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Students celebrate
McDaniel's No. 1 U.S. News
& World Report ranking for
2020's Best Value Regional
Universities North.

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First-year students attending a session of McDaniel Local over the summer participate in trust exercises and team-building games.

COREY NOLEN

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Number 1 Best Value!

McDaniel College ranked No. 1 Best Value among Regional Universities in the North on *U.S. News & World Report's* "2020 Best Colleges." Institutions on the Regional Universities lists offer a full range of undergraduate degrees and master's programs. *U.S. News* looks at factors such as class size, admission selectivity and retention and graduation rates to determine its overall rankings. McDaniel also appeared on the new "Top Performers on Social Mobility" web ranking, which highlights schools that are successful in graduating high-need students.



QUANTIFY \$40 million

Approximate value of grants and scholarships McDaniel awards to its students each year. "McDaniel is particularly proud to continue to be recognized nationally for our efforts to not only recruit and enroll, but also graduate low-income students, many of whom are among the first in their families to attend college," said McDaniel College President Roger N. Casey.

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As one of six higher education institutions added to *The Princeton Review's* "The Best 385 Colleges" for the first time, McDaniel is in the company of just 13% of four-year colleges profiled in the 2020 book. "We salute McDaniel College for its outstanding academics and we are truly pleased to recommend it to prospective applicants searching for their personal 'best-fit' college," said Robert Franek, editor-in-chief of *The Princeton Review*.



15%

McDaniel is in elite company, as only 15% of the 4,300 degree-granting post-secondary institutions in the U.S. are included on *Forbes'* list of America's Top Colleges. Colleges that make the *Forbes* list are rated on the direct benefits that the schools provide their graduates, including alumni salaries, retention and graduation rates, debt after graduation and signs of individual academic and career success.

9th

Among the top 200 master's universities in the country ranked by *Washington Monthly*, McDaniel came in ninth — and third among private institutions on the list. The college also came in 21st in the Northeast for "Best Bang for the Buck," and was included in *Money* magazine's Best Small Colleges for quality and affordability and on Kiplinger's Personal Finance Best Value Colleges list.



Students join global climate strike

The McDaniel community — mostly students — joined peers in Norway, Germany, Taiwan, Ghana, New Zealand, Oregon and all points in between in September to bring awareness and spark action to stop climate change.

The signs they held high over their heads — "There is no planet B" and "Stand Up for What We Stand On" and "Make the Earth cool again" — shouted their frustrations at what is happening or being done to the only planet we have.

Two McDaniel organizations, Green Life and the Progressive Student Union (PSU), pooled their enthusiasm and activism to orchestrate Climate Week, Sept. 20-27. Kicking off the event by joining the global Climate Strike Sept. 20, students poured out of class and lunch and study sessions to gather on Memorial Plaza.

PSU president Samantha Bouton of Pasadena, Md., and Green Life president Emma Findeisen of Westminster, Md., led the week-long rally, which included Meatless Monday, Turn It Off Tuesday, Letter Writing Wednesday, Think about the Future Thursday and Campus Carbon and Sustainability Friday.

"Really, what is the point of educating ourselves if there's not going to be a future?" asked Bouton, a senior Political Science and French major who said it is time for big corporations and governments to do their part to stop climate change.

"We had a lot of positive feedback — people said they were interested or that they learned something new," said Findeisen, a junior Environmental Studies and History major, displaying bananas, coffee, corn and grapes to demonstrate what's going to be lost if the Earth gets too warm. "It's important to make this close to home for everyone — the shock factor doesn't work."



Students put their concerns for our changing climate into words as part of Climate Week organized by Green Life and the Progressive Student Union in September.

Diving into real-life experiences around the world

BY PEGGY FOSDICK

When Jackie Fahrenholz was a little girl in Scotch Plains, N.J., nature was her playground. She flipped over rocks and wanted to know the identities of the critters that scrambled out. She splashed in the waves at the Jersey shore and asked the name of every shell that tumbled in with the surf.

To the surprise of no one, the McDaniel senior chose Environmental Studies as her major. Nature is still her playground—but in recent years that playground circles the globe.

Fahrenholz spent her sophomore Jan Term exploring and researching marine life in the Bahamas. That summer, thanks to a Cargill Grant through the Environmental Studies department, she trekked deep into the jungles of Borneo to study orangutans.

A member of the Green Terror women’s soccer team, Fahrenholz spends her fall semesters on campus, taking courses and gathering all the information she’ll need for her next field study. Her Conservation Biology class during the fall of her junior year discovered the first ever recorded rare black jaguar in the remote Ichigkat Muja-Cordillera del Cóndor National Park in Peru while analyzing footage from camera traps their professor helped position there.

Come January 2019, she was off to Galapagos, Darwin’s observation center known for its extraordinary biodiversity, in a program run by McDaniel partner AIFS. With only a few days to pack, Fahrenholz headed to the Turks and Caicos Islands for a semester of marine resource studies and research.

“All of these opportunities have allowed me to experience the cultures of different parts of the world as well as increase my academic knowledge of the ecosystems, their weak points in regards to human development, and what’s being done to mitigate that,” says Fahrenholz.

Fahrenholz returned to campus for three weeks in the summer of 2019 to work with Environmental Studies professor Jason Scullion on a project to identify threatened chokepoints in existing habitat corridors used by wildlife and find ways to protect them. One area they mapped, the Leuser ecosystem on Sumatra in Indonesia, is the only place in the world with populations of elephants, tigers, rhinos and orangutans all living together.

“My experiences have been more around becoming a better scientist, gaining more confidence in my abilities to not only conduct research but present it in front of a group of people whose lives are affected by what I found,” Fahrenholz says. “These times also allowed me to gain some knowledge about myself and give myself time to reflect on what’s important to me by connecting with the natural world around me.” ■

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During a dive excursion on the Turks and Caicos Islands, senior Jackie Fahrenholz and her team found this octopus living in a glass jar in the middle of the ocean.



double take

Sights worth a second look

History a decade in the making

The McDaniel College Class of 2023 made history simply by setting foot on campus in August. The largest class in history comprises 587 first-year students — 43% of whom are first-generation college students — eager to take their first steps on the Hill. The historic class is the result of over 10 years of work including the McDaniel Commitment, a curricular review and a commitment to diversity.

The faculty-led McDaniel Commitment guarantees that every student will engage in strategic, guided exploration with a team of mentors to construct and complete a tailored educational program that will prepare them for personal and professional success.

A big part of that commitment is the new McDaniel Local program, which gives first-year students the opportunity to spend a few days in Westminster and on campus the summer prior to their first semester. Ninety-eight percent of this year's incoming freshmen attended, getting to know the community and each other before classes began.

On the academic side, McDaniel underwent a faculty-led curriculum review in 2018-2019 to identify programs for possible reinvestment and restructuring. The class of 2023 found the new programs — including Engineering, Criminal Justice and Marketing — and sense of innovation and pragmatism in curriculum appealing.

McDaniel also pivoted to focus on diversity starting in 2005 when the college established strong relationships with Baltimore City schools. This year, 50% of the incoming freshman class identified as a race other than Caucasian, and the largest single feeder high school was Baltimore City College High School, which sent 19 new students to McDaniel. ■



Who is the Class of 2023?

17
STATES
and the District of
Columbia represented
(#1 - Maryland
#2 - Pennsylvania)

4
COUNTRIES
outside the U.S.
represented
(Chile, Denmark, Nigeria
and New Zealand)

8,752
MILES
traveled by the student
who came from New
Zealand (That's 1.1 million
red cabooses!)

366
HIGH SCHOOLS
represented

49%
MALE

51%
FEMALE

4,970
APPLICATIONS
received

99,400
MINUTES
total time spent
reading applications
(Enough time to sing the
alma mater 49,700 times
for 69 days straight!)

The McDaniel Local program brings small groups of first-year students to campus for a few days before the semester begins. This summer, students participated in team-building exercises led by peer mentors and volunteered at the Boys & Girls Club of Westminster.

A new meaning to working remotely

BY PEGGY FOSDICK

In the 14 years since she walked across McDaniel's Commencement stage, Jessica Watson has redefined the concept of working remotely. Sure, Watson has taken her marketing firm, PointsNorth Studio, on the road and worked from 35 states and 10 countries. But the 2005 Communication grad actually lives and works not as a tourist but as a local in a real neighborhood wherever her inner compass directs her.

The work-travel venture began in 2013 when she packed her Hyundai sedan with her iPhone, MacBook Pro, design inspiration books, paper samples, color guides, a teddy bear for security, a pair of dumbbells for exercise and her bike rack for the bike she planned to purchase along the way.

That year-long cross-country adventure would take her to Miami, Atlanta, New Orleans, Austin, Boulder, Long Beach, Portland, Seattle, Chicago and Memphis, where she spent a month living, working and making connections in each city.

Embracing every opportunity she can find, Watson earned a certificate in writing from the University of Washington in 2016 and the same year achieved a few more life goals: she set foot in Brazil, walked on an iceberg in Alaska and took her work on the road again, this time through Canada.

The dawn of 2019 found Watson celebrating the new year in Cape Town, South Africa, where she spent a month immersing herself in the culture and volunteering in a cheetah sanctuary. She loved the way they purr like house cats but wasn't particularly fond of chopping the mystery meat that is their meals.

"My little life experiment is to work remotely — this time internationally — in a socially conscious way," Watson says, explaining that she thinks it's important to give back by volunteering in the cities where she sets up shop. "Every place I go, I find something in the culture that inspires me, and I take that back to

Baltimore with me and incorporate it into the way I run the design studio."

From Cape Town, she was off for a month in Marrakesh, then on to Lisbon, where she volunteered with Re-Food, an organization that picks up leftover food from restaurants, prepares it in commercial kitchens and distributes the meals to families in need. Also in Portugal, Watson helped organize a fundraiser for A Avó Veio Trabalhar, a community center for elderly women — she dubbed them "sassy grannies."

The event, Netos Por Uma Noite (Grandchildren for the Night), included a traditional Portuguese meal, wine and desserts prepared and served by the grannies in a local café. The proceeds went to the center — and both women and their "grandchildren" reveled in the home-cooked meal served with a dollop of granny love.

Spain, Croatia and Hungary rounded out the six-month adventure, landing Watson in Baltimore in time for the final days of summer. Of course, even as the heat of a Baltimore summer refused to give way to fall, Watson was thinking of winter. Escaping winter, to be more specific.

"I'm thinking Barcelona in January and maybe Lisbon in February," she says. "One of the cool things about a McDaniel education is that it pushes you to explore what interests you and instilled in me the motivation to go after what I want.

"And not to worry if it doesn't fit in a box." ■

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Jessica Watson '05 was featured in the Autumn 2014 issue of The Hill after she spent a year running her design firm while traveling cross-country in 2013. Five years later, she told us about this year's world tour, during which she spent a month living and working in Marrakesh, Morocco.





HELPING THOSE WHO CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES

Dr. Todd Peters '02
looks at the whole life cycle
of behavioral health care
as the new CMO
at Sheppard Pratt

Two kids from the same town are diagnosed with asthma and prescribed the same treatment plan by the same pediatrician. When they each go for their annual checkup, one's symptoms seem to be improving—they aren't wheezing as much, their lung capacity is higher and instances of needing their rescue inhaler have decreased in recent months. The other shows little to no change—their physical activities at recess are limited due to their breathing and their sleep is often disrupted by coughing attacks.

It's the doctor's job to figure out why there are such stark differences between the two patients. Are the lungs in these two children so different? Or are there other biological, social and psychological factors preventing the second child from getting better? In short, why is one patient improving and the other is not?

FINDING THE "WHY" OF THE MATTER

That "why" is exactly what Dr. Todd Peters '02 has always been interested in. The McDaniel Biochemistry and Penn State College of Medicine alum found himself asking all sorts of questions about this scenario during his pediatric rotation in medical school: Do these kids have the same access to the medicine they need? Are the parents saying they're giving their child the medicine even if they're not because they are too proud to admit they can't afford it? Are they living in relative squalor with bedbugs or dust mites making the home environment worse for the child's respiratory system to recover?

"The parts of medicine that I really liked—and what I loved about my education at McDaniel—were thinking creatively and systematically, working within teams and learning to cherish getting to know people's stories," Peters says. "Once I did psychiatry—especially child and adolescent psychiatry—I was like, 'Ohhh. That's what that is.'"

Being able to put a label on that passion changed the course of Peters' life. He was already late in his third year of medical school when he had his epiphany about psychiatry, so he worked to rearrange electives for his fourth year and then decided to complete his residency and fellowship at Brown University, where he was double

board-certified in general psychiatry and child and adolescent psychiatry.

After seven years at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where he served as inpatient medical director and assistant chief medical information officer (CMIO), Peters and his wife, Jessica, realized they wanted to bring their growing family closer to home.

A SPECIAL HOMECOMING

Growing up in Pennsylvania, Peters spent a lot of time in the Baltimore area with his family, including dad, Scott Peters '80, and brother, Joshua Peters '06. Despite his years spent in and around the city as a child and in college, Peters probably didn't predict that he would end up settling in Baltimore before the age of 40, brought to town by an opportunity to put his diverse skills to work. But in June 2018, the Peters family found their new home when he accepted a job with Sheppard Pratt Health System.

"Sheppard Pratt was a program I knew about from coming into Baltimore for Orioles games as a kid," Peters says. "It always felt homey to me and has done wonderful work throughout the state of Maryland. When the opportunity came up to be Sheppard Pratt's medical director of child and adolescent services and CMIO, the chance to be closer to family, to be around all this great work and to be closer



to the McDaniel alumni network was too good to pass up."

One year later, in July 2019, Peters was appointed vice president and chief medical officer (CMO) in addition to his role as CMIO.

TRADING IN THE WHITE COAT

In this new role, Peters had to give up a lot of direct clinical care, trading his white coat for a suit jacket. He has adjusted to workdays that are full of meetings, observations and site visits to the many locations throughout the state that are all part of Sheppard Pratt Health System, but he's "happy to be the person behind the curtain making sure that all the folks that are doing the real work shine," he says.

"My day-to-day activities as CMO are geared toward how we can create a system that allows somebody to say, 'I don't know what I need right now, but my hope is that I can trust Sheppard Pratt to figure out what my or my loved one's needs are,'" Peters says. "With my other hat that I wear as CMIO, I think about connecting all of

"I don't like doing the work without knowing why we're doing it, how we're doing it and how it all relates to each other," Peters says. "I'm not apt to sit on the sidelines. I'd rather be part of the solution than just complain about it."

RETURN TO THE HILL

Some may see that Peters' father is an alum and think that was why he decided to attend McDaniel, but he is adamant that his father never pressured him or his brother to attend his alma mater—nor is Peters a passive participant in anything in his life. What appealed to Peters was the opportunity to get a diverse, well-rounded education in the liberal arts and sciences, even if he already knew he wanted to take the pre-med route.

"I don't like to be a one-trick pony," Peters says. "I like to do a lot of different things and McDaniel let me do that. I was involved in just about everything you could do while I was there."

He's not kidding. In his four years on the Hill, he had his own radio show and TV show, was the announcer for the women's volleyball and basketball teams, played club sports, helped start the ultimate frisbee team, served as a tour guide and was a member of social fraternity Phi Kappa Sigma, national leadership honor society Omicron Delta Kappa and the Trumpeters leadership honor society.

That doesn't even account for the many classes he took that had no relation to his pre-med path—including Wallyball and rhythm and dance classes, for the record.

"I volunteered with a lot of education majors to tutor at a local elementary school. I knew I wanted to go into medicine, but I also knew it was really important to learn how to teach other people," Peters says. "Part of being a doctor is being a teacher. You have to teach about a lot of really

complicated things to families that may not understand it. That's really what I do to this day. I take these complex things and make them more understandable and digestible to help people make changes."

A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR EVERYONE

At the heart of it all for Peters is fostering opportunities for change in people's lives. When he initially decided he wanted to be a doctor, he thought he might want to be a pediatrician, knowing that early intervention and prevention are usually the best course of treatment.

"There is something special about working with kids. If you're able to figure out ways to help a child early, then hopefully we can help stave off further issues down the road," he says. "I've always had an interest in identifying those kids at risk and figuring out ways to get them into the types of treatment that they need so that we can really prevent bad stuff from even happening."

But he believes that change can happen for anyone, no matter the age, and that's why Sheppard Pratt was such a good fit for him. As advocates work to break the stigma—and barriers—associated with mental health care, Sheppard Pratt's impact is arguably more important today than ever before.

Whether talking with families about how to get the help their loved ones need or working to make electronic medical records integrate from location to location, Peters understands the importance of his role and that of Sheppard Pratt as a whole.

"I'm happy to go to any meetings—whether talking with teachers, psychiatrists, families—to talk about care delivery and how we can advance the field of behavioral health care anywhere," Peters says. "I want to figure out a way to make that care seamlessly happen throughout a patient's whole life span." ■

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Interpreting culture history

Deaf Education is more than
a degree for Jeanie Hall

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN

Think back to when you were a child just learning to speak, read or write. Learning the nuances of one language was hard enough but imagine that you had to learn two — and serve as an interpreter for the adults in your life. That's the situation Clara Jean "Jeanie" Mosley Hall M.S. '76 was born into as a Child of Deaf Adults (CODA).



It's a different world for CODAs today with the accessibility of cell phones, texting and video calls. But in the 1950s and 1960s, before the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf was established, Hall was forced to grow up faster than her peers who had hearing parents.

"You grew up fast because you were exposed to information and situations that, perhaps, kids today would not have to go through," Hall says. "My mother left when I was 4 and my father raised me primarily, but regardless of the situation, it was me interpreting for him. It was just the two of us."

Whether helping her father communicate with customers in the shop he owned or interpreting for her parents' divorce proceedings, Hall recounts her life with her Deaf father in her 2018 memoir, *Paris in America: A Deaf Nanticoke Shoemaker and His Daughter*.

As the hearing child of a Deaf Nanticoke man and a Deaf African American woman, Hall had to come to grips with her identity early on. "I identified as African American," Hall says. "I knew I was Native in some way, but back in the era of Jim Crow, whites treated Native people the same way they treated African Americans. If you were a person of color, you lived in the black community."

The Nanticoke population in Millsboro, Del., for many years suspended its traditional powwows because members did not want to be identified as Native American and discriminated against. That meant that in addition to all the challenges of being Deaf in a time before the Americans with Disabilities Act, Hall's father also was dealing with the difficulties of being a person of color.

As a child of color, Hall also couldn't start school until first grade, so she spent her early childhood learning in her father's shoe shop, where between customers he taught her the signs for her ABCs, colors and animals.

Today, Hall is a professor of American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf Interpretive Services at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) in Cleveland, Ohio. But as a high schooler, she didn't even see herself going to college, much less obtaining a Ph.D. and having a career in higher education.

"I didn't really see being fluent in ASL as something that would be valuable to me and to others until I met my husband, Howard," Hall says. She was planning to become a secretary after high school, but Howard came from a family that put a lot of emphasis on education — most of his family members have doctoral degrees, and he has both a Ph.D. and a Psy.D. He

helped her see that she had a skill that could really help people.

"I didn't see it that way," she says. "It was just what I did every day. You don't appreciate what other people can see within you until they point it out."

Hall asked her father if they could get a loan for her to attend college, and she soon enrolled at Delaware State University. After graduation, her then-boyfriend challenged her again, this time suggesting she go to graduate school. That's how she ended up at McDaniel College.

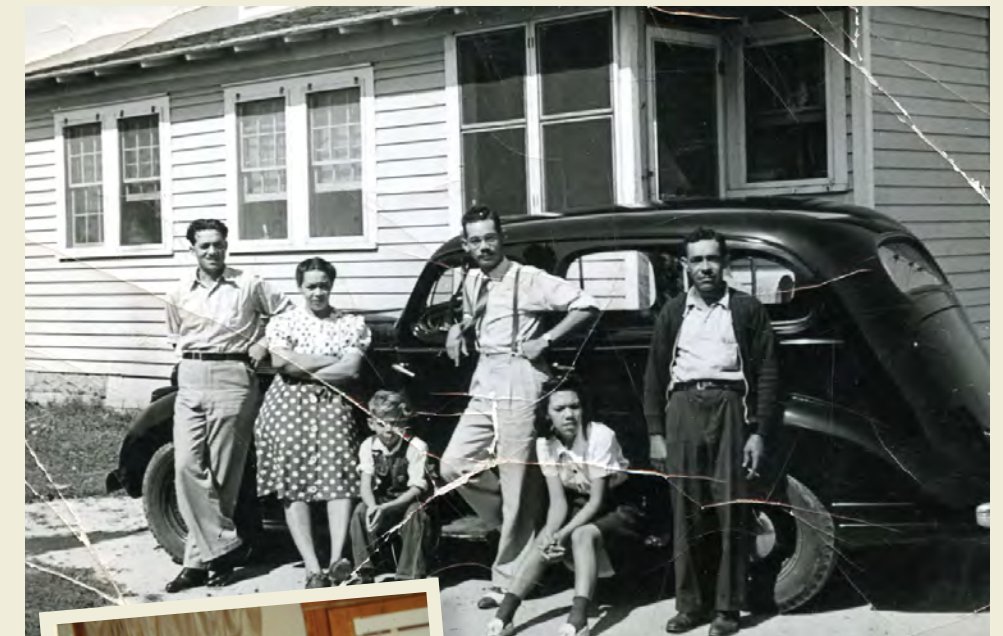
"It was close to home, and I heard that it was an excellent program in Deaf Education," Hall says. "At that time, I really didn't know what I could do with my skills, but it seemed that this could be something I could do and do well."

Since Hall was already fluent in ASL, she completed the master's degree requirements in one year and had a job before she even graduated. When her husband's job took them to Cleveland, she stayed home with her two daughters until they were teenagers, working part-time teaching ASL at Cleveland State, where she eventually earned her Ph.D. In 1999, a full-time teaching position opened up at Tri-C, and she's been there ever since, teaching ASL to hearing students who are looking to become interpreters.

Even though she's now the one teaching, Hall hasn't stopped learning, especially when it comes to her identity and heritage. It wasn't until she was in her 20s that Hall began to identify with her Native roots, but having children of her own drove home the importance of it.

"My oldest daughter, Ilea, was 1 year old when my father passed, so my daughters only know the stories that I tell," Hall says. "That's why I wrote the book initially, so that they would know something about their heritage and their grandfather."

That identity has been solidified in recent years at the urging of her younger daughter, Karelle, who studied at Dartmouth College. "Dartmouth is known for supporting their



Jeanie Hall M.S. '76 was raised primarily by her Deaf father, James Paris Mosley, but the two depended greatly on the support of their family in Dover, Del., including Mosley's siblings and parents, pictured above.

native population, and she joined a Native student group there to learn the dances and the culture," Hall says.

It may have skipped a couple of generations, but Hall and her daughters have come

to embrace their Native heritage as a way of remembering her father. From attending annual powwows to being given their own Native names — Karelle is Spirit Dancing; Ilea, who has a master's degree in social work, is Healing Hand; and Jeanie is Warm Heart — Hall is proud of her younger daughter for picking up the heritage and encouraging them all to carry on the legacy.

"Now Karelle is working on her Ph.D. at Rutgers, studying language revitalization among Native Americans and how Native Americans are interfacing with the larger culture," Hall says. "She's done things that I've not had an opportunity to do and has taught me a lot. I now see everything my dad and I went through as life lessons. We stayed, we persevered and we triumphed."

And that is a message for everyone — hearing or Deaf, black or white, Native or not. ■

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TAKING RESEARCH TO HEART

**ALUMNI-STUDENT CONNECTION MAKES
RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES MORE ACCESSIBLE**

Catherina Park '20 wasn't sure how she was going to spend the summer before her senior year. She knew she was applying to physical therapy school, but she'd already worked at a PT practice the summer before. Time was ticking down and she was running out of options.



One day, she got to her Exercise Physiology class with Associate Professor Jenny McKenzie '01 unusually early and found her answer. McKenzie asked her what she was doing over the summer and whether she would be interested in a new summer research award that was being offered by Tracy Baynard '93, an associate professor of kinesiology and nutrition at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC).

After learning about the opportunity, Park decided to travel to the heart of the Illinois Medical District in Chicago to spend her summer with Baynard and her Ph.D. students for a crash course in the world of kinesiology research.

