **Kathleen Swift-Papas '14**, **M.A.Ed. '15**, **Tess Mackey** and many others. Best wishes to the Doctors Tucker!

Ian MacFawn writes in from the University of

Pittsburgh, where he is currently a postdoctoral scholar studying the role of B lymphocytes in ovarian cancer after earning his Ph.D. from West Virginia University in cancer cell biology. A member of the cross-country and field and track teams while at W&M, Ian will be taking part in the Cure Leukemia Tour 21. He writes, "I will be riding the entire 2023 Tour de France one week before the professional race. There are 24 other riders from around the world on the team. We will ride the same route [for] all 21 stages consecutively, exactly as the pros will do. In 2022, this was a total of 2068 miles around France. Cure Leukemia foundation is the official charity of The Tour de France, and my teammates and I have pledged to raise \$1 million dollars for Cure Leukemia. These funds will be used to expand clinical trials for leukemia patients. I believe that our efforts will have a direct impact on our effort to fight, and ultimately cure cancer. For me, the challenge is not only getting into great biking shape, but also meeting and exceeding my personal fundraising goal of \$30,000." If you're interested in learning more about Tour 21, visit www.thetour21.co.uk.

And finally, congratulations to **Jim Szabo**! He was hired by Apple as a data science engineer. He is moving to Austin from New York with his wife, Chloe, and while he'll miss his beloved Citi Field, he's already found a New York Mets-themed pizza joint in town.

2016

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Class of 2016,

It's hard to believe it's been 10 years since we first stepped foot on campus! I hope everyone has been doing well in the decade

that has come to pass since those first memories at W&M.

I'm excited to share an update of my own this issue. Earlier this year, after several years on the East Coast, I moved to Los Angeles for a role with Google managing the Universal Pictures business. It's been great getting to know a new city and amazing as always to see how the W&M community extends far beyond Williamsburg.

Sean Sheldon recently accepted an assistant coach position for the Utah Jazz after spending the last four seasons working for the San Antonio Spurs coaching staff in the video scouting department.

Michele Ricciardi got married to Alex Abrahamian on May 6, 2022, and they are now living in San Diego.

Amanda VanInwegen got engaged to **John McGuinness J.D. '20** in Richmond, Virginia. Amanda is a neonatal critical care pharmacist at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital and John is senior legal counsel at Allianz Partners.

Courtney Pierce '16, **M.Acc. '17** and **Robert Smutsky '16**, **M.Acc. '17** got engaged at W&M Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2021. Courtney and Bobby met at the business school during their junior year and have been inseparable ever since. They went on to complete the Master of Accounting (M.Acc.) program together and now live in Fairfax, Virginia. Courtney and Bobby look forward to celebrating one year of engagement at Homecoming this year and returning to campus for many years to come.

Claire Tito '16, **M.A.Ed. '17** married Nick Becker in Richmond, Virginia, on July 9, 2022. Fourteen W&M alumni were present, including **Ashley Woodards '17** and **Greg Tito '14** in the bridal party.

Thank you to everyone for your updates! Best wishes until next time.

2017

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Read more about each of these announcements in our online Class Notes at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/2017.

Congratulations to **Lauren G. Riley J.D. '18** and **Meronne Teklu**, who were named to the top "40 Under 40" list of up-and-coming professionals and entrepreneurs who are shaping the future of Alexandria, Virginia, by Chamber ALX (Alexandria Chamber of Commerce) and Zebra Press.

According to the Richmond Times-Dispatch on Aug. 15, former W&M cycling club member

Emma Langley went pro last year and won the USA Cycling Professional Road National Championships on June 26. "Langley broke free in the final stretch to grab first place — a significant victory that could help set her up for more success in her burgeoning pro career ... As her own career continues to blossom, Langley has goals of competing in the world championships, the Tour de France Femmes and in the Olympics, for Team USA."

While at W&M, **Emma Zahren-Newman '17**, **M.A.Ed. '18** majored in studio art and art history, with a minor in psychology. In 2020, she started Real Kids Play LLC, promoting creative, playful, standards-based and screen-time-limited learning for young students.

Terry Tarpey '17 entered the top five of the best players in Le Mans Sarthe Basket history in terms of interceptions made. Also known as MSB or Le Mans, the professional basketball club is from the city of Le Mans, France.

Megan Clark '17 started her design career

while at W&M, when her work on a Virginia legislative race made her love campaigns. Now a senior graphic designer at Aisle 518 Strategies, she works with candidates like Bernie Sanders, Mandela Barnes and Mark Kelly.

On May 14, 2022, **Paul Rowley '17**, **J.D. '20** married **Sami Tewolde '19**, **M.P.P. '20**. They got married at the Historic Jasmine outside of Williamsburg (see a picture in the online edition) and had ambitions of having their after party at the Brickhouse Tavern — but ended up being too exhausted to keep the party going. They live together in Washington, D.C., where Paul works as a government contracts lawyer for Covington & Burling LLP and Sami works as a consultant for Deloitte.

Conor O. Smith has been working as a child and family therapist in the Philadelphia area and pursuing his licensure as a professional counselor.

Devon DeYoung Reilly and **Sean Reilly '16** welcomed their first child, Quinn Marie Reilly (Class of 2044?), on July 13, 2022.

