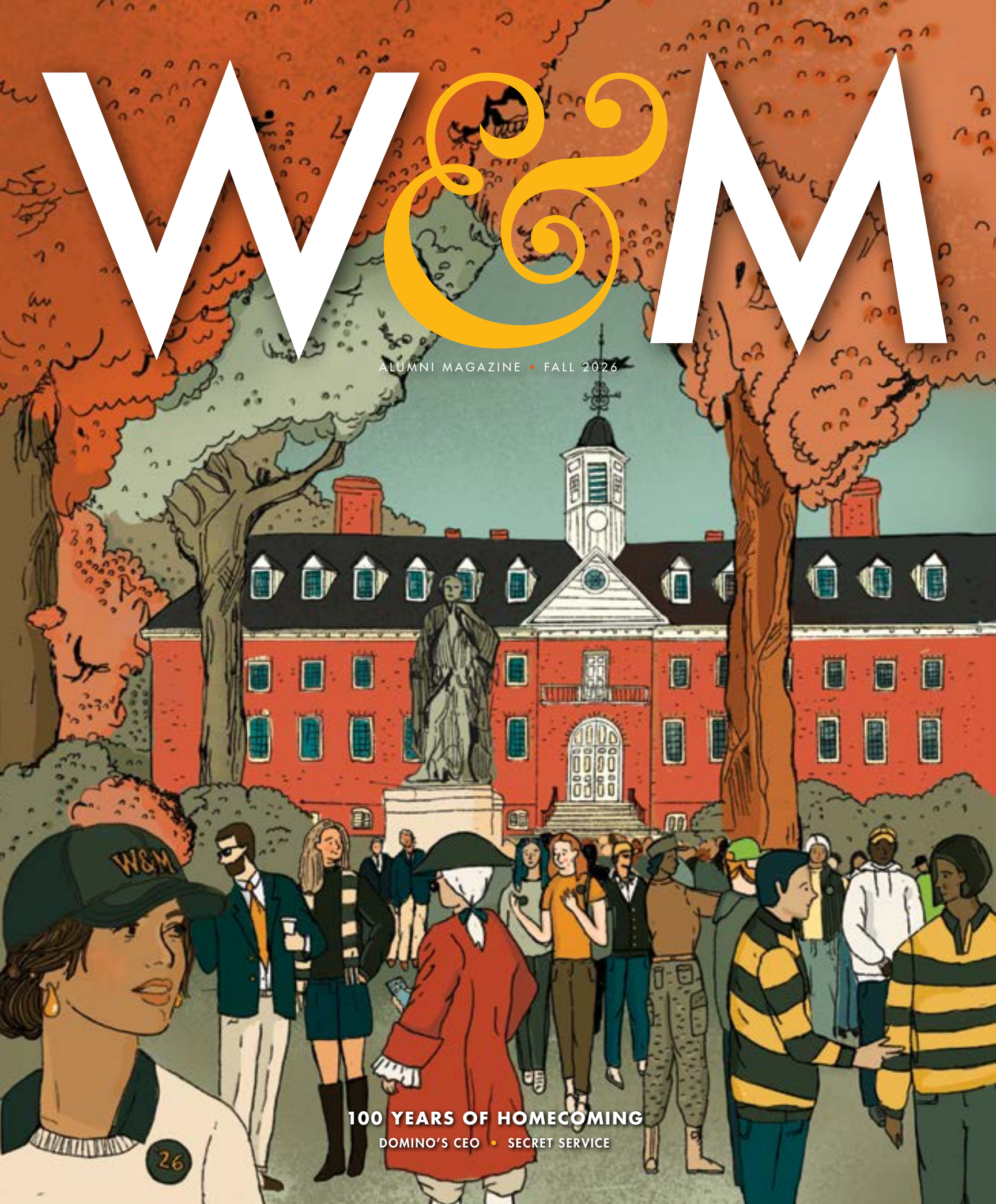
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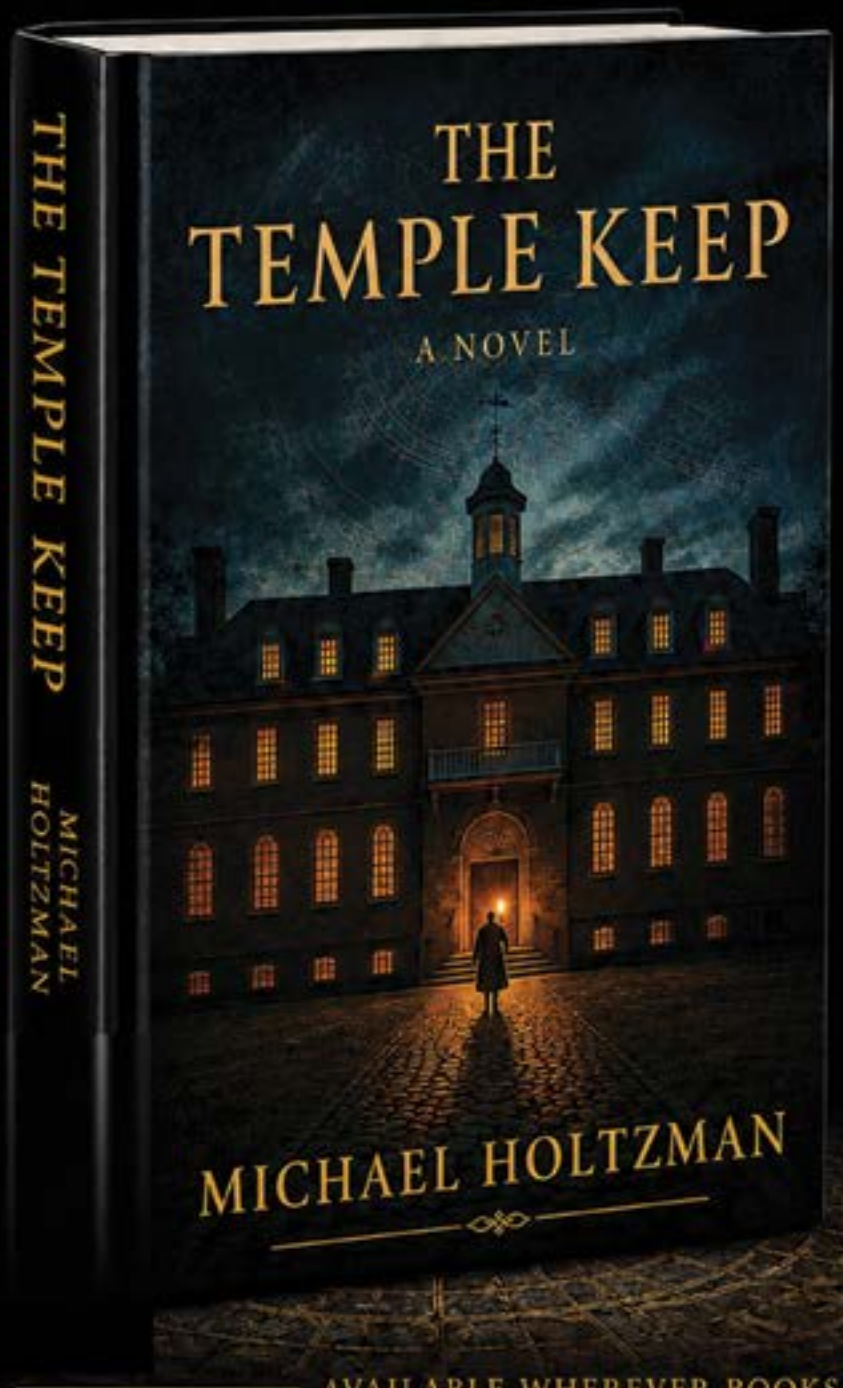


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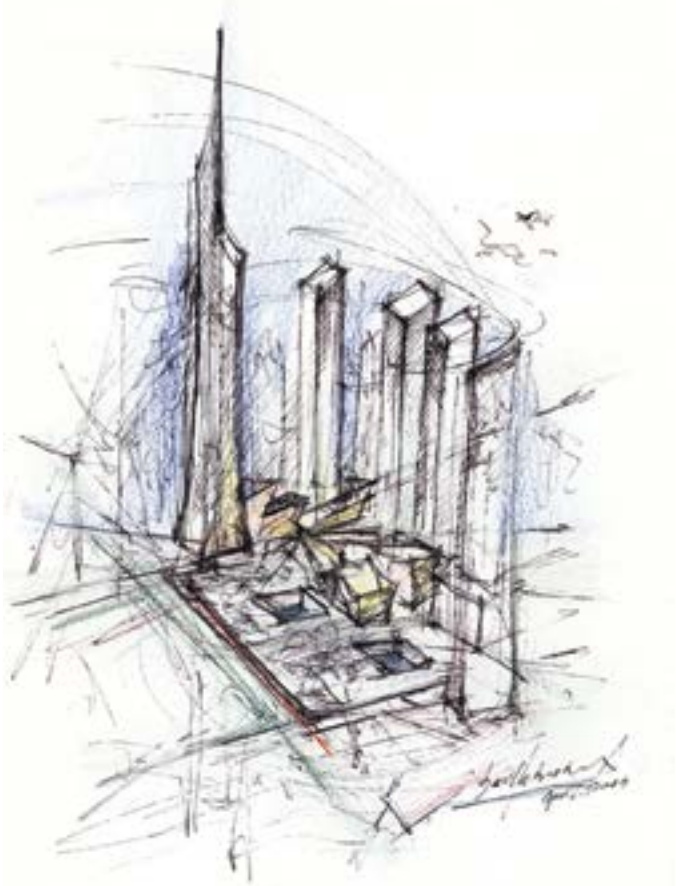
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A CELEBRATORY START TO THE YEAR

First-year and transfer students are greeted with applause, cheers and posters with welcoming messages during Opening Convocation as they pass through the Wren Building on their way to the Sunken Garden. Leading the way are Student Assembly President Nico Giro-Martin '27 (right) who carries the College Mace, alongside Graduate Council representative David Davenport (left), a doctoral student in the School of Education, who holds the Marischal Mace.



FROM THE ALUMNI HOUSE

Alumni Focus

BY MATTHEW "MATT" L. BRANDON '92
CEO, W&M Alumni Association

How might your Alumni Association help you be actively involved in the fantastic story that is William & Mary? A key measure of a quality university are the degree to which alumni give back to their alma mater — not just through philanthropy but with time, talent and connections as well. We are in the top 20 public universities in the nation once again because you say yes to the invitations to participate. You ensure that others can benefit from a W&M experience and that we continue to provide the best preparation for lives of meaning and purpose.

And how do we say, "THANK YOU"? Inspired by a summer reading and pulling lessons from Will Guidara's book, "Unreasonable Hospitality," the alumni engagement team stands ready to deliver delight and curated forms of appreciation. Our goal is to ensure you have incredible and rewarding experiences with William & Mary, whether in your community or on campus.

The recent W&M Weekend in Washington, D.C., where more than 1,000 alumni and friends gathered, demonstrated how this ambition fosters meaningful connections and joyful moments in service to the Alma Mater of the Nation. We had an exceptional turnout and support from our young alumni. Over 26% of attendees were young alumni, with 14% from our "First Three" most recent graduating classes. These numbers were intentional to make the Weekend memorable for all ages.

This momentum continued for our new graduates this fall with Welcome to the City experiential events across the country, designed specifically to help them build relationships, explore local resources and thrive in post-grad life.

In the next year, your Alumni Association will be working with our colleagues to also focus on getting the details right. The Alumni Survey last fall was the first step in an effort to serve you better and more personally by doing things like improving our accuracy in contacting you about the things you care about. We want to know what you want from your alma mater. Can we inspire you to share more of your time and talent with the William & Mary community?

This is an intentional effort to know you better, then to serve you better. It is our plan to do our part in creating a preeminent university community. I hope you will accept our invitation to help us build that vision into reality!

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FROM THE BRAFFERTON

Open Doors

BY KATHERINE A. ROWE
William & Mary President

Every month, I meet with the William & Mary President's Aides, a "kitchen cabinet" of students from all walks of campus. Last spring, as I often do, I sought their thoughts on a potential university initiative. For access to campus buildings, would a smartphone app be better than a key card swipe? The Aides' answer surprised me: Apps are more convenient, yes, but it doesn't really matter. When they recognize someone who has forgotten a key, they hold the door. "We're a 'hold the door open' campus," they explained.

I mulled this phrase all summer as we reviewed alumni surveys and campus feedback on strategic planning. W&M aims to be nationally preeminent. For us, that means attracting outstanding students, excelling in academics and consequential areas of research, and ensuring strong graduate outcomes. What is the place of university culture in achieving these strategic goals?

The truism of management circles is that "culture eats strategy for breakfast." Organizations ultimately succeed, in other words, only on the strength of their cultures. So as we chart the future, I have been reflecting on what "holding the door open" means at W&M today.

This fall, the Princeton Review ranked W&M first in the nation for "friendliest students." I delight in sharing this ranking — based on direct student surveys — because it lands so true. At W&M, leading with curiosity is key to learning together. Graciousness and respect for human dignity hold strong, even through moments of intense disagreement.

"Holding the door open" captures a quality of W&M that is striking to newcomers and cherished by those of us who have been around for a few years. Going back to 1949, the Student Handbook proclaimed, "Who comes here belongs here. This is the first tradition." W&M people embrace the daily gestures of recognition that affirm community. They pass on such practices intentionally, as a legacy.

True to form, our alumni are among the most engaged of any university in the country. They volunteer on university boards and wear their green and gold with pride. They host internships and externships. They hire grads. Their support is one reason Forbes continues to recognize W&M as among the best schools for launching a career.

In October, we will celebrate this legacy with due pomp and playfulness at W&M's 100th Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. Thousands of alumni will flock home to the 'Burg to party at class receptions. While the Pep Band plays, the Olde Guarde will "chair dance" down Richmond Road during our annual parade. Per usual, some traditions are time-honored and others totally new. We revisit and we reinvent together.

Our culture runs deep at W&M. It is fitting, then, that we begin each academic year by holding open the Wren doors for a new class of students. Sturdy and solid, these doors weather well because of the care of those who pass through each season.

At Convocation, I invited our new students to join in reflecting on what it means to belong in a community where we hold the door open for each other. And I charged them with the responsibility for sustaining this culture for those who follow.

Holding the door open for others is how civic leadership happens. It is how we reach for national preeminence. And how we will advance a 333-year-old institution for all times coming.



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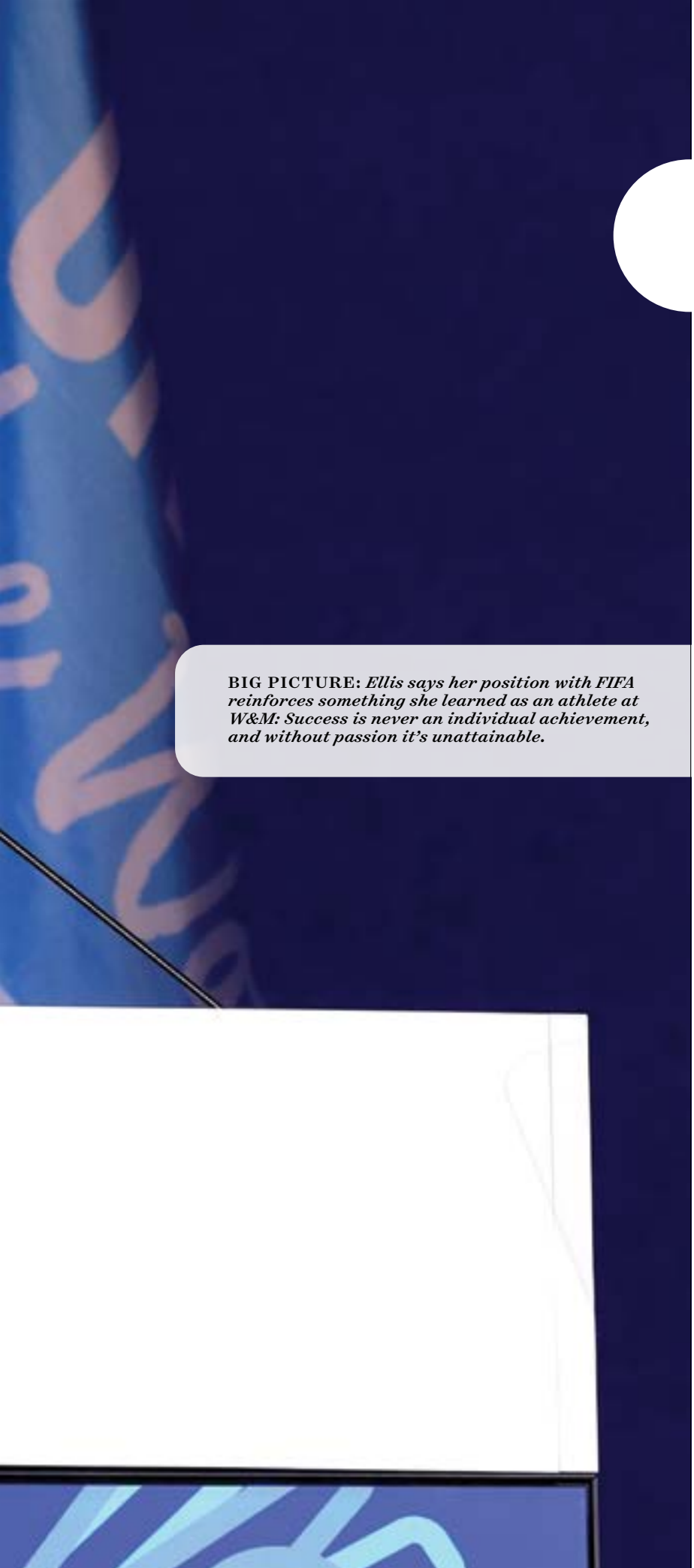
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BIG PICTURE: ***Ellis says her position with FIFA reinforces something she learned as an athlete at W&M: Success is never an individual achievement, and without passion it's unattainable.***

BY & LARGE

THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

Inside the World Cup

FIFA Chief Football Officer Jill Ellis '88, L.H.D. '16, P '27 reflects on the World Cup and how W&M prepared her to lead under pressure

BY BRENDAN DOYLE '20 AND JENNIFER PAGE WALL

Jill Ellis '88, L.H.D. '16, P '27 is no stranger to soccer's biggest stage. As head coach of the United States Women's National Team, Ellis led her squad to back-to-back Women's World Cup titles in 2015 and 2019. This time around, she experienced the tournament from a different perspective.

In December 2024, Ellis became FIFA's chief football officer, helping to cultivate soccer — or, as most of the world calls it, football — around the globe. Even as the sport has taken her to incredible heights, she has continued to give back to William & Mary student-athletes, including as the namesake of Ellis Field at the 1987 Women's Soccer Team Training Center.

The Men's World Cup held this summer across Canada, Mexico and the United States surpassed expectations in terms of attendance and viewership. According to FIFA, over 6.8 million fans attended matches, and the 50 million television viewers that tuned in to watch the United States' knockout round clash with Belgium comprised the largest American audience for a soccer game ever recorded. This World Cup was Ellis' first in her position with FIFA, giving her a front-row seat to the excitement and enthusiasm she helped build with her USWNT success. During the World Cup, we asked Ellis about her

new role, the continued growth of soccer in the United States and how William & Mary prepared her to lead under pressure.

Q: This is your first World Cup as FIFA's chief football officer. As you've experienced the tournament firsthand, what moments have stood out to you most — and what has it been like to see years of planning come together amid the energy and excitement of fans from around the world?

A: I've experienced World Cups as a coach, but seeing one through this lens has given me an entirely new appreciation for what it takes to bring the world's biggest sporting event to life. It's easy to focus on the 90 minutes on the pitch, but when you're part of the broader tournament, you see the countless people behind every match: over 50,000 volunteers enthusiastically welcoming fans at airports and stadiums, the medical teams, referees, stadium staff, broadcasters, everyone working tirelessly behind the scenes. It's an extraordinary collective effort that has been years in the making.

In this new role, I've sat in stadiums and honestly been blown away by the fans. People from every corner of the world, united by the colors of their country, celebrating together, sharing heartbreak together and creating lifetime memories. To see a Cape Verde vs. Argentina match and see fans in U.S., Mexico and Brazil jerseys cheering in the stands reinforces how much the world loves this sport. There really is nothing quite like the World Cup, because it belongs to everyone.

This position with FIFA has definitely reinforced something I learned as a student-athlete at William & Mary: Success is never an individual achievement, and without passion, it's unattainable. My teammates and I shared a journey built on trust and a shared purpose, and whether a team is 25 or 25,000, I believe those elements are critical to accomplishing something remarkable.

Q: You've experienced the World Cup from the sideline as a championship-winning coach. Now, as the chief football officer, you're seeing it from a much broader vantage point. How has that shift — from leading one team to helping steward the global game — changed the way you think about leadership, impact and success?

A: The fundamentals of leadership haven't changed for me, but in this global role, the scope of it has broadened. Whether coaching the U.S. Women's National Team, building the San Diego Wave or in this role now, you're still building trust, creating clarity, empowering people and trying to bring out the best in others.

Success as a coach or team president is often measured by the immediacy of a scoreline or a sold-out stadium, but I do think coaches also value success over time: the long-term impact of investing in a player, an assistant coach or a coaching philosophy.

Today I think about success even more broadly: creating opportunities, strengthening football environments around the world and working to leave the game better than I found it. That means impacting the number of female coaches in the game. It means helping federations build out football strategies or scouting platforms. It means creating a player impact program so footballers can build a legacy of social impact off the pitch, not just on it. It's also creating new competitions to incentivize investment and expanding existing competitions to grow the game in more countries.

There is a real tradeoff in this shift. As a coach or team president, the final decision often rests with you; you sit in the proverbial driver's seat. Now my role is more about supporting and guiding, enabling an informed decision rather than making it myself. That's not always the natural instinct for coaches, but it's the role this job requires, and I've worked to embrace how best to serve others.

Without a doubt, William & Mary prepared me for that broader perspective of leadership in ways I didn't fully appreciate at the time. A liberal arts education teaches you to ask questions, consider different viewpoints and get comfortable solving complex problems, lessons that only grow more valuable the further my role moves from the touchline.

Q: Hosting the World Cup gives soccer in America an extraordinary opportunity to build on the excitement surrounding the game. Looking beyond this tournament, what should happen over the next decade to translate that momentum into greater participation, stronger development pathways and a more enduring soccer culture in the U.S.?

A: There has historically been a halo effect from countries hosting FIFA World Cups. Domestic league attendance rises, young people are drawn to the game and heroes are born to inspire the next generation. World Cups create incredible moments, but there is a responsibility, both from FIFA and the host countries, to turn that moment into lasting change beyond the final whistle.

Every host country has a unique ecosystem, and ultimately the federation, in this case U.S. Soccer, is the best steward to identify how to move the amplification of hosting a World Cup into long-term success. U.S. Soccer has shared with us its plan to create alignment within the U.S. soccer landscape, to grow the development pipeline and create more access to the game for youth. Right now, cost and access to playing areas are barriers for young people in the U.S., and our role at FIFA, beyond legacy funding, is to support our member associations with programming like coaching education, collaborative research

ONLINE: ***Ellis and award-winning video game designer Todd Howard '93 were this year's McGlothlin Leadership Forum Fellows. Read more at magazine.wm.edu/mcglothlin-forum-2026***



A GLOBAL GAME: ***VIPs during the FIFA World Cup 2026 Group D match between USA and Paraguay at Los Angeles Stadium on June 12, 2026 in Los Angeles, California.***

projects on the game and infrastructure like mini pitches or facility upgrades.

I learned long ago that, ultimately, we are as good as our talent. It is my hope that this World Cup creates a legacy focused on increasing our talent pipeline. The U.S. has already created an amazing wave of interest in this country with the performance of the team, and the greatest compliment we could pay this group of players and coaches is to spawn the generation that competes for a trophy at every World Cup.

Q: You've led on some of the world's biggest stages. When the pressure is highest, what leadership principle do you return to time and again?

A: Preparation is what gives me confidence when the pressure arrives. One lesson I learned early, both at William & Mary and throughout my coaching career, is that pressure doesn't create who you are; it reveals the habits you built long before the moment arrives.

The other principle I return to is relationships. When adversity hits, people don't follow titles; they follow trust. The strongest teams are built well before the biggest games, because they've invested in honesty, accountability and genuine care for one another.

And I've tried to stay curious throughout my career. No matter the role, there's always something new to learn. William & Mary instilled that in me, and I still believe the best leaders are lifelong learners.

Q: You've often credited your William & Mary experience — and the mentorship of leaders like John Daly and April Heinrichs — with helping shape your approach to leadership. As you help shape the future of the global game, what lessons from William & Mary do you find yourself drawing on most often?

A: So many important lessons from my time in the 'Burg. It started with the simplest things: As a student-athlete, you learn time management out of necessity. Practice, film, travel, papers, exams; you either figure out how to prioritize or you fall behind. That discipline never leaves you.

From there it grew into something bigger: learning to think independently while still valuing collaboration. William & Mary pushes you to form your own point of view, defend it and then sit in a room with smart people who see things differently and find the best answer together. That's leadership, really.

Then there's performing under pressure. Whether it was a final exam or a match that mattered, you learn that pressure isn't something to avoid, but something you train for.

But maybe what stays with me most is the sense of community and humility. Being surrounded by peers and professors, including mentors like April Heinrichs who were exceptional in their own right, kept me grounded. You realize quickly that no one succeeds alone.

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EXPANDING SUPPORT

$1.25 million gift will enhance personalized assistance through W&M's Student Accessibility Services to meet growing demand and help students thrive

BY TINA ESHLEMAN



TRANSITION TO W&M: ***New first-year and transfer students participating in the preorientation Summer Connections program are shown with student mentors and W&M Student Accessibility Services staff.***

PHOTO COURTESY OF STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

When starting college, many students worry about things like finding their way around campus, making new friends or how they'll do in their classes. For Bridget Busbice '30, an added concern was navigating stairs.

Busbice has a type of dysautonomia, a nervous system disorder that affects body functions such as blood pressure and heart rate. Climbing stairs can make her symptoms suddenly worse, so knowing the lay of the land — and locations of elevators and ramps — is especially important.

This past July, she was one of 14 new William & Mary students who participated in Student Affairs' weeklong preorientation Summer Connections program run by the Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS) to help ease the transition for students with disabilities.

Begun as a pilot program three years ago with support from the Parents Fund, Summer Connections evolved from the former Neurodiversity Summer Bridge program. Thanks to donor support, there is no charge for the program, which welcomes students with any type of disability.

A recent $1.25 million gift made anonymously from the family of a W&M graduate has established the Student Accessibility Services Fund, an endowment that supports the most pressing needs of SAS. This fund will provide resources both to expand Summer Connections to accommodate more incoming students and to follow up with them throughout their time at William & Mary. The goal is to ensure that students can understand how to access the resources and support they need for academic success and career preparation.

Beginning this fall, the new investment is funding a position for a graduate student from the School of Education's counseling program, Mauli Whitney, to work with Student Accessibility Services to design, implement and assess a four-year curriculum for students with disabilities. This will include workshops and activities related to self-advocacy and academic progression, as well as connecting with career services and transitioning to a job or graduate school.

"At William & Mary, every student should have

the opportunity to fully engage in the academic, social and personal experiences that define the university," says Wilmarie Rodriguez Ed.D. '21, assistant vice president for student success. "By expanding Summer Connections into a sustained student success initiative, SAS will help students build the skills and confidence they need to navigate college life independently."

The gift comes at a time when the need for accessibility services is growing at colleges and universities nationwide, as diagnoses for conditions such as autism, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder and severe anxiety have increased. Between 2017 and 2025, the number of undergraduate and graduate students at W&M seeking accommodations rose by 341%, Rodriguez says.

That growth "reflects both increasing student need and a campus culture where seeking support is recognized as a strength," she says. "Our responsibility is to meet students where they are today and to anticipate where they want to go and provide the tools, confidence and community that help them get there."

SAS supports students through services such as a specialized academic testing center, housing and meal plan accommodations, shuttle services for those with limited mobility and individual appointments with staff who connect students with campus resources. By establishing the Student Accessibility Services Fund, the donors hope to encourage others to join them in supporting enhanced services to meet evolving needs. During the 2025-2026 academic year, SAS served 2,207 students with accommodations.

In this year's Summer Connections program, incoming students attended a mock lecture on human immunity. They learned about wellness and recreation programs and resources available to them. They stayed in residence buildings and ate meals in the dining hall. Participants met other first-year and transfer students, as well as W&M faculty and staff and returning students who served as mentors.

One of those mentors was Alexa Silverstein '29, who had participated in Summer Connections as a new student the previous summer and met some of her closest friends through the program. Through them, she became involved in the Student Accessibility and Disability Alliance (SADA) and now serves as the organization's vice president. She says it was also reassuring to know some of the professional staff who could help her when things got tough.

"I had a lot of medical issues in the first semester," she says. "It was amazing to have had conversations with these people and to be able to go to them and say, 'Hey, we've met before, you know who I am, I know who you are. I need help.'"

Busbice says she benefited from interacting with Silverstein and other mentors, including Jamie Plumeri '27, who participated in the previous year's Summer Connections as a transfer student.

"I got to hear their perspectives, which not only helps me learn about other people, but it also means that if I have anxiety about what something is going to be like as a freshman, I can talk to someone who's lived it," Busbice says. "Not only do these people genuinely care about me and I can go to them when I need something, but they're also super cool people who I really want to keep in touch with."



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CLASS TIME: ***Summer Connections participants Bridget Busbice '30 (left) and Drew Becker '29 (right) respond to questions as mentor Jazmine Klinedinst '27 listens during an interactive lecture on human immunity by Ashleigh Everhardt Queen, teaching professor of kinesiology.***

SUPPORT & CONNECTION

Serving Those Who Serve

W&M receives consistent recognition as a military friendly university

BY W&M STAFF

William & Mary's dedicated efforts to create a supportive environment for military-connected students have earned the university recognition as a Gold-Level Military Friendly School for 2026–2027. The designation is the highest honor awarded by MilitaryFriendly.com.

The organization's 2026-2027 survey also ranked W&M's Raymond A. Mason School of Business as No. 1 in Military Friendly Graduate Education, and W&M Law School has a long history of recognition as a top graduate school in the survey.

In addition, U.S. News & World Report ranked W&M as No. 28 in Best Colleges for Veterans nationally in 2026.

William & Mary has more than 1,600 military-connected students across campus, including Army and Naval ROTC cadets and midshipmen. The university's Office of Student Veteran Engagement provides a central hub for connecting military and veteran students and building a sense of community. In partnership with W&M's Military & Veteran Affairs, the office coordinates initiatives across all schools and programs.

"As the Alma Mater of the Nation and the oldest public university, we consider it our mission to serve those who serve," says Kathleen Jabs, special assistant to the president for military & veteran affairs. "Honoring their service means investing in their future and the future they help shape for our country."

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CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS JOIN W&M BOARD OF VISITORS

In June, Virginia Gov. Abigail Spanberger announced the appointment of four new members to William & Mary's Board of Visitors: Jeff Bourne '99, J.D. '07; Jennifer Davis P '27, P '30; Osman "Oz" Parvaiz '99, P '30 and Cynthia Hudson J.D. '87. Their four-year terms began July 1, succeeding Kendrick Ashton '98; Steve Huebner '76, P '09; Mike Petters M.B.A. '93 and Laura Keehner Rigas '01. • Bourne, the chief legal officer for the Branch Group and a former member of the Virginia House of Delegates, brings experience in law and public policy. Davis, a university professor and former senior U.S. diplomat, offers expertise in international affairs and higher education. Parvaiz has spent more than 25 years in leadership roles at Capital One and serves as the company's chief procurement officer. Hudson, a former Board of Visitors member and Virginia chief deputy attorney general, is owner and managing attorney of Eppes-Hudson Law PLLC and a member of The McCammon Group. • "We warmly welcome our newly appointed members," says President Katherine A. Rowe. "I look forward to working with each of them as we advance the mission of the university. William & Mary is also grateful to our departing members for their dedicated service. We appreciate their leadership and most especially the care they showed for the campus community."

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CIVIC LEADERS

At W&M, students find a wide variety of ways to give back and gain experience

BY BRYCE MCHOSE '28 AND SAMANTHE TIVER BELANGER '11





MAKING A DIFFERENCE: ***For Bryce McHose '28 and Samanthe Tiver Belanger '11, involvement in programs through the office of Civic & Community Engagement was a core part of their W&M experience and career development.***

Through William & Mary's Office of Civic & Community Engagement, students take part in service opportunities in the Williamsburg area and beyond, upholding core values of the university by devoting knowledge, skills and time to serving the greater good.

W&M students and alumni are known for giving back to their communities, earning the university recognition from The Princeton Review as the No. 1 public university in the nation for making an impact. As William & Mary celebrates its Year of Civic Leadership, the office of Civic & Community Engagement is working to expand participation in service opportunities as students prepare to become engaged citizens and community leaders.

During the 2025-26 academic year, students contributed more than 12,000 hours of service and strengthened partnerships with local schools, nonprofits and government organizations. One new initiative, the Civic Action Scorecard, encourages students by offering incentives to participate in activities on and off campus.

As W&M's Year of Civic Leadership Committee chair, Roxane Adler Hickey M.Ed. '02, Ed.D. '23, has said, "At William & Mary, civic leadership is not something we add on, it is who we are."

Here, one current student and one alumna share how community engagement helped shape their academic and career paths.

SOLVING PROBLEMS THROUGH DATA AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

When I first came to William & Mary, I knew I was interested in business, entrepreneurship and using technology and data to solve complex problems. What I didn't know was how much I would become involved in civic leadership and community engagement work across campus. During the second semester of my freshman year, I was welcomed into the Civic Leadership Program, a cohort of first- and second-year students selected by W&M's office of Civic & Community Engagement to take two courses focused on community engagement, as well as receive a stipend for a community engagement project of our choosing during the summer.

Through my time in the Civic Leadership Program, I developed a more complete view of community engagement as a way of empowering anyone to take action to create meaningful change in their community. I quickly realized that civic leadership

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shared the exact foundation of what I wanted to do at William & Mary. As someone interested in solving problems through data and entrepreneurship, I was already regularly supporting my community across campus and beyond. That has included helping students build out startup ideas as a student partner at the W&M Entrepreneurship Hub and supporting members of Circle K International as they work on service projects they care about. I've also developed an app to encourage increased member involvement in the Pep Band at W&M Athletics events and helped new students adapt to campus life as an orientation aide. All of these roles support a common goal: empowering the communities I'm involved in to connect, grow and thrive together.

That synthesis of civic leadership has become a foundational framework for my time at William & Mary. In everything I do, I'm always asking myself who the work I'm doing serves and if it is serving those people in the best way possible. It is amazing to look back on the sizable impact of the work I've done by viewing it through this lens. As I look toward my future career, I can already see how my community engagement will remain invaluable. Whether supporting a company's mission to solve any shared problem or launching my own venture around genuine community needs that have not been efficiently met, William & Mary has taught me that I will always be an engaged civic leader committed to supporting the common good.

Bryce McHose '28 is a business analytics major at W&M, where he is vice president of service for the Circle K International chapter, an orientation aide and a student partner at the Entrepreneurship Hub.

MAKING A SYSTEMS-LEVEL IMPACT

When I first came to W&M, I had years of active volunteerism under my belt. I'd led bingo at a senior center, built homes with Habitat for Humanity and showed up for neighbors after a flood. Over my four years at the university, the coursework, the community engagement, the friendships and the alternative breaks pushed me again and again to look for how to have an even bigger impact. My time at W&M helped me understand the underlying issues driving the needs I cared about and find the points of highest leverage within our societal systems to effect change. Then, I could influence those points in ways that ripple out to far more people than I could ever reach through a single service project.

My career has followed a similar path. Immediately after W&M, I held roles in philanthropy, AmeriCorps and at a food pantry. I loved the direct, visible impact of that work, but I came to believe more could change if I worked on systems-level challenges. Eventually, I chose to join the specialty commercial insurance industry. Insurance exists to pay claims — to be there on the hardest days and to help people rebuild after the storm. Insurers also aggregate risk and capital at enormous scale, which creates opportunity to influence how we build a more resilient world. I would never have considered the role I have today without my civic engagement experiences at W&M.

Beyond shaping how I think, W&M's civic and community engagement programs gave me practical tools I use every day. After participating in an alternative break my freshman year, I went on to lead trips and serve as a student director for Branch Out. In those roles, I managed a budget, planned meetings, set agendas, coordinated transportation and meals, and worked directly with our nonprofit partners. Even more valuable was what these programs taught me about people: the emotional regulation a leader needs to stay steady in stressful moments and how to coach and support team members living well outside their comfort zones as they confront hard realities about the world and its complexities. Much of my job now is helping leaders make effective decisions — understanding their perspective, working through difficult interpersonal questions and moving forward with imperfect information. While the setting has changed, the work and purpose remain remarkably similar.

Samanthe Tiver Belanger '11 majored in economics with a math minor at W&M before earning an MBA from Stanford University. She is now director of strategy and corporate development at Markel.

ENDURING INFLUENCE

Sonia R. Kinkhabwala '21 believed deeply in community service, consistently seeking ways to bring people together and create positive change. She left a lasting mark at William & Mary through her involvement with W&M's office of Civic & Community Engagement. In her memory, her parents have created an endowment to support the office, and the Civic & Community Engagement Suite in the Sadler Center will be named in her honor.

A DISTINGUISHED PLAYBILL

100 Years of Theatre at W&M

W&M Theatre & Performance will honor the past, toast the present and launch its future during a centennial celebration Oct. 22 at Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall

BY SUSAN CORBETT





STARS IN THE MAKING: ***Linda Lavin '59, D.A. '09 is shown at left in a W&M production. At right, Goldie Hawn (top row, far left) danced in the chorus for a 1963 production of "The Common Glory."***

ONLINE: ***For a longer version of this article and event details, visit magazine.wm.edu/theatre-100.***

William & Mary is marking more than one centennial this fall: Alongside Homecoming, W&M Theatre turns 100.

It began very humbly. When J.A.C. Chandler 1891, M.A. 1892, P 1920, P 1922, P 1934, G '48, G '49, G '50 became the 18th president of W&M in 1919, there was a student drama club on campus but no academic instruction. Chandler remembered a high school drama teacher, Althea Hunt, from his time as superintendent of Richmond public schools, and hired her to teach play production in the English department.

"She ran William & Mary Theatre by herself for a generation," says Joan Gavaler, current chair of the theatre & performance department.

Even when it was brand new in 1926, the original Phi Beta Kappa Hall was less than ideal as a theatre. Built as an auditorium, it had limited backstage space, no dressing rooms, and no curtain. That said, it was a significant upgrade from what the drama club had been using. Before PBK opened, plays were rehearsed in the auditorium at Eastern State Hospital and staged in the Wren Chapel, which had no backstage space. The actors had to climb in and out of windows at scene changes.

A student, Howard Scammon '34, eventually became Hunt's professional sidekick, and the two revved the department into high gear.

Despite some hurdles (World War II being one), Scammon and Hunt created a vibrant calendar of shows. They added a summer season using students and professionals to cast "The Common Glory," a "symphonic drama" about American independence that played six nights a week at what is now The Martha Wren Briggs Amphitheatre at Lake Matoaka.

When the auditorium in Phi Beta Kappa Hall

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was destroyed by fire in 1953, Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall — a true performing arts complex — was constructed further west along Jamestown Road. It opened in 1957, becoming the first building on William & Mary's "new campus."

Actors paraded through on their way to stardom. Both Linda Lavin '59, D.A. '09 and Glenn Close '74, D.A. '89, H.F. '19 had lead roles in "The Common Glory." Both, too, later credited Scammon with laying the foundation for their acting success.

After a 30-year run, "The Common Glory" closed in 1976 and the Virginia Shakespeare Festival (VSF) took its place. Shakespeare had long been a staple of both the academic year productions and the summer session. In 1964, Goldie Hawn (yes, that Goldie Hawn) made her acting debut on campus playing Juliet in a VSF production of "Romeo and Juliet," directed by Scammon.

