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On the cover:
Julia Jasken, Ph.D., was officially installed as the 10th president of McDaniel College on April 9, 2022.

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Capping off a week of celebratory activities in advance of the inauguration of our 10th president, a stunning Friday night fireworks display delighted McDaniel students, alumni, faculty, and staff, as well as members of the Westminster community.

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Rather than printing a new Letter from the President in this issue, we have opted to print the full text of President Jasken's inaugural address for those who were unable to attend or view the installation ceremony in April. You can read those remarks on page 19, and you can watch her full speech at mcdaniel.edu/magazine or by scanning the QR code below.



MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!



We will be running the readership survey again after this issue, so if you did not get a chance to respond earlier this year, please be on the lookout for your email invitation to participate.

Take the 2022 readership survey to let us know:

- What you love about the magazine
- How you think *The Hill* could be improved
- Stories you wish we'd cover — or not

It's important to us that we are serving your needs in the pages of *The Hill* to the best of our ability. Your responses are confidential and secure and will help us make *The Hill* even better for years to come.



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The Mail department is your place to sound off about what you read in *The Hill*.

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THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN: THE HILL MAGAZINE READERSHIP SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to the nearly 600 respondents who shared their thoughts about *The Hill* magazine during our readership survey this winter. The insights you provided are invaluable and will be helpful as we make decisions about the magazine's content moving forward. Some highlights of responses are included below.



Not surprisingly, more than 75% of our respondents to the survey said they prefer to receive *The Hill* in print in their mailboxes. Don't worry: We plan to continue to bring you the magazine in print for the foreseeable future!

"I like the printed copies and to be able to look back at how the institution has changed. I am a young alumni, but I am very tactile."

"... to hold, mark up, read, fold, and keep as a reference until the next issue arrives."



For those who expressed interest in being environmentally conscious and only receiving the magazine online, **we need to hear directly from you!** If you commented about not wanting to receive it in print on the readership survey, the anonymous nature of the survey means we did not have a way to make that change for you in our database.

Please send us an email at alumni@mcdaniel.edu to let us know that you no longer wish to receive the printed copy of *The Hill* and would instead like to receive notification of the digital edition going live online.

"... waste of paper, prefer online access."

"I would be happy with an email stating that there is a new issue and link to it."



For those who liked receiving it both digitally and in print (about 17.5%), we will continue to publish an online edition of the magazine, which will include bonus video and photo content that we cannot put in the printed copy.

Don't forget to go to mcdaniel.edu/magazine to check out the digital edition for a multimedia experience.

DELIVERY DELAYS: THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING

One of the biggest pieces of feedback we have heard in recent months about the magazine is its timeliness — or lack thereof. As with many industries, paper mills and printers are experiencing supply chain and labor shortages, which affect the publishing schedule of *The Hill*. For example, we know that the "Autumn 2021" issue did not arrive at many of your houses until mid-January, and we apologize for that.

In an attempt to have our issues arrive more consistently in the seasons for which they are named, we will be adjusting when issues are published beginning with the Autumn 2022 issue. You can begin to expect your three issues of *The Hill* to arrive in November, March, and July each year. Of course, circumstances beyond our control may result in delays, and we appreciate your patience and understanding should this occur.



Bruce Preston '75 elected chair of McDaniel College Board of Trustees

In October, the McDaniel College Board of Trustees elected Bruce H. Preston '75 to serve as the chair following the passing of Otto J. Guenther '63.

Preston has served on the college's Board of Trustees since 1995 and has been instrumental in the college's management of the WMC Development Corporation, which owns numerous commercial assets in Westminster, Maryland, including the College Square Shopping Center and the Best Western. He is past chair of the buildings and grounds committee and the audit committee, and most recently served as chair of the governance committee and led the presidential search committee.

Preston has long been actively engaged in the college's fundraising initiatives, including several capital campaigns, and has supported the college as a member of the Founders Society and the Carpe Diem Society. He has also volunteered with numerous committees of the Alumni Council and was honored in 2015 with the Alumni College Service Award for his exceptional leadership, devotion, and service to the Alumni Council.

A legacy graduate, his father, Wilbur D. "Woody" Preston Jr. '44 served as chair of the college's Board of Trustees from 1971-1982, and his mother, May, is a 1945 alumna. In addition, his wife, Patrice, received her Master of Education from the college in 1979, and his son, Gibbs, graduated from McDaniel in 2010. Other family members have also attended the college, including aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings.

Preston went on to earn a master's degree in 1984 from Towson University. He has spent his professional career in commercial real estate and is formerly a vice president for MidAtlantic Realty Trust. In 2003, Preston formed Preston Realty LLC, a commercial real estate development company specializing in retail development and commercial brokerage. He is also chairman of the UMBC Research Park Corporation, part of the University System of Maryland.

Martha Harris '12, M.S. '13 Smith named new director of ODEI

In December, Martha Harris '12, M.S. '13 Smith was named the new director of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI). Smith holds McDaniel degrees in Psychology and Counselor Education, and prior to this appointment, she was a counselor in the Wellness Center, where she focused on DEI initiatives in the office and on campus at large. She has created programming to support the ODEI and has led the Green Table Talks that have provided students space to engage in deep discussions about education, culture, and life. In this role, she will oversee the office, all related student programming, and the Edge Program. Harris reports to Associate Provost for Equity and Belonging Richard M. Smith '00.



Shelley Ensor awarded Heritage Award from MSAC

Accomplished gospel vocalist Shelley Ensor, a McDaniel lecturer and director of the McDaniel College Gospel Choir, was awarded the Heritage Award from the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC). Her contributions to traditional gospel music as an educator and performer have enriched the folklife heritage in her communities both locally and abroad.

The annual MSAC Heritage Awards recognize long-term achievement in the traditional arts and include grant funding for awardees to continue their efforts at preserving the heritage and traditions of their art.

In 1995, Ensor began teaching and directing choir at Common Ground on the Hill, where she served as the choral director for the Common Ground Gospel Choir for more than 20 years, and where she continues to teach and sing today. Common Ground on the Hill is in residence at McDaniel College and is the Mid-State Folklife Center for Carroll, Frederick, and Howard counties. Maryland's folklife centers are run by MSAC and offer continuing programmatic or educational efforts to support traditional arts, or community-based living cultural traditions handed down by example or word of mouth.

For the past eight years, Ensor has served as the director of the McDaniel College Gospel Choir, an ensemble that includes both students and members of the greater community. The Gospel Choir performs traditional and contemporary gospel music, as well as spirituals. In 2019, Common Ground awarded Ensor with the Robert H. Chambers Award for Excellence in the Traditional Arts.

Since childhood, Ensor has sung with her siblings in The Sisters in Harmony, with whom she released an album. She was the vocalist for the Howard Burns Quintet and performed at the legendary jazz venue Blues Alley. She is featured on the Ron Kearns CD "Live at Blues Alley" and was the soloist with the Frederick Community College Jazz Band for several years. Ensor has also served as director for the Voices of Faith and the Men's Choir of First Baptist Church of Baltimore, the Trinity Baptist Gospel Choir, the Men's Choir of St. Luke's UMC, the Bertinna Randall Gospel Choir of St. Mark UMC, and the Westminster Church of the Brethren.

Students participate in Model European Union simulation

A delegation of 12 students from McDaniel College participated in the Model European Union 2021 conference Nov. 11-12 in Washington, D.C.

The students represented both Ireland and the Netherlands and were accompanied by Christianna N. Leahy, chair of the Political Science and International Studies department at McDaniel.

The Mid-Atlantic European Union Simulation engages students in discussions and debates that are both current and topical on the European Union's agenda. Over 100 students from colleges and universities throughout the mid-Atlantic region participate in the simulation.

The topic for the conference was the European Green Deal and the students had briefings on the Green Deal, alternative energy, and Brexit.

Two McDaniel students, senior Maddy Lee and junior Zainab Bangura, also won awards.

This was the 20th year that McDaniel College has participated in the program. To prepare for the conference, McDaniel students, who are selected by Leahy after taking her Politics of Europe course, immerse themselves in the workings of the European Union as an additional out-of-class activity. In addition to the Model European Union, McDaniel students also are involved with the Model United Nations, Model Arab League, and the Maryland Student Legislature.

The McDaniel students who participated included:

- **Zainab Bangura**, a junior Political Science major from Gaithersburg, Maryland
- **Caleb Bowden**, a first-year student from Norman, Oklahoma
- **Isabela Hernandez**, junior Political Science major and a student-designed major in French Studies, from Montgomery Village, Maryland
- **Genevieve Hill**, a sophomore from Rockville, Maryland
- **Maddy Lee**, a senior Political Science major from Westminster, Maryland
- **Randolph Mitchell**, a junior Environmental Studies and Political Science major from Germantown, Maryland
- **Stephanie Portillo**, a junior Political Science major and a student-designed major in French Studies, from Silver Spring, Maryland
- **Alina Philip**, a senior Political Science and French major from Germantown, Maryland
- **Miles Ruffin**, a junior Political Science major from Washington, D.C.
- **Allie Scharnberger**, a junior Political Science major from Kensington, Maryland
- **Samuel Stoop**, an exchange student from the Netherlands
- **Luci Vallor**, a junior Political Science and Psychology major from Woodbine, Maryland



New vice president for institutional advancement named

In January, David Sears joined McDaniel as the new vice president for institutional advancement. Bringing more than 30 years of higher education fundraising and development expertise, Sears has previously worked at Georgetown University, Loyola University, and Montgomery College. As senior vice president of advancement and community engagement at Montgomery College, he planned and implemented the college's largest campaign ever of \$30 million. Sears has a B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, an M.B.A. from Mount St. Mary's University, a master's in Public Policy from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), and is currently a Ph.D. candidate at UMBC in the Public Policy in Higher Education track.

Dana Ferraris wins Career Impact Award from Johns Hopkins University

Chemistry Department Chair Dana Ferraris was named a recipient of the 2021 Career Impact Award from Johns Hopkins University (JHU). A two-time alumnus of the university, Ferraris was acknowledged with other alumni, faculty members, students, and postdoctoral fellows who have gone above and beyond in support of others at JHU. Selected from more than 100 nominees, the winners "have shown outstanding efforts in the areas of mentorship, support for academic and intellectual goals and interests, encouragement of professional exploration and curiosity, and creating an environment that enables their colleagues to bring their whole, authentic selves to every interaction."



McDaniel receives national honor for exceptional grounds maintenance

The Professional Grounds Management Society® (PGMS®) recognized McDaniel College as top in the country for excellence in grounds maintenance.

The college was awarded the Society's Grand Award, its highest honor, in the 2021 Green Star Awards® competition. McDaniel has received the Society's Honor Award in the past for exceptional grounds maintenance in the university and college grounds (mid-size, 200-499 acres) category.

The Green Star Awards® program brings national recognition to grounds maintained with a high degree of excellence, complementing other national landscape award programs that recognize outstanding landscape design and construction.

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Sights worth a second look

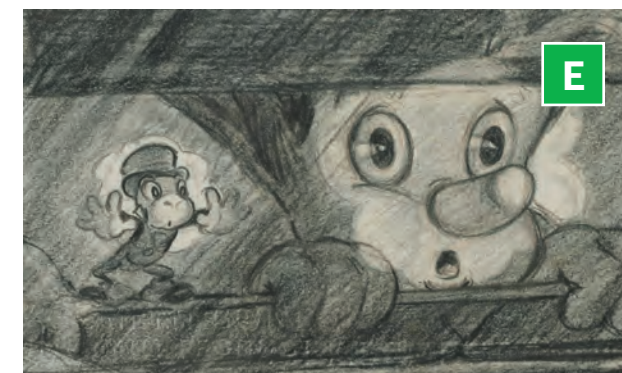
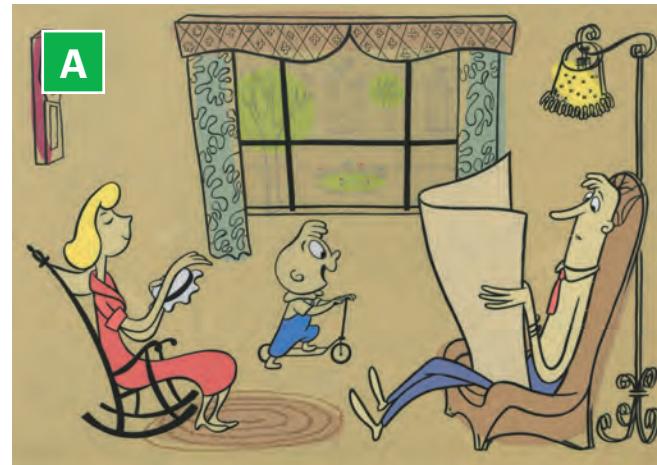
More than just cartoons

Early this year, McDaniel College and the Carroll County Arts Council hosted “Icons of American Animation,” a major exhibition that emphasized the artistic and cultural significance of American animation spanning the 20th century. The exhibition highlighted animation’s cultural impact, artistic relevance, technological achievements, and historical moments in time. On view were more than 150 pieces of original art representing more than 30 studios, including Disney, Fleischer, Warner Bros., Hanna-Barbera, UPA, MGM, and Pixar.

Curated by Associate Professor of Communication and Cinema Robert Lemieux, the exhibition featured materials on loan from Mike and Jeanne Glad and the Glad Family Trust.

“This is the fourth collaborative exhibition I have been a part of at McDaniel, and it is, by far, the most comprehensive,” Lemieux said. “The artwork speaks to the rich history of one of the most popular and influential art forms in America.”

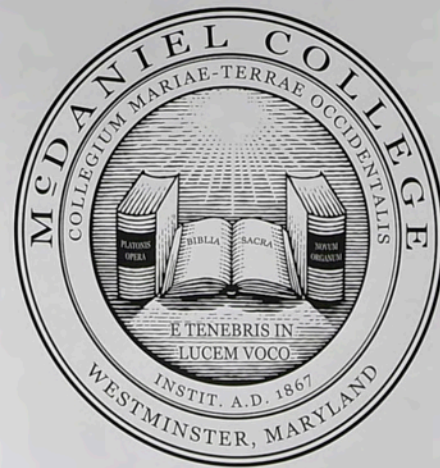
- A** Gerald McBoing Boing, 1950
- B** Popeye the Sailor Meets Sinbad the Sailor, 1936
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A historic week of celebrations

THE INAUGURATION OF MCDANIEL'S 10TH PRESIDENT WAS MARKED BY A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE HILL'S VIBRANT COMMUNITY

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A presidential inauguration isn't something that's celebrated often. While nationally we celebrate one every four years, in the world of higher education, it's often much longer than that between presidents. Here on the Hill, there have only been eight presidential inaugurations, including the one that occurred on April 9 for the installation of Julia Jasken, Ph.D., as the 10th president of McDaniel College. (The first presidential inauguration ceremony was held in 1921 for Albert Norman Ward, the college's third president.)

An inauguration is a time of celebration for our community, and President Jasken wanted to make sure that all members of the community — both on and off the Hill — were given an opportunity to participate. In the week leading up to the installation ceremony, faculty, staff, alumni, students, friends, community members, and distinguished representatives from other colleges and universities were invited to various events to honor the historic inauguration of McDaniel's second female president.



“PRESIDENT JASKEN, IT’S YOUR PITCH.”



Tuesday APRIL 5

To kick off the festivities on Tuesday, April 5, President Julia Jasken celebrated National Division III Week by throwing out the first pitch at the baseball game between the Green Terror and the Gettysburg College Bullets. Jasken took some coaching on form and technique from Director of Athletics Adam Hertz leading up to her rookie appearance on the mound. “Muscles hurt that I didn’t even know I had, and I didn’t realize the act of pitching required so much,” Jasken says. “But it was a lot of fun, and I’m glad I had a chance to do it.”

Donning a special #10 jersey to signify her role as the 10th president of the college, President Julia Jasken delivered her first pitch to Green Terror catcher Austin Goudeaux. Afterward, the entire baseball team signed the ball as a gift for the president to commemorate her pitching debut.



CITY OF WESTMINSTER PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION

On Wednesday, April 6, community members were invited to the Hill to learn more about McDaniel and how to strengthen our community partnerships. Trustee Dolly Snyder M.Ed. ’63 welcomed representatives from the City of Westminster, the NAACP of Carroll County, the Westminster Police Department, the Carroll County Public Library, and various businesses in and around Westminster.

“McDaniel College and the Center for Experience and Opportunity relies on the City of Westminster and ties to each of you,” Snyder said. “Our future workforce is here on the Hill, and we are excited to have you here to celebrate the importance of a strong relationship between the City of Westminster — including its businesses and entrepreneurs — and McDaniel College.”

Snyder introduced President Jasken, who thanked guests for their support and collaboration in the refresh of the water tower on campus and encouraged community members to think about other ways they can leverage their connection with the college in the future, especially in partnership with the CEO.

Associate Dean for Student Development Erin Giles ’15 Benevento asked those in attendance to remain engaged in conversation with the college to identify opportunities for growth, innovation, and solution-seeking to allow our students to become more fully engaged downtown.



Top: Jennifer Maust, director of development at The ARC of Carroll County; President Jasken; and Don Rowe, executive director at The ARC of Carroll County.

Middle: Bernie Vogel, owner of JeannieBird Baking Company; Westminster City Council member Dan Hoff; Westminster City Council member Kevin Dayhoff; and Westminster Police Chief Tom Ledwell.

Bottom: Deborah Sims with The Westminster Community of Shalom; Marsha Martin with Bladerunner; Erin Giles ’15 Benevento, associate dean for student development; and Seth Duerr, director of athletic fundraising.

Wednesday APRIL 6

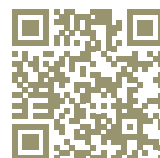


SPOKEN WORD PERFORMANCE BY ADÁN BEAN



Before Adán Bean performed, President Jasken and her family cheered on the four student poets who had a chance to perform their original works. From left to right, the students were Max Sweeney, Madge Myers, Christina Baker, and Lavi Hotea.

TO WATCH THE PERFORMANCES, go to mcdaniel.edu/magazine or scan the QR code below.



Thursday APRIL 7

In solidarity of community and McDaniel's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), the DEI Committee of the Alumni Council sponsored a spoken word performance by poet, emcee, storyteller, and voice-over artist Adán Bean. Spoken word poetry is characterized by rhyme, repetition, improvisation, and word play, and frequently addresses issues of social justice, politics, race, and community. Words can bring us joy and build us up, or words can tear us down and inflict pain. Bean's ultimate goal in his performances is to "show what language can do in the right hands."

Bean is a graduate of Morehouse College, a 2019 TEDx speaker, and 2017 National Poetry Slam song winner. He has represented Atlanta on the 2015 and 2017 Java Monkey Slam teams for the National Poetry Slam Competition. He is also half of the retro-progressive hip-hop group The Remnant, runs the culture site Forth District, and hosts The SetList podcast.

"Adán Bean was just amazing, and he really captured the landscape that we're facing in the DEI space right now," Jasken says.

In addition to a performance by Bean characterized by themes of connection and chaos, four student performers who had entered a poetry contest sponsored by the Office of Student Engagement were invited to showcase their work for the community as well. First-place winner sophomore Max Sweeney read their original poem, "Ode to Icarus." There was a tie for second place between first-year student Madge Myers, who read her poem "A Losing Battle," and junior Christina Baker, who read her poem, "Place of Fantasy." An honorable mention was given to senior Lavi Hotea, who shared her poems, "Have Courage" and "Gentle Love."



INAUGURAL ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM

Friday APRIL 8

Throughout the day on Friday, April 8, McDaniel College was happy to welcome the community to an event celebrating the inspiring, innovative, and collaborative research undertaken by our network of scholars, faculty members, and practitioners. McDaniel is a place where students and faculty work together to sharpen ideas, cultivate dialogue, and develop the answers to questions facing our world every day. The diverse presentations and lectures from our students and faculty demonstrated that the Hill is a place that fosters a rich intellectual life, where scholarship is not limited to the classroom or even the syllabus.

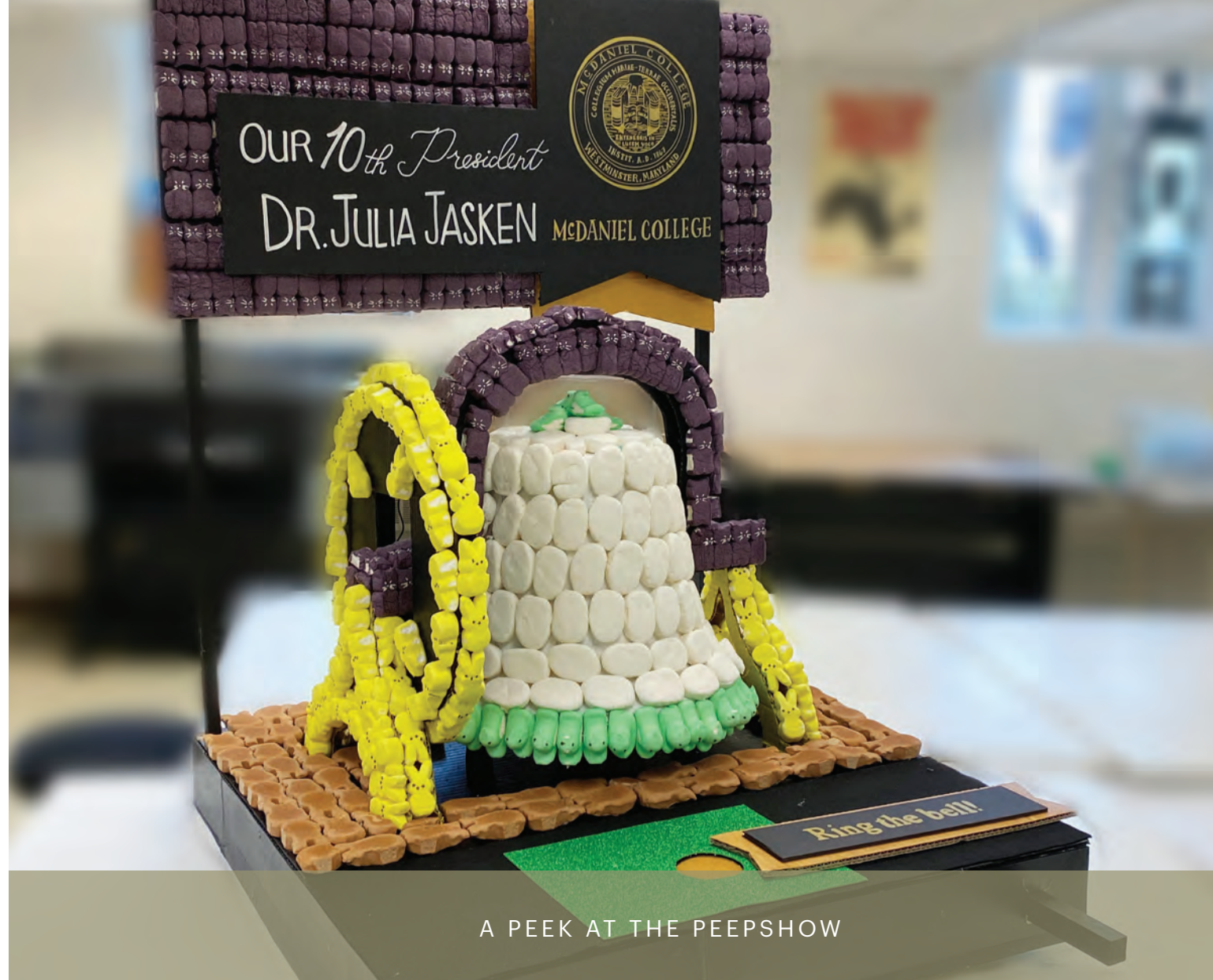
Our students and faculty are addressing real-life challenges that span the globe, from Maryland to Madagascar and everywhere in between. Whether looking at sustainability, athletics, community building, social justice, or the pandemic response, there is room for research of all kinds here on the Hill. This is why there is such an emphasis placed on the "My Experience" pillar of the McDaniel Commitment, the development of which was led by President Jasken. Throughout the day, classrooms were often standing room only as classmates, colleagues, and community members gathered to support the research being done on the Hill and beyond.



The Green Terror and President Jasken were excited to welcome community members to the inaugural Academic Symposium, including sessions such as "The Scientist and the Sonnet," presented by Professor Emeritus of English Kathy Mangan and Biology Chair and Associate Professor Cheng Huang.

TO WATCH TWO OF THE SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS, go to mcdaniel.edu/magazine or scan the QR codes below.





A PEEK AT THE PEEPSHOW



An annual Carroll County tradition, the PEEPSHOW got a McDaniel spin this year. Assistant Professor of Art Chloe Irla '07 and six of her Graphic Design II students collaborated on a submission titled "Celebrating McDaniel's 10th President." The creation, constructed of and inspired by marshmallow PEEPs, featured Old Main Bell and a banner celebrating the inauguration of President Jasken. "Creating the Old Main Bell for the PEEPSHOW allowed my students to participate in a sweet, local tradition in Westminster," says Irla. "This type of experiential learning required students to collaborate and endure the design process from start to finish." Students involved in the project were seniors Joy Tarr and Gia Koutsokostas, and juniors Rowan Berti, Evan Lowengrub, Skylar Blackbull, and Sarah Hunter.

Students in Graphic Design II, taught by Assistant Professor of Art Chloe Irla '07, designed and constructed Old Main Bell out of PEEPS marshmallow treats.