In April 2022, **Leslie Tucker** quit her corporate training position to start her own personal training and lifestyle coaching business. She discovered her interest in health and fitness when she was a student at William & Mary and shared her story with me — catch it in the online version of the Class Notes. Leslie is the owner of Lift Wellness and Coach for Chiron Applied Health and Performance in the greater Chicago area.

Taylor Medley and **Drew Wood '15** eloped back in the spring, but their marriage was made complete on Sept. 3 with a celebration alongside family and friends at the farm where they live and work in Floyd, Virginia. Their handfasting ceremony was officiated by close friend, **Haley Arata '17**. They met in

a class titled "Gender" taught by Jennifer Putzi, who joined them for the celebration and gave a toast in their honor.

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Hello again, and welcome to another installment of Class Notes!

I've just found the time to write while waiting for the arrival of Hurricane Ian in North Florida, which canceled my law school classes for the next few days. Admittedly, that means I'm writing these notes before Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, since I will sadly not be in attendance. I hope some of you will be back in Williamsburg to ring in fall, nonetheless.

My outlook was accurate, this past summer was fantastic, and it included seeing many of my friends from our class for the first time since the pandemic began. I was so excited to get drinks with **Megan Beier**, **Maddy Pellow** and **Kat Danstrom '18** after work. **Klaire Gubler**, **Cynthia Wang**, **Abbey Hillerich**, **Natalie Marcotullio**, **Mary Burns** and I had a fun Fourth of July on Cape Cod, and we spent an afternoon with **Peter Hogan** and **Greg Garnhart '20** at a local brewery. I gathered with many of the same friends for Cynthia's birthday plus **Craig Maxwell**, **Jack Jenet**, **Andris Murray**, **Alana Coleman** and **Edward Fortunato**. Needless to say, there was many a group BeReal taken.

With a population of 8 million, one wouldn't expect to run into William

& Mary people on the street in New York City, but that happened to me more than once this summer. After a lovely dinner with **Cameron Menchel '17**, we ran into his classmate **Jason Nagel '17** accompanied by **Sarah Acree '15**; and **Matt Parciak** and I crossed paths with **Joel Calfee '20** in Central Park as if by fate. I hope your summers were similarly filled with friends and fun!

In other news, the D.C. exodus continues with **Kenny Preston** and **Isabelle Rodriguez** now in Richmond, **Peter Makey** moving to New York City to work in sustainability-related private capital and **Kat Danstrom '18** also moving to NYC for a new mathematically inclined position at Hudson River Trading. Very longtime roommates **Casey Herrmann**, **Amelia Nell** and **Alex Cole** also absconded from the District. Amelia is joining the ranks of attorneys in our class as she just started law school at the University of Virginia. After an incredible summer of travel for Casey, featuring a stop in Switzerland where Alex is now living, she moved to NYC. Casey is now training for the New York City Marathon and would certainly appreciate your help reaching her fundraising goal for the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Additionally, **Alex Wallace** informed me that his work was published in two anthologies over the past several years. They are titled "AlloAmericana: Myths and Legends from Other Americas" and "Building a Better Future," the proceeds of which he is proud to report benefit Ukrainian relief efforts.

OK, it's time to congratulate those of us getting married. **Allie Cooper** and **Justin Dulaney '20** were married over the summer, as were **Kyle Parker** and his husband, Ariel Listo Argul, on a beautiful day in Maryland

with numerous alumni in attendance! Congratulations are long overdue to **Moises Romero** and **Michaela Seaton** on their marriage, but I wish you both a very happy third anniversary.

Recently engaged couples due congratulations include **Rianna Banerjee** and **Matt Boyer '21**, **Dillon Cullipher** and **Nick Flanagan '18**, **Kia Garrett** and **Aidan McKee**, **David Watkins** and **Taylor White '20**, **Andrea Dumenigo** and Chase McKeivitt, and **Meredith Caine** and **Emily Gould '18**. Special congratulations to **Lizzie Torrez** and **Michael Ambrose**, a fellow Cambridge study abroad couple, on an amazing beachside engagement!

As I mentioned in the fall notes, I am crowd sourcing an anecdotal travel guide from the Class of 2019, which will be published (photos and all) in the online notes. Go check it out as you start thinking about plans for spring and summer!

As always, reach out with any news you have. I would love to hear from you!

2020

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Dear Class of 2020,

Happy 2023! I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season and were able to spend quality time with family and friends.

Here's the latest news: **Joe Dowell** worked as an event operations team member for the Chicago Bears training camp from July to August. While in Chicago, he caught up with fellow alumni **Luke Benigno** and **Blaine Hiner '19**. Blaine and Joe even went to see the Cubs play the Nationals at Wrigley Field! Luke is currently an operations coordinator for the

National Women's Soccer League and Blaine is pursuing an M.S. in natural resources and environmental sciences at the University of Illinois.

Gabrielle Concepcion got engaged to Thomas Becker and the couple bought their first home in Northern Virginia. From wedding planning to designing room layouts and furnishing their house, they've had their hands full! Nearly all of Gabrielle's bridesmaids are W&M alumnae and they are currently planning to have the bachelorette retreat in Tulum.

Elizabeth Smith was among the first Peace Corps volunteers to return to overseas service since the agency's unprecedented global evacuation in March 2020. Elizabeth is serving as a volunteer in Costa Rica in the youth-in-development sector.