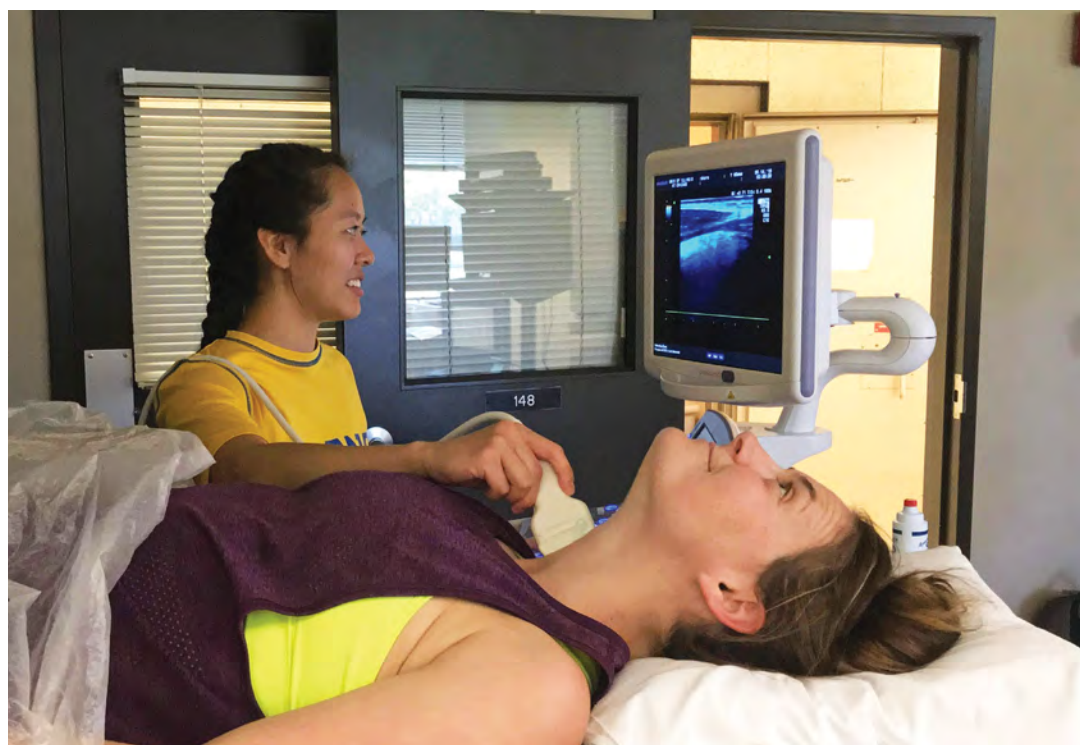
"I flew to Chicago not knowing anyone, so it was comforting that Dr. Baynard was also from McDaniel," Park says. "It made it easier for me to relate to her because she's an alum."

GIVING BACK

Throughout her career, Baynard says she could always pinpoint the place that set her on the right path: "McDaniel is where it all started for me," Baynard says.

She recalls that the late Professor Emeritus Sam Case '63, M.Ed. '66 showed her a whole new world while she pursued her degree in Physical Education and Exercise Science with a minor in Athletic Training. "Dr. Sam Case was highly influential in providing hands-on experiences to students and he was very gracious with his time," Baynard says. "In the summer of 1992, we went up to SUNY Maritime College to conduct research together and it was a wonderful experience."

Now the director of the Integrative Physiology Laboratory in UIC's College of Applied Health Sciences, Baynard hopes that she's able to serve in a similar role for Park and other McDaniel Kinesiology students through The Experiential Learning Opportunities Fund. Her lab often has UIC undergraduate students and visiting scholars from other countries help with research in the summertime, so it was a natural



Left: While completing summer research with a McDaniel alumna, senior Catherina Park got hands-on experience using a cardiac ultrasound to locate the carotid artery on second-year UIC Ph.D. student Sara Sherman. Right: In her Integrative Physiology Laboratory at UIC, Tracy Baynard '93 works with Ph.D. candidates, who served as mentors and supervisors for Park this summer.

"OUR FOCUS IS ON EXPOSING STUDENTS TO THE WHOLE RESEARCH PROCESS. THEY WILL BE INVOLVED IN OBSERVING A VARIETY OF RESEARCH PROJECTS AND GAINING PRACTICAL SKILLS."

—TRACY BAYNARD '93

progression for her to see if McDaniel would be interested in a partnership.

"Obviously, colleges are looking for financial contributions, but it was really important to me to provide a tangible experience for students because of what Sam Case did for me. Cat now has not only myself but the rest of my team as potential mentors," Baynard says. "She may look back on this experience in a few years and think, 'Let me talk to Elizabeth from the lab about that,' or 'I wonder if Tracy could give me feedback on this idea.' We're here to support her as she takes important steps in the future."

LESSONS IN RESEARCH — AND IN LIFE

When establishing this research award with McDaniel, Baynard wanted to be sure the opportunity didn't pigeonhole a student into one project. "Our focus is on exposing students to the whole research process," Baynard says. "They will be involved in observing a variety of research projects and gaining practical skills. We kept Cat pretty busy this summer."

Baynard's team was eager to have Park join them; each week, she reported to a different Ph.D. student who would serve as her supervisor. Sometimes they would have her

read review articles and research papers related to topics they study in the lab and engage in scholarly discussion about them, but Park also got a lot of opportunity to act as both the researcher and the human subject.

As researcher, she learned how to take a subject's blood pressure during a treadmill test, calibrate the lab's metabolic cart to measure aerobic fitness and set someone up for a 12-lead electrocardiogram measurement. Park recalls that the team really encouraged her to take initiative, ask for projects and always ask "Why?" That was a lesson in itself.

"At first, I was like, 'Just tell me what to do,'" Park says. "But eventually, I went to them to say, 'I want to learn how to take blood pressure,' or 'How do I construct the mask subjects breathe into for the VO₂ max test?' They wanted me to learn about what I was interested in, not just what they thought I should learn."

Baynard also wants recipients of her research award to gain life experiences. Being a native of Columbia, Md., Park had to work out travel and living arrangements, learn to navigate public transportation in a big city and manage a budget to succeed during her summer in Chicago.

She wasn't completely on her own, though. Baynard and her team took Park under their wings to ensure her summer was as fun as it was educational. Park explored Chicago and went to the Lincoln Park Zoo with one student and enjoyed observing the studies of another who, like her, is pursuing a career in physical therapy in addition to his Ph.D. "He wanted to know the theory behind why he does what he does when he takes care of people, and I really respect that," Park says.

In addition to giving Park a variety of experiences in research and the chance to learn how to work with different personalities, the experience gave Baynard's Ph.D. students time to work on their teaching and leadership skills. "Our students got to learn more about how to act and provide a quality experience in the role of a supervisor," Baynard says. "The students really enjoyed having Cat in the lab. We received a number of compliments on her capabilities and her personality."

The feeling was mutual. "They were just all so willing to help even though they're so busy and have all these crazy side projects and events," Park says. "The students were so passionate about their research and they wanted to learn more. I was learning and they were learning. We helped each other."

THE HEART OF RESEARCH

Baynard knew going into the summer that Park wasn't planning to pursue research as a career — but that's a familiar sentiment for her. "I totally understand it. It took me a couple years to look at my own research experience and say, 'Hey, I did really enjoy that, and I think I was good at it. Maybe I should pursue it further,'" Baynard says. "It wasn't until many years later that I looked back on those experiences and realized how they helped influence what's become a real passion and love for research."

Regardless of the path Park decides to take in the years to come, Baynard hopes

that she continues to look back on her six weeks in Chicago as a formative experience. "She may not see us as mentors right now, but she may down the road. It might have a big impact on her that she won't realize until later," Baynard says. "As the years go by, you see how the opportunities you were given can help shape you over time. Maybe in three years, she'll realize she's interested in research after all."

There are several moments from her time in the lab that Park won't soon forget, but she says nothing compares to the time she was able to observe her own heart. A Ph.D. student was collecting data for his dissertation and he asked to measure her heart with an ultrasound.

"In class, I'd learned how the heart has four chambers, but with this ultrasound, I could physically see my own heart beating in real time," Park says. "Knowing the anatomy of it is one thing, but to see it actually beating is so cool."

By the end of the summer, Baynard's ideal scenario had become reality: Park began to appreciate and take an interest in research for the first time. "It's a whole process that I never even realized," she says.

Park will start physical therapy school at University of Maryland Baltimore just two days after she walks at McDaniel's Commencement ceremony in May, but she's already thinking about how to put into practice the curiosity that Baynard's team fostered in her.

"Physical therapists are meant to serve other people, and each patient is different. I want to know why I would use this motion over another and what the benefit of that is," she says. "After I work as a PT for a few years, I think I might go back to school for my Ph.D. I never would have thought about that without going to Chicago and working with Dr. Baynard and her team." ■



Building bridges by creating community spaces

Decker renovations give students new chances to unwind and reconnect

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN

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When walking into the new Rec Lounge in Decker College Center, you'll likely be greeted by the sounds of a little trash talk, a lot of laughter and a seemingly endless loop of the "Ghostbusters" theme song. One Tuesday in late October, resident assistants from Whiteford Hall hosted a game tournament for their residents, but the lounge was already abuzz with activity even before the event officially kicked off.

Moving the Rec Lounge was part of the first phase of the \$10 million Decker College Center renovations that are now underway. With the on-campus student population growing, it's more important than ever to create community spaces where students can build connections and explore their interests. That may start with the Rec Lounge, but is reflected throughout the entire Decker renovation, which includes an upgraded dining experience for the Pub and a more convenient location on the lower level for the McDaniel College Bookstore.

The renovation will also bring a new green rooftop terrace, renovated patio and an outdoor terrace with a mini amphitheater, which will allow for student gatherings and performances. New student work spaces will include an innovation lab and meeting rooms for student organizations, a new reception desk and new centralized offices for the Center for Experience and Opportunity and the offices of Student Engagement and Diversity and Inclusion.

"McDaniel students have the potential to bring out the next Apple or create the next Microsoft," says sophomore Elva Joya, a Psychology and Spanish major from Rockville, Md. "With the new student center, we'll have that space to meet with each other and collaborate in so many ways."

The newly renovated student center will truly reflect McDaniel's values as a community. It's a sense distinctively McDaniel that prospective students notice even

before they take their first steps onto the Hill and a lifestyle they expect to find when they arrive for their McDaniel Local summer orientation.

"I'm really excited about the new spaces," says Dan Elizondo, a freshman from Alamo, Texas. "McDaniel's strong community brought me here and now my friends and I get together in the library or Ensor lounge to study or talk or meet about projects."

"We can't wait for the renovation to be complete — all the spaces just seem perfect for collaborating on projects and creating and even having some fun."

Transforming the center to be multipurpose and versatile will put students literally at the center of everything.

"The people make this place — that's why prospective students come here, why students stay here and why they love this place long after they graduate," says Dean of Admissions Heidi Reigel '97. "We know the new center will reflect and cultivate all of this."

If the new Rec Lounge is any indication, the newly renovated center will enrich an already dynamic student experience. Alan Clarke-Williams, a junior Chemistry major from Baltimore, has worked in both the old and new rec lounges and says he has noticed that a lot more students use the space now.

"Since it's a smaller space, you feel more comfortable in here. The old one was too spread out," Clarke-Williams says. "In here, you get a more connected gamer feeling, and it's cool that you can look out over the pool, too."

Freshman Sarah Kessler quickly found herself spending time in the Rec Lounge during her first semester when she needed a break from schoolwork. "I come here every now and then to get away from stress and play some games," she says. "It's a nice place to meet new people, relax, socialize and have some fun."

"Spaces like this take students away from the stress of classes and give people a chance to interact," Clarke-Williams says. "Decker felt a little outdated before, so I'm excited to see the building get a fresh look and to use more of these community-oriented spaces."

While Onesha Smith will graduate before the project is complete, the RA and senior Philosophy major from Baltimore is excited about what it will mean for the students who come to the Hill after her.

"I love that the Decker Center renovation is trying to speak to the diversity of our students by giving them more spaces to spend their free time, be who they are and connect with each other," she says. "Coming to college is not just about striving academically, it's about the experience of meeting new people, going where you think you don't fit in and making new friends."

"Spaces like this help set a foundation for students to build bridges with people they might not usually build bridges with."

Rembert Field dedicated in honor of alumni

McDaniel College hosted the dedication of Rembert Field at Kenneth R. Gill Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 26 in honor of 1961 alumnus Donald Mosby Rembert Sr., and 1960 alumna Judith Ellis Rembert of Reston, Va.

The Remberts are committed to preserving and promoting the college's legacy. They founded the WMC Heritage Society in 2004 and assisted in the renovation of the former Buell House, once occupied by the founder of the college, Fayette Buell, now renamed Rembert House. Their support also led to the naming of Rembert Way, which leads to the stadium, and of Waldorf Way, dedicated to a former football coach at the college, Robert "Bob" J. Waldorf (1957-1965). They also established the annual Rembert Lecture in the Economics and Business Administration department.

Judith graduated in 1960 with a bachelor's degree in English and was a member of the Phi Alpha Mu sorority. Donald earned a bachelor's degree in Economics in 1961 and has served as a member of the McDaniel College Board of Trustees since 2007. As a student, he played all four years on the Green Terror football team. A member of the college's ROTC program, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserves and U.S. Naval Reserves. Donald has worked as a financial advisor since 1974 and is currently a principal at Rembert Pendleton Jackson.



DAVID SINCLAIR '00

(Left to right) Kenneth R. Gill '61, Judith Ellis Rembert '60, Donald Mosby Rembert Sr. '60, Robyn Allers, President Roger Casey

alumni updates

Association news & class notes



1954

The four classmates who attended the reunion, **Pat “Pasty” Herman Douglas, Charles Wheatley, Joan Kellogg Patterson,** and I, **Nancy Caskey Voss,** thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, but you were missed. The three ladies were all honored with many others as female athletes before the era of Title IX.

From **Chuck Taylor** in Virginia we learn that he had a tough start to the year when his wife, Jean, passed away in January after a long struggle with dementia. He also spent a couple of days in the hospital with AFib, but is in his own house and drives locally. Their son and daughter live close by, as do two granddaughters, their husbands and four great-granddaughters. Another granddaughter was married in December and she and her husband live near Dallas, where she teaches kindergarten and he is in IT. Their grandson just graduated from high school. “I try to stay active as much as possible, but it’s tough when I suffer from so much inertia. I read a lot and am constantly amazed at how I could have gotten so old without growing up. My best to all from ’54 and surrounding years.”

Bill Harvey writes that he returned to the beautiful mountains of western Maryland in May, where he preached in his home church (United Methodist) in Barton, the little town where he grew up, near Cumberland, Md. “It was the 67th anniversary of preaching my first sermon there!” he says. His wife, Nancy, has Alzheimer’s, but continues to get good care in the nursing section of Copeland Oaks, the retirement complex where they live in Ohio. “I thank God for many blessings!”

Jim Levay and Carolyn have been married 60 years “and still love each other as if it has been only one year.” Their great-granddaughter, Nina, turned one year old. Her dad is a professor of English at Idaho State University and her mom is the marketing and sales director of The University of Washington’s (Seattle) Press. Granddaughter Elizabeth is in her second year of her Doctor of Physical Therapy at Bellarmine University, in Louisville, Ky. Jim and Carolyn’s son is now retired (“ugh”) and living in Maysville, Ky., where he met Beverly many years ago in a nearby university. They were married 37 years ago. Carolyn and Jim continue spending their time at Trinity Episcopal Parish, St. Augustine in a variety of ways, including serving at the altar, healing ministry, bible studies, The Brotherhood of St. Andrew and The Daughters of The King. “I have just completed my 6th year as a chaplain at Flagler Hospital and have received many blessings in doing so. Continued blessings to all my ’54 classmates and God be with you.”

Jane “Hutch” Hutchison was sorry to miss the reunion, but did get together for lunch with **Joan Barkelew Coffman,**

Alumnus of the Year Gerald Winegrad ’66 joined the Green Terror football team at midfield for the pre-game ceremonial coin toss before the 2019 Homecoming game against Juniata College. Read more about Winegrad on page 34.

Charles '54 and Charlotte Davis Wheatley '56 continue to devote their spare time to their 25-year-old Learning Institute For Excellence Inc. activities.

her former (“NOT ‘old’”) roommate from four years in McDaniel Hall. Hutch has been living in Chevy Chase, Md., since retiring from University of Wisconsin – Madison in 2012, enjoying season tickets to the opera, symphony and three theaters. (“D.C. didn’t even have three theaters when I was growing up here.”) She has also given a few talks at St. Columba’s Episcopal (on 15th-century Flemish and German altarpieces) and at the Woman’s Club of Chevy Chase (on Anna Russell, the late British soprano and her satires on Wagner’s Ring cycle and much else). “Above all, it has been fun to reconnect with my much younger siblings, who grew up and became grandparents while I was away on the frozen tundra. Best to all.”

From New Mexico, **Mary Ann Kifer Closson** writes: “Sorry to have missed the reunion! 65! Yikes! Hal and I have just celebrated that anniversary! He is not up to travel, so we are here in New Mexico. I am really well. I walk up our mountain and still play the piano. Hearing aids help, as does exercise for sciatica and arthritis, but I feel very fortunate.”

Back in Maryland, **Patricia “Pasty” Herman Douglas** (“I got the nickname from a card from a child I babysat, who reversed the ‘s’ and ‘t.’”) reports that all is well and she has six thriving granddaughters. One is a Ph.D. at Harvard, one is a second-year intern at Brooklyn Hospital, one is at Villanova Law School, one new grad is starting work in Philadelphia, one new grad is attending a summer program at Columbia and the youngest is a lacrosse player halfway through Ohio Wesleyan. “They all visit. Their dads (my boys) and great daughters-in-law keep me going. My three sons and their wives helped me celebrate my 87th birthday. Only two of the six granddaughters could be here but we had a family dinner at a nice restaurant. Most fun was a surprise, huge ice cream and everyone received a spoon. I am truly blessed. I still keep house, cook and bake, garden a little, sew and quilt a lot, read a lot and enjoy e-mail from my kids and granddaughters.”

Nina Dawson Dennison reports: “If you remember, I’m a bit older than the rest of you so I have no earth-shattering adventures to share. We are still enjoying life on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Walt just closed his model train business in March, so we are really retired now. We are just enjoying sunsets in Assateague and wading in the surf in Ocean City, Md. We did our traveling when I had my travel agency and were young and able enough to enjoy it. Hi and love to all.”

Adeline Allen Parker of the far Northwest asks, “Where have the years gone? I cannot believe I am 87! I am in good health, but take a few medications daily (don’t we all?)” She is living in an assisted living facility called Brookdale in Federal Way, Wash. Her son lives close by and her daughter lives about an hour’s drive north. “I turn to my yearbook once in a while to refresh my memories of college.”

Lois Cermak Runnels reports that there isn’t much new in Pennsylvania. “We’re doing fine, the kids are fine and the grandkids are doing their thing (whatever that is, they are all over the country).” She is still reading a lot, swimming whenever she can and cheering for the Washington Nationals. She also knits prayer shawls for their nursing home guests.

Carol Sause Burch says, “I was so disappointed to have missed our 65th reunion, but some problems that come with aging prevented my being there. I’m pretty sure it is the first one I ever missed. I have always been extremely grateful for the four wonderful years spent at WMC. **Ernie Burch '50** and I are also grateful for our son, David, and daughter, Leslie, who have been a big help to us in our golden (rusty) years.”

From the rolling hills of Carroll County, **Charles Wheatley** writes: “Nancy, it was certainly nice seeing you and our other classmates who made it with us to the 65th class reunion. Time has taken its toll since our wonderful 50th, but I know you join me in wishing those who couldn’t join us for this one our best wishes, and share fond memories of our happy days on the Hill as we remember those who have passed.” Charles and **Charlotte Davis Wheatley '56** are still actively engaged on a daily basis with so many things that they enjoy doing. They still live on their farm, a little more than two miles from the college. Charles stopped teaching political science two years ago, after a 15-year adjunct instructor stint at Carroll Community College. “Charlotte and I devote our full ‘spare’ time to our 25-year-old Learning Institute For Excellence Inc. (L.I.F.E.) activities. We began with helping hundreds of students with learning problems and now have expanded our interests to include programs in a number of science and technology fields such as stem cells, pain management, deep light therapy, physical therapy, nutrition, gerontology, robotics and automation, drones, 3D printing, virtual reality and media productions.” They were able to dedicate a portion of their farm at the roadside entrance to the planned science and technology park, to a project named Heroes Highway Memorial Flagpole and Monument. Memorial plaques are dedicated to each conflict at a public televised ceremony and the names of each veteran are read. In 2018, World War II veterans were honored and Korean War veterans were the honorees in 2019. Next year will be dedicated to Vietnam War veterans. A final ceremony and plaque will be scheduled for all veterans since 1776.

Joan Kellogg Patterson, writing from Maine, says: “I enjoyed our reunion in May, although I was disappointed that we did not see any of the other classes that we went to school with. I thought that we would have had a communal dinner to see old friends.

I was also disappointed that my athletic record was not complete for the May event. I am working on that. We

have had a good year in that two of our nine children are now cancer survivors. Although it was very scary, God was with us. My husband is still the veterinarian of choice in the neighborhood at the age of 92. I, however, have retired from my bakery job and am working now on my tan.”

Writing from Kensington, Md., **Betty Brown Colella** says the summer heat brought back fond memories of her years at WMC, where she enjoyed swimming and the parties back in the early ‘50s. “Although a bit slower paced, and missing Dom since his passing, I fill my time (still in my home of 63 years) among my four children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. I would love to hear from any of my old classmates.”

And finally from Delaware, I want to thank everyone who sent items for this column. We couldn’t do it without you! I sense a theme running through these messages, “slowing down.” Like a number of other classmates, I am enjoying a less strenuous lifestyle. I do still drive, but limit the distances and areas. Fortunately, my daughter, **Martha Voss Smith '82**, granddaughter, **Caroline Gannon Panzer '08**, and two great-granddaughters are within my limits. I enjoy meeting new residents as they move into our continuing care community and writing welcome articles for the newsletter. I also enjoying knitting, doing crossword puzzles, playing bridge and participating in activities here. It has been a good run!

May God bless each of you,
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1960

It’s happened! We’ve reached the age of “Octogenarius.” Who’d a thunk it! Thanks to all of you who responded to my calls for updates. And here’s a hearty hello to those of you who chose to read with interest what your classmates are doing to stay young, despite our chronological age.

As **Elma Koons Molloy** so aptly put it, “They say 80 is the new 60. Let’s hope they are right!” Elma wrote that her husband, Dick, died two years ago from Alzheimer’s and Lewy body dementia, which has resulted in a real lifestyle change for her. Despite a number of bodily replacements, she is still kicking, “although not very high.” She teaches water aerobics and gets onto the beach as often as possible. Christmas in Marco Island, Fla., and a week in Cancun have helped her to keep up the good life.

Life goes on in Colorado for **Jim and Mil Dickey '62 Thomas**. They spent their third annual March vacation in Hawaii, their winter go-to spot, and then went to Arizona and southern California to continue the warmth. Smart move as there was still snow on the ground in

Golden, Colo., when Don and I visited them in May. When they’re home, they keep busy with volunteering at church and the Golden Visitors Center. Daughter, Susan, and family live very nearby and Jim and Mil are able to see the grandchildren often. Son David is finishing up a doctorate at the University of Denver, and son Steven lives in Carnation, Wash.

Bill Bruce, MS '64 wrote to say that he and his wife have sold their Carroll County farm and home and have moved to Carroll Lutheran Village (CLV) in Westminster, a move that they’ve greatly enjoyed. Their children, grandchildren and three great grandchildren are the light of their lives. Currently Bill works out every day in the gym and pool, and he and Edna Mae are in good health. The activities at CLV keep them busy, up-to-date and informed, and there are a number of WMC friends also in residence and nearby that they see and visit. Bill related that he didn’t share much of his military experience when he was a student, but he served in Korea from 1952 to 1953, some of that time under Gen. Douglas MacArthur. MacArthur’s words during his farewell speech, “Old soldiers never die; they just fade away,” ring true for Bill, and he still waits for the “armistice” to be signed that would end that war.

Bev Hill, M.Ed. '68 wrote from Selbyville, Del., that she was on the Hill in May for McDaniel’s celebration of female athletes prior to Title IX. Bev and **Anne Clemmitt '59** were presenters at the program, which was attended by 50-60 athletes and several other alumni who were on campus for other reunions. Later in May, she attended a dinner in honor of student success and the role of philanthropy at the college, held at the B&O Railroad Museum. Bev has established an endowed scholarship in honor of her beloved niece. Bev wrote, “It was good to be back. I have nothing but joyful memories of my four years there and have no problem saying they were the best four years of my life.”

Rod Ryon sent word that he and Joan are well. They have done some fun traveling since the last update, including a 2018 train trip that ended in Denver and a visit with **Jim and Mil Dickey '62 Thomas**. When they’re at home, Rod has an “old people’s” (*his words, not mine*) routine that now is “mostly satisfactory” — reading, doing puzzles, playing bridge and the piano, thoroughly enjoying his pre-dinner cocktail, and, of course, napping whenever he wants. Rod closed with this observation: “Sometimes we muse about young people. I say hats off to them for enlightened views about sexuality, gender, and race. Healthier by far than those of the late 50s. But who dreamed up the idea that body tattoos were attractive?”