After 38 seasons, the Shakespeare Festival, too, closed, in preparation for the renovation of PBK Memorial Hall, which opened in 2023. The new building, says Gavaler, "has so many more spaces, it allows for so many more possibilities."

The Arts Quarter, run by executive director Eric Despard, "is dedicated to bringing in more professionals because we now have spaces to accommodate them," Gavaler says. "It makes us more visible and it wakes up the community to what's going on in the arts."

The theatre department is a lot bigger than in Hunt's days — Gavaler leads a staff of more than two dozen. But the focus is the same: the students. "So many of the skills they learn here are transferable," Gavaler says. "What the students learn teaches them not just about theatre or dance but about life."

Here's to the next century of that.





TACKLING TOUGH QUESTIONS

POWERING UP

William & Mary Law School's Center for Energy Law and Policy charges into a successful second year

BY DAVID F. MORRILL



TEACHING ENERGY LAW: ***Former Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chair Mark C. Christie leads a class at W&M Law School. He is founding director of the new Center for Energy Law and Policy.***

PHOTO: DAVID F. MORRILL

When William & Mary Law School launched the Center for Energy Law and Policy in fall 2025, the goal was ambitious: create a neutral, rigorous space where energy's toughest questions — including reliability, cost, data center growth and the future of regulation — could be debated on facts rather than talking points. One year later, the Center is delivering on that promise.

Momentum started with the Center's founding director, Mark C. Christie. A former chair of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Christie also spent 17 years on the Virginia State Corporation Commission, including as chairman, regulating utilities, insurance and banking. He has led national organizations such as the Organization of PJM States, which oversees the largest power grid operator in the U.S., and the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners. As a Georgetown Law and Wake Forest University graduate who worked as an underground coal miner to pay for school and later served as a Marine Corps officer, Christie brings a practical, on-the-ground perspective into the classroom.

William & Mary Law Dean and Trustee Professor A. Benjamin Spencer called Christie's arrival perfectly timed, noting that his regulatory leadership and teaching commitment made him uniquely qualified to build the Center and elevate William & Mary's voice in national energy conversations.

Christie has been clear-eyed about the Center's purpose: a forum where environmental advocates, industry and the public interest can all be heard. As he put it, energy may only account for 7% of gross domestic product, but it's "the foundational 7%" that everything else in the economy depends on.

The issues he flagged early — grid reliability strained by explosive data center growth, and rising costs squeezing consumers — were the focus of the Center's first year of programming. On May 19-21, the Center held its inaugural

Future of Energy Conference in Williamsburg. The sold-out event drew more than 200 energy professionals, regulators and industry leaders to the William & Mary Alumni House for two days of substantive debate.

The conference opened with a headline-grabbing keynote featuring former FERC chairs Neil Chatterjee P '29, Willie Phillips, Richard Glick and Joseph Kelliher, who discussed the agency's future amid rapid shifts in energy demand and production. Later panels dug into data center growth across Virginia and the nation, resource adequacy and governance questions raised by surging, data-center-driven electricity demand ahead of a pending U.S. Supreme Court ruling. Additional discussions focused on reliability and affordability challenges facing Virginia's power grid, underscoring the tension between rising demand and the need for stable, cost-effective energy supply. Speakers represented a wide swath of the industry, including PJM, Dominion Energy, American Electric Power, Southern Gas, Google, LS Power, the Virginia State Corporation Commission and the Southern Environmental Law Center.

Current law students and alumni returned to campus for the event. "I felt immense pride returning to my alma mater as a practicing attorney and participating in conversations about some of today's most pressing energy issues," says Shianne Randolph '21, J.D. '25, energy associate at Christian & Barton LLP. The event also delivered 7.5 hours of Virginia CLE credit, including ethics training, for attending legal professionals.

The conference's relevance was underscored by the media attention it drew from outlets including Bloomberg Law, RTO Insider and S&P Global.

Shortly after the conference, William & Mary Weekend in Washington, D.C., hosted a panel focused on the new Center. Joining Christie were Chatterjee and Darpan Kapadia '95, chair of the William & Mary Foundation and CEO of LS Power.

Christie's contacts and efforts have built a highly engaged advisory board for the Center. "It's a strong board and a stellar lineup," he says, adding that most board members have undergraduate or law degrees from W&M. Like any academic board, they provide knowledge, information and advice, and help raise the crucial private support that allows the Center to thrive. So far, donors have given more than $500,000 through the Center for Energy Law & Policy Fund (6054).

Asked how he'd define success over the next three years, Christie points to the Center's achievements in a short amount of time — chiefly, putting W&M Law School at the center of the national energy conversation.

"We've already achieved that and want to maintain it and build on it," Christie says. "We also want to be very student-focused, providing students with funded internships, scholarship projects and research papers, and bringing energy and industry leaders to campus to talk with them."

Christie says his goal is to provide students with practical insights grounded in his regulatory experience. "I teach from a very practical standpoint because I have been both a regulator and teacher," he explained. He has taught at the University of Virginia School of Law, Virginia Commonwealth University and previously at William & Mary, and his experience also includes international teaching through the Fulbright program.

Jonathan Hagy, a second-year law student, took the inaugural class last fall, and he's glad he did. "I've always been interested in energy affordability and how, when and where energy infrastructure is developed," he says. "Judge Christie's Energy Law course was a perfect fit for my interests. He addressed each of these topics, drawing on his own unparalleled knowledge and experience, as well as hosting many excellent guest speakers."

Concurrently with the course, Hagy externed for Virginia's State Corporation Commission, where he saw what he learned play out in front of him. "After the course ended, it continued to benefit me in my 2L summer internship," he says. "I was asked by my firm to complete a complex assignment regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and it led to the firm wanting to publish my findings in an article. I could not have completed the assignment, much less understood the material I was working with, without Judge Christie's class."

Christie is teaching a class on regulatory law and public policy this fall and preparing to teach his energy law course again next spring. The fall class has full enrollment with students who are highly engaged, says Christie.

Christie credits the Law School's leadership for making the Center possible. "I really cannot say enough about Dean Spencer's vision, his leadership and his courage," he says. "Starting up a brand-new academic center is a bold move, and he made it. I salute his willingness to take a risk and say, 'This has tremendous potential.'"

That potential is already being realized. The Center is promoting its next major conference, set for May 26-27, 2027, in Williamsburg.

"Last year, we only had about four to six months to bring that off from scratch," Christie says. "Now we're looking forward to having an entire year to plan and organize. I think the potential for this Center for William & Mary Law School is unlimited."

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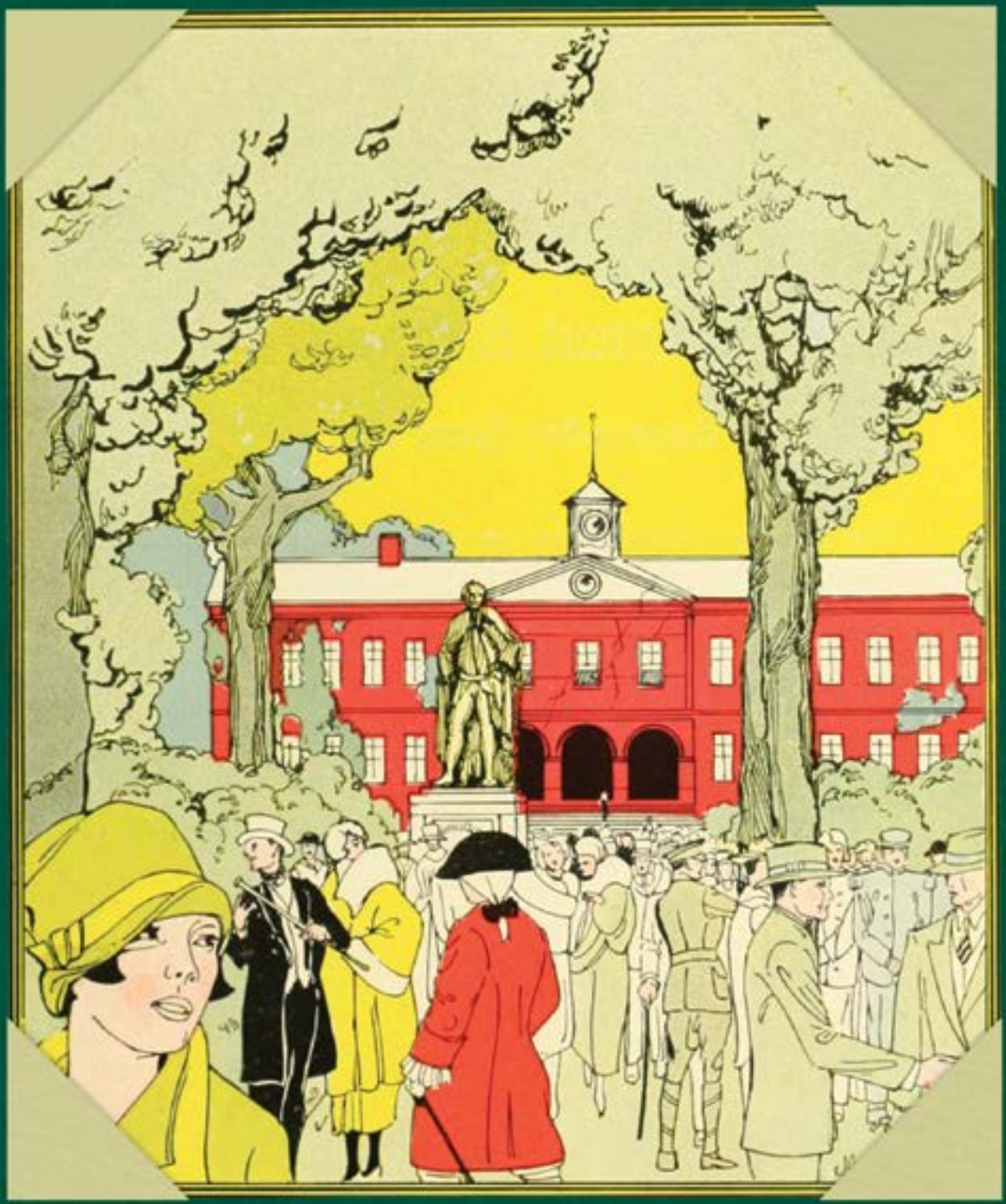
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An illustration from the 1927
Colonial Echo titled "Alumni"

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF HOMECOMING

An Annual Pilgrimage to Alma Mater

Story by Sara Piccini and Claire De Lisle M.B.A. '21
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A century ago, William & Mary's alumni office led the charge in the campaign "to provide a Home Coming Day for former students in the fall."

So wrote Alumni Secretary J. Malcolm Bridges 1925 in the March 19, 1926, issue of The Flat Hat. He continued: "Surely such a suggestion should appeal to all concerned and with a little effort could be made the occasion of an annual pilgrimage to Alma Mater."

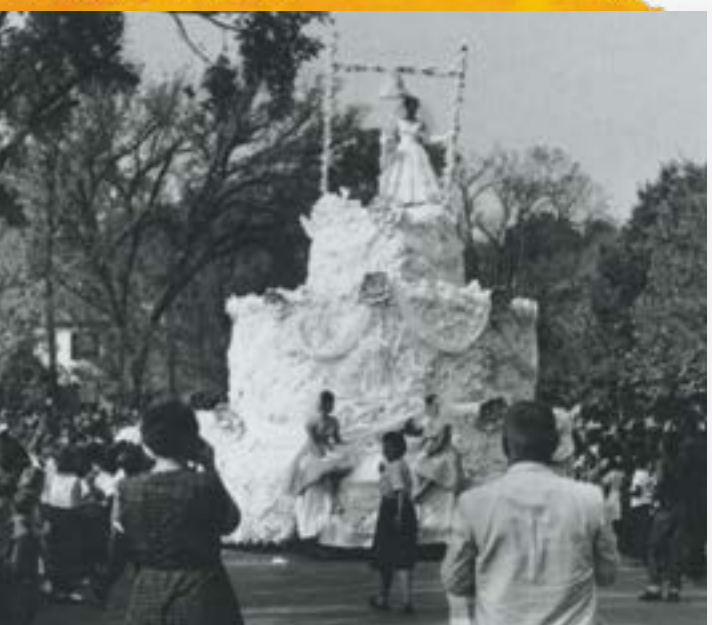
Bridges' appeal met with approval from alumni. The first Home Coming Day — Oct. 23, 1926 — "was a complete success from every angle," according to The Flat Hat. And thus a grand tradition was born.

In the years since, Home Coming Day has transformed to Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, a multiday extravaganza attracting thousands of alumni. There's something for everyone — parties, class reunions, departmental open houses, children's activities — plus the traditional parade and football game.



1929
Inaugural
Homecoming
Parade





We Love A Parade

According to the late W. Wilford Kale Jr. '66, P '19 in his book "Hark Upon the Gale: An Illustrated History of the College of William & Mary," the first parade was held in 1929, and it traveled from campus, down Duke of Gloucester Street to the Capitol Building, and then back again.

That first parade included just one float, which depicted the first president of W&M, the Rev. James Blair, receiving the Royal Charter from King William III and Queen Mary II (see photo, opposite page, top right). The entire student body of 1,400 marched behind it in lines of four.

Before long the parade changed to a more traditional format, with floats created by students, local groups and even corporate sponsors, such as Lucky Strike cigarettes.

During World War II, the Homecoming Parade was canceled until 1946. Funds normally used for floats and other decorations went to the purchase of war bonds. While the Colonial Parkway tunnel was under construction in the late 1940s, students used the space to construct parade floats.

The 20-plus-foot "wedding cake" float constructed by Chi Omega sorority in 1960 led to a height restriction because of safety concerns (see photo, bottom left). That height restriction is still in effect and also helps protect the trees lining Richmond Road.

The 1974 parade featured the famous Budweiser Clydesdales, attracting a then-record crowd of 22,000. The record was immediately topped in 1975 when Hanna-Barbera cartoon characters from Kings Dominion attracted a crowd of more than 25,000.

The parade route didn't include W&M's campus until 1982, when the route was extended after proceeding down Duke of Gloucester Street to travel Richmond Road toward what was then William & Mary Hall. In another addition, alumni celebrating reunion years joined their classmates to march in the parade.

In 2011, the parade moved from Saturday morning to Friday afternoon, in part to encourage more student participation. The new route was entirely on campus and Richmond Road and featured a new grand finale — a pep rally at Yates Field and a block party that closed Richmond Road and Scotland Street from Wawa to Paul's Deli, with live music, food and beer.

Today's parade is one of the highlights of Homecoming, drawing crowds of thousands along the route from Confusion Corner (the intersection of Richmond Road and North Boundary Street) to the Alumni House. Reunion classes and Alumni Association identity and affinity groups hold watch parties along the route to gather and cheer for the parade together. Each year's parade T-shirt, thrown from floats during the event, is a collector's item — during the presidency of W. Taylor Reveley III HON '18, LL.D. '18, they featured him as a variety of characters, including Yoda and James Bond.

From a group of Wookiees (the furry creatures from "Star Wars") singing "Our Alma Mater" to Lord Botetourt on roller skates, the Homecoming Parade is all about fun — for adults and kids alike. There's some spirited rivalry as well, as student and alumni groups vie for cash prizes based on creativity, workmanship/effort and spirit. Groups perform for a panel of alumni, faculty and staff judges in front of the Alumni House, showing off their best dance moves, feats of athletic prowess or even how quickly they can rig up a sail on a boat.

PHOTOS: ALFRED HERCZEG P' 23, LOGAN CALDWELL M.B.A. '26







2011
Homecoming parade moved to Friday afternoon





FROM THE ARCHIVES:
W&M Special Collections contains images and momentos from a century of W&M Homecomings, including photos of alumni and students participating in the parade.



It's Grand to be Grand Marshal

The tradition of naming parade grand marshals annually to honor outstanding alumni and staff began in 1974. The grand marshal leads the parade, is honored during the football game at halftime and receives a commemorative silver plate. The longest-serving grand marshal was perhaps Dean J. Wilfred Lambert 1927, L.H.D. '81, G '97, G '99, who was grand marshal from 1946 to 1970.

A longstanding figure in the Homecoming Parade until he passed away in 1955 was Henry Billups. Born in 1872, he had worked at W&M since 1888 and was a beloved figure at William & Mary, responsible for ringing the Wren Bell, among other duties. In 1935, during Homecoming, "132 alumni, representing 41 classes" presented Billups with a "watch, chain and bell" that he cherished, per the Alumni Gazette that year. After Billups passed away, Hugh DeSamper '51, P '78 published a remembrance in the Alumni Gazette, saying "This fall, when the Homecoming Parade rolls past, many in the crowd will experience a twinge of sadness when they look for — and don't see — Henry waving his derby from his shiny convertible."

Before she passed away in January 2019, Ruth Weimer Tillar '45 had witnessed almost every Homecoming, attending all but one since her freshman year in 1941. (That's 77 Homecomings!) She led the parade twice — once as an Alumni Medallion recipient in 2012 and then as grand marshal in 2018.

For the university's 300th birthday in 1993, the grand marshals were the oldest living alumnus, E. Ralph James Sr. 1916, P '55, P '55; the oldest living alumna, Catherine Teackle Dennis 1921; and the alumnus who had attended the most Homecomings, Rolfe E. Kennard 1924, P '51.

In 2017, the first three Black residential students at W&M — Lynn F. Briley '71, L.H.D. '18; Janet Brown Strafer '71, M.Ed. '77, L.H.D. '18; and Karen O. Ely '71, L.H.D. '18, G '30 — served as grand marshals as the university commemorated 50 years since their matriculation.

Iconic actor Glenn Close '74, D.A. '89, H.F. '19 was grand marshal in 2023, following in the footsteps of her mentor and theatre professor Howard Scammon '34, who had the honor in 1989. During her visit to campus, she also gave a master class to theatre students, helped dedicate the Arts Quarter and the theatre named in her honor in the renovated Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall, and discussed the importance of the arts with President Katherine A. Rowe in a Presidential Conversation. Her dog, Sir Pippin of Beanfield, accompanied her throughout Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, even taking the stage at the dedication ceremony.

For a full list of prior marshals, go to wmalumni.com/marshal.





1974
Introduction of annual honorary parade marshals



STARSTRUCK: ***Celebrity grand marshals included Gordon Jump, star of "WKRP in Cincinnati" and spouse of alumna Anna Inge Jump '53; Glenn Close '74, D.A. '89, H.F. '19; and Oscar award-winner Cord Jefferson '04.***

PHOTOS: ALFRED HERCZEG P '23, TIMOTHY D. SOFRANKO



Gridiron Glory

Who can imagine Homecoming without football? Countless traditions have grown out of the game — the annual crowning of a Homecoming Queen, pep rallies, tailgates, raucous fraternity brothers painted green and gold.

The first Homecoming Day in 1926 centered around the afternoon football game against George Washington University. W&M won handily, 14-0. In the late 1920s and early '30s, some Homecoming games were held at night under the lights of Cary Field. After 1936, alumni could view the game from the relative comfort of stadium seats. Football has been an integral part of Homecoming ever since, with the only interruption occurring during World War II. The 1946 game was dubbed "Victory Homecoming," with a 41-0 score over Virginia Military Institute.

W&M teams have always fought hard, experiencing both triumph and heartache (including a 41-0 loss to Ohio State in 1968). After the victory over Washington & Lee in 1939, W&M freshmen threw their duc caps into the postgame bonfire. As The Flat Hat reported, no disciplinary action was taken: "Campus spirit is running at such a high pitch ... that they could have gotten away with practically anything short of burning the Wren Building to the ground."

One of the greatest moments came in 1985, when the Tribe beat archrival Richmond, 28-17. As the Alumni Gazette reported, "After the game, many of the 18,000 fans poured onto the field and tore down the goalposts, something Cary Stadium has not seen in many years."

1946
W&M beats VMI 41–0 at Victory Homecoming

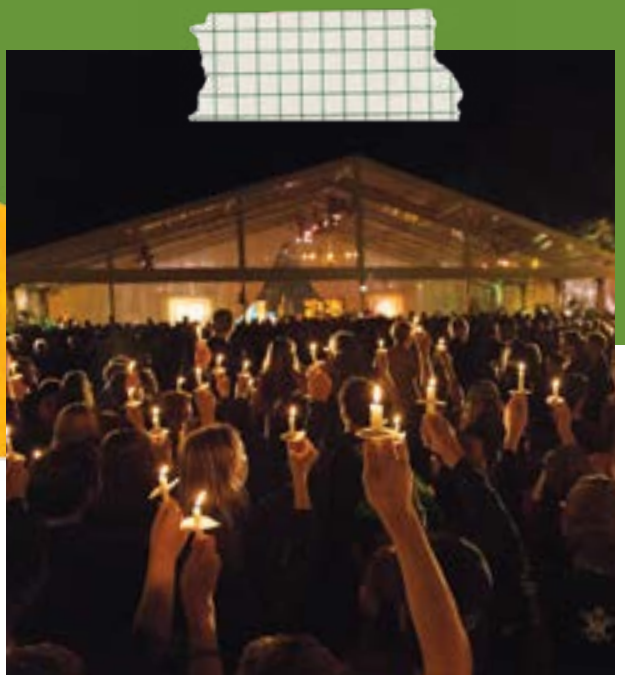




TOUCHDOWN!: ***Cary Field became Zable Stadium in 1990. The original wooden bleachers were replaced in 1979 and artificial turf was added in 2006.***

1972
Alumni House opens; expanded in 1996 and 2021









Paying it Forward

Another important Homecoming tradition is celebrating reunions. At the instigation of Jim Kelly ’51, P ’77, P ’80, P ’90, former head of the Alumni Association, class reunions were moved from Commencement to Homecoming in 1960. The 50th, 55th and 60th reunions are part of Traditions Weekend in the spring. Reunions are occasions to reunite with classmates, share fond memories, connect with the William & Mary of today and pay it forward to the next generation.

The largest class gift presented by the 5th-45th classes was in 2025 — almost $66 million in support of W&M. Reunion giving funds scholarships, academic programs, faculty research and many other campus initiatives.

Homecoming & Reunion Weekend was also the stage for the public launch of William & Mary’s record-setting *For the Bold* campaign in 2015. Hundreds of alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends gathered in the Sunken Garden, holding candles and singing “Our Alma Mater,” to celebrate the ambitious campaign which raised $1.04 billion, strengthened alumni engagement and increased alumni participation in giving.

The launch of *For the Bold* also marked the introduction of the big white marquee tent in the Sunken Garden, which has been a venue for signature Homecoming events every year since and anchors the celebrations in the heart of campus.

Another key venue for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend is the Alumni House. The expanded Alumni House opened with a dedication ceremony during Homecoming 2021. Its 53,000 square feet incorporate the historic Bright House and include a new ballroom, Hunter Hall, named for lead donor Hunter J. Smith ’51, L.H.D. ’18, who served as grand marshal that year.

“Just as the bricks are the foundation of this historic building, you, our alumni, are the foundation of all we do. This building is a testament to the important role our alumni play in the life of our university and how much we can achieve together,” Marilyn Ward Midyette ’75, then chief executive officer of the WMAA, said at the ceremony. “We hope it will be your first stop on campus every time you return.”

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Homecoming & Reunion Weekend is made possible by donors to the W&M Alumni Association Fund (3056).

PHOTOS: ALFRED HERCZEG P ’23, ERIC LUSHER, SKIP ROWLAND ’83, P ’19,P ’20, MOLLY SOCKS

W&M









HOMECOMING



Party On, Tribe!

The first organized Homecoming dances were held in 1926 for both alumni and students. Venues have changed over the years — the old Blow Gymnasium, the Williamsburg Lodge, Kingsmill, the Sunken Garden. So has the music, from the big band melodies of Buddy Morrow in the 1950s to the reggae rhythms of The Wailers in 2006.

TIME WARP: ***Top to bottom: Alumni enjoy events in 1972, 2018, 1977, 2024 and 1964.***

1960
Class reunions moved from Commencement to Homecoming

Homecoming get-togethers have included a wide variety of other events, including luncheons, dinners and tailgates. The "royal court" of Homecoming is crowned during the festivities, with students elected to the honor.

Formal attire may no longer be the fashion, but William & Mary still knows how to throw a party. Festivities include not only alumni in reunion years but all alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents of students and members of the broader W&M community. Class reunion receptions are now fully catered and take place in individual class tents in the Sunken Garden and other iconic locations, such as the Great Hall of the Wren Building. Friday night reunions are followed by the Friday Night Foodie Fest, a tasting experience featuring some of the region's favorite restaurants, bakeries, wineries, breweries and cafés. Saturday night reunions continue the fun at the Saturday Night Bash, a dance party for all alumni and friends with a live band in the iconic big white tent in the Sunken Garden.

Building Community

More alumni than ever are attending Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, with over 3,000 registered attendees most years — not counting the 12,000 who fill Zable Stadium for the football game and thousands of others who attend events hosted by various groups across campus. There are more opportunities than ever before to get together with alumni who share similar affiliations and interests. In 2018, the Association of 1775 began hosting its annual breakfast honoring military and veteran alumni, students and families. The Olde Guarde (alumni whose undergraduate class graduated 50 years ago or more) hosts an annual brunch, and the Order of the White Jacket (alumni who worked in food service) holds its annual meeting and reception. Other affinity and identity groups gather throughout the weekend as well.

In 2020, Homecoming went entirely virtual during the COVID-19 pandemic, with events over two weeks, including reunion gatherings, a career coaching session and the Sunset Ceremony. Homecoming 2021 included the in-person Commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2020 so they could experience this time-honored tradition.

1972
Order of the White Jacket holds first Thursday evening event

1962
Sunset Parade first held in Sunken Garden

Saying Farewell

Few traditions better symbolize the closeness of the Tribe family than the Sunset Ceremony. Taking time out from the hectic pace of Homecoming, guests gather in the Wren Courtyard to honor those alumni, faculty, staff and students who have passed away in the previous year.

According to university records, the tradition of honoring deceased alumni dates back as far as 1900. From 1930 to 1959, the Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa sponsored a memorial service on Alumni Day during Commencement Weekend, held on campus at the gravesite of Benjamin Ewell, W&M's president from 1854-1888.

Beginning in 1962, Homecoming featured a Sunset Parade in the Sunken Garden that combined a memorial service with a review of the Queens' Guard. The Sunset Ceremony as we know it today was introduced in 1976. The Queens' Guard continues to participate, and the W&M Choir performs as well. The Wren Bell peals and candles are lit in honor of each member of the William & Mary who has passed. The ceremony is recorded and posted online so friends and family can view it from afar.

A W&M Family Shares Homecoming Memories

Homecoming not only nurtures friendships, it nurtures families.

Patricia "Pat" King Sell '58, P '83, P '87, P '91, G '14, G '16 is the matriarch of a three-generation Tribe family. Sell shared her reflections of Homecoming with the W&M Alumni Magazine in 2013:

"The fanfare of Homecoming refreshes my mind as the fun, freedom and fact-finding of college days are recalled; where friendships are forged, ideas are hatched, explored and challenged, knowledge and wisdom accrued. The aroma of the greenery, the sight of the fall foliage, the sounds of students enjoying life on campus excite my memory. The cheers from the stands when the football team scores, the band plays and cheerleaders shout, all bring a smile to my face. Watching the funny, fancy floats as the Homecoming Parade passes by, listening to the foot-tapping music of the bands as they march up Richmond Road has brought tears of joy to my eyes.

"I would be remiss if I didn't mention that my motivation to visit campus has escalated through the years. It's great to have three wonderful kids and two wonderful granddaughters to visit over the years. I am thrilled that they want to carry on the traditions that make William & Mary strong."

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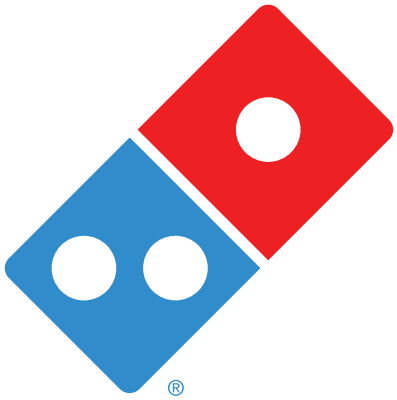






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CAPTURED IN TIME: ***Though fashions and events have changed, Homecoming & Reunion Weekend continues to bring alumni and friends together to celebrate William & Mary and the connections we share.***



Domino's Effect

Joe Jordan '95 draws on his W&M liberal arts & sciences background as he leads the world's largest pizza chain

By Tina Eshleman

It's telling that when asked about the best job he's ever had, Joe Jordan '95, P '25, P '28, doesn't have to think long: "Being the dad to my three kids is my favorite thing I've done in my life."

This is from someone who rose in the ranks at Domino's Pizza Inc. to become CEO of the world's largest pizza company as of Oct. 1. He has also held high-level marketing positions at PepsiCo, Philips and Unilever, and he's worked with household-name brands including Hellmann's mayonnaise, Smithfield Foods and Norelco. When he visits William & Mary's Raymond A. Mason School of Business as a guest speaker, students ask to take photos with him.

Charlotte Jordan '28, who followed her father and her older sister, Corin Jordan '25, to William & Mary, sat in on a class as a first-year student during one of his visits.

"I'm proud because I see how hard he works and how passionate he is about his work, and I know he's really good at what he does. That's how he's gotten to where he is in his career," she says. "But it's also a bit funny because he's just Dad — the guy I build Legos with at home."

A recent project involved the Jordans assembling a reproduction of the "Home Alone" house, she says, adding that her father enjoys going for runs with her and her younger brother, Hugh, and walking their dogs.

"It's all about priorities. When he's home, he makes sure he's very present," she says, adding, "Friday is always pizza night at our house."

Domino's pizza, of course. (Good, old-fashioned pepperoni for Dad.)

Running Toward W&M

Growing up on New York's Long Island, Jordan didn't have William & Mary on his radar until he took part in the Colonial Relays at Zable Stadium as a track team member during his junior year in high school.

"That's when I learned about the school," he says. "And the more I learned, the more I liked the idea of a liberal arts education with a business focus."

Jordan decided to apply. By coincidence, he was back in Williamsburg for the Colonial Relays the next year when he received news of his admission. While talking to his father on a pay phone, Jordan found out a letter from William & Mary had arrived.





WORK-LIFE BALANCE: ***Top photo: Jordan (right) is shown with former CEO Russell Weiner, a longtime friend and mentor, at Domino's World Resource Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Above: Jordan enjoys time in Hawaii with his family (from left): Charlotte, Hugh, Christine and Corin.***

"My dad opened it and let me know that I got accepted while I was at the school," Jordan says.

As a first-year student at W&M, he was interested in business, but explored a range of subjects, including psychology. Through joining Sigma Alpha Epsilon, he met his close friend Jamie Stern '95, who later served as best man at the wedding of Jordan and his wife, Christine.

Jordan took an introduction to marketing class during his sophomore year with Todd Mooradian, who recently stepped down as dean of the Raymond A. Mason School of Business.

"I was never so excited to go to a class before," Jordan says. "I fell in love with marketing, so after taking that class, I continued on the path to apply to the business school. I started the marketing association back up as part of the business school while I was there."

He majored in marketing, with a minor in psychology and a concentration in philosophy. That combination has served him well, he says.

"Marketing is psychology," Jordan says. "Understanding the way people think has been helpful, and on the philosophy side, it's about thinking through problems. If we tried something before and it didn't work, how do we approach it from a different angle?"

Mooradian recalls Jordan as a student with enormous potential who was gratifying to teach.

"It was clear that Joe was going to be focused and tenacious and get into big-time brand marketing," Mooradian says. Jordan's success "reflects great competence, but even more importantly, it reflects extraordinary character because he has thrived by being a brand leader with integrity."

Building Domino's

Domino's announced in June that Jordan, then president and chief operating officer, would become CEO this fall, succeeding his mentor and friend Russell Weiner. In his new position, Jordan stewards a company with global retail sales of more than $20 billion per year and over 22,500 stores.

"I think the board made the absolute perfect decision putting Joe in as CEO," says Weiner, who is slated to become Domino's executive chairman after the company's shareholder meeting in April 2027. "I love the company

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a lot and there's nobody else I'd rather see lead it. He's beloved here, not only for what he's done, but who he is."

Weiner has known Jordan for over two decades, since first hiring him in 2005 as a manager of innovation at PepsiCo.

"I remember very vividly not only the interview, but once we hired him, we put him on an incredibly difficult project," says Weiner, who was then director of marketing and product innovation. "That first assignment was to do a deep dive on our water business. He was brand new and he came back in a very short time with an analysis that blew me away. I remember thinking, 'This guy is so much smarter than I am. I'm glad he's working on my team.'"

Weiner was also impressed by Jordan's ability to remember details and talk eloquently about them. When Weiner later became vice president of colas marketing for North America, he brought Jordan with him. Jordan was then promoted to senior director of marketing for PepsiCo, while Weiner moved to Domino's in 2008. Three years later, the two reconnected when Jordan joined Weiner's team at Domino's as vice president of innovation.

Over 15 years at Domino's, Jordan rose through the ranks to become president and chief operating officer and now CEO.

Among the highlights of his tenure so far have been record sales growth when he was chief marketing officer and the addition of 3,000 stores worldwide when he was head of international operations. He is known for developing strong relationships with Domino's many franchisees in the U.S. and abroad, colleagues say.

"It's been a pleasure watching Joe grow as a leader and continue to contribute at every level, every job he goes to," Weiner says. "A lot of leaders nowadays feel like they only win when somebody else has to lose, but Joe's not like that. He's a leader who wants everyone to win."

Making an Impact

Jordan says he has three criteria for any job he undertakes: "I want to work with nice people, I want to work with smart people, and I want to work in a company where I can have an impact. Domino's has those three things more than any other place that I've worked."

When he joined Domino's, the company had completed a good year after the successful launch in late 2009 of its "New and Inspired" campaign, which involved overhauling its pizza recipe in response to poor reviews from customers and falling stock prices. But momentum had begun to slow.

"It was a question of how we sustainably grow over time," Jordan says.

Founded as a delivery company in 1960, Domino's was looking for opportunities to reach more customers.

"We were far and away the delivery leader, but we had never done carryout, so we started to grow carryout, and carryout is now actually the bigger part of our business," Jordan says.

When he was chief marketing officer, Domino's instituted "carryout insurance" so that if a pizza got damaged on the way home, the customer could bring it back and have it replaced, no questions asked. One ad depicts humorous scenarios in which a pizza gets knocked out of a man's hands through a series of mishaps as he's walking down the street.

Another initiative was the Paving for Pizza campaign, in which Domino's paid to fill potholes that might jostle a pizza or interfere with pickup and delivery. The potholes were painted with a Domino's logo and the words "Paving for Pizza" and "Oh yes we did."

"We ended up paving potholes in all 50 states around our stores so that you would have a better pizza experience," Jordan says. "That let customers know that we get them, and then they came to our stores and ordered more pizza."

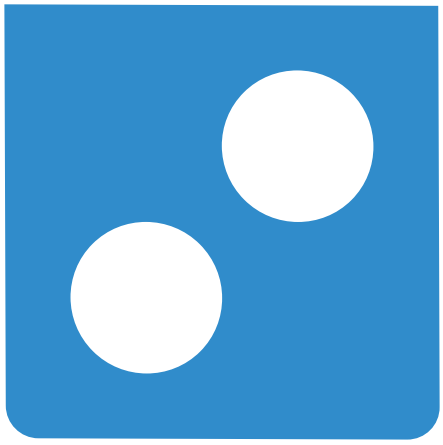
Jordan has also led technological innovation to make it easier and faster for customers to order.

"When I was CMO, we were the first company to launch voice commerce," he says. "It wasn't Google or anybody else, it wasn't Siri. The first time you could use your voice to interact with an app and buy something was with Domino's. We continued to think through where there is friction in the process for consumers: How do we take that out? How do we make it easier for them?"

In an effort to get pizzas to customers faster, Domino's has implemented "digital shoulder surfing," a nod to the previous practice in which a cook would look over the shoulder of the person taking the order and start making the pizza before the phone call ended. Now that 80% of orders are made online, the company uses a customer's purchase history to start the order.

"So, let's say that every Friday night, you order two pepperoni pizzas," Jordan says. "As soon as you come to the website and





PAVING FOR PIZZA: ***As chief marketing officer, Jordan led a campaign to fill potholes around Domino's stores in all 50 states so customers would have "a better pizza experience."***

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you're starting to go through the process, we have the store start making those because we know what you order, and that gets them to you a couple minutes faster."

A process called an "orchestration agent" also coordinates the timing of baking and delivery so that pizzas are hot and ready to go when the delivery driver comes back to the store.

Another initiative from Jordan's time as chief marketing officer was Domino's "AnyWare" campaign. "Our thought was that any technology that a consumer is using, we want them to be able to order Domino's," he says. This allowed customers to order pizza from a Samsung TV or the dashboard of a Ford Sync. A customer could also tweet a pizza emoji and have a pizza delivered.

"The key is understanding what consumers want and how we can be there for them," Jordan says. "How do we make the pizza experience more enjoyable — even more magical?"

Taking On Challenges

Jordan likes to tell a story about trees in the Biosphere 2 project, built in the late 1980s in Arizona. Planted in what appeared to be ideal growing conditions inside a dome — carefully maintained temperature, nutrients and water — trees would grow rapidly, but they'd fall over before reaching maturity. Researchers concluded that in the absence of heavy wind, the trees never had an opportunity to develop a strong root system. Without having faced adversity, they lacked resilience.

The Biosphere story is one that Jordan has applied to his own life: Stepping outside his comfort zone has made him a stronger leader. One case in point is when he was offered the opportunity to manage Domino's Pizza's international business. After accepting the position, he asked Patrick Doyle, Domino's CEO at the time, why he thought Jordan was the right person for that job.

"I had not worked internationally before," Jordan says. "I hadn't been to most of these countries that I was going to visit. There are consumer differences, and I needed to get up to speed on how I might work with franchisees in different countries — which parts of the playbook were universal for the brand, and which parts were customized by market."

Doyle responded that "he saw the relationships that I developed with the franchisees in the U.S., and if I did the same thing with the international franchisees, I was going to be just fine," Jordan says.

Looking back now, Doyle says it was clear that Jordan had potential to take on greater responsibility.

"The more senior you get in an organization, the less your specific skills matter," says Doyle, who is now executive chairman of Restaurant Brands

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International, owner of Burger King, Popeyes, Tim Hortons and Firehouse Subs.

"What becomes more important is your ability to attract and motivate people," he says.

"In the restaurant industry, that means your ability to work very productively with franchisees. We could see Joe doing that domestically from his marketing role. But getting international experience was a really important way to find out if he was ultimately going to be able to do an even bigger job in the organization."

So Jordan and his family packed up and moved from Ann Arbor, Michigan, to the Netherlands in 2018, two years before the COVID-19 pandemic. There, Jordan was responsible for overseeing franchises that varied from individual operations in the Caribbean to multibillion-dollar, publicly traded companies in India, the country with the most stores outside the United States, to Iceland, which has more Domino's stores per capita than anywhere in the world.

"The two years pre-COVID were great," Jordan says. "Domino's is in 94 countries around the world and in those two years, I got to visit over 40 of them and meet our franchisees all over the world. I learned more in those couple of years than I did previously going from marketing job to marketing job at different places."

Jordan's travels halted during the pandemic, he says, but "it actually ended up being a bit of a tailwind for our business, because people were stuck at home, so they ordered a lot of pizza."

While the basics of pizza remain consistent across the board — dough, sauce and cheese — toppings vary according to regional preference. Variations include durian (a popular fruit in China), tiger shrimp in South Korea and Kobe beef in Japan. Another difference was that while



Domino's had its own delivery system in the U.S., external services or "aggregators" such as Uber and DoorDash were commonly used in other countries.

When Jordan returned to the United States, he decided that Domino's should begin working with aggregators here, too: "A lot of customers go to DoorDash or Uber first, and if we're not there, we're missing those customers." However, Domino's also adopted a loyalty program that rewarded customers who ordered directly from the company.

At its core, the international job was about building relationships, Jordan says.

"As I look back on my career, the things I'm most proud of are the other careers or lives I influenced," he says. "Our franchisees' profits per store have more than doubled since I joined the company — and I'm not saying this was solely me; there were a whole lot of people involved.