Nathan Knight resigned with the Minnesota Timberwolves on a two-year contract. After signing a two-way contract last August, Nate was a restricted free agent and appeared in 37 NBA games, making two starts and averaging 3.7 points and 2.3 rebounds in 7.2 minutes per contest.

An Shen is starting his J.D. at Columbia Law School. In his words, he plans to sell his soul to the highest bidder when he graduates!

Jasmine Garnes started a new job as a community schools therapist at Advanced Behavioral Health Inc. in Maryland.

Angela Leersnyder is in her second and final year of an M.Sc. program in conservation practice at Cardiff University in Wales. She spent her summer interning in archaeological conservation on Crete.

James Card recently traveled to France and Portugal to visit his study abroad host parents. Outside of his busy job at the Virginia Department of

Health in Roanoke, James has been taking care of his new dog while getting certified as an EMT.

It's so wonderful hearing from you all! Keep in touch.

Devon

2021

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As always, it is wonderful to hear your news! Keep 'em coming!

Neal Going: "I have been working at The Trevor Project since June 2021 as a training coordinator. Trevor is an international nonprofit; it's a suicide prevention and crisis intervention service for LGBTQ+ young people. I have also been teaching Zumba at American University since August of 2021." For information on the Trevor Project's services and how to volunteer, see trevorproject.org.

Abdurrahim Sevim: "I am now an active duty operations specialist in the U.S. Coast Guard and stationed at Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Mostly in my free time I am enjoying the summer on Cape Cod. Other than that, I spend most of my time training Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and competing all over the country. You can check my Instagram page at @757jiujitsu. And hopefully, I am in the process applying to Tufts University (for a master's degree in law and diplomacy) or Harvard Extension School (international relations)."

Irene McLaughlin: "I am currently in Washington, D.C., working at Deloitte as a risk & financial advisory analyst. I am currently supporting the Department of Defense."

Kylee Hartman-Caballero: "I'm doing well. Currently, I am completing my master's degree in applied math at Virginia Commonwealth University, where I also teach

pre-calculus. Hopefully on to a Ph.D. after that, fingers crossed."

Caroline Sublett: "I would love to share that I started med school at the University of Virginia!"

Avery (Natasha) Chambers: "I've recently been promoted at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters to mental health coach and will be transferring over to their new inpatient facility once it opens up in October!"

Shreyas Kumar shared a photo (view at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/2021) with the caption: "With the Health Expectations of Adolescents in Eswatini (HEALS) Team under ICAP at Columbia University, as part of my internship with the NGO in southern Africa."

Daisy Garner: "I am currently in the U.S. Virgin Islands visiting family before returning to Austria for another year of teaching English through Fulbright."

Kate Dooley: "I am about to start my first semester of grad school at Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. I will be getting a Master of Arts in clinical mental health counseling with a specialization in drama therapy. I cannot wait to begin this journey!"

Annie Milwicz: "After graduating, I took a gap year to apply to PA (physician assistant) school. I took my EMT certification and participated in some shadowing experience in Baltimore, Maryland. After a few interviews, I got an acceptance into Alderson Broaddus University's physician assistant program in West Virginia. I just finished my first semester this summer. I have two more years left of school before I take my boards. I hope to get the opportunity to practice rural women's health once I receive my physician assistant certification."

Kiera Sears: "I have just finished my master's degree in marine biol-

ogy through University College Cork (Ireland) and presented my thesis dealing with the social cooperation of bottlenose dolphins."

Congrats to **Sydney Fuhrig** for receiving the Dr. Marilyn O'Hara Ruiz Young Professional Scholarship, which supports participation in URISA's GIS-Pro conference. (URISA stands for Urban and Regional Information Systems Association.) Sydney is an intermediate geographic information systems (GIS) technician in the Long-Range Planning Division of the Tennessee Department of Transportation in Nashville. She graduated magna cum laude with honors in environmental science at William & Mary, where her thesis was "A Study of Urban Green Space Composition in Richmond, VA." She was the managing director of the geoBoundaries Team at the geoLab at W&M and also a geospatial and big data student research analyst at the geoLab. She had some interesting internships as well at the Center for International Earth Science Information Network and also at the World Bank Group.

2022

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Michael F. Amendola '95, M.S. '97 (chem-

istry), a professor of surgery at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine and chief of vascular surgery at the Central Virginia Veterans Affairs Health Care System, is leading the efforts in 3D printing for the overall Veterans Affairs Health Care System. He presented on the 3D printing of medical devices at the point of care during a virtual public workshop hosted by the Food and Drug Administration in collaboration with the Veterans Health Administration back in March 2022.

Ross Harper M.A. '90 (anthropology) is the senior historical archaeologist with the nonprofit Public Archaeology Survey Team and its affiliate Archaeological and Historical Services. He presented the results of an archaeological survey undertaken at the Pardon-Morris House in New Haven, Connecticut, back in July 2022 as reported by *Antiques and the Arts Weekly*.

Jennifer Bridges Oast '96, M.A. '00, Ph.D. '08 (history), professor of history at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, is helping to make the case for reparations as it gains momentum with major faith institutions, as reported by *The Record* in New Jersey.