MOVIES AT MCDANIEL AND FIREWORKS SHOW

As the final pre-inauguration event on Friday evening, we welcomed the Westminster community to join us for the latest installment of Movies at McDaniel for a showing of "Zootopia" and a fireworks show after the movie. The family-friendly film reminds us of real-world social issues and the importance of community. Community members were able to enjoy the spectacular fireworks display on campus and beyond, with many people commenting that they were some of the best fireworks they'd ever seen.



A HISTORIC INAUGURATION

Saturday APRIL 9

On Saturday, April 9, McDaniel College celebrated the inauguration of the college's 10th president, Julia Jasken, Ph.D. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and community members joined in the festivities.

For a recap video of the week's events, go to mcdaniel.edu/magazine or scan the QR code below.



President Jasken's inauguration was celebrated with a performance by the Children's Chorus of Carroll County. Board of Trustees Vice Chair Ralph Frith '84 presented President Jasken for her official installation as her family looked on.



OUTLINING STORIES YET TO BE WRITTEN.

This is the full text of President Julia Jasken's inaugural address, given on Saturday, April 9, 2022.

Good afternoon. I am honored to have the opportunity to speak with you today as McDaniel College's 10th president.

I have had the pleasure of being a member of this community for 18 years and, over that time, have developed a deep love of—and appreciation for—the dedicated staff, faculty, alumni, and trustees, each of whom meaningfully contribute to the fulfillment of McDaniel's student-centered mission. I can think of no greater honor than leading the institution at this time, as we tackle the challenges before us and embark on the exciting journey ahead.

On the desk in my office sits a small grey stone given to me by a colleague who was dying of cancer. Etched into the stone's smooth surface is a simple word: gratitude. That message serves as a frequent calling, a reminder not only to be thankful for the opportunity to serve as McDaniel's president, but also the responsibility to acknowledge and support the work of others around me in the hopes that those words of encouragement, like the many I have received throughout my career, will help them navigate their own journeys as well.

Today that gratitude extends beyond the office of the presidency and into the seats where so many of you are gathered today.

I'd like to begin by thanking the many trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, students, and community members who are here today to celebrate this inaugural tradition. In particular, I'd like to thank Carroll County delegate Haven Shoemaker and Westminster Mayor Mona Becker for their support. On behalf of the college, we look forward to continuing to enjoy and strengthen our ongoing partnerships with both the county and the city.

As you may have noticed, I have the privilege of sharing the stage today with the college's previous two presidents — #9 President Roger Casey and #8 Joan Develin Coley. Roger and Joan, your collective leadership spans my entire time at this institution, and I consider myself exceptionally lucky to have benefitted from your intellect, your insights, and your careful mentorship over the years.

I am so glad you had a chance to hear from our students today. Marnice, you are one of those wonderful student leaders whose quiet strength

and strong heart will carry you far in life. And, Ray, it's been such a pleasure to get to know you in your role as a dedicated visitor to the board and a valued member of our strategic planning steering committee.

I also wanted to acknowledge someone who is no longer physically with us, but whose legacy still lives on — former board chair Lieutenant General Otto Guenther. His presence on campus, as a student, alumnus, trustee, mentor, and friend has made all the difference in the life of this institution. He will be remembered for his strong leadership, his gentle guidance, and his extraordinary example of a life well-lived. In Otto's final phone call to me shortly before his passing, he assured me that the college's governance would be left in good hands. With the trustee selection of Mr. Bruce Preston for this role, the college is fortunate to have someone with incredible integrity, determination, and compassion who will shepherd the college well into the future.

A sincere note of thanks also goes out to the inauguration committee chair, Janelle Holmboe — we think of her as the “director of wow” around here — as well as the entire inauguration committee, including special advisor Jim Lightner. Trustee Lightner has the unique distinction of being the only person in the college's history to have planned inauguration ceremonies for the last five presidents. And to my dear friends Walt and Kathy, as well as Glenn and Shelley, whose creativity and artistry has enriched this campus community for so very many years. Thank you.

On a familial note, I also wanted to extend a note of gratitude to my parents, Jim and MaryAnn, who did their best to instill in their four children the values of humility, integrity, accountability, perseverance and the deeply held belief that we are all called to live lives of purpose. Mom and Dad, I am thankful for you always, but especially today. My sister Andrea and her family Larry and Eli are also with us today, as well as my sister-in-law, Kirsty, who traveled all the way from London.

Last but not least, I want to acknowledge my two amazing sons, Iain and Kyle, whose special combination of resilience, quick-wit, irreverence, and intellect make me proud to be their mom every day. And my husband, David, who, in addition to being my best friend — and an amazing cook — is an unwavering source of humor, support, and understanding. I love you guys.

GENEROUS PALIMPSESTS CARRYING THE TRACES OF PAST LIVES

Assuming a college presidency is, indeed, a family affair. Thankfully, when I was offered the position, Dave and the boys were open to leaving our home in Westminster and moving into the President's House. There was one small teenage condition, which involved my committing to exchanging the Victorian wallpaper in the upstairs rooms for something a bit more, well, modern. It was a deal.

The wallpaper was soon steamed off to prepare the plaster walls underneath. Upon closer inspection, we were surprised to find on the otherwise-bare walls two large signatures written several feet apart. The first, the signature of a tradesmen, Bill Ott, who we surmised had hung the original wallpaper. Also included was the date of his birth, 1919. And then another, written later in the script of a younger hand. This time: “Randy John. Age 15, July 11, 1972.” Randy, we learned, was the son of Ralph Candler John, the college's sixth president, who was inaugurated in 1973 and served until 1984.

Seeing Randy's signature, written on that wall in the summer of my own birth, left me humbled by the realization of the many presidential families who had lived inside those walls, who had made that house their home. What stories would they tell, if we took the time to listen? Generous palimpsests carrying the traces of past lives, but still leaving space for the stories that had yet to be written.

Inaugurations seem to me similar in many ways, encouraging us to simultaneously embrace our history, our present, and our future. They hold the college community, for a brief moment in time, in a space of past-precedent and possibility, with equal measures of pride, anticipation, and collective goodwill. They call on us to celebrate the inevitable nature of the institution's progress, while acknowledging that, to the extent we are successful, it is in no small measure due to the unwavering effort of those who have preceded us. We stand, always, on the shoulders of giants.

EMBRACING OUR CULTURE OF INNOVATION

Moving forward together, it is essential that we understand the cultural conditions that enable us to effectively evolve as an institution. There is no doubt that we must straightforwardly address the

current fiscal challenges facing liberal arts colleges across the nation — challenges resulting from a confluence of forces including changing demographics, increasing discount rates, rising institutional costs, new market pressures, and questions about the value (vs. the cost) of liberal arts degrees.

We must have the clarity and discernment needed to deftly navigate trends in higher education. We must engage in a disciplined, long-term planning process that includes increasing value in the marketplace, academic portfolio diversification, creativity around marketing and brand, sophisticated leveraging plans, and additional non-tuition-related revenue sources.

But, the single most important characteristic determining success in this complicated landscape is the extent to which college campuses can grow and nourish a culture of innovation.

Since my time as a young faculty member, I have always both admired and embraced our community's ability to do just that. Innovation runs deep on the Hill. There can be no greater example over the past two years than the many ways this community literally reimagined and redesigned the student experience in the wake of a crippling pandemic — in the classrooms, in the laboratories, in the residence halls, on the athletic fields, and beyond. And yet, so much of our collective energy has been spent supporting students, colleagues, and families through these many long months that there has been little opportunity to activate the most powerful drivers of largescale innovation — and by that, I mean what can be created through shared governance and decision making.

As the immediate pandemic pressures begin to fade, I am eager for members of this community to have the freedom, once again, to fully unleash their collective creativity and imagination. And there is

good news here. Together, under the guidance of our board of trustees, our faculty and staff are envisioning the elements of the college's next strategic plan. And our faculty are embarking on an innovative redesign of our core curriculum. It is important, good work, and I can think of no more fertile ground.

Although innovation often emerges as a direct response to disruption, the opposite is also often true. Because presidents have the privilege of working with — and listening to — faculty and staff within every division of the college, they have unique access to sight lines both across divisions and beyond the institution. It is from this vantage that areas of institutional weaknesses can be identified, and it is in collaboratively addressing those weaknesses that we are best able to steel our institutions against future disruptions, or what Nassim Taleb calls black swan events: "large-scale unpredictable and irregular events of massive consequence." These events, he says, are necessary for history, technology, knowledge, everything.

The knowledge that such events are ultimately inevitable means that we must not be afraid to apply stresses to our systems to enable them, not only to withstand such forces, but indeed to become stronger in the face of them. He terms this concept anti-fragility, which he says "is beyond resilience or robustness. The resilient resists shocks and stays the same; the anti-fragile gets even better."

Over the past decade at McDaniel, we have been strengthened by such disruptions, whether merging offices from different divisions to establish the Center for Experience and Opportunity; combining the divisions of academic and student life; consolidating graduate and undergraduate enrollment under a single umbrella; or engaging in the comprehensive academic program review process.

In each case, the disruption of operations temporarily led to weakened systems, but each ultimately emerged stronger and more resilient on the other side.

Wind, Taleb says, extinguishes a candle and energizes fire. Disruptive courage will continue to be needed in the months and years ahead, and I know we have what it takes to both survive and thrive within these new realities.

A DEEPLY GROUNDED VISION FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL

McDaniel's vision over the next five years is to be recognized as an innovative liberal arts college focused on student achievement and professional success. That vision is deeply grounded in three core values: inclusivity, equity, and focus on the individual.

As we move to brighter days, we must both acknowledge and address the academic, social, and emotional challenges students have endured over the past two years — challenges that will unfortunately be with them, and us, for some time. This requires that we think more comprehensively about the ways we support students both inside and outside the classroom.

Most colleges present students with an array of discrete services or opportunities through a variety of departments with little awareness or acknowledgement of how those opportunities collectively contribute to the whole. This means students may be thriving in one area — academically, socially, athletically — but may be neglecting other aspects of their life. This can prevent them from achieving an overall feeling of balance and well-being, thereby diminishing their resilience.

Alternatively, when we encourage students to view their development through a comprehensive lens of wellness, we encourage their growth across

multiple dimensions — intellectual, occupational, social, emotional, spiritual, environmental, financial, and physical. From a staffing and programming perspective, this framing allows us to establish a cadence of programming designed to provide multidimensional support and encouragement across all student-facing departments.

Our combined commitment to student success and achievement also commits us to redoubling our focus on the unique needs and potentials of each student. We will redefine the way we understand, design, and deliver services to enable every student to progress along their personal and professional path.

“MCDANIEL IS TRULY A PLACE THAT CHANGES LIVES. I KNOW THIS BECAUSE IT HAS CHANGED MINE.”

We will cross-train advisors to provide guidance not only on academic issues, but also on all aspects of the student experience. We will simplify early academic planning and revise policies that create unintentional roadblocks to retention and graduation. We will provide better integration across all offices and programs and employ new technology solutions to proactively identify opportunities for all students to accelerate their achievement and enhance their sense of belonging.

Our engagement must be student-centered, relational at its core, but also strategic, grounded in data, and focused on outcomes.

We also must acknowledge the additional challenges students often face due to educational and economic disparities in the United States. For resource-limited, first-generation, and historically underserved students, even relatively small financial challenges may seem insurmountable. Additionally, these students may lack the confidence of their non-first-generation counterparts as they attempt to navigate the college's policies, procedures, or support systems. They often face opportunity gaps that arise from attending poorly resourced school systems, which can affect the quality of their high school preparation. Students with minoritized racial, ethnic, gender, and sexual orientation identities often face additional challenges. To address these challenges, we will view the college's signature

McDaniel Commitment — and all of our campus programming — through the lens of equity to ensure we are culturally responsive and establish the proper conditions to accelerate achievement for all students. When we care for students in these ways, when we create the conditions for them to thrive, we fulfill our student-centered mission and strengthen the institution in the process.

We will further commit to helping students harness the value of their liberal arts education as they prepare professionally throughout their four years at the college. To achieve this, we will ensure that students understand and can express how their liberal arts education provides the critical think-

master's programs. We will also revise and reimagine programs in our education vertical that will be responsive to the changing regulatory landscape and school partner needs.

Critically important to achieving our student-centered mission is focusing on the people who make that mission possible. I remain dedicated to doing all I can to make McDaniel a welcoming, equitable, and inclusive environment for faculty and staff. I am proud to be a member of a community that both acknowledges — and seeks to address — structural inequities, a community that is committed to working toward justice and a true sense of belonging for all members of the McDaniel family.

This dedication will entail seeking and being responsive to community feedback, increasing employee compensation, investing in more robust training and professional development, and continuing to build out a comprehensive strategy to increase diversity among faculty and staff. This will include the design of a "future-career-fellowship" program directed at identifying career opportunities on campus for our own recent graduates.

A COLLEGE THAT CHANGES LIVES

In closing, McDaniel is truly a place that changes lives. I know this because it has changed mine. I didn't come to McDaniel expecting that I would someday move into administration, and I certainly never expected to receive the honor of becoming McDaniel's tenth president. And yet somehow, the unexpected trajectory seems appropriate to the moment — an example of the wide-lens opportunities that become available to those who have developed the habits of mind that lie at the heart of a liberal arts education. It is difficult to capture in a final few sentences the characteristics I most value about McDaniel College.

We possess academic excellence; quality and caring faculty and staff; conscientious students; a focus on access and affordability; a demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion; a culture of support for innovative and entrepreneurial thinking; stalwart board leadership; and, of course, the feeling of goodwill that has always been present when, as members of this community, we tackle our challenges together in a spirit of openness, humor, and grace. These are the characteristics I will continue to value, support, and seek to embody as the tenth president of McDaniel College.

Thank you.



They knew her when...

PRESIDENT JULIA JASKEN'S FORMER STUDENTS CELEBRATE HER INAUGURATION

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN

MOST PEOPLE CAN THINK OF ONE TEACHER OR PROFESSOR IN THEIR LIFE WHO HAS MADE A LASTING IMPRESSION, YEARS OR EVEN DECADES AFTER THEY TOOK THEIR LAST CLASS WITH THEM.

For some, it might be a fifth grade teacher they're still in touch with; for others, it's a college professor they bonded with and took as many of their classes as they could before graduating. Whether it was a professor in their major, minor, or just some electives, there is no doubt that students on the Hill form relationships with faculty members that change their lives.

President Julia Jasken is almost always brought up as one of those professors when asking alumni about the life-changing mentors they met on the Hill. Leading up to her inauguration, we reached out to alumni who graduated between 2005 and 2012 and had taken at least three classes with Jasken at McDaniel. As they've watched Jasken advance through the ranks from professor to provost to president, these alumni can truly say *they knew her when* ...

Here, they share their memories, lessons learned, and well wishes for McDaniel's 10th president.

CHELSEA FERRUZZI '09 KEENY

MAJOR: English
MINORS: Writing, Religious Studies

CURRENT JOB TITLE:
Director of Operations, Emerging Products and Solutions, Comcast

SEEING BEYOND A GPA:
Dr. Jasken truly cared about me as a person. During my first class with her, my younger sister was sick with cancer and receiving treatment at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Needless to say, I struggled academically to keep up; I wasn't performing well and

had a hard time coping with what was happening in my personal life. At one point, Dr. Jasken pulled me aside and told me that I have a natural talent for design and writing. She even offered to set me up with an internship at Head Start, helping them create new logos and business templates for their office. Her class was the only class I excelled in during that time in my life. She didn't look at me as a GPA; she saw things in me I didn't see in myself at the time.

LASTING LESSONS:
One of the biggest lessons I learned from her is to never trust a stereotype. I felt really lost at McDaniel because I wasn't sure how I would fit into the real world after graduation. I didn't think I was smart enough for business or anything science/math related. I didn't want to pursue education and was told that

a career in the arts would be a mistake. Dr. Jasken helped me see how my natural talents and a degree in liberal arts would be extremely beneficial in any field. Today, I have had a successful career in tech and am pursuing a master's degree in data visualization and information design from MICA. I strongly believe that her faith in me started me on this path.

HEARTFELT THANKS:
Thank you. Thank you for the lessons, the courses, and the teachings, but most of all, thank you for seeing something in me I didn't see in myself at the time. Your presence in my life had a huge impact on my future, one that I am grateful for today.

GEOFF PECKHAM '08

MAJOR: Communication
MINORS: Journalism, Writing

CURRENT JOB TITLE:
Director of Business Strategy and Marketing, Renegade Communications

A FAVORITE MEMORY:
In the spring of 2007, I was a few weeks away from graduating, and was busy applying for jobs and internships. There was one role I was keen on: an internship in the new media department for the Baltimore Ravens. I was taking one of Dr. Jasken's classes at the time, and there was a focus on cover letters and resumes. I remember Dr. Jasken was extra attentive to me when she learned what I was doing. She sat and workshopped both documents with me, a few times even after class had ended, and I was very grateful for her help.

One day, after we'd moved on to another unit/project, she caught me still working on my cover letter — not the project she had assigned — on class time. A faux pas on my part. She proceeded to (rightly) call me out in front of the class!

WHY IT MATTERED:
This memory greatly represents Dr. Jasken's style as an educator. She is willing to go the extra mile to help her students at a moment's notice to help them achieve their goals ... but not afraid to call you out to make sure you're accountable for your actions — or in my case, mistakes.

Not only did I get an interview for the position with the Ravens, I got the job! It set my career on the course it is now.

A MESSAGE FOR THE PRESIDENT:
Thank you, Dr. Jasken, for all you did to help, and congratulations on the most recent course *your* career has taken!

MEGAN FRANNEY '12

MAJOR: English
MINOR: Writing

CURRENT JOB TITLE:
Communications Specialist, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

A COMMON BOND:
It's no secret that Dr. Jasken was one of my favorite professors during my time at McDaniel. And a lot of that had to do with our similar personalities. I was the quintessential type A student who thrived on structure, rules, punctuality, and responsiveness. Dr. Jasken was all those things, but she was also unwaveringly kind, thoughtful, nerdy in the best possible way, and so, so funny. She was someone I could always count on, and that meant the most.

MOST LIKELY TO BE JULIA JASKEN:
At the end of my senior year, the English department professors handed out fun "awards" they created for all of the senior English majors, and mine was "Most likely to be Julia Jasken because of a love of typeface and a lack of filter." I wanted to be like her: passionate about the things I loved and unapologetically myself.

A DESERVING LEADER:
When I heard the news that Dr. Jasken would be the next president of McDaniel, I was over the moon. McDaniel is in strong, capable, caring hands with Dr. Jasken as its deserving leader.

TARYN CALLAHAN '07 MALLONEE

MAJOR: Communication
MINOR: Writing

CURRENT JOB TITLE:
Director of Recruitment, Communication and Events for Admissions Services, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

AN APPROACHABLE TEACHING STYLE:
I absolutely loved Dr. Jasken's classes! Her teaching method was wonderful, and she was always so approachable. I found her to be extremely knowledgeable on all the topics she taught, but I never felt intimidated about asking her questions.

A SHARED LOVE FOR WRITING:
I was thrilled when the Writing minor was implemented, and Dr. Jasken became my advisor for that. To this day, I credit Dr. Jasken significantly for why I still love writing. I know she is going to do BIG things as the president of McDaniel!

BETSY WARNER '12, M.S. '21

MAJOR: English
MINORS: Spanish, Writing

MASTER'S DEGREE:
Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

CURRENT JOB TITLE:
Middle School ELA Teacher, Washington County (Maryland) Public Schools

AN INVOLVED MENTOR:
I took multiple classes with Dr. Jasken and was inspired by her kindness, creativity, thoughtfulness, guidance, care, and passion. She was absolutely a mentor for me, introducing me to new skills and inviting me to participate in leadership roles in more than one nonprofit organization. I have no doubt that the influence and opportunities she provided me with helped me to get accepted for further career opportunities after school.

A PROFESSOR THAT CHANGES LIVES:
They say McDaniel College changes lives. Well, Dr. Jasken changed my life. I was an English major who consistently and adamantly refused that I was going to be a teacher (a common question for English majors). The summer before my senior year of college, still without any idea of what I wanted to do after school, Dr. Jasken encouraged me to take the role of a teaching assistant for a summer program that was held at the college. In all honesty, I was pretty hesitant. I had never been sure I would like teaching and I also had no idea how I would be able to work at McDaniel during the summer without anywhere to live. Well, Dr. Jasken made it happen. She secured a room for me for the duration of the entire program and this experience changed my life. I fell in love with teaching. I knew that's what I wanted to do. I loved working with the students. I know and truly believe that I would not be where I am today without Dr. Jasken and the role she played in my life.

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TEN QUESTIONS FOR OUR 10TH PRESIDENT

GET TO KNOW PRESIDENT JULIA JASKEN IN HER OWN WORDS

1 How has your experience on the Hill since 2003 influenced how you think about your presidency?

Having spent so many years teaching our students and having faculty as colleagues, it grounds me in the reality that at the end of the day, we're here for our students, whether in the classroom or the President's Office. Because I have cared so much about this place for nearly two decades, I take that responsibility incredibly seriously. It is both a job and a vocation; it matters to me in a deeper way.

2 You're approaching one year in the President's Office. What's on your highlight reel so far?

There are so many positive things that have happened this year, despite the realities of the pandemic still affecting our operations. The faculty have launched a revision of our general education core to ensure we continue to offer a relevant and innovative liberal arts experience for students. I'm excited about having received a \$2.3 million grant from the state of Maryland for us to grow our environmental-focused facilities through renovations at Harvey Stone Pavilion, Lewis Hall of Science, and the McDaniel Environmental Center. I'm also very pleased with the rapid enrollment growth of our M.S. in Data Analytics program at the graduate level.

3 On the flip side, what's been the biggest challenge in the first year?

The continued uncertainty of the admissions landscape is probably the biggest challenge. Almost all of the measures we have historically used to predict future enrollment no longer apply due to how the pandemic conditions have changed student and family realities and

behaviors. And, of course, even though we see the immediate pressures of COVID diminishing, there are still many populations who remain vulnerable in our community. The pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on low-income students, which can be seen in our applicant pools and the declining enrollment and retention rates nationally.

4 As you move toward finalizing the strategic plan this summer and fall, what is your top priority?

One of our main focuses will be highlighting and investing in the value proposition for McDaniel College. We have so many strengths — so many things that we do so well — and we need to do even more to spotlight what is amazing about the educational experience. We also need to focus on student success, including being sensitive to the new realities and challenges for students who have now spent more than two of their formative years navigating the stresses of living and learning during a pandemic. This means we need to commit to focusing on all areas of wellness to make sure we are providing students with the on-campus experiences and supports they need to thrive.

5 What characterizes how you are approaching the strategic planning process?

I believe that when you can mobilize a group of people who are excited, motivated, and driven, and give them space to be innovative, great things can happen. With the right support to realize our vision, we will be so much stronger together. Part of the secret to good strategic planning is building the buy-in by listening to and incorporating the ideas of others so that the plan really does belong to all of us.

6 What role do you think the humanities play in a modern liberal arts education?

Our general education curriculum is undergoing a revision right now, and it's an opportunity for us to think about what we want the liberal arts experience of the future to be. Subjects such as theatre, music, history, and literature are critical to the liberal arts. There is no one way to deliver a liberal arts curriculum, but critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, problem solving, engaging with deep reading of challenging texts, and intercultural appreciation and awareness will always be a central part of who we are.

7 What do you want alumni to know about the future of McDaniel and the role they can play in it?

Alumni are exceptionally important to our future. There's already a core group of alumni who are the engine behind the innovative learning that happens in the My Design and My Career portions of the McDaniel Commitment. They provide valuable insights by sharing their career paths and how the liberal arts curriculum really set them up in their professional lives. We are eager to identify even more opportunities for our students and new graduates to obtain internships and entry-level jobs with alumni companies and organizations, which happens through our Center for Experience and Opportunity. Those partnerships are going to be really exciting.

8 What excites you most about the next five years?

I am looking forward to building more opportunities for city and regional partnerships. I am also looking forward to getting out on the road to meet alumni across the nation and focus on our fundraising efforts to help make the strategic plan a reality.

9 Why is a strong relationship between McDaniel and the City of Westminster so important?

The City of Westminster provides wonderful internship and community engagement opportunities for our students. But it's also the place where our students — and many of our employees — live. It feels natural to me that we would invest time and energy in making that relationship as strong as possible.

10 What grounds you in stressful times?

Sometimes, I think people get stuck feeling like they can't make a big enough impact and so don't move forward — they allow the great to be the enemy of the good. But I've realized over time that it's not always possible to see the immediate outcome of a particular action, and positive change requires patience. I just continue to try to do the best I can every day.



And now for something a little lighter ...

What's your favorite way to relax or unwind?

Walking our dog, Kira, on campus is always a nice release because there are so many hidden spots to find peace, solitude, and beauty on campus. David and I also enjoy visiting Maryland wineries.

What would people be surprised to learn about you?

I am a huge "Star Trek" fan. And I also love April Fools' Day. This year, we replaced the sound of bells chiming at noon from the Big Baker chapel steeple with Metallica's "Enter Sandman." We've already started to plan for next year ...

What talent would you love to have that you don't?

I would love to be able to express myself through painting or sculpture.

What's on your summer reading list this year?

Amanda Gorman's "Call Us What We Carry" and "The Plot" by Jean Hanff Korelitz.

What is your favorite place that you've traveled, and what's next on your itinerary?