KEEPING THE CUSTOMERS IN MIND: ***Jordan is shown with graduates of the Pizza Prep class at Domino's World Resource Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He says he and his team are continually coming up with new ways to make ordering pizza more enjoyable, even "more magical."***

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DELIVERING INSPIRATION: ***Jordan gave a keynote address to nearly 10,000 franchisees, team members and leaders at the Domino's Worldwide Rally in Las Vegas in May. In his remarks, he celebrated the people who made Domino's the world's No. 1 pizza company and challenged all the "Dominoids" to build on 65 years of progress.***

That has changed the franchisees' lives and their families' lives. That has changed the lives of their managers, who then became franchisees themselves. And having those ripples is the most fulfilling part of my career."

Back to School

Jordan and his wife, Christine, have served on William & Mary's Parent & Family Council for several years, as their daughters attended the university. Charlotte is a junior, double majoring in English and marketing, and she began studies at the business school this fall. Corin recently completed a Master of Science in systems medicine at Georgetown University.

This summer, Joe Jordan became a member of the Business School Foundation Board, serving on its governance committee and deepening his involvement with the school. For the past six years, he has returned to William & Mary in the fall to talk with MBA students, and he's served as a frequent guest speaker for classes taught by Scott Swan, David Peebles Professor of Business, whose focus is marketing and innovation.

"It is always great to have Joe in class," Swan says. "The students really appreciate his ability to drive innovation with uncommon honesty and understanding of his customers' needs. He is loved because he is truly genuine."

Jordan last visited during the MBA Sprint Week, in which students tackle real-word business scenarios. He watched teams present their cases for new beverage brands. "It's fun to see the fresh thinking of the students who have not been in the industry, and the connections they make," he says. "By not having preconceived notions about what you can and can't do, they always end up surprising me, and I find that fun."

Listening to Jordan speak, it's clear that he believes in Domino's products, service and people, says Ken White, associate dean for graduate business programs. "Joe is an outstanding guest speaker thanks to the passion he has for his work and for Domino's," White says. "Students see and feel that energy and they immediately connect with Joe."

White says an important lesson Jordan shares with students is "get excited about your job, your employer, colleagues, customers and the future. Have fun and love what you do and success will follow."

Mooradian adds that Jordan demonstrates the value of liberal arts & sciences as a foundation for achievement in business.

"His example is a paradigm for William & Mary as the antidote to being made irrelevant by artificial intelligence or any other technological change," Mooradian says. "Joe brings to everything he does the critical thinking, lateral thinking, creative thinking and empathetic thinking of a human being. He's well-educated in the liberal arts and deeply skilled in business."

Jordan credits his alma mater with helping him develop the skills he needed to advance in his career.

"I attribute a lot of this to the ways of thinking that were embedded at William & Mary: the ability to take a lot of information and discern what's important," he says. "As executives, we get so much information, and most of it's not particularly helpful. So, how do you find those needles in the haystacks for what matters?"

He says he has also observed other leaders he's worked with and picked up on qualities he admires. In particular, he sees Weiner, Doyle and another former Domino's CEO, Ritch Allison, as putting the good of the company first: "What they all have in common is it's about the brand, not about them; they're here to leave it better than they found it."

As Domino's newest CEO, Jordan plans to continue that tradition.

"What gets me excited is I still believe we can do so much better than we're already doing in the U.S. and globally for our consumers, for our team members, for our franchisees," he says. Jordan looks forward to "getting to influence the strategy of the company in the coming years — and going back to those lessons learned from other leaders, leaving it better than I found it." &

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WORTHY OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE

The U.S. Secret Service brought alumni from the Alma Mater of the Nation to serve their country all over the world



William & Mary has a long history of alumni serving the nation in the intelligence community and in federal law enforcement — both on the front lines and behind the scenes. By the very nature of the work, there is not a complete list of the members of the W&M community in this field, though some notable alumni stand out. Fred Kovaleski '49, a tennis star at W&M, went on to spy on the Soviet Union for the Central Intelligence Agency undercover as a tennis pro. Chancellor Robert M. Gates '66, L.H.D. '98 was director of the CIA and the only secretary of defense in U.S. history to serve in successive Republican and Democratic administrations.

Perhaps lesser known, Dana Brown '67, who passed away in January, had a distinguished career in the U.S. Secret Service. He retired after 25 years as assistant director and chief financial officer of the Office of Administration. He then led the U.S. Federal Air Marshal Service through a particularly challenging period after 9/11. His commitment to service was evident even as a student at William & Mary — he left as a junior to serve in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart before returning to complete his degree.

Susan "Sue" Hedrick Duclos '76 and Brian Lambert '97, two decades apart, followed in Brown's footsteps into the U.S. Secret Service. The agency, part of the Department of Homeland Security, has a dual mission: protection of key people, locations and events; and investigation of crimes against the U.S. financial system.

Through their service to the nation, Duclos and Lambert found purpose, supported key world events, ensured the safety of individuals and our financial system and mentored others. Aspiring to its motto "Worthy of Trust and Confidence," they stepped into roles as civic leaders. For William & Mary's Year of Civic Leadership, they reflected on their service and how William & Mary prepared them for their careers.



SUSAN "SUE" HEDRICK DUCLOS '76

It was July 1981, and the world was watching the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer. And so was Sue Duclos, for weeks prior — watching every spot along the route first lady Nancy Reagan would take to the ceremony; listening for intelligence about threats and sending it back to Washington, D.C. She remembered sitting in Terrorism School as a 22-year-old recruit and her instructor showing the class a photo of a woman pushing a baby carriage across a busy city street. The class agreed she was not a threat — but the carriage contained a bomb. Many lives would have been lost if the situation had been real. So Duclos spent long days and nights in London assessing every aspect of the wedding plan alongside British intelligence services, trying to imagine every possible scenario. When the big day arrived, everything went according to plan.

When Sue Duclos graduated from William & Mary, she didn't know what she wanted to do. She just knew that she wanted an adventure.

In her 13 years in the Secret Service and then two decades in various intelligence, defense and homeland security positions, she certainly found it. She protected U.S. and foreign heads of state, investigated foreign and domestic threats against U.S. presidents — including a Libyan plot to kill President Ronald Reagan in 1981 — and against foreign dignitaries, including the pope and the shah of Iran. As well as her trip to London to ensure first lady Nancy Reagan's safety at the royal wedding, she traveled to Japan to protect President Ronald Reagan at the 1986 G7 Summit, where homemade rockets were fired at the venue.

She interviewed Eastern Bloc defectors to the United States during the Cold War, investigated how and why spies gave away our most sensitive national security secrets, and worked with rocket scientists on national security satellites.

"It didn't feel like work," she says. "It felt like a series of once-in-a-lifetime opportunities."

Duclos was the first in her immediate family to go to college. Her dad told her from a young age that she was going to go to William & Mary, the school he considered to be the "most prestigious Virginia institution and probably the best in the history of the world," she says. She was accepted and became an elementary education major, at his suggestion.

A disappointing student teaching experience convinced her to look outside the teaching profession for her next move after graduation.

"My dad was working for the Library of Congress, and he recommended I become a congressional research specialist or something like that," she says. "And so I went to an interview in the Capitol rotunda; the light was streaming through the windows, and all I saw was dust particles and little old ladies sitting around the table with their noses in books, and I said, oh my gosh, no!"

Flipping through a binder of government job openings one day, she saw a vacancy notice for a clerk-typist for the Secret Service. The pay was low, but she had a hunch it would "not be boring." Just two days into her new job, her hunch paid off.

"The director from the personnel pool came and got me. She said, 'You're going to be on a special assignment, at Henry Kissinger's house.'"

For the next 30 days, she helped agents complete a technical security assessment for then-Secretary of State Kissinger — deciding where to put cameras, fencing and other security measures. She was hooked.

From there, she was promoted to intelligence research specialist and assigned to the Intelligence Division Foreign Intelligence Branch/Middle East desk, and "things were hopping," she says. In March 1977, she was in Washington, D.C., for the Hanafi Siege terrorist attack and hostage standoff. Duclos was sorting through intelligence from the U.S. and abroad about the attack and assessing whether and when there could be additional threats.

The high stakes of her assignment didn't get to her, though.

"William & Mary prepared me for that pressure, from the very first day of orientation when I realized I was probably 400 books behind on the

reading list," she says. "I discovered since then that I have a huge capacity for processing incoming information. And maybe I'm an overachiever! But the mission is so compelling, and I wanted to do my part."

She quickly found that the more she said "yes" to opportunities and volunteered for special assignments, the more responsibility she was given. She never applied for another job; her career was a series of opportunities taken and promotions earned.

"The more I did, the more I learned and the more I got to do," she says. "Ultimately, I was promoted to supervisor of the Foreign Intelligence Branch. Others saw the leader in me before I did. For me, the Secret Service was the stepping stone into the intelligence community and the best career ever."

As her career progressed and she moved to the Central Intelligence Agency, her work evolved to budget building, congressional testimony and policy making. As a senior executive, she oversaw billion-dollar programs and thousands of people at the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), from rocket scientists to managers, and also hired retiring Secret Service agents looking to extend their careers.

During Duclos' tenure at NRO, a woman from the systems engineering directorate came to Duclos, seeking to be part of the new ground directorate she was helping to create. In her male-dominated field, men had told then-Air Force Capt. Lisa W. Mandes never to laugh or even smile at work because it was unprofessional. Duclos immediately took Mandes under her wing and provided a clear example of how to lead while still keeping her personality and sense of humor.

"There is no one like her," says Mandes, who retired as a full colonel in the Space Force last year and is now branch chief, Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Cyber (C4), Acquisition and Sustainment for what is now known as the Department of War. "She had a way of being able to speak when people weren't valuing her opinion, to make them be quiet and listen. She is always personable, never belittling, and always saw the lightness in even very serious situations."

Even with her sense of humor, Duclos was aware every step of the way that her decisions were critical.

"I never had a job after William & Mary where lives weren't on the line," she says. "I was proud to serve my country and to represent the USA in international forums when called upon to do so."

Through all the excitement of her career, she still stayed connected with William & Mary. She brought her father to football games. She stayed in touch with her sorority sisters Teresa Sato '76 and Nancy Weiner McMahon '76, attended class reunions and served as a class ambassador.

Now, Duclos is retired, living in eastern North Carolina and adjusting to the new pace of volunteer work. She serves her church and a local music nonprofit, and she finds herself still stepping into leadership roles — "I hate a leadership vacuum and I just want to be productive and get things done," she says. She helped write a book on the history of her rural area, inspired by her love of cemeteries, which she discovered in an anthropology class at William & Mary.

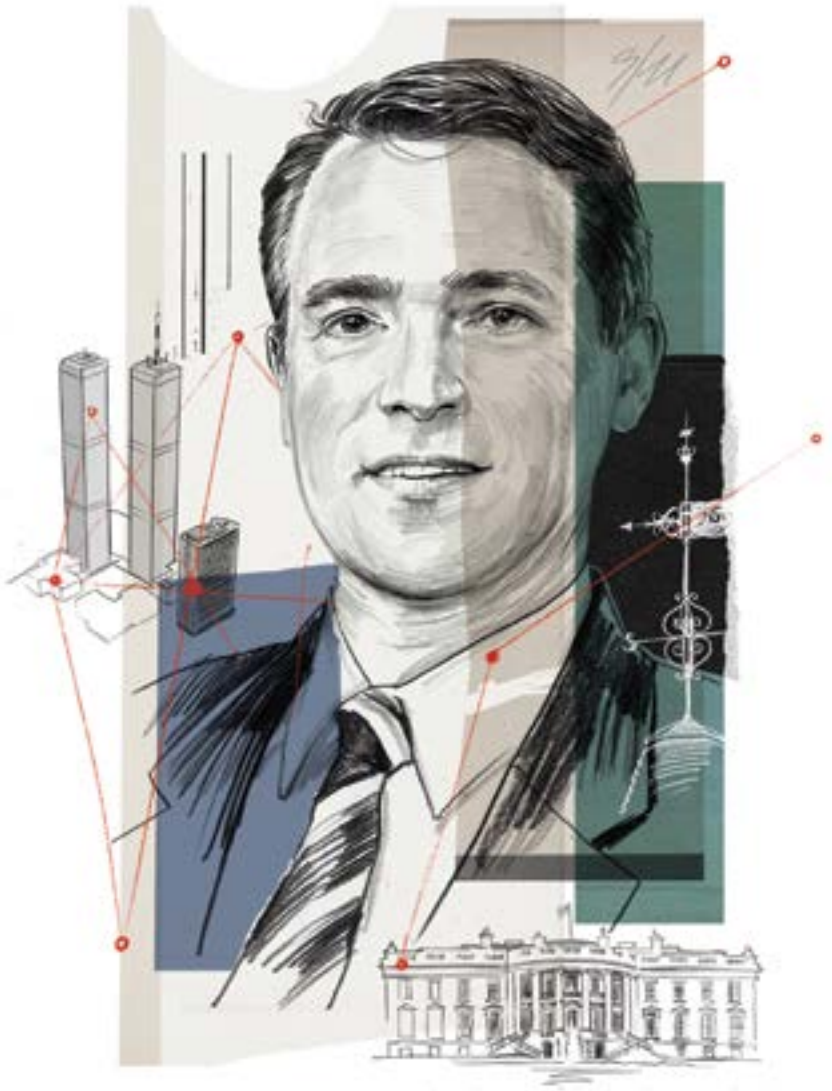
Duclos is a member of the Boyle Legacy Society, Bell Society and Fourth Century Society and supports the 1693 Scholars program at William & Mary in honor of her father. She mentors students who are interested in following in her footsteps into the Secret Service and intelligence community, advising them about what might disqualify them in the rigorous background checks and encouraging them to volunteer for additional duties once they begin their careers. "Saying yes to every opportunity served me well," she says.

For her 50th reunion in April, Duclos was the keynote speaker at the Olde Guarde Induction Ceremony. Before she and her classmates processed through the Wren Building in their graduation caps and gowns, she shared with them her memories from W&M, her long career and her hopes for the future.

"A 50th reunion is a rare gift," she told her classmates. "It gives us the chance to look back with perspective, to appreciate the long arc of our lives, and to reconnect with the people who knew us before life got complicated."



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BRIAN LAMBERT '97

It was July 2000, and Brian Lambert was at Camp David for the peace talks among President Bill Clinton, Ehud Barak of Israel and Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian National Authority. It was his first assignment out of training — the midnight shift of protecting Barak alongside Israeli security. Anything happening to a foreign dignitary on American soil would be a crisis, and the talks were at a crucial stage. Standing with the Israeli team and watching the Palestinian National Authority team walk by, he was struck by the palpable hatred coming from each side. It brought home how deep-seated the conflict was and the importance of his small role in the path to resolution.

Joining the Secret Service also opened the world for Brian Lambert in ways he didn't think were possible.

"I got to do all these things, all over the world, that a small, poor kid from Richmond, Virginia, wouldn't otherwise have been able to do," he says.

That included everything from working on the protective details for Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama to traveling all over Europe, the Middle East and Africa investigating financial crimes to attending the World Cup in Qatar (for work purposes — to prepare for the U.S. hosting the World Cup in 2026). When he retired from the Secret Service at the end of 2024 after 25 years, he was the assistant director of the Office of Investigations — overseeing 2,150 special agents and 850 analytical, administrative, professional and technical employees throughout 162 domestic and international offices.

One of his first postings was in New York City. On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, as he drove through the Holland Tunnel into Manhattan, he heard a radio transmission from his office that a plane had struck the World Trade Center. His office was in that complex — building 7 — and was destroyed by falling debris and fire over the course of the day. Lambert remembers the confusion and chaos. He parked his car behind building 7 and rushed to the scene as he tied his tie, securing evidence on the ground — including an airplane wheel from the first jet.

But there were happy memories from his time stationed in New York City, too, and in future assignments he looked forward to returning to the city. Each fall, the United Nations met, and Secret Service agents from all over the world gathered to help protect the heads of state attending.

"It felt like William & Mary Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, to see everyone you went through the academy with or had worked with again. I loved that about the Secret Service — similar to William & Mary, it was small enough that you could always find someone you knew, but large enough that you could meet somebody new," he says.

Lambert came to William & Mary in part because of his family history here — his grandfather, J. Wilfred Lambert 1927, L.H.D. '81, G '97, G '99, was a beloved teacher and administrator, including vice president of student affairs when Sue Duclos was a student at W&M. His grandmother, Anne Nenzel Lambert 1935, G '97, G '99, was also an alumna, and his aunt Louise Lambert Kale HON '09 was a longtime employee. His brother, Matthew T. Lambert '99, followed him to W&M and is now senior vice president for university advancement.

"My whole universe was Richmond, but we'd come to Williamsburg at Christmas time, and there was something so magical about the brick buildings and the history," he says.

He became a psychology major, appreciating the way it helped him make sense of human behavior. But it was a religion class he took in the Wren Building with the late David Holmes, Walter G. Mason Professor of Religious Studies, Emeritus, that stuck with him most.

"He was a big fan of a liberal arts education, and he used to say — and this held true throughout my time in the Secret Service — if you take out of your education the ability to think critically and to write effectively, you'll be fine in any career," he says.

Lambert graduated from W&M in 1997 with a clear vision of what he wanted to do next — go into law enforcement. As a student looking for a job to help cover his loans, he had joined the student patrol as a sophomore. The supportive atmosphere he found there led him to stay with the patrol until graduation.

"There were several police officers who let this curious kid who asked a lot of questions tag along, and they really invested in us students who were interested in the profession," he says.

Following the path of Dana Brown before him, Lambert started as a police officer before making the switch to federal service. He was a police officer for Chesterfield County, Virginia, for two years, before a mentor on the force encouraged him to apply for the Secret Service. He liked the investigative aspect of policing and was excited by the dual mission of the Secret Service — it was formed in 1865 to combat counterfeiting, but expanded in the 1890s to include the protection elements it is most known for today.

After his time in New York City, Lambert headed to Washington, D.C., for presidential protection details for the Bushes and Obamas. He was then in Flint, Michigan, for the public health crisis caused by lead in the drinking water, and to provide security for the presidential primary debate between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders in 2016.

In January 2020, Lambert had the opportunity to move to Rome to head that field office, relocating his wife and five kids across the Atlantic. He covered the investigative work and protection in Southern Europe, the Middle East and non-French-speaking Africa. During this time, as part of the Secret Service's financial crime-fighting mission, he traveled to South Africa and oversaw the takedown of a prolific international crime syndicate called Black Axe.

Though the pandemic hit Italy hard, he was glad to give his children the experience of living in another country, where they attended an international school and traveled throughout Europe with their sports teams.

"Personally, I found the transfers one of the biggest blessings," he says. "I have a built-in network everywhere I go. It opened the world for my family. I wouldn't have been able to do that otherwise."

In July 2024, he went through what he calls one of the hardest periods of his career, when there was an assassination attempt on then-candidate Donald Trump at a rally in Pennsylvania. Racing into the agency's crisis center that evening, and for the weeks and months following, he remembers feeling that all eyes were on the Secret Service for their actions on that day, and tensions were high.

Another challenge of his role? "Living on somebody else's schedule," he says ruefully. "It's a career of service, so you always have to keep in mind that you're there to protect and serve. It's hard to juggle



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families and birthdays and anniversaries, because you are part of the team, and you have to be there for the mission."

Along the way, he's mentored younger agents, providing them advice for their careers and cheering them on as they rise in the ranks. He's passed on the advice he learned from Professor Holmes about thinking critically and writing effectively.

"People get so caught up in thinking that we were looking for a certain degree, and I think students are shocked that I don't care what your degree is in," he says. "It's like Professor Holmes said: I need to see you can think critically and write effectively. I'd love if you were really gifted in history or something where you bring a liberal arts & sciences perspective to your work. We're going to teach you how to do the job."

Much like Duclos, he encourages new hires to take as many assignments offered as possible. He remembers a stint he did in human resources, learning that process, and how much it benefited him later as a leader and manager.

Lambert is now chief safety and security officer for Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia, the ninth largest school district in the nation with 177,000 students.

"Just like in the Secret Service, no two days are the same. I love that. There's always something different, some new initiative, something to learn. It's a public service job. I'm protecting kids. It's clear, it's tangible and it feels good."

The chair of the school board is a fellow W&M graduate, Robyn Lady '90, and they frequently reminisce about their alma mater.

"I'm just so proud to have gone to William & Mary," says Lambert. "It's the place I call home." &





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William & Mary's Tucker Hall is reflected in pooled water after a rainfall. The building opened in 1909 and served as the university's library until Swem opened in 1966. Named for Virginia Supreme Court justice and W&M's second law professor St. George Tucker, Tucker Hall is now home to the English department and linguistics, medieval and Renaissance studies.


DAILY



BREAKING THE ICE: ***Wade Minter '97 moved to Raleigh in 1999, the same year the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes relocated to the city. Sixteen years later, Minter became the public address announcer for his hometown team.***

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From the Stands to the Stanley Cup

Wade Minter '97 finds his voice as the public address announcer for the Carolina Hurricanes

ALUMNI PROFILE Wade Minter '97 had a busier summer than usual.

As the public address announcer for the Carolina Hurricanes of the National Hockey League, Minter usually ends his duties when the team's season concludes. Normally, that means April or May. But this year, he was announcing well into June. The Hurricanes rolled through the playoffs, soared into the finals and won the most iconic trophy in sports, the Stanley Cup.

"It was a crazy, off-the-hook playoff season," Minter says. "It makes your summer a little shorter."

The team was in Las Vegas for the Cup-clinching game, but the Hurricanes hosted a watch party at their home arena for their fans, and Minter was there, announcing.

"The building was packed, the fans were loud," Minter says. "It was just crazy. When they won, I hugged my wife and we had a little champagne. But then I came home and went back to my real job the next day."

Minter's "real job" is founder and chief technology officer for Suggestion Ox, a human resources software company. But it's a familiar theme for Minter in both his main career and his side quests to follow his interests as far as they take him. That inquisitive mindset brought him to both the tech world and announcing.

The 2026 Stanley Cup run is among the highlights of Minter's announcing career. On top of his typical home game duties and the away game watch parties, Minter helped host the Hurricanes' championship parade celebrations.

"At the end of the parade, we got onstage and worked the crowd for about half an hour with our arena host until the players were ready to come up," Minter says. "I was speaking to an audience of 200,000 people. And walking down the parade

route, I was seeing people peeking out of parking garages to get a better view. It was an all-time life experience."

Minter credits his time at William & Mary as key to developing the confidence and curiosity needed to explore his eclectic passions.

Journalism was one of those passions. When Minter got to Williamsburg, he dove right into The Flat Hat. He also took the opportunity to explore various subjects in his coursework, taking a couple of classes in computer science. He liked them enough that he decided it would be his major.

"It was the very, very early days of the web, and I was learning HTML," Minter says. "I built my little personal website and started putting a little bit of writing up there. I was like, 'I think this web thing is going to turn into something.'"

His junior year, Minter combined those two interests, building the first website and email addresses for The Flat Hat. He then took the initiative on his own to create the first website for William & Mary Athletics.

"I was a big sports fan growing up, and I saw there was nothing online about W&M Athletics, so I thought that I could build something for them, too," Minter says. "I hand-wrote a bunch of HTML and built it and took it to them. I was like, 'Hey, I made you a thing,' and they said, 'Great, we don't really know what this is, but it seems helpful.'"

Minter maintained the site through his senior year. But his work with W&M Athletics led to another opportunity that would open doors for him further down the road.

"I got my first opportunities in the public address space because I had built W&M Athletics this website," Minter says. "They said that they had a couple sports that could use an announcer if I wanted to do it. And I said absolutely, I want to do it — this sounds great!"

In his last year on campus, Minter was the public address announcer for women's soccer, women's basketball and volleyball. It was a valuable experience for him, a crash course in learning how to announce sports he was less familiar with.

"The lesson I took from that, that I ended up playing off of years later, is that every sport has a rhythm, and every sport has its own unique quirks," Minter says. "It was a very foundational moment, and it came from being a computer science major and a sports fan and putting W&M Athletics online."

PUMPING UP THE PARADE: ***At the Canes' championship parade, Minter warmed up the crowd of as many as 200,000 before the players took the stage.***



PHOTO: JAYLYNN NASH

"I've really benefited from the confidence to just try a bunch of weird stuff, and if some of it sticks and some of it doesn't, it's all going to be additive to the things that really matter."



CUP CHAMPIONS: ***Top photo: The Carolina Hurricanes celebrate with the Stanley Cup after defeating the Vegas Golden Knights. Below: Minter calls games from his announcing booth in a personalized Canes jersey.***



Another sport he was less familiar with was hockey. As a kid growing up in Southside Virginia, he didn't have regular exposure to the NHL, much less people who played the game.

He was introduced to hockey through his friends at William & Mary, many of whom grew up in Northern Virginia as Washington Capitals fans. The group often went to minor league hockey games, which opened his eyes to how fun the sport could be.

"For a couple years there, we would drive down to Norfolk to see the Hampton Roads Admirals, or up to Richmond to see the Richmond Renegades," Minter says. "Once you get into the building and see it, and pick up on the rules, it's addicting. It's so fast, it's so hard-hitting, it's so exciting."

After graduating from William & Mary, Minter bounced from Richmond to Philadelphia and, in 1999, to Raleigh, North Carolina, where he put down roots. That same year, the Carolina Hurricanes relocated from the Greensboro Coliseum to a new arena in Raleigh. Minter attended the Hurricanes' first game in their new city as a fan, solidifying his connection with the team.

In 2015, the Canes' public address position opened. Minter, who had by then been a diehard fan for 16 years, applied.

"I auditioned on a whim," Minter says. "I had a trial game during the preseason. I guess they liked what they heard, because they offered me the job."

Over a decade later, he has never missed a home game. Minter can be heard bellowing his signature "Hurricanes GOAL!" call alongside the 18,000-plus Canes fans at Lenovo Center each time Carolina puts the puck in the back of the net.

Minter looks back with gratitude on his time at William & Mary. He stays involved with The Flat Hat, visiting the office in the Sadler Center when he's back on campus. He also lent his announcing talents to the 2019 Homecoming Parade.

Minter's journey would not have been possible without his persistent curiosity, which he attributes to his time in college.

"I've really benefited from the confidence to just try a bunch of weird stuff, and if some of it sticks and some of it doesn't, it's all going to be additive to the things that really matter," Minter says. "Looking back at the decision to attend William & Mary — if there's a pivotal moment that turned me into the person I am today, it's that."

— BRENDAN DOYLE '20

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Here for the Girls

Two William & Mary alumnae who connected through a shared diagnosis have helped more than 2,000 women build community



FRIENDS AND FOUNDERS: ***Mary Beth Morrill Gibson '86 and René Roark Bowditch J.D. '82 formed Here for the Girls after meeting in 2006 at a retreat for women with breast cancer.***

ALUMNI PROFILE For René Roark Bowditch J.D. '82 and Mary Beth Morrill Gibson '86, the inspiration for Here for the Girls, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting young women with breast cancer, began with a simple realization: They were not alone.

The two met at a 2006 retreat for women with breast cancer, a diagnosis more commonly associated with older women. That connection became the foundation for Here for the Girls, which for two decades has provided free support and education while helping young women "live life with an exclamation mark and not a period." On Aug. 29, the organization celebrated its 20th anniversary with its annual Pink Carpet Gala at the W&M Alumni House.

The organization took shape at Bowditch's kitchen table in Williamsburg, where a few other young women began gathering on Sundays for "Tea and Talks," and posted flyers in oncology offices inviting other young women with breast cancer to connect.

"The impact that we saw was not just in helping these young women get through breast cancer, but helping them get through life," Bowditch says.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Tea and Talks moved online, allowing Here for the Girls to reach women far beyond the Williamsburg area. Today, women from 47 states participate in the organization's programs, and more than 2,000 women have become part of the community over the past 20 years.

As more people joined, they shared strikingly similar stories. Gibson says she often heard comments along the lines of: "I was diagnosed late because my doctor told me not to worry about it. I'm too young to have breast cancer."

These late diagnoses, often tied to a lack of awareness and self-advocacy, can have deadly

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"The impact that we saw was not just in helping these women get through breast cancer, but helping them get through life."

consequences, prompting the group to evolve from a community of support into a call to action.

Their desire to educate and support young women led to the annual Here for the Girls calendar and health guide, a free resource mailed to members with accessible health information and self-care tips. Each month features an "Ambassador Story," in which women share their experiences to help others feel less alone.

Victoria Riley M.B.A. '26, deputy director of Here for the Girls, became involved in 2016 after being asked to look at its operations. She recalls one woman who had worn out the pages of her calendar because she read the stories every night and found hope in them.

"These stories gave her something to live for," Riley says.

As Here for the Girls has grown, it has expanded its programming, primarily across eastern and Central Virginia, to include health professionals who provide resources throughout treatment and recovery. A "Screening + Prevention Village" during Here for the Girls' annual Run for the Hills 5K event offers mammograms, screenings and physical therapy. The programs and services are fully funded by donations.

The organization also connects newly diagnosed women with social workers who bridge the gap to permanent, oncology-focused therapy for patients and their families — a support coordination program Gibson calls a "godsend for a lot of young women."

As part of Riley's MBA program at William & Mary, she developed a plan to expand the counseling services, which she and the founders hope will reach more women in the coming years.

No longer relying on flyers and word of mouth, the organization now receives referrals through partnerships with healthcare centers, connecting newly diagnosed women with support much earlier in their journeys.

"It takes a village to raise a nonprofit, and this village showed up," Gibson says.

The organization maintains deep ties with William & Mary; collaborations include annual lectures at W&M Law School on breast cancer and the law and events such as the "Empower Her Health" talk with Bowditch and Gibson in 2024 as part of the Road to Women's Weekend series. Student volunteers frequently assist with the annual Run for the Hills 5K.

Mary Stultz Meagher M.B.A. '86, a longtime volunteer and chair of Here for the Girls' advisory council, found a calling with the organization after moving back to Williamsburg. A two-time breast cancer survivor, Meagher continues to mentor MBA students at William & Mary and sees a shared commitment to civic leadership in both communities.





EMPOWERING WOMEN: ***Bowditch makes appearances as "The Good Health Fairy" at events to help spread awareness about breast cancer prevention and treatment and to encourage conversations.***

"I think that William & Mary's definition of civic leadership relates to the story of Here for the Girls. It's all about giving back to the community and providing that leadership," Meagher says.

Looking back on the last two decades, Gibson links the start of the organization to her own beginnings at William & Mary. As she moved into college her first year, she remembers looking back at her parents and feeling as though she was "glancing back at the past and walking toward the future."

"I think we're still doing that with this organization," Gibson says, "A nod to the past, but we're focused on the future." — ISABELLA DUNN '28

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TRIBE

A New Lane in Sports Media

Bimal Kapadia '99, CEO of Pulitzer-winning Meadowlark Media, charts his path from W&M to ESPN to independent journalism



PULLING THREADS: *At Meadowlark Media, Kapadia says, "we're telling bigger stories about the world, but we're telling it through the sports lens."*

ALUMNI PROFILE The list of 2026 Pulitzer Prize winners was, as usual, littered with journalism's heavy hitters. But one awardee stood out among the traditional stalwarts: the podcast "Pablo Torre Finds Out," produced by Meadowlark Media. The show beat out podcasts by The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal to win the 2026 Pulitzer Prize in Audio Reporting for its series of episodes investigating alleged salary cap circumvention by the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers.

For Bimal Kapadia '99, Meadowlark's chief executive officer, the recognition was vindicating.

"At Meadowlark, we're trying to show that independent journalism can thrive today, and that you can build a business off of it," Kapadia says. "We're telling bigger stories about the world, but we're telling it through the sports lens."

Kapadia's career path has taken him from the media's biggest players to independent startups. But his journey began at William & Mary, where he majored in economics — following in the footsteps of his older brother Darpan Kapadia '95, now chair of the W&M Foundation Board of Trustees — and minored in art and art history.

"I was keen on getting a liberal arts education as much as I could, and that was one of the major things that drove me to William & Mary," says Kapadia, who grew up on New York's Long Island and developed an interest in photography as a teenager. "But I always knew I wanted to go into media in some way. It was just a question of what it was going to be, sports or news or music."

Sports turned out to be his path. After several years in telecommunications consulting, Kapadia ended up at ESPN in 2005. An avid soccer fan — a love he says he picked up from friends at William & Mary — Kapadia launched the company's global soccer property, ESPN FC, and helped shape the company's international digital media strategy.

Kapadia notes that, while at ESPN, he was able to act "like an entrepreneur within the larger institution." He had the opportunity to experiment and take risks, but he did so with confidence because of ESPN's resources and trust in his vision.

"If you were to ask independent journalists who are out there today, they love the freedom they have by being on their own," he says. "But if you gave them truth serum, I think they'd say they want the comfort and protection of an institution behind them."

After a decade-plus at ESPN, Kapadia moved on to The Players' Tribune in 2017. He served as the head of global content and business development for the startup. Specializing in first-person storytelling, his experience laid the groundwork for what he saw as the future of journalism.

A couple years later, Kapadia reconnected with a pair of his ESPN colleagues, former President John Skipper and media personality Dan Le Batard. All three were thinking about independent media as a way forward in a time of declining institutional trust, changing consumption patterns and shrinking news operations. Kapadia, Skipper and Le Batard founded Meadowlark Media in 2021, with Skipper as CEO, Kapadia as COO and Le Batard's daily radio show and podcast serving as the company's initial flagship program.

"Dan was the galvanizing personality to start Meadowlark Media," Kapadia says. "John had a rolodex of information and access from his years of running one of the biggest sports companies in the world. And I had startup experience on the digital front."

Meadowlark grew quickly, branching out from podcasts to documentaries and unscripted television shows. But its biggest breakthrough came from another podcast. In 2023, sports journalist Pablo Torre, also formerly of ESPN, joined Meadowlark Media and launched his show, "Pablo Torre Finds Out."

"PTFO," as it's known, was successful right out of the gate, with topics ranging from the serious (such as a notable investigation into the NFL players' union) to the silly (like looking into NBA star Nikola Jokic's infatuation with horses).

But it was Torre's investigation into the Los Angeles Clippers that received the most attention. Starting in September 2025, "PTFO" released more than a dozen episodes diving deep into the salary cap allegations, earning plaudits from the journalism world and spurring an NBA investigation. Almost exactly a year after the first episode

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released, the NBA announced sweeping penalties against the Clippers for violating salary cap circumvention rules. The historic discipline handed down by the league added even more public validation to Meadowlark's reporting.

"It all started with a tip, and it ended up being a thread we kept pulling. Beyond the salary cap issues, it's really a bigger story asking if the rules we make in society apply the same to the most powerful people," Kapadia says.

Kapadia, who became CEO of Meadowlark in 2025 when Skipper stepped down, says that the reporting of the Clippers story reflects his vision for the company. Meadowlark has offered support and backing for Torre — such as a distribution deal for "PTFO" with The New York Times' sports department, The Athletic — without interfering in his reporting.

One reason Kapadia points out for declining trust in institutional media is that many media companies have conflicts of interest. Because Meadowlark doesn't have a relationship with sports leagues like the NBA, he notes that their reporting on those leagues can be truly independent.

"I never want to say that we can't do a story because of a deal or partnership we have," Kapadia says. "We should be mindful of our partnerships, but I want to show that journalism can thrive, even in this climate."

Meadowlark's journalism isn't the only avenue for Kapadia to show civic leadership. In his personal capacity, he serves on the Board of Education for South Orange & Maplewood, the New Jersey school district his two kids attend.

"I felt like if I had questions about what was happening in our district, I could either shake my fist from the sideline, or I could get inside and see what impact I could have," Kapadia says. "In both journalism and public service, I have that conviction to find the truth and fight for the greater cause."

And in both journalism and public service, William & Mary's liberal arts education provided Kapadia with the skills needed for success.

"What William & Mary taught me was how to think," Kapadia says. "Being exposed to as wide-ranging of an education as you can get at the highest level allows you to apply your abilities in an ever-changing world." — BRENDAN DOYLE '20



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ALISON DWIER-SELDEN '86



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Much of Alison Dwier-Selden's service to William & Mary revolves around her passion for education, a love that was sparked during her time in Williamsburg. That love of learning helps inform both her support of the W&M School of Education and her role leading the Charlottesville-Highland network of the William & Mary Alumni Association.

After graduating from W&M, Dwier-Selden spent 35 years in public education, retiring as a principal from the Albemarle County Public Schools system in 2021. Since then, she's devoted her time to supporting the university in various ways. That includes serving on the School of Education Development Board, which helps shape the school's fundraising plan.

"Serving on the board has been a really rewarding experience for me," Dwier-Selden says. "It's been remarkable to sit down face-to-face with the dean, hear his direction for the School of Education and provide my feedback."

Dwier-Selden is also a member of the Society of 1918, which advances leadership and philanthropy for women at W&M. Working with the engagement chair, Dwier-Selden's focus is building excitement and energy around the group's initiatives.

Dwier-Selden's background in education makes an impact in more tangible ways, too. As president of the Charlottesville-Highland network of the William & Mary Alumni Association since 2023, she's worked to engage alumni in Central Virginia via events and programs aimed at a broad audience. Examples include an architectural tour of Monroe Hill at the University of Virginia, notable for its connections to presidents Thomas Jefferson 1762 and James Monroe 1778, both W&M graduates.

In her position, Dwier-Selden has also promoted W&M's connection with Monroe's estate, Highland, affectionately known as W&M West. Highland celebrated the 50th anniversary of its affiliation with William & Mary in 2025, and Dwier-Selden led the charge in commemorating the milestone.

"Highland is such an amazing research center," Dwier-Selden says. "We feel that part of our role is to promote it any way we can and get people to understand the great work being done there."

With her leadership in the Charlottesville community, on the School of Education Development Board and as a member of the Society of 1918, the throughline is her commitment to future generations of W&M students.

"I look back at my time at William & Mary and think that it was really a foundational experience

for me," Dwier-Selden says. "I'm just trying to make sure I've done my part so everyone else can have that too."

KATIE CLARK '24 & ALSTON HARWOOD '24



Katie Clark and Alston Harwood met before they even enrolled at William & Mary.

"We both applied early decision the same year," Clark says. "We joined a group chat when we were accepted. And then we were lucky and both ended up in Monroe freshman year."

Since then, their friendship and their bond with William & Mary have both continued to grow. Now, just a few years after their respective graduations, Katie and Alston are being honored together for their contributions to the Williamsburg-Peninsula network of the W&M Alumni Association.

Katie and Alston were each active members of the William & Mary community as students. Katie was part of the first undergraduate cohort at the Institute for Integrative Conservation, and Alston served as vice president of diversity, equity and inclusion for her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega. When both remained local after graduation — Alston enrolling at William & Mary Law School, Katie starting a job as a data systems analyst with the City of Williamsburg — they stayed involved with W&M, attending events with the Williamsburg-Peninsula alumni network.

"They had one of the 'Welcome to The City' events in the fall of 2024, and both of us went," Harwood says. "We both thought it was a good idea to meet some fellow alumni in the area."

Little did they know that, within a couple months, both Katie and Alston would dive into leadership roles. Both now serve on the board of the Williamsburg-Peninsula network, helping to attract Young Guarde members by pitching and executing events geared toward recent graduates. Avid trivia players themselves, the pair has put on successful trivia nights for local alumni.

"I think one of the reasons the board was excited to have us was because we wanted to think of events that would draw a younger crowd," Clark says.

For the network's fall 2025 kick-off event, Katie used her connection to the Institute for Integrative Conservation to invite Rob Rose, the Institute's executive director, as the keynote. Katie and Alston also run the group's social media channels.

With their tireless efforts, outgoing spirit and love of W&M, Katie and Alston have helped the Williamsburg-Peninsula network achieve a longstanding goal to increase Young Guarde participation.

"Looking back at our first event, we didn't know anybody and we were trying to integrate ourselves," Clark says. "But now, we're the welcoming committee for the younger crowd that's coming in. We're able to introduce new people at events so they feel comfortable in the room."