Tim Dinsmore (graduate work in historical archaeology 1989-90), a professional historical archaeologist, presented his research on the Hatch homestead and blacksmith shop sites in Newcastle, Maine, as part of a public program hosted by the Newcastle and Damariscotta Historical Societies.

Amy Stoakley Sebring M.P.P. '95, W&M's former chief operating officer, is now an executive vice president and chief operating officer of Virginia Tech.

Cleve Francis M.A. '69 (biology), a Virginia cardiologist and major-label recording artist, was

honored by the Rosedale Collective, a country music label and foundation dedicated to amplifying artists of color. Cleve received the inaugural Hazelhurst Award for his impact on the industry and idea for the Black Country Music Association as reported by *The Washington Post*. Also see the feature story on him in this issue.

Check out the following new reads in the Online Exclusives Summer 2022 Book Roundup!

Michael J. Jarvis M.A. '93, Ph.D. '98 (history), associate professor of history at the University of Rochester, published "Isle of Devils, Isle of Saints: An Atlantic History of Bermuda" (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2022), which explores the social and cultural history of Bermuda.

Michael Tierney '87, M.A. '88 (government), George & Mary Hylton Professor of Government and director of the Global Research Institute at W&M, published "Banking on Beijing: The Aims and Impacts of China's Overseas Development Program" (Cambridge University Press, 2022).

Mason School of Business

Graduate School Reporter

ANGELA COURTNEY '08, M.B.A. '17

If you are interested in reporting for graduate alumni from the Raymond A. Mason School of Business, please contact the magazine staff at alumni.magazine@wm.edu.

Greetings! I hope your 2022 was a prosperous and healthy year and that 2023 is off to a wonderful start. We have some exciting updates from our fellow Mason alumni, and it's uplifting to have

reasons to celebrate as a community. Our Tribe bonds can be life-giving and lifelong. I'm very grateful for all of my W&M friends across the country, and I hope you feel the same. Please keep me posted about milestones happening in your life that we can celebrate and share with others.

Karen Patchin Burden M.B.A. '96 has been promoted from accountant to the director of investments, finance and accounting at Williamsburg Health Foundation.

Cliff Fleet '91, M.A. '93, J.D. '95, M.B.A. '95, president and CEO of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, spoke at William & Mary's Convocation on Aug. 31 to help welcome W&M's newest students to campus. Fleet also teaches at William & Mary as an adjunct professor in the Raymond A. Mason School of Business, is chair of the William & Mary Foundation and a board member of the Omohundro Institute.

Navdeep Gupta M.B.A. '02 is the chief financial officer at Dick's Sporting Goods. He visited William & Mary in June for the Alumni Reunion Weekend and talked in the podcast "Doing Good & Well" about the company's culture, and its commitment to today's young athletes.

Lev Kazakov M.B.A. '22 is Russian and **Brenden Volk '20, M.B.A. '22** has family ties to Ukraine. Both are former student-athletes and W&M volunteer tennis coaches, and both oppose Russia's invasion of Ukraine. A story about their friendship appeared in the spring 2022 W&M Alumni Magazine.

The 2022 Outstanding Alumni Volunteer Award was presented to **Donald Lowman M.B.A. '82** during MBA Alumni Weekend's Milestone Reunion Dinner. He has selflessly engaged, guided and supported the school toward its ultimate goal of connecting students to world-class

opportunities.

Bay McLaughlin '06, M.Acc. '07 and First Landing Seafood are teaming up with W&M's Institute for Integrative Conservation and the Raymond A. Mason School of Business Entrepreneurship Center to promote sustainable — and profitable — oyster aquaculture. Read more in our online class notes.

On April 29, the Owens Foundation and the Owens family — including **Catherine "Carrie" Owens Garland '90, Carroll "Coby" Owens III M.B.A. '92, Donnie Owens '65, J.D. '71** and **Patrisia "Patty" Bayliss Owens '62** — were honored with the Pathfinder Award, the highest external honor bestowed by VIMS. Given annually, the award recognizes individuals who have displayed an enduring commitment to VIMS' three-part mission of research, education and advisory service.

Retired Rear Adm. **Ann Phillips M.B.A. '16** was sworn in as the 20th administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration on May 16. She is the first woman to lead this federal agency, which oversees the United States' maritime infrastructure.

Brandi Leszcz Smith M.B.A. '07 was named vice president of the Columbia-class program at HII's Newport News Shipbuilding division, Hampton Roads' largest employer. Smith will lead management, leadership, cost, schedule and technical performance of the program. HII's original name is Huntington Ingalls Industries.

Thomas Taylor M.B.A. '15 was appointed superintendent of Stafford County Public Schools in Stafford, Virginia, on Dec. 1, 2021 — serving over 31,000 students and 4,300 employees.

Wally Wallace M.B.A. '04 has joined Origin Bancorp's ex-

ecutive team as chief financial officer. Wallace will lead Origin's finance team and collaborate with executive management to help drive the strategic direction of the company.

School of Education

Graduate School Reporter

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Hi everyone! I hope you are doing well — there are some exciting updates to share this month. You will read about an alumnus who served on a Super Bowl championship coaching team, a new book and several alumni who serve as leaders across the state of Virginia.