My favorite spot was Morocco. We went shortly before the pandemic, and it was an amazing cultural experience. In August, we will be taking the boys to Peru to learn more about the ecosystem in the Amazon.

BRIDGING — THE GAP

HOW SCHOLARSHIPS CREATE LIFELONG CONNECTIONS WHILE INCREASING ACCESS TO EDUCATION

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN

When Erin Giles '15 Benevento was college searching, she had specific parameters in mind. She wanted to be far enough from her hometown of Cumberland, Maryland, to feel independent, but close enough to be able to go back home if she needed or wanted to. McDaniel was in that comfortable radius for her, but it was her first campus visit that sealed the deal.

"The minute I stepped foot on campus as a prospective student, I just felt a sense of home here," Benevento says. "This is a place where people say hello to tour groups and hold the door open as you're entering and exiting buildings."

Now the associate dean for student development, Benevento found her home and her family here on the Hill and has never left. Starting out in the First Stop Office, then advancing to associate director of community engagement for the Center for Experience and Opportunity (CEO), director of the First Year Experience, and now associate dean, Benevento is dedicated to making sure that students on the Hill have the same life-changing experiences she did.



At this year's Scholarship Luncheon, Janice Mooney '63 Hobart, Erin Giles '15 Benevento, and Don Hobart '62 shared the story of their decade of friendship, which all began with the Hobarts contributing to the scholarship Benevento received as a student on the Hill.

But like many others, she never would have had those experiences if it weren't for the generosity of donor-funded scholarships.

On a beautiful spring Saturday afternoon in April, donors, friends, and students were welcomed to the Hill to hear Benevento's story, along with the stories of current students, just a small sampling of the kinds of stories scholarships tell on this campus every day.

EVERY SCHOLARSHIP HAS TWO STORIES

As President Julia Jasken reminded the guests at the Scholarship Luncheon, "Every scholarship has two stories. First, there's the story of the donors like you, who make this incredibly generous decision to establish a scholarship."

In some cases, donors establish a scholarship to honor someone who was special to them. For many, they were the first in their families to attend college or received financial support themselves, making it possible for them to attend Western Maryland or McDaniel College.

"Because of that, you want to make sure students have the same opportunity as you," Jasken said. "Whatever your reason, your decision to create a scholarship has a lasting and significant impact on these students and on McDaniel College's future."

In the 2021-2022 academic year, more than \$53 million in aid was awarded to McDaniel students. This high level of aid offered is a main reason that the college has been consistently recognized for access and affordability by U.S. News & World Report and Money magazine. In trying to increase access to life-changing educational experiences while lessening the financial burden on families, named scholarships are instrumental.

"Last year, more than \$4.7 million was awarded through named scholarships that were created by many of you in this room," Jasken said. "McDaniel changes not only the lives of our students, but their families, and ultimately our communities."

Jasken pointed out that the second part of every scholarship story is the students, many of whom were in attendance at the luncheon and getting their first chance to meet the donors who funded the scholarships they received.

"Maybe the scholarship support you received was the reason you chose McDaniel over another school. Maybe your parents have had to work several jobs to make it possible for you to further your education and a scholarship helps them rest a little easier at night," Jasken said. "Whatever your story is, know that there are alumni and friends who are invested in your success and are committed to helping you achieve your dreams."



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In the last two years alone, 14 new named scholarship funds have been created, bringing the total donor-supported scholarships to more than 350.

“When you create an endowed fund, your scholarship lives on in perpetuity,” said David Sears, vice president for institutional advancement. “Your gift impacts generations of students, all sharing that common connection.”

FINDING FAMILY ON THE HILL

In 2012, much like the students at this year’s Scholarship Luncheon, Benevento had the opportunity to meet the people behind her scholarship. “Thanks to scholarship, McDaniel stayed on my list, and then became the top of my list,” she says. “The extra special part was finding out that the financial support came from real people making a decision to fund this unbelievable experience for a student.”

Benevento learned that her scholarship was funded by the Class of 1963 scholarship, which Don Hobart ’62 and Janice Mooney ’63 Hobart contribute to, along with classmates and friends. Since then, Benevento has been considered a part of the Hobart family.

“Me getting connected to the Hobarts happened for a reason,” she says. “I found out that Jan’s class sponsored my scholarship around the same time that I met Don at a presidential taskforce meeting on campus. Their names just kept coming up.”

Over the years, the Hobarts have been part of Benevento’s life through the best and the worst of times. They attended her wedding to Calvin Benevento ’15, they gifted the couple a dining room table that had been in Jan’s family for decades, and they were the first to bring dinner to the Beneventos after a tragic death in the family.

“Through the highest of highs and the lowest of lows, we’ve become family thanks to this connection,” Benevento says. “When I won the Young Alumni College Service Award in 2017, I called Don before I even called my parents or Calvin.”

A GROWING FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

The untraditional family welcomed another member this year: senior Hannah Schepers, a Kinesiology major—and 2021 Centennial Conference champion and All-CC Women’s Soccer Player of the Year—from Port Deposit, Maryland, who’d been attending soccer camps on the Hill since she was in seventh grade.

“It started to feel like home, but I knew without any financial aid, it wouldn’t be possible,” Schepers says. “When I got my financial aid letter, it was amazing to know I would be able to attend my dream school. I’m so thankful to the Hobarts and to the Class of 1963 for their donations that helped me to achieve so much academically and athletically. They’re the reason I’m here.”

The Hobarts insist that they are not any different from any other donor they shared the room with on that day.

“When I was a student on campus, it was ingrained in me to make sure that students could follow behind me,” Don Hobart says. “I’d say 90% of our good friends to this day are people we went to college with; we owe the college for that. We were teachers, so each

“THEY'RE THE REASON I'M HERE.”

– HANNAH SCHEPERS '22

contribution was not large, but we do what we can, making contributions to our class scholarships for special occasions and to honor fallen classmates.”

“When you can bridge that gap, my goodness, that’s going to make a difference in somebody’s life,” Janice Hobart says. “When you have somebody special like Erin or Hannah walk on this campus, you want to make sure that they are going to reach their potential and have a heart for this college, hopefully forever. As donors, we can make that happen. We can bridge that gap.”

STEWARDSHIP CONNECTIONS FOR LIFE

At the end of their panel discussion at the Scholarship Luncheon, Benevento and Schepers offered some advice to the other scholarship recipients and donors in the room.

“Pay attention to the names that are on your scholarship and be willing to speak to new people,” Benevento said. “The gift you’ve received is tremendous, but it’s now about how you are going to take that next step. You never know what kind of lifelong personal or professional connection could come from experiences like this.”

Schepers wanted to speak on behalf of her classmates who may not have been able to attend the luncheon and have a chance to meet their donors: “You may never see a student that is getting your scholarship, but trust me when I say it means the world to us and makes a difference.”

To learn more about the impact of donor-funded scholarships at McDaniel College and make a difference in students’ academic experiences, go to mcdaniel.edu/scholarshipsatwork, or connect with the Office of Institutional Advancement at 410-857-2254.



SCHOLARSHIPS CHANGE LIVES

The guests at the Scholarship Luncheon were treated to another emotional story of how scholarships change lives. Through video, senior Elva Joya and her parents shared their story of being an immigrant family and the impact of financial support in her pursuit of a higher education. Joya’s parents are from El Salvador, and she was the youngest daughter and first child born in the United States. “My parents really wanted to make sure that the future generations were prepared, and it was going to start with me,” Joya says. “Scholarship support for my family and I means that we have a ticket out ... for someone in our family to come out on top.”

You can learn more about Elva and her family’s story at mcdaniel.edu/magazine or by scanning the QR code below.



Above: Benevento and senior Hannah Schepers have connected through the common bond of the Hobarts.
Right: Schepers got the opportunity to meet and thank the Hobarts for their gift at this year’s Scholarship Luncheon.



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Association news & class notes



1942

Emily Linton Carnochan of Adamstown, Maryland, announced that her granddaughter **Laura Albaugh '04 Bitto** teaches at McDaniel now.

1943

Eighty-three years ago, **Winnie Wareheim Conner** walked into McDaniel Hall to meet her roommate, **Caroline Gable**, and six other first-year students, including **Elizabeth Gable Kantruss**, **Mary Frances Hawkins Galbreath**, **Alice Rohrer Downey**, **Marjorie Rue Cropper**, **Peggy Reeves Saunders**, and **Pearl Bodmer Lodge**. They kept the same roommate for four years, while becoming lifelong friends. Now on the brink of 100 years old, she looks back on these friendships with great joy and hopes all McDaniel students will also make lifelong friendships. Winnie lives in Goose Creek, South Carolina.



1945

Luciene Ramsburg Pfefferkorn resides at Brightview South River Senior Living in Edgewater, Maryland, near her former home in Annapolis, Maryland. Her family visits often. The activities, residents, email, and games on the computer fill her free time.

1946

As **Peggy Davis Hiss** pushes toward age 98, her mobility and balance aren't great, but she still lives in her apartment in Towson, Maryland. Her daughter is her "angel," as she does all of the shopping and takes Peggy to her appointments.

1948

Rodney Austin of Charlottesville, Virginia, retired 20 years ago and is in reasonably good health at the age of 95.

Charles Donald Brohawn and his wife, **Sara Lee Larmore '50 Brohawn**, miss trips to WMC, especially Sara Lee's 70th Reunion. Don still plays the organ at church and paints watercolors. Sara Lee plays cards and helps at the church thrift shop with the help of a



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On April 8 and 9, we welcomed back nearly 200 alumni, family, and friends celebrating milestone reunions on the Hill. Alumni from class years ending in 2 and 7 were celebrated, with the Class of 1972 receiving their 50th Reunion medallions.

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cane. They enjoyed Thanksgiving at home with their family in Tyaskin, Maryland.

Mary Ruth O'Kelly Elseroad is pleased to report that she had a healthy 2021 and that the COVID-19 vaccine allowed her to resume more of a normal life-style, especially water aerobics. A highlight was a visit from her grandson's family and great-grandchildren. She sends her best to all from Parkton, Maryland.

Henry David Stone and his wife, Sue, have fared well so far during the pandemic. He spends his time now growing food for the local food bank and communicating with the grandkids in Seattle. He hopes to travel some later if possible. Henry calls Colbert, Georgia, home.

Mary "Binky" Dexter Tompkins writes that after 25 years in Delaware, she's back in Maryland living in a senior facility in Lutherville. All three of her sons are retired, and she's blessed with eight grandchildren and 11 great-grands. She often thinks of the great years (even though it was wartime) at WMC.

1949

Helen Lavin Bell delivered her artwork to a gallery on El Paseo in Palm Desert, California. She is still going strong with art and bridge, and resides in Riverside, California.

Thomas Doolittle Jr., of Gainesville, Florida, recalls that his postwar experience at Western Maryland College was a pleasant prelude to George Washington University, a federal government career, his own business, and now retirement. He is still active with tennis and very little left of a jazz-filled social life, diminished by COVID-19. He corresponds with distant-living children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and cherishes their visits.

Donald Egner writes that everything is fine — just slow. His 5K runs have turned into 1-mile walks in White Marsh, Maryland. He attends church twice a week or more and Rotary once every few weeks. He spends time with his three kids, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

George Hankins is in good health and enjoying life in Middle River, Maryland.

Jean Sause Heemann still lives in her home in Towson, Maryland. Her age has shot up to 93, and a few health problems have stopped her from driving.

James Jump writes that after living in Columbia, Maryland, for 44 years, he moved in with his daughter in Ocean Pines, Maryland, after his son-in-law died suddenly on the Fourth of July weekend. James, who turned 94 in December, expects to continue living with his daughter. His fourth great-grandchild was born in October.

Janet Raubenheimer Weaver of Millington, New Jersey, is doing well at 93. She's walking, talking, and driving locally. She does not drive two hours to see her brother **Wallace "Wally" Raubenheimer '47** in New York; her son lives locally and takes her to visit. Her other son lives in California, which he loves.

1953

Dorothy "Dee" Friedrich Alff keeps in touch with roommate **Beth Witzke Barnes** and her dear friend **Geneva "Ginny" Laver Huber**. Her husband passed away six years ago. She still lives in her own home in Haddonfield, New Jersey, and enjoys cross stitch embroidery, reading, baking, knitting, and teaching her 6- and 8-year-old neighbors how to embroider and sew on the sewing machine.

Edward Barber went into the Air Force during the Korean War. He was on the football, boxing, and lacrosse teams. He went to Georgia Tech in 1956 and Princeton in 1963, and then spent 30 years at Boeing as an aeronautical engineer, retiring in 1988. He started a real estate development company, building apartment houses in Seattle, where he and Linda still live and manage those properties. Edward is an avid fly fisherman, and he and Linda play tennis three times a week at the Seattle Tennis Club. Over the years, he's run into **Buck '51** and **Betty Bachtell '51 Kelly** and several other WMC graduates out there. He has fond memories of the WMC football team and his teammates, and Coaches Harlow and Havens. Very formative years.

Sarah "Sally" Fisher Cartwright of Towson, Maryland, is 90 years old and can remember the days at WMC like they were yesterday. The lasting friendships will stay with her forever! Carpe diem!

Ashby Collins writes that with the support of family and friends, he and Doris are enjoying life in a continuing care community in Carlisle, Pennsylvania; she is in assisted living and he is living independently.

Lillian Topalian Dalton and her husband, John, wake up every morning and say that they are still here. They celebrated their birthdays with family and friends. They confronted COVID-19 with shots and boosters. They are survivors and send their best from Cumming, Georgia, to their friends in the Class of 1953.

Patty Ray Guckes is alive and kicking at almost 90. Her older daughter moved in with her while her younger daughter is an angel in heaven with Patty's beloved husband, Jim. Patty says that Jesus spoke to her and gave her the responsibility of taking care of her older daughter; the responsibility is working in reverse. She makes her home in Huntington Valley, Pennsylvania.

Lucille Hall Malone is still living in "God's country" on the Eastern Shore in Maryland. Travel is limited to family near Ocean City and a couple of hours across the bay. She is still sewing and quilting, which is more fun than housework. She had her 89th birthday on Thanksgiving Day, and is still in good health with the exception of aches and pains of old age. She is glad she can get up every morning and take care of herself and her home. She sees classmate **Margaret "Anne" Trice Moore**, who lives in Cambridge, Maryland, several times a year and tries to keep up with other classmates.

Nancy Wagner Phillips writes that COVID-19 has really put a new face on these last two years. Between lockdowns, mask wearing, and her aging body, she has not been very active. She lives in a continuing care facility in Mitchellville, Maryland, and they have concerts, lectures, plays, classes, exercises, committee meetings, book clubs, and movie nights. She and the other residents are all vaccinated, boosted, and were kept very safe last winter, but still wore masks inside. There are many activities to keep them happy and satisfied; she even learned how to use Zoom.

Constance "Conny" Jones Stehl of Lutherville, Maryland, would be so happy to receive a phone call — or better yet, a visit — from anyone from her alma mater. She lives alone, but has family and friends nearby. She enjoys bridge, duckpin bowling, volunteering at Greater Baltimore Medical Center, and participating in the activities at the Bykota Senior Center in Towson, Maryland.

1954

Carol Sause Burch says trying to deal with the aches and pains of old age is a full-time job. She is still able to live in her home in Towson, Maryland, with outside help. After 65 very happy years, her husband **Ernie '50** passed away in April 2020. She finds that wonderful memories of Ernie, four great years at WMC, and a life well lived have brought her much comfort.

At the age of 90, **Betty Brown Colella**, is surprised to be alive, but pleased that she is feeling pretty good. While she misses her husband, she is well engaged by her four children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandkids.

Patricia Herman Douglas is still keeping house, gardening, cooking, and knitting. Her three sons **James Douglas '79, M.S. '91, John Douglas '85,** and **David Douglas '87,** are WMC grads, as is David's wife **Maria Filshie '89 Douglas**. Several college friends still keep in touch, including **Lois Cermak Runnels, Carol Sause Burch,** and **Joan Barkeley Coffman. Joan Kel-**

logg Patterson and Pat saw each other at their women's sports weekend at McDaniel. Once in a while, she'll hear from **Adeline Allen Parker**. Her roommates from Blanche Ward are deceased, but she remembers the years on fourth floor (the poet's corner) fondly with all those English majors!

William Hancock's time at WMC was a very happy time because of his spouse **Doris Joiner '51 Hancock**. She died after 63 wonderful years together. Because of her, he discovered travel, including his first Concorde trip around the world and 31 cruises. He still travels several times a year. He's 92 and in excellent health.

John Haslip spent two years after graduation in the military in Germany (he even met Elvis), and then began a more than 40-year career in the chemical industry and related industries. He got married and raised three boys and one girl. He is now retired in the Boston area and has eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren scattered around the country.

Shirley Woodruff Hicks resides in Alton, Illinois.

James, M.Ed. '70 and **Carolyn Redden '57 Levay** have been married for 67 years after they met at WMC in 1953. Their son recently retired and lives in Maysville, Kentucky, with his wife, Beverly. Their grandson Matthew received a Fulbright Scholar award for English Literature to Warsaw, Poland. Their granddaughter Elizabeth, a Doctor of Physical Therapy, is working on her Ph.D. Life has been good to James and Carolyn, who go to church twice a week and serve as prayer ministers occasionally. James recently retired as the chaplain at the Flagler Hospital in their hometown of St. Augustine, Florida.

Laura "Leigh" Kline MacDougall lives in lovely Vero Beach, Florida. She does not walk the beach anymore, but does try to walk daily. She enjoys duplicate bridge and her wonderful, loving Episcopal church community.

Joan Kellogg Patterson and her husband, Pat, spent the winter in Rhode Island with a friend, as Maine winters are a bit too much for her and her husband at this stage of life. Pat substituted at a vet clinic and Joan enjoyed playing with the goldendoodle puppies that her friend breeds. They are looking forward to spring and summer in their hometown of Industry, Maine.

1955

Albert Barnes lives in Naples, Florida. He fully retired in 1991 after 35 years as a municipal bond specialist, underwriting and trading bonds on Wall Street. He thanks WMC for giving him the tools through his degree in Economics. Anyone in the area can contact

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him. He will be playing golf and goofing off, and he would like to say hello to old friends.

Gloria Bunting Blades celebrated her 66th wedding anniversary last December with her husband, Charles. They are happy with their choice of an independent retirement home for the last six years in Midlothian, Virginia. They were thrilled to welcome a new great-grandson.

Patricia "Pattie" Hamersly Church has been able to stay in her home in Baltimore with the help of her family and wonderful caregiver. She was very grateful for this during the pandemic. The arrival of several great-grandchildren is bringing much joy to the family.

Anne-Marie Summers Egan of Rensselaer, Indiana, is grateful that all is well with her and her family—now 35 of them. She's enjoying being 86 and is still active. She does some volunteering, gardening, and reading, and also enjoys cooking and improving her piano skills. Her friends and family provide plenty of social activity. She enjoys reading about the evolution of WMC and sends her congratulations to the new president.

Life has been in the slow lane for **Janet Boller Heins** and husband, **Jim Heins**, mostly due to the pandemic. Janet keeps busy at home with a painting class held via Zoom, which is excellent, and she is learning a lot. Jim volunteers at the C&O National Historical Park installing benches and picnic tables, and repairing signs and bulletin boards. Their kids keep an eye on them and make sure they are getting along OK in Kensington, Maryland.

Jeannette Spatz James is still loving Scottsdale, Arizona. She has two children in California and one child and grandchild in Arizona. Her grandson and his wife gave her three great-grandkids, who are her joy. She celebrated her 90th birthday in March.

Barbetha Goeb Miller had both of her vaccinations plus booster against COVID-19. She hated to, but did wear her mask outside of her apartment at Longwood at Oakmont, Pennsylvania, her retirement home since 2015. Things have been quieter than before in hopes of keeping the residents well. She sees her daughter and son-in-law weekly, and she has one son in California, who visited a week last summer, and her other son in North Carolina calls often. She has many nice friends, and **Mary Jane Munson Lee** and she phone one another regularly, so she really has nothing about which to complain.

Charles Phipps of Baltimore is living in an apartment after 46 years. He no longer drives and walks with canes. With all of that, he and wife **Virginia "Ginnie" Tull '57 Phipps** are doing OK and have great memories of WMC.

Harold "Pete" Posey and his wife, Joan, are still alive and well in their mountain home in south cen-

tral Pennsylvania, Mount Holly Springs, near Carlisle. They continue to get out and about nearly as much as they have always been. They have slowed down a mite but sharing a good life at "Acorn Acres in a Forest of God's Good Earth."

Marilyn Goldring Rigerink is trying to remain healthy in Tillamook, Oregon. She and her husband, J. Walter, have been married for 68 years, so she guesses they still like each other. Six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren make life interesting. They have fond memories of simpler times when there were checkbooks and dial phones. Thank goodness for tech-savvy children.

1956

John Batista shares that it has been a tough year and COVID-19 did not help. The decision was made to move close to his daughter in Columbus, Ohio, and his beautiful wife, **Suzanne Dorsey Batista '55**, passed away in June. His life has changed completely, and he's learning to live alone in a retirement community.

Marilyn MacLennan Baumeister of Hollywood, South Carolina, shares that life goes on as usual. "The oak trees laugh at our human foibles. The tides on the Edisto come and go without pause."

Joanne Siehler Durst is still kicking, playing tennis and living the good life. She splits her time between Canton, Georgia, and Sanibel, Florida. Sadly, it's too far for her to return to Maryland.

Fairy Frock Flickinger is still grieving the loss of her husband, Bob, who passed away on Jan. 1, 2021. They were married for 63½ years. Many friends have been wonderful. She is still the organist at her church.

After living on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for 23 years, **Robert E. Green Jr.**, and his wife, **Marilyn "Lyn" Hazelip '59 Green**, moved to a retirement community in Williamsburg, Virginia, to be closer to their two children and their families in Richmond, Virginia. This has reduced the travel time for visiting family members from over eight hours to a little over one hour. COVID-19 has restricted their travel to mostly local events, other than visiting their children in Richmond and a trip to Towson, Maryland, for Lyn's high school reunion. A special occasion was Thanksgiving when they saw their second great-grandson in person for the first time and renewed their relationship with their first great-grandson who lives in South Carolina. He believes they are making strides in adjusting to a new lifestyle while continuing to miss Hilton Head. Lyn, a graduate of Ohio State, has not adjusted well to the teams' loss in football to Michigan; he reminds her there is always next year.

Ruth Allen Higbee of Stratford, New Jersey, still enjoys getting together for lunch with her high school classmates, belonging to DAR, and lunches with a Navy group that her husband belonged to.

John Morton of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, served in the Navy where he flew a variety of planes, as well as landing on a carrier. Flying is in his blood, and thus the highlight of 2021 was a trip to Rhinebeck, New York, for a WWI airshow. Yes WWI, which involved vintage aircrafts and autos. It was fantastic and John recommends it to all.

Lyman "Ly" Seamans is still in Kinderhook, New York, and remembering all of the good times at WMC.

Jeanette Chase Springer writes that 2020 and 2021 were about seeing how many new ways she could fall and hurt herself. In November 2020, she fell by tripping on a curb and going down on her knees. She broke her left kneecap and spent that month with her leg in a brace to keep her leg straight. She started therapy the following January for two more months. In July 2021, she fell in her shower and badly bruised her left hip and shoulder, and needed staples in her head. She has sworn to no more falls ever.

Barbara "Barbie" Hoot Stanton sends greetings from Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

Bill Tribby of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, thoroughly enjoyed his role as class reporter for the Class of '56. Although the numbers have decreased, the talent and enthusiasm remain, so he wanted to express long overdue gratitude to his fellow classmates for consistently supplying him with "tidbits" that made writing each column so easy and rewarding.

1960

Robert "Bob" Cole '60 shared that his wife Jean passed in March 2021. Although not a graduate of WMC, Jean was known by many members of the college, some of whom attended their wedding in Germany in 1963.

1964

Rita Jones is still in Colorado Springs, Colorado, doing pretty much what she was doing when she last wrote, only slower. She still volunteers in the church library and goes to her knit and chat group, knitting prayer shawls. She is still doing Volksmarches, although they are now more local than before. She is still trying to collect the 50 states for the second time; it's taking much longer this time, but she still has hope.

Lois Chilcoat, M.Ed. '72 Meszaros retired from being chief operating officer of Chimes Delaware on Dec. 31, 2020. She is currently working part time as a psychologist in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, doing volunteer work for Partners in Care, and is an officer in the Baltimore Psychological Association. She vacationed in Kauai, Hawaii, in November 2021 and has a Baltic cruise planned for July 2022. She is living in Severna Park, Maryland. She had lunch with **Nancy Miller Milinich**, **Carole Richardson Baile**, **A. Weller Leishure**, **Becky Hidey Stephens**, and **Ethel Wilsman Bilderback**. Everyone looked fantastic and had a great time catching up.

Nelson Sheeley is living and working in Dayton, Ohio. His home was undergoing a major home repair—oh, the joys of living in an historic district! He traveled for three weeks to Germany, Switzerland, and Holland. It was wonderful to be away after a year and a half of being under the equivalent of "house arrest." In addition, he was teaching an acting class at Sinclair College and planned to go to Florida to direct a production of an opera he wrote (the book and lyrics, not the music) titled "The Trial of B. B. Wolf," a children's opera for adults! It's been done a few times already, but this was for a conference of opera companies, so hopefully more productions will happen. Thankfully, he's still healthy and looking forward to a hopefully uneventful and normal 2022.