MIKE CARRON M.A. '76, PH.D. '80, P '04 AND SUSAN SHIVER CARRON '72, P '04



Mike and Susan Carron each had long, successful careers — Mike as a globally renowned marine scientist, including extensive service with the Navy, and Susan as an emergency room nurse. Their professional lives took them around the world, from Williamsburg to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to Italy and beyond. In 2014, they came back to Williamsburg and their alma mater, beginning lives of deep and active service to William & Mary.

Their passion for the university began over five decades ago. Susan transferred into W&M halfway through her undergraduate degree. Mike joined her after serving in the military, receiving an M.A.

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and Ph.D. from what is now W&M's Batten School of Coastal & Marine Sciences. In the early 1970s, the Carrons became "house parents" for Project Plus, a community-based group of W&M students and faculty that lived and learned together. "We've stayed close to a lot of them," Mike says. "A significant number of them became lifelong friends."

Today, the Carrons are leaders in the W&M community, on campus and in Williamsburg. The couple actively participates in and plans events for the Williamsburg-Peninsula network of the William & Mary Alumni Association, and the pair supported the Alumni House expansion project.

Lifelong learners, they enjoy the academic environment and the opportunity to build connections with students, faculty and staff. This passion leads to a weekly calendar packed with W&M programs and activities. They are often found at women's basketball games, theatre programs or Virginia Institute of Marine Science events, or at the Muscarelle Museum of Art, where they both volunteer each week.

Susan is a dedicated member of the Muscarelle Board, serving her second term and contributing on the Nominating & Governance and Development committees. Through her philanthropy, she supports the highest priorities of Director David Brashear HON '07. Susan and Mike have graciously hosted museum events in their home and Susan has devoted countless hours to supporting the annual Wine & Run for the Roses fundraiser.

The couple also supports W&M's VIMS & Batten School. Mike is currently in his second term on the VIMS Foundation Board and serving on the Board Experience and Governance Committee and the Audit Committee. In 2022, he led the creation of an endowment with two fellow VIMS alumni to support student fieldwork, honoring beloved former professor Robert Byrne.

Mike and Susan are also active volunteers in the Williamsburg community. The couple directs their time and energy to organizations like the Williamsburg Community Foundation, the Williamsburg Neighborhood Council and the Community Leadership Service of Greater Williamsburg. Susan has also served on the City of Williamsburg's Social Services Advisory Board.

Through serving W&M and Williamsburg, the Carrons bring people together.

— BRENDAN DOYLE '20



Coach of the Year

Going the extra mile for William & Mary and the alumni community



CAA CHAMPS: ***Nate Kellogg, head coach of men's and women's swimming, celebrates the women's conference title in February.***

COACH OF THE YEAR Since 2019, Nate Kellogg has guided William & Mary student-athletes as head coach of the combined men's and women's swimming program. After a historic season of success in the pool and the classroom, capped off by a CAA title for the women's team, Kellogg has been named 2027 Coach of the Year by the W&M Alumni Association.

This past year, William & Mary Women's Swimming made history at the 2026 CAA Swimming & Diving Championships. Led by Kellogg, the Tribe women smashed the CAA record with 1,647 points at the conference championship meet, earning the team title — all without a diving team. Tribe swimmers won 32 individual medals at the event, including seven first-place finishes.

"The thing that stood out is that our team was extremely deep. We didn't have many weak spots or holes. It's probably the deepest team I've ever been a part of," says Kellogg.

The conference title is Kellogg's third. The Tribe men won the CAA championship in 2020, while the women took home the top spot in 2022. Kellogg was also named CAA Women's Swimming Coach of the Year for the fourth time, in addition to his CAA Men's Swimming Coach of the Year honor won in 2020.

Kellogg grew up near Richmond, Virginia. While baseball was his first love, he eventually focused on swimming and earned a scholarship to George Mason University. During his time there, Kellogg discovered his passion for coaching.

"Around my junior year, I just had this feeling that I didn't want it to end, and I couldn't not see myself on the pool deck every day," says Kellogg.

After graduating from George Mason, Kellogg was hired as a graduate assistant for the Georgia Southern University swim program while pursuing his master's degree in sports management. But just a couple months in, the program's head coach left for another position.

"They asked me to be the interim head coach for the rest of the year," Kellogg says. "I was a full-time grad student at the time. I had no assistant coaches, and I had never written a college workout. I had never recruited. During those eight months, my learning curve was vertical."

After the season, Georgia Southern hired Kellogg as its full-time head coach. He coached at the school for 12 years, finishing his Eagles tenure as the program's all-time leader in wins. But Kellogg still felt he lacked the experience of learning from an established head coach.

PHOTO: JIM AGNEW

"Obviously, you get excited about the kids who swim a time they had no idea they were getting close to. When they hit the wall, their jaw drops."

"I'd never been an assistant coach, and so I thought to really be a good head coach one day, or just a better coach in general, I probably needed to have that kind of experience," says Kellogg. "My former grad assistant at Georgia Southern, Chris Carter, was hired by William & Mary as an assistant coach, and they had an opening for a second assistant coach."

Kellogg made the move to W&M in 2016, assisting then-Director of Swimming Matt Crispino '02.

"I learned about building relationships and bringing a team together by watching him," says Kellogg. "Ultimately, that's what leadership is, and Matt Crispino is an excellent leader. I honed in on his leadership skills and how he went about developing and cultivating relationships."

After Kellogg's third year as an assistant, Crispino left for Princeton University. Just like at Georgia Southern, Kellogg was elevated to the head job.

Over Kellogg's seven seasons leading the W&M program, Tribe swimmers have won individual accolades and contributed to team success. Three W&M athletes have won CAA swimmer of the year since 2019, and Kellogg's teams have sent swimmers to both the NCAA championship meet and the U.S. Olympic Trials.

And, led by Kellogg, the Tribe has had as much success in the classroom as in the pool. Eight Tribe swimmers were named to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team for the 2025-2026 season, including four each from the men's and women's teams. Women's swimming sported the best team GPA of any Tribe program in the fall 2025 semester, clocking in at a 3.67 average.

While Kellogg is excited about his team's accomplishments in the water, he's most proud of contributing to the personal growth his athletes experience while at William & Mary.

"Obviously, you get excited about the kids who swim a time they had no idea they were getting close to. When they hit the wall, their jaw drops," says Kellogg. "But there's also the moments where an alum who swam for you four or five years ago gets engaged and you get invited to the wedding. You get to see them start that phase of their life. Or when one of your seniors gets hired and gets their first job out of college. Those milestone moments are incredible." — BRENDAN DOYLE '20





"I view my gift as a way to honor my parents. I was the first one on both sides of the family to go to college, and I had a lot of encouragement. They were the unsung heroes."
Janet Jorgensen '79

YOUR LEGACY FOR ALL TIME COMING.

It was at William & Mary that Janet Jorgensen '79 discovered her professional path: accounting. She credits two professors, the late John S. Quinn and Joe Ben Hoyle, for helping to launch her career. "Professor Quinn emphasized the discipline and structure of the profession," she explains. "Joe Ben Hoyle was much more focused on students, asking us, 'What do you need to be successful?'"

Jorgensen recognizes the role William & Mary played in her successful accounting career. That's why she created an estate plan supporting study abroad opportunities and establishing a scholarship for the Estes Center for Accounting Excellence at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business. The center aims to expand perceptions of the career opportunities available to students with an accounting degree.

"Whether you want to go into IT, healthcare, nonprofits or become an entrepreneur, you have to understand how to read a balance sheet, how to negotiate a loan, and how to protect your assets," Jorgensen says. "Those skills can take you anywhere you want to go."

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Class Notes



What's The Story?

Demonstrating both physical agility and sartorial style, W&M varsity cheerleaders form a pyramid during a fall 1977 football game. Top: Glen Smith '81; middle row: Andy Wampler '81, Greg Stallings '80, Sam Eure '79; bottom: Jim Schwarz '79, Jerry Evans '80, Lester Limerick '79.

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1954

*This news was submitted by **Rene Henry**.*

Memories. The fall of 1954, I was a senior and also W&M's sports information director. This was the season of the incredible Iron Indians football team and with only 24 players, the team lost only once in its first six games.

W&M had much national media coverage and kept me busy sending out news releases. With my budget, I used students at 50 cents an hour to mimeograph, fold, stuff, address and stamp the envelopes. One night working in the Blow Gym athletics offices, **Marshall Ries** questioned why, if the releases were important, they were being sent out second-class mail. "It only costs a penny more to go first class," he said. I told him it wasn't in the budget.

Jack Freeman '44, the athletics director and head football coach, was working late that night and must have heard the conversation. The next day, he told me to send all news releases out first class.

When I graduated in June, **Pete Kalison '57**, my assistant, succeeded me as sports information director for three years. Several years later, he was a producer at ABC and was responsible for the only time a W&M football game has been on national network TV. ABC was the only network televising college football then, and there was a maximum of only four games on a Saturday.

1957

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I'm sure many of you saw the wonderful Third Hour of NBC's "Today" show from Williamsburg on May 15 that featured a heavy William & Mary presence. Well, during the show you may have heard the Tarpley Bell of Bruton Parish Church ringing in the background, just as it rang during Colonial times.

Alice Matthews '57, M.A. '75 was one of the leaders of this effort; she noticed that May 15 was the 250th anniversary of when the fifth Virginia Revolutionary Convention called for delegates to Congress to motion for independence, and the bell was rung throughout the day in commemoration of that event. The Tarpley Bell is often referred to as Virginia's Liberty Bell. Congrats to Alice for directing this effort.

Very sorry to report the passing of **Nancy Beery Thomas**. Nancy was a government major, a member of the W&M Chorus and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She had a 27-year career in public schools and had three children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

No letter of the Class of '57 is complete without a note from **Mickie Curro**, who reports she "is having a great year and is celebrating the births of four new great-grandchildren. She also had a fun time visiting William & Mary for the annual Traditions Weekend.

Marsha and I are hoping to attend Homecoming & Reunion Weekend in October and see one of our grandchildren, **Lily Stafeil '28**, who will be in her junior year at our College. Please let me know if you, too, are planning to visit our alma mater and, with scant reply for this letter, please let me know what's going on with you.

1958

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Dear Super-Agers, as always, the news I report here for mid-February to mid-June 2026 is only a small portion of what you will find in the more extensive online version of our alumni Class Notes. Please also let me know if you are interested in adding your life story to our class oral history archives. And don't throw away anything that may interest the W&M archivist — let him decide. **Merritt Ierley**, who has already done this, is our role model! I spoke with him recently about our time at Fort Knox during basic training while I was writing my memoir of that period. Merritt also sent me a note from Judy Gibbs about the passing of her husband, **Frederick Preyer Gibbs** (see details below).

From classmates:

Helen "Bunny" English Guthrie and her husband, Robert, moved to Windsor Run Senior Community in Matthews, North Carolina, in 2024. Bunny writes, "It is a lovely place, but we miss Roanoke and living in Virginia. 1958 feels like a long time ago — and living to 90 and still going strong is a miracle!"

Pat King Sell is now in an independent living community in La Jolla, California. She writes, "All is well here. I moved to Chateau LJ a year or so ago and love it. My four kids and eight grandkids come to visit now and then, expecting four of them this week. My bridge games continue to occupy my time along with walking my adorable dog and ancient cat. Hope to see you in LJ soon. Go Tribe!"

Beverly "Bevo" Wilson Palmer sent her greetings: "When I left Virginia that year, I never dreamed that I'd be back for good. But, like most of us, the recent pandemic precipitated big changes. Having stayed in an Arlington apartment (with a view of the National Cathedral, no less), my late husband and I moved to Vinson Hall in 2022. Several W&M grads also live here — none as old as I am. However, I find among friends in Arlington those who have children or grandchildren now at our alma mater. All these students seem to be thriving and it's reassuring to get this report. **Bud Mooney** and I meet fairly regularly at a deli in D.C. Weekly Zoom meetings on Thursdays consisting of **Myrna Tichenor**, **Polly Stadel Wrinkle** and **Melissa Smith FitzGerald** still go on. Cheers."

During this period, I also spoke with **Bill Mitchell** (always love that chuckle of his amidst a few cynical remarks about the state of the world, lol) and **Mary Ann Breese Brendel**. **Larry Peccatiello '58, M.Ed. '59** wrote to express his thoughts on a colleague's death, and he and I agreed to have lunch in Winchester soon. I suggested we might also invite **Diane Montague Belford**, who lives near him.

Carolyn Scheele Fakadej asked me to check whether her family's former market in the Georgetown neighborhood of Washington had finally closed. Since I was already having a planned lunch nearby, I walked by the market and observed that it was still open! I took photos

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of the "We're Open!" signage and the note that dampened my spirits that it would have to close by Nov. 15 unless another intervention could be staged. After lunch, I opened the door of the market. At the cashier's counter, Carolyn's store history booklet was there to pick up and read!

I'll close with a brief roadmap of my own journeys during this period:

Through the American Academy of Housing and Communities, I have led several initiatives marking the 60th anniversary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Resumed my China people-to-people exchanges by leading a delegation of college table tennis players to commemorate the 55th anniversary of "ping-pong diplomacy," which helped open the door for then-President Richard Nixon's diplomatic outreach. While there, I also met with leaders in contemporary architecture, toured museums privately and learned about a half-marathon with robots, self-driving vehicles, high-speed transportation and construction. Later, I spoke at the seventh-annual U.S.-China Sister Cities Conference in San Francisco.

Worked on publishing manuscripts about my Tillinghast ancestors, housing and urban policy and personal memoirs.

Served on various boards and spoke at numerous conferences.

Continued returning to tennis tournaments after my cataract operation.

Enjoyed, as always, living near my daughter Heather and my two grandchildren: **India Walsh '28**, who will be a junior at W&M with her own apartment and car, and Hayden, a sophomore at Indiana University.

And now the losses ...

A memorial service and interment for **Bob Hardage** took place on Thursday, April 9, at Bruton Parish Episcopal Church. A celebration of life followed at William & Mary.

S. Nelson Bishop Moore passed away in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, on Feb. 19.

Barbara Churchman Hawkins Haupt of Rockland, Maine, died on March 7.

The Rev. **Frederick P. Gibbs** died Thursday, May 14, in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Clare Vincent of New York City died on April 13 at the age of 90. She was curator emerita at The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

See the online edition for links to their obituaries. Please write to me with any comments you wish to give about any of our classmates.

1959

Class Reporter
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Editor's note: We are pleased to welcome Kelly Lawler Cleary '85 as the new 1959 class reporter. Kelly volunteered to fill this role to honor the legacy of her mother, former class reporter Kathryn "Kathy" Watson Lawler '59, who passed away in 2025. Kelly is eager to receive your news and updates (by Oct. 30) for the winter issue.

1960

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Catherine Young Kaufman sent a nice note from her home in the Los Angeles area, where she is in the process of downsizing into a condo. After spending 30 years as owner of a commercial and residential interior design company, she reports that she has spent the last eight-plus years working on a novel set in rural Virginia during the early 1940s. She adds an invitation to other LA-area alums: "If anyone lives nearby and wants to reach out, I'd be happy to respond."

Sarah Delk Perkins sent this news via the W&M Alumni Association: "At age 87, I reside in an independent retirement community in Columbia, South Carolina. I have been a widow for nine years. My children, two sons and a daughter, all live in South Carolina. I have been blessed still with a clear mind with a memory that amazes my friends and family and myself at times. I think being in an environment with interesting people and opportunities to attend theatre and music concerts keeps the mind alert. I am so proud of William & Mary and the strong academic standing it has. This has been promoted by forward thinking growth in new fields of study and research."

Jackie Good Legg wrote that she is "here still kicking, happy and totally blessed that I was not only educated at William & Mary, but that I met the most amazing classmates and treasured friends in our class. Fun memories seem to pop into my brain in the strangest places and always in the middle of the night! I'm still in Newport News, Virginia, in the same house that Tom Legg and I moved into when we were 27!

"And you're all invited to visit whenever you're in Williamsburg, since so many of us worked for Colonial Williamsburg for our college cash and were surrounded by all the history that it's great now to remember it in the midst of all this 250th celebration! We lived history and now we are history ... talk about a great ride we've all had!"

Roy Blanchard (my former W&M band drum-section mate) sent the following condensed news report: "After 65 years, it's about time to check in. ... Still living in a 150-year-old brick row house in Philadelphia. My wife, Laura (first wife, **Lois Gurnee Blanchard '61**, died in 1984 from cancer) is active in in the Philadelphia Flower Show, various historical associations and gardening. I have two sons, two grandchildren, three greats. ... I'm semiretired in my own railroad consulting business. Dealing with colon cancer diagnosed 2019. That's the short form."

Finally, a personal note from your reporter: Having studied and practiced strategic planning at times during my career, I want to close this report by commenting on William & Mary's extraordinary strategic planning. In 2019, President Rowe initiated a strategic planning process that identified three high-level goals and a set of four transcendent university initiatives. The topics chosen for the initiatives — data, water, democracy and careers — beautifully illustrate the prescience and relevance of the strategy. Just consider how we now find topics such as artificial intelligence (data), global and local environmental change (water), global and national political upheaval (democracy) and national workforce changes (careers) dominating the news. Under Katherine Rowe's leadership, William & Mary has now embarked on a process to craft the next strategic plan, and you can find more about that process elsewhere in this issue and online at wm.edu/strategicplanning.

A key element of the current process involves the opportunity for all members of the William & Mary community, including alumni, to contribute their thoughts. I encourage you to do so.

1961

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Paul VerkuiI '61, D.P.S. '17 attended graduation this May and introduced the graduation speaker and honorary degree recipient, **Francis Fukuyama L.H.D. '26**, a famous political theorist who delivered an address on William & Mary's personal role in the development of liberalism. Standing ovation from the Class of 2026. Francis is a good friend with whom he shared efforts to restore and reform the civil service.

Also receiving an honorary degree was **Frank Shatz HON '15, L.H.D. '26**, a Virginia Gazette columnist and longtime Williamsburg resident and supporter of the College. Frank survived Nazi occupation and is a sprightly 100 years old. Paul spent time with President-Emeritus **W. Taylor Reveley III HON '18, LL.D. '18** and **Helen Bond Reveley HON '18** and had dinner with President-Emeritus **Tim Sullivan '66** and **Ann Klare Sullivan '66, M.Ed. '68, M.A. '73, Ed.D. '86**. "All are in fine shape," he reports, "as is the College under great leadership of Katherine Rowe and the first gentleman, Bruce Jacobson. Warm wishes to all our classmates."

Fran Recchuiti writes: "I finally finished the fall 2025 edition of the William & Mary Alumni Magazine in Venice, Florida. We remember Dave Brubeck with Gerry Mulligan at Phi Beta Kappa Hall in the fall of 1957, Lionel Hampton and his dynamic performance at Homecoming

in Blow Gym in 1958. His name appeared in a sports column in The Flat Hat that I authored.

I remember as a part of the visiting cross-country team in a 1957 triangular meet with the University of Virginia and Duke University seeing the Four Freshman live at UVA's gym, where we were sleeping upstairs.

"I spent this Mother's Day Saturday at NC State University watching my lovely and accomplished granddaughter Erin Recchuiti receive her Ph.D. in earth science (geology) after getting her bachelor's at Western Carolina University and master's at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She will become a professor in August at Appalachian State University. Am I a proud Pop-Pop?

"Dinner again last week with classmate Dr. **Rich Paolillo** and his bride, **Lynn Todd Paolillo '64**, their first introduction to Thai food. Happy to see W&M Football in the Patriot League where they belonged after the Coastal Athletic Association (CAA). Bad year for W&M alumni head football coaches, both with PA connections. More will follow when I get back to PA after Memorial Day and read the winter '26 edition."

From **Margaret Barnhart Gunn**: "Classmate **Dottie Nowland Gabig** received the 2026 Olde Guarde Distinguished Service Award during Traditions Weekend in April. Having returned to Williamsburg in retirement many years ago, Dottie & **Jack Gabig HON '05** have stayed active in alumni activities. Several of us alumni from that era were together at an alumni luncheon winding up Traditions Weekend when Dottie arrived with the news of her award presented at an earlier event — very well deserved!

"As a local Williamsburg resident who keeps up with history of our community, especially that involving our College, I am occasionally asked about the meaning of the annual Prentis Award. In 1980, the award was established by W&M to honor citizens who contribute significantly to the community and the College. The award is named for William and Mary Prentis, 18th-century business owners whose store on Duke of Gloucester Street played an important role in the local community and the College. The family made significant contributions to the community. The original store still stands, near a reconstruction of the Prentis family homeplace."

From **Shore Robertson**: "June 26, my wife, Barbara, and I will celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. Barbara, a native of Alabama, and I met in the Atlanta area, where she was teaching school and I was serving in the Army at Fort McPherson. Our marriage took place in her hometown of Decatur, Alabama. William & Mary friends in our wedding party were **John Cooter** and **Charlie White '61, B.C.L. '63**, whose wives, **Judy Williams Cooter '63** and **Tricia Lee White '63**, also attended."

Dave Bottoms will be going to Williamsburg the weekend of Nov. 7, along with daughter **Sarah Bottoms Magnus-Sharpe '86** and her husband, **Marc Magnus-Sharpe '85**. He hopes to visit with local classmates and others in town that weekend and will attend the football game.

Dave writes: "Everything is going well here except hoping to repair my left knee, which is the price of playing basketball at W&M. Wouldn't trade the experience for all the tea in China, however, even though I wasn't very good. Learned so much playing basketball and made lifetime friends. Visited recently with **Mark Groothuis '62**, who was a star player and a loyal friend. He is doing well in South Florida. I recently secured a place in Stuart, Florida, to get away from the winter cold and wet weather in Auburn, Alabama, and Columbus, Georgia, where I now reside.

"I am due to play the piano at the new Bargemusic in Brooklyn on Sept. 12. This is the annual 9/11 Memorial Concert where I play some of my own music composed to display my emotions on that fateful day. I have tried to keep up my piano skills by taking lessons at the Schwob School of Music in Columbus. It is a wonderful opportunity and gives me great pleasure."

Proud letter from **Ken Lounsbery**: "Our world still revolves around grandkids. The eldest turned 30 (how?), celebrating a flash-bang (fireworks) birthday at the family summer home in the Northern Neck. Second grandson is sharpening his Chinese vocabulary in Taiwan. Football and driver's training fill the third grandson's time. Our granddaughter is enjoying her last preteen year with friends, school and cross-country. Our house of 50 years is in a zone that is subject to Santa Ana winds and wildfires. (We've been evacuated twice.) Travel? Not much. Just one trip in May to witness second grandson's graduation from New York University."

Liz Rader O'Neill is very pleased that her newly high-school-graduate grandson has chosen to stay with the family tradition of college in Virginia. He'll be off to the engineering program at Virginia Tech this fall.

"No news is good news." I hope that is true for our class as I received no news from our members.

I did want you to know that **Nancy Simpson Davis** died on Aug. 21, 2025, in Fishersville, Virginia. She had served for over 20 years with the U.S. Postal Service, retiring as postmaster for Mount Sidney. She was deeply involved in her faith community at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Staunton, Virginia. She is survived by her husband, daughter and four grandchildren. Nancy and I had gone to high school in Alexandria, Virginia, together as well as William & Mary. When the teachers put their students in alphabetical order, I was seated behind Nancy Simpson for many years. We send our condolences to her family.

Marcia Ann Hoffman Bures, aka Marcia Ann Burrs, died on March 22. She was born in the Philippines. She studied drama at the College. After graduation, she went to New York City, where she had a career in musical theatre, commercials and soap opera. She was married to Joseph Bures for 52 years and they had two daughters. Marcia appeared as Mrs. Claus in a classic Hallmark Christmas show. Our condolences to her family. Look for a link to her obituary in our online Class Notes.

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Joe Cunningham wrote a tremendous tribute to football coach Lou Holtz. Go to the 1963 Class Notes online at magazine.wm.edu/class-notes/1963 for a link to Joe's tribute.

Emily Renzel is still busy serving on the board of the Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge, the San Benito County Agricultural Land Trust and the San Juan Bautista Historical Society. In 2007, she bought a National Landmark adobe house in San Juan Bautista, California. She still has her home in Palo Alto that is 60 miles from San Juan Bautista. She might be moving slower, but she is still moving.

Travel and quilting are two things I love to do. In March, my daughter and I went on a cruise to Barcelona. A total of 10 days at sea were busy as I took quilting classes and had time to finish the quilt, always a goal but not always reached. In August, we are cruising to Alaska. Not likely I'll finish a quilt, but Alaska's primitive beauty is the calling card. I'm fortunate to have a daughter who likes to travel and quilt, too. Slowing down still allows for adventure.

1964

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Time sure does fly. Here it is already ... Homecoming & Reunion Weekend! Is time really flying by or is it our 80s that have urged our clocks to speed up? Let me know how your clock is going.

Dick Goodwin writes: "I used to laugh when people said they had to plan trips two years out after retirement. I thought it was a joke, then I retired and found out two years can be too late. We had to postpone a January trip due to a health issue. Back on track now,

with trips planned for September and January. A big change is that our 17-year-old grandson from Japan is living with us while finishing high school in the U.S. so he can attend a U.S. college. Even though we raised four boys, we forgot they are eating/sleeping machines. Life is full, we are planning more trips and enjoying grandchildren."

Ilene Lambert Dillon is CEO of Emotional Mastery for Life, which offers classes, coaching, publications and other support to help clients better understand and work with emotions, especially anger. She has had a successful career as a psychotherapist, coach, international speaker, podcast host and five-time Amazon best-selling author. She has spent more than 50 years teaching emotional mastery.

Claudy Tucker Barnes writes that **Gretchen Scherer Israel** visits her in Virginia Beach several times a year and that it is always a fun get-together. As for her kids, her daughter **Beth Barnes '00** runs the Shamrock Marathon in Virginia Beach every year. Her oldest, Hazel McGehee, visits them from Hawaii and her son, Guy Barnes, teaches at the Virginia Beach juvenile detention center.

Jason Vita '08, M.B.A. '22 sent this news to a fellow class reporter: "My company, the National Venture Capital Association, honored a fellow W&M alum, **Bob Pavey**, with our prestigious Venture Vanguard award on May 14 at the Rosewood in Menlo Park, California." The award recognizes people who have helped shape the venture capital industry and strengthen America's innovation economy. Bob is a partner with Morgenthaler Ventures and managing partner of Pavey Investments. He is past president and chairman of NVCA. According to the award announcement, he helped build Ohio-based Morgenthaler Ventures into a globally respected firm backing transformative companies such as Apple, Nextel and Synopsys, grounded in the belief that "entrepreneurs are the rock stars." A former NVCA board chair, Bob has long championed pro-growth policies, including capital gains tax reform and the protection of employee stock options, while also educating lawmakers on the economic impact of innovation.

Bob is married to **Trisha Lee Pavey**, and their daughters are also alumni: **Debbie Pavey-Scherer '90** and **Susan Pavey Petito '91**.

1965

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It was nice to hear from **Fran Drewry Green**. She and her husband, Bob, moved into a senior living facility in Fort Collins, Colorado, along with their poodle, Baguette. They love it with all of the fun-filled activities, and especially the abundance of live music and good food. Happy new home, Fran and Bob.

After 52 years in Thousand Oaks, California, and retirement from the FBI, **Bill Hurley** and his wife, Mary, decided to move to Olympia, Washington, to live near their sons, John and Richard, and their families. It was a good move. They are in fairly good health and are still meeting new people at church and the local genealogical society. Bill was pleased to have been selected to take a trip to Washington, D.C., in May as part of the Puget Sound Honor Flight honoring Vietnam War veterans. It was the trip of a lifetime. Thanks so much for your service, Bill!

We are sad to report that our good friend **Bob Simpson '63, J.D. '68,** husband (of 62 years) of **Ann-Meade Baskervill Simpson**, passed away in April. A wonderful husband, father and grandfather, Bob served our country as an officer in the Army, and served Virginia as an attorney and chief judge of the Virginia Beach General District Court. What we remember most about Bob was his love of and dedication to William & Mary, and to the wonderful W&M "family" who shared his dedication. This quote from his obituary sums up Bob for us: "Simple kindness and respect were the quiet foundation of his life — gifts he gave freely to others and deeply valued in return."

Ginny Blount Fluet and her husband, Joe, had a dream trip to France and beyond. It started with two days in beautiful Paris, then they hopped the TGV bullet train to the south of France, where they boarded their river cruise in Arles. They floated up the river (with the help of lots of locks) through Provence and Burgundy to Lyon. They had a memorable lunch at Paul Bocuse Restaurant, which they had first visited on their honeymoon. Loads of good food, drinks, walking, touring and fun with their daughter Jen and her husband, Mark (a double bonus). It was a tough trip for Joe with too much walking, so he says he's done with going across the pond. But it was a great finish to their European travel and to France!

Barb Wampler Melby rarely writes about her family, but has threatened multiple times that if we didn't get much news, that she'd have to talk about them. Buckle up! Tom and Barb have three daughters, (Kate, Meg and Liz) and five granddaughters (Sophie, Ella, Vada, Mary Barbara and Kathleen). In the last three years, two daughters and the husband of one moved to the Harrisonburg, Virginia, area to be near their aging, but in reasonably good shape, parents. The other daughter and family remain in Arlington, Massachusetts, feeling very left out of things. Barb and Tom's oldest granddaughter, Sophie graduated from the University of Colorado three years ago, and works in something that has to do with artificial intelligence in Portland, Maine. Her younger sister, Vada, just graduated from University of California Santa Barbara, and is figuring out her next steps. Ella graduated from Oklahoma City College two years ago in theatre and is acting, singing and waiting tables in Chicago. Mary Barbara is a high school sophomore (and a tennis player like her Gramma) and the youngest of them all, Kathleen, is in seventh grade (and a soccer player like her Gramma never was).

If we don't hear from more of you next time, Barb will cut and paste this and use it next time as well. We hope all of you are well, and enjoying life as best as you are able.

1966

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OK — so the date and name were changed for our 60th reunion, and that did throw some of our classmates a curve ball. It was Traditions Weekend in April and not Homecoming in October. But truly, those who did come all had a spectacular time! Our own **Cam Buchanan** spent countless hours contacting classmates and keeping her committee on task — and the results were much appreciated. Her wife, Debra Hill, was also caught up in the excitement and made a nostalgic video of "then" pictures for all of the '66ers attending. What fun to review our youth.

We started the weekend with a cocktail party at Cam and Debra's house located right on the James River! And I mean "right on" the river. We were treated royally with tables laden with every kind of pick-up food and adult and non-adult beverages in ice-filled tubs. The open-style of this contemporary home lent itself to conversations intermingled with big hugs, with a wooded yard as an additional gathering place. I am always the photographer at these kinds of events, but I had so much fun I didn't take a single picture. However, I do have lots of comments.

At "the Home," we have what we call Organ Recitals, and our classmates were definitely tuned into that concept. Instead of bragging about jobs, children and grandchildren, it was surgeries and aches and pains: heart cauterizations, hip and knee and shoulder replacements, A-fib, gender-related prostate issues and UTIs, also losing inches in height but gaining them in breadth, hair issues and so it goes. Our super-athlete, Cam, greeted us using a cane — she has since had back surgery and is doing PT with hopes to be back on her bike soon, probably not repeating the cross-country trip, though. **Karen Cottrell '66, M.Ed. '69, Ed.D. '84** looked amazing and then was even wearing a sleeveless top with no jiggle!! Impressive. We have replaced talk of girdles with Spanx now — it just sounds better, but

is it really any different? And then the days of pantyhose which replaced garter belts and are also a thing of the past. Times have changed, we have changed, but what fun to share a brief moment of our Camelot.

Now for snippets of news and lots of names for you. Ann and **Mike Greenwood** spend time in their river house and house in Richmond, Virginia, with lots of fishing trips on the New River, where Ann is proving her skill. Chasing preseason baseball teams around Florida kept them busy in the spring. However, they have had a brain blip as they just added a new puppy to their family — that's a brave move! I saw quite a bit of **Jim Korman '65** and **Babs Lewis Korman** with Babs hosting a Tri Delt get-together after the reunion luncheon. She and **Gail Morgan** and **Sheila Thibeault** regaled us with their fascinating careers with the FBI, CIA and NASA. Sheila is still working full-time with NASA but talking about going part-time for a four-year trial soon. **Nancy Gotwald** continues her landlord business with rentals in Williamsburg and has learned to fix all kinds of things. **Laurette Harvey** works as a counselor and loves spending time in Iowa on her son's farm with her granddaughter in tow as they do chores. **Betty Bishop Griffin '67, M.A.Ed. '73** and **Margie Arnold Biddle '67** were with us representing the '67 contingent and Williamsburg.

Cam graciously invited my son and his wife since they were driving "Miss Daisy" to the reunion, and they loved putting a face to the names they had heard for years. The one that made me smile was when **Robin Reighley '63** came up to Scott and said you must be the son of **Dick Kern '64**!

It was great to reconnect with **Flossie Bishop '66, M.Ed. '69**, a Jefferson 2nd neighbor. Flossie has worked with special children and adults and has the perfect sweet temperament for that job. We discussed some of her early roommates and their escapades, but those are comments not to print!!! She and Sheila ended up together and are still in contact so all's well that ends well. I had a giant oops moment when I met Barbara Mollohan and commented I was sorry to hear she had lost her husband. She quickly corrected me and pointed out **Al Mollohan** across the room! They are in West Virginia and are happily retired.

Carol Boysen had taken a spill, but nothing stops that invincible lady. She was flitting all over visiting. I think her Chi-O sisters had a get-together and several were staying in the same location. I always enjoy seeing **Susan Embrey Coleman** and **Dottie Gilbert** and **Tom Jordan**. The best part of the Friday cocktail party was having time to just talk to old friends — no agenda. As I was taking pictures of tables at the luncheon, I had a chance to visit with **Anne Purtill O'Connor**, **Bill Harris** and **Connie Hudson Harris**, **Ellen Roberts Morrison** and **John "A.L." Morrison '64**, **Bruce Edel Kakel** and William Kakel, and **Keith Taylor** and **Carol Taylor HON '14**.

Ginger Graef Smith '69, M.Ed. '74 and **Jake Smith '66, J.D. '74** are in the know with all that's going on since they live nearby. Also talked with Jane Bradshaw and **Jim Watts** and **Judy Hein Harrell** and **Alan Harrell '67**. Judy was on the reunion committee, so we got to catch up on Zoom calls, too. Sandy and **Keith Dauer** are overwhelmed with the idea of downsizing from their very large, very full house in Connecticut. It's not an easy process, but you do feel better when it's over! Of course, I may have been on anti-anxiety pills since our move almost five years ago.

Several classmates were in the same hotel we were in and had an absolute grand time — **Marjorie Rankin Peterson**, **Nancy Combs Maffett**, **Martha Graham Orton** and Robert Orton. **John Sours '66, J.D. '69**, **Mary Lou Mays McIntyre** and her husband, Dave, were spotted at the luncheon. I had a quick sighting of **Cathy Quirk Hitchcock** but didn't catch up with her later. **Marie Fridenstine** and **Marg Conn Walsh** look like they had just graduated!! Sorry **Patrick Walsh**, your wife beats you in that contest. I had fleeting conversations with **Walter Beales**, **Margie Jensen Murphy**, **Patricia Patterson Van Tuyle**, **Jeanne Weber Ringe** and **Martha Wessells Steger**.

It was good to see **Nancy Rhodenhizer Henderson** and **Art Henderson '65** and Mary Kay and **Walter Wenk**. My partner in crime for the event was **Pete Nance**. We enjoyed a snazzy dinner together with **Betty Bishop Griffin '67, M.A.Ed. '73** and **Gene Griffin** and Ann and **Mike Greenwood**. Betty and Gene entertained me, my son and his wife when we first got to town, so we got caught up, and that is always a treat. The entire weekend was too short — there were more conversations to be had but just having this time together was a big deal!! One of the special gifts we got from W&M was not being separated by big Greek houses or off-campus housing. We all lived together and had friends in every group and that's what makes these reunions special.

I have left classmate **Wilford Kale** off of this list. About two weeks after the reunion, we lost Wilford. **Martha Wessells Steger** sent me this lovely tribute to Wilford: "I was so glad I attended Wilford's memorial service, even though he and I had exchanged a big bear hug at the reunion last month. I learned a lot about him from the testimonials — details I never knew, such as his being a prominent Williamsburg 'Santa Claus' for many years. We never know when a bear hug will be our last contact with someone."

See you at our 65th!!

1967

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Greetings, Members of the Class of 1967!

We are your new class reporters for the William & Mary Alumni Magazine. Please allow us to introduce ourselves!

Marilyn Day majored in sociology and was a member of Alpha Chi. **Pris Walker Shea** majored in history and was a member of Tri Delta. We will tell you more about our life journeys in future articles. Right now, we are hoping to hear about you and your journeys!

We look forward to gathering for our 60th reunion in the spring during Traditions Weekend, April 30-May 2, 2027!

Please send your news and updates to us at the email addresses listed above. Our deadline for the winter issue is Nov. 4.

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Marilyn and Pris

1968

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Anne Keating wrote, "After I graduated, I moved for a year to Atlanta, where I worked as a caseworker at the family and children's office in Marietta. It was an eye-opening experience as I had led a sheltered life. I saw people living in cars and saw a portion of the town which had no paved roads, no electricity and no police protection.

"I followed my parents to Calgary in Alberta, Canada, for one year when my father had a visiting professorship. I took courses in social sciences, and enjoyed learning how to ski in the Canadian Rockies nearby. I moved to Minneapolis to get a master's degree in social work. Next, I moved to Fort Kent, Maine, which is right on the northern border of the state. I worked part-time in Aroostook County Mental Health Center and part-time as a social worker at People's Benevolent Hospital. My French major and junior year in France came in handy as many of our clients spoke French. After a year in Rhode Island, I returned to Lexington, Kentucky, and worked as a social worker at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

"In 1983, I completed a J.D. in law, I worked for the Kentucky Attorney General's Office as an assistant attorney general, one of many, and drafted opinions for the attorney general in the area of education. After three years, I moved to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) as assistant general counsel. The position involved handling administrative appeals and inquiries on a huge variety of topics from employee appeals, questions on the food and nutrition program for schools, local administrative issues, handling of various funding programs in school districts and even how to change a regulation so that a student might take a service dog with her on the school bus. I retired in 2008 and have enjoyed getting involved with my church choir. I also serve

on the board as secretary of the Lexington Chamber Chorale, and write a newsletter as VP of the Scandinavian Heritage Society of Kentucky."

Bert Milling Jr. emailed from Point Clear, Alabama: "My dear wife and best friend of almost 60 years, Priscilla "Pris" Pitman Milling, went home Aug. 3, 2025, after a long 20-month battle with stomach cancer. We got married my second year at W&M, and after the loss of our first child, Trey, she attended W&M for one semester (earning more quality points than I had at that point), then had the privilege of working as secretary for Dr. Thad Tate at the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture. Thereafter, she relished being our home administrator, mother and grandmother for our three additional children and 10 grandchildren. Her joyful, loving, accepting presence and wise counsel is missed. I formally retired in 2017 but have continued serving as a United States magistrate judge on recall for the Southern District of Alabama since that time. **Mike Madden** and **Art Louise** have done a fine job of keeping me apprised of what is going on with our former class and football teammates."

Robert "Bob" Roy '67 of Kinnelon, New Jersey, passed away on April 9. (Although our records show him as part of the Class of 1967, his obituary identifies him as graduating in 1968.) Bob was a distinguished broadcast journalist and television news producer whose career spanned more than four decades. Known for his editorial vision, calm leadership during breaking events, and commitment to excellence, Bob helped shape some of the most significant television news coverage of the late 20th century. Bob began his career in broadcasting as an on-air announcer for WMBG AM/FM in Williamsburg. He quickly moved into reporting roles with WVEC Radio and Television in Norfolk, Virginia, eventually becoming news director. His talent and dedication led him to the national stage, where he joined ABC News in Washington, D.C., first as a radio news writer and editor before transitioning into television production. During his 41-year career at ABC News, Bob served in numerous influential roles, including writer and producer for "ABC Evening News" in New York, senior broadcast producer for "World News Tonight," executive producer for ABC Morning News and "Good Morning America" and executive producer of special events. He also worked closely with renowned journalists including Howard K. Smith and Harry Reasoner. He oversaw coverage of major national moments. He received a DuPont-Columbia Award, Peabody Award, Headliner Award and nine Emmy Awards. (This information was supplied by Richards Funeral Home Inc. and can be found on its website.)