The Washington Commanders have added 10 more legends to their "Greatest Players" list in honor of the franchise's 90th anniversary, including **Larry Peccatiello '58, M.Ed. '59**, a former W&M football player and assistant coach. According to the Washington Commanders' website, "Peccatiello established himself as one of the franchise's most distinguished coaches for his 13 seasons as a linebackers coach and defensive coordinator for the Burgundy & Gold. After coaching for the Houston Oilers and Seattle Seahawks, Peccatiello joined Washington's coaching staff in 1981 and helped direct the team to three Super Bowl victories."

"Mindful Moments with Maude" by **Pamela Guyler Boll Capetta M.Ed. '80, C.A.S.E. '85, Ed.D. '90** was included in the W&M Alumni Magazine's Summer 2022 Book Roundup. In this picture book, Capetta teaches children about mindfulness and how to practice it every day. The book includes discussion questions for parents,

teachers and caregivers to explore the book with young readers.

In February, the William & Mary School of Education unveiled a new installation honoring trailblazers who broke barriers at the university and within the field of education and opened doors for generations of future educators. The three inaugural honorees on the Trailblazers Wall are **Hulon L. Willis Sr. M.Ed. '56; Janet Brown Strafer '71, M.A.Ed. '77, D.Sc. '18; and Jo Lynne DeMary '68, Ed.D. '82**. Their photos and biographies are now displayed in the front hallway of the school building.

Lynn F. Briley '71, D.Sc. '18, Janet Brown Strafer '71, M.Ed. '77, D.Sc. '18 and Karen O. Ely '71, D.Sc. '18 — also known as the Legacy Three — were the first Black undergraduate students to live in residential halls and take full advantage of campus facilities and offerings. All three attended William & Mary's first Black Alumni Reunion, held in May. **Sacha Vania Trinette Thompson '97, M.Ed. '99 and Jerome J. Carter '12**, co-presidents of the Hulon Willis Association, made remarks prior to a panel discussion Saturday morning titled, "Being Black at W&M: Past, Present & Future." "I've been on campus more times than I can count post-graduation — but it was this weekend that had the most impact," Thompson said. "It was the culmination of decades of ideas and dreams, bringing this community together. It will also be a catalyst for Black alumni to continue connecting and growing together. At a time when so much is challenging the existence of Blackness in this country, this is what we needed to begin strengthening our bond and our resilience." The Hon. **Birdie Hairston Jamison '79, J.D. '82** and W&M Chief Diversity Officer **Fanchon "Chon" Glover**

M.Ed. '99, Ed.D. '06 gave remarks on Saturday evening, after which **Hulon L. Willis Jr. '77**, the son of **Hulon L. Willis Sr. M.Ed. '56**, launched a string of commitments for the National Pan-Hellenic Council garden, raising \$30,000 in pledges.

While at W&M, **Emma Zahren-Newman '17, M.A.Ed. '18** majored in studio art and art history, with a minor in psychology. In 2020, she started Real Kids Play LLC, promoting creative, playful, standards-based and screen-time-limited learning for young students.

Two students in William & Mary's Online M.Ed. in Counseling program have been selected by the Tillman Foundation as 2022 Tillman Scholars: **Kord Basnight '85, M.Ed. '23** and **Haley Padgett M.Ed. '23**. The prestigious scholarship, founded by the family of Pat Tillman, annually recognizes military service members, veterans and spouses who demonstrate extraordinary commitment to service, scholarship, humble leadership and impact.

According to The Washington Post on June 11, **Gregory Hutchings Jr., Ed.D. '10** recently founded an educational company, Revolutionary ED, which is dedicated to dismantling systemic racism in American public schools. Hutchings previously served as the superintendent of Alexandria Schools.

The Southside Sentinel shared on Aug. 25 that **Gina Putney M.Ed. '18** is a new teacher at Compass Academy in Middlesex County, Virginia. She and her husband, Brandon, are the parents of Candyn and Nora.

The Rappahannock Times announced on June 29 that **Jason Strong Ed.D. '20** has been appointed director of the Chesapeake Bay Governor's School. He currently lives in Warsaw, Virginia, with his wife, Becky, and son, Oscar. Strong recently returned

to his alma mater, William & Mary, to serve as a leadership coach through the Schools-University Research Network, while fulfilling his professional duties as a principal at Richmond County Elementary and Middle School.

Lastly, there is sad news about the passing of **Phyllis Rojko Pearce M.Ed. '76**, who recently passed away after a six-year battle with cancer. For 32 years, she taught at Herndon High School, where she was invited to give the commencement address to the class of 2022. Phyllis is survived by her husband, John Pearce, her five siblings and many nieces and nephews.

Law School

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Please visit the online Class Notes at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/law-school for much more about each person listed below.

Samuel Phillips J.D. '54 passed away on Jan. 19, 2022.

The Hon. **Frederick Acuamp '54, J.D. '59** passed away on Aug. 7, 2022.

John Donaldson J.D. '63 passed away on Sept. 20, 2022.

Philip Purrington J.D. '63 passed away on Feb. 14, 2022.

Phillip LaSusa Jr. J.D. '64 passed away on Jan. 30, 2022.

Mary Tipton Holcomb J.D. '65 passed away on March 8, 2022.

The Hon. **William Sullivan J.D. '65** passed away on June 6, 2022.