Joe Wenderoth and Cassie have been restricted to domestic travel throughout the pandemic but still get around. They traveled to Cape Cod, Massachusetts, to catch up with an Army buddy they hadn't seen since 1966. They made the usual trips south to find some sun in Georgia and Florida. Joe's golf game is slowly improving. It is getting easier to occasionally shoot his age. They only made one trip with flights, which was still uncomfortable in masks. They visited with son Joe and family in Woodland, California. He teaches creative writing at UC Davis. Son Jered and daughter Karyn are local in Columbia, Maryland. Joe would tell everyone where they work but then the government would burn his eyes out and kill him (or maybe it's the other way round). On occasion, he sees **Denny Kephart** at the post office in Baldwin. He created a closed Facebook group called WMC64 for classmates to connect virtually and catch up, in addition to planning future reunions. "Please request to join if you are on Facebook. If not, get help from the grandchildren and join. You can do this, boys and girls! You are Green Terrors."

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Professor Emeritus of Chemistry David R. Cross died Oct. 12, 2021, at the age of 93.

Cross was a senior research chemist at Kodak Research Laboratories in Rochester, New York, before joining the faculty at then-Western Maryland College in 1964 as an assistant professor of Chemistry. He was promoted to associate professor in 1967 and received the college's Distinguished Teaching Award during the Fall Convocation that same year. In 1974, he was named professor and Chemistry department chair. He also taught classes in Computer Science and offered various Jan Term classes in solar heating, chess, bridge, and photography.

A member of both the American Chemical Society and Sigma Xi, the scientific research honor society, he was awarded grants from the National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health to conduct research at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, where he also served as a visiting professor and visiting consultant to the physical chemistry and photochemical visual pigment research laboratory. In 1972, he was one of seven scientists in the United States to be invited to participate in the international NATO Advanced Study Institute meeting in Florence, Italy, where he presented his work on the photochemistry of phytochrome pigment systems and solar energy conversion and harnessing systems.

He continued to remain active in research in three-dimensional animated computer graphics following his retirement from the college in 1989.

He is survived by his wife, Janet R. Cross M.S. '88, and son Jason. He was predeceased by his daughter, Karen D. Cross, and son David Brian Cross. The David Brian Cross Memorial Award for Achievement in Mathematics is annually presented at the college's Spring Awards ceremony.



1961

Dorothy "Dotty" Holland Baty writes that she and her husband, Gary, have made the move to their new home in Murrieta, California. They love their new house and new church.

Chuck Bernstein and Jackie Cook Sanders attended the Class Reunion. He said that everyone looked good and seemed to have good energy. Chuck is currently working on his re-election campaign for another four-year term on the Baltimore City Orphans' Court (Probate Court). Since the court allows its judges to have a private practice, he has become "of counsel" to a young boutique firm, and he also is involved in federal criminal tax defense, licensing revocation issues, and his mediation practice.

Mike Bird is still in Sun Lakes, Arizona. He is proud of his seven grandchildren, six of whom are teenagers this year and the seventh is just 1 year old. Mike walks each

morning at 6:30, and he rides his bike. He remains a big supporter of the Cardinals and the Suns.

Brenda Stevens Cornwell can still recall her first week at WMC. She was shy, unsure of herself, and really nervous. She moved in with a good friend from Catonsville, Maryland, Christine Reichenbecker Boner. They roomed together for four years and never had an argument. She made many lifelong friends that she still sees when they play bridge or go away on weekend trips together. She lost her first hubby, WMC grad Lynn Mayer '58, but she remarried 20 years ago. She and Bill Cornwell have eight grandchildren ages 1 to 26. Brenda is no longer shy or unsure of herself, and she is quite content living in the Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant in Ellicott City, Maryland.

Wayne Conrad made it back for the Reunion. It was a rainy, wind-swept, soggy

day, but it was a good day to connect with old classmates. Twenty years ago, Wayne retired from the policy research unit with the State of New Jersey Department of Education. On weekends, he worked on the staffs of some Methodist congregations. After retirement, he worked with the special projects development group within the Holy Redeemer Health System, helping to establish a Second Serving program, where trained volunteers pick up donated food from restaurants to deliver to residential housing facilities. Almost 15 years ago, he began serving as one of the health system's hospice chaplains. At the end of 2022, he will retire from his retirement job. He is hoping to spend more time with his two daughters and three grandchildren, and hopefully take a few river cruises in Europe. He will continue his work as vice chair of the Stone Harbor Planning Board and on the board of the New Jersey Coali-

tion for Peace Action and the Committee on Biomedical Ethics of the Medical Society of New Jersey.

Geraldine DeFlora attended the Reunion, and she wishes more could have made it.

Joanne Lamb Hayes says life has been very quiet in New York City for the last year and a half. She spends time with her grandchildren and works one day a week on a website for a chef who has a show on PBS.

Susan Singer Graham is still living at Hawthorne Greene, a 55-plus community in La Plata, Maryland. She and Bruce are happy with their 2,000-square-foot home, which is all on one level with no landscaping or snow and ice to take care of. They enjoy planting flowers, herbs, and a few vegetables. There is a pool and clubhouse, and many friends make it a great place to live. Their four children are all grown, and their four grandsons and four granddaughters are all college graduates. Susan enjoys working with her houseplants, especially her African violets and orchids. Quilting is her passion, and she loves reading. A good week is one without any medical appointments, and she is lucky to be in remission from ovarian cancer for over 15 years.

Jane Ernsberger Halil writes from Florida that Roland died on March 22, 2020. About the same time, she lost her driver's license because she failed the eye exam. That is a challenge where she lives because there is no public transportation. She did continue to cruise on American Cruise Lines, and in June 2021, she took the Alaska and Puget Sound and San Juan Islands cruises.

Mary "Connie" Shankle Houtz has led a varied life since graduation. She taught high school French and Spanish until December 1961, when she took a job as an intelligence analyst with the federal government and served as a linguist until 1980. She met her husband, John, in Rio, and they lived primarily in Africa and the Middle East for 16 years. They returned to the United States so that their three sons could finish high school here, and then she worked in medicine for an endocrinologist for 20 years and later did medical transcription. She took care of their seven grandchildren and now enjoys six great-grandchildren. Connie's free time is focused on church, family, reading, and genealogy. She recently had the pleasure of transcribing an interview with Laura Hillenbrand who wrote "Seabiscuit: An American Legend," which took her back to the days spent at Ocean Downs and Pimlico. Connie and John have passed the torch on to the next generation for the family gatherings, but they still retain the annual summer back porch crab feast and the Christmas Eve events.

Alan Katz had a blast at the Reunion with Black and White buddies Don Hester '60, Don Lowe '60, and Doug Smith '60. He had not seen them for 61 years, so there was a lot of catching up to do. He says one of the greatest parts of the Reunion was an exposition featuring student independent research, which showed that the college was on the right track. Al lives in Baltimore and in Nashville, Tennessee, where he gets to see his grandchildren, ages 7 and 5.

Don Linzey and his wife, Nita, were at the reunion and said it was great to see classmates. In June and July 2021, he and Nita traveled via Amtrak from Virginia through Indiana, Illinois, North Dakota, Idaho, and Oregon to visit with their sons in Montana and Washington. As part of the trip, they visited the National Bison Range, a ghost town, and Glacier National Park. They also took a seven-day Columbia River cruise in Oregon, including a portion of Hells Canyon, the deepest canyon in North America. Don remains on the faculty of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. Although he is no longer teaching, he is completing several research projects and publications. His textbook, "Vertebrate Biology, Third Edition," was published by Johns Hopkins University Press in July 2020. In October 2021, "The Mammals of Virginia, Second Edition," was published by McDonald & Woodward Publishing Company in Newark, Ohio, and his 2021 memoir "Rescued!" chronicles tales of the many orphaned animals — including gray squirrels, flying squirrels, a blue jay, gopher tortoises, a hognose snake, and raccoons — that he and his two sons rescued over the years, and the impact those activities had on his sons' choices of careers as a veterinarian and an environmental lawyer. Don and Nita continue to reside on their 40-acre property in Blacksburg and spend time at their second home in the mountains of Gatlinburg, Tennessee. They welcome classmates traveling through these areas.

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Beth Butler Sansbury and David were able to travel despite the pandemic. They missed skiing in Austria, but went to New Hampshire instead and did some cross-country skiing at Bretton Woods Nordic Center. Staying in a country inn was wonderful until a tree fell on the electric lines, sending them to a motel. For their second trip, they rented an RV in Idaho and enjoyed wonderful scenery, despite occasional drifts of smoke from the fires on the West Coast. Their third trip was a

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Vernon Rippeon, writing from Home-wood in Frederick, Maryland, where he has lived for many years, reports that he is still in love with Nancy. He banged up his right leg but is on the mend, and despite having had strokes and a bypass, he still gets around in his trusty 2004 Sienna. He had some great times at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, last summer.

Don Rembert said that the Reunion was great, and the college did a great job of handling 40 events and entertaining more than 900 folks in the rain. He had a chance to promote the WMC Heritage Society at the president's reception and was excited to see the water tower project completed in January. He identified 36 new folks for the Society at Homecoming and Reunion weekend, and he is optimistic that President Jasken will move the college to a new level on all fronts.

Mary Stein still lives in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, and is loving it even though the summers are a challenge due to tourists. She spends the winters in Fort Myers, Florida, with her 29-pound fat cat, Pug. Mary is in pretty good health, with Type 2 diabetes as her only health issue, but she says that getting old is not for the faint of heart.

Nancy Smith Stewart is in Evergreen, Colorado. John and Diane Kanak '62 Holter, and their son, Scott, who live in Denver, came to visit for the day. She goes back to the lake house in North Carolina for a month in the summer, so it is good to see some of the East Coast family there.

Karl '60 and Joan Zajac Silex went to the Reunion and enjoyed seeing so many friends from both classes. They continue to be happy in their home of more than 40 years, but they are beginning to look at retirement homes. The pandemic put a stop to their travels, but they were happy to get to the beach with the family this summer.

Ozzie Stewart and wife spend their summers in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The winters in Florida allow them time with Richie Klitzberg '63, Howie Wagner '63, Rich Eigen '66, and Stan Makover '65. He exchanges emails with Fred '62 and Jo Anne Carscaden '64 Nicoll, and they have a loving, longtime friendship with Jon and Bev Schott '60 Myers. The Stewarts managed to have a family vacation in Tuscany this year, and Ozzie welcomes old friends to visit in Florida.

Beth Butler Sansbury and David were able to travel despite the pandemic. They missed skiing in Austria, but went to New Hampshire instead and did some cross-country skiing at Bretton Woods Nordic Center. Staying in a country inn was wonderful until a tree fell on the electric lines, sending them to a motel. For their second trip, they rented an RV in Idaho and enjoyed wonderful scenery, despite occasional drifts of smoke from the fires on the West Coast. Their third trip was a

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Wedding vows exchanged this season:

Karen Albright '91 to Dan Simcox on Nov. 5, 2021. They reside in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

Kelsey Reichard '03 to James Hade on April 24, 2021. They reside in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Becky Sager '09 to Joshua Loccisano on Dec. 5, 2020. They reside in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Josh Vyskocil '10, M.S. '15 to Sarah Zimmerman on Oct. 10, 2021. They reside in Hanover, Pennsylvania.

Kimberly Clemens '10 to Luke Hudson on Nov. 14, 2021. They reside in Pasadena, Maryland.

Anna Martin '12 to Joe Ottomano '11 on Oct. 4, 2021. They reside in Windsor Mill, Maryland.

Nancy Hines '11, M.S. '13 to Kevin Hines on Nov. 19, 2021. They reside in Chesapeake Beach, Maryland.

Lauren Strumsky '12 to Ryan McCourt on Nov. 13, 2021. They reside in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Deanna Dicello '14 to Justin Magerer on Sept. 11, 2021. They reside in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Colette Kellen '16 to Joe Odierno '14 on Sept. 17, 2021. They reside in York, Pennsylvania.

Shelby Toler '14 to Brandon Kivett on Sept. 18, 2021. They reside in Charles Town, West Virginia.

Nikki Krug '15 to Bill Sands '14 on Oct. 30, 2021. They reside in Reisterstown, Maryland.

Brittany Anger '15 to Sohail Mohammed on Feb. 14, 2020. They reside in Rockville, Maryland.

alumni updates

David Christhilf '67 enjoyed attending the Sports Hall of Fame banquet and reconnecting with classmates in October.

Road Scholar trip to Southwest France for history, art, and vineyards in quaint little villages. It almost made you forget the pandemic, except that they had to show their health pass in restaurants and museums. Beth's big project has been installing the Poulson family gravestones, saved from a quarry on the grounds of the Strawberry Shrine in New Windsor, Maryland. Andrew Poulson, her great-great-great-great-grandfather was important in early Methodism and her great-uncle was the first recorded Methodist convert. This project has given Beth the opportunity to rediscover Westminster and savor frequent lunches at Baugher's. Since so many retirement communities have located in the Westminster area, Baugher's is filled with retirees at lunchtime — and it looks like our class 60 years later.

Lorena Stone moved from Pennsylvania to Eldersburg, Maryland, in the midst of the pandemic in March 2020. She is now closer to her son and his family, as well as BWI, which makes it easier to fly to Michigan to see her daughter and her family. Lorena joined the Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church where **Brenda Stevens Cornwell** is a member. When the church was still closed because of COVID-19, Brenda reached out to Lorena and invited her to join her in a Bible study group. Now that things are opening up more, Lorena is looking forward to sharing with Brenda and other WMCers who live nearby.

Jay and **Ingrid Ewertz Whaley** have enjoyed their return to normalcy. Their first escape was in May 2021, spending five wonderful days at The Tides Inn in Irvington, Virginia. In August, they went to Sunset Beach, North Carolina, with their family. In October, they went to Capon Springs, West Virginia, for their annual trip to the mountains. Ingrid takes several overnight ladies' golf trips to play other courses in Virginia, and she highly recommends these getaways. They were able to play golf at their home course during the pandemic and were fortunate to gather with friends in the outdoor setting for a BYO happy hour at the 19th hole. They traveled to Baltimore to visit with Jay's sister, Marguerite, and her husband, Walter, and Ingrid's brother, Erik, and his wife, Marge. On one of these trips, they met for lunch with **Joyce Lee Edington, Jackie Cook Sanders, Chuck Bernstein, Sylvia Scott Lukemire, Geraldine DeFlora, and Karl '60 and Joan Zajac Silex**. They were happy to meet again for the Reunion. They frequently see their five grandchildren, who have a lot of different interests to keep up with. Richmond has become quite cosmopolitan since they moved there in 1984. It is a melting pot of nationalities, food, history, breweries, and museums including the world-class Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. When in the area, they welcome friends to stop and stay with them, or give them a call.

Doug and I, **Carolyn Powell Walkling**, have had a slow life. We canceled a cruise to Alaska because of the Delta variant, and a cruise to Asia (Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, and the Philippines) was canceled by the cruise line. Our trip back east for the holidays was also canceled because of Omicron. We feel very fortunate to be living in the East Bay hills of San Francisco, where we have walked and hiked all through the pandemic.

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David Fisher and his wife, Terry, got in their last cruise in February 2021 and are holding off cruising for a while. However, he still plans a trip to the Outer Banks, North Carolina. As his grandkids get their driver's licenses and play in multiple sports and band, he manages to attend their events and enjoys meeting with the Crab Guys monthly.

The still-employed **David Christhilf** is still examining the finances of insurance companies for the D.C. government. He and Elena live near Dulles Airport and their two children have graduated from college and flown the coop. He enjoyed attending the Sports Hall of Fame banquet at McDaniel and reconnecting with classmates in October.

Alice Cherbonnier has spent the isolation during the pandemic delving into genealogical research, which is helpful in developing the plot of a historical novel, with the working title of "Shards." It pulls together a family narrative set in Saint-Domingue and New Orleans around the time of the Civil War and segregation. In 2020, she and her partner did a three-week tour of the cities on the southern coast. Now triple-vaxxed, they enjoyed a trip to the Shenandoah Valley for the fall colors. She is looking forward to more trips and continues to volunteer for nonprofits.

His email auto response reported that **David Carrasco, Hon. D.H.L. '84** was on leave from Harvard Divinity School for 2021.

Herbert "Bert" Horton and his wife, Faye, moved from Atlanta to Miami Beach (South Beach), Florida, this year. They enjoy sitting on their porch watching big yachts as well as the occasional dolphin pass by. They also enjoy the great restaurants within walking distance. The Hortons have a goal to visit both poles: at Christmas time in 2019, they visited Antarctica, and they are planning a cruise into the Arctic.

Carolyn Seaman, M.L.A. '76 Scott can see the college's newly painted water tower from the balcony of her new residence at the Carroll Lutheran Village. After **Robert**

Scott '66 died, she lived for three years in the country with only birds and deer for company. She is still involved with the college and her church. In the winter, she goes to her condo in Florida with her sister.

Reporting from Ellicott City, Maryland, **Ronald "Ron" Gunderson** reports that he is still enjoying retirement with his sainted wife, Cindy. He says that there are lots of enjoyable grandchildren to keep them busy and engaged. He is, "Just trying as hard as possible to grow older gracefully, with some success so far."

James "Jim" Gibson says travel is the most worthwhile thing on which he can report. In 2020, he and wife, Nancy, visited the Outer Banks, North Carolina, and Missoula, Montana. In September, they enjoyed a Viking cruise on the Douro River in Portugal. He says a Normandy visit is always thought-provoking, especially when you stand on the cliffs overlooking Omaha Beach and think about what our relatives accomplished on that day in June 1944.

Charles "Charley," M.L.A. '78 and Pat Foltz, M.L.A. '78 Moler's overseas travel was canceled, but they made up for it by taking vacations to spots in the U.S. and Canada. Charley plays golf and Pat plays bridge to keep busy. They both go to the gym almost daily trying to keep their body parts working.

Thanks to **Paul Mazeroff** for continuing to work and pay Social Security. He has backed off from clinical work, but is still a senior lecturer in Psychology at McDaniel. He says that teaching online wasn't fun, but he got through it. He is glad to be back in person with colleagues and students. Sadly, his wife passed away in 2019.

Gordon Diggory was contacted by a rep of "Space Cadets Anonymous," wondering if he had any interest in claiming a seat on a Mars trip. He says he declined and that he had "been there and done that!" His sources advise that "men are from Mars and his lady (wife), Susan, is from Venus." Zoom is more down to earth for him. He enjoys a weekly session with his camp/counselor buddies from the '60s and '70s at Deerfoot Lodge, a wilderness camp in Speculator, New York.

Kris Michelsen Lakenan and her husband, Bob, have been living in Ellicott City, Maryland, for 37 years. Her three sons are grown and graduated from college. She has two grandsons who live in Carroll County, so they are in Westminster, Maryland, often for their sports. Her two younger sons live in Asheville, North Carolina, so they visit often. At 77 years old, Bob is still working as an independent salesman. Kris became a CPA in 1994 and had a private practice, mostly doing tax returns, and she sold it in 2017. She enjoys retirement and now has time to do her many crafts, including card making, scrapbooking, and working with epoxy resin. She and Bob are now able to more frequently visit their home on the Outer Banks, North Carolina.

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Professor Emeritus of English Harold Ray Stevens '58 passed away on Oct. 30, 2021, at the age of 85.

Stevens graduated with a bachelor's degree in English from then-Western Maryland College in 1958 and went on to earn a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He taught at Butler University before returning to teach on the Hill in 1966.

Stevens was named Distinguished Professor in 1975 and served as the president of the college's Phi Beta Kappa chapter. He received faculty awards for creative writing as well as scholarly periodical and book publications and originated the college's study tours of the United Kingdom, Ireland, and New Orleans.

Throughout his career, **Stevens** published numerous essays, edited books, and gave presentations. His life as a scholar continued after retiring from the college in 1997, and a final essay was published in Poland in 2021, in the book "Joseph Conrad and Ethics." In addition to being the past president of the Mencken Society, he was a life member of the Joseph Conrad Society and a 60-year life member of the Modern Language Association, where he served on its Delegate Assembly. He was also a member of several editorial boards and was active in the Byron Society and other literary associations. His interest in H. L. Mencken led to occasional contributions to the op-ed page of Baltimore's "The Evening Sun."

Stevens was predeceased by **Ruth Ann Wilson '59, M.Ed. '75 Stevens**, his wife of 52 years. He is survived by two sons.

Christine "Chris" Connolly Resau and her husband, **James Resau '68**, have relocated after 20 years from Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Jim's hometown of Towson, Maryland. They love being able to walk to nearby activities — and they've worn out several pairs of walking shoes! She also enjoys being close to old friends and relatives, although their children and grandchildren live so far away (Michigan and Colorado). She gives many thanks to classmate **Jacque Rayner Leedom** for organizing a Phi Alpha Zoom a couple of times each month to reconnect and chat with sisters. She also uses Zoom to tutor a seventh-grader who is an immigrant from Togo. She gives hats off to all educators who had to master online teaching during the pandemic.

Charles Miller says that the past two years have been relatively quiet for him and Michael in Arizona. Charles leads a Zoom Bible study on Friday mornings rather than on Sundays. A year ago, Michael was licensed to be a lay preacher in his church, allowing him to preach there four times a year. Michael received his Master of Divinity from Princeton Seminary almost 20

years ago. They are looking forward to the time when we can safely travel again and attend the 55th Class Reunion.

Also from Arizona, **Clayton "Clay" Leister** writes that he and his wife, Jeanette, are still active in the Glendale Rose Society, and at the first rose show in two years, they received seven awards! Jeanette is now first vice president of the rose society. Clay also helps her with her new project of taking care of a small colony of feral cats. They have found homes for two of them! He is still working a couple of days a week with his courier service as well as helping with a local food bank and a group collecting food and items for teens.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Creeks Tanaka retired in 2019. She was a professor of Biology at Temple University, where she was also director of a very successful NIH Maximizing Access to Research Careers Program. Her husband, Larry Gladney, is the dean of faculty diversity and development and a professor of Physics at Yale University, where she is now working part time. This spring, she had plans to teach an introductory Biology course for students at

a Connecticut prison. Additionally, she is working with McDaniel staff to increase support of STEM undergraduates in summer research.

John Greenleaf and his wife, Linda, celebrated their 50th anniversary in August. He commends her for her endurance! He is staying connected, mostly electronically, with a bunch of WMC Preacher friends. He is looking forward to attending another reunion in person.

Our inveterate traveler **Roberta "Bobbie" Vanderheide Eierman** says that she and her husband have been traveling in their motorhome. They have traveled "hither and yon" doing wildlife photography and visiting friends and family. They have traveled several times to New York to spend time with their daughter, Laura; her husband, Scott; and their grandchildren Will and Lilyanne. They also enjoy being with their granddaughter Molly and watching grandson Brody run cross-country for Myers Park High School in North Carolina. Bobbie continues to make beaded jewelry and work on the family genealogy.



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Will Kealey '15 to Taira Jones on Oct. 30, 2020. They reside in Aberdeen, Maryland.

David Ruth '15 to Michelle Salzano on Aug. 21, 2021. They reside in Rochester, New Hampshire.

Krista Mizell '16 to **Chris Ebert '16** on Oct. 2, 2021. They reside in Baltimore.

Christina Green '20 to Justin "J. Dee" Platt on Oct. 23, 2021. They reside in Monkton, Maryland.

Lonnie Hamlett III '21 to T'Amami Ramseur on Dec. 18, 2021. They reside in Laurel, Maryland.

[Class Noted]

Basketball alumni return to the court

In January, the Green & Gold Committee hosted women's and men's basketball alumni games, welcoming alums from the Class of 1963 through the Class of 2021 back to the Hill. The alumni faced off first, followed by receptions before the alums and their guests enjoyed watching the current Green Terror basketball teams take the court.



Darlene Justice Claypoole was diagnosed with cancer and had to have a kidney removed, but everything is going OK. Since the illness, she has been staying with her daughters, going back and forth between Florida and California. She enjoys the grandkids and volunteering at church.

Janet "Jan" Bauer, M.L.A. '97 Flora and **Dave M.S. '91** are enjoying watching their five grandkids grow up, now ranging in ages from 9 to 22. She is currently back on the McDaniel campus as a student taking courses in Racism and Ethnic Relations. It is a continuation of a study she began several years ago, and she has learned a lot. The students accept her, and she is enjoying being with a much younger and diverse group. It brings back a lot of memories from the '60s on the Hill. Dave continues his master gardening and co-chairs the peace and justice forum at their church. They frequently spend time with **Rick Boswell '68**.

Michael Psaris still regrets that he was unable to attend the 50th Reunion. Next time! He is continuing to enjoy life in Naples, Florida, and feels that the term "beach bum" applies to him in many ways. He fondly recalls a life of international travel and living abroad, particularly in the Middle East, Africa, and Europe during his banking career. Mike hopes to resume extensive travel once COVID-19 becomes a dim memory.

Donna Hann Fogle can volunteer once again for her school librarian friends and the symphony. It has been difficult at times for her to remain at home, but she struggled through it. She is looking forward to traveling next spring and visiting more of our beautiful country.

Alice Hunycutt Stiner writes that since she couldn't travel internationally, she traveled to the ocean seven times! She is looking forward to fewer restrictions on foreign travel in 2022. She enjoys times with family and her husband, Frederic. She sees **Miles Cole** and his wife, Anna, from time to time.