Celebrating 60 years of marriage, **Peter Lattu** and **Alison White Lattu '69** returned to Williamsburg for the W&M Orchesis spring dance performance and a blessing in Bruton Parish Church, where they were married in May 1966. Family and friends celebrated at a reception hosted by W&M classmates **Peter Zuger '70** and **Susan Estes Zuger '69**. The Lattus live in Alexandria, Virginia. This good news was submitted by Kirsti "Kiko" Lattu, daughter of Peter and Alison.

Most of us are entering our 80s this year. Some of us are celebrating milestone anniversaries. If you are marking these occasions in special ways, please share with our classmates. I look forward to getting your news.

1969

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Dear Friends:

More info from the winter email: First, **Mike Harding** wrote for the first time. After graduation, he worked in banking and equipment finance for 18 years before starting his own business manufacturing Kuranda Dog Beds, which his son took over several years ago so that Mike and his wife, Carole, could travel. They currently live in Annapolis, Maryland, and enjoy time with their three grandchildren.

Dennis Denenberg is busy in Pennsylvania giving away the things he lovingly collected over the past 50-plus years: His childhood toys went to the Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester, New York, his art deco to the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh and the Fort Wayne Museum of Art in Indiana, and his "Wizard of Oz" collection to the Schreiber Center for Pediatric Development in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, which named him Philanthropist of the Year. It's a good idea for us collectors!

Dennis also wrote that he had been in touch with **Rob McCarroll**, who lives in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he is retired from city planning, but very active in historic preservation there.

Al Murray also wrote for the first time. Al is now retired and living near the shores of Lake Michigan but has an interesting work history. After graduation, he went into the Army, where his job was to bury the dead soldiers returning from Vietnam. To balance that, he protested the war (in uniform) and was nearly court martialed. Next, he lived on a sailboat in the Caribbean until a film director hired him for a documentary and convinced him to go to Chicago for film work. He did TV commercials and modeled for top designers for the next 10 years — even winning a Cleo (the "Oscar" for commercials). Then he moved behind the camera and operated his own custom photography business for the next 30 years. Like so many of us, he credits his broad education at W&M for preparing him for success in the world.

Don Schafer wrote that he is in his 60th year of umpiring baseball, even after missing a year to a hip replacement. He promises to come to one more Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, so maybe we will see him this fall. He remembers fondly so many of our classmates who have died during the past couple of years, and wants to be remembered by everyone.

Fellow class reporter **Sandy Abicht Simmermon '68** sent me the following information from **Steve Cochran**; After practicing law for more than 50 years, he began winding down his practice last summer. He specialized in civil litigation and also taught trial practice at Georgetown for many years. Steve has four children, a son and daughter with his wife and two stepsons. They now live in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Toni Biordi '69, M.Ed. '72 and her husband have become reverse snowbirds, leaving Florida after 25 years and returning to New Jersey. They are busy finishing up the renovation of their home there and visiting family.

Chris Sherman has been writing recently. He is in Tampa, Florida, where he is vice president and editorial consultant of Story Farm Publishing. He has spent his life in newspapers as a food critic and has written several books, so now he works on the other side. He and Sandra have a daughter and grandchildren.

Sadly, **Mike Chesson** died in December 2025. He was a professor at the University of Massachusetts for 32 years, and a noted historian of the South and the Civil War. He had advanced degrees from Johns Hopkins and Harvard, and had written or edited several books. He served as a town council member in Belmont, Massachusetts, and on the Historic District Commission and the Shade Tree Committee. He leaves a wife, three children and a brother. Our condolences to them. He will be missed.

Finally, a quick thanks to all of you who have reached out to me since Milton died in April. It has been good to hear from you and has reinforced to me that the ties we made nearly 60 years ago remain strong.

Go Tribe!

1970

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I received an update from **Tom Frantz '70, J.D. '73, M.L.T. '81** at the end of July about his grandson. His daughter, **Lindsey Frantz Noel '08, M.A.Ed. '10**, and her husband, **James Noel J.D. '10**, recently accompanied their 9-year-old son, Ford, to Pinehurst, North Carolina, where he competed in the U.S. Kids Golf World Championship. He was in the 9-year-old division and placed in the top 100 in the world. He

also won the U.S. Kids Golf Summer Richmond Local Tournament in the 9-year-old division. The Pinehurst championship included 2,100 golfers of various age groups from 60 different countries.

In other news, **Dina Titus**, a U.S. representative in Nevada's 1st District, is co-chair of the Congressional Gaming Caucus and helped secure $9 million in federal funding to support a series of community projects across southern Nevada.

Please send me your news for the next issue by Oct. 30. Note that my email address is again active: rpvd921@yahoo.com.

1971

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Lynn and I stopped by Williamsburg on our journey north from Florida to attend Traditions Weekend in April and celebrate our 55th reunion. We spent Thursday evening reminiscing with **Tom Cooney**, who had made the trip from Portland, Oregon (my guess is Tom gets the award for traveling the farthest). About 40-45 of our classmates registered with the College for the weekend. **Mark Wilson '71, M.Ed. '76** and **Char Sandquist Phillips** had arranged an informal gathering Friday afternoon into the evening at Kephi Greek Kitchen. It was a great opportunity for everyone to mingle and rekindle friendships formed almost 60 years ago.

At Saturday morning's talk, President Rowe presented the university's Better Arguments model, which teaches leadership skills to bridge deep divides and accelerate learning. This aligned with W&M's Year of Civic Leadership, emphasizing the university's mission to prepare students for civil debate in a highly polarized era. IMHO, this should be a required course.

The only class-specific College-sponsored event was the Saturday luncheon at the Alumni House with presentations from the Lemon Project and the Williamsburg Bray School, both outlining the important work of reconciliation. **Ginnie Klemkowski McLaughlin** served as the emcee and **Ginny Vogel '71, M.Ed. '79, Ed.S. '93, Ed.D. '97** presented a concise history of our class from when we began the journey in the fall of 1967. Very interesting and nostalgic. Some classmates commented that there was not enough time reserved to socialize. Maybe we can do better next time.

Lynn and I joined a number of folks for a tour of the Bray School, including the history of its original purpose to educate enslaved and free children while using a curriculum that justified slavery.

Saturday evening **Bill Sizemore** and **MK Lamont Sizemore '72** opened their home to any and all classmates and friends for food and drink, which gave everyone one last chance to mingle and exchange life stories. A heartfelt thank you to Bill and MK — you two have been so generous over the years in opening your home to all of us.

Not to be forgotten — a big thank you to Mark and Char for orchestrating the weekend events for our class.

We received the following email from a busy **Skip Stiles**:

"Thought I'd give an update while I still remember where the keys are on the keyboard. I retired from my job leading Wetlands Watch, a statewide environmental nonprofit in Virginia. I spent 16 years telling folks about sea level rise and what it will do to our state and, though I'm not sure if the needle moved at all, it was a creative time. My prior two decades and working in Congress were nothing compared to this challenge.

"I have (re)learned to weld (to repair an iron sculpture of a chicken that **Steve Knoll** made for me 50 years ago!) and gone on to learn 3-D printing, CAD/CAM software and laser engraving at the Makerspace here. I just used up my Rail Pass for a many-thousand-mile Amtrak trip across the country to see family and friends. Been to China and Africa in the last couple of years. Accompanied my oceanographer wife to the tip of Chile recently and we did the "W" trek in Patagonia. On the way home, we stumbled into a student protest in Santiago and ran to escape a water cannon — a bit more exciting than those dorm sit-ins.

"This summer, I hope to bicycle to Richmond and back on the Capitol Trail and keep moving about the world as long as I can."

For local alumni and those visiting Williamsburg, Tribe Thursdays happen at the Kephi Greek Kitchen on the second Thursday of every month. **Nancy Sturgeon Luzar '72**, the Class of 1972 rep on the Olde Guarde Council, says that anyone who is in town may call her (757-719-1305) to double-check that Tribe Thursday is on the schedule.

Some very sad news to report. Two of my '71 Sig Ep brothers recently passed. **Pat Graves** and **Jim Almand '71, J.D. '74**. Two genuinely nice guys who will be missed by family and friends. Their obituaries can be found online.

It was great to catch up face to face with so many of you at Traditions Weekend. The registrant list is no longer available, but we like to thank all of you for making the effort to attend. For those who couldn't make it, consider emailing a short note letting the rest of us know how and what you are doing.

Carpe diem.

1972

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We are enduring record-breaking temperatures as we get ready to celebrate our country's 250th anniversary! We have so much to appreciate, including the wonderful education we got at William & Mary. I hope you have fond memories of this special year.

Our notes are brief. **Raj Richardson** sent a photo to the military science department with the caption, "Graduated, was commissioned and went to Engineer Officer Basic at Fort Belvoir." That was the beginning of his military career. He then served 10 years in the Ohio National Guard before returning to active duty in 1984 as a ROTC instructor at Kent State University. His next assignment was at the Pentagon, where he worked in multiple engineer assignments until finally serving as the deputy executive officer to the assistant secretary of the Army. Raj retired in 1999 and returned to serve as an engineer advisor to the Afghan army from 2009 to 2013. Thank you for your service, Raj!

Nancy Richards West is using her creative talents. She received the People's Choice award for Best Artist at the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce's Annual Chincoteague Island Easter Decoy and Art Festival.

We look forward to gathering for our 55th reunion in the spring during Traditions Weekend, April 30-May 2, 2027!

That's it for now. It would be so nice to hear from some of you who have never shared where you are and what you're doing!

Peggy

1973

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Greetings Fellow Baby Boomers! This missive finds the country sweltering in record high temps and humidity. Happy 250th national anniversary!

I was recently in the 'Burg for a memorial service for my 97-year-old mother; Williamsburg is also home to three of my four siblings. As I wandered around campus, both old and new, all the new and refurbished buildings — i.e., Kaplan Arena/the Mack, The Martha Wren Briggs Amphitheatre at Lake Matoaka, Zable Stadium, the Commons Dining Hall and frat residences — indicated a continuing investment in the comfort and learning quotient for the approximately 9,550 students.

I stopped in at the Martin residence in Fords Colony and met their Bernese mountain dog, Therapy. **Ron Martin '74** and **Margaret Ann Dahlman Martin** had just gotten back from Ron's twice weekly boxing/therapy sessions and their home is exquisite.

Mercedes Phelan White finally got a chance to take out her powder blue, rag-top Jaguar while visiting family and friends in the Port Republic and Blacksburg, Virginia, areas.

Seventeen intrepid men of the cloth, aka "Grapplers," gathered at the home of our own **John**

Kalia in Fredericksburg, Virginia. In addition to **Scott Moyer**, **Rick Conway '73, J.D. '83** and **Craig Corson** and the aforementioned John K. from our class, they teamed up with **John Eppler '70**, **Drew Bright '70**, **Greg Girdano '71, J.D. '74**, **Kevin Hazard '71**, **Tony Christ '71**, **Ollie Carrithers '71**, **Brad Smallwood '72, M.B.A. '75**, **Lonnie Parker '71**, **Bill Hogan '74**, **Tom Monday '74, M.Ed. '79**, **Todd Christensen '75** and **Rich Dixon '76**.

Sticking with the athletics theme, fellow Jerseyan and Parochial A distance runner **Peter Dowd**, with his wife, Kathy, in the Cincinnati area, was recently inducted into the St. Benedict's Preparatory School Hall of Fame. Granted, Pete waited patiently for 57 years while the school itself went through fiscal struggles and has come out on the other side as a basketball mecca with a major fiscal benefactor. Pete and I were rivals throughout high school and committed to our urban Catholic schools for four years adjacent to Newark, New Jersey, during the late '60s riots. Interesting times!

Four more classmates are now "watching" over us; their names were in the In Memoriam section of the W&M Alumni Magazine, which I always check first to make sure I'm not listed: **Merritt W. Foster** on Aug. 8, 2024, **Edward S. Fraley** on Dec. 28, 2023, **Thomas "Tom" Harris** on Dec. 31, 2025, and **Dena Donigian Leadbetter** on Oct. 14, 2025.

Lastly, The College has an online career presence for graduates and soon-to-be graduates that I have found very challenging and fulfilling. Others of you may already be part of the W&M One Network overseen by Michael Steelman. There's a one-hour W&M Alumni Career Conversations Virtual Meetup every Monday, from 11 a.m. to noon ET. With all the changes going on in the national employment front and international workforce dislocations, i.e., DOGE, corporate downsizing and artificial intelligence functionality, fellow W&M grads of all ages can use some of our sage advice, experiences and maybe connections to move forward. Give it a try!

Peace out! Get me some updates as to your lives or your kids' and grandkids' lives.

1974

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Attention all alumni living in New York or planning to visit New York City this summer! After years in the planning and more years in the making, **Cornell Christianson**'s musical, "Marilyn Exposed," opened off-Broadway at the Actors Temple Theatre on June 1 (Marilyn Monroe's 100th birthday). As described by Broadway World: "Blending music, movement and dramatic storytelling, the production seeks to revisit Monroe not simply as a Hollywood symbol, but as an ambitious artist, entrepreneur and woman navigating fame, power and personal reinvention." According to Cornell, her death was murder, not suicide. Here's wishing the play a long run, Cornell! See our online Class Notes to read more.

More theatre news: **Glenn Close '74, D.A. '89, H.F. '19** was honored in May with a hand and footprint ceremony at the TCL (formerly Grauman's) Chinese Theatre in Hollywood as part of the TCM Classic Film Festival. The presenter noted that only nine actors in history had received more Oscar nominations than Glenn. And we knew her back in her Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall theatre days.

After 14 years in Southern Illinois (Carbondale), **Ron Malmquist** and **Beth Stoneburg Malmquist** have moved to a Presbyterian-run retirement community near Stillwater, Minnesota, just east of the Twin Cities. This puts them close to Ron's family, who now live in Woodbury, Minnesota, and to his college friends from Gustavus Adolphus College. "It's been a wild several months with two moves ... which we don't recommend!" writes Beth. "Plus all the political upheaval has made it an interesting time for sure. We love the North Shore of Lake Superior and we are looking forward to some hiking/walking exploration."

I don't like to brag — well, yes, I do — but this year, Valley Road Vineyards' Cabernet Franc Reserve won the 44th Governor's Cup award. That means it was ranked first out of 670 Virginia wines, from more than 130 wineries, in a blind competition judged by sommeliers and wine experts from all over the world. And in my humble opinion, our Alberino is even better than the Cab Franc. It's been 10 years since **Jim Theobald** and I helped start up Valley Road Vineyards in Afton, Virginia, along with Stan and **Barbara Cole Joynes '82** and three other couples. We're open every day and are easy to find just south of Charlottesville, Virginia. If you visit, be sure to tell our "vinista" at the bar that you are a William & Mary classmate of the Theobalds and receive a very special price for a flight of our best wines. Or let us know in advance and we'll try to be there to meet you.

We recently spent a quiet weekend in Valley Roads' 1850-ish farmhouse with **John Hollis** and **Elizabeth Shank Hollis** of Newcastle, Virginia. Jim was playing guitar that Saturday, making it a good opportunity to sit and sip some of our award-winning wines while he provided the music. On another beautiful Saturday, we met **Shelton Smith '74, M.B.A. '76** and his wife, Julie, there.

Way back in 1972, before William & Mary had its own study-abroad program, three W&M juniors spent their fall semester in southern France with Vanderbilt University's program: **Pam Jamarik**, **Barbi Blake Williams** and moi. Fifty-four years later, Barbi and I split the difference between our homes in Richmond and Columbia, Maryland, and met for a day in Fredericksburg, Virginia, to read through my journal and laugh over her grainy photos. Although we'd forgotten a lot, our two brains managed to fill many of the gaps in our memories as we reminisced about the teachers, other students we'd met and the places we'd hitchhiked to without our parents' knowledge. Sadly, our French isn't as fluent as it once was, but we certainly benefited from the adventure. Barbi, a retired attorney/mediator, and her retired Navy husband, David, have two children.

And last, my usual plea for news. Your news, your classmates' news, your travels, your pets, your kids, your grandkids, your job, your volunteer work — any news you care to share. Don't make me make it up!!

1975

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I heard from a lot of you. Thanks! And I am going to repeat myself, please check out the digital version! An unlimited word count allows for a much more detailed report. See magazine.wm.edu/class-notes.

Diane Cale Stewart was a theatre major and made a successful career as a theatre educator. Fifty years after graduation, one of her former theatre students, now Dr. Sarah Ashford Hart, joined the W&M Theatre & Performance faculty and last March, Diane went back to campus to see a production created and directed by her former student! After the program, standing in Professor Hart's office overlooking Jamestown Road, Diane recalled the many wonderful theatre memories from her time on campus in the '70s.

Peter Logan and Elaine Logan, now living in Ann Arbor, Michigan, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip that included Williamsburg (where their life together began!), the Greenbrier, Monticello and more, plus dinner in Richmond, Virginia, with **Roy Terry** and **Jane Koenig Terry**, **Jeff Mincks '75, J.D. '78** and **Kym Powell Mincks** and **Nancy Weiner McMahon**. Peter was also involved with W&M Theatre and hopes to attend the department's centennial celebration this October.

Bruce Falk combines part-time work teaching project management with travel with his wife, Diane, to San Francisco, North Carolina and New Hampshire. He also keeps up regularly with classmates **Mike Madden '75, M.Ed. '77**, **Dave Restuccia** (and his wife, Kelly), **Steve Hendricks '77** (and his wife, Cindy), **Andy Vanderhoof '77** (and his wife, Marie) and **Chris Jackson '77** (and his wife, Jan).

Nancy Kohlhas Gatschet met up in Boston with **Anne Gwinn**, **Pat Pletke** and

Trace Trentadue, all dorm-mates from DuPont 3rd Center freshman year and Jefferson sophomore year. They have been getting together once a year for many years and laughingly reminisce about the days at DuPont. DuPont 3rd was nicknamed "the nunnery" or "the virgin floor" due to the university's "no male visitors" policy. Fortunately, all social restrictions were removed second semester!

Judith Baroody continues her part-time work at the State Department, but she and her husband, Dick Krueger, are getting in some bucket-list travels. They checked off Australia and New Zealand and will have gone back to Norway by the time you read this. And they've taken up cruising the Potomac in their cabin cruiser, the "Blues Run."

Jay Wilcox '75, J.D. '78 started as '76, finished early and graduated from W&M in '75, then W&M Law School in '78 and his wife, **Carrie Lukeman Wilcox '77**, graduated one year before that. He's got '75 to '78 covered! He practiced law for 35 years, with a side career as a musician. He retired from law and became a full-time musician, serving as an organist and choirmaster at several churches in Virginia and now California, and his first published work has been performed many times. Last summer, his newest work was premiered in Scotland. He has served as music director at a church in Oak Park, California, since 2014 and sings professionally as well. Do check out jaywilcox-composer.com.

Sharon Pandak '75, J.D. '78, had a great time visiting the Greek Isles and is looking forward to Traditions Weekend 2027, April 30-May 2. But if you don't see her there, it is because she may have returned to a small Greek island and is enjoying living the "blue zone" life!

Ginny Carr Goldberg and her husband, Fred Goldberg, are enjoying having moved to Williamsburg recently. They love re-discovering the town and being with many W&M friends. She spent the last five decades performing across the country and beyond as a jazz pianist, singer, songwriter, jazz arranger and bandleader, and is now re-starting her musical performance career in Williamsburg. Check out ginnycarrmusic.com for her performance schedule.

Lindy Grass Poling is still hoping someone out there remembers Fred MacMurray coming to campus back in 1974 or 1975. Check the digital Class Notes for details and help Lindy in her quest!

Thanks for all the updates and GO TRIBE '75, BCE!

~Leanne

1976

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Greetings classmates! For those of you who attended, I hope you had a fantastic time at Traditions Weekend. And for those who didn't, I urge you to contact someone you know who did attend and hear about it from them. Check out the online version of this column to see a few photos from the weekend. Personally, I want to say how humbled and appreciative I was by the number of you who sought me out to thank me for being the class reporter for lo these many years. I am in my 41st year of doing the job and I'm glad that you find the effort, (which is really not that much, to be honest) worthwhile. It goes without saying that it won't be another 40-plus years, but I plan to continue in the role for the foreseeable future. So thank you for being loyal readers, and please don't hesitate to send along some news to share with members of the Coolest Class Ever.

Mark Sorensen reported that he is still practicing as a cardiologist in Cape May County, New Jersey, working for Penn Medicine, though on a reduced schedule from his heyday. With six children/stepchildren and six (plus one more on the way) grandchildren, he still finds time to sail his boat, just less ocean racing and more sunset/cocktail cruises than in the past.

Tommie Singleton Driscoll and **Linda Singleton-Driscoll '78** indicated that they officially "fully" retired on Christmas Eve 2025 when they terminated their consulting firm, Chleire Consulting Inc., a marketing research and community outreach "B Corp" which they had run since 2004. Now, they are focused on their volunteerism and international travel. Next up for the couple was an extended European visit including Tommie's annual Clan Gathering in West Cork, Ireland — one of the island's largest and longest-running — then a visit to the lavender fields of Provence with a wine tour of the Rhone River Valley and a visit to Avignon during their annual theatre festival mixed in, followed by a bit of architectural sightseeing in Barcelona.

Six women who met in 1972 while living in DuPont First East got together for Traditions Weekend. They all stayed together at a B&B on Richmond Road across the street from the Alumni House. Some of them had kept up over the years, but some of them had not seen each other since graduation! The cast of characters in 1972 alphabetical order were: **Ruth Edwards Duenser** (retired lawyer living in Houston and Park City, Utah), **Sue Eldridge Jakiela** (retired tech exec living outside Philadelphia), **Susan Harrow Barban Short '76, M.B.A. '78** (another retired tech exec, living in Deltaville, Virginia), **Barbara Hubbard Breeden** (still practicing as a litigator in Irvington, Virginia), **Nancy Richeson Sharpe** (retired internist and assistant medical school dean living near Columbia, South Carolina) and **Diann Van Vladricken** (a retired art teacher living in Springfield, Virginia). "The reunion was great fun for the group, mostly because they were together," said Ruth, spokesperson for the group. I sat next to some of these ladies for the class photo and I can attest to their vivaciousness. They found the reading of the memorial names quite touching, especially because it included **Mark Barban**, Susan's first husband. The Gang of Six is threatening future gatherings so stay tuned for future Class Notes for details.

Heard from **Terry Coughlin**, who transferred to W&M beginning in our junior year. Terry says, "We managed to survive this winter's 'snowcrete' in southern Maryland, although ice skating 200 yards from the house to the barn twice a day to feed the horses and barn cat for a week was certainly challenging. Had one magnificent fall that fortunately just resulted in some really colorful bruising. In April, our eldest grandson and his wife gave us our fourth great grandson. In May, our youngest grandson graduated from James Madison University magna cum laude!

"My wife, Franki, and I continue to trail ride our horses just about every week, although two hours in the saddle is now about our limit. 30, or even 20 years ago we'd ride for six to eight hours at a time no worries. But unlike most of our contemporaries, we're still out there and keeping up with the myriad of farm chores that go along with it. Among the more enjoyable chores is tending to the garden. We just finished picking strawberries, and are now harvesting blueberries (we get over a gallon of each and freeze much of it to last most of the year). Spinach and lettuce likewise have done well, and as long as we keep up with rain (or watering), tomatoes, peppers and green bean yields look promising. On the downside, what few cherries we saw this year were quickly scarfed up by birds before we could pick them. Finally, it looks like we'll have another banner year for our Asian pears (several gallons to also freeze for future use)." Keep staying active, Terry, and thanks for the update.

Frances Ferguson Walinsky wrote to say that she was part of an alumni choir that sang the national anthem at a Friday night Washington Nationals game as part of W&M Weekend in Washington, D.C.

Our excellent speaker, **Sue Duclos**, noted how every aspect of Traditions Weekend was just outstanding and how proud she was to be part of the organizing committee (read about her on page 42).

Committee member **Bob Gessner** said that one of his favorite aspects of the weekend was the chance to reconnect with tons of classmates on the back portico of the Wren Building during the robing time. **Wendy Brower Gayle** especially enjoyed the graduation ceremony. As a student, she graduated a semester early in December and did not return to walk in May graduation as she had to conserve her leave for

her upcoming September wedding. So it was emotional to finally get to don the cap and gown! Wendy and her husband, **Alan Gayle**, planned to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 4, and the following day, their daughter **Kathleen Gayle '15** is getting married. Their celebration will be off the charts!

Wishing everyone good health, both physical and mental. Don't be a stranger and stay cool!

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I'm delighted to share news updates from our remarkable Class of '77. They reflect submissions received through mid-June, and you can find their full updates and photos in the online report at magazine.wm.edu/classnotes/1977.

Robert Latham was granted U.S. Patent US12455402B2, "Implanting Photonic Crystals into Polymers," on Oct. 28, 2025. Co-invented with fellow W&M alumnus **Carl Giller '05** at the Mitre Corp., the patent outlines a new method for embedding photonic crystals into polymers to create durable, flexible, stimulus-responsive materials with applications in advanced sensing. Robert and Carl were honored at a Mitre awards ceremony at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum on May 12.

Wayne Studer '77, M.A. '78 retired in 2019 after a career in computer-based instructional design and lives in California's Coachella Valley, where he enjoys cactus gardening. This year brought both joy and sorrow. He returned to book-length writing for the first time since the mid-1990s, publishing "Pet Shop Boys: Song by Song" in two volumes with Fonthill Media — Volume 1 (1984–2004) in late 2025 and Volume 2 (2005–2025) in early 2026. In February, Wayne's husband, George Knudson, passed away after a long struggle with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS). Wayne and George had been together since 1980 and married in 2008. Wayne is gradually adjusting to life without George and hopes to attend the Olde Guarde ceremony next spring.

Steve Gravely shares that 2026 has been a year of profound change. His wife of 47 years, Gretchen, passed away in January. Support from W&M friends brought great comfort. Steve moved to Wintergreen Resort in the Blue Ridge Mountains, a place he finds deeply restorative. He practices healthcare law on a reduced scale following his successful cancer surgery in 2024 and volunteers with the National Ski Patrol.

Sandy Fuller Spicknall '77, M.B.A. '80 and her husband, **Bob Spicknall M.B.A. '80**, welcomed a new grandson, Wesley James Welch, in March and enjoy watching big sister Lily step into her new role. Spring included family visits in Georgia and North Carolina and a trip to Ohio to celebrate a niece receiving her doctorate in clinical psychology. In May, they celebrated Bob's 70th birthday. The family gathered in Corolla Light, North Carolina, in July before their son-in-law deployed again; Sandy asks for prayers for him and their daughter. She and Bob will be at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend — Sandy has missed only five since 1973.

Chuck Andreatta has been happily retired for 11 years and continues to enjoy life on Capitol Hill. His 30-year career with the U.S. Treasury included work in government borrowing operations and later regulatory oversight, retiring as associate director of the government securities regulations staff. Retirement has allowed him to return to reading history and literature and to pursue music. A banjo player since age 16, he has added guitar and dobro and spent 21 years performing with the Washington, D.C., bluegrass band Hollertown.

Mary Sue Hogan Babb completed a two-year program at the Moravian School of Theology in May, earning a graduate certificate in spiritual direction. She plans to begin a small practice accompanying individuals seeking deeper meaning or a closer relationship with the Divine. Mary Sue and her husband, Paul, recently celebrated their 25th anniversary and enjoy life in the mountains above Santa Cruz, California.

Cathy Wilson LaMon loves her work as a full-time real estate agent in the Atlanta market, helping clients navigate moves to be closer to family or into retirement communities. She and her husband, Bob, took an August trip to London, traveling there by trans-Atlantic crossing on the Queen Mary II. Cathy prepared by reading Edward Rutherfurd's "London."

In May, Marinda and I traveled to Greece with two of our children, their spouses, and five grandchildren. I performed a wedding in Nafplio, we spent a week on Naxos, visited nearby islands and enjoyed time in Glyfada near Athens — including celebrating our granddaughter's 13th birthday. Marinda and I celebrated our 46th anniversary in Copenhagen.

Please continue sending updates and photos — our Class of '77 community truly cares.

1978

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A big thank you to **Ellen Hoitsma** for saving the day for this fall column. Prior to hearing from Ellen, I had absolutely no news to report! I am happy to think you are all so busy enjoying the rewards of retirement, etc., that you do not have time to send a quick email, but it really makes it a bit too challenging for me as your class reporter!!!!

I first met Ellen freshman year at Jefferson Hall. I was living on the first floor and she was upstairs and had the good fortune of having **Lynn Whitlock** as her roommate. Fast forward 52 years (can it really be that long?): Ellen reports, "I haven't written in decades, figuring no one would remember me since I transferred to UVA after my second year at W&M, but enjoyed reading your spring '26 notes so much I wanted to chime in. Hope you are well! I always enjoy reading the notes from our class and remember **Storm Simenson** from when I lived at the Spanish House (he was in another house in that little quad).

"My parents (alums) retired to Williamsburg from the 1990s till their deaths, so I made frequent visits there from Baltimore and continue to do so because I have always loved CW and their three-culture programming fit handily with my third-grade curriculum.

"Since my retirement from nearly four rewarding decades of teaching in Baltimore, I've had a blast traveling to Europe, especially Spain, where I've walked some 2000 kilometers of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. Grandchildren in Montana and Maryland pull me east and west. At home, I've kept busy volunteering on behalf of Spanish-speaking immigrants, gardening and cycling. My Spanish House roommate, **Lynn Whitlock**, and I manage to get together every so often, too. She far out-travels me! I must say that next big reunion in 2028 looks tempting. Thanks for keeping us up to date."

Thanks so much for reaching out, Ellen. We hope to see you at the 50th!

I sadly report that **Jack Arbogast** passed away in April after a valiant fight with cancer. At W&M, Jack played basketball for the Tribe all four years and contributed to one of the greatest W&M Basketball moments in history. On Dec. 7, 1977, a record-setting crowd descended on W&M Hall (now Kaplan Arena) to watch W&M play the UNC Tar Heels, at that time ranked No. 2 in the country and coached by the legendary Dean Smith. Teammates **John Lowenhaupt** and **Mike Enoch** love to tell the story of W&M coach Bruce Parkhill's halftime speech in the locker room: "We're ahead right now and if Arbogast can hit a jumper, we could win this game!" And that's just what Jack did on the first play of the second half. He went on to score 14 points, including the final layup to lock in the Tribe's 78-75 win! After graduation, Jack lived and worked in Williamsburg. He was a financial consultant for the last 24 years of his professional life and, in later years, grew his passion for woodworking and artistry into ArboWoodworks.

It seems to be a thing that many of our generation, including several

classmates, are drawn to that special "corner in Winslow, Arizona"... **Dave O'Neill** sent a photo of himself recently standing there (see the photo in our online Class Notes) while on a trip with his wife, Kris. "Such a fine sight to see ..."

As I write this column, the United States of America is celebrating its 250th birthday. I suspect you are on the cusp of having, or having had, a "big" birthday of your own! Fun fact: Fellow W&M grad **Thomas Jefferson (Class of 1762)** did most of his design work for that other distinguished university in Charlottesville when he was in his 70s. The next chapter starts when you're ready ...

Carpe Diem!

1979

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I was delighted to hear from a few of our classmates over the summer:

Carl Siebentritt sends greetings from Stuttgart, Germany! He gave this update: "After graduation from W&M, I received a master's in international affairs from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in 1981. I then spent four years on active duty as an Army officer, serving most of that time in Germany. After three years as a defense consultant in Northern Virginia, I joined the Foreign Service in 1988 and served for 29 years. My overseas tours included Athens, Greece; Tirana, Albania; Cluj-Napoca, Romania; Kosovo; Berlin; Ankara, Turkey; and Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Highlights of my service include participating in negotiations prior to the NATO bombing campaign against Serbia and building police and judicial infrastructure in support of the rule of law in Haiti. I retired in Stuttgart, Germany, in 2017 following a final overseas tour as a State Department advisor to the U.S. European Command.

"Since then, I have worked part time as a contractor providing civilian and diplomatic inputs to large military staff exercises, to include working with NATO allies. I am a member of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and serve as a character development instructor for CAP's Stuttgart cadet squadron. My wife, Irida Lalo, and I have been married 30 years and continue to enjoy life in Europe. We have two grown sons residing in Virginia."

Thank you, Carl, for your many years of service to our country.

Michael Hux sends his greetings from Hendersonville, North Carolina, noting that he is first cousin of fellow 1979 classmate **Christopher Hux**. Michael shared that at the end of May, he retired from his 41-year career as a physician assistant (PA) and, after 65 years residing in Florida, moved to Hendersonville, with his wife, Michelle Groux-Hux. Michael says he is considering doing some part-time PA work in North Carolina in the field of genetics, mainly adult genetic testing. Michael and his wife have three adult children and five grandchildren.

Caryn Wagner sent news via the W&M Military Science Department that she is a board member emeritus of the Military Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, dedicated to recognizing and honoring women's service from the Revolution to the present day. That sounds like a museum worth visiting.

Carol Arnold Hollenbeck shared this update: "The last few years were primarily taken up with caretaking responsibilities for my parents and my husband. But I was able to visit a number of bucket list locations, including Egypt, Jordan, Patagonia, Tahiti, Peru and Machu Picchu, and a cruise to Greece and Turkey. But an amazing safari trip to Kenya was truly transformative. I met people in Kenya who have become part of my family, and I now try to visit them 2-3 times per year. It's an amazing country with beautiful people, and I never get tired of seeing the birds and wildlife. Next up, I am visiting Iceland, and I'm very excited to see a total solar eclipse this summer off the coast of Spain on a Mediterranean cruise. When not traveling, I volunteer for Meals on Wheels and spend a lot of time in my garden."

Kathy Yankovich Hornsby is creating work for an art show called "Twisted" to be held in Williamsburg in April and May of 2027, teaming up again with friend and painter **Connie Warren Desaulniers '75**. For several years, Kathy has been photographing twisting vines, and in particular, vines that twist in symmetrical patterns. She will present these photographs in a mixed-media format, involving collage, painting and stitching. More information on "Twisted" will be coming on her website: kathyhornsbyimages.com.

That's it for the fall edition. Hope many of you will make your way to the 'Burg for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend this year!

1980

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Hello! I hope you are enjoying 2026 thus far and have enjoyed wonderful trips, lots of family time and outdoor adventures. As I write this, the Fourth of July is literally just around the corner. It is wonderful to see all the preparations underway for the nation's 250th birthday. From fireworks to barbecues to the Sail4th 250 celebration or some history reenactments, or just general get-togethers, there are loads of activities to help us celebrate this great nation!

Unfortunately, I don't have any news to share, so I am going to keep this very brief! Please remember to drop me a note when you return from your vacation or after your family events. Even a quick postcard would be wonderful. Until next time, enjoy this milestone year and the start of cooler weather!

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*Editor's note: We are pleased to welcome **Jim Riley** as the new 1981 class reporter. Jim and his wife, **Betsy Fournier Riley '82**, live in Arlington, Virginia. Please help him get off to a good start by sending him your news and updates.*

1982

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Greetings friends! It is the end of June as I write this. I just got back from a lovely trip visiting friends in Paris, London and Lisbon. I had been invited to see a girlfriend in Paris who had rented an apartment for two months and my itinerary just snowballed from there. In Lisbon, I had the good fortune to be hosted by **Rob Kravitz** and his lovely partner, Martha. They have a wonderful apartment in the Barrio Alto/Sao Bento area on one of the many hills in the city.

Rob and Martha moved to Lisbon two years ago and haven't regretted the decision for an instant! They certainly know their way around, have made lots of interesting friends and seem to be in the best shape of their lives! Those hills are killers ... I had a knee replacement about four months ago and I navigated all the climbing fairly well, but Rob and Martha are like mountain goats! I had a wonderful time seeing Lisbon as a local experiences it. The Portuguese are very friendly and welcoming! Rob still enjoys good jazz music and is learning how to play electric bass guitar. He and Martha enjoy the local bar scene and are always meeting new people. Wonderful way to embrace retirement! After I returned home, I learned that new guests had arrived. **Matt Dowdy '85** and Michele Osborne, and then **Ed McLeod '80** and **Jenny Tatnall McLeod '81**. Book now!!

In April, I headed to Santa Barbara, California, with several W&M gals, including **Beth Alford Wolfe**, **Barbara Cole Joynes**, **Diane Ratchford Murray**, **Katie Winter Gray**, **Debbie Pierce '82, M.B.A. '89**, **Kris Winegar Adkisson** and **Susan Newell Jaffee**. Missing from the usual group were **Brenda Bloomer Hargett**, who just had foot surgery; **Kathy Sanford Fant**, who was in the process of moving from Atlanta to the Gulf Coast; and **Jenny Wauford Flanagan '84**, who was also recovering from some health issues. We had a lovely time at the beach, touring the wine area and enjoying

sights like San Ysidro Ranch in Montecito. But, of course, it was mostly about being together and sharing life's highs and lows. This group of women has been getting together annually for over 25 years! I feel privileged to have been invited to join in the camaraderie!

Back in October, I heard from **Jan Howarth Donatelli**, who is still in Chicago. Jan said that her husband, Mike, is now a mediator with the National Mediation Board since he retired from Delta. Jan does a lot of volunteer work for veterans' causes. They try to squeeze in as much traveling as possible and were headed to London for last Thanksgiving.

Steve Forthuber, president and CEO of Eastern operations at RadNet, announced on LinkedIn that his company was recognized by Time magazine as one of the "World's Most Impactful Companies of 2026," ranking 124 out of nearly 10,000 companies. RadNet completes more than 11.5 million outpatient imaging procedures annually and operates 440 imaging centers. Congrats, Steve!

Don Morris wrote me about the annual Sig Ep gathering that is still called Golf Weekend even though it now starts on Wednesday. This year they were a group of 10, minus one because **Steve Tang** HAD to attend W&M Weekend events in Washington, D.C. The group now gets together in the 'Burg, where five of the guys, **Dave Lucas '80**, **Mark Andino '80**, **Jack Horst '81**, **Barry Sharp '81** and **Bud Phillips**, now reside. The rest of the group, **Mark Kehoe**, **Jim Peworchik** and **Dave Martin**, take advantage of the hospitality. The group started getting together annually in 1987. As Don noted, "We've 'progressed' from talking about kids to grandkids, and work to retirement, but always sharing laughs, insults and memories fueled by Molson Golden. Next gathering will be at Spot 82 for football. BTW, new members of my Tribe are my daughter **Ryan Morris '12** and her wife, Shelby's, 1-year old daughter and my son **Andrew Morris '09** and his wife are expecting a son in July."

And that's all the news I have! Please be sure to send me YOUR update! Have a wonderful spring!

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Fall greetings to the Class of 1984! It is still summer as I write, and, from a Class Notes perspective, things have been quiet for the Class of 1984!

I had a wonderful surprise a few days ago, when **Laurie Raymond Benson** and her husband, Chris, joined **Greg Miller** and me for a birthday afternoon tea in a beautiful restored general store located in Ridgeway, South Carolina. Laurie and her husband live in beautiful Beaufort, South Carolina, and Chris and Greg have been colleagues and OB-GYN medical practice partners for the past 30 years, currently at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Health Lancaster Medical Center in Lancaster, South Carolina.

Greg and I recently visited Richmond, Virginia, where Greg attended a special event of the Richmond Tennis Association (RTA) honoring exceptional players from the region over the years. The event was the First Annual RTA Legends Reunion, and **George Foreman**, who was also a member of the men's tennis team from 1980 to 1984, was in attendance as well. Greg and George competed in junior tennis while growing up in the Richmond area, and then were teammates and doubles partners while at William & Mary. **Margie Waters Ray '82**, who earned All-American honors for two of her years at William & Mary, and another alumnus, **Jack Cummings '90**, were also at the event. Jack's father, also known as Jack Cummings, was the tennis professional who taught Greg to play at Salisbury Country Club in Midlothian. Jack did not play tennis at William & Mary but studied theatre and is now the co-founder and artistic director of Transport Group Theatre Co. in New York City.