Robert Tomes J.D. '68 passed away on June 9, 2022.

George Newman J.D. '70 passed away on April 20, 2022.

John Rice M.B.A.

'70, J.D. '73 passed away on Feb. 6, 2022.

Steven Shames J.D.

'73 passed away on July 23, 2022.

Martin "Art" Walsh

J.D. '73 passed away on June 6, 2022.

Richard Evans J.D.

'74 passed away on June 30, 2022.

Ardath Hamann

J.D. '77 retired from the faculty of University of Illinois Chicago.

The **Hon. William Sharp J.D.** '77 retired from the Warren County Circuit Court.

Michael Cummings, J.D. '78 passed away on March 9, 2022.

Robert Rausch J.D.

'81 passed away on June 24, 2022.

Sean Murphy J.D.

'82 retired on Jan. 1, 2022, from McGuire-Woods.

William Ross J.D.

'82 retired from Calfee, Halter in Cleveland.

Ronald Reel J.D. '83 has retired after 30 years as a Virginia prosecutor and five years of private practice.

Michael Heikes J.D. '84 passed away on Aug. 14, 2022.

Adam Andrew Gallo J.D. '85 is now assistant general counsel for Electric Reliability Council of Texas Inc.

Laura Rublee J.D. '85 joined Motley Rice as staff attorney.

Craig Thomas J.D.

'85 was promoted to senior vice president at Dewberry.

Donald McKillop

J.D. '87 and his wife, Patricia, tragically passed away on May 21, 2022.

Jonathan Short J.D. '87 passed away on Feb. 3, 2022.

Steven Mulroy J.D.

'89 was elected the district attorney general in Shelby County, Tennessee.

Clay Campbell J.D.

'90 was named to the New Mexico Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission.

Michael Reynolds J.D. '92 has joined

Baker Donelson.

Ashlea Ebeling J.D.

'93 was hired by the Wall Street Journal to cover the "death and taxes" beat.

Timothy Hui J.D.

'93 retired at the end of 2021 as general counsel of Zuellig Pharma.

Susan Blackman

J.D. '95 passed away on Sept. 15.

Alisa Pittman Cleek

J.D. '96 joined Hooters Management Corp. as chief legal officer.

Pamela Kultgen J.D.

'96 is an administrative law judge with the U.S. Department of Labor.

Douglas Dziak

J.D. '99 joined the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) as chief counsel for Commissioner Feldman.

Cristen Rose J.D. '99

joined Haynes and Boone LLP as partner.

Kim Moore Urban-

chuk J.D. '05 is the chief compliance officer at Covington & Burling LLP.

S. Douglas Bunch

'02, J.D. '06 was appointed as a representative to the U.N.

Allison Stelter J.D.

'07 has rejoined Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP.

Nicholas Cumings

J.D. '08 is a shareholder at Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh.

Shukita Massey J.D.

'08 is now associate general counsel for Riverside Health System.

Tyler McIntyre J.D.

'08 is a partner at Stanes Davis Florie.

David Neiman J.D.

'09 was named partner at Romanucci & Blandin LLC.

Cullen Speckhart

J.D. '09 was appointed partner-in-charge of Cool-ey's Washington, D.C., office.

Andrew Almand J.D.

'11 was promoted to partner at Ballard Spahr LLP.

Kyle Elliott J.D. '11

will be the general counsel and chief legal officer of Virginia Community Healthcare Association.

Jessica Glajch J.D.

'12 was promoted partner at Eckert Seamans.

John Sando J.D. '14

married Gina DeNaples in December 2019.

Bria Cunningham

J.D. '16 has been promoted to partner at Couch White.

Connor Garstka J.D.

'16 passed away on Feb. 13, 2022.

Andrew Huang J.D.

'20 is an associate deputy general counsel with the U.S. Department of Defense Office of General Counsel, Office of Information Counsel.

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With heavy hearts, we share the news that **Vince Buonaccorsi Ph.D. '98** passed away on June 30, 2022, following a courageous battle with cancer. Vince's wife, Kristin, and their three children, Andrew, James and Grace, are in our thoughts. After graduating from VIMS, Vince worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, part of the National Marine Fisheries Service in San Diego. Vince was a member of the faculty at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, for 21 years and was named the 55th recipient of the Beachley Award for Distinguished Teaching on May 17, 2022. He was a deeply committed professor of biology with renowned contributions to marine biology, population genomics and bioinformatics. He transformed undergraduate education in genomics and bioinfor-

matics through his innovative contributions to scholarship and research. Vince was an outdoor enthusiast who enjoyed, hiking, skiing, kayaking and biking. He also loved bird watching and was affectionately known as a giant pumpkin-growing expert. His favorite time was the time spent with his family and friends. We will all remember Vince for his wacky humor, his brilliance, his kindness, his thrifty ways and his love of life. Our time at VIMS wouldn't have been the same without him.