Lloyd Musselman joined several celebrities in business, government and entertainment when he was inducted into The Baltimore City College High School Hall of Fame in 2016. Recently, he taught his last American history course for Oklahoma City University in Singapore.

Lloyd Musselman '60 was inducted into The Baltimore City College High School Hall of Fame in 2016.

Jo Ann Henklein McCann '66 has retired from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs after more than 30 years of federal service.

He has been teaching there since 2002, and this year he had students from Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, the People's Republic of China, India and Russia. "These students asked questions no American asks and they really kept me on my toes," he says. In Oklahoma, he teaches lifelong learning courses for retired professionals and weekly reads local news stories and magazine articles, as well as book chapters, for the Library for the Blind. He reports that he and Nancy are doing fine, "just the normal aches and pains." They have traveled some in the last year, including a trip to southern Spain to visit their daughter and son-in-law.

Carol Dixon Gable reports that she and Allen are still living in New Hampshire and in June they celebrated their 59th anniversary. They continue to work on "all the adjustments that our age brings." And to prove it, Allen has been recovering from a broken leg, suffered last March. They live in the Taylor Retirement Community in Laconia, N.H.

Fellow Taylor Retirement Community resident **Kit Zeller Peterson** is doing well and sees Carol and Allen occasionally. Kit is keeping busy since the death of her husband, John. They had been married for 52 years and after retirement they took some great trips to Europe and Asia. Now Kit keeps busy singing in a choral society during the winter months and playing the organ and accompanying musicians at a historical church, which is open only during the summer months.

Bob Harris continues as a director of the Pennsylvania State Sunday School Association and also is busy with the Archives and History Commission of the Susquehanna Annual Conference. He is also called upon to preach occasionally. A real highlight for Bob's year has been the high school graduation of his two granddaughters, one in Roswell, Ga., and one in Manchester, Ga.

Jim and Lynne Rodway '63 Worden have been living in Colorado Springs for the past 20 years, after a 30-year stay in Michigan. They have three daughters and a son, and nine grandchildren ranging in age from three to 26. Tragically, four years ago their 15-year-old granddaughter died from a rare brain disease. They've recently welcomed a new great-granddaughter. Having retired from his financial planning practice as a CFP, Jim now has a ministry called Christian Success Ministry which shows Christians how to find God's plan for their lives. Still active in sailing and four-wheeling in the mountains, Jim is looking forward to getting back into snowboarding, a sport he engaged in for 22 of the past 25 years. Lynne is the "ultimate mother, grandmother and great grandmother. It's in her genes."

Don Hester, in a pledge to retire before his oldest son retired from 30 years in the Coast Guard, turned over the management of the family's insurance agency to his youngest son last year. He remains involved with the church, vestry and finance chair, and in the local ambulance company. In the summer he

is active with the volunteer fire company near his summer home on Fire Island, N.Y., and he is the president of the local dune conservation group on the island. Boating is his favorite pastime and now he has time to enjoy it more. As a past district governor of Rotary on Long Island, Don still enjoys visiting with friends, both here and abroad, as a result of his involvement with high school-level foreign exchange students. He introduced the RYLA youth leadership program to Long Island, which now trains over 250 students from all over Long Island each year.

Jon '61 and Bev Schott Myers wrote from Vail, Colo., where they were enjoying blue skies, no humidity and 80 degrees. Their "grand adults" range in age from 25 to 29. The oldest, Robert, is newly engaged and is the designer and owner of three "escape rooms" in Boston. Sam, who is autistic, works part time in his own cafe called Sam's Canterbury Cafe and attends Itineris, which is a program for autistic adults. Connor, living and working in Montana, just climbed El Capitan in California. Kevin is a musician who is just starting a cross country tour. And last, but certainly not least, is granddaughter, Mollie, who is in her fourth year of medical school at the University of Toledo. When Bev is in Baltimore, she is one of the bridge group of eight WMC gals that has been playing several months of the year for almost two decades.

Doug and Sandy Eastwood Smith were visiting the Outer Banks, N.C., with their three daughters and families when Doug emailed. He had been in the hospital with pneumonia, but he is recovering well. They are active at their church, love square dancing and enjoy the theater, as well as bridge for Sandy and bowling for Doug. Traveling highlights included a trip to Italy with their family and a trip to Sicily with longtime friends. They had a surprise visit with **Don and Judy Hester** recently and also visit with **Don Lowe**.

Esther Upperco Gay has been living in Williamsburg, Va., for 15 years. Esther reports that she recently had a serious bout with bronchitis which left her much thinner; but, she said, she's "found" some of the weight she lost. Husband, Bob, recently returned to working as a deacon assigned-to-a-church and that keeps him very busy. As a result, they are not able to travel as much as in the past, although they were able to get up to Westminster to visit with Esther's relatives. Their children and grands are doing well. Son, Tom's, family life is hectic with two sons, ages 11 and 8, and Tom's frequent business trips out of the country. Younger son, Sean, has two daughters, ages 14 and 11. Daughter, Catherine, and her husband, John, living in coastal North Carolina, keep busy with work, and Catherine loves keeping in touch with the Upperco family members in Maryland. So, Esther says, she and Bob are thankful for their health and for their many other blessings.

Jim and Peg Herring '61 Goldring are enjoying retirement life in North Bonneville, Wash., not

far from Vancouver, Wash., and Portland, Ore.: "There's so much to see and not nearly enough time to take it all in." Their daughter, Amy, and one son, Dave, live in Oregon with their families, and their older son, Steve, and family live in Salt Lake City. Their grandchildren live in Eugene, Ore., Nashville and Ohio. Jim and Peg keep busy working with their church, and "we enjoy the slower pace in the community. All in all, life at the Goldring abode is very good."

Barbara Willis Reed Butler wrote that this has been an exciting year for them. They celebrated two grandchildren's weddings, two grandchildren's graduations from college, one granddaughter's graduation from medical school, and now great-grandchildren numbers six and seven are on the way. And they managed to do some traveling as well.

Karl and Joan Zajac '61 Silex continue to be active in their church. Karl is still playing golf and tennis and is active on several boards, as well as in the Baltimore City Rotary Club where he has been a member for 45 years. Together he and Joan enjoy activities with their three grandsons. They still travel to Europe. Otherwise, "we are slowly aging in place."

Don Lowe's open heart surgery and resultant complications kept him from the last reunion, but he definitely is planning on being at the 60th. In March 2018, he moved from his home in Alexandria, Va., to Riderwood, a retirement community in Silver Spring, Md., and he has enjoyed his life there ever since. Having self-published a book of poems, "Destiny," Don continues to write poetry and has started working on an autobiography. He participates in many of the activities at Riderwood and continues to attend his church in Washington, D.C. In summary, Don says he's in great shape once again and will see everyone at the next reunion.

Sondra Nystrom Leef and Bud continue to live in Orange Beach, Fla. and Long Neck, Del. Sondra celebrated her 80th birthday in Coral Springs, Fla., with family and her WMC roommate, **Sue Schomer**, who looked great. She "finally" (*her word, not mine...*) graduated in 1990 with a BBA in Human Resources. If any classmates are in the Lewes or Bethany Beach, Del., area, Sondra would love to see them!

Bob Cole has been living 40 miles east of San Francisco, Calif., since 1980 and he retired in 1998. Recently, he became a grandfather for the fourth time. Having learned about the passing of **Al Stewart '61** and **Walt Mahan '61**, two WMC baseball teammates, Bob spoke with **Clark Kirkman** and **Tony Wiles '61**. They all agreed that they "had lost a step or two." But, he said, they both sounded well, with no great age issues. He also talked with **Nancy Smith Stewart '61**, who is doing well.

Capt'n **Jim McMahan** and **Patti Welk Wolf** are still enjoying each other's company after rekindling their college friendship at their reunion in 2015. Jim finished three terms on the Harford County Council and did not run for a fourth. Patti's son, Dan, remarried and

Patti and Jim are eagerly awaiting a new grand baby. In July they spent 10 days in Estonia, Maryland's sister state in the Baltic Region. Jim was the emcee for the 100th celebration of the Green Terror ROTC Battalion. Patti and Jim entertained some former WMC classmates in August at Patti's farm in White Hall, Md., and they were guests at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) when **LTG Otto Guenther '63** was inducted into the Army's Communications Hall of Fame. Both Jim and Otto were commissioned 2d LT's from WMC into the Army's Signal Corps. **Don '62 and Janice Mooney '63, M.Ed. '78 Hobart** also were guests for the event at APG.

Not covered in this column is the bridge group which meets every month when we don't have to fear the snow. **Jackie Sapp Skarbek, Sharon Board Chilcoat, Jill Brown Hurlbrink, Bev Schott Myers**, and I, **Carol Westerfield Rabush, M.Ed. '79**, have been joined by other WMCers, **Brenda Mayer Stevens Cornwell '61, Wendy Marek Wells '61 and Chris Reichenbecker Boner '61**. When we need substitutes, we call **Janice Mooney Hobart '63, M.Ed. '78, Carole Richardson Baile '64, Jackie Cook Sanders '61, or Joan Schaefer Weyrich '59**. Bridge prowess is not a huge requirement and often there is some "on-the-spot tutelage." The important thing is getting together and having a good time.

I guess all that's left is the crazy existence that is **Don Rabush '62, M.Ed. '70** and me. Nothing unusual has happened to us since last I updated. I read the last column and to my surprise I saw that we had been in Costa Rica that year. Well, we've been to Costa Rica again this year. This was our third trio to Tamarindo, and we love it there. Here in our beloved U.S., we've moved ... again. This one was short, to the house next door. Need I say that Don loves a fixer-upper? We also have had two graduations to celebrate. Second oldest grandchild, Katie, Keith's daughter, graduated from University of Maryland in fire suppression engineering and then started full-time work, in the same company doing the same thing as her older brother who graduated from UMD two years ago. Third daughter, Jenny, is a college senior. The other graduate was Evan, son, Mark's, older son, who is now a ninth grader who has had a lifelong interest and participation in soccer and now plays soccer and also basketball for the high school team. Quinn, the youngest of the grandchild group, is 12 and another soccer and basketball fanatic and participant. When in Maryland, Don and I keep driving the highways and byways to observe their athletic endeavors. We are as healthy as octogenarians can be, and we "keep ahead of the sheriff" with our constant movements, in both Maryland and California.

Now it's time for **Jim Thomas's** alert about the upcoming Class of 1960's 60th reunion ... SAVE THE DATE! On May 1-3, 2020 McDaniel will host the Golden Reunion Weekend for all classes, including the 60th anniversary of our graduation from WMC. Plans for the weekend are not firm yet; however, in

the past the college has hosted a lunch with the President's "State of the College" address and also assisted with a Friday evening event of our choosing. Anyone interested in planning our weekend? Please contact Jim at millejimthm@gmail.com or (303) 979-8077.

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1966

Richard "Richie" Eigen and his wife, Anne, still split their time with six months in Florida and six months in Connecticut. They have two granddaughters who play travel softball, soccer and basketball and love their McDaniel water bottles! He sees **Richie Klitzberg '63, Howie Wagner '63, Ozzie Stewart '61, Stan Makover '65 and Gary Fass '68** every couple of weeks for breakfast in Florida and sometimes they meet in New York City for a play. He writes that he is on the Internet with right wing WMC classmates about politics.

Mary Lynn Engelbrecht Deckert had an accident last June, but is now doing well in Salisbury, Md. She has had numerous visits from her first "roomie," **Kit Reeves Stillely**. On the way to Norfolk, Va., to visit her sister, **Mary Barbara Reeves Sykes '68**, Kit uses Mary Lynn's home as a short cut. Mary Lynn and Kit plan trips together, ticking off adventures on their bucket list like the Rose Bowl parade. Bill and Mary Lynn's family is doing well, some at home in Salisbury and others in Ashland, Va. Mary Lynn vacationed with them in Old Forge, N.Y. At home, she is still volunteering and playing hand bells at church.

Dotty Chance Strawsburg writes that her husband passed away in July 2018 after about six years of progressive dementia. She misses her life with him every day, but she is in good health and spending time with their children and grandchildren. She works part-time at the library and hopes to do some traveling.

Karen Myers Schutz is tearing up the road between Albuquerque, N.M., and Oregon, where her granddaughter lives. Her husband has had several surgeries but they are still traveling. Recently they cruised from Singapore around Vietnam and Thailand and then took another cruise around Hawaii. They have plans to go to the European Christmas markets in December and end up in Budapest, Hungary. "Not too bad for two old birds," she says.

Carol England Pertain has retired from her job at the Cecil County Health Department in Maryland and has also closed her gift shop in North East, Md. She and her husband, Charles, own a laundromat which keeps them busy and Charles works part-time at the federal court in Baltimore as a U.S. Marshall. They recently visited New Orleans and Barcelona, and took a Hawaiian cruise from California, which included stops in Japan. They also visited St. Michaels, Md., to see **Lyn Smith Misiaszek**, who visits from Florida every summer with her husband.

Kay Coleman Smith was very busy this year, serving on the planning committee for a special May celebration at McDaniel honoring all pre-Title IX varsity-level women athletes who competed for WMC. This event was the culmination of more than two years of research assisted by **Kris Michelsen Lakenan '67**. President Roger Casey presented chenille letters to the women who returned for the celebration. Honorees included **Sue Dixon Hines '49**, now 90 years old, **Sherry Fischer Manning '65, Hon. D.H.L. '79, Mary Ellen Coleman Quinby '65, Maggie Elgin '67, Becky Hidey Stephens '64 and Alice "A" Welles Leishure '64**. Now Kay is compiling all of her data into a book. She also continues to quilt, do a bit of gardening and mentors a Burmese refugee family, which is challenging and rewarding.

Betsy Murphy Schuele celebrated a shared birthday with **Lynne Marck McDonough** in Bradenton, Fla., for a week in January. They had a wonderful time together drinking Community Coffee, a favorite of Betsy's from her Louisiana days.

Bill Falkler and his wife, Trish, are enjoying their home in Florida. They spent time with **Gerald Winegrad** and his wife, Carol, this spring in Naples, Fla., and took a vacation to Hatteras, N.C., with all their children and grandchildren. He sends his wishes for happiness and good health to everyone.

Barbara "Babs" Meirose Cole is still living in her 1880s farmhouse that she has renovated over the years in the beautiful Catskills in upstate New York. Unfortunately, she lost Mike, her significant other of 30 years, in March. It had been a long three-year battle with cancer. He underwent chemo and immunotherapy, which gained him quality time. Babs is now going on with the help of a wonderful support group of family and friends. She is doing home care for elderly and handicapped people in her area, plus odd jobs like painting, landscaping and repairs, which keeps her busy, paid and physically active. She has three children, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson, plus she gained four more children and 13 grandchildren on Mike's side. She is involved in church and community activities and finds life peaceful and satisfying in the country. She says, "I am indeed rich in all the things that matter the most!"

David Horton reports that he and his wife, Peg, are into their third year of living in Ft. Myers, Fla., and wish that they had moved there 10 years earlier. Dave is still playing tennis and bridge, and they eat out a lot living in their condo at Lexington Country Club. Their son is a retired Air Force colonel and will turn 50 in October and their daughter is a counselor in Charlotte, N.C. Dave says he has five reasonably normal grandkids with three in college, and 75 doesn't seem so old anymore! He does miss his old roomies, **Bill Deckert and Bob Scott**.

Jackie Baer Bennett and her husband, Dan, moved to his hometown of Alexander City, Ala., "Gateway to Lake Martin," 30 years

family

WE DID!

Wedding vows exchanged this season:

Katelyn Wolf '17 to Mike Capozzoli on September 7, 2019. They reside in Havre de Grace, Md.

Elizabeth "Elise" O'Meara '14 to Andrew Merlo '15 on September 28, 2019. They reside in Baltimore.

Michelle Hierstetter '13 to Tim Hall on September 8, 2019. They reside in Sykesville, Md.

Courtney DePiano '13 to Maxwell Sierra '13 on January 19, 2019. They reside in Herndon, Va.

Jennie Weiner '11, M.S. '12 to Ryan Scott on August 3, 2019. They reside in Aurora, Colo.

Lindsey Browning '10 to Carolyn Bradley '12 on September 2, 2019. They reside in Germantown, Md.

Allison Johns '10 to Adam Geiman on August 17, 2019. They reside in Hanover, Pa.

Christopher "C-Mo" Molloy '10 to Rachel Elsrond on September 2, 2018. They reside in Glyndon, Md.

Diego de los Rios '06 to Elizabeth Onasch on August 17, 2019. They reside in Silver Spring, Md.

Benjamin Hillis '04 to Kacie Kintner on June 8, 2019. They reside in Towanda, Pa.

Katherine Ruppenthal '91, M.L.A. '93 to Jeff Hiestand on September 7, 2019. They reside in Hanover, Pa.

Chuck Sullivan '72 became president of the McDaniel Alumni Association this summer.

ago and they still love it. It's small-town living with easy access to their six grandchildren (three are in college now in Alabama). She and Dan celebrated their 50th anniversary all year with trips to Mt. Rushmore, New England, New Orleans and Oahu. She gave up quilting after cataract surgery and gave up gardening due to the heat, but relies on her part-time job in medical records at the local hospital to keep her busy and the free gym access to keep her active.

Darrell Linton retired from the University of Central Florida College of Engineering and lives in Winter Springs, Fla. He keeps in regular contact and meets annually for lunch and dinner in Baltimore with senior-year roommates **Robert Creighton**, **Ed Feinglass**, **Rob Hendrickson** and their spouses. Last year Darrell spent a wonderful 24 hours at his home with **Jim Lightner '59** who was on vacation in Florida. Darrell's activities include swimming all year, stationary bike-riding, landscaping, reading and traveling, with Yellowstone being a favorite destination.

Jo Ann Henklein McCann is happy to say that she has finally retired from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs after more than 30 years of federal service in Washington, D.C. She says that "retirement is the absolute best." Jo Ann took her family on a cruise to Alaska where they helicoptered over mountains and landed and then hiked on a glacier. She is still involved with CODA International and recently attended a retreat in Jacksonville, Fla. She is active in supporting a girl troop in Scouts BSA and recently completed the initial intensive five-day Wood Badge leadership training. Keeping up with the grandkids involves ice skating, camping and sailing. She reports that you can always tell a hockey mom because those moms keep winter coats in the car year-round!

Roger Adler continues living in Brooklyn Heights with his wife of almost 50 years, Renee. He is still practicing law in lower Manhattan representing the "little people," speaking "truth to power." In July, he visited Annapolis for a delightful lunch with Preacher brother **Gerald Winegrad** and his wife, Carol.

My husband and I, **Kaye Stevens Thomas**, continue to live in Salisbury, Md. Jim is retired, but very active in the community and I still continue to be active at church, my garden club and keeping our house and yard in good order. We entertain a lot and continue to be fortunate to have a lot of friends. We travel to see our three children mostly: Our son who is commuting between Dallas and New York for McLaren Automotive, our middle daughter and her husband who live in Bluffton, S.C., with our three grandchildren, and our youngest daughter in New York City doing branding for Goldman Sachs. I see **Robert Creighton** and **Grayson Winterling, M.Ed. '73**, both of whom are well. As with a lot of fellow classmates, my life doesn't change as rapidly as it used to, but I don't move as quickly as I used to either.

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1972

Thanks to the more than 40 classmates who responded this time! Our class is still going strong, and it's truly difficult to believe we'll soon be celebrating our 50th college reunion.

Roger Young put a fascinating perspective on our age with this reflection, "Strange to think that back in '68, when we started, that 2019 would be the equivalent of having someone from the Class of 1917 show up. Just plain weird. Doubly weird to think that the chemistry, physics and math I learned in the science building is still relevant to my daily work life, but it is. As most of us are probably progressing into the retirement years, the president and some of the major candidates are still older than we are. Psychedelic (think Crimson and Clover, over and over)." But Roger is not retiring: "I'm living in Portland, Ore., working on a medical device start-up company that I hope will actually work. Signs point to 'yes,' according to the Magic 8-Ball. *The Hill* is how I communicate with my old roommate **Wally Parce**, so here goes: Hey Wally, let me know when you get up this way again. The company is going great!"

Greg Williams wrote that it's been four years since his retirement from the Massachusetts district court bench. He continues to give talks around Cape Cod, mostly about historical Massachusetts crimes like Lizzie Borden, Sacco and Vanzetti, the "murder at Harvard." His key event this year was a celebration with Jacqueline Schwab (piano for 12 Ken Burns films, including "The Civil War") in Yarmouth Port of Herman Melville's 200th birthday. He notes that events are listed on his Facebook page, "Gregory Williams Speaks." "This August, Marianne (still at the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod) and I saw our daughter, Livvy, start her four years at the University of Vermont. Sons Leighton and Collin remain in Gainesville, Fla., where Leighton is an ER nurse; daughter-in-law, MacKenzie, still chases her Ph.D. in something-to-do-with-blood; and Collin is, among other things, a crafter of artisanal ice cubes. Keith Richwine would smile: I am the newly elected president of the Board of Trustees of Sturgis Library (the oldest library building in the country), in Barnstable, Mass. Kurt Vonnegut was once on that board, and we had a weekend of celebrating the 50th anniversary of "Slaughterhouse-Five." The observance included Vonnegut family members and scholars. Ever the English major."

Speaking of Ken Burns, when he produced "Gettysburg" in 1993, our classmate **Jim Wilberger** was executive in charge of production. In November 2018, McDaniel President Roger Casey hosted Jim for a SmartTALK about an insider's glimpse into Hollywood production and careers. Jim has gone on to

produce more than 80 movies, mini-series and television movies, often working as both creative producer and line producer while traveling to filming locations around the globe. (I, **Kathy Bryant**, remember once talking to him when he was standing on a roof in Spain because that's the only place he could get phone reception). Currently head of production at Mission Pictures International, he has produced for the Hallmark Channel, Hulu, Lifetime and other networks, including such titles as "Enchanted Christmas," "Frankenstein" and "Pandemic." As vice president of production for Turner Network Television for more than a decade, Jim was in-house producer of Ted Turner's passion projects — large-budget, often historic dramas, including "Nuremberg," "Riders of the Purple Sage" and "James Dean." In the past 10 years, Jim has brought McDaniel interns to Los Angeles, where they get experience working with different departments on a movie set.

Chuck Sullivan became president of the McDaniel Alumni Association this summer, while **Debbie Dunphy Grosh** became the 1972 class agent for McDaniel.

Jesse and **Bonnie Kimmel Houston** wrote that they enjoyed seeing many classmates at the last reunion. They moved from Ocean City, Md., to Sarasota, Fla., in January and are renting a condominium on Lido Beach. The winter and spring were a welcome change from Maryland. They have already had visits from **Gene '71** and **Debbie Dunphy Grosh** and **Dale** and **Cathy Donaway**. Jesse and Bonnie also welcomed a beautiful granddaughter in December, so now have three grandsons and the baby girl.

Mark Vidor said he is "enjoying the relatively relaxed pace of retirement. I continue to be involved in music-related activities, most prominently in playing accordion at several farmers markets in the Baltimore area — mostly French cafe style stuff. The social interaction with customers and vendors is quite gratifying and I think my musical contributions add a certain something to the proceedings as well."

Barbara Schull Chilton continues to "enjoy the 'winter of my life' here in sunny St. Petersburg, Fla." Her husband, Jim, has worked overseas for the last six years. He has spent time heading up big airport projects in the Middle East, the U.K., Hong Kong, Singapore and the Philippines. He is currently doing some work in Australia. He always comes home with fascinating stories about his daily interactions with folks in far off lands. Their son, Jimmy, and his wife added a little girl to the family last September. Five-year-old grandson, Nathan, was thrilled to welcome baby sister, Lia! Barbara and Jim love the time they get to spend with their grandkids both in North Carolina where they live and when they visit Florida. Their daughter, Rachel, accepted a new job with USAID in Tanzania in April 2018 as the deputy communications officer for the USAID mission at

the embassy in Dar Es Salaam. In addition to her USAID duties, which take her to remote parts of Tanzania, she has traveled to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Zanzibar. Her work gives her a lot of satisfaction and she says Africa is beautiful. "Life is pretty darn good, but losing good friend **Diane Ercole McCabe** this year has once again reminded me that life is short and every day on this earth is a gift," Barbara says.