Linda Reynard Basnight, **Alison Hawley Ewing**, **Joanna Ashworth** and I got together for dinner while visiting Northern Virginia in May. As **Noah Levine** once said to me, "There is nothing like spending time with people who knew you when you were 18 and like you anyway!" Always amazing to spend time with people you have known for most of your life — and I feel blessed to have remained connected to so many classmates for this long.

And this is a good segue to a reminder about Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. This year's Homecoming celebrations will be held Oct. 22-25. This will be the 100th anniversary of Homecoming at William & Mary, so I hope to see many of you there!

It is always great to hear from you, so please reach out to me with any updates you'd like me to share in the next Class Notes.

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Sherry Hamby '85, M.A. '89 is now a distinguished research professor of psychology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. She has written her first book for a general audience, "Stronger Than You Think: Building Lifelong Resilience," a 2026 publication from Penguin Random House.

The book challenges conventional ideas about resilience as mostly about individual toughness and grit and offers a more holistic framework that emphasizes that the path to overcoming adversity lies in developing strengths in four areas: meaning making, regulation, interpersonal relationships and the physical environment. The book offers guidance about how we can all develop our resilience portfolios, with stories from her research, clinical and community work, and her own resilience journey.

She and her husband, Al Bardi, have two adult children and two rescue dogs, Flopsy and Slim.

I look forward to hearing from more of you in the future. Feel free to email me or find me on Facebook or Instagram. Valete, omnes!

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Hello classmates! Homecoming and our 40th reunion are coming up soon. I hope to see you during the festivities, Oct. 22-25.

Susan Spagnola Rutherford '89, chair of the Reves Global Engagement Board, reports that **Bill Eisner** has joined the board. Join Bill and fellow alumni at Wines of the World during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend before the parade to celebrate W&M's global connections. Please register so there's enough wine. Susan also ran into **Mike Atherton** during W&M Weekend in Washington, D.C., in May; he studied abroad in Denmark and is an avid traveler. Mike says he'll be at Homecoming and Wines of the World.

Peter Glenshaw reports that our reunion weekend will include a mini reunion of Yates freshman hallmates **Mark Decker**, **Andrew Walpole**, **Kevin Lynch**, **Michael Lewis** and himself.

Jeanne Cherundolo McPhillips Dolan writes, "It has been such an honor and pleasure working with OUR QUEEN **Ann Brown-Hailey** and the class ambassador team: **Kristen White**, **Alison Dwier-Selden**, **Stephen Theuer** and **Sarah Magnus-Sharpe**, rallying the troops for our upcoming reunion 'This is 40'! Our illustrious class will have a float in the parade, a Class of '86 Tailgate, and a huge Friday night party with DJs, trivia and karaoke ... not to mention swag. Pure fire!"

Kim Zieske Lesniak and her husband, **Tim Lesniak '88**, are celebrating her retirement in late summer from practicing law. They love to travel, having attended Nashville, Tennessee, reunion tour concerts featuring Tim's cousin **Chip Puskar '87** (aka Charles Esten) in Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland, this past February. They explored Glasgow with Chip and

Patty Hanson Puskar '87. Kim was also lucky to learn mahjong and cheer for the Steelers at the playoff game against the Texans with **Cathy Puskar '89**. They hope to take more scuba trips with **Steve Carlisle '88** and **Sharon Goble '88**.

Katherine Kitzmann '86, M.A. '90 has a daughter, Eleanor, who finished her second year at Washington University in St. Louis. Katherine left her job as a professor at the University of Memphis and started a business helping psychologists in China get their research published in English-language journals.

Amy Campbell Parsons reports that last year, her older son got married in June and her daughter was married in September. **Heidi Reihansperger Fielding** attended both weddings, and she was joined by **Katherine MacGregor Treser** at the second wedding. Amy loves showing her children how college friendships can last forever. In April, Amy and **Pam Tiffany Landers '86, M.A.Ed. '92** joined Heidi on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, for a few days.

Adrienne Cox enjoys her communications role at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Her two kids are "grown and flown." She keeps in touch with classmates and a few connections from her parents' era. Her father's football team photo is still in Paul's Deli, tucked in the corner. W&M is a family tradition as her nephew, **Luke Stup '18**, had a great time in the 'Burg, too.

Earlier this year, **Clem Cheng** caught up with a group of alumni/Theta Delts: **Chris Roak**, **Jack Langan**, **Tom Blackwood**, **Alan Ashworth '85**, **Mark Sweet '88**, **Mike Sapnar '88**, **Jeff Majtyka '88, M.B.A. '93**, **Chris Neikirk '88**, and **Todd Davenport '90**. All are doing really well and most are still plugging away in their careers.

Amy Flint Howard is in her 14th year of coaching year-round swimming at Quest Swimming in Midlothian, Virginia. She says, "The kids definitely keep me young, as does Swimming Masters!" She often runs into swim teammate **Bill Sykes** as his kids swim and Anne Anderson, their head coach during senior year, who is still a huge supporter of W&M Swimming.

Tanya White-Deyo won the Virginia-wide election for Toastmasters International District 218 Club growth director. She will be in the District Trio with the district director and program quality director. Their term of office began July 1 and continues through June 30, 2027. To find a club, go to toastmasters.org/find-a-club. There are 172 clubs in District 218.

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Now that we are all in our 60s, many of us are retired, not ready to retire, or maybe contemplating retirement. **Melanie Hall Miller** decided to go in a different direction altogether! Forty-eight years after W&M, she began and just completed her master's in social work at the University of Alabama. Melanie and I exchange notes about memories of college days and I feel like she has always been super motivated. She started with all of us in August '83 in what she calls the "hottest summer in history with no AC" living in Monroe and actually ended up graduating a semester early in December of '86. Senior year, she lived in Chi Omega and was Chi-O's rush chairman that fall. She really had her sorority sisters motivated. In fact, the Chi-Os practiced their porch routines in sorority court so much that I, as a Tri-Delt living in the Tri Delta house next door, managed to somehow memorize both Tri-Delt's AND Chi-O's porch routines that year. (Melanie now lives in Alabama, so I'm guessing she has the whole AC thing figured out by now.) Congratulations, Melanie!

Congratulations are in order for one of one of my oldest and dearest friends of 43 years. **Matt DeLuca '87, M.S. '96** retired in June after a rewarding and busy 30-year career in education in the Mineola Union Free School District in New York. Following graduation, Matt earned his master's degree in education and began teaching. He started out in second grade, later became a math and science specialist working in the middle school, and consistently served as a mentor to new teachers. His job evolved over the years and he ultimately found himself immersed in not only math, but also teaching theatre/dramatic arts to the middle and high school kids in the district. He became responsible for energetically and tirelessly directing three shows a year (over 60 productions before retiring)! Each year, he directed the high school drama production in the fall, the middle school musical in December and the high school's musical each spring. To estimate his value to the school district's theatre and arts program, community involvement and hundreds of families would be impossible.

Several years ago **Amanda Meyers**, **Tracy Jolles '88**, **Marsha Fishburne Lycan** and I traveled up to see one of his middle school musicals. The hype and excitement in that community was unreal and the show was close to Broadway-worthy. So it was only fitting that we would all (minus Amanda this time) go back to New York to see his final production in March. It was an amazing show, and an amazing weekend watching in real time the evidence of the impact he's made and the great influence he's been to many. Now he and Tom are moving on to retirement and out of New York and up to New England. Cheers to you, Matt, on all your accomplishments!

Susan Macon Jamieson is an interior designer and founder and principal of Bridget Beari Designs. This winter, she released her new book "Bridget Beari Color Rules: A Guide to Choosing and Using Color at Home." Recently, the International Book Awards recognized her book as the 2026 winner in its Home & Garden category. Her book is available on her website, through Amazon and at the Bridget Beari Home Store in Richmond, Virginia.

I hope you all had a nice summer and are making plans for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. **Matt Seu '86, M.B.A. '89** and I spent two weeks in Hilton Head, South Carolina, in May and a quiet June. We took a trip in July to Las Vegas to visit our oldest son and our daughter-in-law, and then the four of us set out together to Los Angeles to see our youngest son and surprise him at one of his band's shows. We'll spend some time in Williamsburg in August and will be at the football games and women's soccer games this fall. Hope to see you on campus sometime!

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Happy birthday year to all of our fellow alums turning 60 this year. Let's make it a good one and share our adventures.

Keith Reagan had a mind-blowing trip in May. He rafted 188 miles through the Grand Canyon on the Colorado River for a week with his son, Collins, and his son's lifelong best friend, Ian. They enjoyed the turquoise water of the Little Colorado River and stopped and spent time at the confluence with the Colorado River.

Tom Sodeman retired from the Air Force in 2023, ending as a colonel and flight surgeon. Tom is still a professor at the University of Toledo, but now spends half his time as associate dean for student affairs at the College of Medicine and Life Sciences. Tom's wife, **Kelby Lark Sodeman '87**, now works for the Toledo Arts Commission writing grants, having previously worked at the Valentine Theatre doing the same. Their oldest, Chris, is still in the Air Force in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Their youngest, Rachael, is the head roaster for Barriques Coffee in Madison, Wisconsin, and plays bass in two bands which have both been on tour (Vom Bom and Celebrity Sighting). Their middle child, Alex, got married last year (to Claire), received his doctorate in geology at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver and starts as faculty at Willamette University in the fall.

Ginny Parsons Lee has switched gears from half marathon to regatta season. Ginny visited her daughter in Santa Barbara, California, where they foraged 10-15 pounds of chanterelles at a local park. She is looking forward to a family reunion in Bend, Oregon, and an extended trip to Japan in November.

Richard "Rick"

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Overy completed the sale of his faith-based financial services firm to his awesome son-in-law **Noah Scruggs '19**, son of classmate and friend **Lee Scruggs '88, M.B.A. '92**. Rick will work for Noah for the next couple of years while continuing to work with the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg and the Williamsburg Community Foundation, as well as supporting Nicaraguan children through Nourish and International Cooperating Ministries. Rick and his wife, **Lara Shearin Overy '08**, are expecting their third grandchild in June from their son and daughter-in-law in Los Angeles. Their older daughter, **Isabel Overy Scruggs '19, M.A.Ed. '20**, has given them two grandchildren in Williamsburg whom they see often. Their younger daughter is a singer/songwriter in Nashville, Tennessee. Check out daughterofficial.com for her music and performances. Rick traveled to Egypt and Croatia this year and says both are "must do!" He's looking forward to our 40th in just two years!

Former roommates **Alicia Locheed Goodrow** and **Amy Hartman Robey** celebrated each other in San Antonio with margaritas and tacos! Alicia and **Cary Ruscus**, a former roommate and travel buddy for 40 years, spent four days kayaking in New York.

Yates 3rd Center residents **Cathy Welsh** (Harrisonburg, Virginia), **Lauren Brockman** (Raleigh, North Carolina), **Page Seckman Herman** (Winston-Salem, North Carolina) and **Mindy May Alexander '86** (Rixeyville, Virginia) celebrated their 60th birthdays with an amazing trip to Portugal in May. **Jen Wargo Hempstead** (Barnstable, Massachusetts) was supposed to join in too, but sadly had to work. A special toast was made to **Monique Travelstead McNamara**, who passed away much too young in 2021. Additional celebrations with different members of the group were held in Zermatt, Switzerland; Puerta Vallarta, Mexico; and Raleigh, North Carolina. All reflected on how lucky they are to have been friends for 42 years, through thick and thin. They're looking forward to many more girls' weekends (and weeks) in the future. Cathy warns: "Watch out world, we are 60 and we just don't care."

Duke University Press announced the August publication of "Captive Ecologies: The Environmental Afterlives of Slavery" by **Jennifer C. James.** Jennifer is an associate professor of English and Africana studies at The George Washington University. "Captive Ecologies" makes a case for the ecological significance of slavery's afterlife, examining Black literature, music and art to trace the complex entanglements between racial capitalism and Black ecological freedom.

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If you didn't recognize any names from the last Class Notes, that because the Class of 1988's was listed in our space! Here is the news from the Class of 1989 since last fall:

JoAnn Adrales Ruh and **Colin Ruh '89, M.B.A. '94** attended Charter Day festivities, and she said (as did others) it was the best Charter Day yet. There are so many great things happening at William & Mary!

In the run-up to Charter Day Weekend, JoAnn spent time with **John Windt** at W&M Alumni Association meetings. John is still in Vienna, Virginia, and is enjoying coaching basketball and golf while also working as an instructional assistant for special needs students after a long stretch in the pharmaceutical industry. **Gene Foley**, **Paul Cullen**, **Marianne Mannschreck Cullen**, **Wally Welham '89, M.B.A. '00** and **Jennifer Burgess Welham '90**, and **Shannon Watson** also attended Charter Day Weekend. JoAnn and Colin spent time with Wally and Jen at the grand opening of the Mackesy Sports Performance Center (the Mack), which is a great and much-needed facility for Tribe athletes. Shannon joined as a new board member of the WMAA in May.

JoAnn also hosted dear friends **Michelle Furman Veeck**, **Meg Madoc-Jones Bissinger '90**, **Stephanie Goila Padgett '90**, **Jennifer-Ashley Lane Hillman '90** and **Hollis Clapp '91** at her home on Kiawah Island, South Carolina. Michelle lives in Pittsburgh and is in charge of events and conferences for scientific company 908 Devices, which develops and manufactures devices that detect hazardous materials. As she says, "My company is why you never hear about anthrax in the mail anymore!" Michelle has recently planned and overseen events in Barcelona, and Prague, and has events coming up in Malta and Bangkok. Wow!

Kappa Delta will be celebrating its centennial on campus in 2028, and planning is in its early stages. If there are any KDs reading this who would like to help, please contact JoAnn at jadralesruh@gmail.com!

David Link joined our Reves Global Engagement Board and traveled from Australia to attend the March meeting. David is an international business leader, investor and board member with decades of global senior leadership and governance experience across the U.S., Europe, and Asia-Pacific. We're thrilled to have him on our board. **Scott Rhodes**, also on the Reves Global Engagement Board, spent his milestone birthday celebrating in Paris!

Did you know William & Mary is No. 1 in study abroad? W&M has held this top spot for study-abroad participation among public universities in the nation for 12 of the last 17 years! Last year alone, nearly 900 students studied abroad. The stories of how these experiences have impacted their lives are amazing. Come celebrate this achievement and the other great things W&M is doing globally at the Wines of the World on Friday, Oct. 23, during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend.

Tommy Klein, formerly of the W&M campus band The Resinators, is now retired from banking and playing in several Charlotte, North Carolina, cover bands. His Dialed In duo has been honored to play the past four One Tribe One Day (OTOD) gatherings at Town Brewing, owned by **George Sistrunk '95**. His other bands are Side Effect and Apple Brothers Band. For those around Williamsburg, please check out the band Skinner Box, founded by two other Resinators, Mike Ribeiro and **Rob Lenhart**.

While **Tim Price** is still a software developer for Jenzabar Inc., he's also been the VMI Theater Club advisor and director since fall 2023 and just finished his eighth show and first musical with the theatre, "1776." Plus, his twins are finishing their senior years at college and continue his nerdy pursuits.

Delta Helmer Pelgrim's daughter Madeline graduated in May with a doctorate in cognitive science from Brown University.

After 11 years on the faculty at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, during which time he served in senior leadership roles including a stint as interim dean, **Tom Moliterno** moved to the Netherlands to join the faculty of the School of Business and Economics at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam in 2021. He holds a chair in behavioral strategy, and reports being happy to have traded in his cars for a bicycle.

Amy McCormick Diduch stepped away from Mary Baldwin University after three decades there as professor of economics and most recently dean of institutional effectiveness and joint dean of the Gold College of Arts & Sciences. After a self-granted sabbatical, she's consulting in the areas of data analysis and visualization and strategic planning. **Ken Nicely** retired as superintendent of Roanoke County (Virginia) Public Schools in June and plans to travel, work on his house, and be more involved in volunteer projects. He and his wife, Teresa, started a K-12 school in Nicaragua in the early '90s which is still running today!

Doug and I were living out of our suitcases since August 2025, spending time in New York, Albania, Spain, Costa Rica, Miami and New Orleans and visiting family. It was so fun to be part of the One Tribe One Day gathering in New Orleans with **Gene Foley**, **Paul Cullen** and **Marianne Mannschreck Cullen**. We were in town for Jazz Fest, and the local alumni base hopes to make it an annual event. A special thanks to **Cole Wallace M.B.A. '19** for providing space at the lovely Roosevelt Hotel!

I was happy to be part of the William & Mary Weekend in Washington, D.C., and catch up with classmates **JoAnn Adrales Ruh** and **Colin Ruh**, **Shannon Watson**, **Gene Foley**, **Cathy**

Puskar and **Saidah Nash Carter '96**, **Mike Atherton '86**, **Sherri Sell Phillips '83**, **Alice Givens '94**, **KT Turner '95** and **Lisa Romano Turner '95**, **Angie McGowan '92** and more. I heard **John Windt, Michael Holtz** and **Stephen Utley '90**, and **John Stewart** were also there. I was moved by the dance and opera performances as part of the Reves Center event, "The Power of the Arts as a Diplomatic Tool," and loved the beats at the Go-Go Museum & Cafe.

Doug and I have officially moved to Valencia, Spain! If you know other W&M alumni in the city or Spain, I'd love to connect with them. We'll be back in Williamsburg for Homecoming and the Reves Center's Wines of the World event (on Friday right before the parade.) If you'd like to attend, please reach out to me. I'd love to see you there!

Where are you these days? Whether you're traveling the world, changing careers, welcoming grandbabies, playing pickleball or finally figuring out sourdough, please take a minute and send me your update to include in the next Class Notes.

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Congratulations to **Angela Evans Romano** and **Tiffany Stone**, who will be inducted into the W&M Athletics Hall of Fame in 2027. I invite you to go to tribeathletics.com/news to read about all their accomplishments, both on and off the court. The two are credited with playing a key role in preserving the women's basketball program during its near elimination in 1991.

Congrats as well to **Susan Ferentinos** — she was appointed to the Board of the National Museum of American History. A nationally recognized public historian, for the past 15 years, she has operated a consulting business to help museums, historic sites and government agencies expand and diversify the stories they tell about the American past.

If you are an NBC "Today" show watcher like I am, maybe you caught **Patton Oswalt, '91, D.A. '23** when he co-hosted the broadcast from Williamsburg for America's 250th. In the "how are we old enough for this" category, **Cliff Fleet '91, M.A. '93, J.D. '95, M.B.A. '95** retired as president and CEO of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. He had served as president since 2020.

Chris Shue '93 and **Michele Bassett** celebrated the marriage of their oldest of four sons, Tom Shue, in Ashland in June 2025. The wedding doubled as a mini William & Mary reunion, with many friends and family in attendance, including **Heather Hayduk Klepp**, **Mary Pender**, **Kelley Phagan Welty**, **Siobhan Boes '92**, **John Sweeney '92** and **Anne Marie Ambrose Sweeney '93**, **Dan Moriarty '93**, **Fredrik Rabe '94** and **Ashleigh Akens Rabe '94**, Tom's aunt **Adrienne Murdock Burdsall '96**, and uncle **Peter Shue '97** and aunt **Kathleen Toler '97**. Representing the next generation were their youngest son and Tom's brother, **Ryan Shue '24**, and his girlfriend, **Teagan Gambert '24**. Michele reported that Tribe pride was on full display throughout the celebration — everyone looked incredible, and it felt like no one had aged a day!

My husband, daughter and I attended part of the W&M Weekend in Washington, D.C., in May. I was so impressed by the range of activities available, honestly it was hard to choose! I want to give a shout out to the alumni and professors who helped make the weekend so amazing for us. Atlas Brewing hosted a craft beverage panel with **Craig Carey '02** and **Ryan Kutscher '02** of Dad Strength Brewing, **Christopher Neikirk '88** of Smartmouth Brewing Co., **Jess Muskey '00** of Reyes Beer Division and **Will Payne '01** of Squabble State Hard Cider & Spirits. At the Spy Museum, Keith Masback, parent of **Clara Masback '24**, hosted a panel connecting the intelligence community through the lens of a liberal arts education. **Steve Cheng**, **Meredith McBride Cavan '01** and Clara were on the panel. Be sure to check out Meredith's Irish band, Celtic Underground, if you live in the D.C. area! Professor Rowan Lockwood provided a terrific insiders tour — titled Hark Upon the Shale — of the Hall of Fossils at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.

Throughout the weekend, I was grateful to spend time with **Angie McGowan '92**, **Ellen Lester Etheridge '92**, **Lee Savio Beers '92** and **Stephanie Mowatt Anglin '92**.

I ran into **Susan Spagnola Rutherford '89** and her husband, Doug, at the Atlas Brew Works event. Susan, chair of the Reves Global Engagement Board, invites members of the Class of 1991 — especially those who have lived, worked or studied abroad — to join the Wines of the World reception on Friday at 2 p.m. during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. Please register so they have enough wine!

I ran briefly into **Michele Trippel** and family at the W&M Night at the Nationals game. Michele's daughter, Bella, just started at W&M Law School. I was able to briefly catch up with my former roommate **Kerri Klimas Gray** at Atlas and the game.

1992

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Greetings, classmates!

We start with solemn news. **Jennifer Hollar Domer**, who was described as "the soul" of her practice as a pediatrician at Commonwealth Pediatrics in Richmond, passed away on March 17.

Terence Mandable has ALS (also known as Lou Gehrig's disease), which has diminished his ability to speak. He is participating in a clinical trial with Neuralink. On April 27, he became the third patient ever to receive a brain computer interface (BCI) implant in a voice trial. He is working with the Neuralink team to train the data model and has been seeing success over the first several weeks. Terence is also the first patient ever to receive their new 3K device with 3,000 electrodes/channels collecting data to read his thoughts and translate them to speech, using a simulation of his original voice. He is posting content on TikTok and on YouTube to raise awareness, connect with others and raise funds for the annual ALS Association's D.C. Walk on Oct. 3.

Terence was also in Williamsburg in May for the graduation of his daughter, **Kirstina Mandable '26**.

Carolyn Eaton-Nowinski and her sister **Mary Eaton '79** purchased a church building in Staunton, Virginia, to convert into a single-family home (she posts videos on YouTube @ convertingachurch). The new roof went up this summer and the architects were on the point of submitting plans. Carolyn talked to a local cabinetmaker and plans to have the main kitchen island and a table made from the beautiful oak pews. Preparation for the main renovation has involved a few drives between Texas and Virginia.

Jen Meekins and her husband, Todd, live in the Finger Lakes area of New York. They love the natural beauty and relaxed pace of life there. Jen manages a research lab in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell; research focuses on creating circular bionutrient pathways to transform organic underutilized resources and excreta into alternative growing materials, fertilizers and soil amendments. Their daughter is the marketing specialist and graphic designer at a local nature center; in small-world news, she found out recently that her boss earned her master's degree at William & Mary studying birds with Ruth Beck. Jen and Todd traveled to the Peruvian Amazon in July and saw some amazing tropical birds and plants.

Rob Perks started a new career as a solar energy advisor for Solar Energy World in Laurel, Maryland, after spending more than 30 years in the environmental nonprofit movement. Rob hosted **Joe LaBadia '92, M.B.A. '00** at his home in Rockville, Maryland over the July Fourth weekend. Joe lives in Jacksonville, Florida.

Kathy Kuhler Skinner was re-elected to the

Jefferson County, West Virginia School Board for her fourth term in May. She and **Andrew Skinner** attended the graduation of their daughter **Carmen Skinner '26** in May, enjoying the festivities in Williamsburg. This was their second legacy W&M graduation; son **Austin Skinner '24** is now an Army infantry officer stationed in Hawaii.

Kent Fortner is a winecrafter and truck owner in Napa, California. He traveled to Chile this spring to visit his son **Owen Fortner '27**, who is an integrative conservation major and was studying abroad at The School for Field Studies in the far southern wilderness of Patagonia. They toured the area by bike for four days and enjoyed glorious weather in Torres National Park. Kent is grateful to W&M for this program as this trip was a bucket-list entry.

Claire McGinity Adams and her husband, **Doug Adams '90, Ed.S. '97**, moved their son **James Adams '29** into his freshman room in Chandler Hall last fall — coincidentally, the very same room that Doug lived in his senior year! It's been renovated since our time; James has enjoyed making his own connections at W&M.

Melissa Cales Schwartz is closing in on 30 years as a corporate finance attorney at Paul Hastings, starting in Atlanta and moving to the Washington, D.C., area some 20 years ago. Melissa is especially excited to share that her youngest, **Logan Schwartz '30**, arrived at W&M this fall and is living in her old dorm, DuPont Hall, on the same 2nd West wing in which his dentist, **Jeff Davis**, lived. She would hardly have believed in our student days that Jeff would become a pediatric dentist and that she would let him anywhere near her future kids' teeth! Melissa looks forward to being on campus for Family Weekend and Homecoming & Reunion Weekend ... and random drop-ins if she's allowed.

Speaking of Homecoming, it's right around the corner! This year's celebration, from Oct. 22-25, marks the 100th anniversary of Homecoming. Happy fall!

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This month's column was due not long after the royal visit of King Charles III and Queen Camilla to the United States. **Neil Boyden Tanner** had a front-row seat to the festivities. Neil was recently named His Majesty's Honorary Consul for the United Kingdom to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As one of his first official duties, he helped host the king for a high-level strategic meeting in New York City with leading CEOs from the energy industry as part of his state visit. This meeting focused on accelerating the global transition to sustainable energy and strengthening the U.S.-U.K. collaboration on green technology.

Neil was also recently honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award from Temple University, where he attended law school at the Japan campus in Tokyo. Neil currently serves as the executive officer and global general counsel of Olympus Corp. and is also the vice chair of the American University of Rome's board of trustees. Neil and his wife, **Lee James Tanner '94,** live outside Philadelphia, where they've raised their three sons. There is a wonderful article about Neil in the winter 2026 issue of World Minded, published by the Reves Center for International Studies at William & Mary. You can find it under the publications tab at wm.edu/offices/revescenter.

W&M Weekend 2026 was held in Washington, D.C., at the end of May. **Maria Monteverde-Jackson** was one of three co-chairs for the W&M Weekend Committee that planned this four-day event. **Mary Ann Miller Bowery** was also one of the 36 alumni volunteers who served on the committee. Over 1,000 alumni and friends gathered to celebrate our alma mater and reconnect with classmates.

Fellow choir alum **Kate Valenta** makes sure choral music remains a part of her life by singing in two choirs in New York City and Hoboken, New Jersey. She currently serves as the board chair of the Fund for a Better Waterfront in Hoboken, continuing her longtime work in nonprofit fundraising and advocacy. Along with **Peter Colohan '92**, she also serves on the board of The Walden School, a summer composition program in New Hampshire.

Jennifer Hobaugh Johnson and her husband, **Matt Johnson,** live in New Orleans and enjoy spending their summers at the beach in Gulfport, Mississippi. They attended the recent One Tribe One Day event in New Orleans, where they caught up with **Liz Billings Schafer '94** and **Nancy Gunn '88**. Matt still plays the trumpet, often at church, and he will also sit in with bands around New Orleans as well.

For the past 10 years, Jen and Matt have been members of two Mardi Gras krewes, King Arthur and Society des Champs Elysee (SCDE). Matt and Jen were King and Queen of SCDE in 2019 and Matt currently serves as a lieutenant in King Arthur. Check out the online edition of these Class Notes to read more about them and see a great photo from this year's Mardi Gras.

I had a conflict and was unable to attend W&M Weekend in D.C., but I know many of you did as I saw a few posts on social media. Send me a note and share what you're up to and who you saw so I can include in the next column. Go Tribe!

1994

Class Reporter
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Tap, tap — is this thing on? Can you hear me now?

The World Lacrosse league held the 2026 Women's Championship Division II contest this past July. Twelve international teams competed over eight days in what could be the primer for lacrosse's return to the Olympics in 2028. At the conclusion of the Poland versus Mexico game, as the teams meet to congratulate each other, guess what happens? Two coaches, **Joanna Lignelli** and **Jay Watts**, for Mexico and Poland respectively, meeting for the first time, uncover their joint history as graduates of the Class of 1994.

Joanna played lacrosse and field hockey for W&M, lives in Maryland and works for STX. In 2019, she was inducted into the Greater Baltimore Lacrosse Foundation Hall of Fame.

Jay is an adjunct professor for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and coached high school lacrosse in Georgia and Tennessee for 23 years. His teams won nine state championships and in 2007, Jay was inducted into the Georgia Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

That is some crazy coincidence and represents a statistical anomaly for sure. I might suggest the chances of that happening are only slightly smaller than me getting consistent and continuous updates from our other classmates (#evilgrin).

As a quick reminder, **Wendy Edwards Delph** is helping plan Kappa Delta's centennial celebration. If you are a KD, there is plenty of time to contribute. Reach out to Wendy at wendy.delph@gmail.com.

In my last update, I shared about an artificial intelligence conference I'm helping plan. The brAIn Hub Summit went off without a hitch and we had nearly 400 people present. The folks and venue from the University of North Carolina Asheville were amazing and made everything run smoothly. We got some nice local recognition and a little state nod here and there. The venue and time are set for the fifth annual AI summit coming in the fall of 2027. Different "bat time" but at the same "bat place." For those interested: brainhubsummit.com. By the way, if you join us next year, I'll buy you a local beer!

Returning to my standard outreach: Please send me a quick blurb about what's happening in your world. Big news, little news or just "still standing" — I'd love to hear from you. Heck, just send me an email with "hello" in it and I'll give you a shout-out in the next magazine. That would be kind of fun, right? I'm very curious how many "hello" emails I can get between now and then. Blow up my inbox, folks! One submission per customer, please.

1995

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Hello everyone, happy end of summer as we head into fall — I hope the year is treating you well! Feel free to drop me a line with any updates!

Tiffany Reed Silverman was a recipient of the 2026 South Carolina Governor's Awards for the Arts, the state's highest recognition for exceptional practice or support of contemporary art forms. As The Citadel's first director of fine arts, Tiffany "has revolutionized arts engagement within that community, with over a quarter of cadets now participating in her programs. A Beaufort, South Carolina, native with degrees from William & Mary and Williams College, she has championed high-profile public art initiatives, including tributes to the South Carolina National Guard and the Emanuel 9 tragedy," according to the South Carolina Arts Commission.

Robert Gaudette is the new chief executive officer and president of NRG Energy, as reported in the Power Engineering Factor. For over 25 years, he has run the company's power generation portfolio — plant operations, asset management, development, engineering and procurement — alongside its commercial and wholesale businesses. He most recently served as executive vice president and president of NRG Business and Wholesale Operations.

"It is an honor to be appointed NRG's next CEO at this transformative time for the energy sector," Robert said in a statement. He holds a B.S. in chemistry from William & Mary and an MBA from Rice University. He also served four years as an Army officer.

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Thanks for the outpouring of submissions! Please see the online Class Notes for an expanded version of this column.

Congratulations to **Forrest Pritchard** on his marriage in June to Catherine Conway. **Callan Bentley**, **Thomas Keller Grayson**, **Mark Roberts**, **Steve Roushakes** and **Nancy Polo '95** joined in the celebration. Forrest and Callan also appeared in a note from **Anne Elise Thomas**, who said the three met in Roanoke to see **Joe Cleary** perform "a pretty spectacular show" with GangstaGrass. Anne Elise herself performed with her multigenerational W&M quartet al-Hawanim for the inaugural reception of Virginia Lt. Gov. Ghazala Hashmi in January. For 17 years, **John Kauffman** has lived in Anchorage, Alaska, where he is an attorney and coaches track at the high school where his wife is the band director. Their son is also a band director — in North Pole — and sends them amazing pictures of the northern lights. John recently learned to play guitar, which reminds him of listening to **Steve Vargo** play Dave Matthews songs in the stairwell of Yates Hall.

Jada Blinn Gates, whom I had the pleasure of meeting last year while visiting a mutual friend in Charlottesville, Virginia, wrote that she and her husband, Roger, finally got to move into the house they built. Jada has successfully launched two adult children. She works at Bridgewater College and for her 50th birthday, she began yoga teacher training. She now teaches yoga in Charlottesville and at Bridgewater.

Another educator is **Chris Chase**, who became a high school principal. He and his wife moved into a new home and celebrated their son's graduation from Appalachian State University. Chris said his wife is "bravely battling avascular necrosis (AN). After surviving breast cancer and hip surgery for AN, she will beat this one too. This year has tested our resilience, but we are navigating it together with hope and the support of our community."

Greg Parker joined the Reves Global Engagement Board, which supports William & Mary's global engagement efforts, including international student success, study abroad, global learning and connections among alumni around the world.

In St. Petersburg, Florida, **Jeff Terry** works for Philips' Cardiac Solutions division, teaches scuba diving and skydives. He recently became licensed to jump out of other vessels, including helicopters and hot air balloons. In 2024, Jeff and his wife, Candace, married in Mexico, with **Mike Barber '98** and **Ricky Frantz M.B.A. '14** in attendance.

Maddy Becker Williams co-founded Chesterton Academy of the Immaculata in September 2025, "a joyfully Catholic, classical high school serving the greater Boston MetroWest area." The school is part of the international Chesterton Schools Network. Maddy mentioned that her daughter **Grace Williams '23** is headed to medical school.

Both **Gail Carlon Ridgeway** and **Katherine Oelrich Welch** mentioned that they have kids at William & Mary now. Gail lives in Richmond with her family and works as treasurer for NewMarket Corp., where she works closely with **Kristin Sholley Costello '93**. She sees **Vicki Webster Lyon**, who lives in Reston, when she travels to Northern Virginia. Katherine is the director of a microschool in Vienna, Virginia. She and her husband, David, began singing again with the symphonic choir Choralis and Ēchos, the chamber group made up of Choralis members. David retired from the Boston Consulting Group and is now executive director of Choralis.

Billie Shannon Wilson wrote, "I am currently living my best life in eastern North Carolina with my daughter, who is a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro." Billie is CFO for a general contractor and active in her community, where she created a New Year's Eve Crab Drop celebration, which drew half of the city's population of 10,000.

When **Constance Fisher** became a student at William & Mary, she was over 40 years old. She and her husband have two sons and four grandchildren.

I am sad to share that my husband, **Randy Rosenblatt Rosso '95, M.P.P. '99**, died on May 19 after 10 months of living with glioblastoma. Our family has made it through so far thanks to extraordinary family and friends who have shared their love and care for us in countless ways. Randy was a devoted husband and dad; a passionate advocate, music lover and soccer fan; and a sweet and sensitive goofball.

1997

Class Reporter
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Happy Fall, Class of 1997!

Ted Findler is starting his 30th year as a math teacher and track coach — his 20th at St. Albans School in Washington, D.C. He was pleased to report that this past spring the track team won the citywide DCSAA championship for the first time in school history! His oldest daughter, Emma, is a rising senior at Mary Washington University, his son Sammy is a rising junior at the University of Maryland, and daughter Cosette is beginning her freshman year at Davidson University. His youngest, Max, is beginning eighth grade at St. Albans.

In contrast to such rare career consistency, several classmates reported job moves, including **Chris Elliott**, who recently changed roles and accepted a position with CACI in May. After nearly 10 years at Falconwood, he is now the cyber program lead for Global Combat Support System-Marine Corps (GCSS-MC). He writes: "It has been quite the experience switching from an enterprise system like NMCI to an operational system like GCSS, but either way both are unlike anything from my days teaching high school French! All that to say that life is good and I am happy to have opportunities to continue to travel and work with fun people."

After 25 years of living in Texas, **Jeff Bergman** and his wife, Gina, moved to the Denver area, where Jeff is the managing partner at OBWB, a boutique law firm specializing in intellectual property. He would love to connect with any alumni in the area. His daughter is getting her Ph.D. in bioengineering at the University of Colorado Anschutz, and his son is beginning his senior year at Creighton University.

Nathan Betz left a marketing career in the Baltimore-Washington region back in 2016 and received an M.St. at Oxford (St. Stephen's House) in early Christian theology in 2017. In 2022, he earned a Ph.D. at KU Leuven in Belgium, funded by the Flemish Research Foundation, writing on the early reception of the image of the New Jerusalem from the Book of Revelation. His B.A. in German really paid off as he spent 18 months conducting research at the University of Regensburg in Germany. Nathan's revised disser-

tation was published as "City of Gods: The New Jerusalem of John's Revelation in Early Christianity" (Brill, 2025). His current research focuses on early Christian conceptions of fundamental human purpose, Christian deification and the idea of Jerusalem. Nathan lives with his wife, Crystal, and daughter, Jaël, in Abensberg, Germany.

Martha Heil ran into **Josh Chamot '98** at a recent meeting of the D.C. Science Writers Association, a group of journalists, writers, public information officers, and audio and video producers who cover breaking research, science and technology. They were present to welcome **Eva Kalajian '22, M.S. '24, Ph.D. '26** as a newly minted science writer.

The Carolina Hurricanes just celebrated winning the Stanley Cup, and **Wade Minter**, their arena announcer for the past 11 seasons, surpassed 500 career games announced during the playoffs. Congratulations, Wade! (Read more about Wade on page 50.)

Earlier this year, I shared an update from **Lee Duncan**, who dropped a note from his voyage sailing the globe aboard Athena with his wife, Tamara, and youngest son, William. Keeping us abreast of their journey, he shared that they were in Greece earlier this summer with hopes of reaching the Atlantic Ocean by publication.

As I receive your updates each quarter, I'm reminded of how well our alma mater prepares her graduates for meaningful participation and success in a wide range of pursuits. Thank you for the time you take to share your news! I love hearing from our class and I've heard similar gratitude from those who write in. So, please drop a line for our winter notes, and have a fantastic fall.

1998

Class Reporter
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This past March, **Crystal Montague-Holland** was appointed by the Virginia General Assembly to the 15th Judicial Circuit as a Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court judge. Crystal said: "My term began on April 1 and will last six years. I sit four days a week in Spotsylvania County and one day in Hanover County. Very exciting time for my family and me after serving as a prosecutor for nearly 20 years."

Bobby Scott was recently profiled in Virginia Business magazine after being promoted to president of Capes Shipping Agencies, a part of CV International. The Norfolk-based port and vessel agency serves the U.S. East and Gulf coasts. The magazine said Bobby "will lead the company's efforts to expand its geographic footprint, broaden its service capabilities and deepen its partnerships across the dry bulk, liquid bulk, breakbulk and energy infrastructure sectors." Bobby has been a member of the Capes leadership team since 2020, previously serving as its director of business development. Prior to that, he worked for over 21 years for the maritime transportation company T. Parker Host.

This past May, **Ginny O'Bannon Deasy** graduated from Longwood University with an M.Ed. in school librarianship. She's currently working at the Davis Elementary School library in Henrico County, Virginia. Her husband, **Brian Deasy**, spent some time consulting with KidMed pediatric urgent care and then quickly moved into his current role as CEO a little over a year ago. Their daughter **Lia Deasy '24** graduated from William & Mary with a dual art and environmental science degree. Lia just finished her first year of the master's in urban and regional planning program at Virginia Commonwealth University. The Deasys' daughter Meg just graduated from the University of Virginia in May as a media studies major. She's now at the University of North Carolina pursuing a master's of science in library science to become an archivist. Their son **JD Deasy '29** just finished his freshman year at William & Mary. Ginny says he's "taking advantage of many opportunities, having done Pep Band, Brass Ensemble, rock climbing club, intramural sports and having waaaaay too much fun in his freshman dorm." Their youngest son, Mike, has decided to attend the same specialty center for the humanities at Hermitage High School that his other three siblings attended. Ginny said, "They are thrilled that we are setting a record as the first family to have *four* students attend."

1999

Class Reporter
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Several interesting tidbits were shared by classmates in June! On a personal note, I started a new job as a chief of staff for strategy and operations with Valkyrie Enterprises in Virginia Beach. My family will be in Philadelphia for America 250 and will march in the Independence Day Parade!

Gayle Holt Bates and **Chad Bates** became grandparents this spring. Eli Lupi was born to their daughter, Natalie, and her husband, Randall, on March 13.