William "Bill" Chasey enigmatically tells us that there have been many ups and downs in the 54-plus years since graduation. He survived Vietnam, got married and had a daughter, and then got divorced. He lived in Atlanta; Jacksonville, Florida; Orlando, Florida; and Atlanta again. He got married again and moved to Lake Lanier, Georgia. He retired after 37 years with same company and traveled, often with **Jim Gibson**. He lost great friend **Jay Sybert**, and enjoyed five years having a cabin in the North Georgia mountains. He is still living on a lake with a pontoon boat, and center console fishing. He had triple bypass surgery 18 months ago, but is still traveling and loving life!

David "Dave" Doss and his wife, Gail, moved four years ago from Tucson, Arizona, to Fort Myers, Florida. "We are now fully hydrated!" As anticipated, the move allowed them to see their two sons and their families

more often. They have been well and recently celebrated their 51st anniversary. Their golfing games remain works in progress, but fun is the name of the game. Other than a couple of short trips, they have maintained a low profile. They do have several cruises planned over the next 12 months.

Larry Dorsey hasn't been traveling for a few years because of COVID-19, but is now optimistic that he can venture out soon. A two-week diving trip around the Caribbean may be in his future.

Dorothea "Dorene" Carl Pease reflects: "I know I am only one of many for whom the past couple years have been extremely difficult. For me, the worst has been 'losing' my husband to the pandemic. I had to admit him to a memory care facility in April 2020 and was not able to see him for many months except to drive him 'home' from the hospital a few times. He is currently in hospice care. The guilt has been overwhelming, but I have the support of our children, a few close friends, and a wonderful church family we found several years ago."

William "Bill" Rees and his wife have moved to a new house with an aviary-lanai large enough for their four parrots (three African Grays and a Sun Conure). All the virus clouds have passed them by unscathed and the VA has implanted two new lenses into Bill's aging eyes with wonderful results! He is still sailing the Keys and Bahamas, often with Boy Scouts learning at his feet. Bill is eager to hear news about his classmates as we all age gracefully while contributing our children's inheritance to the growth and prosperity of the Hill.

Judith Arnold is continuing to live in mid-town Baltimore. She is glad to have her sister and brother-in-law, **Diana Arnold '69** and **Charles '68 Schnitzlein**, nearby in the Otterbein neighborhood of Baltimore. She has missed travel during the pandemic.

Carlton Baker retired from his medical practice in 2017 and now spends most of his time on the tennis courts. He and Sherry moved to Yonkers, New York, where they are full-time caregivers for their granddaughter, Hannah, who was born in 2019. He says it is the best job he has ever had. He loves telling her stories that they both make up and singing off-key songs to her. He is getting close to finishing the biography of **Ron Liebman '65**; he signed the authorization contract in 1965.

After 40 years in the mountain town of Julian, California, **Anne Spencer Knowles** and Bruce made the decision to downsize in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, home of the London Bridge! Their time is spent volunteering at the local food bank, rock crawling with the Havasu4Wheelers in their Jeep, and touring in the RV. "We are desert rats who love the Southwest! We are thankful for old friends who visit and new friends in our various organizations! Carpe Diem!"

Levon Asadoorian sends "bonjour" from Raleigh, the home of great barbecue and great cardiologists. He and Jane are both fine and chugging along on five cylinders; he guesses five out of eight isn't so bad. They have their daughter's two cats, and they've done a fantastic job of taking over. She's a colonel in the Army and stationed in Honolulu. Son, Lee, is still north of San Diego, working, surfing, and running triathlons. "Must be nice to be young. I'm continuing with courses to stay alert and prove I can still learn stuff. We're also painting our Christmas cards now. Another interest I've taken up over the past 10-15 years is old movies from the '20s through the '40s. I've purchased some from video companies, but many of them I download from YouTube. Most are B movies. Anytime someone walks in the apartment, they get hit with, 'What kind of movie do you want to watch?'"

Barbara "Barb" Hetrick writes that "the pandemic wiped me out, and I still don't get much done."

In December 2020, **Connie Vander Loo Yost** sold her beloved "barn" house and moved to Friends Village of Woodstown, New Jersey. Moving during the pandemic meant they did not meet any other residents! They signed up for bocce tournaments and because it was outdoors, they were able to meet about 20 other residents and begin to build some friendships. They are only 15 minutes from their church and so can participate with their church family of 45 years. Connie continues to be treated at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia to check on the status of her carcinoid cancer. Her husband, Jim, had a minor stroke in October but is doing extremely well. The "rusty years" are not for the faint of heart! They enjoy all the activities on "campus" and their children are happy to know they are safe. With one in Texas and one in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, their visits are few, but precious!

Bruce Conway writes that it's hard to believe it's been 55 years since graduation, 50 years since being discharged from the Air Force, and 12 years since he retired from Maryland state service. In 2009, after retiring, he and his wife moved to northeast Illinois to be near their daughter and two grandsons. They are so lucky to be a part of their lives and to be able to attend sporting events, concerts, and many other activities. He was saddened to learn of **Pete Ricker's** passing in October 2020. "Pete's wife and my wife were roommates at Towson State, and we remained in contact throughout the years," Bruce says.

Thomas "Tom" Parks and **Judy Elseroad '68 Parks** are still living in the Annapolis, Maryland, area. They enjoy having their son, Andy, and daughter, Jessica,

and their families nearby. They celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary in June and are still going strong, self-mobile, and "generally coherent."

Your faithful class reporter, **Miles Cole**, has, like all, worked to survive this pandemic. I give a hearty "you are welcome" to those who have thanked me for this labor of love. I keep a herd of health care professionals busy keeping me going. We are having great fun watching our 4-year-old grandson, Benjamin Miles Schlackman, grow. We also are thrilled with our new baby granddaughter, Helen Susanna, born in November. Our librarian daughters and son-in-law seemed to have thrived while working at home. Anna and I are looking forward to resuming ocean traveling in 2022. Best wishes to all and hope to see you at the 55th Reunion.

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Brenda Noble Gorman writes that their annual travel plans were affected by COVID-19 this past year. Before the pandemic, their most recent trip had been to Machu Picchu in Peru, in October 2019. Brenda feels fortunate that they enjoy the winter months in Florida. Being near the beach and in a temperate climate have minimized the effects of pandemic restrictions. Being there, and spending time with children and family are important, and they are hoping that 2022 will bring a return to travel and enjoying retirement life.

Barb Stephens-Rich was finally able to retire (the third time!) from her ministry at a small church in Ohio. Since then, she has had some time to travel and went on a two-week rail trip in Switzerland. She recently returned to McDaniel to see old friends from college days who were part of the Christian Fellowship group on campus. They included **Nita Conley '74 Korn**, **Susie Squires '74 Cioni**, **Kathleen Grist Schwartz**, **Nora Waugh '74 Jones**, **Barb Stephens-Rich '73**, and **Donna Carter '72 Morris**.

Besides Switzerland and the reunion on the Hill, Barb has been involved in a Christian ministry in Zambia. She writes: "In February 2020, right before the pandemic shut us all down, I traveled to Zambia for two weeks to the incredible program of orphan rescue and education that **Kathleen Grist Schwartz** and her husband Benedict lead there, called the Village of Hope. They lead an excellent school for preschool through 12th grade and the Hope College of Education, offering teacher training. What they have created in their 15 years in Zambia is nothing short of miraculous! **Nora Waugh '74 Jones** was also

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Family additions this season:

Charli Ann Ganchev on Sept. 10, 2019, to Cvetan and Melissa Grimmer '03 Ganchev.

Jack Bradley Miller in January 2021, to Emily and Matthew Miller '03.

Luke Ryan Wilchinski on March 24, 2021, to Jessica and Matt Wilchinski '03, M.S. '07.

Odetta Autumn Wagner on Oct. 29, 2021, to Greg Wagner '07 and Jenessa Kildall Wagner.

James Eaton III on July 12, 2021, to Meghan and Jay Eaton '09, M.S. '12.

Blake Barsby on Aug. 13, 2021, to Davis and Leahanne "Leah" '09 Marino Barsby.

Josephine and Elliot VanSant on Aug. 29, 2021, to Daniel and Caitlin Concannon '09 VanSant.

George Christopher Pruitt on Sept. 7, 2021, to Sally Grace '09, M.S. '11 and Kyle Pruitt '11.

Rocco Vincent Loccisano on Oct. 5, 2021, to Joshua and Becky Sager '09 Loccisano.

Salem Patrick Molloy on Aug. 8, 2021, to Rachel and Christopher "C-Mo" Molloy '10.

Elizabeth Pearl Jones on Sept. 19, 2021, to Bobby and Lauren Fischetti '11, M.S. '19 Jones.

Dean Grimes in May 2021, to Michael and Vickie Koslak '14 Grimes.

Tobias Carroll Rines on Nov. 25, 2021, to Justin '14 and Gillian Gaynor '14 Rines.

Anniston Kayley Bangerd on Jan. 7, 2022, to Jocelyn and Tim Bangerd '14.

Liam Joseph Snyder on Jan. 8, 2022, to Kevin and Kelly Hawk '15 Snyder.

Addison Grace O'Brien on May 6, 2021, to Anna Harrington '21 and David O'Brien.

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David Petrucci '73 qualified for the 2022 Boston Marathon.

there at that time, living with Kathleen and Benedict, as Nora made a two-year commitment to help at the Village of Hope. So, my time there was a wonderful reunion with them, as well as a challenging adventure in helping children in rural Zambia. I was very grateful for my trip, and grateful to complete it before the pandemic took hold in America.”

Kathleen Grist Schwartz also wrote about her ministry in Zambia: “As for Benedict and I, in our retirement we live in a gated community with 80 children. We have a village for orphaned and vulnerable children, and I started and direct a school for over 550 students, preschool to grade 12. We also have a working farm and businesses to help support it all. We have so much joy in being able to work in one of the poorest countries in the world and helping to bring hope to children and youth.”

After retiring in the summer of 2017, **Bill** and **Monika van der Berg McCormick** decided to downsize and relocated to a townhome in Annapolis, Maryland. Though missing the mountains of western Maryland, Monika writes, “We are happily settled in and enjoying life on the Chesapeake Bay, complete with a sailboat. We continue to be blessed and are grateful for our three sons, their wives, and our eight grandchildren that are successfully navigating through the world of work and school (despite several of them getting the virus; thankfully, all are fine now). Opportunities are opening up for us again, including traveling to see our family and some new destinations in the world! We have recently connected with **Deb Barnes Mahane, Karen Georg '74 Sirian, Lynne Hulse '74, M.Ed. '75 Javier**, and many other sisters and brothers from our years with Sigma Sigma Tau, Pi Alpha Alpha, and Phi Delta Theta.”

Bob Jacobs and his wife, Barb, keep busy by volunteering with several organizations that support folks who are in dire circumstances. Both have also stayed busy hiking, cycling, playing golf, and spending time on vacation with the kids and grandchildren, most recently at Smith Mountain Lake in southwest Virginia.

Dave Petrucci and his wife, Paulette, will be celebrating their 25th anniversary in May 2022. In 2014, he completed a 20-plus-year career as a financial advisor and certified financial planner and retired from Morgan Stanley. He says, “My major current activities include being a ‘papa’ to five grandchildren, running (84 races since 2005, totaling almost 1,000 miles), and walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain. The Camino de Santiago is a pilgrimage in Spain that goes to the Cathedral de Santiago (the apostle St. James). In September, I ran my second full marathon (my favorite race distance is the half marathon, which I have run about 45 times) and qualified for the 2022 Boston Marathon.”

Chip Snyder and his wife, Maggie, are still in Hagerstown, Maryland, where he has lived his entire life with the exception of college and law school. Maggie retired after 47 years as a surgical RN, and Chip continues to complete national security clearance background investigations for several federal agencies. In October, he attended a birthday party for **Bob Watson**, orchestrated by **Donna Herbst '74 Watson** and reminisced about many memorable times with Preacher (Delta Pi Alpha) brothers, along with catching up with Dr. Seidel, one of the best academic influences during those challenging years as an Econ major.

Bob Watson and **Donna Herbst '74 Watson** have moved for the 17th time. “After a year-plus of not being able to see our granddaughter in Westminster, Maryland, we decided to leave the ‘wild west’ of Florida and move back north. We sold our home in Venice, Florida, very quickly and moved to Hanover, Pennsylvania, in April 2021. We are now very close to Westminster and Donna is able to help homeschool our granddaughter until she gets her vaccination and is able to return to regular school. Donna threw a 70th birthday party for me at McDaniel, where we were able to see some fellow Preacher alums (**Robb Smith, Chip Snyder, Tom Brown '72, M.Ed. '77, Ron Cristy '72, John Seaman '70, M.Ed. '76, Andy Keefer, Bill Thomas '74**, and their wives, as well as Dr. Ethan Seidel and his wife, **Debbie Dale '84 Seidel**). Donna also arranged to donate a bench behind Baker Chapel where we used to sit and watch the sun set to the west during our time at WMC. We’re super happy to be back to the area where it all started for us. Just wondering what we’ll do during the winter since Florida golf is no longer available.”

Don Martin retired in 2018 after 44 years with Litton/Northrop Grumman, and he has been enjoying the freedom ever since. Still residing in Ellicott City, Maryland, Don and Vivienne’s travel plans have also been affected by the pandemic. They hope to spend more time with their daughters and six grandchildren, and to travel across country when the pandemic lifts.

Jack Brownley and Linda celebrated their 50th anniversary early in 2022. They have raised three daughters and are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren. He says that since graduate school starting in 1973 at Ohio State University with **Brian Alles** in Deaf Education/School Psychology, they have lived in the Columbus, Ohio, area. “It is unavoidable that we are serious Buckeye fans,” he says. His career has been devoted to education since 1975, working in several school districts and county/state agencies primarily as an administrator in special education, secondary schools, and central office positions. Linda has worked as a mental health counselor, as a church organist,

and as primary parent and grandparent for their family. They travel back to Westminster and Ocean City, Maryland, to visit relatives when they can, usually in the summer.

Lucinda Newby Noland and **Bob Noland '74** have lived in the same house in Frederick, Maryland, that they purchased in 1990, when their children, Derek and Lauren, were only 8 and 5 years old, respectively. Both kids married in 2015, the 40th anniversary year for Lucinda and Bob. Since Bob’s retirement, he and Lucinda have time with their children and two grandchildren. They have not been able to travel as much with COVID restrictions, but managed to go on a snorkeling trip to Roatán, Honduras, in February 2021. Bob and **Rick Spink '74** enjoy a frequent game of disc golf, and they are in close contact with **Adele Gunn Gill** and her husband, Donnie.

Milford Sprecher is enjoying semi-retirement in Takoma Park, Maryland, with his wife, Shuyan, after many years in IT consulting and business development. He has some contract work “to keep the bank from foreclosing on the house,” he says. He sees **Michael Mock** and **Matthew Zimmerman** fairly regularly, “as we have undertaken the exterior renovation of an outbuilding on the Zimmerman estate between Westminster and Eldersburg, Maryland. It is a long-term project underway since Thanksgiving of 2020. We may finish someday.” Milford mentioned that his family is far flung with children in Boston, the French Alps, and California. He and his wife enjoy getting out to Menlo Park, California, to see their kids and grandchildren, and last summer they traveled to France, their first trip since the pandemic began.

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Well, it’s been two years since I reported on the news from the Class of 1979, and not much has really happened since late 2019. Yeah, right! At the very least, we all added a few phrases to our vocabularies: coronavirus pandemic, Delta variant, Omicron variant, contact tracing, super-spreader event, social distancing, self-quarantine, double-vaxxed and boosted, The Big Lie, mostly peaceful protests, Capitol insurrection, supply chain disruption, and, yes, even toilet paper hoarding. Fortunately, a lot of old words continue to permeate the notes I received from members of the Class of 1979: travel, retirement, and grandchildren. This is further proof that we’re plenty resilient.

Dave Meyer and his wife, Cynthia Neidhart, have tried to keep busy in spite

of the pandemic. They used their vaccine cards to travel to Iceland and British Columbia, Canada, and had a great time. Dave has retired from teaching at Indiana University so that he can concentrate on local volunteer efforts and travel. Dave and Cindy now have two young grandsons in South Carolina that they plan to visit soon. Cindy’s passion, her flower garden, grew considerably during 2020 and 2021. January 2021 marks 20 years since Dave’s first wife, **Marcia Polk '78 Meyer**, passed away.

Mary-Louise Jones York, M.Ed. '80 is enjoying life in Milton, Delaware, got her COVID-19 shots, and is playing as much golf as possible. She stays in touch with **Julie Vaughan, M.S. '12 Donovan** and **Li’ Sue Fairchild, M.Ed. '85 Sager**. Both of Mary-Louise’s parents caught COVID-19 at their assisted living facility, but miraculously made it through.

Bill Roelke enjoys hiking and alpine mountain climbing while still practicing law full time and raising two teenagers. Bill and his family recently spent a month in Seattle while he climbed both Mount Shuksan and Mount Baker in the nearby North Cascades. Most recently, Bill hiked and camped in The Mighty Five national parks in Utah. Although Bill loves the beautiful Jacksonville, Florida, beaches, he nonetheless finds it refreshing to get out of the Florida heat.

Bill Jenkins continues to teach and design in Theatre Arts and advise pre-nursing students at Dominican University in Chicago. He is also teaching Trauma-Informed Basics in Dominican’s new Master of Arts in Trauma-Informed Leadership graduate program, the first of its kind in the country. He continues to travel and present workshops on trauma and crime victims for a wide variety of organizations and is looking forward to never retiring.

Scott and Robin Seiland, M.Ed. '79 Trenner are doing fine. Scott is still Jiffy Lubing, and now their son, Chris, is working with him. Robin is still music director at her church and loving being back in the church after a year off because of COVID-19. They have three grandchildren as of this writing: two boys and a girl, the first female child in the Trenner family in 100 years. The Trenners managed to hit a few weddings this past summer. One was Sean and **Terry Mullins Stackley**’s daughter. It was a beautiful setting in California. Scott sees **Rob Bowman '81** several times a month during the fall at Ravens games or weekly “Bible studies.” Scott and **Mike Barry** meet up each Friday. They took the entire family down to the Outer Banks, North Carolina, in September 2021 for a week. Since their grandchildren will be in preschool next year, that was the end of some wonderful time away. Being in lockdown for 18 months was certainly a learning experience for both Robin and Scott. Robin says conversations got sparse

and asked, “How many times can you discuss the day’s happenings when there have been none?” Tongue in cheek (literally and figuratively), Robin wrote, “Unfortunately, I have seen a great deal of **Doug Barnes** this fall; he is my dentist!”

Kimberly Smith-Charette hopes to recapture the magic of her family’s 2019 trip to Scotland, which she booked through Seaside Golf Vacations (owned by yours truly and my brother, **Eric Rosenberg '77**). They have tickets to attend the British Open Championship in St. Andrews in July. They now live in Naples, Florida, full time. Kim is still a partner at WittKieffer, an executive search firm, and runs the firm’s academic medicine practice. Kim reports that retirement is not exactly on the horizon for her. Years ago, her husband, Bill, retired and Kim is envious of how much golf he plays while she continues to work. Kim and Bill’s youngest, their daughter Sam, is in Boston working in operations in the sports industry. Their son, William, is a project manager and lives in St. Petersburg, Florida, so they get to see him periodically. The Charettes feel blessed that both kids love golf and enjoy traveling with mom and dad! Bill’s daughters are in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, where they are raising Kim and Bill’s three grandchildren.

Scott Beam has had a particularly tough couple of years, but he wants to share the good news that, in July 2021, he celebrated his one-year anniversary as a survivor of Stage IV oral cancer. Scott wrote, “Praise God for my oral surgeon, who saved my life by requesting a biopsy for a tooth that he extracted in May 2020 when I was diagnosed. He then referred me to the University of Maryland Medical Center, which I later found out is No. 1 in the U.S. for treatment of oral cancer. I had surgery in July 2020 followed by chemo and radiation. I was blessed to find out in January 2021 that I was cancer free. I am doing well and continue my recovery. So blessed to be alive!”

Cheryl Collins Reinecker reports that she and her husband, **David Reinecker '77**, have a beautiful new grandbaby, Ellie, to join their other three grandchildren. They all live close to Cheryl and David, so they spend quality time with them frequently! Cheryl feels blessed to be retired so that she is able to enjoy her grandchildren while helping out her sons’ families as well as having time with her parents. All of them have been vaccinated against COVID-19, which has also allowed her family to remain in relatively good health. A highlight of the past year was when Cheryl and David attended their son’s induction into the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony for **Andrew “Drew” Reinecker '04** and other honorees was delayed a year due to the pandemic.

Pat Blades Chapman and her husband, Carl, never gave up seeing their two grand-

children, Abigail and Logan, during the pandemic, as they are their daycare. Carl fell ill in December 2020 and spent three months in the hospital and in a rehab center learning to walk again. So, the only way for Pat to see him was FaceTime and window visits. He is just about back to getting around normally after many months of physical therapy. They are looking forward to a trip to the Florida Keys in 2022, postponed from 2020. They haven’t seen anyone from the WMC days, but keep in touch through phone calls, texts, and Facebook.

Mike and **Missy Bain Lewis** are doing great. The highlight of last summer was an unexpected Ocean City, Maryland, vacation to visit Tom and **Helene Rise '81 Rapsas**. They stayed in Helene and Tom’s condo right on the bay. While in O.C., they also saw “Wild” **Bob '77** and **Linda Jo Stocksdales '80 Hulburd**. In the fall, they headed south on an extended Florida Keys road trip to stay warm.

Steve Dyer, my regular golf partner and a pioneer in the field of social distancing, dating back to his time on the Hill, is living in Pawleys Island, South Carolina, where he has his own law practice. Steve writes that he is working too much, playing horrible golf, and honing his curmudgeon-like disposition.

The big news for **Keith** and **Robin Lee '80 Lawson** involves the arrival of two more grandchildren, Finn and Lily. The only trips the Lawsons have taken have been to their house in Bethany Beach, Delaware, and to Cleveland, Ohio, for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame 2021 Induction Ceremony for Tina Turner, Carole King, Foo Fighters, the Go-Go’s, Todd Rundgren, and LL Cool J, all of whom performed. Keith has been working from home for the most part, but travels into D.C. on the days that he has tickets for the Washington Nationals or Capitals. The Lawsons saw many of the younger members of Gamma Beta Chi and Phi Alpha Mu at Homecoming 2021 and hope that they will see more of you soon.

Tom '80 and **Patrice John Baugher** still live in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Patrice retired from teaching in 2021 and celebrated with a fun girls’ trip to Charleston, South Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia. Tom is still working for Raytheon and was able to catch up with fellow alumni **Bruce England '81** when at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. In anticipation of Tom’s retirement, the Baughers bought a Hurricane boat for recreation for Patrice and the grandkids and for fishing for Tom. They keep it on Lake Wawasee, Indiana, and so, after 29 years, they have finally become “lake people.” They are looking forward to a trip to Disney World with their grandsons in the summer of 2022, but they are more excited about seeing an end to the pandemic.

Jay Gardiner reports that he is nearing retirement from his position as the

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Those who will be missed:

Mrs. Cecilia “Miss Ceil” Bowers of Westminster, Maryland, on Nov. 26, 2021.

Mrs. Helen Leatherwood '38 Simpson of Mount Airy, Maryland, on Nov. 2, 2021.

Mrs. Annette Hutchins '41 Wilfong of Solomons, Maryland, on Dec. 4, 2021.

Mrs. Gabrielle de-Rouchbrune Saulsbury '42 of Denton, Maryland, on Nov. 21, 2020.

Mrs. Hannah McKee '43 MacMartin of Bowie, Maryland, on Feb. 11, 2021.

Mrs. Edna Haller '46 Beglin of Verona, Pennsylvania, on Dec. 21, 2021

Mrs. Sophie Jones '46 Smith of Cambridge, Maryland, on Jan. 24, 2022.

Mrs. Mildred Duerst '48 Miley of Bradenton, Florida, on May 19, 2021.

Mrs. Virginia “Ginny” Dodd '48 Wells of Danbury, Connecticut, on July 10, 2021.

Mrs. Dorothy Wilder '48 Williams of Silver Spring, Maryland, on Oct. 8, 2021.

Mrs. Anna Lawson '48 Blatt of Midlothian, Virginia, on Jan. 28, 2022.

Mrs. Ruth Anderson '48 Burgess of Catonsville, Maryland, on Feb. 8, 2022.

Mrs. Shirley Brooks '49 Powell of Catonsville, Maryland, on Dec. 13, 2020.

Mrs. Ninita Barkman '49 Smith of Westminster, Maryland, on Dec. 28, 2020.

Mr. Roy Wampler '49 of Gaithersburg, Maryland, on Oct. 13, 2021.

The Rev. Edgar Hammersla '49 of Silver Spring, Maryland, on Dec. 24, 2021.

Mrs. Jane Lianos '49 Loizou of McLean, Virginia, on Feb. 5, 2022.

Mr. Ernest Burch Jr. '50 of Towson, Maryland, on April 28, 2020.

Mrs. Florence Rice '50 Dunlop or Cockeysville, Maryland, on Feb. 2, 2021.

Dr. David Patten '50 of Norwell, Massachusetts, on Aug. 22, 2021.

Mrs. Ruth Wunder '51 Wheatley of Millsboro, Delaware, on Oct. 29, 2021.