Margie Kelbel retired in mid-2013 after almost 42 years of service with state government. Most of her time was spent in marketing at the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, now the Department of Commerce. For the latter part of her career, she planned her team's presence at business-related conferences and then set up displays, met conference attendees and promoted Maryland as a place to do business. Having discovered a deep love of dogs as she cared for her "god-dog, Bud," while his folks traveled, Margie told "the universe" that she wanted to watch dogs in peoples' homes while they were away as a "second act." "I have had clients in my hometown of Annapolis and have traveled as far as Denton, Parkton, Bethesda and St. Michael's to care for a diverse group, everything from an Afghan to golden retrievers to pugs! I have met some wonderful people and cared for precious dogs throughout this time. My only concern is that I have not really scheduled a full vacation for myself in quite a while." When not dog sitting, Margie is active in her progressive Baptist church near the Bay Bridge, where choir, church council and outreach at the community's strawberry festival keep her involved with a wonderful group of friends who are her extended family.

Melissa Smith Barnes and husband, Leo, and are still co-pastors at Bush Creek Church of the Brethren in Monrovia, Md., and enjoy time with their combined family of six children and 11 grandchildren. "We volunteer with several retreat ministries, such as Seven Mile Walk with Jesus, Credo and Kairos. Our highlight this past year was a two-week trip to Alaska, where we enjoyed a land tour and then a cruise from Anchorage down to Vancouver. I retired from the Maryland State Highway Administration, and then from a consulting firm. My children want to know when I'm going to retire and stay retired. One of these days."

Bob Haynie and his wife, Peggy, are still living on Lookout Mountain, Wash.. "We spent three weeks in Britain last autumn, including nine days in London (I have a niece who lives there). We took one day to go to Paris, so we got to see the original and never-to-be-seen-again Notre Dame. We also went to Scotland (the highlands are astonishingly beautiful), Wales (only for a night: I got food poisoning from a pizza—should have stayed with leeks and beer) and Ireland (at Madigan's pub, off the main drag in Dublin, we ended up sitting at the bar between two couples from

Baltimore, one from Elkridge, only a couple miles from where I grew up). It was one of those trip-of-a-lifetime things with lots of fun, beautiful country and interesting people. It was longer than we like to be gone from here, being basically stay-at-homes, but well worth the time and effort."

Ken Kester is finally retired and loving it after 45 years of medical equipment sales. "Every night is a Friday, and every morning is Saturday," he says. "My best wishes to our compatriots from the Hill. Let's all wake up tomorrow and make sure our toes are still moving!"

Vivian Higdon Seaman is still living just outside Westminster. She and husband, **John Seaman '70, M.Ed. '76**, still find the community a comfortable place. John traveled to Switzerland last year, and Vivian recently returned from a medical mission trip to Guatemala and El Salvador, which was a real eye-opener to the plight of these beautiful people. Now the urge to travel more is much stronger, but with one child still living at home, the opportunities are limited. Vivian is retired, but still teaching part time. John has developed a deep love for hiking the Appalachian Trail and goes on five-day hikes when he can. They love to visit daughter Holly and family in Lexington Park, Md. She is a nurse working on a MA practitioner program and her husband, Walt, is a Presbyterian minister working on his Ph.D. at Wake Forest. Their four children, ages 7-14, are all in school and active in sports and music theatre. They also love to visit son, Jeff, and family in Charlotte, N.C. His three daughters also enjoy music theatre and dancing. "Our seven grandchildren are the delights of old age!" says Vivian. Daughter, Stephanie, continues to become more independent with hopes to move out soon. They have always enjoyed being close to Vivian's sister and brother-in-law, **Nancy Higdon** and **Dick Morgan '69** of Severna Park, Md. They also see roommate **Patti Wade Allen** and **JC Allen '70**, **Bill '70** and **Marilyn Griffith**, and **Mike Elliott '70** in Rehoboth Beach, Del., every summer. She says, "Friendships made at WMC never die!"

Looks like 2018 was a big year for **Jim Yates Jr.**: "We sold the business and semi-retired. We had our first granddaughter, Elinor. Her mother is **Courtney Yates '04**. We traveled to Morocco, Southern Spain, the Grand Canyon and our big family deal in Virginia Beach was 32 family members strong. I am staying busy on the board of McDaniel. I get to work with a lot of old friends, including **Bruce Preston '75**, **Phil Enstice '71** and **Bill "Wire" Westervelt '71**." **Sharon Montgomery Brown** is retired and has downsized, living in a two-bedroom condo and enjoying free time traveling, playing golf and stitching. She often visits **Bonnie Seidel Cory '74** in California when the Jersey winters are at their worst. "It's nice to have that flexibility now that work is behind me," she says.

Marty Bosley Miller is keeping busy in retirement by working part time at her local library. "My career in libraries goes back to Mrs.

Richwine's introductory classes," she says. "I am so grateful that WMC offered a library science minor and prepared me for a career as a school librarian." Along the way, she has worked in elementary, middle school, college and public libraries. "It is hard to retire from library work because it is always interesting, so having the opportunity to continue my career into retirement has been a wonderful bonus," says Marty. With family spread out from Maryland to California, travel plans often involve trips across the country, usually driving. Iowa is not the most convenient place to live in terms of the coasts (or sailing, which is her husband's favorite thing to do), but it is the hub of political activity leading up to the Iowa caucuses. "We have many opportunities to see presidential candidates at local events. Let's hope we pick a good one!"

In September 2017 **Diane Leadley Bauman** and her husband, Neil, moved from southern Pennsylvania to Lynden, Wash. They had a moving van take the big stuff, but drove from Pennsylvania to Washington hauling a trailer with immediate needs and some small stuff. She says: "That trip was memorable, but I hope never to spend that much time in the car again unless we are sightseeing along the way! It was in the 80s when we left Pennsylvania and snowing in the mountains three days later (and do you think I packed for snow?). I have always lived on the East Coast, from New York to Pennsylvania to Maryland, so this was a big change for me, but I fell in love with the West Coast during visits to family there. I loved the mountain views, lower humidity and more moderate weather of Northwestern Washington." Neil grew up in British Columbia, so this was like coming home for him. Three of their four children and four of their five grandsons live within a couple hours now. One son is in Seattle and two daughters are in Abbotsford, B.C., just over the border in Canada (they are just a few miles from the U.S. border crossing). It was a difficult decision for Diane because she left behind her mother, three sisters with their families, another son, and another grandson in the Baltimore/Washington area and she only gets back there once a year. "Since our arrival it has been a bit of a medical rollercoaster with the most upheaval beginning last fall when I found out in October 2018 that I had cancer," she says. "After months of tests, surgery and chemo, with lots of doctor appointments between, life finally settled into a somewhat normal routine in May. I am only working half days now doing bookkeeping for our business while Neil has taken over handling invoicing and shipping. We are finally 'semi-retired,' for which I am grateful, but I don't know that we will ever be fully retired because Neil loves what he is doing running the Center for Hearing Loss Help." In her spare time, Diane knits winter wear and blankets for an NGO in Seattle that provides medical care and various supplies to Syrian refugees, mostly those in the camps in Jordan. She

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Family additions this season:

Judah Snack on September 6, 2019 to Rachel Guthall '17 and Jonathan '15 Snack.

Thomas James Maddrey on October 21, 2018 to James Maddrey '15 and Kasey Brown.

Atlas Molloy on August 18, 2019 to Christopher "C-Mo" '10 and Rachel Molloy.

Thomas Albert Luner on October 31, 2018 to Jared '08 and Laura Hutton '09 Luner.

Anisah Helton on March 31, 2019 to Marcus '02 and Mithona Dan '02, M.S. '08 Helton.

Trip Rodman McWhirter on June 22, 2019 to Kenny and Lee Oliver '08 McWhirter.

Holden Silas Stacy on August 13, 2019 to Autumn Hancock '06 Stacy and Adam Stacy.

Layla Trinity Millington on August 10, 2019 to Terrell and Crystal Towns '03 Millington.

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Trustee Emeritus George Russell Benson Jr., passed away on Sept. 25 in Annapolis, Md. He was 83.

Born on February 15, 1936 in Baltimore and raised in Westminster, George was the son of the late G. Russell and Caroline Foutz Benson. He was the husband of the late Patricia Rodgers Benson, his high school sweetheart, to whom he was married for 50 years. In the mid-1960s, George and Pat settled their family in Anne Arundel County. In 1971, they established Benson Motor Cars, Ltd., across the Eastport bridge in Annapolis. George believed that if your job is your passion, you will never work a day in your life and George was passionate about automobiles. Upon retirement in 2000, George and Pat moved to Marco Island, Fla., where they joined the Hideaway Beach Club, Wesley United Methodist Church and the Marco Island Rotary Club.

George was a philanthropist who supported charitable causes in education, medicine and the arts around the country. Over the years, George served as trustee at McDaniel College and Severn School and as a member of the Anne Arundel Medical Center Foundation Board where he chaired the capital campaign for the Clatanoff Pavilion.

As the grandson, son, brother and father of Western Maryland College alumni, George had a connection to McDaniel College his entire life — much longer than the more than 20 years he dedicated to our Board of Trustees. George counseled three presidents and led and participated on committees including the Audit Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Institutional Advancement Committee and Executive Committee.

George was a lifelong Rotarian, a member of the Downtown Annapolis Club, Marco Island Club, and proud founder of the Parole Club. A man of honor and integrity, George's life and work were guided by his faith in God and his adherence to the Rotary 4-Way Test.

Surviving him are his daughters and sons-in-law Caroline and Brian Tringali of Alexandria, Va., and Katie and Greg Nivens of Lutherville, Md.; grandchildren Scott and Grace Tringali and Zoe Nivens; and partner of the last 9 years, Gwenn Patten. In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by sister Caroline Benson Schaeffer.



has also been knitting blankets for the local Newborns in Need group. Meanwhile, Neil is cultivating a large vegetable garden (plus a large strawberry patch), and Diane is the designated picker when things get ripe. "In the summer, we don't need to buy fresh vegetables very often, and we know our homegrown vegetables haven't been sprayed with chemicals, which is nice," she says.

Steve Easterday is two and a half years cancer free. His wife, Kim, retired in May after 43 years in the Athletic Department at McDaniel.

They immediately left for a month of travel out west and have lots more travel planned.

Becca Janes wrote, "My hair came back thicker and curlier after getting through breast cancer last year. I felt very lucky to have caught it early." Her daughter passed the bar exam and they got to attend her induction ceremony to the Massachusetts bar at Faneuil Hall in Boston. The bout with cancer delayed finishing the book Becca has been working on, but she's back on it and hopes to self-publish again by the end of the year. The book is called "Not Everything Happens for a Reason: Finding peace in the gray areas of a polarized world." Becca is still working full time in private practice psychotherapy, using a lot of internal family systems theory along with EMDR.

Lynn Tarbutton Cummings says she's been enjoying the retired life for 11 years, teaching painting part time and entering art shows, mainly in New England. Both her sons now live a few minutes away in South Burlington, Vt. "My husband and I spend a month or two in the winter escaping the frozen tundra of the north, escaping to warm places such as Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, Peru, Colombia, Costa Rica, various Caribbean Islands and the desert in southwest U.S.," she says. Their oldest son, Kyle, got married in September, and shortly after the wedding Lynn and her husband were heading back to Arizona and Utah "to do the vagabond thing in our Sprinter motorhome. We'll be back just in time for the spectacular fall leaves in Vermont, when I'll resume my watercolor, mixed media and acrylic painting and teaching. Next winter we plan to drive down the east coast of the Sea of Cortez and spend a few weeks in that part of Mexico. Are any of you who have motorhomes adventurous enough to join us?"

Gary King, M.Ed. '75 was checking in from Snow Hill on Maryland's Eastern Shore, where he and Jan have been busy with their community involvement through the Rotary Club. He is currently making his second tour as the club's president. "It is a wonderful way to team with others to focus on the needs of our local citizens, as well as international projects. We received a grant to assist home educators working with preschoolers to be ready for kindergarten through our local Judy Center." Other projects include a backpack program for youngsters to give them food for the week-end, weekly speakers have a book donated in their name to the local middle school library, and they build ramps for seniors who need them for home access. "Our Victorian home built in 1878 is a treasure; however, there are improvements and maintenance, as you can imagine," Gary says. "Jan enjoys gardening and decorating and is organizing a Christmas tour of 10 Snow Hill homes in December. I enjoy improvement projects as I check each one off 'The List.' This deadline keeps me on task!" They had grandchildren visiting the shore this summer, with daughter and son-in-law **Kelly**

King Blaine '04 and **Jon Blaine '04** bringing their three kids from Frederick, Md., for fireworks. They left two of them there for the week while they got a hard-earned break. Kelly and Jon have bought the family Kensington, Md., business, Blaine Restoration, and are making great progress. Daughter Nani Jacobson and her husband, Andy, arrived this summer from the Minneapolis area with their two sons, whom Gary and Jan got to spoil with all of the beach attractions and natural wonders. Daughter Karla recently married her long-time beau in April. They have bought a house and live in Santa Fe, N.M. Kyle is engaged to be married while Kevin is living large in his Beltsville, Md., home with his trusty dog, Reagle. Gary is in his ninth year as a precious metals and coin dealer after 38 years in public education. He enjoys playing golf and bridge, and is blessed with good health. "Life is great on the Eastern Shore," he says. "Combining 'work' with pleasure, I travel over to the western shore to visit my 96-year-old mom in Gaithersburg, Md. She is healthy and a pleasure to see. We watch old movies and the Washington Nationals and share breakfast at the local IHOP. I keep in close touch with my sister, **Karen King Slikker '70**, who lives with her husband, Bart, in Dayton, Tenn. She has five adult children and seven grandchildren scattered from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Atlanta. We shared her hospitality during the great total solar eclipse two years ago as it passed directly over her home. What a family reunion! Grandkids, home, service projects, travel, retirement... sounds familiar. Life is very good! My best wishes to all of my classmates. See you at the alumni banquet and Homecoming."

After 40 years as an equine standardbred race track veterinarian working in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and a little of Delaware, **Bob Fox** has retired and moved to lower, slower Delaware. "Sari Jo and I have purchased a 1500-square-foot, one-floor home in a nice little community in Lewes." They are accompanied by two Rhodesian Ridgebacks: four-year-old Lila and a new male puppy that they're calling Dindingwa (Bantu for "cheetah"), or "Ding" for short. They are located four miles from Henlopen State Park and five miles from Rehoboth Beach with lots of bike trails, good restaurants and bars. "No comparison to the Downtown Tavern though," he says. "One would be hard-pressed to find \$0.25 beers anymore! Lila and I have been on the beach almost every day. Ding is not quite ready yet. Anybody in the neighborhood is welcome to give us a shout. **Tom "T. Lumpy" M.Ed. '77** and **Sandy Cochran Brown, and Ue and Joanne Chatham "JC" Lindsay '73** visited over the summer. Our home is dog friendly!"

Keith '70 and **Michelle "Chelle" Catington Porter** are doing great and are still loving life in Raleigh, N.C.! "It's a great city—very pretty and fun, and, though it is one of the fastest-growing cities in the nation, they're doing an excellent job of managing the growth well." They have quite a lot of family members living

nearby, and there is always something interesting to do. Their son, Craig, and his wife, Mari, and their two sons, Colton, 5, and Benny, 2, live only 15 minutes away, which is really nice. Keith retired from teaching after 45 years and an unbelievable 99 seasons of coaching football, basketball and softball. "We celebrated with a great get-together with his wonderful colleagues. Now, as you can imagine, we hope to take some trips when it's not a holiday and not summer!" They had trips planned to New Orleans, Mississippi, and Texas in November, and to the University of Illinois (with stops in Maryland, Delaware, and Keith's western Pennsylvania hometown) in May to see their nephew graduate from veterinary school. "Our daughter, Kerrie, her husband, Jim, and their three children—Alexis, 10, James, 7, and sweet newborn Lexington—live in Delaware, so some of those trips throughout the year will be to see them." Michelle retired after 30 years as an art and photography teacher in Maryland, and has delightedly kept busy with church activities and participating in all the things teachers never have time to do! "A highlight of each summer has been getting together with fabulous Phi Alpha friends from WMC for reunions at the beach in New Jersey," she says. "We have just the best time, and we haven't changed a bit! Would love to see anyone traveling to Raleigh—come sit on the porch with us anytime!"

Linda Kimball writes that since retirement, they have spent more time traveling. Last year's big trip was a wine tour of portions of Italy and this year's was to New Zealand for the wedding of their neighbor's daughter.

"I can't believe it's time to do this again," wrote **Ruth Howell**. "Time goes by quickly these days! Retirement is still good. My favorite activity continues to be travel. Trips to Holland, Belgium, Peru, Bolivia, Canada, England and France have occurred within the past year. Road trips to New York City, Asheville, N.C., Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga., have also been lots of fun. I still do some sign language interpreting part time but plan to make it my third and last retirement! The Choral Arts Society of Frederick also keeps me busy, as does church choir, book clubs and volunteering at our local hospital. I often visit with **Nancy Lee Porter** and **Dru Tresselt**."

Nancy Becker Miller has been retired from teaching for nine years. "I taught for 36 years at Westminster High School and taught some of my former professors' children, which was strange! I retired due to family illness and although the first year of retirement was tough, I am now firmly in the 'Every day is Saturday' club." She has enjoyed cruising with family and friends since retirement. One of the highlights was a cruise to Cozumel and a trip to see the Chichen Itza temples. "It is certainly nice to vacation during the school year!" Nancy and her husband welcomed their first grandchild in June and built an addition to their home for their son and daughter-in-law. "We celebrated our 47th wedding anniversary in

June. Our son got married the same day three years ago, and we celebrated on a cruise, including dinner in Bar Harbor, Maine!" She still fondly remembers the Hill whenever she gets together with **Terri Doyle Kaminski '73** and **Debbie Rice Cicero '73**. Terri and her husband joined Nancy and her husband for a two-week cruise to New England and Canada a few years ago. She also recently caught up with **Susan Sedicum Douglas**.

John Van Horn said life continues to be very busy and a lot of fun! He and Susan have sold their house in Pennsylvania and are in the process of building a small cabin there. They have moved their legal address to their Hilton Head Island condo and are also building a get-away cottage on Daufuskie Island, an island without a bridge. "I have now published 12 books, mostly photo essays," says John. "My current major project is photographing the Port of Savannah. I have been having a blast riding tug boats, touring container ships and photographing from the tops of bulk silos and ship loaders. I had the pleasure of taking a course from **Richard Anderson '71** last year at Common Ground on the Hill on recording video interviews. Richard has done some very impressive work in this field! If you happen to be in the neighborhood, please let me know on Facebook."

Sandy Fargo Geres, MLA '78 is in her 16th year as a pharmacy technician, her "retirement part-time job" after a 37-year teaching career. She also still works for the University of Connecticut as a university supervisor of student teachers working to become English teachers. "I volunteer regularly at the Bushnell Theater in Hartford, Conn., which has enabled me to see shows like 'Waitress,' 'Beautiful,' 'Hamilton' and wonderful classical music from the Hartford Symphony Orchestra." Sandy's husband continues meditation practice and days of mindfulness as a Buddhist priest. Their son has a steady girlfriend, and their daughter is engaged and planning a 2020 wedding. Sandy sings weekly in a church praise choir and in the annual Windham Theatre Guild Broadway Chorus concert, where she was thrilled to sing a solo this year, the song "Bill" from "Showboat."

Dale Donaway is enjoying retirement in Dewey Beach, Del., although he still manages a swim club in Lewes during the summer. "I run into **Ron Athey** here once in a while and my wife works out with **Patti Wade Allen** in the pool at the Rehoboth Beach YMCA on a weekly basis. We are also busy with the four grandkids' activities. Anyone coming to the beach should look me up."

Eric Reitz and companion, Susan Murphy, spent a wonderful two weeks touring Italy last September, and upon return welcomed the birth on October 9 of a new grandson, Lucas Wesley Hobson, to daughter Molly and her husband, Blake. He joins his older brother Noah and cousins, Morgan and Avalyn, the children of daughter Sarah and her husband, Bryan Grose. Despite this happy news, Eric

also lost his mother, Virginia Reitz, 11 days after celebrating her 95th birthday on June 6.

Susan Sedicum Douglas wrote that she and Phillip are going through the challenges of retirement. "It's not always easy or pretty, but I'm so glad that after working for 42 years, it's done!" she says. They are blessed to have their granddaughter, Elizabeth "Beth" Douglas, with them most of the time." She was going into seventh grade this fall at Gerstell Academy in Finksburg, Md. "Last school year was her first there, and it was so successful for her," Susan says. "Their curriculum is focused on leadership, academics and physical fitness. She's much more of a leader already than I was when I was 12, 17 or 21! Our children, Gordon and Amanda, are doing well in their careers and lives." Last summer, Phillip, Gordon, Elizabeth and Susan sailed on Royal Caribbean's Freedom of the Seas from San Juan to the Southern Caribbean. They really enjoyed seeing Aruba for the first time, and would love to go back there. They've visited many of the islands in the Caribbean, but Aruba was a highlight. Sue said she met up with **Nancy Becker Miller**, her freshman roommate and friend, in the fall of 2017. "Last year, the class of 1968 of Franklin High School of Reisterstown, Md., held its 50th reunion. We had a fantastic time. A large group from that class was part of the 1972 graduating class at WMC. As a result of the reunion, a group of 20 to 25 of our Franklin women meet together each month for lunch in the area. **Linda McWilliams Broderick** helped start this group. Who knew that after 51 years, we'd reconnect and have so much to share? Best wishes to all of you!"

Beth Trott Ohlsson retired in 2014 after 25 years teaching theater and another 15 years as an addictions counselor. She was the executive director of the Recovery Resource Center from 2014-2018, and then retired for good—almost. "I had been working on and off as a storyteller for many years, and began pursuing that in earnest with no other obligations," Beth says. "My book, 'Distilling Hope: 12 Stories to Distill the 12 Steps of Recovery,' was published in 2017 and won an award in 2019. In my prison storytelling program, Reaching through the Cracks, I teach incarcerated parents to craft stories for their children, which we record and then send to them. I met my beloved, Brandt Cooper, in 2013, and I am the proud Nana of three grandchildren. Life is very sweet these days."

Sue Phoebus Panek retired in January after 33 years in Maryland State government, all in health care policy, with the last 12 years as a deputy director of long-term care policy and financing for the Medicaid program. "My incredible liberal arts education at WMC has been the foundation and the toolkit for every single job or assignment undertaken in all those years. I am grateful every day for that: bodies of facts are a dime a dozen (as I told our son Alex when he decided on English as his major), but clarity in expression and rigor

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Those who will be missed:

Mrs. Grace Schmidt Battey '43 of Raleigh, N.C. on November 4, 2018.

Mrs. Grace Fique Wilson '44 of Westminster, Md. on May 2, 2019.

Mrs. Mary Webb France '45 of Catonsville, Md. on July 9, 2019.

The Rev. Bradley Lines '47 of Utica, N.Y. on June 20, 2019.

Mr. J. Donald Smyth '48 of Cockeysville, Md. on August 18, 2019.

Mrs. Margaret A. Larsen '49 of Mt. Vernon, Md., on October 9, 2019.

Mr. James Ogden '49 of Huntingtown, Md. on June 30, 2019.

Mr. William Alcorn '51 of Jenkintown, Pa. on August 16, 2019.

Dr. Alan Dodd '51 of Burtonsville, Md. on July 21, 2019

Mrs. Nancy Phillippe Hunter '51 of South Plainfield, N.J. on July 23, 2019.

Mr. William B. Marks '52 of Westminster, Md., on October 20, 2019.

Mr. Walter Campbell, Jr. '53 M.Ed. '59 of Ocean Pines, Md., on October 13, 2019.

Mr. Roland Hammer '55 of Naples, Fla. on July 8, 2019.

The Rev. Robert Fringo '55 of Nottingham, Md. on August 31, 2019.

Mrs. Christina Windish Snyder '55 of Swansoe, S.C. on March 31, 2019.

Mrs. Nancy Ripple Fredrick '56 of Wenonah, N.J. on August 8, 2019.

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Dave Newkirk '72 sold his ski shop in Breckenridge, Colo., and began boating The Great Loop, which he's documenting on www.ltlooper.org.

in analysis will take you anywhere!" Sue is still adjusting to the idea of retirement because public service was such a priority, and so central to her life. "I am having to become reacquainted with my other selves, and to the idea that I can spend my day pretty much how I want to. There's a huge pile of books to read, home projects to finally take on and new skills to learn." She's found that she can be a "lady who lunches" — with **Diane Ercole McCabe's** daughter, Jennifer, and most recently with her Delt big sister, **Barbara Payne Shelton '70**. She is excited to travel to see family and friends, and can't wait to visit **Barbara Lynn Schull Chilton** in her St. Pete paradise! "I've been struggling just a little with the typical geezer health detours, anticipating my second knee replacement, but planning a better and more complete rehab with this one. I've been doing a little consulting in Medicaid and other health policy issues, because my passionate interest there will never wane. Spending time with our crazy extended step- and ex-family is always a priority. I am living in a mom-in-law apartment in my daughter's house in bucolic and conservative northern Baltimore County, with my two cats and two house rabbits; would love someday to have some corgis, to further channel my idol QE2. Looking forward to new adventures, and to returning at their conclusion to home and hygge."