We are also sad to report that **Dunnie Richard Tuck M.A. '69** of Picayune, Mississippi, passed away peacefully on April 3, 2022, just one week shy of his 85th birthday, from complications from lymphoma. Known as "Richard," "Dick," "Friar," or most commonly as "Tuck," he was born in South Boston, Virginia, on April 10, 1937. Tuck joined the Army in 1959 and retired from the U.S. Army Reserve as a captain in 1967. In February 1966, he was hired as an oceanographer in the Oceanographic Surveys Department of the U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office, where he coordinated coastal environmental work with North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries as well as several countries in Asia. He served the U.S. government with passion, humor, honor and commitment for 33 years. NAVO was his family. They honored him with the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award, and you can read NAVO's tribute to him in our online edition. Tuck was the senior civilian oceanographer aboard the USS Pueblo in 1968 when the ship and crew were captured by North Korea. He spent 11 months in captivity. He received the Purple Heart Medal in 1969, the Distinguished Civilian Service Award in 1975 and the Prisoner of War Medal in 1990. He was an active member of

the USS Pueblo Veteran's Association.

Michelle Woods

M.S. '21 is now a life scientist in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 5 Water Division's Standard Section in Chicago. She reviews regional, state and tribal water quality standards and monitoring and assessment programs.

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!

In Memoriam

READ FULL OBITUARIES ONLINE

Below are the names of members of the William & Mary community whose passing was reported between July 6 and Sept. 20, 2022. **To read extended obituaries, please go online to our magazine website at 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.

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Joan Martine Kelly Garrison '47 of Tampa, Florida, died Sept. 1, 2022.

Martha Lawrence Jenkins Prosser '48 of Lakeland, Florida, died Aug. 26, 2021.

Vivian Rea Darden Rountree '48 of Suffolk, Virginia, died July 8, 2022.

Jean "Jeanie" Miller Canoles Bruce '49 of Williamsburg died Aug. 27, 2022.

Ann Buckles Orteig '51 of Williamsburg died July 24, 2022.

Samuel "Sam" Baker Woods Jr. '51 of Charlotte, North Carolina, died July 13, 2022.

Janet "Jan" Viola McGowan Sawyer Peters '53 of Yorktown, Virginia, died Sept. 6, 2022.

Richard "Dick" Allen Swartz Sr. '53 of Slidell, Louisiana, died Aug. 14, 2022.

Hon. Frederick Phillip Aucamp '54, B.C.L. '59 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Aug. 7, 2022.

John Warren Guppy Jr. '54 of Carlisle, Massachusetts, died July 19, 2022.

Minton Forman Goldman '55 of Boston, Massachusetts, died Aug. 31, 2022.

Barbara Ann Diggs Littell '55 of Washington, D.C., died Aug. 21, 2022.

Philip "Phil" Andrew Colclough Jr. '57 of Vero Beach, Florida, died June 21, 2022.

Sally May Smith Manifold '58 of Enterprise, Alabama, died April 29, 2021.

Martha Railey Mundy '62 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died July 5, 2022.

Joseph "Joe" Lloyd Hendrickson '63 of Bay Minette, Alabama, died Aug. 4, 2022.

Patricia Brombach Pion '63 of Tucson, Arizona, died Jan. 17, 2022.

Allan Lucius Willey '63 of Arlington, Virginia, died July 21, 2022.

William "Bill" Robert Banner '65 of St. Simons Island, Georgia, died July 21, 2022.

John "Jack" Frank Cole '66 of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, died July 11, 2022.

Mary "Molly" Elizabeth Eldridge '66 of Durham, North Carolina, died June 24, 2022.

Charles "Chuck" Arthur Burcher '67 of Hampton, Virginia, died July 18, 2022.

Betty Bracey Dixon '67 of Newport News, Virginia, died Aug. 8, 2022.

William "Curt" Curtis Lowe '69 of Clinton, Iowa, died July 5, 2022.

Nancy Louise Hulse Oliver '69 of Burke, Virginia, died July 13, 2022.

William "Bill" Pierce Price '69 of Harlan, Indiana, died Aug. 25, 2022.

Joanna Doughman Keith '70 of Salem, Virginia, died Sept. 4, 2022.

Alice "Sherry" Sharon Neff Kerley '72 of Richmond, Virginia, died Aug. 22, 2022.

John "Kempton" Kempton Shields Jr. '72, M.B.A. '76 of Mattaponi, Virginia, died July 25, 2022.

Arthur "Art" John Greif '73 of Bar Harbor, Maine, died May 31, 2022.

Linda Karen Stayton Rivetto '73 of Rochester Hills, Michigan, died Aug. 30, 2022.

Virginia Jordan Georgis '75 of Chantilly, Virginia, died June 11, 2022.

Stanton Pilcher Provence '78 of Richmond, Virginia, died July 28, 2022.

Esta Lyn Temple Burke '81 of Purcellville, Virginia, died July 18, 2022.

Lynn Michelle Evans '81 of Williamsburg died Sept. 2, 2022.

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Brennan Wirshup '81 of Glenmoore, Pennsylvania, died Feb. 6, 2022.

Wendy Diane Glasser Gamm '83 of Glen Allen, Virginia, died July 6, 2022.

Tom Hale Trott '83 of San Diego, California, died Oct. 15, 2021.

David Hall Murphy '84 of Richmond, Virginia, died July 8, 2022.

Derrick Kenneth Cooke '91 of Plano, Texas, died Feb. 18, 2022.

Jon Marshall Oden '91 of Orlando, Florida, died July 11, 2022.

Caroline James Smith '97 of Suffolk, Virginia, died Aug. 30, 2022.