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Professor Emeritus of English LeRoy Lad Panek died of pancreatic cancer on Nov. 5, 2021, at the age of 78.

Panek came to then-Western Maryland College in 1968, and during his more than 50-year association with the college, he earned the respect and friendship of his colleagues and students. He taught not only British literature, including Shakespeare, but also any number of courses that the English department needed to have taught. He is credited for offering the college's first course in African American literature in 1970, and was the first professor to employ computers in writing instruction. He co-founded the college's Writing Center with English professor Pam Regis.

His passion for the detective novel began after he delved into the genre searching for a Jan Term course around 1979. He soon became a prolific scholar in the genre, publishing a number of articles, including work on Edgar Allan Poe. A two-time Edgar Award winner from the Mystery Writers of America, he was the author of 11 books, including his most recent, "Nineteenth Century Detective Fiction: An Analytical History," published in 2021. He co-authored two books, "Early American Detective Stories: An Anthology" and "The Essential Elements of the Detective Story, 1820-1891," with English professor Mary Bendel-Simso. He and Bendel-Simso also collaborated on The Westminster Detective Library project, an online catalog of every detective story published in the United States before the publication of the first Sherlock Holmes story in 1891. The library has involved numerous student researchers throughout the years.

Panek received the college's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1983, and, in addition to being an outstanding teacher and scholar, he was a dedicated servant to the college and deeply committed to the McDaniel community, even after his retirement in 2010.

As a college administrator, he wrote grant applications on behalf of the college as director of corporation and foundation relations in Institutional Advancement and was also associate and interim dean of academic affairs and dean of planning and research, where he was instrumental in the planning and execution of renovations to Hoover Library and other campus buildings. In addition to his role as chair of the English department, he served in almost every faculty governance capacity, including a long service as faculty secretary.

A native of Cleveland, he received a bachelor's degree in English from Marietta College, a master's degree from Lehigh University, and a Ph.D. from Kent State University. He is survived by his wife, Christine Mathews, who retired from the Instructional Technology Department in 2014, as well as a son, a daughter, and two stepdaughters.

commissioner of the Southern Athletic Association, a Division III conference headquartered in Atlanta. Jay is the proud grandfather of six beautiful young ladies ranging in age from newborn to 16. Jay got remarried to his tennis partner, Cindy, in February 2021, and Jay now has four step-children in addition to his own three sons. After hip-replacement surgery in 2020, Jay is back to full speed again and is playing a lot of tennis and kayaking. He looks forward to seeing everyone at a reunion soon.

Jim "Sky" McWilliams has been retired from federal service for almost eight years. He still does some consulting work for small businesses, helps older adults with computer issues, and "sells crap on eBay" in his spare time. Sky and his wife are raising their granddaughter, who turned 12 in January, and she is doing great in school. Sky never thought he'd still be raising a kid at age 64, but he writes that it's been wonderful! Sky often sees friends from WMC. Kerry Tucker '82 lives about 20 minutes from his house, and they get together frequently with Tom Rhubart '80, who is still in South Jersey. The three of them have attended a few FT Blind-man shows to see Charlie Brown '81 and George Kleb '82 play. Tom and Sky saw the Genesis show at Capital One Arena in November 2021 and had a great time, and Sky attended an Electric Light Orchestra show with Skip Seidel '78 earlier in the year. Sky stays in touch with Milton Eser, who recently moved to Florida, and Kerry Wright '80, who divides his time between Los Angeles and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Sky still lives on the river in Port Tobacco near La Plata, Maryland. Sky invites any WMC folks who care to go fishing on the Potomac to contact him.

Betsy Fogle Morrow and her husband, Ken, are well and staying busy in Frederick, Maryland. Betsy enjoys being daycare grandmother to her 1-year-old grandson, who Betsy describes as "a delight and a handful all wrapped up in one." They also love soccer games and weekend adventures with his 6-year-old brother. The Morrrows enjoy getting together with Terry Mott Potterton and her husband, Bill, at Deep Creek Lake, and Chris and Susan "Speed" Tuley, M.S. '88 Routson whenever possible. Ken continues as a partner at Blank Rome, LLC, in D.C., and has enjoyed working at home over the past 18 months.

Licia Hedian writes that she is living in the woods in rural Virginia in a house her mother and stepfather designed and built as a "guest house" on land that was part of a farm that has been in her family since 1856. Licia hosts a yearly potluck gathering outside their homestead log cabin. Attending this year's event were her neighbors who live in and around Appleberry Mountain. Her family medical clinic is 10 minutes away if she takes the dirt road shortcut. For Licia, highlights of living where she does include sightings of black bears, grey and

red foxes, red-shouldered hawks, pileated woodpeckers, possums, raccoons, coyotes (only once this year), and, of course, lots of whitetail deer. Licia took advantage of being vaccinated to visit friends living in Hawaii, where she was able to spend some time relaxing in the warm sunshine.

Carol Littmann Pfistner is recently retired after 18 years working in a public elementary school. Retirement gives her the time she needs to visit her aging parents and help care for them when needed. It has allowed Steve Pfistner '78 and Carol to travel to see their daughter and her family and attend other events during the week. She is really enjoying the freedom to pursue other interests and have a lot less stress in her life!

Alison Crispell and her husband, David, are in Newport News, Virginia, where David still works for CBRE. His job is considered "essential" (have to keep those Bank of America servers up and running), so he was not hit with a COVID-19 layoff. Alison was able to take a trip to Croatia in October, and she has trips to Southern Italy and Morocco on tap for 2022. After a year's hiatus, they are back to cheering on their local ECHL hockey team, the Norfolk Admirals, when their schedules allow.

Elane Denny-Todd was certified as a life coach in 2017. She chose to leave academia in 2020 after more than 30 years as a director and professor of performance at Ohio Wesleyan University, The University of Toledo, and Auburn University. Elane now owns her own life coaching business and her office is located in the Columbus, Ohio, metropolitan area.

Vince Wesley has been "gainfully retired" in Catonsville, Maryland, for the last four-plus years after a 35-year career with SunTrust/Truist. Vince's wife, Valerie, retired last July and they are enjoying spending time with their family. Serving on a few boards has kept Vince as busy as he wants to be, but he still finds some time to play quite a bit of golf in the D.C., Maryland, and Pennsylvania areas, with an annual trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in October. During his most recent trip to Myrtle Beach, Vince and I were able to get together for a round of golf and a lengthy dinner where we reminisced about old times, both at WMC and at Bowie High School. Vince recently visited with Mark Rosenberg, and has also kept in touch with Mike and April Daniels Walter. He recently spent the afternoon with them for a long lunch in Annapolis, Maryland. Vince also sees Doug Barnes regularly (Doug is Vince's dentist), and he and Ronnie Rhodes have enjoyed a few rounds of golf since Ron's recent retirement. Scott and Robin Seiland, M.Ed. '79 Trenner also stay in touch, and Vince and Scott share a few adult beverages on occasion.

Beth Lengyel Hewett is semi-retired and has left academic life as a rhetoric and composition scholar with three recently

published books and the sale of her academic writing coaching business, Defend & Publish, LLC. Beth is working now in bereavement coaching and facilitation, accompanying bereaved people in their healing. She recently coauthored "Supporting a Grieving Workforce" and has two more bereavement books under contract. Beth's new art form is Kintsugi, a Japanese approach to mending broken pottery with gold, and seeing the beauty in what's used and worn. Her husband, Paul Hewett '77, is well, and they're looking toward his retirement in the near future and plan to do some camping and boating. Beth wrote, "Just a note of sorrow at Professor LeRoy Panek's death; he was a fine teacher and good man."

James "JD" Douglas, M.S. '91 wrote that he continues to "fail retirement." JD still sells Christmas trees, teaches part time at the Connelly School of the Holy Child, and coaches field hockey. In his second year as varsity field hockey coach at Walt Whitman High School, JD led the Vikings to a 13-3 season, to their first regional championship since 2004, and to the State 4A Semifinals.

Rick Powell announced his retirement from Christian Temple in Catonsville, Maryland, where he has been pastor since 1995. The pandemic has changed the way people "do church." Rick wrote that it feels like an adventure, but one that may be better suited for the young to take!

John Cochran retired on March 1, 2020, so he did not deal with the pandemic in his professional life. Since golf courses were open in Virginia, he did what he intended to do in retirement. His game has improved by playing more, and he was senior club champion at Virginia Beach National this fall. With travel limited, he's not blowing through his retirement money too fast, but hopes to get to Hawaii in February after two canceled trips. John and Ann-Marie are no longer empty nesters since her mother now lives with them. They are grandparents times two, and hope that number grows in the not-too-distant future. John continues to be active with the Knights of Columbus and is president of a Virginia Knights of Columbus nonprofit, KOVAR, providing support to persons with intellectual disabilities. He and Ann-Marie are also Special Olympics coaches and just finished running the state golf tournament for the 12th time. He missed being at the 40th Reunion but does keep up with Jay Gardiner. He hopes to see everyone in 2024 at the 45th Reunion.

Life is very good for Ron and Leslie McDade '80 Bowen. They have four happy and healthy grandchildren and their daughter, Sammy, is in her second year of physical therapy school in Baltimore. Leslie is in her 29th year teaching Spanish at Harford Day School, and Ron is in his second year teaching Physical Education part time. Leslie is head of the modern languages department, dean of student activities, and cross country

coach. Ron is the assistant soccer and basketball coach and runs a flag football program that he started last year. Once school is over for the year, they spend as much time as they can at the beach with their grown children and grandchildren. On a sadder note, Ron joined Wayne Birely and Scott Wheeler '80 at a Celebration of Life for Anthony Tangires '81, which was held at Merriweather Post Pavilion. George Kleb '82, Charlie Brown '81, and their band played on stage. During the event, Ron spent time with Terry Koenig '78, Jeff Rosenber '81, Skip Seidel '78, Wade Heck '81, and Mike Goldstein '81.

Christine Albert Sarigianis still lives in Westminster, Maryland, and still works as a critical care nurse at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore. In 2021, she finished her B.S. in Nursing. COVID-19 has certainly made her job a challenge, and not in a good way! Chris' mother lives with her, and her children keep her life filled with joy and adventure.

Brenda Eccard Dellinger and husband, Bob, continue to live in Boonsboro, Maryland, and recently welcomed home their son, Adam Dellinger '10, who had been struggling with employment since the pandemic began. It is definitely a big change after being empty nesters for more than 11 years! Brenda continues employment as the chief financial officer for Cedar Ridge Children's Home and School, Inc., in Williamsport, Maryland, and says that the work is among the most rewarding that she has experienced. Although the pandemic put a damper on any travel plans this past year, Brenda was still able to house-sit for Nancy Schwarzkopf '77 Gaffney in Fort Myers, Florida, this past summer. She was able to telework and still managed to visit the beaches of Fort Myers, Sanibel, and Captiva on weekends. Brenda also enjoyed spending time with the WMC Munchkins: Nan Hollinger '77 Gangler, Terry Holland '77, Nancy Schwarzkopf '77 Gaffney, Beth Heckert '77, M.Ed. '84 Tevis, and Sherry Wensel '78 Bowers. She went to a Washington Capitals game in early December with Nancy and Terry. They also hiked at Huntley Meadows Park, where they came upon Jan Wilder '77. They met up with the rest of the gang in Yorktown and Williamsburg, Virginia, for an early Christmas celebration. Afterward, Brenda spent another weekend with Terry, and they enjoyed steamed crabs before attending a Baltimore Ravens game at M&T Bank Stadium. This was an enjoyable first for the two of them!

Bob and Mary Thomas Le Sueur are doing fine. Bob is still working from their Annapolis, Maryland, home. Mary discovered the snowbird life last winter and spent six weeks in South Florida. Shortly after Mary returned home, the Le Sueurs learned that their youngest was moving his family to Naples, Florida. Because their only grandkids are now Florida residents, it didn't take them

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Dr. William Rosenberger '51 of Reisterstown, Maryland, on Nov. 4, 2021.

Mrs. Harriett Kahn '51 Kessler of Baltimore, Maryland, on Nov. 15, 2021.

Mr. George Phipps '51 of Vero Beach, Florida, on Feb. 10, 2022.

Mrs. Elinor Graybeal '52 Bruce of Conowingo, Maryland, on Dec. 30, 2020.

Mrs. Patricia Burr '52 Austin of Endwell, New York, on March 3, 2021.

Mrs. Elizabeth "Betty" Summers '52 Hales of Peoria, Arizona, on April 7, 2021.

Mrs. Patricia Crawford '52 Dejean of Lafayette, Louisiana, on Sept. 19, 2021.

Ms. Audrey Myers '52 Buffington of Franklin, Tennessee, on Sept. 26, 2021.

Mrs. Esther Rice '52 Samakouris of Damascus, Maryland, on Oct. 11, 2021.

Mr. Martin "Mitch" Tullai '52, M.Ed. '59 of Lutherville, Maryland, on Oct. 25, 2021.

Mr. James Sullivan '52 of Shingle Springs, California, on Dec. 23, 2021.

Mr. Ivan Martin '53 of Norwich, Connecticut, on Jan. 3, 2021.

Mrs. Jeanne Quelch '53 Roland of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on April 16, 2021.

Mrs. Lois Hanes '53 Sebastian of Westminster, Maryland, on Oct. 8, 2021.

Mr. Paul Thronburg, Jr. '53 of Mart, Texas, on Nov. 17, 2021.

Mr. Charles Taylor Jr. '54 of Cypress, Texas, on October 31, 2019.

Mrs. Elisabeth "Betty" Niemann '54 Lohr of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, on May 18, 2020.

Dr. R. Thomas Douglass '54 of Iowa City, Iowa, on Sept. 8, 2020.

Mrs. Joan Stahlberger '54 Trotta of Asheville, North Carolina, on May 15, 2021.

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Helen Baker Leatherwood '38 Simpson passed away on Nov. 2, 2021, at the age of 104.

Until her death, Simpson was still serving as the class reporter for her graduating class, a volunteer position she started in 1967. For 54 years, she kept her classmates connected to the college while gathering updates on their lives to publish in her regular class column in *The Hill*. In addition, she received the College Service Award in 1978 for her dedication to serving on various committees over the years. We thank Helen for her dedication to her class and to *The Hill* for more than half her life.

long to find a condo in the area. Bob plans on visiting them for a week each month during the winter, and will also visit their newly married son in Colorado for some skiing. Bob recognizes that work will get in the way for a few more years, but not for long. Bob wrote that he and Mary live in an interesting community in Annapolis. What makes it more interesting is that seven other WMC/McDaniel alums are neighbors. The fellow Green Terrors have graduation years spanning two decades, from the Class of 1973 to the Class of 1993, and there could be others that the Le Sueurs haven't met yet. Bob said that it makes for some fun conversations. Bob still sees plenty of Betes, including **Terry Koenig '78**, **Jere Lynch '78**, **Gary Walters '78**, **Mike Goldstein '81**, **Randy Cole**, **Judd Miller '78**, **Mike Modica**, and **Eric Brown**.

So that leaves just me, I guess. Carolyn and **Mark "Manny" Rosenberg** are still in Sunset Beach, North Carolina, which is a little slice of heaven. But Sunset Beach has become a little less heavenly as a lot of "big city folks" have taken advantage of telecommuting, fled the cities on the Eastern Seaboard, and moved to our area, at least temporarily. The island where we live used to be very quiet, except during the summer months, with only about 100 full-time residents, but the influx of people has increased the semi-permanent population by about 250%. People, it's time for you to leave! Like many other small businesses, Seaside Golf Vacations, which my brother, **Eric "Schwartz" Rosenberg '77**, and I have owned for more than 20 years, took a massive hit in 2020 with the pandemic, but we bounced back strong in 2021, and 2022 looks like it may be our best year ever. With business at a near standstill in the spring of 2020, I was able to enjoy a

little taste of semi-retirement and I liked what I saw, so full retirement might be just a little closer than I thought pre-pandemic. Carolyn and I recently celebrated our 35th anniversary, which astonishes everyone who knows what a pain I can be. I have been fortunate to see **Steve Dyer** on a regular basis to play golf together about once each month, schedules permitting. **Jim Lamont '80** and his wife, **Karen Bellamy '81 Lamont**, are some of those "city folk" I referred to earlier. Karen's father lives in Pawleys Island, South Carolina, and Jim and Karen own a second home there, which is about 90 minutes from where I live, so Jim and I got together for golf more than a few times in 2020 and 2021. I keep in regular email contact with **Keith Lawson**, **Ray Via**, and **Mike Modica**, but I have been unsuccessful in my attempts to rehabilitate them. They just won't give up their liberal mindsets nor find honest employment ... all three are attorneys. **Vince Wesley** and **Wayne Birely** are annual visitors to the Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, area and I try to get together with them when they visit.

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I want to send out a big thank you to the Class of 1986 for allowing us to piggyback on their 35th Reunion since we didn't get to have ours in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Though attendance was low and Mother Nature's weather was spotty that

day, it was still great to see those who came out to the Homecoming game and the Reunion. Some of you I haven't seen for so long and I really enjoyed catching up, but there's never enough time together!

Wes Crowder bought a place on the water in Florida, which he affectionately calls the "Jungle Ranch."

Jeff Hayman and his wife, Jeane, continue to enjoy rural living in Reedville, Virginia. Jeff remains active as the CIO of the local college, while Jeane stays busy training their new cattle dog puppy, Augie. Jeff's parents still live next door and are doing well, as are the other two Hayman dogs, Piper and Rustle. Jeff and Jeane are always up for seeing their Westminster friends, and frequently get together in D.C. with **Chris Ginther '87** and **Melissa Ridgely '90 Covolesky**. To celebrate saying "I do" 30 years ago in Big Baker, Jeff and Jeane are busy planning an anniversary trip to Paris.

Laura MacKay Lewis and her husband, **Paul Lewis '83**, are living in Charleston, South Carolina, and get to spend lots of time with their wonderful granddaughters, Olivia and Palmer. Laura said they love South Carolina, but they do miss the Hill.

Terri Taheri Tuckey and her husband, Brian, celebrated 26 years of marriage in 2021, and she also retired after being in education for 32 years. She's been enjoying reading, working with local charities, and spending time with family and friends, which include **Jeannie White Kane**, **Joanne Hogan Fraser**, **Polly Goethe Shoemaker**, **Barbara Lawson Foreman**, and **Mary Ellen Miskelly Kelley**. Even though Terri lost her mom in February 2021, she said she feels happy and blessed, but still can't believe how long it's been since we graduated because it feels like yesterday.

As usual, **Diane Culver Borucki** sees the positive side to everything. Her COVID-19 silver lining was that she and her husband, Dave, were able to sell the house they owned for 28 years in Columbia, Maryland, and permanently move to Bethany Beach, Delaware. She's still working, but definitely brushing up on some retirement activities, such as travels to Florida, Tennessee, and Texas. In addition, she always enjoys seeing the "WMC girls" whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Elizabeth "Liz" Gates and **Leo Haslbeck** split their time between Derwood, Maryland, and Chestertown, Maryland, where they've purchased and begun to fix up their future retirement home. They spend lots of weekends in Chestertown, which has been a real gift during COVID-19, allowing them opportunities for frequent visits to help both of her parents and keep a safe distance. Liz still loves to get out on the water and has picked up golf, which she enjoyed playing regularly with Leo. Their daugh-

ters are now both married and live nearby (**Carrie Haslbeck '13 Carey** married **Graeme Carey '15** and lives in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and their other daughter and son-in-law are in Manassas, Virginia).

"What a winter it was!" wrote **Alan Alvey**. Since COVID-19 shut everything down, including international travel, the last two years he's pretty much been teleworking when the Defense Intelligence Agency went to shift work in an effort to maintain the six feet apart and mask mandates. Shift work meant getting up at 2 a.m.! The agency finally went back to regular hours in May 2021, and life has slowly gotten back to normal. Alan, **Sandy Brandt '87 Alvey**, and their son, Gregory, were finally able to travel to California in December for the first time to visit their son, Douglas, a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps who is stationed at Camp Pendleton.

Kim Groover Hughes recently started a new job as branch administrator for The Keyes Company, a Florida-based real estate firm. Her husband, Brian, is still program director for Keiser University College of Golf. Kim and Brian will be celebrating their 30th anniversary this year.

Lisa Turner Horn enjoyed the slower pace of life during pandemic restrictions, spending as much time as possible outside and at the beach getting in lots of walking miles. Once travel restrictions eased, she was able to go to Vegas to see the Ravens, and Austin, Texas, to see the Rolling Stones with **Diane Culver** and **Dave Borucki**. Lisa pointed out the last year or so has been a great reminder of what's really important, and friendships from WMC are at the top.

"I'm doing well and grateful for the good in my life!" wrote **Louise Nemshick Montoya**. Since our last news column, Louise donated a kidney to her sister, and she's pleased to report they are both doing well! She and her husband of 31 years, Chris, have been enjoying their time together and now time with family again post-vaccination. All of their kids and even some of their grandkids are well into their careers, which she feels lucky to see. She and Chris are traveling again and getting ready for retirement, which is now less than two years away. Their plan is to permanently move to their other home in southern Delaware when they retire, but until then, she will continue to work as a mental health counselor for Deaf and hard of hearing children and parented families at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. COVID-19 has made her last years in this field very challenging as the hours are long and counseling needs for children and families are off the charts.

Kathy Eichelberger Barna is still happily married to **Doug Barna '86** and residing in Mount Airy, Maryland. Kathy is nana to a 5-year-old granddaughter and a 5-month-old grandson and says it is wonderful! Doug and Kathy are enjoying being empty nest-

ers as their four adult children have places of their own in Maryland, Virginia, and South Carolina. Throughout the pandemic restrictions, she and Doug would go fishing and golfing, and play backgammon. She's also been the Frederick County senior services guardianship administrator for a little over a year now, but her new passion is being an entrepreneur! Kathy has partnered with Scout & Cellar, a company that markets Clean Crafted™ wines. She especially loves doing her Wine Sisters' Wednesday Wine Tasting on Facebook every week! Kathy's hoping to move away from 9 to 5 and take this new adventure into retirement with her!

Lucas Gwynn sent in his news from Pamplona, Spain. He said it was the fourth country visited and the 10th month on an extended trip around the world. He's doing what he always wanted to do: traveling with no end destination or timeline. "O brave new world that has such people in it." His advice to us is don't take Shakespeare's word for it; go see it for yourself!

Jon Ferber sends greetings from Port St. Lucie, Florida. He and his wife, Steph, made the move to South Florida two years ago. No ice, no snow, and 80 degrees with a great breeze! Jon said they have not retired but moved there to work and enjoy South Florida living 20 years early.

Stowe, Vermont, is where **Jeff** and **Val Wieder Rickett** celebrated their 30th anniversary. Val's mom is now living with them, which they really enjoy. Jeff said parenting young adult children (a 22-year-old daughter pursuing her MBA and a 23-year-old son who is into photography) is always eventful, but it keeps them on their toes. They continue to regularly meet with WMC friends to play cards: **Barb Bailey '81**, **M.Ed. '84. Collins**, **Paul '83** and **Nancy Turner '82 Parlette**, and **Carol Francies '83 Carrico**.

Anne Hicks is still a small-animal veterinarian in Essex, Maryland. She and her husband, Greg Harmis, celebrated their 30th anniversary in Hawaii with their adult children, Katie and Chris. Anne and Greg renewed their vows on Secret Beach in Oahu near where they stayed at Aulani Resort. They are big Disney fans and are in the Disney Vacation Club. Before COVID-19 hit, they did a lot of traveling to Europe and Africa.

Alice Cialella and **John Robinson '86** are starting their fifth year of living in Rhode Island after living in New York for 25 years. They challenged themselves to get out of their comfort zones and believe it was a great decision to move. John is doing quite well as a faculty member at the Ryan Institute for Neuroscience at the University of Rhode Island. Alice is now officially retired after working for Brookhaven National Laboratory while living in New York and serving as chair of the Environmental and Climate Sciences Department the last three years. She mentioned several stimu-

lating, unique, and enlightening job experiences in Rhode Island have rounded out her working career. They saw **Sharon Larimer Gillman** and **Ed** and **Elizabeth Hedges Ripley** at Sharon's place in South Carolina in 2020 just before the pandemic hit. She and John also spent a week with Ed and Elizabeth in Rhode Island and Acadia, Maine, in July 2021. "It was so good to spend some real quality time in beautiful places."

Mid-2021 was when **Kacy Cryer Goldsby** retired from the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA). Her husband, Dave, also retired from NGA, and they live just west of St. Louis, Missouri.

Living in Bear, Delaware, and working at JP Morgan Private Bank for the last 3½ years is where we find **Sandra Michener Lazar**. Sandra has been doing some traveling and camping in a lot of state parks in Pennsylvania and Maryland, and her two labs go along with her in the camper. Sandra said it was so good to see some old friends when she attended the reunion party at **Debbie Armsworthy '83 Shifflette's**.

Sam and **Tracy McHale Kerns** spend most of their time at their primary home in Pawleys Island, South Carolina, but they still have a presence in Maryland, too. They keep an apartment in Bethesda, Maryland, so they can visit family and friends on a regular basis. Sam retired from American Forest and Paper Association in July 2020, and Tracy is still working to make sure his golfing habit is fully funded.