Eric Haas will be retiring from the Army after 27 years of service. He starts terminal leave in October and will be retired starting in January 2027. He plans to return to Charlottesville, Virginia, and use his post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to earn a Ph.D. in history. His wife, Erica, is retiring from the Air Force in October and will be starting at the University of Virginia's Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy in August.

Elaine Kessler and **William Johns '00** are celebrating their 27th wedding anniversary this year — 29 years after first meeting at a W&M OWJ banquet in the Chesapeake Room. Nearly three decades later, their story continues to be one of partnership, purpose and community. Elaine serves as director of the foundation at the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce. She continues her work in photography and speaking, and recently began offering Thai cooking lessons that highlight both her love of food and her Northeast Thai (Isan) heritage. Their children, Adele (20) and Elise (17), are creative, bright, hard-working and bighearted — keeping family life lively and meaningful. The Kessler-Johns enjoy a full life in Phoenix with their three dogs, two cats and a strong sense of community. Elaine also serves as president of Gilbert Sister Cities, sits on the board of HD South, Home of the Gilbert Historical Museum, and is a Flinn-Brown Fellow with the Arizona Center for Civic Leadership — continuing her longstanding commitment to civic engagement and cultural connection, which found its origins at W&M.

Meghan Cropper Lockman and **Justin Lockman** are excited for their son, **Sam Lockman '30**, to start classes at W&M this fall!

Mike Sodo and **Juli Sabo '00** got married at North Carolina's Outer Banks in May.

Sara Solfanelli was incredibly honored, and moved, to receive the Daniel C. Lewis Service Award from the Raymond A. Mason School of Business this year! Look for a link to read more in our online Class Notes.

After serving as editor of The Classical Outlook, **Phil Walsh** was elected president of the American Classical League (ACL), a national nonprofit whose mission is to promote classical studies and to advocate for the teaching of Latin and ancient Greek in all educational contexts. He was inaugurated at William & Mary, where the ACL met in late June. Phil is the chair of the classics department at St. Andrew's School (Middletown, Delaware), where he teaches Latin and Greek at all levels, as well as sections of English and history. His second book, "A Folded History: Poems and Mythologies," was published in the fall of 2025.

Christine Leo Ware is finishing her 27th year in education and is the current president of the Virginia Association of School Librarians.

2000

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Dear Class of 2000,

We're presently in the throes of summer vacation and the usual heady mix of swim meets, Girl Scouts camps and evening thunderstorms in Northern Virginia. We hope your summer was action packed — write in to tell us about it! On to the notes.

One of **Milan Chakraborty**'s film projects, the Netflix documentary "Black Bar-

bie," won two Daytime Emmys in 2025. His documentary "The Rose: Come Back To Me" also premiered at the 2025 Tribeca Festival and opened in theaters back in February.

Omiyemi (Artisia) Green, a professor of theatre and Africana studies at W&M, delivered the ancestral blessing during Charter Day's Ancestral Remembrance Tribute at the Hearth: Memorial to the Enslaved.

Look for links in our online Class Notes to read more about Milan's projects and the Charter Day event.

Becka Herbig is working on her Ed.D. in leadership (with a focus on organizational leadership) from Virginia Commonwealth University, and expects to receive her degree in May 2029. We wish her the best on her journey.

Pearl Meyer, an executive compensation consulting and leadership advisory firm, named **Jayson Traxler** their new CEO. Congrats, Jayson!

Continue to send your interesting updates to williamandmary2000@gmail.com.

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Class Reporter
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Class of 2001,

I hope a lot of you are making plans to return to campus Oct 22-25 for our 25th reunion and the 100th anniversary of Homecoming at William & Mary. While you're doing that, please send me updates about what's been happening in your lives, so we'll have a news-filled Class Notes column in the next issue of the magazine. To find out more about events planned for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, visit homecoming.wm.edu.

2002

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Greetings Class of '03!

I hope you had a fantastic summer. Send your info! Let us know how 45 is treating you! Or, simply answer this quick survey: Are you doing the full colonoscopy or Cologuard? We're a house divided over here.

Not sure what Dr. **Jamie Oskin** would recommend, but he's making kids' (and parents') lives better every day: Jamie has launched Little Koala, a Scottsdale, Arizona-based children's wellness brand, with its debut product Kids Throat Armor arriving mid-July. The kid-friendly, sugar-free lozenge is designed to support a healthy oral microbiome and healthy immune function as part of a bedtime routine. Learn more at getlittlekoala.com.

Wellness on.

Go Tribe.

2004

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It's Homecoming season again. And if this column does not spark nostalgia for you, Homecoming & Reunion Weekend will. Although this is not one of our milestone years, if you have not checked out the campus lately, you will be very shocked. When I returned to Williamsburg in 2024 for our 20th reunion, I was pleasantly surprised to see how the Alumni House had expanded, and how the campus had changed for the better. I am glad future graduates can enjoy more amenities and more building/learning space than we ever had! During our freshman year in the late summer days of August 2000, I remember walking past the construction of Swem and going up to the third floor in the old, 1960s Swem building, and finding a coveted wooden desk next to one of those narrow, slit windows that faced the dense, eastern edge of the College Woods. I really felt like I was truly "in college" while reading for my new courses and watching the late afternoon light dance through the thick foliage onto that light oak desk.

Abruptly accelerating into the present that is 2026, I hope you enjoyed our American semiquincentennial. It is OK if you did not do anything special. I mean, do you (or at least your great-grandparents) remember the multimonth sesquicentennial in 1926 as to compare? The nation was wrapped up in the Roaring '20s; the main thing I remember reading about (and this is coming from a history major) is that there was a surge of "Americana" during this time (note the creation of Colonial Williamsburg and the remodel of Carter's Grove by the McCreas), including an American isolationist view toward world politics after World War I, and a "whitewashing" view of early American history. Hmmmmm.

OK, back once again in the present, I had a little "funny" that occurred while I was writing this column. We class reporters get these articles from our news service to share with our class. Well, I saw a Class of 2004 article about one of our own being one of eight alumni inducted into the W&M Athletics Hall of Fame. I was going to write a congratulations, but, as a good W&M alumnus dedicated to research (I was a history and government double major after all), I noticed that the name presented was actually a 2005 graduate (there was a discrepancy in the alumni records), and this alumnus' wife was from our class! Anyway, I would like to congratulate **Timothy "Tim" Pemberton '05** on his induction, and a BIG SHOUT-OUT to his wife, **Abbey Reynolds Pemberton '04, M.ACC. '11**! Tim is the director of golf/head men's coach at the College, and he and Abbey are living in Williamsburg with their twin daughters, Merritt and Libby.

Well, this is all that I have to report this time around. REMEMBER to shoot me an email or an old-fashioned letter through the U.S. Postal Service to let me know how your life has been, especially as we hit our middle 40s.

Thinking of you all as I write this column from the Grand America hotel in Salt Lake City.

Your friend and fellow classmate,

Owen

2005

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We have a really exciting update for you this round! Most of us are probably into learning since we went to W&M, and I was on the same freshman floor with Heather, so I am thrilled to announce:

Heather Debby is one of 10 recipients in Illinois of the 2026 Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching. Following a highly competitive process, the 2026 teaching award recipients were selected from nearly 600 nominations of fourth to eighth grade teachers for their exceptional impact in the classroom and broader community. Heather teaches seventh grade English at the Disney II Magnet High School in Chicago. She is the kind of teacher who refuses to let her students slip through the cracks. When she saw her seventh graders struggling with traditional classroom instruction, she went above and beyond by adopting the Modern Classroom model and creating self-paced video lessons so students could learn at their own pace and refer to lessons as needed. See photos from the ceremony recognizing Heather and read more in our online Class Notes.

2006 20

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Hi fellow Tribe mates! It is almost that time again ... Homecoming & Reunion Weekend!! And did you know that this year is our 20th reunion?! Twenty years since we graduated from one of the (if not THE) most prestigious and amazing schools! This is definitely something to celebrate and what better time to return to your green & gold alma mater? We hope you can attend the festivities of this amazing milestone event and then write in and share your adventures with our classmates! Until then, take care of yourself and each other and wear that W&M swag proudly!

Hark Upon the Gale and Tribe Pride Forever,

Amber

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2007

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Tom Bambara is a stand-up comedian. From 2010–2016, Tom hosted the talk show, "Tonight it's Live with Tom Bambara," which enjoyed 50 performances at the Oracle Theatre in Chicago and a six-month run at the Westside Comedy Theater in Los Angeles. He regularly performs at clubs around Chicago like the Lincoln Lodge, The Comedy Bar and Zanies Comedy Club.

Veronica Cecire sent in a lovely message. She values the education she received at William & Mary. She worked extremely hard as a part-time adult student raising five children while she attended.

She is grateful to all of the professors and classmates. William & Mary was a wonderful place to study and grow. Veronica was extremely fortunate to be accepted by and graduate from such a well-regarded university with high expectations. May William & Mary hold high standards in every way in the future, too.

Christina Clark and her husband, Brad Patton, welcomed their first baby. Callum "Cal" Clark Patton made a dramatic and early entrance to the world, on Nov. 29, 2025. He's a happy and healthy little guy, and Christina and Brad couldn't be more grateful to be his parents.

On the professional side, Christina recently left the federal government after a combined nine years as an attorney at the CIA and in the Department of Justice's National Security Division, where she had the privilege to prosecute a number of significant espionage and sanctions cases. She is now a litigation partner at the law firm Miller & Chevalier in Washington, D.C., where she hopes to continue litigating a range of corporate and national security matters.

Richael Faithful earned a Master of Divinity from Starr King School for the Ministry with a concentration in (movement) chaplaincy in May. Richael also earned a Hilda Mason Teaching Fellowship from Starr King through which they planned to teach their first graduate class, called "Sinners: A Portal Into Black Freedom Theologies," in August.

Natalia Ferreiro (known at W&M as Celia Alexandra Besore) moved to Paris in January and is pursuing her Artist Diploma in Chant (Opéra) at the prestigious École Normale de Musique de Paris "Alfred Cortot" (ENMP). She will have to present a 45-minute récital that is open to the public and judged by an anonymous jury. The program is 2-to-3 years and has recently established an international partnership with Julliard.

Additionally, Natalia is working all over the world with a luxury events company that flies her and pays for her accommodation to host events worldwide! She also hopes to transition her award-winning oil painting career to Paris.

Alyson Fletcher recently started a new role as the office leader of the Boston office of Nelson\Nygaard, the transportation planning company where she's been working the past 13 years. She will lead a team of 20 people, managing regional business development, coordinating workloads and guiding the team's professional development. She continues to do project work nationally and is starting new work in Orlando, Florida, that will move plans her company authored toward built projects.

Beginning June 29, **Julie Owen Thompson '07, M.A.Ed. '10, Ed.D '24** joined Southampton County Public Schools as its superintendent of schools.

Holly Packard Strain just enjoyed a trip to Scotland with her husband, Daniel. They were able to visit Hutton's Unconformity, an important geologic site Holly learned about in the W&M Department of Geology. They also hiked along the West Highland Way and explored the beautiful lochs and distilleries.

Lanora Pettit was promoted this spring to principal deputy assistant attorney general at the Office of Legal Counsel in the U.S. Department of Justice.

Brian Zane is an actor, director, theatre educator and pianist based in Chicago. He received his M.A. in educational theatre and English from New York University and his M.F.A. in acting from the Florida State University/Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training. He has worked with theatres including Asolo Repertory Theatre, TimeLine Theatre Co., and Porchlight Music Theatre, and is a founding ensemble member of Connective Theatre Co.

2008

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Happy Fall, Class of 2008!

Thanks to everyone who shared an update this issue.

Natalia Alger Rhoe and her husband, Charles, welcomed their third daughter, Cherish Elena, on May 22. Big sisters Charlotte and Clara are taking their new roles very seriously. They wrapped up their third year of homeschooling and enjoyed the long summer break, which included reuniting with college friends.

Sarah Bennett Bures and her husband, Ryan, welcomed a baby girl, Georgia, last December; she joins big sister Emily.

Meghan Roth Clayton '08, M.Ed. '26 graduated in May with her M.Ed. in clinical mental health counseling from William & Mary. She is serving as pastor at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church in Toano, Virginia, just outside of Williamsburg. Come visit, and she'll take you out for coffee at Hohl. Her spouse, **Josh Clayton**, remains on staff as the digital media specialist at Williamsburg United Methodist Church.

Caitlin Davis and **Katharine Corcoran** flew to Amsterdam to represent "American girls" at the Harry Styles and Robyn tour — and even made time to admire some William & Mary originals at the Rijksmuseum.

Devin DeBacker joined Covington & Burling LLP as a partner in its foreign investment and national security groups, where he advises clients at the intersection of national security, geopolitical risk, regulatory oversight and complex commercial transactions and technology. He joined the firm after serving in multiple senior roles in national security and international trade at the White House and Department of Justice across the first Trump administration, Biden administration, and second Trump administration.

Annie Maynard Hancock '09 is homesteading on 40 acres in Wisconsin and created a personal strategic planning guide to help others live authentically, as part of Feel Free to Live, where she offers facilitation, planning, and coaching.

Feel free to email me your updates anytime ajpinn08@gmail.com. It is always great hearing from you.

2009

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Hello Class of 2009!

What are we doing? What's going on?

I know that she wasn't class of 2009, but I need to give a huge shout out to **Thao Nguyen '06** for her new music coming out. How lucky we were to have her open for the Ying Yang Twins, among other incredible performances. Congrats Thao!

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. While you're at it, send me your favorite jokes too!

Go Tribe,
Andy Foiles

Updates:

Katie Dixon Wohlgenant finished a two-year renovation of a 1903 Chicago brick home to her forever home in Logan Square, Illinois, where she lives with her husband, Kevin, and two daughters, Hazel, 8, and Wren, 5. Katie is a digital and communications consultant for progressive organizations, right now including Democracy Forward. They recently got to be in an ad for their favorite electric cargo bike company, Urban Arrow, to promote their new bike — if you have kids in a major city, (or moderate city), we love

ours! Sadly, they won't make it to Homecoming & Reunion Weekend this year, but were thrilled to visit a few years ago and Wren got to meet her namesake. Hope all's well in the 'Burg! Photos can be found in the online edition.

Matthew Burns has returned to Williamsburg to complete his master of legal studies, focusing on risk and compliance. He is performing as Dr. Lyman Hall in "1776" at the Kimball Theatre for the 250th anniversary of America.

After **Anna Bowen** graduated in 2009, she received her J.D. from Liberty University School of Law in 2012. She worked for the Office of the Public Defender in Lynchburg from 2012-2014. In 2014, Anna accepted the position of prosecutor for domestic violence, crimes against children and sexual assault in Halifax County, Virginia. Anna served in that capacity until 2022, when she became the regional drug and gang task force prosecutor. Anna left the Halifax County commonwealth's attorney's office in May 2025. On June 1, 2025, she joined the law firm Francisco, Bowen & Trent PLLC in Halifax as a partner. Anna married Gregory Ullom in December of 2016. They reside in South Boston, Virginia, and welcomed their daughter (an IVF miracle baby) Alexandra "Alex" in August 2022.

Laura Grieneisen gave an invited seminar to the W&M Biology Department on April 10, and **Kelly Hallinger** introduced the talk. Laura moved to Norfolk last summer to start an assistant professor position at Old Dominion University and loves showing her kids the W&M campus.

Sarah Baum Miller and her husband, Kevin Miller, welcomed their third kiddo, Magnolia Louise Baum Miller, in April. Proud big siblings Declan and Eleanor love to give her kisses and introduce her to everyone they meet. Magnolia will have her first adventure (of many) to CW this fall!

Kayla Anders Raymond and her husband, Alex, welcomed two new babies in the last two years. Joining big sister Paisley, 8, they had Nathan Anders in October 2024 and Baker Grace in February 2026.

Sarah Gwillam is the founder of Solace, an artificial intelligence-supported grief platform designed to help people navigate bereavement, caregiving, and life's major transitions. Launched in 2026, Solace combines guided conversations, reflection tools, and educational experiences to make grief support more accessible beyond traditional settings (solaceconcierge.ai). In addition to building Solace, Sarah facilitates grief workshops and community programming that help individuals and groups develop a deeper understanding of grief and loss. Based in Santa Monica, California, she draws on a career in corporate social responsibility and partnership-building to explore how technology can expand access to grief support while strengthening human connection.

Lindsay LeGrand and her husband, Phillip Collier, welcomed their baby girl, Lucy Madeleine LeGrand-Collier, on May 15. They all live in Midlothian, Virginia. Lindsay has been on parental leave this summer and plans to return soon to her role as the deputy chief administrative officer and director of communications at the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, where she has served for almost seven years. She recently celebrated her 13th work anniversary serving the Commonwealth of Virginia. Photos can be found in the online edition.

Katharine Schellman recently released "Last Dance Before Dawn," the fourth and final book in her award-winning "Nightingale" mystery series. Next spring will see the publication of the sixth book in her Regency-era "Lily Adler" mysteries. Katharine and her husband, **Brian Paljug**, have recently enjoyed taking their two children to visit W&M friends in Williamsburg, including excursions to CW, Busch Gardens and the Jamestown-Scotland ferry (always a big hit with kids!). Check out the book cover in the online edition.

Ashley Marie Dequilla is an internationally recognized archivist, researcher and cultural steward in Chicago. Ashley's work restoring the earliest surviving Filipino American documentary has received subsequent National Film Preservation Foundation awards and was showcased at the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) earlier this year in January. Ashley is the principal investigator and co-founder of the Coalition for Collective Stewardship of Philippine Ancestral Remains (C4CSPAR), a stakeholder network of scholars and activists that consults institutions worldwide. She has presented her work widely, including but not limited to the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, the National Museum of Anthropology (Mexico City, Mexico), the University of the Philippines Film Institute and the Museum of Moving Image.

Check out the photo of the film that premiered at MoMA, "The Little Farmers of Reynoldsburg" (1936), directed by Nicholas Viernes, in the online Class Notes.

2010

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*Editor's note: We are pleased to welcome **Carl Kleinhenn**, who lives outside Philadelphia, as the new 2010 class reporter. As an English major and history minor, Carl holds a deep appreciation for the staff at the Special Collections Research Center at Swem Library. He played on the baseball team at W&M and continues to enjoy visiting campus and the region with his family whenever possible.*

2011 15

Class Reporter
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Hey Class of 2011! I don't know about you, but getting our 15-year class reunion flyer in the mail this week had me shocked at how fast time has flown (and definitely NOT feeling 22, iykyk). We're thinking about making the trek to Williamsburg this fall — anyone else? Honestly, I'm always looking for a reason to get to Williamsburg, and a 15-year reunion is definitely not a flimsy excuse — it's a fabulous celebration!

In truth, I forgot to send out a call for notes for this issue (whoops!). I do have a few submissions that folks I received unprompted, though, and we'll be back to our regular schedule with the next issue!

Go Tribe!

Kate

Nathaniel B. Baako and **Emily M. Anderson Melnick** were recently announced as two of the 10-member W&M Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2026. Nathaniel, who played soccer, and Emily, who ran cross country and track & field, will be celebrated in a ceremony in early 2027.

Virginia Business magazine has selected **Will Clements**, chairman, president and CEO of the Bank of Southside Virginia, as a Forty Under 40 award recipient. The Virginia Business Forty Under 40 is the only statewide awards program recognizing exceptional young professionals under 40 years old. Nominated by their peers and supervisors, honorees were selected based on their professional accomplishments, community service and commitment to inspiring change. The honorees were recognized on May 5 at a celebration at the Science Museum of Virginia. Winners were profiled in the May 2026 issue of Virginia Business, which is available online at VirginiaBusiness.com.

Benton Harvey and his wife, Michal, welcomed their second child, Annabelle Joyce Harvey, on Wednesday, Feb. 25. Mom and baby are doing well and big sister Viviana has since dubbed her little sister "Baby Belle."

Bert Mueller is the founder of one of India's largest burrito chains, the multimillion-dollar business California Burrito, with over 100 outlets spread across several cities. He was recently the subject of a W&M Alumni Magazine profile, which you can find in our winter 2026 edition and online at magazine.wm.edu in the issue archive.

2012

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Hello Class of 2012!

I'm writing this on the eve of our nation's 250th birthday, and it got me thinking about how William & Mary is 83 years older than America itself, coming in at a sprightly 333 years old. Our Alma Mater of the Nation educated three founding fathers and four U.S. presidents — George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe and John Tyler.

It feels pretty special to share an alma mater with four of America's finest. We have walked the same Colonial paths they walked, and, if you were lucky, you took a class in the Wren Building, where the founding fathers studied (I took Christian Origins my sophomore year and, if I recall, the class took place in what was essentially the Wren Building's attic!).

I'm keeping this one short and sweet, as the "America 250" celebrations commence. Look in our online Class Notes for a photo of Maj. **Kenneth Russell** and four other William & Mary alumni assigned to the 25th Infantry Division who got together during U.S. Army Operation Pathways in the Philippines, holding a W&M flag.

I'll leave you with a quote from James Monroe in a letter he wrote to St. George Tucker about William & Mary:

"If I were to compose an oration, and deliver it to a public festival, it would be in favor of our alma mater and the noble effort her offspring has lately made in defense of the holy cause of mankind." — James Monroe, 1798

In Tribe We Trust,
Maddie Rowley

2013

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Hello, Class of 2013, and happy fall! I didn't hear from too many of you this time, but my door is always open! Feel free to send me an email with your news, updates, greetings or messages any time. I know our classmates are happy to hear from you!

Mallory Schaffer is among the newest members of the W&M Athletics Hall of Fame. She was on the soccer team all four years at W&M and was drafted in the second round by the Seattle Reign of the National Women's Soccer League after graduation. Read more of her impressive stats by following the link in our online Class Notes.

Jacob Milnor completed his master's degree in public health/global health at Columbia University in 2016 and moved to Rio de Janeiro shortly after. In his own words, submitted via the W&M Modern Languages Department: "Now I work as a project manager and coordinator at the Brazilian National Cancer Institute in conjunction with the Brazilian Ministry of Health. I work in HIV and cancer-related research and implementation in general in the public health system of Brazil. In my free time, I play water polo and am an avid ocean swimmer. I am happy to hear from any current Hispanic studies students, alumni or faculty interested in Brazil and global health in Latam!" Visit our online Class Notes to see the photo Jacob submitted alongside his news.

Amanda Garnier Gonnella earned her master's degree in early childhood education from Gordon College in December 2025. She has been teaching pre-K for the past two years and, beginning this fall, will start a new role teaching kindergarten in Merrimac, Massachusetts. Check out our online Class Notes for a photo from Amanda's graduation!

2014

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Happy Fall, Class of 2014! I hope you're opening these Class Notes with a cup of coffee outside on a crisp fall morning. And I also hope you're ready to celebrate with our classmates:

Lindsey Neimo Farrell and Greg Farrell welcomed their second child, Finnegan Clark, on Nov. 21, 2025. Their daughter, Addie, 4, is "the best big sister around! A real TWAMP in the making!"

Marilyn Dyess shared news of her engagement on June 2 to Vaikunth "Bucky" Khalap on the shores of Huntington Beach, California.

Earlier this year, **Emily Miles** founded the U.S. branch of a nonprofit organization called Meninadança. It operates in five (soon to be six!) cities in Brazil, protecting, supporting and empowering girls at risk of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

Her family also welcomed their third child in June and (by the time this magazine is published) they will have moved to Charleston, South Carolina, after living in Brazil for the past four years. They look forward to being stateside and reconnecting with members of the Tribe after more than eight years overseas!

Yonsoo Kang is now living in Taiwan and working as an upper school history teacher at Taipei American School (TAS). He will be starting his second year at the school, and his ninth year as a teacher. Fun Tribe connection: At TAS, he met a teaching couple who turned out to be W&M alumni! Yonsoo reminisced with **John Gibney '04** and **Jessica Telthorster Gibney '03** about taking the winter camping course during their respective times at the College. Small world (and big Tribe)!

Over the summer, Yonsoo returned to Virginia and caught up with 2014 classmates **Jessica Woodruff Klein '13, M.A.Ed. '14**, **Bobby Klein**, **Eric Wong '14, M.ACC. '15** and **Steven Arquieta**.

Allen Blehl started two new positions in August. He joined the Bruce Museum in Greenwich, Connecticut, as executive administration and board relations manager. He also returned to St. Mary Church (Roman Catholic) in Greenwich as associate director of music and organist, having previously served there from 2016-2018.

And last, but not least, from **Meara O'Malley**: "I will be getting married next May to my wonderful fiancé, Drew Henderson. We are loving life in beautiful Tacoma, Washington, (just south of Seattle) with our two cats. I work in the Dean of Students Office at the University of Puget Sound, a small liberal arts college which, like our beloved W&M, has a gorgeous campus filled with trees. I'm looking forward to having the wedding next year as an excuse to make my East Coast friends, including some of my dear friends from W&M, come and see me in the Pacific Northwest. One of my best friends from college, **Clair Vogel**, will be my bridesmaid/co-maid of honor (along with my sister). Sending love and harking upon the gale!"

Be sure to view the online edition for photos from our classmates!

2015

Class Reporter
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Hello, Class of 2015! It was wonderful to hear from so many of you for this edition of Class Notes — I think we broke the record for most submissions of successes and life events for our class.

There are many new members of the Tribe family to welcome! **Molly McMahan McPhillips** and **Tyler McPhillips** welcomed their third child, Dorothy, in February, joining older siblings Louise, 3 and Roy, 5. They live in Richmond, Virginia, where Molly teaches high school and Tyler is an accountant.

Tyler Bembenek and his wife, Juliana Kang, also welcomed a baby girl, Louisa, in October 2025. Tyler B. writes, "Everyone is happy, healthy, and exhausted!"

In May, **Katherine Matson Gill** and **Hunter Gill** added a baby boy, Jackson, to their family on top of moving to Arlington, Virginia, in January, making for a very busy start to the year.

Evan Maraist also had a big first six months as he and **Zoey Di Mauro Maraist '14** welcomed their second child, Maximilian, in January while finishing out his M.B.A. from the University of Tennessee in the spring.

Meanwhile, **Jason Wang** and **Ashley Murphy Wang** also brought home their second child. Jason says, "Parker Wang was born on June 11, about one month early, but was able to come home after a short stay in the NICU and joins his brother, Carter, at home in Fredericksburg, Virginia." They look forward to eventually bringing the entire family back to campus to see all the sights.

Finally, one more member of the Tribe family is on their way: **Julia Baum '15, M.A.Ed. '16** and her husband, **JJ Kuchan '13,** are expecting their first child this Halloween.

Carlton Smith '15, M.Ed. '17 married Macy Reeves in Wilmington, North Carolina, on March 22.

Meanwhile, **Carlyn Hoffman** married **Tom Scott-Sharoni '14** on April 11.

In professional news, after recently completing her Ph.D., **Dale Golden** is now working as a staff

psychologist with the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Health Care System.

Nina Ullom writes in, "This spring, I started a new position as the policy and government relations advisor at Humanity United, an international human rights philanthropy. This is an exciting opportunity following the government's destruction of my former employer, USAID (the U.S. Agency for International Development). I participated in the German Marshall Fund's Transatlantic Inclusion Leadership Network (TILN) Fellowship, alongside 21 other fellows from the United States, Canada, Ukraine, etc. This fellowship convenes young leaders across sectors, backgrounds and nationalities to exchange knowledge, ideas and practices around social cohesion in a globalized world. It is important to note this took place in the shadow of a Remigration Summit in Portugal, anti-immigrant violence in Belfast and the implementation of the EU Migration and Asylum Pact, which will undermine the right to asylum ... While my cohort did not agree on every issue or policy problem, it bolstered my understanding that more diverse coalitions can and will create the most sustainable and long-lasting solutions."

In academic achievements, **Jasmin Green** is on the home stretch to finishing out her Ph.D. in ecology from the University of California, Davis, which will be finished by October.

On May 20, **Paige Trivett** graduated from Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, with her Master of Divinity degree. On Sept. 19, she will be ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church.

Meanwhile, **Ruth Greene** completed her master's degree in food and agriculture law and policy from Vermont Law and Graduate School this past spring.

Emily Douglas started a position as assistant professor in Duke University's Department of Family Medicine and Community Health.

Meanwhile, **Carly O'Connell** published her second peer-reviewed article, "Universities in Exile: A Conceptual Framework," in the World Yearbook of Education 2026.

Finally, a personal note: **Kathleen Swift-Papas '14, M.A.Ed. '15** and I recently moved back to the Hampton Roads area. We are excited to be back in the vicinity of William & Mary and hope to see many of you at alumni events and sporting events whenever you're in the area!

2016 10

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Class of 2016,

I hope everyone is doing well! I'm excited to share a few new updates from members of our graduating class below.

Kelsey Daugherty has been selected for inclusion in Marquis Who's Who for her position, noteworthy accomplishments, visibility, and prominence in financial services.

Krista Braun graduated from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in May and is completing an equine internship in Connecticut with a focus on equine sports medicine. She is thrilled to be starting her career as an equine veterinarian and hopes to pursue advanced training in equine sports medicine.

Caitlin Laughrey is a software engineer with Leidos, currently working on radar systems. She spent the first six years of her career working on software for unmanned boats with Leidos, before leaving the project in order to continue experimental work. Recently, one of the unmanned ships that Caitlin helped set up and transition to the Navy is getting deployed with a carrier group. According to BreakingDefense.com, "The aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt is gearing up for a deployment with a Seahawk medium unmanned surface vessel (MUSV) as part of its strike group for the first time — a key milestone signifying the transition of the unmanned system from an experimental to operational part of the fleet." Caitlin, who majored in computer science and Russian and post-Soviet studies, appreciates that W&M gave her both theoretical and practical foundations. Caitlin's liberal arts studies have also come in handy — being able to write documentation and proposals for a wider audience has been extremely valuable over the years.

Courtney Mizerak Eskay and **Jackson Eskay** welcomed their third child and second son on March 15: Raymond "Ray" Bernard Eskay.

And finally, **Dereck Basinger** was recently hired as an assistant U.S. attorney in St. Louis. He was a classical studies major at W&M. Read more in our online Class Notes.

Thanks everyone! Until next time.

2017

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Katie Camden Gnapp, and her husband, **Andrew Gnapp**, welcomed their daughter, Lily, on Nov. 2, 2025.

Hannah Taylor Buhlig and **Dilon Buhlig '16** will be celebrating their ninth wedding anniversary and 12 years together on Sept. 2 this year. They live in Natick, Massachusetts.

Hannah Cannon is working as a mobile crisis clinician for the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board and just bought a house!

Brooks Henne '17, M.A.Ed. '18 was awarded the Outstanding Middle School Teacher of the Year Award at Lake Braddock Secondary School, where he teaches eighth grade civics.

Corey Strickland was featured in a W&M News article about the William & Mary costume shop. Look for a link to the story in our online Class Notes.

2018

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Hi, everyone. It's been a while. I have no special excuse for my absence in the last two issues except to say that life has been busy and time hard to come by. I have a lot of ground to cover within the word limit, so if I've missed anything, reach out and say hello!

In my sphere, **Matt Parciak** was recently promoted to associate specialist in the photographs department at Sotheby's. I also recently had the pleasure of attending **Cameron Menchel '17** and Alexandra Schloss' wedding with **Hannah Menchel**, and enjoyed stunning views of the Statue of Liberty. While there, I caught up with **Wade Hayes '18** and **Hannah Van Essendelft Hayes**, who are living in Richmond, Virginia. Wade and Hannah are the proud parents of two Siberian cats, Bear and Moose, and while Wade persuasively argued that having two cats is basically equivalent to one, I remain skeptical.

I also gained an alumna as a coworker. **Elena Gaffney** joined the Bronx District Attorney's Office last fall as an assistant district attorney after graduating from Brooklyn Law School, and she now works in the Domestic Violence Bureau.

News of engagements and marriages, as always, predominates. Last fall, **Cynthia Wang** and Matt Lange were engaged at the summit of Mount Manadnock in New Hampshire -- their fourth year in a row hiking it since they started dating. Also last fall, on Thanksgiving no less, **Matt Nickele '16** proposed to **Jena Araojo** on the Crim Dell bridge before running the Turkey Trot. They are returning to Williamsburg in December for their wedding ceremony in the Wren Chapel. Also recently engaged are **Robert Rust** and **Claudia Coronel**, **Alexis Payne** and **Conor Scanlon**, **Lia Cheng** and Akash Bhargava, **Katie Sell** and Erica Mast, **Sikander Zakriya '19, J.D. '22** and Gabby Vance, **Audrey Trebelhorn** and Anuj Bag, **Phoebe Bain** and Josué Flores, and **Jack Jenet** and Dana Weinberg. Congratulations to you all!

Congratulations are overdue for **Benjamin Arp** and **Devon McCann,** whose wedding in the fall of 2024 on Block Island, Rhode Island, I seem to have missed. Then, in the spring of last year, **Abigail Jones** and Henry Massey were married near the James River in Richmond. In the fall of 2025, **Molly Little** and **Alexander Burke '20** were married at a historic estate

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in Leesburg, Virginia. **Kayla Ebright** and **Bob Wiley** were also married last fall, with alumni **Nora Logsdon**, **Lauren Hobbes**, **Sarah Pittman '18**, **Nick Wells '20**, **Margot Cunningham '21** and **Dolan Harrington '18, M.S. '19** in their wedding party.

I have seen some of your families expanding recently as well, but I do not plan on sharing names and details unless you ask me to, so do let me know if you want me to share your good news.

I also heard through the grapevine that **Jonathan Willing** is currently a second-year master of public policy student at Georgetown University after nearly five years at Mathematica, where he put his research skills to work.

Also in D.C., **Noah Robertson** recently joined The Washington Post covering Congress' core national security committees. This follows years writing about the Pentagon, American politics and even the 2021 Tokyo Olympics for Defense News and the Christian Science Monitor.

While you're reading the magazine, look back to the spring issue for an insightful article about **Rui Yin**'s early adoption of artificial intelligence tools in her biological research and her evergreen intellectual curiosity. Also, congratulations to Rui and **Jiacheng Song '17, M.S. '18** on their marriage!

A final anecdote: I saw **Annika Papke** painting scenes from the 50th season of "Survivor," and they looked amazing. This, of course, reminded me of **Drew Ingram '20** and his love of "Survivor" while watching Season 31 in our freshman hall.

It is such a pleasure to report your news. Be sure to check online for additional content, and look out for more notes come winter. That's a promise!

2020

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It's been a busy year so far! Here are some updates from the Class of 2020:

Rahul Patel '24 and **Cameron Poland** were married on April 4 in Somerset, Virginia. They loved celebrating with family and friends and are now enjoying married life with their two cats, Ash and Ivy.

I was excited to hear from **Joanne Teng**, who shares the following update: "After arriving at William & Mary as an international freshman and spending the past 10 years in the United States, I've decided to relocate abroad this August to continue exploring the world and pursuing new opportunities. W&M will always hold a special place in my heart as my first home on this continent, and I'm grateful for the friendships, experiences and community that shaped so much of my journey." Best of luck on your next adventure, Joanne!

Liam Watson was accepted to the master's program in theological studies program at Duke Divinity School. He writes that he's looking forward to taking a break from his time in politics to get back into the classroom!

Luke Pascual and **Lindsay Dahlgren '18** tied the knot in August 2025 in Chicago. They met at William & Mary in an economics class and started dating in 2017. Cheers to the happy couple!

Claudia Sanchez-Beato Johnson shared the following update: "At William & Mary, under the mentorship of Professor **M. Brennan Harris '93** in his Physiology of the Marathon class during my freshman year and through research in his lab, is where my passion for health and science first took root. After graduating in health sciences, I earned my M.S. in systems medicine from Georgetown University. I am now a biomedical scientist at the University of Maryland School of Medicine's Institute for Genome Sciences, contributing to National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded projects that power a global biomedical disease knowledge resource used by researchers in 150-plus countries. My work has been published with Oxford University Press, and I have presented at international biomedical and biocuration conferences in Brazil, India and Cambridge, as well as at the NIH. As a bilingual scientist, I am committed to bridging science across cultures and advancing innovation at the intersection of medicine, technology and business."

Alexandra "Sasha" Osipenko Solomonova graduated from the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) this spring and started an OBGYN residency program in July.

Meredith Barber and **Barrett Ratzlaff '22** were married in the Wren Building on March 28. Meredith also received her Ph.D. in history from Boston University in June.

Congratulations, everyone! I look forward to hearing from more of you soon.

As always,
Devon

2021 5

Class Reporter
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Hey Class of 2021! We have many exciting news to share, so please stay tuned until the very end.

I revisited campus early April, and I was shocked by all the new dorms, the new Integrated Science Center (ISC) building and the bridge that connected what used to be Yates Hall and Sadler which wasn't there when I was a student. Additionally, I went on a work trip to Boston in April, and I got a heartwarming five-year reunion with my freshman roommate, **Katie Kasperson**! We were reminiscing about our days at Griffin D and laughing about the fun memories while looking back at the photo we took at convocation, which was nine years ago!

My freshman year dormmate, **Emeline Walker**, met **Steven Vacnin** at William & Mary, and they got engaged! They will be getting married in September 2027.

My sophomore year suitemate, **Wei Qian Lim**, recently graduated with her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at George Washington University and will be working as a physical therapist at an outpatient clinic.

Noah Becker and **Chloe Harper** met in fall 2025 when Chloe realized Noah was a fellow W&M alum in the MBA program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and sent him — in true business school fashion — a message on LinkedIn. They never met while at W&M, despite living in neighboring Griffin/Green & Gold Village residence halls their freshman year and mirroring rooms on the first floor of Old Dominion their sophomore year, as well as spending the summer of 2019 on campus. In January of this year, they both studied abroad in Lisbon, Portugal, through UW-Madison and started dating shortly thereafter. They have especially enjoyed travelling together and recently returned from Paris and Bordeaux. They look forward to graduating with their MBA degrees in spring 2027 and hope to get back to Williamsburg soon!

Kibiriti Majuto recently graduated from Yale University with a master's degree in environmental management, focusing on climate change science and solutions and environmental policy. This summer, she will be moving to Nairobi, Kenya, for a one-year fellowship with the Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT). She would love to connect with any W&M alumni who are based in Nairobi or have spent time working in Kenya. While in Nairobi, she also plans to continue exploring full-time opportunities at the intersection of strategy, impact and partnerships, especially within venture funds, philanthropic foundations and other social sector organizations.

Abdurrahim Sevim wants to share, "I am currently stationed in my hometown in Virginia serving as a marine science technician in the Coast Guard. At the end of this summer, I will be heading to New London to attend Officer Candidate School (OCS)."

David Hood would like to share that he completed his Ph.D. in physical chemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison this summer.

Micaela Applebaum is excited to announce that her essay, "The Weight of Her Words: The Meaning, Materiality, and Influence of Clementina Rind's Virginia Gazette" was published in "Revolution in Their Words," the Daughters of the American Revolution's 250th exhibition catalog!

Carlton Reid founded Meek Earth Studio PBC Inc., a public benefit corporation helping nonprofits measure and demonstrate social im-

pact through innovative artificial intelligence and data auditing tools. Its flagship platform, GovSavings AI, enables organizations to translate community outcomes into actionable evidence for institutional funding and outcome-based financing.

Alicia Pratt's summer plans include going to San Diego and Yosemite, California. Though she does not plan on coming to Homecoming & Reunion Weekend this year, she would like to share that one of her favorite memories was burning holly during the annual Yule Log ceremony with one of the friends she made during her time there. She writes, "We took molecular cell biology together, which was awful. Those trauma bonds run deep." She also finished her master's degree at Samuel Merritt University in California this past December. She passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) exam and got licensed in in the state of California to practice medicine as a physician associate.

2022

Class Reporter
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Hello everyone!

Thanks for all the lovely updates! As I suspected, the Class of 2022 is up to great things. Without further ado, let's get started!

Kristen Salter and another member of W&M Class of 2022, **Alyssa Conrad**, both graduated from the physician assistant (PA) program at Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences (at Mary Baldwin University) with their Master of Science in Physician Assistant (MSPA) degrees on May 10! They were junior-year roommates at W&M (shoutout Landrum Hall!) so it was great that they were able to do both undergrad and PA school together!