Charlie Bean still works at the Library of Congress, doing history and putting up topics pages for Chronicing America. He also plays in a street band, the Capitol Hillbillies, at Eastern Market. His son, Devin, is a building acoustics consultant in New York. "If you want to build a basketball court on the sixth floor of your building, he's your man," says Charlie.

Doug Rinehart still lives in Honolulu, Hawaii with wife, Vivian, where they have been for almost 20 years. Two of their three children live nearby with six grandchildren between them, and there are three more grandchildren in Tacoma, Wash. Doug fills his retirement time by volunteering in seven different roles for four different organizations, watching grandchildren, golfing and grooming his 1968 Charger and 1970 Challenger. "I drive the cars once a week. The Charger is the same one I had at WMC!" In recent years, they have been on a Panama Canal cruise, driven through central Europe — including eastern Germany, Austria and Czech Republic — and Doug took a solo adventure trip to see the natural sights in Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru and Ecuador this past spring. "It was on my bucket list and I figured if I didn't go now, it wouldn't happen. I'm not getting much younger, you know, but the bucket list is getting shorter!" Doug says they don't run into a lot of McDaniel folks in Hawaii, so they have to return to Maryland where they still have friends and family. "I had a great reunion with high school classmate **Kathy Bryant** at our 50th anniversary held in Ocean City, Md., last fall. "I've opted out of social media, so the newsletters that Kathy prepares from your input are

invaluable to me and, I'm sure, many others. I just want to publicly thank Kathy for her dedication to this role over all these years. Her willingness to spend the time and effort to probe us for input and then compile it into an interesting format has been the cement that keeps us engaged with each other. A big mahalo, Kathy!"

Richard "Dick" and Kandy Mizell Douglas celebrated their 45th anniversary this year. Richard has unfortunately been sidelined by daily migraines and severe sensitivity to light and sound, which made him resign as Washington County Attorney in 2006. Kandy keeps busy with volunteer work for the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts and travel. They recently reunited with **Jeff Klunk** and **Mary Purdum '74**, two members of their cohort for the 1971 SOS project in Belize. Jeff keeps busy with volunteer work and Mary is enjoying her retirement. They also linked up with **Dave Newkirk** in the middle of his year-long boating tour of the eastern U.S. around the waterways of the Great Loop.

After some 42 years in Breckenridge, Colo., **Dave Newkirk** sold his ski shop and retired to start working on his bucket list. "I'm currently boating the Great Loop, having started on Kentucky Lake at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area in December. Up the Tennessee River, down the Ten-Tom Waterway, around the Florida panhandle, across Lake Okeechobee, up the Atlantic ICW, Hudson River, Erie Canal and now getting ready to cross over Lake Ontario into the Canadian Trent-Severn Waterway. Eventually down Lake Michigan, through Chicago, the Illinois, Mississippi and Ohio Rivers back to where I started." He just built a website where he is sharing this journey. "I'll let that speak for the trip. It also refers to a lot of what I've done in my life, so for the sake of brevity, I'll let www.ltlooper.org speak for me."

Susan "Sue" Baker is in her 14th year at Morgan State University as associate professor of management in the School of Business and Management. She teaches business ethics, leadership and organization theory to doctoral, master's and undergrad students. In her home life, she continues environmental work with her farm. She says both her career and farm are very rewarding. "I see **Susan Seney '71**, **Julie Kline** and **Susan Schmidt '71** once a year or so.

Barbara Mosberg Morrison has moved her writing career and editing business to Vermont; her website is full of interesting events and blogs and can be found at www.bmorrison.com.

Nancy Lee Porter is enjoying retirement and the ability to travel. Last fall, she and David took a cruise to Key West, Cozumel and Havana. They had been to the other stops, but never to Cuba, and found it very interesting. There were plenty of old cars, some restored, and they saw remains of U.S. planes shot down and a bust of Abraham Lincoln. They are now preparing for a trip through the

Canadian Rockies on the Rocky Mountaineer. Nancy is still working as a consultant with the Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency.

Rich Tom wrote from Shady Side, Md., that after 47 years, he retired two years ago from his life dream of being an educator. During that career, he took a teaching job for the Department of Defense, teaching math to the military children on U.S. bases in Germany, Italy, Okinawa and mainland Japan, going from teacher to administrator, superintendent and finally regional director for the DoD schools overseas. He helped build U.S. schools and curriculum on Guam, in Operation Bright Future and the commonwealth of Puerto Rico so when the children reintegrated back to the state schools, they were not behind. He implemented state-of-the-art curriculum following National Trend and Research, earning a number of degrees and certificates of advanced studies throughout his career. Excitingly, Rich was honored for his service to all branches of the military by being asked to throw out the first pitch at a Baltimore Orioles game two years ago. "As you know, during the late 1960s and early 1970s, Vietnam was on everyone's mind. As a result of not being sent to Vietnam, I served my country by working with military families. I was instrumental in protecting our military children, keeping them safe out of harm's way during Operation Desert Storm, to the drawdown of the troops and families and closing of the schools in Germany, to the buildup of the armed forces in the Pacific region, building schools." To finish out his long educational career, he returned to his roots of teaching middle school math at Quantico Marine Corps Base in Virginia. "As I returned home, when my children were in college, we built a house on the Chesapeake Bay in Shady Side, Md., which is now my retirement home. I enjoy sitting and resting each day to the sunrise and sunset with a cup of coffee. It took me a few years to realize what retirement really meant: traveling to see and babysit grandkids and dog sit and going to medical appointments. Eva has been my wife for 47 years. We have three children working as a medical doctor, school counselor and engineer. One is a graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy. We have three grandchildren and love retirement." Rich received his master's in business school administration at Johns Hopkins University, and was awarded his doctorate in education/curriculum and instruction from Boston University. "Western Maryland helped lay the ground work for my successful career. I am forever grateful."

Jim Cregg wrote to tell us that his wife, **Jeannie Meyer Cregg**, died on April 2, 2019 of complications from her breast cancer.

You all may remember that **Wayne Curry** was a Black and White and president of our freshman class. He went on to become county executive for Prince George's County for eight years, and died in 2014. In July this year, the Prince George's County Council did a remembrance of him: "Five years ago, on

July 2, 2014, The Honorable Wayne K. Curry, the first African American elected to serve as county executive for Prince George's County, succumbed to his battle with lung cancer. The impact of Wayne Curry's contributions to improving the quality of life for Prince Georgians will be felt for generations to come. On this solemn anniversary, the Council honors Wayne Curry's vision, and his exceeding and abundant legacy of service to our County, its residents and communities. In his own words, Mr. Curry expressed an unmovable love and commitment to Prince George's County, providing this advice to residents contemplating public office. Wayne said, "*When you make the decision to run for public office, you're really deciding that you're going to be a sacrifice, a human sacrifice, and your ideals are sacrificial. When you represent people with the needs that we have, and when your carry the mantle of history that we do, and you represent the novelty that we reflect, then the most important thing for you to recognize is that very little of it is about you; almost none of it is about you. Now we're people and we've all got egos. God knows you need that to be able to get up every day and take the tug of war that is elected office and public office and politics; it's a contentious business. But the principle thing is to recognize that you're not there for you, you're there for everybody else, and so my advice would be never to forget that. Get that part right.*"

I, **Kathy Bryant**, want to thank all of you who wrote really nice thank you notes to me for writing the class column all these years. I deeply appreciate your emails. Most of the time it was fairly easy because I was a newspaper reporter for most of my career. However, this year I got really stuck on the technology of writing a column with Word, Google Docs, etc. I became a newspaper reporter when we were still typing on typewriters and people in the back were setting type the old-fashioned way on linotype machines. Because I was always in advanced math in junior high and high school — a year ahead of others for six years — I always thought I was fairly smart. However, Dean Laidlaw brought me up short my sophomore year telling me that I was "average, average, average." At the time, I didn't believe her, but now, after hearing about all your amazing accomplishments, confronting this new writing/editing computer technology and watching "Jeopardy!," I feel dumber and dumber every day. After all these years, at our 45th WMC reunion, **Debbie Dunphy Grosh** and I discovered that she is eligible to join Daughters of the American Revolution. I just became a 50-year member in December.

So for the past one and a half years, she has been coming to some of our meetings. This summer I went to Belfast, Maine, and last summer I spent two weeks in Kauai, Hawaii. In November, I'm planning to go to Greece. Last November, my cousin and I sold our waterfront house at Lake of the Woods, Va., so I'm not traveling there every other week. But I do miss the swans coming up to the pier

every morning for breakfast. Over the past several years, I've become addicted to gardening, with almost an acre to fool around on. Guess it's in my DNA, because my great-great-grandfather, William Darlington, was a world-famous botanist who catalogued the seeds that Lewis and Clark brought back from their expedition. His paintings hang in the Pierce Cottage at Longwood Gardens, which our family used to own before it was saved by the DuPonts. The pitcher plant *Darlingtonia Californica* was named after him, and amazingly, last month I actually bought a bag of seeds from a nursery in New York that replicated the ones Lewis and Clark brought back. I was elected to the board of directors for the Prince George's Historical Society, and I'm serving my fourth two-year term as 1st vice regent of Toaping Castle DAR Chapter. I'm still president of the Old Town College Park Civic Association and am informal organizer of all the civic associations in College Park.

As many of you have found, retirement is a lot of hard work. I'm trying to cut back and say no so I can just go have fun. I loved hearing from all of you, and I wish you all health and safe travels in the coming year.

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Craig Merkle is still practicing law in Baltimore, but like most everyone of our vintage, Paula and he are starting to give thoughts toward retirement. But not yet. Their three sons are all doing well, for which they are very thankful: their oldest works with a government contractor in Columbia, Md., and number two lives with his wife in Vienna, Austria doing a post-doc fellowship in biomedical engineering. Their youngest is in Los Angeles working as a regional wine distributor. Craig hears from **Keith Appler** and **Bruce Whitney '79** and they are making plans to get together this fall.

John and Sally Seitzer Kantzes love Wilmington, Del.! They are close to the beach, major cities, state parks and a plethora of museums. Sally and John are celebrating their 40th anniversary with a river cruise that begins in Amsterdam and ends in Switzerland this fall, fulfilling one of the items on her bucket list. John has worked for his company, SACHEM Inc. as a technical sales representative for more than 25 years. His territory includes much of the East Coast, along with accounts in the Midwest and Texas. Their eldest, Katie, has lived in Austin for 10 years. She works at the Dell Medical Center using her skills from her master's degree from the University of Texas. Her passion is cycling in road races. She is on a pro-level team and has won or placed in some significant races including the Wilmington Grand Prix, where her parents were thrilled to watch her in the time trials and crit race. Their daughter, Kim, and her husband, Matt Tanner, relocated from

Wilmington to Mount Pleasant S.C., just outside of Charleston due to a job change for Matt; as Clemson grads, it was inevitable they would go back to South Carolina eventually! They live 15 minutes from the beach and 20 minutes from downtown Charleston, so that's a great bonus when Sally and John visit. Kim is a stay-at-home mom who uses her degrees in accounting and tax working from home. Tucker is 3, Fuller is 19 months and baby girl Tanner should have arrived by now. Sally left her job as the connections director at church due to health issues. She is on the mend and though she misses the job, she has found plenty to do with her time by resuming activities she enjoyed in the past and she now has freedom to visit her family more often.

Dave and Beth Silvius Deitrick are doing well, enjoying life as empty nesters as their children are in New York City, North Carolina, Glen Burnie, Md., and Okinawa, Japan. Dave is busy with his dental practice and Beth has been teaching English as a Second Language to adults part time, which she enjoys. They have lived in Severna Park, Md., for more than 30 years and love spending time on the water and in Annapolis. They often see fellow alumni **Chip '73** and **Norma Hamilton '74 Graber** for dinners together. They attend the same church and Norma and Beth work on Backpack Buddies together. Dave gets together with classmates **Bruce Belt** and **Brian Trumpower** and were able to watch the Blue Angels flight demonstration over the Naval Academy this year, which is always one of the highlights of the year in Annapolis. Beth often sees **Judy Thompson Jacob**, **Lolly Lloyd Bennett** and **Helen Kiefert** and stays in touch with several other Delt through social media.

Helen Kiefert lives in Loch Hill in Baltimore and volunteers at the Maryland Zoo and the Towson Police Community Relations Council. She recently cruised to the Caribbean and Alaska.

Dave Rae and wife, Bonnie, attended the Green Terror ROTC Battalion's 100th anniversary at McDaniel in April. Although Dave either didn't see or recognize anyone from his time there, they met some fantastic cadets and their dates, and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. He is looking forward to the 150th reunion!

After 41 years, **Barb Meister Kroberger**, decided to step away from social work, at least in the paid formal way! Jeff is also unwinding his law practice. Barb continues to be involved with the Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda and is currently the chair of the board of directors. In between supporting her 99-year-old dad and helping with their 18-month-old granddaughter (the love of their lives!), they hope to get back on the road for some serious traveling; their current list is 22 destinations long, and that's just for starters! Both children are within an hour's drive so they consider themselves very blessed. Beth loves keeping up with so many alumni on Facebook.

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Mrs. Janet Thompson Manuel '57 of Sneads Ferry, N.C. on May 26, 2019.

Dr. Arnold "Skip" Amass '57 of Westminster, Md. on August 3, 2019.

Mr. Richard R. Hall M.Ed. '58 of Stewartstown, Pa., on October 21, 2019.

Mr. Eldridge Ward '60 of Delta, Pa. on December 12, 2018.

Mrs. Joanne Moffatt Gill '62 of Sanibel, Fla. on July 5, 2019.

Mr. James Gray, Jr. '63 of Point Pleasant Boro, N.J. on July 24, 2019.

Mrs. Carolyn Jennings Cole '66 of La Jolla, Calif. on December 6, 2018.

Mrs. Ann E. Small M.Ed. '70 of Silver Spring, Md. on August 30, 2018.

Mr. Thomas H. Blair '73 of Loganville, Pa., on October 14, 2019.

Ms. Kerri Lawler-Davis M.Ed. '77 of Harpers Ferry, W. Va., on October 8, 2019.

Mrs. Ann Stamer Mann M.Ed. '77 of Westminster, Md. on September 8, 2019.

Mr. Robert Westerhaus M.Ed. '80 of Savage, Minn. on August 27, 2019.

Mr. Christopher T. Beyers '84 of Worcester, Mass., on October 4, 2019.

Ms. Michelle Muller '05 of Union Bridge, Md. on June 12, 2019.

2019 Alumni Association Award Winners

Alumnus of the Year

Alumnus of the Year **Gerald Winegrad '66** of Annapolis, Md., has dedicated more than 50 years of his life to environmental policy and advocacy. An Economics major, Winegrad started his career at the National Wildlife Federation in 1969. He served in the Maryland Legislature for more than 16 years, first as a member of the House of Delegates from 1978 to 1983, and then as a state senator and chair of the Senate Environment and Chesapeake Bay Subcommittee from 1983 to 1995.

Winegrad, who earned his J.D. degree from the University of Maryland School of Law, also spent 12 years on the Tri-State Chesapeake Bay Commission and on the Board of the Maryland Environmental Trust. He served at the national level on the Environment Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures, where he testified before Congress for the 50-state legislatures on the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. Winegrad was named "Man of the Year" by *The Annapolitan* magazine and called the "Environmental Conscience" of the Senate by *The Washington Post*. He received the President of the Senate Award for his work in preserving and protecting the environment.

He was also honored as Legislator or Conservationist of the Year on 12 occasions from a variety of conservation and public health groups, including the Sierra Club, Audubon Society of Central Atlantic States, Clean Water Action and Maryland Public Health Association. In 2002, he was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. A naval officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps during the Vietnam War, he was promoted to a full-time military judge. He graduated from the Naval Justice School and achieved the rank of commander in the United States Naval Reserve.

Winegrad received McDaniel's Alumni College Service Award in 1999 and the Trustee Alumni Award in 1990. During his time as a student, he was inducted into the Fellowship of Champions.

Do you know an alum who deserves to be recognized for their professional achievements and service to the college and their community? Nominate them for an award at ilovethehill.mcdaniel.edu/awardnomination



Alumni Community Service Award

Frank Lala Jr. M.Ed. '80 of Savannah, Ga., has dedicated his life to serving the Deaf and hard of hearing after losing his own hearing at the age of 5. Lala is currently working for the Georgia Department of Health and Human Services as a rehabilitation counselor for the Deaf and hard of hearing. He founded the Chatham County Association of the Deaf, was the president of the Georgia Association of the Deaf from 2013 to 2015 and is the current president of the Coastal Chapter of Georgia Association of the Deaf.



Lala has spent significant time in his community educating landlords, realtors and property management companies on increasing access for the Deaf through interpreting services and video interpreting services. He has also worked with the Georgia State Police to help them learn how to handle encounters with those who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

Lala received Gallaudet University's Laurent Clerc Award in recognition of his work in mental health and addictive disorders, including serving as a peer counselor for Deaf addicts when he lived in Southern California.

Young Alumni Award

Kelly Rampmeyer Coutts '07 of Annapolis, Md., went on her first international trip while studying Sociology at McDaniel. That trip to India sparked her passion for international aid and relief efforts.

After graduation, she spent a year traveling and volunteering in Central America, Europe, Africa and Asia. In Mozambique, her group learned of the urgent need for a children's home in the city of Beira. Upon returning to the U.S., they raised money to buy land and build an orphanage, which is self-sustaining and still thriving today.



Coutts teaches students with dyslexia and other learning differences at The Summit School and was named the 2017 Anne Arundel County Independent School Teacher of the Year and a Top Educator by *What's Up? Annapolis* magazine in 2014. She has taken high school students to Uganda, New Orleans, Haiti and Nepal to help with orphanages and relief efforts after natural disasters.

In her spare time, Coutts has run 20 half-marathons to raise money for charities and uses her love of knitting to make baby hats for the Anne Arundel Medical Center and sweaters for penguins.

Alumni Professional Achievement Award

Lt. Gen. Duane Gamble '85 of Arbutus, Md., is the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, at Fort Lesley J. McNair Army Base in Washington, D.C. He oversees the policies and procedures Army personnel follow throughout the world. Gamble previously served as the commanding general of the U.S. Army Sustainment Command from July 2017 to August 2019.



Gamble, who attended McDaniel and majored in Economics and Business Administration on an ROTC scholarship, has been in the Army for 34 years, including four combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was deployed in disaster-relief operations in Florida and Haiti, as well as the former Yugoslavia as part of the Dayton Peace Accord Implementation.

He has been recognized with awards and decorations that include the Distinguished Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Army Staff Identification Badge, Bronze Star Medal, German Cross of Honor, Air Assault Badge, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Legion of Merit (with four oak leaf clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (with three oak leaf clusters) and Master Parachutist Badge.

Alumni College Service Award

Kay Coleman Smith '66 of Catonsville, Md., is no stranger to McDaniel's alumni awards programs. Smith was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in 1987 and served on the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame committee for seven years. During that time, she noticed that pre-Title IX women athletes were not recognized. She identified 29 female athletes who deserved the recognition and is currently writing a book summarizing these pre-Title IX years at McDaniel.



Additionally, Smith has served on reunion planning committees, been a career services volunteer speaker and, as a student, served as the Women's Athletic Association vice president. She started a recreational field hockey program for females in State College, Pa., and was the head field hockey coach at the University of Maryland.

Smith, a Physical Education major, worked as an activity therapist and day supervisor of adult programs at Sheppard Pratt and in 2007 retired from Laurel Regional Hospital, where she was most recently the program coordinator for the Partial Hospitalization Program.



(From left) Mary Fisher, Kelly Mitros Allman '97, Annette McMahan Wood '49, Margaret "Ann" Ruppenthal Hurlbrink '49, Scott Morrow '07, M.S. '12, Jamie Harris '02, M.L.A. '05, Tom Mavity '71, M.S. '76 and Chris McNally '02. (Lara Henderson Herrmann '00 and Tim Keating are not pictured. Barbara Davison Shanklin '53, Gladys Sause McLeod '48 M.Ed. '49 and Len Biser '63 were honored posthumously.)

2019 Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

The late **Barbara Davison Shanklin '53** was a four-year starter on the women's basketball team, earning top scorer honors twice. In her junior year, she led all participants as a top scorer in the intramural class tournament, outscoring every Western Maryland athlete. She was also a member of the field hockey and softball teams. Her award was accepted by her daughter, Mary Fisher.

Kelly Mitros Allman '97 of Bowie, Md., was a member of the field hockey team while she studied Sociology at McDaniel. She earned a spot on the team her freshman year, finishing the season as the team leader in goals and shots. She received All Centennial Conference selection all four years and was named to the Centennial Conference Silver Anniversary field hockey team. Allman was also awarded the college's James P. Earp Award for

Outstanding Leadership and Scholarship in Sociology in 1996. Currently, Allman works as a behavioral tech at Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

Annette McMahan Wood '49 of Hanover, Pa., was involved in the women's basketball, field hockey and volleyball teams, in addition to class intramural softball and field hockey. She majored in Biology and Physical Education and, as a student, received the Women's Athletic Association's "M" Award. The award was given to female athletes who achieved over 1,500 participation points by being involved in both individual and team sports all four years. Wood was also the year-book's women's sports editor.

Margaret "Ann" Ruppenthal Hurlbrink '49 of Reading, Pa., was a member of the women's basketball,

field hockey, tennis and volleyball teams. She was on the roster of six varsity sports, receiving honorary team selection for all four team sports. She was elected by the faculty committee to be a "Blazer Girl," which was the highest individual athletic award at the time. Hurlbrink was a dominant forward and team captain on the women's basketball team. Her senior year, she averaged 23 points per game, leading the varsity team to a record of 3-1.

Scott Morrow '07, M.S. '12 of York Haven, Pa., was a member of McDaniel's soccer team. He still ranks third for penalty kicks made and attempted in the program's history. Morrow was named to the Centennial Conference Silver Anniversary soccer team in 2018. He was first-team All-Centennial Conference in 2004, 2005 and 2006 and third-team All Mid-Atlantic

Region in 2005. Morrow was Centennial Conference Player of the Year in 2005 and was awarded the John Alexander Medal in 2007. Morrow is a chemistry, science and technology teacher in the Red Lion School District.

Jamie Harris '02, M.L.A. '05 of Sarasota, Fla., was a member of the Green Terror football team, ranking as the best quarterback in program history for average yards per pass and pass efficiency. Harris was a two-time, first-team All-Centennial Quarterback and two-time Centennial Conference Offensive Player of the Year. In 2018, he was selected for the Centennial Conference Silver Anniversary football team. Harris is a national account manager for Verizon's largest private infrastructure company and is the owner of Swanky Soiree Events.

Tom Mavity '71, M.S. '76 of Easton, Md., was a member of the Green Terror football, wrestling and lacrosse teams. In 1970, Mavity was selected for the Mid-Atlantic Conference and was named football co-captain. He was named to the All-Mason-Dixon and All-Maryland Small College teams and was a member of Sam Case's conference championship wrestling team, placing in the conference and in Maryland Intercollegiate Championships. Mavity returned to McDaniel as an assistant football coach and lacrosse coach and has coached many championship youth baseball and ice hockey teams. He recently retired after 30 years as vice president and manager at Lincoln County Land & Cattle Company.

Chris McNally '02 of Charleston, S.C., was a member of the Green Terror wrestling team. He was All

American his senior year and qualified for the NCAA championships in 2000, 2001 and 2002. He was also selected all-conference those same years. After college, McNally was a professional Mixed Martial Arts fighter from 2006 to 2012 and spent three years on the wrestling coaching staff at The Citadel. Currently, McNally heads a fitness program and studio in Charleston.

The late **Gladys Sause McLeod '48, M.Ed. '49** was a four-sport athlete at McDaniel. She was a varsity player on the women's basketball, field hockey, volleyball and soccer teams all four years. She received the "Blazer Girl" Award, which was the highest individual athletic award at that time. During her junior year, she also received the Women's Athletic Association's "M" Award for achieving more than 1,500 participation points. She taught in the

Physical Education department after graduation while she pursued her master's degree.

Lara Henderson Herrmann '00 of Park City, Utah, was a member of the women's tennis team and named to the Fellowship of Champions in 1997. She was named to the Centennial Conference Silver Anniversary tennis team in 2018. After studying Sociology at McDaniel, Herrmann went on to get a bachelor's degree in nursing from Johns Hopkins University and has worked as a nurse in a variety of capacities over the years.