Hunkering down during the pandemic in Alaska still allowed **Ed** and **Elizabeth Hedges Ripley** to enjoy all the things that give them peace, like hiking and cross-country skiing with friends and family. They kept their daughter and son-in-law in their bubble and were super careful because their daughter was expecting their first child. Ed and Elizabeth's first grandchild was born in December 2020 and, of course, is the light of everyone's lives. Elizabeth says he is such a blessing during these challenging times. Ed is retired, babysits their grandson, and keeps the home front going, while Elizabeth continues to serve as president and CEO of the Mat-Su Health Foundation. They enjoyed their mini WMC reunion as mentioned in **Alice Cialella's** news, and are so grateful for their friendships. Those college ties can never be broken.

"It's so hard to believe we graduated from WMC 36 years ago!" is how **Mary Ellen Miskelly Kelley** started her email to me. She enjoyed catching up with friends at Homecoming 2021 and at the Class of '85/'86 Reunion afterward. She wanted to send a big thanks to **John Rosenquist '86** who was a master tailgater and brought a tent, which came in handy when it started pouring! Mary Ellen gets together with **Dee Kennedy**, **Sandra Michener Lazar**, **Deirdre O'Neill**, **Carrie Miller Parker**, **Susan "Wally" Wallace '86**, **Fran Ward '86**,

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Mrs. Shirley Woodruff '54 Hicks of Alton, Illinois, on Dec. 28, 2021.

Mr. Russell Cook '55 of York, Pennsylvania, on April 2, 2021.

Mrs. Antonia "Toni" Baxter '55 Davis of Chestertown, Maryland, on Oct. 13, 2021.

Dr. Martin Broadhurst '55 of Shepherdstown, West Virginia, on Nov. 3, 2021.

Mr. Theodore Young '55 of Hanover, Pennsylvania, on Feb. 7, 2022.

Mrs. Patricia Ellis '56 Marti of Columbia, Maryland, on March 16, 2021.

Mr. Ralph Close '56 of Timonium, Maryland, on Dec. 27, 2021.

Col. (Ret.) Robert Hedgcock '56 of Fruitland Park, Florida, on Feb. 2, 2022.

Mr. Earl Seipp '56 of Westminster, Columbia, on Feb. 5, 2022.

Mrs. June Wise '57 Winkler of Annapolis, Maryland, on May 13, 2021.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Placht '57 Heemann of Decatur, Georgia, on Nov. 29, 2021.

Mrs. Sara Price '57 Finley of Raleigh, North Carolina, on March 9, 2022.

The Rev. Ralph Meyer '58 of Bakerstown, Pennsylvania, on Feb. 24, 2021.

Mr. Frederick Stoever '58 of Englewood, New Jersey, on May 29, 2021.

Mr. Donald Stenley '58 of Keymar, Maryland, on Sept. 5, 2021.

Dr. H. Ray Stevens '58 of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, on Oct. 30, 2021.

Mrs. Ellen Snyder '60 Hale of Brentwood, Tennessee, of Dec. 20, 2020.

Miss Rebecca Reynolds '60 of Cumberland, Maryland, on Sept. 29, 2021.

Mr. Fred Dilkes '61 of Woodbury, New Jersey, on Jan. 2, 2022.

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Montgomery County alumni attend Garden of Lights

In December 2021, the Montgomery County (Maryland) Alumni Chapter hosted more than 50 alumni and their families for a holiday celebration at the Garden of Lights at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, Maryland.



Above: (L-R) Judy Lantz '63, Richard Yobst '63, Chris Kraus '69, and Andrew Kraus

Left: (L-R) Michael Marceau '92, Waisu Chowdhury '09, Amy Faby '09, Mark Titus '92, and Maureen Martin '86.

Amy Barnes-Elliott '84, and **Terri Taheri Tuckey**. During the pandemic, she's been grateful for virtual happy hours and a few outdoor get-togethers with these ladies. She also wanted to send thanks to **Debbie Armsworthy '83 Shifflette** for hosting a wonderful party at her beautiful home. Mary Ellen is still living in Ellicott City, Maryland, but no longer teaching science. She's passed the teaching baton to her daughter, Meghan, who is in her first year of teaching at a high school in Howard County. On a sad note, Mary Ellen said the past year has been difficult because she lost her boyfriend, Jeff Wester, unexpectedly in 2020 and has also been saddened by the loss of our classmate, **Helen Potter Curry**. "The events of the past year or so have reminded me of how important and valuable our friends and family are. I am grateful that WMC allowed me to form these friendships that will last a lifetime."

Karen Gallagher Ames and husband, Al, are adjusting to an empty nest as their youngest daughter, Riley, set off for her freshman year at James Madison University. They spend lots of time with their two grandsons and were able to enjoy frequent trips with family to their beach house in Delaware. Karen gets together as often as possible with **Laurie Chance**, **Debbie Reda Brown**, **Kristin Lathroum Lister**, **Lisa Wylie Arens**, **Sue Cooke Meurer**, **Diane Culver Borucki**, and **Lisa Turner Horn**, many of whom were able to join **Lisa** and **Jeff Arens** in celebrating the wedding of their oldest daughter in August.

Dan '84 and **Lucrezia "Lu" Di Fiore Krolkowski** are still working, and their children are doing well. Lu and Dan went to a South Jersey WMC/McDaniel alumni event at a local brewery where they got to see **Tom '82** and **Kathy Marvel Paranzino**. Lu and **Ola Monastyrsky Colon** also attended the Omega-Phi Alpha reunion at **Debbie Armsworthy '83 Shifflette's** home in Virginia and had a wonderful time. Lu said it was good to be together again with great friends, catching up, taking pictures, and reminiscing about the WMC years. **Helen Potter Curry** was one of the Omegas at the gathering, so losing her a few weeks later just didn't seem possible.

Since our last class news column, we've lost three classmates, which is too many to mention they were way too young to leave us: **Helen Potter Curry**, **Mary Alice Eckenrode Hallman**, and **Greg Dean**. I have vivid memories of each one during my WMC days, including some special Junior Follies memories with them. Each of them will be hard to forget because they gave us so much to remember.

All of us have been dealing with a pandemic that none of us could have ever imagined. After two years, we're still trying to understand what's going on and how to fight

it. The struggles have been different for each of us, but nonetheless we've all struggled in some capacity. Normal life isn't quite "normal" these days, but we do our best to keep moving in the right direction. The emails I received from all of you this time around had a common thread in them: your happiness. Family and friends became a bigger priority in your lives because they are the people who bring you joy—and having to keep your distance from them was just too hard. Some of you realized the timing was right to retire and start enjoying "the journey." Others decided to find the pleasures of everyday life without waiting for retirement by taking up new hobbies, spending time in the great outdoors, or simply choosing a slower pace of life. Many of you are celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries by traveling someplace special instead of just going out to dinner with your spouse. Some of you are taking trips and excursions because you realize those getaways are recharging your batteries. In some way, the pandemic has made you seek the happiness you needed in your lives, so perhaps that is the good that's come out of these strange past two years.

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Holly Phipps Adams; her husband, Rob; and daughter, Kennedie, are doing very well. Kennedie started middle school at Maryvale Preparatory School this year, and Holly is serving as the vice president of culture for LifeBridge Health in Baltimore. They still live in Timonium, Maryland, and enjoy their beach home in Ocean Pines, Maryland. They have a house full of dogs plus a cat, and continue to rescue greyhounds. Their most recent greyhound rescue included several dogs being flown into the United States from Ireland.

Karen Albright married Dan Simcox on Nov. 5, 2021. She was so happy to have **Jo-sette Selover**, **Kelly Zeager-Gambone**, **Judy Goldstein**, and **Mimi Kideckel Brunelle** in attendance. They celebrated like they were at a clubroom party!

Glenn and **Lisa Allwine Anderson** celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary in November. They have both retired from the U.S. Army as lieutenant colonels, moved back to Westminster, Maryland, and became small-business owners. They are partners at Shipley's Diamonds and Fine Jewelry in Hampstead, Maryland. They enjoy seeing fellow alumni **Missy Lachman, M.S. '95**, **Andrea Amrhein**, **Kim Mitchell Johnston-Deltuva '92**, **Chuck**

Hammond '93, **Van Lurton '92**, **Randy McClure**, and **Eric Thoman**. Lisa enjoyed hosting many of her Phi Mu sisters after Homecoming in October. When not at the store, Glenn and Lisa are both actively engaged in their daughter's softball teams. Glenn is an assistant softball coach at Delone Catholic High School and Lisa is the team mom for her travel team. Their limited free time is spent playing golf at Piney Branch.

After 12 years as head of public policy for the Children's Hospital Association, **Jim Kaufman** left in November 2020 to become the president and CEO of the West Virginia Hospital Association, based in Charleston, West Virginia. He took this exciting opportunity to learn more about rural health care, specifically critical access hospitals, and the chance to work closely with other aspects of an association beyond policy, as in quality and analytics, finance, and group purchasing. While he has not had a chance to work with many McDaniel students or alumni in West Virginia yet, he has been working with the McDaniel Center for Experience & Opportunity helping review students' resumes and providing career advice. On a personal note, Jim's oldest son graduated college and started teaching STEM in Harford County, Maryland. His youngest son is a senior in college studying cyber security and serving in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. Just when he thought he was almost done with college tuition, Jim's wife decided to return to school, studying to be a nurse.

Matt Levy is in the middle of his fourth year as the assistant athletic director at Penn State Abington, and served as the interim director during the 2020-2021 season. It's his 30th year in collegiate athletics. Matt and his wife, Becky, recently celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary, and Matt's stepdaughter, Molly, just turned 30. Their youngest daughter, Carly, started her freshman year at Penn State's main campus. Carly made national news (and a dad very proud) in spring 2021, when she and her girlfriend were named prom queens at their high school, one of the first known times that it's happened.

Mike Looney is excited to report that he is teaching at McDaniel! During the 2020-2021 year, he served as an adjunct, teaching Business Ethics, and Investments. The role grew in 2021-2022 to a lecturer, when he added teaching Introduction to Innovation and the Jan Term class Starting Your Own Business. He is especially excited about his role as the director of the Program in Innovation and Entrepreneurship, formerly The Encompass Distinction Program. Mike has met many amazing alums who support the program and program leaders at other institutions. He is seeking more mentors for students in all disciplines. Please contact him at mlooney@

mcDaniel.edu to get involved. Additionally, he still runs his own business, Chesapeake Benefit Partners, and is in year two of discernment to become a priest through the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. He is hoping to start in seminary during fall 2022 via remote learning.

John Pasquarello remains with the Philadelphia Police Department after 27 years. He made it through many challenges on the job in 2020 and 2021, including the pandemic, but he's not ready to throw in the towel just yet. He keeps his sanity and finds relaxation at his shore house in North Wildwood, New Jersey, and cruisin' in his new souped-up, street-legal golf cart. "Ponch" had the honor of hosting an Alpha Gamma Tau get-together in the summer of 2021, joined by **Rob Welsh**, **Greg Long**, and **Brian Fehr**. Some brothers also came together in Ocean City, Maryland, in September 2020, joined by **Chris "Drago" Campbell**, **Paul "Gooch" Gaccione**, **Rob Welsh**, **Pat Crain '90**, **Pat Stokes**, and **Joe Bakewell '90**. He hopes to keep this brotherhood tradition strong and well!

Mike Sherlock continues to work as a guidance counselor and private college counselor in New Jersey. He also works at several funeral homes transporting families, assisting at viewings and services, and assisting with the removal of the deceased. Kim and Mike have been married for 28 years and have two children: Ryan, a senior at East Stroudsburg University, and Amanda, a sophomore at University of Tampa. The family continues to travel in their RV visiting many national parks and camping at Disney World. Mike would like to give a shout-out to his fellow Sig Eps, and hopes to see many of them soon.

Sean Vis still lives in Brighton, Colorado, with his wife, Kelly, and their dog, Nani. Their 22-year-old daughter, Eileen, graduated from University of Wyoming in December and was recently accepted to complete her master's degree in International Studies in Scotland. Sean has been working at Pinnacle Assurance for the past 16 years. The nice part is working from home every day and not having to commute to the office. The worst part is having to work from home every day, alone. Sean also remains in the U.S. Navy Reserves and was promoted to chief petty officer in 2015. The best part about being in the Reserves is the travel outside of the continental U.S. He did a tour in Afghanistan in 2010, and he has also been to Kuwait, Bahrain, Hawaii, and London. Sean's family likes to travel with him when they can and that gave them the travel bug. The family took a two-week vacation in August 2021 to Germany, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Even with COVID-19 rules, Sean says that traveling abroad is still fun.

As for your long-time class reporter **Elise Rose Woods**, I continue to work for Amtrak Office of Inspector General as the

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Mr. Brady Roberts '61 of Easton, Maryland, on Feb. 2, 2022.

Mrs. Constance Johnson '62 DeMott of Salisbury, Maryland, on Nov. 20, 2020.

The Rev. Conrad "Connie" Cohen '62 of Dover, Delaware, on March 15, 2021.

Mrs. N. Suzanne Fossett '62 Browning of Olney, Maryland, on Sept. 20, 2021.

Mr. Robert Holt Jr. '62 of Greenville, South Carolina, on Jan. 19, 2022.

Mr. C. Nelson Berigtold '62 of White Hall, Maryland, on Jan. 31, 2022.

Mrs. Juanita Heil '62 Hyson of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, on March 12, 2022.

Mrs. Linda Insley '63 Hurlock of Salisbury, Maryland, on Jan. 20, 2021.

Mr. Eric Phillips M.Ed. '63 of Fullerton, California, on March 30, 2021.

Ms. Martha Wirt '63 Davis of Cary, North Carolina, on Sept. 1, 2021.

Mr. Laszlo Zsebedics '63 of Forest Hill, Maryland, on Nov. 24, 2021.

Dr. Ann Swornley Harden '63 of Westminster, Maryland, on Jan. 14, 2022.

Dr. Leslie "Les" Alperstein '63 of Potomac, Maryland, on Feb. 15, 2022.

Mr. Charles Dotson, Jr. '64 of Lanham, Maryland, on June 9, 2019.

Col. (Ret.) David Blizzard '64 of Riverview, Florida, on Dec. 6, 2021.

Mrs. Jane Allgire '64 Workmeister of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Jan. 18, 2022.

Mr. Peter McDowell M.Ed. '66 of Port Charlotte, Florida, on Nov. 21, 2021.

Mrs. Jacqueline Harden '66 Janovsky of Annapolis, Maryland, on Dec. 3, 2021.

Mr. Peter Riker '67 of Marietta, Georgia, on Oct. 4, 2020.

Mr. Ray Mentzer M.Ed. '68 of York, Pennsylvania, on Feb. 27, 2021.

Mrs. Patricia Wahl '68 Phillips of Oro Valley, Arizona, on Jan. 15, 2022.

Mrs. Jill Butterfoss '68 Bateman of Landisville, Pennsylvania, on Feb. 3, 2022.

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Trustee Dr. Chitrachedu “Chitra” Naganna passed away on Nov. 18, 2021, at the age of 80.

Dr. Naganna was born in Kotanka, India, and came to the United States with his wife in 1969. They settled in Westminster, Maryland, in October 1975. Dr. Naganna became the first cardiologist at Carroll County General Hospital and practiced for 46 years.

He joined the McDaniel College Board of Trustees in 2007 and served on the Audit and Risk Management, Executive, Budget and Finance, and Investment and Institutional Advancement committees. In 2008, he and his wife, Vimala, established the Drs. Chitrachedu and Vimala Naganna Scholarship Fund, which is awarded annually to a sophomore, junior, or senior who wishes to pursue a career in science, medicine, or teaching. The Naganna family also generously supported the Roj Student Center renovation, and in 2020, the Forum was renamed the Naganna Forum in their honor.

He is survived by his wife; three children, who all followed in his medical footsteps; their spouses; and seven grandchildren.



deputy assistant inspector general for investigations. My husband, Mike, continues to teach for Harford County (Maryland) Public Schools. My oldest son, Andrew, is finishing physical therapy school at the University of Delaware and my younger son, Austin, is a student in the Harford County Future Links program. He is currently working at C. Milton Wright High School in the cafeteria, which he really enjoys. Hopefully, by the time I write my next news column, I will be able to refer to Andrew as “Dr. Woods.” In August 2020, Mike and I purchased a condo in Dewey Beach, Delaware. We love spending time there and immersing ourselves into the local community. The beach has been our getaway haven during the pandemic!

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Jessica Hall-Short Hayford retired from the Navy effective June 1, 2021. Her family, including husband, Scott, and boys Dylan, 11, and Colin, 10, moved to St. Augustine, Florida, and she is now happily staying at home with her boys and homeschooling them.

Having changed jobs in mid-2019, Ryan John is now the CFO at Independent Can Company in Belcamp, Maryland. Ryan says that it is a great company with a lot of opportunity, and even better, it is 20 minutes from his home. He shared that he is incredibly proud of his wife, Shelby, who continues to develop her therapy practice and is doing more work online since the pandem-

ic. She is focusing on women in long-term recovery from drug and alcohol addiction and was recently a finalist for the United Way Changemaker Challenge grant. Ryan and Shelby now have three teenagers, and two of them are driving. Grace is a senior at John Carroll School and has been accepted to West Virginia University, where she plans to study Criminology. Ryan is thrilled to have that decision made. Nora is a junior at John Carroll, and they are just starting her college search. Derek is in eighth grade and deciding on high school now. It looks like John Carroll will be his choice. Ryan had the chance to be on the Hill recently and talk to Julie Forsythe '95 Routhahn's Corporate Finance classes. He shared that it was a thrill and hard to believe those students were not born when we graduated.

Toni Randle-Cook and her family are still living in Dallas-Fort Worth. She says it's hard to believe they made the move to Texas 13 years ago! Toni has been juggling the demands of virtual schooling her three children (ages 11, 8, and 5) while working freelance at a local television station, a local magazine, and running her own photography business. The pandemic has kept the Cooks close to home, but Toni is looking forward to traveling once again and catching up with her McDaniel friends in 2022!

Having retired from the U.S. Army as a medical logistics officer in December 2016, John Green says that he had almost 25 years of service and the time flew by. Since his retirement, he was the deputy chief of logistics at the Baltimore VA hospital and is currently working at Fort Detrick as an administrative officer in health and human services. As a uniformed volunteer in the Maryland Defense Force, John and his team of medical professionals have been providing support to the Maryland Nation-

al Guard in COVID-19 testing, education, and vaccinations throughout the state. The Maryland Defense Force has been a great way for him to continue serving our great state in uniform as a volunteer.

Susanna Kuespert Aldridge still owns and works at her veterinary hospital. As a solo practitioner, she puts in many hours, especially as people got new pets during quarantine and many practices are backed up from closures. Susanna's son started at Indiana University (IU) this fall, and visiting him reminds her of her days on the Hill — except IU is much bigger with much more traffic! Susanna's daughter has kept her busy with the Indianapolis Children's Choir and Girl Scouts. During the early pandemic, she did a lot of local day hiking and got to use her motorhome once — it turns out that it is the perfect family “bubble.” Susanna is happy to say her practice never had to close. She is looking forward to some travel when things are easier.

In August 2021, Laura Staub Steakin received her Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Education from Stevenson University.

Kerrie Koehler Walsh lives in Hunt Valley, Maryland, with her two boxers, Cash and Creed. Her daughter, Abbey, is a sophomore at Salisbury University studying Psychology. Kerrie is still a nurse at GBMC but has been away from the bedside for about four years, working as manager of patient safety and accreditation. She is on the Phi Alpha Alumni Advisory Board, and they are currently working on their 95th reunion next April!

Bryon Druzgal's twins are off to college at West Point in New York and the University of Central Florida. He said that it has been nice having two fun locations to go and visit quite often. They are just over a year away from being empty nesters, as their third

child, Owen, has begun his college search as well. Bryan keeps in touch with Ryan John, Randy Rytter, M.S. '01, Dave Demski, Pete Fuller, and Andy Kalisperis '98 on a daily basis with a college “text chain,” where “we discuss nothing meaningful in life.”

Tim “Bender” D'Angelo still lives in Moorestown, New Jersey, with his wife and two children (ages 13 and 7), who keep them extremely busy with sports, activities and just normal kid stuff! They bought a second home down the shore in Margate, New Jersey, last January that needs major renovations, and they are hopeful that it will finally be done so they can enjoy it this coming summer. Although Tim hasn't had much contact with many friends from his time on the Hill, he looked forward to reconnecting during Reunion weekend.

As for me, the past few years have been spent transitioning between human resources leadership roles after spending about a year focusing on my HR consulting business. I currently work as the senior director of human resources for Alera Group, which is an independent, national insurance and financial services firm. Serving on the board of directors for the Family Tree of Maryland, I continue supporting this organization as they lead Maryland in the prevention of child abuse and neglect and strengthening of families through programming and outreach. Connecting to McDaniel, I had the opportunity to talk to two Jan Term classes in 2021, and what an experience that was! It was fun to interact with the students and a few professors; I highly recommend it! My daughter is a freshman in high school, and my husband and I also have a son in fourth grade, and our youngest is in kindergarten. The pandemic has taught us so much, and I am just grateful that they are in school, and I am able to work from home to support them. I have had the opportunity to see a few McDaniel alums over the past year, and I'm really looking forward to seeing more friends soon.

Wishing everyone peace, love, joy, and adventure this year!

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2003

Billy Deavers is now living in Monrovia, Maryland, with his wife Amy Huffer '04, M.S. '12 Deavers and their two awesome children, Toby, 10, and Rosie, 7. Billy is following a longtime dream and recently became an owner at Liquidity Aleworks, a craft brewery in Mount Airy, Maryland, that will open its doors to the public in the spring of 2022!

Andy Ewing was promoted to director of data science at iSpot.tv, where he man-

ages a team of data scientists tracking all things television. He continues to teach economics courses whenever he can, most recently at Northeastern University - Seattle. When the pandemic forced his kids out of school, he and his wife went into full-on homeschooling mode and started Ewing Academy, with an enrollment cap of two! In the summer of 2020, Andy also ran his first full marathon around Bainbridge Island, Washington, to keep busy! When not working or running, he stays in contact with his siblings and fellow alums Ryan Ewing '01 and Claire Ewing '06 Ruark.

Staci George Gower is in her eighth year as the Christian education coordinator at St. Matthew's UCC in Kunkletown, Pennsylvania. She is also a freelance reporter/photographer for the local newspaper, Times News. Her daughter, Molly, is in second grade, and her son, Jaxon, is in preschool. Her husband, Matt, is an environmental waste management technician, which means he does water and soil sampling, repairs machinery, and cleans up industrial sites. The family enjoys long holiday weekends at their “cabin” in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and Staci likes to collect and display participation medals for running 5K and 8K races! Cape May, New Jersey, has become her favorite beach place to meet up with friends once a year.

Melissa Grimmer Ganchev, husband, Cvetan Ganchev, and their son, Ryder, went on an incredible trip to Alaska in May 2019. One of their favorite experiences was going on the Alaska Railroad from Seward to Anchorage, along with fellow alum Lauren Angelini '04 and her husband, Bryan Hiebler. To their surprise, the duo experienced a “small world McDaniel moment” when they unexpectedly found themselves in the same railcar as Jeff Grever '02. The Ganchev family continues to reside in East Brunswick, New Jersey, and recently Melissa changed jobs after working with Wayfair for almost four years. Melissa is now the head of human resources for a small pharma-technology company called Orcosa Inc. in Ewing, New Jersey.

After working as an acupuncturist in Baltimore, Mahlia Joyce, her wife, Mimi, and their son, Langston, made a cross-country move to the San Francisco Bay Area during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. While enjoying the amazing vistas of the bay and the mountains, Mahlia was grateful for the opportunity to connect with the land through her new pastime — hiking! Mahlia misses Maryland and her fellow alums, but she does not miss the cold!

Tom Keller, M.S. '06 earned a Doctor of Education in the Mind, Brain, and Teaching specialization at Johns Hopkins University in spring 2021. Tom still loves teaching high school science, but he is also eagerly engaging in opportunities to bring educational research to classroom practice and support-

ing pre-service teachers, in-service teachers, and doctoral students in their practical and scholarly journeys.

Kevin Kozak is opening a brewpub in the historic town of Burgaw, North Carolina, as part of a development called the Burgaw Now project, which is aimed at revitalizing downtown Burgaw and the southeastern part of the state. Burgaw Brewing will be the town's only brewery and will be housed in an historic 1947 building that is being renovated. When it opens, Burgaw Brewing will be a full restaurant with brewing equipment and offer a fun, family-friendly environment.

Ben '01 and Holly Smith Liska are still residing in Hanover, Pennsylvania. They have recently, and rather reluctantly, been adopted by a neighborhood cat, bringing their count of fuzzy little people to five. Their travel activities were curtailed a bit during the pandemic, but they still found ways to travel responsibly and embraced using technology to stay connected with friends and family. During the pandemic, Holly took the opportunity to level up her side hustle as a travel advisor and opened her own travel agency, Cherry Tree Lane Vacations, specializing in a range of vacations from theme parks and cruises to guided tours and all-inclusive resorts. They are fortunate to occasionally have the opportunity to stay connected with fellow alums but were sad to miss Homecoming this year due to a scheduling conflict.