William Lain got married to **Lauren Thornberry** on June 24, 2023. They had their first child, Lillian (Lily) Parker Lain, this year on Jan. 9. This past spring, William matched into integrated vascular surgery at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center/Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland for his medical residency. On May 17, he graduated from the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

Earlier this year in May, **Brian Wu** and his family went to Paris and London for the first time to celebrate his brother's graduation from Carnegie Mellon University. They had a wonderful time seeing iconic sites like Big Ben, the Eiffel Tower and the Palace of Versailles. Brian would also love to give a shoutout to fellow W&M alumnae **Sophia Kruk '23** and **Ryan Vossler '21**, who have invited him to their wedding this September. Brian feels so happy for them and is really looking forward to celebrating their next stage of life together soon.

Jess Hall '21 and **Nick Chestnut** tied the knot in June. They both met at William & Mary as RAs in Brown Hall, and have been together ever since!

Nathan Liu is putting his international relations degree to use as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Republic of Moldova. His service began in August 2025 and is slated to last until August 2027. He's apparently one of 29 W&M alumni who served during fiscal year 2025 (we tied for third-most volunteers that year from a medium-sized university).

Mika Huffman is teaching ASTR 1000 — The Solar System at the University of Colorado Boulder this summer, which is the second summer class they've taught solo. Their second first-author paper is under review at JGR Planets, and may be out by the time you read this (hopefully!).

Kennedy Hess graduated from medical school at Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in May and was set to start her intern year as a general surgery resident at HCA Florida Bayonet Point Hospital on July 1.

Laney Thompson recently graduated from the VCU School of Pharmacy doctoral program! This year, she will be working as a resident at Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center in Mechanicsville, Virginia.

2023

Class Reporter
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Happy Fall, Class of 2023! Arguably the most beautiful season in the 'Burg. I miss it! I hope you all are doing well. I'm still living in the city, though as I'm writing this, I'm in the midst of an agonizing apartment hunt, though when you're reading this, hopefully I'll be settled into a wonderful new place. Anyways, I think there are a few congratulations in order!

Morgan Graves married **William Trimble '24** on March 6 in Richmond, Virginia. They were supported by **Mary Trimble** as their maid of honor; **Xavier Starrs '24** as their best man; and **Andrew Cowen '23**, **Austin Skinner '24** and **Ian Cowley '25** as groomsmen. **Hannah Dahl** and **Katherine Hunter** read Scripture at the ceremony. They were grateful to have many of their William & Mary classmates in attendance, including **Greta Baker '22**, **Ben Heath '22**, **Grace Rust '22**, **Nicholas Wright '22**, **Virginia Hicks Wright '22**, **Millie Brigaud**, **Alexandra Byrne**, **Marshall Dunn**, **Emily Grill**, **Katelyn Raffenbeul**, **Mollie Bowman '24**, **Sean Evans '24**, **Molly Moran '24**, **Jenna Ryan '24**, **Audrey Swartz '24** and **Dax Penney '26**. They are now 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Trimble and are excited to move to Oahu, Hawaii, where Will is stationed with the U.S. Army. Congratulations!

Lacey Mathis married **Isaac Poritzky '22** — at William & Mary! Many of the class of 2022 and 2023 were there to celebrate. Congratulations!

Katie Lynch and **Riley Fox '21** are engaged! Congratulations!

Spencer Lodes '22 proposed to his longtime girlfriend, and the two moved in together in the Upper East Side of Manhattan in New York City. Congratulations!

Other updates from my crew: **DJ Olson** started a new job in August and is back down in NYC, which is absolutely wonderful news for me.

Katrine Westgaard is starting at Oxford this fall and took a trip to New York to watch Norway compete in the World Cup in June! It was great to catch up.

Camila Baioni moved to Boston and survived her first Northeastern winter. **Caroline TenEyck '21** just finished law school at Georgetown and is moving back to NYC. **Kate Vermilyea '22** is in the thick of her second year of law school at Georgetown, and both **Rebecca Rogers '22** and **Deirdre Ambrosi '24** started new jobs this summer. Congratulations to all!

It's so wonderful to see everyone accomplishing such amazing things. Write to me! I want to share your news! Go Tribe!!

2024

Class Reporter
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I hope that everyone had a lovely summer! This summer found me back in Williamsburg for a quick visit while attending a conference hosted by the William & Mary Writing and Communications Center (WCC). Nothing beats walking into Swem with an Aroma's iced chai (and hanging out at the WCC)! We have some exciting news from our classmates:

Soleil Garnett writes that she is going to law school this fall. Congratulations, Soleil!

Kate Balint '24, M.S. '26 is now a double W&M grad, as she earned her master's in computer science this past spring! She will begin her Ph.D. in computational biology at George Mason University this fall. So exciting! Congratulations, Kate!

Congratulations are also in order for **Charles Grant**, who was selected by the Las Vegas Raiders in the 2025 NFL Draft!

Aleksandr "Alek" Kuzmenchuk was awarded the Schwarzman Scholarship, which is a one-year, fully funded master's program in global affairs at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China.

Look for links to stories about Charles and Alek in our online Class Notes.

1st Lt. **Austin Skinner** reports that William & Mary alumni assigned to the 25th Infantry Division got together during U.S. Army Operation Pathways in the Philippines. Besides Austin, the alumni included 2nd Lt. **Will Trimble**, Maj. **Kenneth Russell '12**, Lt. Col. **James Lucas**

'06 and Lt. Col. **Danny Priester M.B.A. '18.**

I hope to hear from more of you for our next column! No news is too big or too small — I promise.

My own news this time around is that I spent time this summer reading for my upcoming comprehensive exams and being with my family. **Adam Knox** and I went to a few cool concerts at Merriweather Post Pavillion, including my first Phish and Weird Al shows. I am also so excited to see one of my favorite artists, Madison Cunningham, in September!

What are you up to this fall? Write me for the winter column!

I am really looking forward to our 100th Homecoming celebration during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, Oct. 22-25, and I hope to see many of you there. Wishing everyone a happy fall!

2025

Class Reporter
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Hey all,

Hope everyone had a good second half of the year! Here's some news from this fall:

Linn Zheng just finished her master's degree in cinema and media studies at the University of California, Los Angeles and will continue her studies at the same program as a doctoral student starting this upcoming fall! She's very grateful for all of the amazing W&M faculty who helped her along the way, including the time after her graduation!

Xanadu Biondi recently opened a new loose-leaf tea and crystal shop called Geolo-Tea. Located right near campus between Paul's Deli and the Green Leafe Cafe. They offer high tea/afternoon tea service and aim to be a great study and hangout spot for students. The shop features plenty of outlets and, hopefully, late-night hours. Since they do not require IDs, guests under 21 are welcome throughout the evening! Biondi is also expecting his first child in early September.

Look in our online Class Notes for links to stories (and a video) about the following alumni:

Olivia Greco, who studied history with a focus on the Revolutionary War, is now living her dream as a historic reenactor in Philadelphia.

Sarah Sakly organized a 5K to raise money and awareness for SYNGAP1 — a rare genetic condition that affects brain development and neurological function.

Jalen Jones had his first shot to make an NFL roster by receiving a rookie minicamp invitation from the Washington Commanders, May 8-10 in Ashburn, Virginia.

Finally, a short film **Charlie Cantrell** directed and produced on demolition derby matches for PBS' WHRO is officially out! According to a description, "In his latest project, photographer Michael DiBari rejects perfection in favor of presence. Working inches from the chaos of demolition derbies, he photographs mud, motion and mayhem, capturing fleeting gestures with restraint and respect. His images focus on authenticity over spectacle, revealing calm, connection, and humanity inside a world most see only as destruction."

As always, keep sending updates of your life. I hope everyone has a great summer!

2026

Class Reporter
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My name is **Sadie Downing** and I am the new class reporter for the Class of 2026! I loved my time at William & Mary and I look forward to continuing to keep in touch with my classmates as we enter the adult world. If you have any exciting news to share, or you would just like to keep in touch, send me a couple sentences to share with the rest of the class. As for me, I am doing an intensive program on the publishing industry at Oxford University, and I hope to eventually work in publishing full time. I hope to hear from you!

In the meantime, the W&M Alumni Magazine passed along news that **Spencer Salusky**, who studied theatre and English at W&M, portrayed John Adams during Philadelphia's semiquincentennial celebration. He is part of Historic Philadelphia's Once Upon a Nation program — a series of performances staged throughout the summer and beyond in Philadelphia's historic district and at Valley Forge. Look in our online Class Notes for a link to a video featuring him.

Arts & Sciences

Graduate School Reporter
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Laura Croghan Kamoie M.A. '94, Ph.D. '99, a historical fiction and romance author, co-wrote a book about Abigail Adams called "A Founding Mother" (William Morrow) to give her the credit she deserves. Laura states in an interview with Virginia Living magazine that her grad program at William & Mary solidified her love for this time period.

Dr. **Cleve Francis M.A. '69** has an autobiography coming out, "Do My Heart Good: My Odyssey Through Country Music, Medicine, and History," with the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and the University of Illinois Press. Cleve, a respected medical doctor, recorded three albums for Capitol Nashville's Liberty Records during the early 1990s. He was one of the few Black artists ever to record country music for a major record label at the time.

Paul Rutt M.S. '90, Ph.D. '93, who credits the skills and relationships he developed in graduate school at W&M with forming the key elements of his career foundation, currently serves as co-founder and CTO at Jemba9 Technology in Longmont, Colorado. Paul sends his very best wishes to the faculty, staff and students in the W&M Physics Department.

Emily Sneff Ph.D. '24 discussed her new book, "When the Declaration of Independence Was News" (Oxford University Press) on a podcast at the National Constitution Center. She is also featured in the spring issue of the W&M Alumni Magazine story "1776 Revisited."

Audra Nikolajski M.P.P. '26 participated in the public grand opening of The Impact Center in Cape Charles, Virginia, with Paul Manna, the Hyman Professor of Government and W&M Public Policy faculty affiliate. The center is a revitalized building that formerly operated as Cape Charles Elementary School, a Washington–Rosenwald School that first opened in 1929.

Cliff Fleet '91, M.A. '93, J.D. '95, M.B.A. '95 retired from being president and CEO of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. As reported by The Virginia Gazette, Cliff, who started his presidential term in 2020, made a number of achievements, including investing in digital education infrastructure, raising over $560 million for the foundation's centennial campaign and receiving an A-plus credit rating from S&P Global.

Look in our online Class Notes for links to articles about these alumni.

Mason School of Business

Graduate School Reporter
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Our Graduate Business Alumni Reunion/Celebration took place at the end of April and was really a great time. I was so impressed by everything that W&M's Raymond A. Mason School of Business staff did to "welcome us home" and organize such great events, including Dean Todd Mooradian's Welcome and Reception, a Milestone Reunion Dinner, classroom sessions, a reception for Dean's Circle donors and Quittmeyer Society members (those of us who graduated 40 years or more ago) and fun local activities. There were 275 alumni and guests who attended, and the Quittmeyer Society raised over $1.9 million to support Mason School programs, faculty and students. I was especially glad to reconnect with my classmates **Ben Harper '82 M.B.A. '82** and **Rick Wingo M.B.A. '82** and to meet their spouses, and to talk with former professors including Jim Haltiner, Bill Stewart and Stuart Williams. Hopefully more folks from my Classes of '81 and '82 will attend next year's celebration and certainly our 50th reunions in another 5-6 years.

As always, I'd appreciate your sharing with me your news, both professional and personal achievements, and notable life events. I

look forward to hearing from you!

Cliff Fleet '91, M.A. '93, J.D. '95, M.B.A. '95 has recently retired as president and CEO of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Cliff became president of the foundation in 2020 and, since then, has made a number of achievements, including investing in digital education infrastructure, raising over $560 million for the foundation's centennial campaign, and receiving an A-plus credit rating from S&P Global, according to The Virginia Gazette. Cliff holds multiple undergraduate and graduate degrees from W&M, and in 2022 was named recipient of W&M's prestigious Prentis Award, which recognizes those who have gone above and beyond in their service to the Williamsburg and W&M communities.

Samantha Hodge M.B.A. '24 is a leading industrial sterilization expert in healthcare technology, and is co-owner and managing director at O'Dell and Hodge Consulting. She is an ACI certified industrial sterilization specialist in ethylene oxide (EO) and radiation sterilization, as well as a registered microbiologist (NRCM). Samantha began her career as an engineer in research and design at Johnson & Johnson's vision care division. She then spent 16 years with Medtronic PLC, a medical technology manufacturer, and led a two-year project for the construction of a new EO facility. In 2024, after earning her MBA from W&M, Samantha left Medtronic to co-found O'Dell and Hodge Consulting.

At our reunion weekend, I learned from **Albert Huntington M.B.A. '06** and **Allen Plummer M.B.A. '06** about the Mason School of Business scholarship that the Class of 2006 has established in memory of **Troy C. Fulton M.B.A. '06**, who passed away in 2019. Troy saw life as an opportunity to be curious, to learn and to challenge himself. This curiosity is what led Troy to the Mason School to earn his MBA, which was a lifetime goal. Troy mentored his classmates and developed lasting bonds with the faculty, eventually serving as an adjunct professor for eight years. Troy was proud to be an alumnus and faculty member of the Mason School and its students, faculty and administration held a special place in his heart. Troy's wife, Eleanor, and their daughters Caroline and Emily thank everyone for being a part of this amazing mission to honor his legacy.

Daniel Lovinger M.Acc. '06 and his wife, Elizabeth, are pleased to announce the birth of their son Martin Joseph Lovinger, born Feb. 3. Following graduation from W&M, Daniel served as an auditor with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), then spent 10 years with Fannie Mae in financial reporting and tax. In 2019, he joined Intelsat, a satellite company that was recently acquired by SES, and is currently senior principal financial reporting analyst. Daniel holds certifications as a CPA, CIA (certified internal auditor), and CMA (certified management accountant). The Lovingers, who reside in Rockville, Maryland, all attended the reunion weekend, with Martin dressed in full W&M apparel.

Lt. Col. **Danny Priester M.B.A. '18**, 2nd Lt. **William Trimble '24**, Maj. **Kenneth Russell '12**, Lt. Col. **James Lucas '06** and 1st Lt. **Austin Skinner '24** are among the W&M alumni assigned to the 25th Infantry Division, and enjoyed being together during US Army Operation Pathways in the Philippines.

School of Education

Graduate School Reporter
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Hello fellow Tribe alumni! Thank you to everyone who has shared your updates and milestones. It's always a joy to celebrate the impressive work, leadership and life moments happening across our community. Keep the notes coming!

Here's what's new:

William "Bill" Peachy M.Ed. '63, a longtime Suffolk educator and coach, passed away on Feb. 25 at age 90. Remembered by former students and players as a steady mentor who encouraged young people to compete, improve and believe in themselves, he is being honored with a scholarship established through the Suffolk Foundation. As reported by the Suffolk News Herald, the fund, which has already raised $10,000 of its $25,000 goal, will support Suffolk-area students with financial need and enable annual awards of more than $1,000. Born April 20, 1935, in Richmond, Bill grew up in Williamsburg, attended Washington and Lee, and graduated from Lynchburg College, where he played baseball. He later earned advanced degrees from William & Mary.

Sheri Lynn DeMaris M.Ed. '81 is the producer and star of her first documentary film, which focuses on healthy food and environmental awareness. After beginning her academic journey as a psychology major at Westminster College, she earned her master's from William & Mary and completed post-master's studies at Villanova University. While working as a guidance counselor in Pennsylvania's public schools, Sheri spent her summers pursuing creative passions, including writing a natural foods cookbook and hosting a cable television cooking show. Her first film is now available on her website: macrobioticglobalinstitute.org. She is currently developing her second documentary in Japan and contributed to the creation of a tofu company in Benin, Africa.

Juliana Hauser Ph.D. '05, a licensed couples and family therapist and licensed professional counselor specializing in sexual autonomy, is the author of the book "A New Position on Sex." The work explores sexual connections, addresses social and cultural stigmas surrounding sex, and promotes healthy sexuality.

Robert "Rob" Lange Ed.D. '23 of Newport News, Virginia, passed away on May 27. He served as vice provost for strategic enrollment management at Christopher Newport University.

Carrie Cooper Ed.D. '24 is dean of university libraries at Florida State University after more than 14 years as William & Mary's dean of university libraries. This move marks an exciting career milestone and a homecoming, as FSU is her undergraduate alma mater. During her tenure at William & Mary, she expanded digital resources by launching an institutional repository, implementing electronic theses and dissertations, and digitizing backfiles for open access. She also secured funding for and led the renovation of the Reeder Media Center to support the university's new general education curriculum and emphasis on digital literacy. Under her leadership, University Libraries raised more than $22 million during the *For the Bold* campaign. Carrie held key campus roles, including chairing the William & Mary Learning Spaces Committee and the Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee, co-leading the democracy cornerstone of Vision 2026 and playing a central part in the university's annual Professional Development Day events. Her last day at William & Mary was Dec. 5, 2025.

Law School

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C. Cabell Tennis '54, J.D. '56 passed away on Feb. 7.

Stanley Lee Morris, J.D. '66 passed away on Feb. 8.

William R. "Bobby" Bland '66, J.D. '71 passed away at home on Feb. 26.

James F. Almand '71, J.D. '74 passed away on May 14.

William E. O'Connell, Jr. J.D. '74 passed away on April 28 in Williamsburg.

Stuart TenHoor J.D. '79 was honored with the "Service to FDLI" Award by the Food and Drug Law Institute at its Annual Banquet on May 7.

Raymond P. Johnson J.D. '83 was recently selected by peer recognition as a 2026 Top Attorney in Southern California as published in Orange Coast Magazine of Orange County, California.

Mark A. Towery J.D. '85 passed away on March 9.

Judith "Judy" Conti J.D. '94 launched Conti Strategies LLC (a full-service government affairs, public policy and nonprofit management consulting firm) in January.

Cliff Fleet '91, M.A.

'93, J.D. '95, M.B.A. '95 has retired as president and CEO of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

Scott D. McBride J.D. '99 joined the law firm The Bristol Group PLLC as International Trade Counsel, following retirement from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Shawri King-Casey J.D. '00 has joined the Richmond, Virginia, office of Ogletree Deakins as senior counsel. Shawri is a member of the employment law and higher education practice groups, and her practice also includes advising clients on crisis management, regulatory response and compliance strategy. A former vice president at Virginia State University, she has extensive experience counseling higher education institutions. Before entering higher education leadership, she served as the first general counsel for the Virginia Attorney General's Office.

Tiffany L. Carwile J.D. '07 became a partner at Kohrman, Jackson & Krantz LLP in Columbus, Ohio, and co-authored the Sixth Circuit Appellate Practice and Procedure 2026.

Rachel Provencher J.D. '13 was elected to partner at Holland & Knight.

Randy Critzer Jr. J.D. '17 has joined the personal injury law firm Burnett & Williams. Randy began his legal career nearly a decade ago as a law clerk at the Fairfax Circuit Court. His experience spans personal injury defense, real estate litigation, insurance defense and business litigation.

Molly V. Lovell J.D. '18 was recently named the public service practitioner for the state of New Hampshire. Molly serves as an assistant county attorney in Sullivan County, a role she has held for nearly two years.

Ryan M. Gallagher J.D. '19 was recently promoted to partner at FBT Gibbons, effective April 1. Ryan is a member of the firm's Franchise & Distribution team, advising franchisors, franchisees and purchasing cooperatives on regulatory, transactional, commercial and operational matters unique to the franchise industry. He negotiates complex domestic and international commercial agreements, leads mergers & acquisitions transactions for franchise industry participants and assists with compliance with franchise relationship, registration and disclosure laws. Ryan also represents clients in supply, distribution, logistics, co-manufacturing and alcohol industry regulatory matters.

Ali Fahad Al-Fozan LL.M '21 has been working at Clifford Chance in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia since September 2021, where he serves as a senior associate in the Litigation & Dispute Resolution (L&DR) team.

Ian P. Hutter J.D. '21, M.B.A. '21 was named an Energy & Natural Resources "Virginia Rising Star" in Super Lawyers.

VIMS & Batten School

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Roving reporters **Lindsey Kraatz Ph.D. '14** and **Janet Nestlerode M.A. '96, Ph.D. '04** had the hottest tickets in town for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association's Great American Fish Festival, a premier celebration of American seafood. Hosted at the U.S. Department of Commerce in June, this event brings together fish processors from across the country to showcase the quality, innovation and economic impact of American seafood. Janet said it was a lot like the VIMS Seafood Symposium series, but on steroids! Lindsey reported that **Lynn Killberg Thoreson Ph.D. '11**, **Emily Yam M.S. '07**, **Felipe Arzayus M.S. '00** and **Krisa Murray Arzayus Ph.D. '02** attended, too.

We are grateful to **Ing-Wei Khor M.A. '97** and Montgomery College retired faculty member Diane McDaniel, who established an endowed fellowship at Montgomery College in honor of **Alessandra Sagasti Ph.D. '00**. After graduating from VIMS, Alessandra continued to transmit her passion for ecology and marine science as a professor at Montgomery College, ranked No. 1 Community College in Maryland by Niche in 2023. This scholarship for Montogomery students with demonstrated financial need and who are enrolled in a Natural Science course will carry on Alessandra's vision for training the next generation of environmental scientists. Before passing away in January 2023 from pancreatic cancer, Alessandra taught courses on ecology, environmental biology and the Chesapeake Bay at Montgomery College for 20 years. Beloved by faculty and students, Alessandra was known for her spirit of adventure, her boundless optimism and her imaginative approach to teaching. Students who took her classes found themselves designing experiments to test hypotheses that they devised, such as: Do squirrels respond to sound? How do people choose where to sit on subway trains? These questions echo Alessandra's insatiable curiosity and her ultimate goal to instill in her students a love of learning.

It is with heavy hearts that we share that **Susan Armknecht M.A. '96** passed away on March 14 in Noank, Connecticut. Susan's thesis research was on gene expression in creosote-resistant mummichogs (co-advised by Pete Van Veld and Steve Kaattari) and she was also a technician in the VIMS Fisheries Genetics and Pelagic Fishes lab. We remember her as a lovely, creative and kind fellow student. A link to her full obituary can be found in our online Class Notes. Memorial donations can be made on Susan's behalf to Sunny Meadow Sanctuary and/or Lovable Paws Rescue and Sanctuary.

Richard Byles Ph.D. '88 died May 18 in Poquoson, Virginia. Richard's research focused on sea turtles. He was a pioneer in satellite tracking of leatherback and Kemp's ridley turtles, making new discoveries about their behaviors in Chesapeake Bay. Richard then worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Albuquerque, New Mexico, eventually becoming National Sea Turtle Coordinator. In this role, he traveled extensively in Mexico and Central America, working on international efforts to protect sea turtles. Richard and his wife, Ann, moved "back East" to Poquoson after their son, Robert Cecil, was born. Richard began another career at the Virginia Air & Space Center, where he soon became director of education. He brought the joy of learning to children from all over Hampton Roads.

It is always fun to hear our VIMS colleagues being interviewed on the radio, as was the case when Janet heard the familiar voice of fellow benthon **Aaron Bartholomew Ph.D. '01** on NPR in April. Aaron was discussing the incredible marine life and coral diversity in the extreme environments of the Strait of Hormuz and Persian Gulf, the hottest sea in the world, with "arguably the toughest corals in the world." Aaron is a biology professor at the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates. Go to our online Class Notes for a link to the interview.

Readers: We need your news to make this column a fun read, so don't be shy and call in your "Quips" (classic Glo-Quips style Readers' Call-In news stories are always welcome!) to your class reporters, Scoop Hinchey and Newshound Nestlerode, 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 **Feb. 2 and June 15, 2026**. **To read obituaries, please go online to 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

Elizabeth "Betty" Lyons Lascara '43, P '81, P '81, P '83, G '20 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died July 21, 2022.

Harry W. Carter '46 of Houston, Texas, died Feb. 2023.

Janet "Jan" Ginsburg Hirshberg '46 of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, died Aug. 1, 2025.

Ruth Richmond Austin '48 of Tampa, Florida, died July 11, 2023.

Diane Stathas Karzas '49 of Lake Bluff, Illinois, died Feb. 8, 2026.

Betty Laine Putney '49 of Waynesboro, Virginia, died March 29, 2026.

Anne Beekley Waldo '49, P '73 of Alexander City, Alabama, died Feb. 8, 2025.

Barbara Campbell Borst '50 of Berwyn, Pennsylvania, died Dec. 30, 2022.

Martin "Marty" M. Herman '50 of Ferndale, Michigan, died Aug. 28, 2025.

Leonard M. Silverman '50, P '82 of Atlanta, Georgia, died May 27, 2026.

Marion Webb Baylor '51 of Norfolk, Virginia, died April 12, 2026.

Joan Kohler Fahey '51, P '79 of Mishawaka, Indiana, died Feb. 12, 2025.

Mary Ann Litts Lucas '51 of Raleigh, North Carolina, died March 21, 2026.

Philip "Phil" G. Denman '52, J.D. '58, P '88, G '06 of Fairfax, Virginia, died May 17, 2026.

Sally Hammond Brown '53 of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, died Jan. 26, 2025.

Ruth Hasemeyer Draper '53, P '79 of Kansas City, Missouri, died June 4, 2026.

Mary Lou Curry Hawkins '53 of Stuart, Florida, died Feb. 16, 2025.

Mary Zimmerman Inskeep '53 of Williamsburg died Feb. 21, 2026.

Sarah "Sally" Hurst Keller '54 of Palmyra Township, Indiana, died April 8, 2026.

Grace Stone Marrion '54 of Niantic, Connecticut, died Dec. 11, 2025.

C. Cabell Tennis II '54, J.D. '56 of Seattle, Washington, died Feb. 7, 2026.

Marguerite "Pep" McLaughlin Logan '55 of Johns Island, South Carolina, died Sept. 13, 2024.

Leonore "Lee" Hunter Rowe '55 of Overland Park, Kansas, died May 28, 2026.

James S. Sterling '55 of Gloucester Point, Virginia, died Feb. 4, 2026.

Anne Lunas Vincent '55 of Charlotte, North Carolina, died May 18, 2026.

Elaine Pratt Carlin '56 of Salisbury Center, New York, died Jan. 28, 2026.

August E. Firgau '56 of Shelton, Connecticut, died Jan. 22, 2025.

Alice "Cissy" Smith Spivey '56, P '80, P '82 of Midlothian, Virginia, died April 16, 2026.

James Wayne "J.W." Adams Jr. '57 of South Boston, Virginia, died May 21, 2026.

Lenore Boss Quandt '57, P '82 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died April 15, 2026.

Olen H. Sikes Jr. '57 of West Point, Virginia, died Feb. 7, 2026.

Nancy Beery Thomas '57 of Blacksburg, Virginia, died Dec. 2, 2025.

Robert "Bob" B. Cromwell '58, B.C.L. '61, P '85 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Feb. 7, 2026.

Frederick "Fred" P. Gibbs '58 of North Canton, Ohio, died May 14, 2026.

Robert "Bob" G. Hardage '58 of Williamsburg died March 13, 2026.

Barbara Churchman Hawkins Haupt '58 of Rockland, Maine, died March 7, 2026.

Sarah "Nelson" Bishop Moore '58 of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died Feb. 19, 2026.

Alice Eck Stritzinger '58 of Ann Arbor, Michigan, died March 18, 2024.

Clare Vincent '58 of New York, New York, died April 13, 2026.

Carolyn R. Bacon Dickson '59 of Dallas, Texas, died May 16, 2026.

Edward T. Brusko '59 of Portage, Pennsylvania, died March 15, 2026.

Emil L. Cekada '59 of Mount Olive, North Carolina, died Jan. 29, 2026.

Arista Persons Hall '59 of Marietta, Georgia, died May 9, 2026.

James "Jim" H. Layne '59 of Glen Allen, Virginia, died June 6, 2026.

Eleanor Jane Hendricks Lindsey '59 of Leesburg, Virginia, died Sept. 20, 2024.

Suzanne Arble Mason '60 of Lutherville Timonium, Maryland, died Dec. 13, 2025.

Mary "Lee" L. Bowman '61 of Richmond, Virginia, died Dec. 24, 2025.

Stuart B. Coblin '61 of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, died April 25, 2026.

John A. Cooter '61 of Greenville, South Carolina, died Feb. 7, 2026.

Joseph "Joe" E. Orth '61 of Fairfax, Virginia, died March 10, 2026.

Charles T. Pridgeon Jr. '61 of Marietta, Ohio, died Jan. 27, 2026.

Herman "Herm" A. Schmidt '61, M.B.A. '73 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Dec. 15, 2025.

Martin "Marty" D. Aronauer '62 of Bayside, New York, died Feb. 15, 2025.

Marcia Hoffman Bures '62 of Matthews, North Carolina, died March 22, 2026.

Richard E. Crouch '62, B.C.L. '64, P '90, P '95 of Arlington, Virginia, died Dec. 24, 2025.

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Homer L. Hite '62 of Fishersville, Virginia, died March 27, 2026.

Cathryn Tarrant Coblin '63 of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, died April 8, 2026.

Neal D. Fridenstine '63 of Heathsville, Virginia, died March 10, 2026.

Elizabeth "Betty" Risser Heenan '63 of Scottsdale, Arizona, died April 26, 2026.

Gray P. Ransom '63 of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, died June 7, 2026.

Robert "Bob" L. Simpson '63, J.D. '68, P '87, P '96 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died April 28, 2026.

Sharon Morris Deppe '64 of Woodbridge, Virginia, died May 3, 2026.

Rixena Lambert Hargis '64, G '21 of Roanoke, Virginia, died Aug. 21, 2025.

Daniel "Dan" W. Hickman '64, P '86 of Fredericksburg, Virginia, died Oct. 18, 2023.

Scott F. Blankinship '65, P '93 of Williamsburg died April 21, 2026.

Arthur J. Bretnall Jr. '65 of Millville, New Jersey, died Feb. 22, 2026.

David C. Lipke '65 of Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, died Feb. 22, 2026.

Linda Nieder McCarthy '65 of Hampton, Virginia, died Aug. 4, 2025.

Thomas "Tommy" E. Vaughan '65 of Chesapeake, Virginia, died April 11, 2026.

William "Bobby" R. Bland '66, J.D. '71, P '18 of Williamsburg died Feb. 26, 2026.

Frank E. Borleske '66 of Glenelg, Maryland, died Jan. 3, 2026.

Charles "Ed" E. Goolsby '66 of Crewe, Virginia, died March 26, 2026.

W. Wilford Kale Jr. '66, P '19 of Williamsburg died May 18, 2026.

Katherine "Kay" H. Whitfield '66 of Farmville, Virginia, died Feb. 23, 2026.

Dana A. Brown '67 of Mckinney, Texas, died Jan. 17, 2026.

George F. Hanley III '67 of Lenexa, Kansas, died March 20, 2026.

Robert V. Richardson III '67 of Midlothian, Virginia, died Feb. 6, 2026.

Charles F. Stout '67 of Fredericksburg, Virginia, died April 26, 2026.

Nora "Biddy" Acree Walker '67 of Walkerton, Virginia, died April 4, 2026.

Herminio Cuervo '68 of Lakeland, Florida, died Feb. 6, 2026.

Daniel "Dan" G. Jenkins '68 of Williamsburg died March 15, 2026.

Donna Worsham Lonce '68, M.Ed. '89, Ed.S. '93 of Colonial Heights, Virginia, died Jan. 29, 2026.

Andrew R. Reeve '68 of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, died March 25, 2025.

Thomas "Tom" M. Savage '68 of Suffolk, Virginia, died March 20, 2026.

Nancy Seale Sims '68 of Camden Wyoming, Delaware, died June 2026.

Roger H. Cahoon '69 of Suffolk, Virginia, died Sept. 20, 2022.

Allen R. Hess '69 of Asheville, North Carolina, died April 13, 2026.

Gwendolyn "Gwen" A. Moore '70 of Saint Louis, Missouri, died Nov. 11, 2025.

Peter Webb deWitt '70 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died March 17, 2026.

Judson "Jud" P. Mason Jr. '70, M.Ed. '76 of Nellysford, Virginia, died Dec. 25, 2025.

Kenneth "Ken" R. Unzicker '70 of Fairfax, Virginia, died Feb. 18, 2026.

James "Jim" F. Almand '71, J.D. '74, P '11 of Arlington, Virginia, died May 14, 2026.

Gilbert "Gib" E. Anderson '71 of Columbia, South Carolina, died March 10, 2026.

Patrick "Pat" W. Graves '71, P '01 of Roanoke, Virginia, died June 8, 2026.

Suzanne F. Streagle '71 of Gaithersburg, Maryland, died March 4, 2025.

Deborah "Debbie" Detweiler Bastow '72 of Honeoye Falls, New York, died May 25, 2026.

Scott T. Kragie '72 of Chevy Chase, Maryland, died Feb. 27, 2026.

Bruce A. Niles '72 of McLean, Virginia, died May 20, 2026.

Louis "Lou" E. Burnett Jr. '73 of Charleston, South Carolina, died March 27, 2026.

Carolyn Tatem Inskeep '73 of Culpeper, Virginia, died Oct. 25, 2025.

Susan Renick Lang '73 of Englewood, Colorado, died Feb. 17, 2026.

John A. Webster Jr. '73 of West Chester, Pennsylvania, died Feb. 22, 2026.

Howard "Howie" M. Miller '74 of Chesapeake, Virginia, died March 19, 2026.

James "Jim" T. Ohlhaver '74 of Kenly, North Carolina, died April 24, 2026.

David W. Page '74 of Williamsburg died Jan. 11, 2023.

Christine "Chris" S. Parker '74 of Wilmington, North Carolina, died Dec. 20, 2025.

J. R. "Randy" Rovesti '74 of Chippewa Township, Pennsylvania, died April 21, 2026.

Bruce W. Pflaum '75 of Portland, Oregon, died March 11, 2026.

Craig D. Badger '76 of Warrington, Pennsylvania, died Aug. 9, 2023.

Elizabeth B. Malone '76, M.Ed. '81, P '05, P '14 of Williamsburg died March 1, 2026.

Marsha McClelland Odom '76 of Smithfield, Virginia, died May 12, 2026.

Pamela "Pam" Jordan Penny '77, HON J.D. '16 of Williamsburg died April 6, 2026.

Jack H. Arbogast Jr. '78 of Williamsburg died April 25, 2026.

Wilson S. Bage Jr. '78, P '06 of Midlothian, Virginia, died Sept. 26, 2023.

Thomas "Tom" F. Dursee '78 of Lawrenceville, Georgia, died May 24, 2026.

Holly Potter Burks '79 of Nashville, Tennessee, died May 27, 2026.

George D. Callas '79 of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, died April 19, 2026.

Brian Easton '79 of Los Alamos, New Mexico, died March 17, 2026.

Douglas "Doug" A. Dix '84 of Ravenna, Ohio, died Feb. 8, 2026.

Glenn A. Livingstone '86 of Montclair, New Jersey, died March 5, 2026.

Jacqueline Webb Hornsby '87, M.Ed. '88, Ed.S. '90 of Newport News, Virginia, died March 10, 2026.

Jeffrey "Jeff" R. Allums '89 of Midlothian, Virginia, died Feb. 9, 2026.

Brian K. Kaiser '90 of Bolivia, North Carolina, died May 6, 2026.

Robert P. Lamb '90, P '25, P '28 of Alexandria, Virginia, died April 15, 2026.

Leslie Ross Taylor '90 of Reston, Virginia, died Jan. 5, 2024.

Jennifer "Jen" Hollar Domer '92 of Midlothian, Virginia, died March 18, 2026.

Erik M. Bullen '95 of Hull, Massachusetts, died March 16, 2026.

Matthew J. McCormack '96 of Alexandria, Virginia, died Aug. 19, 2025.

Susan Cogut Mankad '03 of Glen Allen, Virginia, died July 22, 2022.

Delmus R. Coley II '06 of Pikeville, North Carolina, died March 7, 2026.

Jonas A. Watson Sr. '06 of Hampton, Virginia, died April 15, 2026.

GRADUATE ALUMNI

Elvin L. Looney M.Ed. '53 of Williamsburg died March 3, 2026.

Donna Erdahl Giuffra M.A. '58 of McLean, Virginia, died Feb. 16, 2025.

Sandra Miles Prillaman M.Ed. '62, P '86 of Salisbury, Maryland, died Aug. 7, 2025.

John D. Martin M.S. '63, P '89 of Montvale, New Jersey, died March 2, 2026.

William "Bill" S. Peachy M.Ed. '63 of Suffolk, Virginia, died Feb. 25, 2026.

B. "Chrissy" Reichenbecker Boner M.T.S. '65 of Sykesville, Maryland, died Jan. 30, 2026.

Stanley L. Morris Jr. B.C.L. '66 of Portsmouth, Virginia, died Feb. 8, 2026.

Burke W. Margulies J.D. '67 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Feb. 2026.

David K. Sutelan J.D. '68 of Norfolk, Virginia, died Jan. 30, 2026.

Richard "Dick" J. Walsh M.Ed. '70 of Glen Allen, Virginia, died May 8, 2026.

Ralph L. D'Antonio M.T.S. '71 of Butler, Pennsylvania, died May 6, 2026.

Jan L. Harris Ed.D. '71 of Henrico, Virginia, died Jan. 29, 2025.

Linda C. Petty M.A. '72 of Davis, California, died Oct. 17, 2020.

Kwang "Tom" S. Han Ph.D. '73 of Newport News, Virginia, died March 31, 2026.

David P. Holmes J.D. '74 of Williamsburg died May 3, 2026.

William "Bill" E. O'Connell Jr. J.D. '74 of Williamsburg died April 28, 2026.

Gene J. Sternfield M.B.A. '74 of Sterling, Virginia, died Feb. 21, 2026.

Calvin M. Cornett Jr. M.L.T. '78 of Charleston, South Carolina, died June 14, 2024.

Dorothy "Dot" Stassun Costello J.D. '79 of Kiawah Island, South Carolina, died Dec. 21, 2025.

Gail "Bunny" B. Rehmert C.A.S.E. '80 of Newport News, Virginia, died Feb. 17, 2026.

Stavroula Kostaki-Gailey C.A.S.E. '84 of Williamsburg died Jan. 29, 2026.

Patricia "Pat" W. Lavach C.A.S.E. '85, P '95, G '23 of Williamsburg died Feb. 8, 2026.

Thelma Y. Pettis C.A.S.E. '85 of Richmond, Virginia, died Jan. 20, 2026.

Mark A. Towery J.D. '85 of Fairfax, Virginia, died March 9, 2026.

Robert Clayton Wagner M.B.A. '86 of Midlothian, Virginia, died Feb. 27, 2026.

Richard A. Byles Ph.D. '88 of Poquoson, Virginia, died May 8, 2026.

William "Bill" M. Hart M.B.A. '90 of Redondo Beach, California, died April 1, 2026.

Mark F. Fernandez Ph.D. '91 of New Orleans, Louisiana, died March 31, 2026.

Mary C. Vitullo M.B.A. '92 of Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, died March 5, 2026.

John A. Fantauzzi J.D. '95, M.P.P. '95 of Burnt Hills, New York, died April 25, 2026.

Randall A. Gilliland M.B.A. '96 of Newport News, Virginia, died June 16, 2025.

Robert "Rob" J. Lange Ed.D. '23 of Newport News, Virginia, died May 27, 2026.

FACULTY & STAFF

Mitchell A. Byrd of Williamsburg died March 31, 2026.

James P. Ducibella of Williamsburg died April 29, 2026.

Douglas Rendleman P '87 of Lexington, Virginia, died March 8, 2026.

William "Bill" C. Rennagel of Williamsburg died March 7, 2026.

William Waller P '84, G '07 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Dec. 14, 2024.

Paa-Bekoe "P.B." H. Welbeck of Newport News, Virginia, died March 13, 2026.

FRIENDS OF W&M

Robert L. Bauer of Sacramento, California, died Feb. 9, 2023.

Mary J. Creecy of Portsmouth, Virginia, died March 26, 2022.

Joann W. Fulcher P '80 of Gainesville, Virginia, died Oct. 19, 2025.

Jan H. Leopold of New York, New York, died Feb. 2, 2010.

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