The late **Len Biser '63** was a member of the Green Terror football and baseball teams. He played football from 1959 to 1962 and still holds the No. 2 best average yards per rush with 5.51 yards per carry. In 1962, Biser was named MVP as the leading

rusher with 549 yards and 106 carries that season. As a baseball player, Biser was a catcher and outfielder and lettered all four years. His award was accepted by Alex Ober '63, M.Ed. '69.

Tim Keating of DeLand, Fla., was McDaniel's head football coach from 1993 until 2011. He holds the record for the most wins in McDaniel football history. Keating led the team to the top of the Centennial Conference with 110 victories and seven conference championships. In 2007, Keating ushered McDaniel into the 500-win club, one of just 25 programs in Division III history to achieve the feat.

Adele Weinberg Connolly '78 celebrated her retirement after 39 years with the Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services with a two-month cross-country trip with her sister.

What better way for **Jamie and Chris Dryden Mosberg** to visit their three sons in Asheville, Denver and Los Angeles than a new RV! Jamie can do the recruiting business from the RV and Chris is cutting down to 75% time at Sanford School. Their two granddaughters, Tess, 7, and Ruth, 3, love the RV idea, so, they are coming to a campground near you!

Austin '79 and **Martha Pratt Gisriel** are doing very well and are living in Stephenson, Va. They have lived there for three years and love being so close to Winchester. Their home is equidistant between their daughters, who currently live in Crozet, Va., and Harrisburg, Pa. Martha is in her 13th year working at Berkeley Medical Center in Martinsburg, W.Va. She has worked in human resources for 20 years and plans to work at Berkeley until she's ready to retire in a few years. Austin is finishing work on the final book in his World War II "coming-of-age" trilogy. He hopes to have the book out later this summer. You can find his writing at www.austingisriel.com. In March 2018, Austin and Martha ventured to the WVU Heart and Vascular Institute in Morgantown, W.Va., where Austin's mitral valve was repaired robotically by a world-renowned cardiac surgeon. It turns out that the valve had been defective since birth, but his heart is now functioning perfectly. He was back to ballroom dancing 2.5 weeks post-surgery, and he enjoys dancing (especially Lindy hop and East Coast swing) every chance he gets! They have an extensive dance family in the Shenandoah Valley, which is one of the reasons they moved to the area. They dance together regularly, but ballroom dancers know that there is frequently a surplus of followers and fewer leaders at social dance events. Martha finds that she often must wait her turn to dance with Austin when they go out dancing! August marked the 40th anniversary of their walk down the aisle of Big Baker Chapel. It's difficult to fathom how quickly those four decades have passed. They are blessed with two amazing daughters, a wonderful son-in-law and an incredible granddaughter.

George Metz attended the 40th class reunion in October 2018 and met with a number of Phi Deltas from the class of 1978 (**John** and **Cathy Long Meyers**, **Mark Randall**, **Brad Megahan**, **Brian Trumppower** and **Dave Dietrick**) and other Phi Deltas, including **Gary Ahrens '77**, who spearheaded a cookout for all attendees, **Greg Stakem '77**, **Wayne Patterson '77**, **Larry Van Horn '76**, **Rick Sause '77**, **Dave Severn '77** and **Bob Kresslein '77**. There were many others in attendance, including **Joe "Slapp" Phillips**. George looked forward to a return visit this fall to see many others that he left off this list! He continues to serve as dean in the College of Education at Charleston Southern University where he also teaches in the doctoral program that he helped develop. He also accepted a term as council president for his congregation at St. Luke's Lutheran in Summerville, S.C. Retirement is on the horizon, but for now George is enjoying his time as dean and

professor. George and his wife celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with a trip to New York City in late June.

Carl Gold was recently named an international champion in two categories of napping: napping with a 65-pound, smelly dog on his lap, and napping in a public place. During a rare period of wakefulness, he came in first place in the Methuselah division in two open-water swim events in Lake Royer in Cascade, Md. He loves being a grandpa and with an exquisite sense of timing has only had to change a few diapers. **Sally Keck Gold** is a devoted grandma and enjoying lots of time with little Ava. (She has changed lots of diapers.) Ava's first words were "dog door," which is not a reflection of how Sally treats her. Sally is still the volunteer head of Destination Imagination in Maryland, but is threatening to reduce her involvement to focus more on grandma fun.

Mark Katz wrote that he, his wife and cat are all doing fine. Mark works for the State of Maryland. He really likes his computer work and has no thoughts about retirement just yet. He has worked at home a few days a week for several years, which is a bonus since he doesn't like shaving and getting dressed up every day.

Sherry Wensel Bowers, M.Ed. '84 recently purchased a home in Yorktown, Va., near the York River and invites those who are passing through the area to stop for a visit. Recently, **Nancy Schwarzkopf Gaffney '77**, **Nan Hollinger Gangler '77** and **Terry Holland '77** visited. Last December, Nancy, Nan, Terry, **Beth Heckert Tevis '77, M.Ed. '84** and **Brenda Eccard Dellinger '79** helped Sherry celebrate Christmas by attending the Yorktown Christmas Market and Williamsburg's Grand Illumination. There was rumor that **David Taylor** was going to try to join the group for an October retreat. In August, Sherry joined **Nancy Hess Fritzsche** for their annual Canadian vacation filled with kayaking, paddle boarding, campfires and sunsets over the lake. She is still a senior STEM education specialist in the Center for Integrative STEM Education at the National Institute of Aerospace. One of her projects brings her to McDaniel as the coordinator and adjunct faculty for the STEM Instructional Leadership Program. While in Westminster, Sherry enjoys time with **Caroline Babylon '76, M.L.A. '92** and **Sally Stanfield**. When Sherry isn't in Yorktown or Westminster, she's probably in Paris. At her 40th high school reunion, she reconnected with a dear friend, which provided the opportunity, and spark, for a new beginning.

Pam Price Delenick has retired from teaching. She and her husband have moved to Cape May, N.J. Waking up to the ocean every morning is both inspiring and incredible.

Jane Trafton-Winch and husband, Eric, are officially empty nesters, as their second daughter graduated from college last year. Both girls are working in the San Antonio area and living near the very happening downtown area, which keeps them busy. Eric retired three years ago and Jane considers herself

semi-retired. With extra time on their hands, they have been doing a lot of traveling. Eric is a master at locating just the right Airbnb or timeshare at an affordable rate. When Jane turned 60, she was able to utilize privileges as a military retiree to fly on military aircraft to many places in the world. Mostly they are considered "cargo," and the effort sometimes involves much waiting and playing tag at various air terminals, but the price is right and they have met great people. Their new favorite place to visit is Spain, although Portugal is moving up the scale, as good food, beautiful beaches, affordability and friendly people make it an ideal destination. Over the past two years they have "hopped" back and forth to Europe about a half dozen times, spending many weeks and seeing some amazing things. Alaska and Asia are on their radar. They take road trips around the U.S. and Canada in the summer as it is difficult to score a SpaceA seat when all the schools are out and military personnel are relocating. They still have a home in San Antonio, Texas, so if anyone wants a place to stay or would like to come for a visit, let Jane know.

Robert "Skip" Seidel has been enjoying "pre-retirement" as he sat out a non-compete clause. He attended the McDaniel vs. Mary Washington lacrosse game with **Kurt Glaeser** and **Wayne Birely '79**, played in the Green and Gold golf tournament with **Wayne** and **Ron Cristy '72** and has traveled. Over the last year, Skip visited New Orleans, Newport Beach, Calif., and his son in Chicago, where they chartered a J22 sailboat and sailed Lake Michigan. Skip skis as often as possible, spending two weeks in Utah last January, skiing Park City, Deer Valley, Alta and Snowbird. He plans on traveling back to Snowbird in January 2020, and Jackson Hole in February, where he will lead a trip for Columbia Ski Club. He has also enjoyed attending concerts with **Jim McWilliams '79** and **Hank Caple '79**, including Marcus King, The English Beat, and Jeff Lynn's ELO. Skip's daughter, Emily, is getting married in May 2020 in Key West.

Since February 2017, **Sally Stanfield** has resumed and expanded her role in the family businesses, Edrich Lumber and Edrich Farm. She manages sales for grade, tree and silt fence stakes for the mill, and is part of the farm management team. Although she is no longer taking new clients, Sally continues to associate with a terrific law firm in Baltimore City where she practiced full time from 2012-2017. She currently represents two students with educational disabilities and an adult with significant disabilities. She says she's "been up to my 'attorney gills' with two clients needing intensive work, one of whom is in ongoing emotional crisis, during the same time frame." Sally's mother, 87, took two nasty falls six days apart, with the second on June 20 that landed her in Sinai ER and then inpatient for observation. Six days later, she was transferred to Levindale for rehab. Sally returned to live on the farm in 2016 after her father died

and continues to live with her mother, whose recent falls now require full "program management." With the support of professional caregivers, her family and amazing friends, Sally is relearning the joy of love, grace and resilience. She has a great career combination that will take her forward until she decides that a lighter schedule would be wise. No Stanfield has yet retired; she may or may not be the first.

Linda Rickell Stiegler retired last year and has been enjoying her freedom. She has kept busy with yoga, swimming and line dancing. **Carl Stiegler '75** and she want to start camping and hiking in the many state parks of Texas. They get together occasionally with **Pete Barr '75** and **Richard Tucker '75**.

Nancy Hess Fritzsche continues to work part time as director of Christian education at her local church and spends spring afternoons out on the lacrosse field as an assistant for a local high school girls lacrosse team. Nancy and Mark were blessed with a granddaughter in April 2018. She was honored to be asked to be her Friday child care provider and spending the day with Ettalaine is the highlight of Nancy's week! Their oldest son just completed his MBA and lives and works in Nashville. Their second son is a mechanical engineer for Ball Aerospace in Boulder, Colo., and youngest son is a pilot in the Air Force stationed at Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. Each summer Nancy has the pleasure of spending a week in Canada with **Sherry Wensel Bowers, M.Ed. '84** and they have a wonderful time sitting on the beach or floating in the lake reminiscing about their days at WMC! If anyone is traveling to the beautiful state of Colorado please look Nancy up, they live just north of Colorado Springs in Monument.

Bruce LeFew wrote that life flies by quickly but he is not slowing down yet. He still works in health care technology. Last year, he switched to a new company rolling out some new consumer-related software and services. He and Donna live outside of Nashville, and welcome all who may travel in the area. They have been enjoying biking and last summer they rode the 150-mile Great Allegheny Passage on bikes from Pittsburgh to Cumberland, Md., and are planning more trips. Their six grandkids (five boys and one girl) keep them very busy.

Mitch Gold is celebrating the 20th anniversary of Gold and Company, a commercial real estate brokerage and investment firm based in Baltimore. Leslee, his wife of more than 30 years is a nurse practitioner in gynecology in private practice in Lutherville. One of their adult children recently opened a restaurant, Hops Fork, in the Red River Gorge in eastern Kentucky. The other lives in Canton in Baltimore and works locally. Leslee and Mitch love to travel, recently spending 10 days in Spain. Mitch is president of the Baltimore chapter of the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, a national organization that supports the wellbeing of Israeli soldiers. Both Leslee's

and Mitch's parents, including **Armand Gold '49**, live in Baltimore.

Nancy McKenzie and **Ned Landis '68** are still married and have finally left Westminster... sort of. They moved into their house at Lake Heritage in Gettysburg, Pa., in December 2016, once the renovations were complete and Nancy had convinced Ned that the cats would not die of shock to move to a new state. They had four cats when they moved and then Nancy found out she was allergic to cats. So, they adopted three more kittens. Per Nancy, "If you must take shots, you might as well make it worth it." The cats survived, and Ned found that he could survive in Pennsylvania, as well. They are still tangled up in Westminster, though as clearing out two houses full of stuff has been a long and arduous process. **Norma Edie Campbell** has been Nancy's lifesaver, coming over from Harford County several times a month to slog through the debris field. The couple continues with Civil War reenacting. Ned has been advanced to the rank of captain, by vote of their unit, but he still likes to skulk around in his sergeant's stripes. Nancy is just a lowly private, but she tows the 12-pound field howitzer to events. They are active with the Pipe Creek Civil War Round Table in Westminster as well. Nancy continues judging for the state fair and county fairs in Maryland. She enjoys trips to the southern Maryland counties, meeting up with **Chip** and **Debbie Lazarz '79 Roberts**. Chip and Deb also venture northward to visit, usually for a minor league baseball game each season. **Wendy Gross '79** always comes to Westminster to join the tribe for Homecoming each year.

Adele Weinberg Connolly recently completed a two-month cross-country trip with her sister. She highly recommends seeing our beautiful country. Adele was not able to take a comprehensive trip until after retiring, which she did in August 2018 after 39 years with the Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services. She also had the good fortune of attending our 40th college reunion in October reconnecting with two dear friends, **Nancy Dixon** and **Sally Stanfield**. They have stayed connected since then and it has been wonderful!

I, **Georgeann Morekas**, spent the 2019 Orthodox Easter week in Greece and then went on to the island of Sicily to meet five friends for a nine-day adventure. The multi-layered Sicilian history, cities, towns and countryside, Greek and Roman antiquities, Byzantine and Moorish architecture, Norman and Spanish influences, flora and fauna and fantastic cuisine made for a wonderful travel experience. My company, CSS, is celebrating 30 years in business and we have been very busy the last few months planning for the future and acknowledging our employee-owners' contributions to our success.

All the best for 2020. Stay in touch!
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SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2020

I Love the Hill Day

Our first-ever I Love the Hill Day was a success thanks to alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents and friends who came together in support of McDaniel to end I Love the Hill Month in February. After more than doubling our donor goal in 2019, we'll be counting on you to make our second I Love the Hill Day an even bigger success. Don't forget to share the love on social media with #ILTHDay on Feb. 25, 2020!



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Thank you all for writing. I apologize for the email mix-up, but greatly appreciate all of you who took the time to get your update to the right email! I thought I'd start the column with **Chuck Pierpoint's** update so we could all be a little envious of his and his husband, Bill's, 12-day cruise through Italy and Greece. Bill and Chuck own and operate a trivia business, Flagship Trivia, while working full-time and looking forward to future retirement. In case you are wondering, I asked what the trivia business consisted of. You know the trivia contests you see happening at restaurants and pubs? Well, Chuck and Bill write trivia questions for five different locations that host two contests and Chuck serves as the host at two of the locations.

Jeff Trice reports that he still enjoys his consulting role to the banking industry. His wife, Carol, is still enjoying her career and their

Ann Karn Kahinde '84 has been volunteering to help refugee families from Syria and Sudan for the last three years.

three daughters are close enough to visit often. His oldest, Rebekah, is in New York working in IT. Sarah is designing board games and is hoping to make her fortune soon! The youngest, Katy, is midway through a master's program in English at Salisbury University, with the ultimate goal of teaching high school AP English.

Andy and Anne Mercer '85 Bowes continue to live and occasionally work at their home on the coast of Maine. They welcomed a grandson last August and find themselves spending a lot of time in Virginia visiting and caring for him. When not enjoying the beauty of grandparenting, they enjoy the beauty of the coast while working part-time, gardening, volunteering and playing with their border collie.

Sadly, like many of us in this stage of our lives, **Linda Block** reports that she lost her mom in 2018. Since then, Linda has been putting together a repertoire of work that is both inspiring and monetarily fruitful. Currently, Linda works part-time as a parent group facilitator for parent education classes and a parent support group; teaches group and private lessons in Appalachian Clogging and Flatfoot in Asheville; and teaches weekend clogging workshops wherever that may take her. Most recently, Linda taught a workshop in Floyd, Va., where her college roommate **Lauren Ruberg Jensen '85** joined in. If all that doesn't manage to fill her weeks, she sometimes drives for Lyft, picks grapes at a local vineyard, administers surveys for researchers or teaches non-violent communication classes. Linda is hoping to launch her new alcohol-ink creations business soon. To balance all the paying gigs, Linda still volunteers as a community mediator. Helping folks with conflict resolution has been her passion for the last 16 years. Other non-paying, but long running passions include leading a weekly Spanish conversation group, performing with the Green Grass Cloggers, finding swing, waltz, salsa, contra and zydeco dances to attend, and the recently added in-line skating. Linda is grateful for such a full life, and she occasionally gets to visit with **Warren Smith '86** (WMC attendee for a time) and **Chris Soto**, who both live nearby.

Ann Blizzard Dell is still working at Robert Moton Elementary School with students who have emotional disabilities. When she's not teaching, Ann keeps her friends and family looking young as a consultant for Mary Kay. Ann and **Jennifer Eisberg-McCullin** spent last Memorial Day watching the parade in Westminster, which boasts the longest-running Memorial Day parade in the country! Ann and her husband, Dan, recently traveled to St. Louis to see their older son graduate from Logan University College of Chiropractic. He now practices at Health Quest Chiropractic & Physical Therapy in Owings Mills, Md. Their younger son still lives at home and is an insurance adjuster for Liberty Mutual.

For the past four years, **Richard "Rick" King** and his wife Dorothy have lived in La Grange, Texas. Richard and Dorothy are both teachers in Waelder Independent School District.

Richard teaches junior high history and coaches cross country, basketball and track. Dorothy teaches 2nd grade but also finds time for gardening and canning her homegrown goodies. Their daughter just finished her first year in college at Texas Tech University where she is majoring in photojournalism. Her hope is to work for National Geographic when she graduates. Their son just finished 7th grade and enjoys swimming and playing the French horn.

After 33 years of teaching, **Mary Lynn Schwaab Hursey** has retired from the Carroll County Public School system. She is looking forward to spending more time with her daughters and her grandsons Ben, 4, and Ethan, 1. When not enjoying grandma time, Mary Lynn also plans to hike, kayak and travel. She and her husband, Bill, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on June 1. This past year found them traveling to Canada, Ireland, Scotland and Bermuda.

Retirement has also come to **Denise Humphrey**. She retired last November after 34 years of combined active duty and civil service in the Department of Defense. Following retirement, Denise moved to central Florida to be closer to her family. She is definitely enjoying the slower pace of Florida life. Her slower pace includes plenty of pickleball, hiking, photography and volunteer work at her church. Prior to moving, Denise was able to enjoy a fantastic girls' weekend with **Audrey Adams Bigelow**, **Heidi Snyder Wethered, M.S. '86**, and **Debby Neely Kennedy** in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Despite graduating from WMC 35 years ago, **Krystie Adams Herndon** is still officially a college student. She passed her doctoral dissertation proposal defense in February. She will begin her research in the fall, seeking students' perceptions of the cultural knowledge they may have gained upon completing folklore general education classes. Undergraduate students' voices are barely heard in the literature on gen ed or folklore education, so Krystie is hoping to break some new ground while highlighting the benefits of the humanities in an undergraduate education. When not studying and researching, Krystie enjoys her job as a senior advisor in the Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences. She began co-teaching a new career class for humanities and social sciences majors this past academic year and was recently recognized for reaching her 30th work anniversary at Indiana University Bloomington. Krystie and her husband, Tim, celebrated 33 years of marriage on June 15. Both of their grown sons are currently sharing their hometown and working for IU. Their daughter works in Chicago, but the fall 2019 semester finds her in law school at Northwestern. During a recent trip back east to check on her aging parents, Krystie had the privilege of staying with her twin sister, **Audrey Adams Bigelow**, and having lunch with **Heidi Snyder Wethered, M.S. '86**.

Ann Hilton Horn still enjoys helping science and math teachers acquire their master's

degrees in STEM education and teaching certification by working part time as an adjunct faculty member for Stevenson University's Master of Arts in Teaching Online program. Her husband, Jim, just retired from Carroll County Public Schools, and they traveled to San Francisco in August to celebrate. They are also celebrating the fact that their son just acquired a full-time position with the National Park Service at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine. Now they are learning lots of history about the Baltimore area that they didn't know before. When not traveling and teaching, Ann is still involved in service organizations, namely The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Delta Kappa Gamma International, an honor society for women educators. Ann gets to see fellow WMC alums **Erin O'Connell Peiffer '83** (they play bingo together), **Beth White Werrell '83**, **Debbie Armsworthy Shifflete '83**, **Jane Krug '83**, and **Annette Horn Seiler '83, M.Ed. '85** regularly.

Lisa McKinney Freel writes that she truly misses her friends and life on the Hill but cherishes and holds on to those fond memories. She and her husband, Chris, celebrated their 30th anniversary this year with a trip to Bermuda. They started dating during Lisa's senior year at WMC and Lisa feels so very blessed by their life together. Twin sons, Alex and Josh, are both doing wonderfully. They graduated from IUP (Indiana University of Pennsylvania) and to celebrate, the family enjoyed a long trip to Italy. They all agree they would go back to that amazing country! Alex is in graphic design and works as a river raft guide on the weekends. Josh is a chef, and Lisa and Chris love being the recipient of his wonderful talents when he has time to prepare dinners for them. Chris is still working as the financial price analyst for Leidos, and Lisa is the director of admissions, recruitment and outreach at Frederick Community College. Lisa has been in higher education for almost 30 years and truly enjoys working with students. In her leisure time, which isn't near enough, Lisa enjoys being active with PEO International (Philanthropic Educational Organization for women), church, friends and family. Even though Chris and Lisa have traveled extensively, they are always ready to travel more!

This past year, **Wendy Gage Carver** was given the opportunity to help open the new Honeygo Elementary School in Perry Hall, Md., as the school counselor. Wendy just finished her 35th year with Baltimore County Public Schools. Even though opening a new school was a lot of work, it was also a very rewarding year! Wendy and her husband, Cecil, celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary. Their daughter, Jocelyn, got married in 2018, and their son, Andrew, is engaged and will get married in March 2020 in California where he now lives. Wendy tries to keep in touch with **Debbie "Deb" Hildebrand Hoover, M.S. '02**, **Patty McLaughlin**, and **Werner Winkler**. **Jennifer Eisberg-McCullin** and Wendy keep up

on Facebook. Wendy is hoping to see many of you at our next reunion.

Donna Kugler Shearer reports that she's still at the Merchandiser in Hanover, Pa., and was saddened to recently hear of the passing of **Karen Yochim '82**. She would love to hear from **Marianne "Mimi" Eby '82**, so if you are reading, get in touch with the Alumni office to connect with Donna!

For 25 years, **Ann Karn Kahinde** has been serving as an administrative law judge at the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings. For the last three years she's also been volunteering many hours with two refugee families: one from Syria and the other from Sudan. Ann says it has been an amazing experience to get to know these hardworking and resilient immigrants. Ann also volunteers her time by serving on the board for Unified Efforts, a small nonprofit that provides free out-of-school programs for children in west Baltimore. On the family side of things, her son, Suraj, is a senior at the University of Maryland College Park majoring in mechanical engineering and daughter, Saratu, is a rising high school senior at the Institute of Notre Dame. She's looking at several pre-med programs in D.C., Maryland and Boston.

Ralph and Char Wirts Frith are happy that while many things have changed for them over the past 35 years, one constant has been the gift of enduring friendships from WMC. They found their maid of honor and best man at WMC and four godparents to their two children. Friends like Ludley Howard, Jim Francis and the (I'm guessing famous) "cowgals" (**Beth Dorrian Carlin**, **Kathy Lyhus Dixon**, **Katie Wagner Miller**, **Mimi Fannon Gilinsky**, **Anne Cole Heydrick**, **Cindy Leonard Keeney**, **Tree Parker Rounds**, **Debbie Dale Seidel** and **Patty Jones Wooten**) are still in their life! The "cowgals" have gathered every year over the past 20 years for an annual "retreat," and in recent years, they've gathered for monthly "board meetings" and dinners. April 28 also marked the 35th anniversary of Char and Ralph's first date, which was the Phi Alpha Mu formal! Ralph and Char live in western Howard County, Md. Their son, Alexander, attends the University of Denver and their daughter, Mariel, is at UNC Chapel Hill. As empty nesters, Char and Ralph find themselves traveling more and especially enjoy the trips that connect them with their college friends.

From Bowling Green State University, **Amy Morgan** writes that after serving for five years as an associate dean in the College of Education and Human Development, she has returned to a role as a professor of Exercise Science. While serving as associate dean, she handled a variety of items for the college including faculty issues, graduate education and international opportunities. And while Amy will miss many aspects of that job, she is truly looking forward to teaching and working more closely with students again.