Long after leaving Westminster, Matt Mauriello still finds himself using many things he learned from his dedicated and committed education and sociology professors. As a school administrator of 15 years, including seven as a building principal, he often recalls the time he spent with Dr. Fennell and Dr. Shin, remembering how hard they worked at building relationships with their students. This continues to be his highest priority, as well as continuing to nurture relationships with his staff. Matt's oldest daughter, Amelya, is now a senior in high school, and they are currently visiting universities to determine where she will continue her studies. Sofie, his second daughter, is in ninth grade, excelling in school and sports. Matt's son, Kam, is in the eighth grade, doing extremely well in school, and is working hard to improve his craft on the mound as a pitcher and in the shotgun as a quarterback. Matt says that life is moving right along and things could not be better!

Matt Miller still lives in Westminster with his wife, Emily, and he recently started his 19th year teaching English at Winters Mill High School. Matt has also been coaching Winters Mill football for 19 years, with the last nine years as head coach. In January, Matt and Emily welcomed a little boy, Jack Bradley, to join Scott, 5, and Sara, 4. Matt still keeps in contact with quite a few alumni, and says that life is pretty good!

Mike Pitsikoulis just celebrated his 10th anniversary working for National Dance In-

family

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The Rev. William Kercheval M.Ed. '71 of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, on Dec. 13, 2020.

Mrs. Marie LaPorte '71 Tuthill of San Diego, California, on July 26, 2021.

Mrs. Ellen E. Bitley '72, M.Ed. '81 of Middletown, Maryland, on Sept. 11, 2020.

Mrs. Mary Melton Aist M.Ed. '73 of Gaithersburg, Maryland, on June 20, 2020.

Mrs. Mildred Mayfield Wait M.Ed. '73 of Dallas, Texas, on Dec. 4, 2020.

Mr. Larry Anderson '73 of Lusby, Maryland, on Jan. 21, 2021.

Mrs. Sandra Meldrum '74 McKay of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, on Nov. 7, 2020.

Mr. Michael Gosman '74 of Durham, North Carolina, on Nov. 19, 2020.

Mr. Michael McDearmon '74 of Owings Mills, Maryland, on Jan. 18, 2021.

Mrs. Susan Anderson '74 of Westminster, Maryland, on Oct. 1, 2021.

Mr. Ian “Floyd” Twilley '74 Merchant of Lincoln, Delaware, on Oct. 24, 2021.

Mrs. Jeanne Regus Kuller M.Ed. '75 of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on March 20, 2021.

Mr. Donald Shupp M.Ed. '75 of New Oxford, Pennsylvania, on Aug. 30, 2021.

Mrs. Babette Lutz Leister M.Ed. '75 of Westminster, Maryland, on Nov. 22, 2021.

Mr. Joseph Noto M.Ed. '75 of Reisterstown, Maryland, on Jan. 2, 2022.

Mrs. Lisbeth Jessup '78 Jordan of Queenstown, Maryland, on Nov. 17, 2021.

Mr. James Wogsland '78 of Hilton Head, South Carolina, on Dec. 16, 2021.

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A McDaniel connection to the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree

In March 2021, a man knocked on the front door of the Elkton, Maryland, home that belongs to Devon and Julie Price, the parents of Natalie Price '15 Longo. They soon discovered that this man was the head gardener at Rockefeller Center, and he was very interested in one of the trees in their backyard being the iconic Rockefeller Center Christmas tree for 2021.

The tree — a 79-foot tall, 46-foot in diameter, 12-ton Norway spruce that was approximately 85 years old — was donated by the Prices. Once the holidays were over, its branches were mulched for use in New York City gardens, and the trunk was milled into lumber for Habitat for Humanity.



“The tree is from the house I grew up in, and I have many fun memories playing under the tree as a child with my younger brother and neighborhood friends,” Longo says. “The spruce trees were always the most fun to climb! There is a sunroom off the side of the house, and the tree has always been in the center of the view, so it will definitely be missed.”

Longo remembers going to see the Rockefeller Center tree for the first time as a little girl, and her husband, Chris Longo '12, has visited it annually with his family, since he is from Monroe, New York. The Price family's donation of the tree made trips to the city in 2021 extra special for the whole family.

“We were so excited for our tree to bring happiness and joy to people from all over the world this holiday season!” Longo says.



stitute in Harlem, New York, managing their theatre and rehearsal space. During his time, the institute has produced shows at Skirball Center, New Jersey Performing Arts Center, and the PlayStation Theater, to name a few. Mike is also serving as the technical director of the St. Barts Players, New York City's longest continually running theatre group. In his spare time, Mike stays in contact with Farzin Farzad '05, Gabe Shulman '04, and Bryce Kehoe '05.

Kelsey Reichard Hade and her husband live in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, with their three children, two dogs, and three cats. Kelsey is working as an English learner program specialist for Berkeley County Schools in West Virginia. In her spare time, she teaches group fitness at a few local gyms and enjoys as much family and friend time as she can get.

Matt Wilchinski, M.S. '07 and his wife, Jessica, moved from Baltimore to Waxhaw, North Carolina, in November 2019. Jessica works in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System as an occupational therapist, and Matt works as a football recruiting coach for Next College Student-Athlete, helping student-athletes and families navigate the football recruiting process and connect with college coaches. Grace, 3, is doing great and welcomed a new baby brother named Luke in March.

Since his last update, Marcus Woods earned his Ph.D. in Childhood Studies from Rutgers University. This year, he moved back to New Jersey after seven years in New Orleans and bought a house in Palmyra, New Jersey, where he is having a blast with home projects. When not working on his home, Marcus enjoys coming to Maryland to connect with Travis Ridgway '05 and Kennedra Tucker '05.

As for me, while COVID-19 kept me working from home, I used the time I would normally be on the road to find a renewed excitement for running and swimming. In June 2021, I completed my first SwimRun event and in October 2021, I ran the Boston Marathon as a charity runner and raised over \$10K for the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. It was a blast! I recently found a passion for coaching new-to-sports athletes and started training to become a running guide for blind athletes.

Thank you everyone for sharing your news! This edition of *The Hill* will be my last writing as the class reporter. It has been an honor and a pleasure representing the class of 2003, and I thank you all for your submissions over the years and your continued support of McDaniel. If you are interested in taking on the role of class reporter or want to learn more, please feel free to email me. Until a new class reporter is identified, please send your news or any class updates to alumni@mcdaniel.edu. Stay safe and continue to keep in contact!

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2009

Christy Thomas Adams and her husband, Sam, bought their first home in April 2021 and have been busy with painting, updating, and yard work. They love having a yard for their rambunctious rescue puppy, Molly, and more space while teaching and working remotely during the pandemic. Christy was awarded research leave from her job at the University of Alabama for this spring. She will work on her book project and plans to return to Italy to conduct additional archival research for the book.

Jacob McCurry, M.S. '13 bought a home in Hanover, Pennsylvania, two years ago. He is still working for York/Adams MH-IDD as a case manager and is also now a part-time behavior specialist for a local provider. He hopes to continue singing with the Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County when they return to rehearsals following the pandemic. Jacob enjoys planning and hosting alumni events for those living in south central Pennsylvania, and looks forward to attending more sporting or alumni outreach events in the coming year.

Kristen Simmler Trom and Andrew are both physicians with the Inspira Health network in southern New Jersey, in the town of Mullica Hill, where she grew up. They have three children, ages 3, 5, and 8. In not-so-great news, a tornado hit their home and they are working to restore it.

Kimberly Pavlovsky works at Primrose School in Ellicott City, Maryland, as an administrative assistant. In the past, she worked for a Montessori school.

Rachel Pyles Rodriguez finished her Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Composition from the University of Louisville in May and is now the director of the writing center at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland. Of course, she proudly displays a McDaniel alum sticker in her office! She lives in the countryside of the Eastern Shore with her husband and toddler son, Joaquin.

Jackie Miller, M.L.A. '12 is working as a biller for Anchor Pharmacy and Medical Supplies in Westminster, Maryland, where she was born, raised, and still lives. She gained a new brother-in-law when she was in her sister's wedding.

Leah Marino Barsby had a daughter, Lilly, in February 2020, and a son, Blake, in August 2021.

James “Jay” Eaton, M.S. '12 is in his 10th year of teaching Global Studies at Old Mill Middle North (IB/MYP School) in Anne Arundel County. He and his wife Meghan welcomed their son, James III, to the world in July 2021. The couple resides in Annapolis, Maryland, and enjoys kayaking, skiing, and traveling. Time is also spent with fellow 2009 graduates and roommates Ryan Barnett, Zach Croft, and Brad Eyerl.

Caitlin Concannon VanSant and her husband welcomed twins, Josephine and

Elliot, on August 29, making them a very happy family of six!

Tim Sieger is a commercial insurance underwriter for CRC Insurance in Philadelphia. Tim is happy to report that he got engaged in October to his fiancée, Bridget, and they are getting married in the spring of 2023.

Bianca Riети-Weishaar got married June 26, 2021, to Drew Weishaar. Kristen Simmler Trom was in attendance with her husband!

We are looking for a volunteer to be the next Class of 2009 class reporter! It is a great way to stay connected with your classmates and to give back to your alma mater. Please email the Alumni Engagement office if you would like to hear more about this volunteer role at alumni@mcdaniel.edu or call 410-857-2296.

2015

It's been two years since our last class column was published, and it's an understatement to say that the world has gone through a lot during that time. So, as I put together this year's column, it was uplifting to hear from classmates and read about the accomplishments and life milestones they've achieved despite the challenges we've collectively faced. Thank you to everyone who reached out to share life updates!

Brittany Anger Mohammed married her longtime partner on Feb. 14, 2020. In October 2020, she graduated with an M.F.A. in Creative Writing and a graduate certificate in Professional Writing.

Calvin Ball enjoys his work in public accounting and was recently promoted to senior tax associate at BDO USA, LLP. He purchased a condo in Maryland in 2018 and is looking forward to some upcoming renovation projects. While his cross country and track days are over, his affinity for running still gets him out the door for a few miles whenever he can!

Calvin and Erin Giles Benevento continue to be active at McDaniel and in the Westminster community at large. Promoted to associate dean for student development last summer, Erin leads McDaniel's Center for Experience and Opportunity. Calvin serves as the financial advisor for McDaniel's Phi Delta Theta chapter advisory board. In December 2020, he was promoted to accounting manager at StepStone Group (formerly Greenspring Associates) in Owings Mills, Maryland. Outside of work, Calvin and Erin are founding members of Hey, Westminster — Let's Be Awesome, a group of community leaders who award monthly grants to awesome people, projects, and events in Westminster.

Antonia “Toni” Francis became a licensed attorney in South Carolina after passing the bar exam in early 2020. She is

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Mrs. Mary Lennon '80 Pollard of Alexandria, Virginia, on Oct. 13, 2020.

Mr. Anthony Tangires '81 of Ellicott City, Maryland, on Sept. 19, 2021.

Mr. James Wallrabenstein M.Ed. '81 of Spokane, Washington, on Feb. 21, 2022.

Mrs. Lynne Sanders '83 Vidmar of Fulton, Maryland, on Nov. 21, 2021.

Mrs. Felicia Hart M.S. '84 of Gaithersburg, Maryland, on Jan. 6, 2021.

Mr. Gregory Dean '85 of Kensington, Maryland, on Nov. 4, 2021.

Mrs. Helen Potter '85 Curry of Conroe, Texas, on Nov. 6, 2021.

Mr. G. Bruce Kracke, Jr. '85 of Portland, Oregon, on Jan. 19, 2022.

Mrs. Marcia Peters M.L.A. '86 of Hanover, Pennsylvania, on Aug. 21, 2021.

Mrs. Christy Chandler '95 of Hanover, Pennsylvania, on Dec. 8, 2020.

Mrs. Turiya Newsome '95 Jones of Washington, D.C., on Sept. 18, 2021.

Mrs. Sandra Kukic Slifko M.S. '98 of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, on Jan. 12, 2022.

Mrs. Elke Weinbrenner M.S. '03 of Mundelein, Illinois, on Nov. 17, 2020.

Mr. Corey Allen '06 of Rockville, Maryland, on July 3, 2019.

Mrs. Stephany Seargeant M.S. '07 of Westminster, Maryland, on Jan. 9, 2022.

Mr. Gregory Fuhrman M.S. '08 of Westminster, Maryland, on Oct. 11, 2021.

Mr. Dillan Krebs '25 of Owings Mills, Maryland, on Oct. 25, 2021.

[Departed]

Former Trustee Leslie “Les” Alperstein ’63 passed away on Feb. 15, at the age of 78.

Alperstein received his B.A. from McDaniel College and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. In 2017, he received the McDaniel College Trustee Alumni Award, the highest alumni honor given in recognition of alumni career and service achievement. He also served on the Board of Trustees from 1989 to 1992.

Alperstein was president and CEO of Washington Analysis LLC, a leading governmental policy investment research group servicing global money managers. He had also served as executive managing director and director of research of HSBC Securities Inc., and as director of economic and investment research for NatWest Markets Securities, Prudential Securities, Shields Model Roland Inc., and Legg Mason & Co. He was also an Army captain and a staff economist on the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Alperstein lectured at numerous universities and taught in the CFA Society of Washington’s CFA program. He served on the boards of Eagle Bancorp, the American Liver Foundation, and the Jewish National Fund.

In honor of all the ways in which his life was enriched by his education at McDaniel College, his family has established a named endowment fund for scholarships in Economics at his alma mater. Memorial contributions can be made to the Leslie M. Alperstein ’63 Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Alperstein is survived by his wife, Lois Alperstein; three children; one granddaughter; and his brother, Arthur S. Alperstein ’62. He is predeceased by his son Ethan Alperstein, parents Morris and Edith Alperstein, and sister Rae Ellen Alperstein.



currently a staff attorney for the Center for Heirs’ Property Preservation, a nonprofit that helps historically underserved families protect their family land.

Trevor Hammond now resides in North Beach, Maryland, with Monty, his 1-year-old tuxedo cat. He recently earned a certification in information security from Fullstack Academy in New York City, and is starting a career in IT cybersecurity.

Kelly Hawk Snyder continues to enjoy her career as a social worker at Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster, and volunteering as a field instructor for McDaniel’s Social Work department. She and her husband, Kevin, live in Littlestown, Pennsylvania, with their toddler, Noah, and newborn, Liam.

Julia Jacobs married her husband, Christian, in September 2020. They both became airline pilots in 2021, and they love their new jobs and their new city, Chicago.

Will Kealey completed his M.S. in Computer Science in May 2020. He lives a mostly quiet life with his wife, whom he married in October 2020, and their two cats.

Chuck Knower and his wife **Sydney Kirchoff ’13, M.L.A. ’15 Knower** live with their kids, Cal, 4, and Cora, 2, in Annapolis, Maryland. Chuck has worked for Northrop Grumman since 2015, and he most recently took a position as a mechanical engineer supporting various projects for the company.

Nikki Krug and **Bill Sands ’14** got married in a beautiful outdoor ceremony in October 2021. The couple met each other in the McDaniel English Department in 2012, so they enlisted Robert Kachur to officiate. Nikki and Bill live in Reisterstown, Maryland, with their cat, Keats. Nikki is a copy editor for Hunt A Killer, a Baltimore-based company that makes immersive murder mystery games.

Steph Perez was promoted to creative manager at Higher Information Group (HIG) in July 2020. Her work for HIG clients was recently recognized with two York Builders Association PEAK Achievement Awards: “Best Website” for Smith Land & Improvement Corporation and “Best Marketing Design” for beer labels for Greystone Brew House. She also continues work as a freelance photographer and web designer for Barbizon USA and Barbizon PA, and runs her custom pet portrait business, Fur and Feather. (One of her Fur and Feather illustrations was featured on the cover of the July 2021 issue of The Burg magazine.) In spring 2021, Steph returned to the Hill to teach Graphic Design I as an adjunct professor. Steph has dated fellow alum **Kyle Dunn** for four years. In her free time, she loves weightlifting, self-portrait photography, and driving her cat, Po, and dog, Wookie, crazy.

Zach Royal’s note to me went to my spam folder — perhaps because his role

as senior pharma consultant specializing in emergency management (a position he’s held since February 2020) includes the word “pharma.” He lives in Havre de Grace, Maryland, with his houseplants and wood furniture — the latter of which he made himself. He enjoys baking and is currently accepting applications for his hand in marriage. (I can attest that he’s aging like fine wine.)

Kaitlyn Stepler and **Emma Wingerd** are thrilled to be back in Maryland! Kaitlyn finished her Ph.D. in Chemistry at Vanderbilt University in August 2021. Her dissertation work studied brain proteins in those with Alzheimer’s disease in various racial groups. Kaitlyn began her postdoc at the University of Maryland in College Park in September. Emma continues to enjoy her work as a hospitalist physician assistant in Pittsburgh. The two of them are excited to explore more of Maryland with their dog, Scout.

Tori Thompson Beiter married her husband, Patrick, in June 2021. The two of them bought a house in 2017, which they share with a menagerie of pets: dog, Ava; cat, Mittens; bearded dragon, Megatron; and several fish. Tori is a universal banker III (the equivalent of an assistant branch manager) at The Dime Bank in Hawley, Pennsylvania. She recently completed the first year of the Advanced School of Banking,

a three-year leadership development program offered by the Pennsylvania Bankers Association.

As for me, I moved a short distance from Silver Spring to Hyattsville, Maryland, in November 2020, where I have been experiencing the triumphs and tribulations of being a first-time homeowner. In January, I marked two years as a contractor supporting internal communications in the Department of Energy’s Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. However, I did move to a new company in August 2021 — the same week I joined **David Egge**, **Antonia “Toni” Francis**, **Rachel Israel**, **Wes Nooter**, **Sam Whitfield**, and **Emily Sanders ’14** in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to see our beloved **David Ruth** marry the love of his life, Michelle Salzano. It was a perfect way to reunite in person and celebrate the 10-year anniversary of when many of us started college together, especially since we weren’t able to celebrate our five-year reunion in person.

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2021

La’Raye Francisco is putting her Social Work degree to use as a residential counselor in a local group home.

Nylah Davis accepted a position at her local district court as a clerk. Law school is next on her list!

After graduation, **Jose Osorio** accepted a job as an IT coordinator at the University of Maryland (UMD) College Park on top of working at McDaniel College as an IT support technician. This new role has him working directly with the UMD community with the troubleshooting skills he learned working at the McDaniel IT help desk. He also took on the role of alumni advisor for the McDaniel chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and looks forward to helping these gentlemen achieve excellence.

Tara Salvati is currently pursuing her master’s degree in Publishing and Writing at Emerson College in Boston. She is working in the Graduate Admissions Office and is a research and teaching assistant, focusing her research on Shakespeare’s global effect on mixed-race cultures.

Emma Lorenzen is currently attending St. Lawrence University in upstate New York for her master’s in Educational Leadership. She is also the assistant women’s volleyball coach. She plans to pursue a career in coaching college volleyball while teaching educational leadership.

Michaela Persinger is teaching Physical Education at Tuscarora High School, in Frederick County, Maryland. She is also

the head softball coach, along with being involved in Best Buddies Club and a coach for Unified Bocce. It is going great, and she loves it!

Taylor Baldwin is currently attending Hood College for a master’s degree in clinical mental health counseling.

Lonnie Hamlett started working at the Laurel Police Department as a police communications specialist in August 2021. He just got married to his high school sweetheart and says overall life is well!

After graduation, **Kaitlin Murphy** accepted a medical scribe position in a cardiology office and was promoted to chief scribe a few months ago. She is working to expand her clinical knowledge while applying to medical schools in hopes of becoming a physician one day. She says without the support from McDaniel and her previous job in the Carroll Hospital Emergency Department, her life would not be the same. She has also been selected to serve as the Class of 2021 GOLD representative and will continue to give back to the community that gave her so much throughout her time as an undergraduate student.

After graduation **Nick Alberto** headed to Leeds, England, to pursue a master’s degree in Public Relations and Strategic Communication at Leeds Beckett University and is playing American football for the university.

Jill Courtney moved to Baltimore to begin law school at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law in August.

Since graduation, **Annikki “Anna” Murray** accepted a position as a fourth-grade math teacher at Hampstead Hill Academy in Baltimore, and continues to pursue her baking business, The Sweet Tooth.

Annalise Bell is attending graduate school to earn her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

In September, **Jessica Thomas** accepted a non-associate contractor position to work with T. Rowe Price on the global client investment reporting team.

Angel Neville is currently attending grad school at McDaniel to pursue her master’s degree in Education.

After graduation, I, **Amara Foster**, accepted my first teaching position. I am currently teaching 5th grade STEM (science and math!) and having an amazing first-year experience! I am excited to have the opportunity to keep in contact with our graduating class as your class reporter!

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Editor’s Note

All submitted class notes are edited multiple times, first by the designated class reporter, then by the college. Submitted notes may be edited for length, clarity, cultural sensitivity, or any reason deemed reasonable by the class reporter and/or editor.

Miss Ceil honored during 2022 Phenomenal Woman awards ceremony



Members of Miss Ceil’s family posed with her memorial plaque after the Phenomenal Woman ceremony in March.

When word of the passing of Cecelia “Miss Ceil” Bowers hit campus in November, the community knew there had to be a special way to honor her.

Miss Ceil’s career at the college began in 1966 at the age of 19. During her 55 years of service to the college, she was best known for her role at Englar Dining Hall, which allowed her to interact with almost every McDaniel student several times daily. Students, faculty, and staff considered her “Momma,” and she considered them all her “babies.” Her love and support of the McDaniel community was evident in every interaction, and she could often be overheard asking about the children and grandchildren of faculty and staff she knew well. Her constant presence, kind heart, and quick wit have been greatly missed since her death.

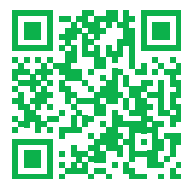
In 2019, Miss Ceil was honored with the Phenomenal Woman staff award for her spirit and service to the community. The Phenomenal Woman awards are presented each year during Women’s History Month to a faculty member, staff member, and a student who exemplify what it means to be a Phenomenal Woman based on the poem “Phenomenal Woman” by Maya Angelou.

This year, in addition to presenting awards to faculty member **Chloe Irla ’07**, staff member **Erin Giles ’15 Benevento**, and senior **Ada Mejia**, the ceremony honored Miss Ceil with a plaque in her memory at her station outside of Glar.

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Lessons I took from the Hill

Erin McGrady '01 and her wife travel in their small camper van several months out of the year, creating imagery and stories to help businesses and brands come to life. You can learn more about her and their business at authenticasheville.com and watch a video about their journey at mcdaniel.edu/magazine or by scanning the QR code below.



No Map? No Problem

BY ERIN McGRADY '01

From an early age, my dad filled my head with tales of adventurers, and many of them have been my inspiration ever since. But for the first 14 years after I graduated, I was partly drifting, partly drowning, as my Exercise Science degree sat on a shelf.

After waitressing at Applebee's, I completed a yearlong internship in the Bahamas, where I helped visiting students and their teachers explore Andros Island. I returned home, got my Master of Arts in Teaching and worked for 10 years as a public middle school teacher and coach in Frederick County, Maryland.

I bought a house, cut the grass on the weekends, and started accumulating stuff. But six or seven years into the "normal" life I had built, I started feeling restless. I began pulling out my old maps and atlases and started taking day and weekend trips.

One of those trips to Asheville, North Carolina, led me to my wife, Caroline. When the final bell rang to signal the beginning of summer break in 2015, I slammed the door of the U-Haul and my old life and relocated to Asheville.

Without a career map, I was nervous. But soon, I was selected for the National Park Foundation's Find Your Park

Expedition, a 10-day trip to Yosemite National Park and San Francisco. A few days after returning home, I received an email from one of the people I'd met on the trip offering me a six-month gig helping him with his travel blog doing social media, writing, research, and photography.

I told him I'd accept but only if my wife and I could do the job as a team. To my surprise he said "yes," so Caroline and I threw ourselves into the work, living and breathing it nonstop. After those six months, we hung our own digital shingle as Authentic Asheville.

I have found my life's work — and I know that because I no longer feel the sense of restlessness that I did when I was teaching. I am one of the lucky few who wakes up every day excited to do my work. Though we're based out of Asheville, we travel in a small camper van several months out of the year, shooting photos and writing stories for our clients.

I didn't know this job existed while I was on the Hill, but long talks about future plans and aspirations over shared meals with friends and professors did take place during my time at WMC. I fondly recall deep discussions peppered with laughter that helped develop not only my thirst for adventure but also the feeling that one could and should pursue their life's work with passion.

Those twin ideals — adventure and passion — fostered during my four years on the Hill have been guideposts for me and have helped me navigate my path in life, even when I wasn't sure where I was going.



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ENDURING GIFTS INSPIRED BY *lifelong connections*

An unexpected connection during a blind date led to a romance for Barbara '70 and Gordon Shelton '68 that has spanned more than 50 years. Through it all — marriage, children, careers — their connection to their alma mater has never wavered. The friendships they formed on the Hill have also bridged the decades, with friend groups boasting fun nicknames like the Round Robins and Crab Guys.

Barbara, a McDaniel trustee since 2009 and a retired professor, and Gordon, a dentist, support the Hill because they believe the quality of education and care they experienced changed their lives. They started with modest contributions to the annual fund while in graduate school and expanded their philanthropy over the years. "It was so important to us," say the Sheltons. "Life is a two-way street. People give to you and why not give to others if it meant something to you."

Taking the step to document a planned gift with the college was a natural fit for the Sheltons. They learned about the variety of ways planned gifts could be made and decided to give a percentage of their estate that would endure market fluctuations and not impact their current lifestyle.

"Find what works for you," say the Sheltons. "It doesn't impact your lifestyle, and it can have a really positive effect on the college."



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