Breton "Bret" Scot Stetka '01 of Phoenicia, New York, died Aug. 11, 2022.

Dr. Susan Tuck Rooksby '03 of Spokane, Washington, died July 17, 2022.

Zhykierra "Zhy" Zhane Guy '23 of Richmond, Virginia, died Aug. 5, 2022.

GRADUATE ALUMNI

Barbara "Doll" Lyon Wilbur M.A. '57 of Williamsburg died Aug. 16, 2022.

Hon. John E. Donaldson J.D. '63 of Williamsburg died Sept. 8, 2022.

Gene Glasco Sr. M.Ed. '64 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died July 31, 2022.

Aldine "AJ" Jacob Coffman Jr. B.C.L. '65 of Parker, Colorado, died June 13, 2022.

Billy Jay Wright M.Ed. '67, A.C.E.A. '81 of Courtland, Virginia, died July 5, 2022.

Frances Gardner Curtis M.Ed. '70 of Gloucester, Virginia, died July 9, 2022.

William "Billy" Lee Whitley M.Ed. '70 of Franklin, Virginia, died July 6, 2022.

Peter Jerome Emanuel M.Ed. '72 of Williamsburg died Aug. 6, 2022.

Steven Farrell Shames J.D. '73 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died July 23, 2022.

Richard "Rick" Gwilym Evans J.D. '74 of Long Lake, Minnesota, died June 30, 2022.

Dianne Elizabeth O'Donnell J.D. '76 of New York, New York, died Aug. 27, 2022.

Elisabeth Lewis Crutchfield M.A. '77 of Newport News, Virginia, died Aug. 4, 2022.

Florence Elizabeth Courtney Bragg M.A.Ed. '83 of Williamsburg died July 20, 2022.

Michael Lowell Heikes J.D. '84 of Williamsburg died Aug. 14, 2022.

Margaret "Peggy" Morgan Baldwin Ed.D. '87 of Okemos, Michigan, died Aug. 5, 2022.

Rick W. Moccia M.B.A. '88 of Riviera Beach, Florida, died June 25, 2022.

Nancy Schultz Westphal M.Ed. '91 of Hampton, Virginia, died Aug. 17, 2022.

Richard "Dick" Alan Fuss M.B.A. '94 of Vero Beach, Florida, died June 25, 2022.

Susan Ann Roussel Blackman J.D. '95 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Sept. 15, 2022.

Vincent Patrick Buonaccorsi Ph.D. '98 of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, died June 30, 2022.

John Joseph Robinson M.B.A. '04 of Williamsburg died July 24, 2022.

HONORARY ALUMNI

Hays Thomas Watkins Jr. LL.D. '82 of Richmond, Virginia, died July 29, 2022.

Walter S. Felton Jr. HON J.D. '15 of Williamsburg died April 29, 2022.

FACULTY & STAFF

Iris Cofman Anderson of Yorktown, Virginia, died May 5, 2022.

Agatha Elizabeth Johnson of Williamsburg died July 6, 2022.

Ronald Robert Lacasse of Newport News, Virginia, died April 25, 2022.

Sidney Herbert Lawrence of Williamsburg died Aug. 30, 2022.

Elaine M. Themo of Williamsburg died July 19, 2022.

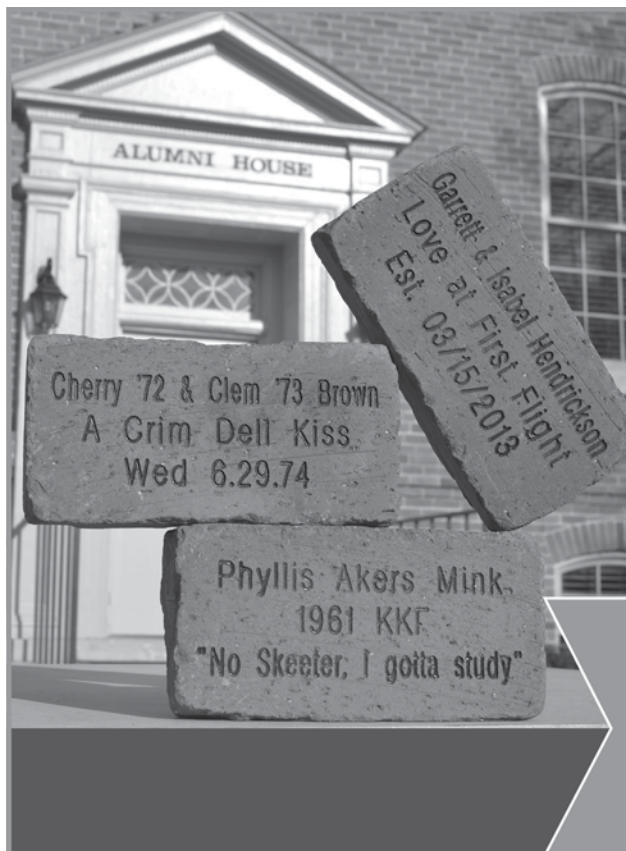
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James "Jim" R. Rettig of Williamsburg died Aug. 17, 2022.

In the annual Sunset Ceremony during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, we honor members of the W&M community who passed away during the year. Watch the 2022 ceremony at homecoming.wm.edu/sunsetceremony.

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