Life continues to click along for the Mike and **Audrey Adams Bigelow** clan in Springfield,

Va. Hubby, Mike, works hard as command historian for the U.S. Army Intel & Security Command. It's been 13 years since Mike retired from the Army. Older son, Michael Jr. (Buster), 29, and his wife just completed year six of teaching—he as a middle school band teacher and she as an elementary school teacher. They've been married nearly four years now, bought a house in Virginia Beach and welcomed a dog to their little family! Younger son, David Andrew (Drew), 27, continues to enjoy library work. In fact, Drew and Audrey are co-workers. Drew actually outranks Audrey, which makes Audrey smile! Audrey is also under contract to sing at the chapel at Fort Belvoir; she does a lot of women's ministry for military spouses and she's a section leader in The City Choir of Washington, D.C. Last summer, her work with The City Choir took Audrey on a singing tour to England. As with many of us in this stage of our lives, Mike and Audrey keep close tabs on her mom, her dad and stepmom, and his mom, all of whom are becoming more and more in need of special care. Audrey recently hosted a visit from twin sister, **Krystie Adams Herndon**. Audrey also tries to get together with **Heidi Snyder Wethered, M.S. '86** at least every other month, and their families have had a joint Christmas/New Year's party for 16 years now! She also traveled to Pittsburgh for a girls' weekend with **Heidi Snyder Wethered, M.S. '86**, **Debbie Neely Kennedy** and **Denise Humphrey** in August of 2018. Audrey was thrilled and honored to join Heidi in attending Denise's formal retirement ceremony from government service in December. Audrey reports that Denise has done some phenomenal, important behind-the-scenes work! Mike and Audrey also made it to the 100th Anniversary Gala for the Green Terror Battalion at McDaniel, where they caught up with **BG (Ret.) Donald Schenk '71**. Not only did Audrey have him for Drill & Ceremony while a student, but he was Mike's first boss on active duty! What a connection to have at such a lovely event!

Vic Culatta built another new home and relocated to Palm Springs last year. Vic and Santiago are enjoying their new community and adjusting well to living in their beautiful oasis in the desert. Vic also came out of retirement for the second time and is now working for Foliot, an international furniture company.

Helen Stallings writes that she had two bittersweet reunions recently with WMC friends. In December 2018, she gathered in Hagerstown, Md., with **Amy Morgan** and **Patti Riggs**, for the memorial service of WMC apartment-mate **Robin Rice Berglund**, who died of cancer. Robin had lived with her husband and two college-aged children in Florida since her husband's retirement from the U.S. Army. As many of us have found, life takes many twists and turns. Helen had always assumed that she, Robin, Amy and Patti, would become old ladies together, regularly keeping in touch, and reminiscing about the struggles and joys of



being science nerds at WMC. Now they are three, and immeasurably missing their dear friend Robin. The second bittersweet reunion occurred in April in southwestern Pennsylvania with **Joyce Johnson Kelly '83**, who left WMC in 1982 to attend nursing school in Philadelphia. Joyce and her husband, Mark, traveled from New Hampshire to attend the memorial service for Joyce's WMC roommate **Terry Dom-Sears '82**. Although they had faithfully exchanged Christmas cards annually, Helen had not seen Joyce since 1984 when they both attended Terry's wedding. Many of our classmates will remember "T" as a Whiteford resident assistant and the yearbook editor. Throughout their lifelong friendship and correspondence, Helen felt that Terry taught her to seek and embrace life's many joys and adventures. Terry lived with her husband in southern California. She died of early onset dementia, which was brought on by the aggressive and successful treatment of breast cancer a decade earlier.

Dear classmates, hold onto each moment, as we never know what tomorrow will bring. For me, these last couple of years have been a series of peaks and valleys. My husband, **Mike Conner '82**, took a job with Paragon Bioservices in Baltimore in 2017. We felt it was a good time to relocate from Doylestown, Pa., as our parents were all entering their golden years! Shortly after we relocated, my mother's health began to fail, but I was able to care for her daily in the last months of her life. For that I will be eternally grateful. Losing my mother came on the heels of losing a very dear friend just the year before. Those were two very deep valleys. When we moved, I took a hiatus from full-time employment to oversee the building of our new home on the

It was a family affair when Frank Kratovil Jr. '90 returned to campus this fall to give a SmartTALK hosted by President Roger Casey. Kratovil is an associate judge in the Third District Court in Queen Anne's County, Md., and a former U.S. Representative. He was joined by his wife, Kim, daughter, Ayden, sons Frank III '20 and Jackson '21 and his mother Lynnda '57. The talk also gave an opportunity for the Kratovils to reunite with trustee, longtime family friend and former professor Jim Lightner '59.

George '88 and Karen Quidas Mayhew '90 are "up to our ears in sheep" on a small farm in Wisconsin where they manage an Airbnb in the family's remodeled barn loft.

family farm. We used that moment to downsize and build our final "two-person, but with just enough extra room for grandkids" house. I didn't find custom building a home as fun as I thought it would be! There were lots of hurdles and setbacks, and long discussions over the smallest of decisions, but the finished product feels like home! It's also fun to live near family, as my brother, father and aunt and uncle live on the same farm. Speaking of family, two of our three children are also in Maryland. Our oldest, Philip, and his wife, Lisa, live only a half hour away. Their claim to fame is they are the parents of our two granddaughters Olivia, 2, and Liana, 4 months. As many of you have also figured out, grandparenting is the best job ever. Our daughter, Amanda, is also about a half hour away teaching school in Baltimore County. Our youngest, Jeremy, is still in college in Memphis, Tenn. We travel there when we can to see him play as he is studying music performance. After all the dust settled, I returned to work. I am thoroughly enjoying my job at University of Maryland Baltimore County. I work in the president's office and find it very challenging and rewarding. I love being part of the higher education mission and hope to add in a few classes myself since I'm on campus again. Like **Krystie Herndon Adams**, I may become a perpetual student! This past spring, we enjoyed a cruise with **Paul '83** and **Nancy Turner '82 Parlette**. Nancy and Paul's nephew was one of the performers on the ship, so Mike and I tagged along to keep Paul and Nancy company. It was lovely to know someone in the show. He did a masterful job! Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

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Scott Aaron writes to say that he's still working at Northwestern Mutual, where he was recently promoted to principal engineer. He now oversees "software development for compensation, recognition, and accounting systems for our field force." (This is different from Northwestern's *force field*, which, if I read their brochure correctly, the company uses to repel Klingon warriors who attempt to land their spacecraft at branch offices and file fraudulent claims.) Scott adds that daughter, Sarah, is now in her sophomore year at Marquette University, and that the family has bought its first house in Racine, Wisc. "Between those two developments," Scott ends, "we have said goodbye to having any money."

Tori Fulton Adams has gone west. She writes to say that her husband retired after 31 years in the military, and in summer 2018 the family relocated from Ft. Meade, Md., to Aurora, Colo. They had been stationed out there before, so, I suppose, the beautiful, year-round snow-capped mountains aren't as much of a culture shock this time around. Tori adds that

she keeps busy with her daughter, Livia, and spends free time scrapbooking. The whole family enjoys taking hikes all around Denver with their new dog, Enzo. Tori dit "bonjour" (says "hello") to **Merryn Cantrill Hawthorne**, **Melissa Hallmark Kerr**, **Angie Alfano Zepp '92**, **M.S. '99**, as well as to son *vieil ami* (her old friend) **John Russell**.

Mike Adderley says he thinks it's been a decade since he last updated us. We're very happy to hear from you, Mike, and perhaps we're a bit envious, too—except those of us who *don't* wish we had our own plane. After serving as the commander of the 2nd Operations Group, Mike decided to retire in 2015 after 25 years in the U.S. Air Force. He "couldn't envision a 9-to-5 job working for a corporation designed to make money," he says, so he took a civilian job with the Department of Defense at the U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill AFB in Tampa, Fla. He finds the job interesting and cherishes the opportunity to continue to serve our country. But after leaving the Air Force, he still had the wind beneath his wings (it would be wrong to blame Mike for that cheesy Bette Midler throwback to our junior year); so, two years ago, he bought his own plane—a "lifelong dream." And we may soon see that dream lower its landing gear and screech to a halt at the Carroll County Regional Airport: Mike is considering a flight up to the Hill for Homecoming, perhaps also giving him a chance to visit his Sig Ep brothers in the D.C., metro area, he says. In his free time, Mike enjoys golf, concerts and sporting events. A few times a year, he visits his older daughter, who lives in California. His younger daughter just started college at Rutgers University.

"Time flies," writes **Joanne Salkin Fishman M.S. '96** from Olney, Md., where she lives with husband, Robert, and their daughters, who this fall are in 11th and 9th grade. To combat the fourth dimension's unstoppable forward aerodynamic momentum, Joanne and family drive to Baugher's in Westminster to enjoy a meal, snowball or homemade ice cream. Sometimes her parents meet them there, and they reminisce fondly about her days at WMC.

Julie Biddinger Jones says she finds it hard to believe that she's been retired from the McDaniel admissions office for more than 13 years. But she keeps up with so many friends from the past that you'd almost think she's the director of McDaniel's alumni office. Julie writes that her daughter, Angie, 13, plays softball, volleyball and the flute. (It's a new sport: You stand at the plate and swing your flute to hit a fast-pitch ball over a net. If your bat survives the contact, you have to use it to tootle four bars of Debussy's "Syrinx" before you reach first base. More complicated than baseball.) Angie also coordinates social activities for her friends. Derek, 11, plays soccer, basketball and baseball and sings. Julie's husband, Bill, coaches youth sports and completes projects around the house when he's not traveling for work. Up until recently, Julie volunteered at her kids' elementary school—helping

teachers, working in the media center, and dressing up as the school mascot. (Julie didn't say what that mascot was, but my guess is a bee—a busy bee.) Julie says she feels very fortunate to be able to get together with so many classmates. In spring 2018, she went with **Debra Rayne Weber**, **Shari Barnes Nickles**, **Kim Andrews O'Connor**, **M.S. '95**, **Ellen Marth McCarthy**, **Trish Koch Ryan**, **Lori Wieder**, **Kathy Eskut Krach**, **Lori Day-Richetti '89**, and **Kathy Murphy Yingling '88** to Nashville to celebrate several 50th birthdays among the bunch. This year, many of them are planning a trip to the Eastern Shore. A couple times a year, Julie enjoys a long lunch with **Carol Bentz Boggs**, **Diana Little Ross** and **Heather Tull Post**. Julie ends with an exciting note: She became a great aunt to an adorable little boy, Emory, born to her niece **Kathleen Biddinger Cesar '17**.

Mark Jozwiak says that he and his family are still living in Baytown, Texas. Mark continues to teach and coach; this fall is his 29th year. His wife, **Jonelle Leith Jozwiak '92**, is a part-time physical therapist. Their son, Wes, 16, is now a high school junior. He's 6'7" and plays (take a guess—nope, not competitive limbo dancing) basketball. Emily, 13 and in 8th grade, plays tennis and runs hurdles on the middle school track team where Mark teaches and coaches. Mark adds that they're all "very active in our church family," and while they don't get to visit the Hill often, they occasionally travel to Maryland to see Jonelle's family (and to Florida to see Mark's.)

Greg and Colleen Dolan Lang are back in Augusta, Ga., stationed once again at Fort Gordon. But after 31 years of enlistment, deployments, and "too many moves," Greg says that in July 2019 he "decided to hang up the uniform for the last time." He does anticipate that the Army will hire him back as a civilian physician, so he'll be doing the same thing, just without deployments or moves. Greg salutes Colleen, who's "wrapping up her gig as an awesome home-school teacher" of their four kids. Their two oldest—twins—have started their junior year of college, one has entered college as a freshman, and the youngest has a couple of years left of high school. Greg says he regularly tries "to find an excuse to go on a scuba diving trip." And Colleen spends time on the parish council at church. Greg reports that they're "both sad" that AARP recruited them to join this past spring. "How can we be old enough for that?!" Greg wonders. Greg and Colleen also "send a fond hello to all their ROTC brothers and sisters, especially senior year apartment roomies **Lisa Voketitis '91**, **Robert Dixon** and **Alex Lauber**."

Wendy Wilson Leatherman has been enduring a "rough year," but bright lights have beamed through dark clouds. Her father was diagnosed with stage 4 renal cancer, and the hospital in Martinsburg, Va., "couldn't handle it," Wendy says. But that was a blessing in disguise because her dad was then sent to Walter Reed, "where he received the most amazing care." The surgeon removed the tumor and

declared her dad cancer-free! The kidney had to go, too, Wendy adds, but that seems like a fair trade-off, don't you think? He's doing well with one kidney. Sadly, in July her dad fell down a flight of stairs and broke five ribs, and he spent some more time in the hospital. Wendy and her husband, Paul, are in their 12th year of ministry at Longmeadow Church of the Brethren. Their twin sons, Buck and Wally, completed their sophomore year of homeschool high school with honor roll grades. Wendy and Buck had their own scary moment one day when she was teaching him how to drive. Buck was at the wheel when the brakes completely gave out. Thankfully, Buck navigated their F-250 turbo diesel crew cab pick-up truck through oncoming traffic, over a curb, and into an empty parking lot. Wendy has also done her civic duty, and then some, working the polls in her district during the most recent general election. But the politics at the polls are nothing like the politics of local rec sports: Wendy's serving as the treasurer for the local recreational baseball league. She notes, "It is a much more involved position than I anticipated and definitely requires careful diplomacy." Well, of course it does, Wendy. Don't you know that my kid is the next Vlad Guerrero?

Lisa Diffenbaugh Maher, **M.S. '93** is in her 10th year as a counselor at an elementary school in Carroll County. There's never a dull moment, she says. She's referring to her job, actually, but her remark also fits an amazing trip she recently enjoyed. Lisa and her husband, married for almost 29 years, took a Mediterranean cruise to celebrate their 50th birthdays. But she says that "now it's time to begin checking things off my bucket list." (That must be quite some bucket list if the Med Sea cruise didn't qualify for it!) Lisa's children are checking off their accomplishments as well. Oldest son, Ryan, is now in his second year of law school. Rachel graduated from college and is pursuing a master's degree. And Brennan, the youngest, has begun his third year of college.

George '88 and Karen Quidas Mayhew continue to reside in rural Wisconsin. She writes to say that they bought a small farm a couple years ago and are "up to our ears in sheep" and other critters. In addition to her full-time job at the local post office, Karen runs an Airbnb in the family farm's remodeled barn loft, and she shuttles their three teens all over the place. She assesses her life as abounding in "chaos and mayhem" (and *Mayhews*, right?) but "wouldn't want it any other way." Karen says she misses all her Phi Mu sisters, but welcomes everyone to "visit and join in their funny farm adventures."

Mark Mulle writes to say that he and wife Elizabeth are still living in Lincoln University, Pa., and getting used to life with fewer kids at home. Clara is a senior at Bloomsburg University, and Anna is a sophomore at Penn State. Their third daughter is now a high school freshman. Mark changed jobs, and is now director of sales for PDC Identicaid.

He said it was a fun year celebrating 50th birthdays with other Sig Eps including **David Wetherson '91**, **Mike Alagna '91**, **Jim Mitchell** and **Rob Paul**. Mark also sends out best wishes to fraternity brother **Kip Heinzmann '88** as he fights ALS, and says we all can check out kip-keepitpositive.com to raise awareness and encourage Kip.

Jenny Otto Ramirez writes of many good times since she last checked in. She and her husband, Howie, went on a "fabulous" trip to Hong Kong and Japan. Jenny also notes that she has "almost" three teenagers at home, "so that's always a good time." Jenny teaches art history at James Madison University and Mary Baldwin University; Howie is a professor as well, which allows the coordination of the travel. The teens and almost-teen are Sander, Zoe and Sage. Sander is a high school senior, so the family toured Virginia colleges this summer. Also staking claims to floor space, countertops, and windowsills at their Staunton, Va., home are four cats, eight fish, and an unreported number of houseplants. Last year, to celebrate a slew of 50th birthdays, Jenny and fellow 1990 classmates **Kelly Wiles Loiacono**, **Jenny Dempsey Oberfeld**, **Kelly Sell**, and **Tracey Holter Zirfas** went to Sarasota for a couple of days of relaxation, fun and reminiscing. The houseplants stayed behind.

While jogging in place, presumably, **Doug Ripley**, **M.Ed. '02** took a moment to write that he's still running in trail and cross-country races. He lives in Towson, Md., and he just completed his 28th year of teaching. He says that it's hard to believe that his two sons are growing up, now 7 and 10 years old. Knowing how athletic Doug is, he'll certainly be able to keep up with them for many more years.

Laura Taylor Roche says that she is "living the 'sandwich generation' dream"—caring for her mother, who is experiencing dementia, and raising kids. Her son is now a college senior and her daughter is in 8th grade. Laura did get to travel this year, going to Colorado and the beach. She remodeled the house, went to her kids' sports games and had some fun times with **Darlene Kramer Kerr '91** and others.

John Russell reports that he and wife, Leslie, live in Denver and have enjoyed 16 years of marriage. Their daughters Anna, 15, and Elena, 10, participate in a synchronized swim league, which John runs. He also volunteers on various school boards. John says that after stepping down from running a nonprofit focused on free tax prep and education, he has a little more time to travel these days. Visiting exotic locales is how John "primarily uses" his French and Spanish degrees. But Colorado has a lot to offer, and John invites friends and alumni to connect with him and ski. (Connecting and skiing is, I believe, what the pros call synchronized schussing.)

Denise Umland writes to say that she left the theater-rich community of Washington, D.C., for a brief residence in Miami. There she enjoyed the food, but not the heat and the traffic. Denise then moved across the country to



Erica Hall '99 and her daughter, Ki'Juana Land '22, made sure that they were representing their classes well at Homecoming and Reunion Weekend in October. The pair made their own matching T-shirts to reflect the evolution of the college between two generations. While Hall wore a Western Maryland shirt with '99 on the back, Land wore a McDaniel one with '22 on the back.

California to be the costume shop manager in the theater and dance department at UC Santa Barbara. She gets to see one of her brothers and his family on a regular basis. She was even able to watch her nephew's high school baseball team's division final game, played at Dodger Stadium. His team sat in the Dodgers' dugout, and he warmed up in a real MLB bullpen, which was certainly thrilling. On the scary-thrilling side, Denise reports that the December 2017 Thomas Fire came within one mile of where she lives. Before evacuation, which lasted two weeks, she had to rush to

Andy Dziengeleski '96 graduated from the National War College at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C., and has been promoted to Colonel in the Army.

pack up all her important belongings. Upon unpacking, she realized that she had packed 20 pairs of socks. Then there was the January 2018 Montecito mudslide. She felt this great sense of alarm — something Denise says she will always remember — of not knowing where that was but that it was nearby. (It's only about 15 minutes from Santa Barbara.) On a lighter note, Denise adds that when she lived on the East Coast, she abhorred California wines, but she now appreciates how delicious the local beverage of choice is and has become familiar with the ins and outs of wine clubs. She has also volunteered at the Solstice Parade helping "to make giant puppets come to life," as well as creating the flower decorations for the carriages for Fiesta (also known as Old Spanish Days.) "We do like our parades in Santa Barbara," she says — but fires and mudslides, not so much.

I, Bob Brown, your class reporter, do hereby copy and paste my previous personal update, albeit (one of my favorite words, though I'm not entirely sure what it means or even what part of speech it is) with some minor edits. I continue to lecture math at the Community College of Baltimore County, now in Year of Our Teaching Load 24. I've been a correspondent with *World Magazine* for five years, and I continue to serve on the boards of Maryland Right to Life and a pregnancy resource center. I'm inching toward the end of my seminary coursework — just a few more classes and I'll have the answers to all the mysteries of the universe. For that, \$300 a credit has seemed like quite a bargain. I can claim 21st century technical citizenship, finally, as last summer I surrendered my flip-phone in exchange for something I don't flip. I just rub my greasy finger all over it. How digitally advanced! (Get it: *digitally*? Well, I laughed, anyhow.) This summer, my wife, Lisa, our five kids (ages 5 to 14) and I packed our new 10-passenger van and conestoga-ed through 19 states on a road trip that culminated in a family reunion in New Mexico. We returned intact, although I confess I did threaten to drop off one teen rider at a boarding kennel. This summer, I spent two weeks in Uganda teaching Christian doctrine courses to prospective pastors for the second year in a row.

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Micah Humbert continues to live in Harford County, Md., but made a career change last year from public education to higher education. He is enjoying a new role in the admissions department at the University of Maryland University College and hopes to grow in the industry. Over the last few years, he has become a regular contributor to the Friday Night Live Facebook webcast by **Mark Geary '04**. He also enjoys checking in with **Tony Chen** and **Barry Wyche '98, M.S. '99**. This

summer, he shared a short vacation with **Rick Holland '97** and **Dan Wooten '97**. They recounted many of their WMC adventures and tales of hiking the entirety of the C&O Canal. Micah also looks forward to his annual return to the Hill to watch the Homecoming game with his sister, **Meghan Humbert Brown '01**, and father, **Ken Humbert '70**. Please feel free to reach out and say hello to him on Facebook. Go Green Terror!

Jeremy "Pugs" Osteen married his best friend Jacqueline Bayer Osteen on August 11, 2018. He was grateful that many of his Sig Ep brothers could come and enjoy the festivities and toss the caber in their version of the Highland Games. Jeremy learned to play the Scottish bagpipes, played in the final round of the Settlers of Catan North American Championship at GenCon, helped design a battalion level Battle of the Bulge game to be released this year and still plays with toy soldiers from time to time. He's been working at Rest Haven Cemetery helping families since 1998. It's the only real job he's ever had, and he loves going to work every day. "I'm a very fortunate guy," he says. "People are still allowed to call me Pugs. I'll still answer."

Chad Albertson resides on a small farm with pigs, chickens and horses in Baldwin, Md., with his wife and three children. Their oldest graduated from high school in 2019. He is working at Sagamore Spirit on the marketing team, inspiring a global passion for Maryland rye whiskey. At **Jeremy Osteen's** bachelor party, **Matt Wachter** and Chad did something neither of them would have expected they'd do while in college ... drink whiskey together in the mountains of West Virginia. He's also fortunate to catch up with fellow WMC alumni when they come down for distillery tours. **Graham Talbot '97**, **Quinn Salamandra '97**, **Christa Mose '95**, and **Heidi Snyder Reigel '97** have been more than once, and **Christa even** took some of their whiskey to Mt. Everest this past year to help out with some social media photos. He loves keeping in touch with everyone on social media and is also so glad there wasn't any social media when we were on the Hill.

Taneytown, Md., is still home for **Melanie Phipps Repp**, husband, Erich, and two children, Erich, 13, and Emily, 10. Melanie is usually running around most evenings taking them to scouts, 4-H and other activities. She's still working as a design engineer doing mostly hydrology and hydraulics, but she started with a new company in 2016 that allows her to work from home some, which has been a blessing! She regularly meets up with **Julie Kuerner Messina**, **Cara Ditto**, **Teaette Louderback-Smith** and **Jen Light Dottellis '97** and tries to keep in touch with **Dave and Amy Rice '97 Mirra** and **Blair St. Amand** as well, although not as much as she'd like.

Cara Ditto continues to work with victims of sexual and domestic violence as a trauma therapist. She enjoys traveling with both family and friends. A yearly weekend

getaway with **Teaette Louderback-Smith**, **Jen Light Dottellis '97**, **Julie Kuerner Messina**, and **Melanie Phipps Repp** is always a highlight. She has begun playing tennis again and that has brought up fond memories of playing at WMC with **Jen Evans Skowronski, M.S. '97**.

Michele Roatche Williams sends greetings from Fort Worth, Texas! She is currently working for HealthChannels, who acquired her company last year. After two acquisitions, she is quite versatile in integrating operations. Her current position is director of talent acquisition analytics. Michele and husband, Jeff, spend most of their time working out, going to the movies, hiking, golfing and shuttling their kids to their various sporting endeavors. Josh, 15 (almost driving, yikes!), plays football, soccer and lacrosse, and he really wants to work in the sports industry one day. AJ, 14, plays lacrosse, box lacrosse, soccer and football. Samuel, 12, plays basketball, a lot of video games and yup, you guessed it ... lacrosse. They still love traveling and took the boys to Rome, Florence, Pompeii and Siena last year, with a quick stopover in London on the way home. "Loved every minute of it and hoping to retire with a house somewhere in Italy," says Michele. This summer they spent some time in Ocean City, N.J., to get their beach fix. Living in Fort Worth does have a few drawbacks, and the distance to an ocean is the biggest!

This past year was very busy for **Andy Dziengeleski** as he attended and graduated from the National War College at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C. He was fortunate enough to travel to Vietnam for nine days as part of the War College program as well. A day after he graduated from the War College, he was promoted to full Colonel in the Army and is now stationed at the Pentagon. Andy lives outside Annapolis with his wife, two children and Boston terrier.

Tania Huzarewicz Baumhover finally settled down in Tampa, Fla., after husband, Forrest, retired from a career in the Navy in 2016. They have three children; the oldest is 14 and the twins are 11. Tania is involved in various leadership organizations with the kids, such as the PTSA and booster clubs. She also handles marketing and social media for her husband's financial planning firm. They love traveling and spending time on the gorgeous Florida Gulf Coast beaches.

Steven Aquino and his wife Laura welcomed a baby boy, Antonio Luca Aquino, in January 2019.

I continue to reside in Sterling, Va., with my wife, **Amy Rice Mirra '97**, and our children, Kyle, 14, and Abby, 11. I'm still doing some soccer and basketball coaching in my not-so-free time. We went skiing again in Mont-Tremblant, Canada, over spring break, and our summer trip to Carolina Beach, N.C., was filled with swimming, paddle boarding and kayaking. If you want to hear a funny story, ask my wife about her kayaking experience the next time you see her.

That's all for this year's report. Best wishes to everyone, and make sure that you keep in touch!

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2002

Since completing his master's in teaching ESOL in 2018, **Tom Becskehazy** joined Arizona State University's English language teaching platform as a full-time faculty member. In their spare time, Tom and his wife explore the beautiful national parks throughout the southwest.

Tonya Condell has had a whirlwind of activity take place in the last two years. In the summer of 2017, she spent a month hospitalized, but thankfully had a speedy recovery after a couple of months at home when she was released. She attributes her recovery to the love and support of her family and friends, including: **Marcus and Mithona Dan, M.S. '08 Helton**, **Maya Redfearn**, **Rasheeda George '01**, **Deena Reynolds '01**, **Sally Penner Clark '05**, **Felicia Donelson '05**, **Arnelle Quashie Hanley '05** and **Kennedra Tucker '05**. Currently Tonya serves as assistant general counsel at the District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development, which creates and preserves affordable housing in the District. In June, she traveled to St. Kitts, West Indies, and met many family members for the first time. She also spent some time visiting where her mother grew up in Nevis. Tanya resides in northwest D.C., where she recently purchased her first home.

Catherine Anderson Cramer, M.S. '05 is a mom to two sons, Patrick and Charles, and an elementary school principal.

Brooke Joseph Dencler bravely started a new career as a vet tech at a clinic that specializes in feline medicine. This is the perfect choice for someone with eight rescue cats and dogs! Brooke remains in touch with **Claire Adams Aubel** and **Marni Schlenker Marquette**. She and her husband, Mark, reside in Harford County, Md.

Also no stranger to changing careers, in 2016 **Sean Eldred** began working as the investment manager at Centennial Wealth Management in Columbia, Md., after working with a different firm for the nine years prior. He is happily now running Centennial's model portfolios. Shortly thereafter, Sean's family began to grow with the addition of a rescue dog named Beau and then with a son named Dashiell Henry, who was born on September 19, 2018.

Jeff '01 and **Amanda Lofton Groff** celebrated 10 years as educators in Shepherdstown, W. Va., and 14 years of marriage. Their children, Evelyn, 7, and Elliott, 4, and two hives of honeybees keep them busy. Amanda steals "mom dates" with **Mary-Kate Genova**

whenever possible and occasionally sees **Nichole Christman Hossler**, **Kate Boyle Brantley**, **Stacey Starleper Scarff** and **Nikki Gaston Davidson** when they find middle ground between Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Congratulations are in order for **Marcus and Mithona Dan, M.S. '08 Helton** who welcomed their second daughter, Anisah, in March 2019. Their oldest, Amina, is enjoying being a big sister after years of asking! The family lives in Fort Washington, Md.

Jayne Karolow Hetherington is not gardening, as you might suspect, at Fresh Tilled Soil. She is the senior project manager at this user experience and product design company outside of Boston where she has worked for six years. Jayne and her husband, Jason, have been married eight years and have two boys, Beckett, 4, and Cal, 2.

Jeremy Keil's company of 16 years, Thrivent Financial, asked him to be one of the first three (out of 2,400) financial advisors to develop a specialty registered investment advisor (RIA) in 2019. He continues to focus on helping people prepare for retirement, but is excited to help create this new platform as well. Jeremy and his wife, Robyn, are active with their local church and love encouraging their daughters, Emery, 8, and Harper, 5, in school, swim, dance and gymnastics. After Emery joined a swim team, she challenged Jeremy to get a swim coach, which he did, and now he's obsessed with swimming in a local Masters club. What a great new skill to learn after college! The Keil family continues to live outside of Milwaukee, Wis.

Suzanne Holmes Knizer is an event specialist at Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics where she manages large-scale events for the benefit of the Hopkins community. Her husband, **Aaron Knizer '00**, is a program analyst for Salisbury Management, where he creates and designs IT systems for healthcare and education-based organizations. They have been married 15 years and enjoy spending time with family including their two children Sarah, 7, and Benson, 4. The family resides in Parkville, Md.

If you love what you do, you never work a day in your life! And **Dawn Harner Long** has been thrilled to be a maternity nurse for two years. She and her husband bought a new house and recently put in an inground pool so their three children can swim. Dawn also loves watching the kids play soccer, basketball and lacrosse. Dawn and her husband have been married for 15 years and are really enjoying life in their new neighborhood.

In 2015, **Brian O'Connor** finished his career within the Department of Defense and started a second career in information systems. That was a big year because he also traveled to Chennai, India, assisting in staff training for his new job. Brian is currently working with a nonprofit that helps students save for college and keeps busy by volunteering with the Boy Scouts and Habitat for Humanity when



(From left) Joe Odierno '14, Jordan Holter '13 and Ryan McSorley '14 each received their Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degrees from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Seton Hall, Pa. The three former Green Terror student-athletes were proud to celebrate their latest accomplishment together in May.

he has time. In 2018, Brian and his son went to Valley Forge with the scouts and hiked 10 miles in the park and five miles of the bicentennial trail in Philadelphia. Brian resides in North Carolina in the Raleigh-metro area.

Tina Carlson Sanders is still working with Booz Allen Hamilton supporting the Defense Threat Reduction Agency at Ft. Belvoir in Lorton, Va. She and her husband, Clint, are their children's biggest fans when they cheer on Brohdi, 11, and Skylar, 8, in baseball and competitive dance. Somehow Tina also manages to make time to regularly get together with **Katie Mavity White**. The Sanders family resides in LaPlata, Md.

The Class of 2002 produced a few educators including **Stacey Starleper Scarff** who completed her 16th year of teaching at Fallston Middle School in Maryland. Last year, Stacey achieved National Board Certification in Early Adolescence/Young Adult Vocal Music Education. She and her husband, Jason, enjoy spending time with their children, Alexa, 9, and Garrett, 6.

Jon and Kerri Fisher '03 Soucy welcomed their second daughter, Eliza Mae, born in April 2018. Jon works in finance in New York City, and he and his wife continue to be thrilled and amazed with their two daughters. The family and their Siberian Husky, Mr. Buckley, live in the Montclair, N.J., area.

Jason and Leigh Griffith Wiles have been married 15 years and were excited to see their daughter, Morgan, start kindergarten this year. Jason keeps busy at work after buying his father's 30-year-old landscaping business and spending time modernizing the business. Jason and Leigh send greetings to their old

Steve Hohne '08 is the controller of The Public Theater, where shows like "Hamilton," "Hair" and "A Chorus Line" began.

friends **Dave Dolch, M.S. '09**, **Nicole Yost, Bobby Biden, Teron Powell**, and Jason's Green Terror football pals!

I guess you can call me Steady Eddy because I have completed my 18th year at Mount Saint Joseph High School in Baltimore, continuing to connect alumni with their alma mater and seeking their support of the school. My hubby, **Ellis Rollins**, has made some positive changes in his career as an attorney and feels great satisfaction in the work that he does. Our two daughters, Sophia, 13, and Juliet, 9, convinced us to add a new member to our family after we lost our oldest family dog, whom we first got when in college! Our new pup, Stanley, is a fun addition and keeps us on our toes. We still reside in Havre de Grace, Md.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this class column. So many have accomplished so much in the 17 years since we graduated that we should all be proud! I hope to hear from even more of you for the next column. Keep the updates coming!

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2008

Ashley Zimmerman Lindsay, M.S. '09 is in her 10th year as a school counselor with Carroll County Public Schools. She and her husband, Bryan, celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary in March. They have two children, Alexandra, 6, and Brendan, 4. They purchased a farm and moved back to Westminster in 2017.

Virginia Dale Stetson and her husband welcomed their fourth son in March.

Lee Oliver McWhirter and her husband, Kenny, purchased a home at the end of May and moved from Bethesda, Md., to Woodbine, Md. On June 22, they welcomed their son, Trip Rodman McWhirter, who weighed 10 lbs., 1 oz. They are all settling in nicely and looking forward to being closer to the Hill and lots of friends!

Steve Hohne moved to Astoria, N.Y. last year with his husband, Jeremy Blaustein, and dog, Zeke. Steve is the controller at The Public Theater, where shows like "Hamilton," "Hair," and "A Chorus Line" began.

Timothy Neeson has worked at Agilent Technologies Inc. in Wilmington, Del., since 2010. In 2018, he joined a worldwide transactional business enablement team. In his new role, Tim supports alternate buying models, exploring ways for customers to make faster purchases and buy more from Agilent. Earlier this year he was lucky enough to visit Shanghai to help roll out a new program in China. Closer to home, Tim still visits U.S. national parks, UNESCO World Heritage Sites and craft breweries. Those of you who know him are well aware that his favorite form of travel is cruising. In November, Tim finally sailed through the Panama Canal with cruise

companions **Christopher Griffin** and **Sarah Brackbill '09**.

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2014

BreAnna Strevig currently works as a behavior therapist at Bloom Behavioral Solutions, where she loves working with children who have autism. Since moving to Florida in November 2017, she has been enjoying the beach and trips to Disney, but she is looking forward to coming back home soon to see her family and friends in Maryland.

Drew and **Julia Pope Cortese** were married in September 2018 with lots of McDaniel alumni in attendance. Julia graduated from nursing school in December 2017. When they're not working in downtown Chicago, they're traveling. Recently, they went to France to watch the Women's World Cup.

After graduation, **Laura Dudley** worked with the Washington Nationals for three seasons as a guest experience representative. Since then, she has been working at Food & Water Watch, an environmental nonprofit headquartered in Washington, D.C. as an administrative coordinator. She continues to live in Maryland, and recently added two dogs to her family.

Joe Odierno, Ryan McSorley and **Jordan Holter '13** earned their Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degrees from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Seton Hill, Pa., in May. Joe was also the recipient of the College of Medicine Award for Exceptional Community Service. This honor is presented to a member of the graduating class who demonstrated, by word and deed, the desire to offer noteworthy service to members of the college and community. He is now in his residency, training in emergency medicine at Wellspan York Hospital in York, Pa.

Kristine Harjes is now working as an investment officer for the Motley Fool's first venture capital fund, Motley Fool Ventures.

Mike and **Katie Cooper Gainor** were married in April 2017 and currently live in Baltimore. Katie is a bookkeeper for her family business, Alex Cooper Auctioneers. Mike works at T. Rowe Price with **Scott Camuto '11** and **Matt Spratt '07**. Katie will be heading back to McDaniel to complete her bachelor's degree.

Emily Kurtyka Whittington married Zach Whittington on September 22, 2018 in Hagerstown, Md., and they were expecting their first child in October.

I've been keeping busy since our last feature in *The Hill*. I recently joined PepsiCo as a senior marketing coordinator in its Columbia, Md., office. I've had the pleasure of planning high-profile events and marketing engagements around the Mid-Atlantic for Pepsi, including CMA Fest in Nashville, Artscape in Baltimore, the Giant BBQ Battle, and Broccoli City Festival, in D.C. When I'm not going on Baltimore adventures with my

roommate, **Perri Fuhrmann '16**, I've been traveling to New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, New York City, and recently to Los Angeles and San Diego to see the Orioles play on the West Coast. Last September, I got to stand beside **Emily Kurtyka Whittington** at her wedding and celebrated with lots of McDaniel alums! I even get to be "aunt" to **Drew '15** and **Caroline Bramble Phillips's** adorable little girl, Ellie. Thanks for sending in your notes.

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2018

Alexandra Stitely, M.S. '19 earned her Master of Science in Special Education from McDaniel. She has accepted a special education resource teaching position at Oklahoma Road Middle School in Eldersburg, Md.

Lucy Bainbridge is a 2nd grade teacher in Frederick County, Md., at Lincoln Elementary School.

Madison Bodnar has been promoted to service coordinator at Mosaic Community Services in Westminster. She has been looking for part-time interns if anyone is interested in mental health after graduation. She is continuing grad school for mental health counseling.

Mark Gales recently graduated with his Master of Social Work degree from the University of Maryland School of Social Work in Baltimore. He completed the year-long advanced standing program with a clinical concentration and behavioral health specialization. Upon passing his graduate social work license exam, Mark is searching for jobs related to working with older adults in a senior living center or hospice setting. In his spare time, Mark enjoys attending spin class at the gym, going to baseball games and exploring breweries around Baltimore. Other than being finished with grad school and beginning a career in social work, Mark is most excited about becoming an uncle this fall!

Abby Keen is currently attending grad school at DeSales University in Center Valley, Pa. to get her Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies. She started her clinical year in August, so she is almost halfway done. She says, "I couldn't have gotten here without the amazing faculty and support system I had at McDaniel!"

Miranda Rep completed her Master of Science degree in Biotechnology from Johns Hopkins University. Currently she works as a patient registration representative at the UPMC Pinnacle Memorial Hospital in both inpatient and outpatient as her gap year position while she applied to medical school over the summer.

Allyson Tarbox is living in Baltimore and finishing graduate school at the University of Maryland School of Social Work. She has also accepted an offer working as an assistant community school director in Baltimore.

Akira Westbrook has spent time traveling with her fiancé, **De'andre Taylor '16**. They have been engaged since September 1, 2018. In 2020, she plans to go back to school for her graduate degree in counseling. She says, "Life has been full of life, love and adventures since I left McDaniel College. I'm grateful to have met the love of my life while attending, it has made post-college life much sweeter."

Laura Penhallegon is a current resident at Urban Teachers Baltimore teaching at Pimlico Elementary/Middle School in the city. She is also taking graduate courses at Johns Hopkins University. She still has four years ahead of her before she officially completes the program and will get her full certification.

Kayla Hamilton teaches 6th grade at East Dover Elementary School in Dover, N.J.

Tyler Van Dyke recently started working as a copyeditor for Money Map Press based in Baltimore with **Nikki Krug '15**. He proofreads newsletters, reports, videos and other content before it is published.

Abigail Rose-Craver recently accepted the position of development writer and stewardship officer at Perkiomen School, her alma mater in Pennsburg, Pa. She had been interning in the Office of Alumni and Development during the summers of her college years and was the department administrative assistant this past year, so she is excited to take on this new position. Some of her responsibilities will be writing annual fund appeals and donor acknowledgement letters as they head into a \$35 million capital campaign ... no pressure here! She sends a shout-out to the amazing McDaniel College Advancement Services team for helping her gain some good research experience while she was a student worker. She saw **Tonaé Hamilton '17** for a night out in Ellicott City, Md., in April and met up with **Kylah Chadwick** in her hometown, New London, Conn., in March.

Noel Nunnermacker has a full-time job at GAF as a retail sales support administrator.

Sarah Rasch has switched graduate school programs from counseling to teaching. Her teaching program at Notre Dame started in July. She has been working full time as a substitute teacher at a special needs school and working part time at the Department of Recreation and Parks for Baltimore County.

Valerie Lamb is attending University of Florida Levin College of Law.

Dionna Newsome is a published author of a self-help/memoir book, "A Father's Love." She is also working full time as a preschool educator at Watoto Development Center, teaching 2- and 3-year-olds. She is a traveling poet and runs a blog entitled Nia's Open Heart and Open Mind.

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Board names new trustees



Karen Bellamy Lamont '81, of Durham, N.C., earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology. She helped found Kalos Golf, a luxury tour operator that provides one-of-a-kind golf travel excursions, with her husband, Jim, who is a 1980 alumnus of the college. As a mother of three adult children, including one with special needs, she was instrumental in the founding of the Trinity School, a private Christian school, and All Saints Church in Durham and Chapel Hill, N.C. She co-chaired the Chapel Hill/Durham Young Life Committee and formerly served as a member of the board of Learning Ally, a nonprofit that supports students with print disabilities, including blindness, visual impairment and dyslexia.

Since 2017, she has been on the advisory board for the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health.



William M. Rodgers III, of Hopewell, N.J., is a professor of public policy at Rutgers University's Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy and chief economist at the Heldrich Center for Workforce Development. He serves as board chair of the National Academy of Social Insurance and as treasurer of the Institute for Women's Policy Research, as well as a nonresident fellow at The Century Foundation and senior fellow at the Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis. He was appointed the chief economist at the U.S. Department of Labor while he was the Frances and Edwin L. Cummings Associate

Professor of Economics at the College of William and Mary. He has also served on the National Urban League's Council of Economic Advisors and President Obama's Department of Labor transition team. He is frequently asked to provide expertise to *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, CNBC, NBC's "Meet the Press" and National Public Radio's "Marketplace," among others. He earned a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College, master's degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and Ph.D. from Harvard University. A former parent visitor to the McDaniel Board of Trustees, his son, William M. "Billy" Rodgers IV, graduated from McDaniel in May 2019.



Patrick M. Stokes '90, of Martinsville, N.J., earned his bachelor's degree in Biology and earned his MBA from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. Stokes, who has extensive experience in the telecommunications industry, is president and chief executive officer of Sage Brothers, which specializes in consulting with companies and private equity firms in telecommunications and technology. He formerly served as senior vice president of sales for North America at Syniverse, senior vice president for Tech Data Mobile Solutions, and president and chief executive officer of Brightstar, a wireless handset distributor. He has also held senior executive roles in sales, distribution and mergers and acquisitions with Verizon and Sprint. Stokes is currently president of the board for the Florence S. Bush Angel Foundation, whose mission is to positively impact the poor and disadvantaged, including by offering college scholarships to high school seniors. He has been honored as a "New Face of Business Executives" by *Black Enterprise* magazine and among the "Top 50 Under 50" by *BlackMBA Magazine*.

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Lessons I took from the Hill



Lindsay Sherman is the new editor of *The Hill*. She graduated from Elon University with a B.A. in Journalism, which she has used as a magazine editor for the last eight years. She and her husband moved to Carroll County in March and are enjoying becoming part of the Westminster and McDaniel communities.

A new view from the Hill

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN

From the second I set foot on the Hill, I felt like I was home. I know that's not an uncommon feeling for prospective students. But for me, that moment happened 10 years after I graduated from Elon University.

For the last five years, I was the editor of the alumni magazine at an online institution, but it never quite felt like me. I knew I loved the world of higher ed—heck, I'd been wanting to go to college since I was in elementary school—but I craved a new professional home that reminded me of the liberal arts school where I spent the most formative years of my life.

On Elon's campus, with brick buildings and walkways so much like those here on the Hill, I didn't just learn about journalism. I learned about things like sociology, religion, astronomy, gender studies and statistics.

I spent a semester studying and exploring in Australia, completed a summer internship that helped me determine what I did *not* want to pursue professionally and solidified my passion for publications as an editor on the yearbook and the newspaper and created my own magazine for my senior capstone project. Volunteering became a cornerstone of my life when I mentored local pre-teen girls and helped build a house with Habitat for Humanity. I met my best friends and found faculty mentors I'm still in touch with today, and along the way, I learned to fail with grace and use my voice for good.

Those are the lessons I took from my own college education and the lessons I brought with me to the Hill. They're the lessons that I know are ingrained in the McDaniel Commitment, which reminds me so much of my own alma mater's values.

I'd never been as determined to nail a job interview as I was during my candidacy for this position, and I couldn't have been more touched when a colleague gave me a hearty "Welcome home!" during my first Homecoming weekend this fall.

I'm honored to call this my new home and to share your stories and lessons from the Hill. I look forward to meeting and learning from many of you in the years to come. ■

Open-Book Quiz

An easy, breezy assessment of how closely you read about the Class of 2023 in this Autumn issue.

(Answers are within these pages.)



1. What percentage of the Class of 2023 is first-generation college students?
a. 26%
b. 43%
c. 61%
2. What was the single largest feeder high school for the Class of 2023?
a. Baltimore City College High School
b. Towson High School
c. Westminster High School
3. How many applications were received for incoming first-year students beginning this fall?
a. 3,056
b. 4,233
c. 4,970
4. What percentage of first-year students attended a McDaniel Local session this summer?
a. 33%
b. 50%
c. 98%
5. How many first-year students enrolled for the Fall 2019 semester?
a. 503
b. 587
c. 601

Prize: Answer these questions correctly and be entered into a drawing for a McDaniel College sweatshirt.

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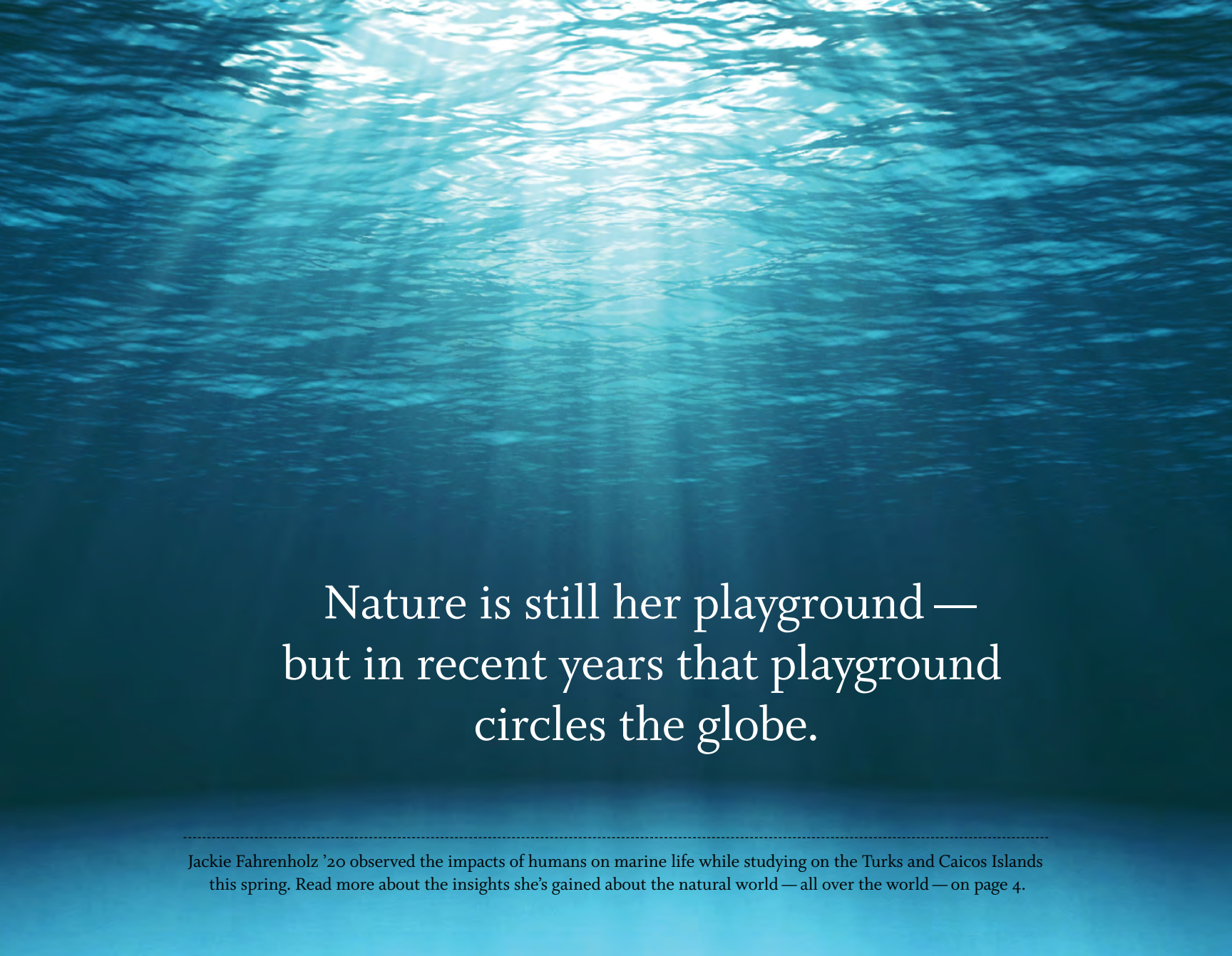


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Nature is still her playground —
but in recent years that playground
circles the globe.

Jackie Fahrenholz '20 observed the impacts of humans on marine life while studying on the Turks and Caicos Islands this spring. Read more about the insights she's gained about the natural world — all over the world — on page 4.