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On the cover:
Liz Clark '99 values all dimensions of wellness in her role as director of the Defense Suicide Prevention Office.

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Gill Center is a hub for physical wellness on the Hill open to all, whether faculty and staff are using Merritt Fitness Center, students are taking classes in Kinesiology, or student-athletes are meeting with athletic trainers before and after practice.

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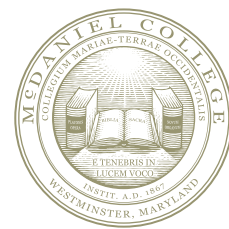
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CORBET NOLAN



“My resolution is part of a larger goal that I’m guessing many of you may share: putting a greater focus on health and wellness in 2023.”



Dear McDaniel Community,

Greetings from the Hill! As we approach the end of the first quarter of 2023 with the holidays now in the rearview mirror, many of us find ourselves facing a reality check in the process of operationalizing our New Year’s resolutions — that time-tested practice of setting aspirational goals for the coming year. More sleep. Less stress. Better spending habits. A healthier diet.

One of my personal goals this year involves taking more time to unwind with some of the books that have been recommended by family and friends over the past few years. It’s always such a pleasure to get lost in compelling stories filled with complex and quirky characters, especially when sprinkled with a good dose of suspense and intrigue.

My resolution is part of a larger goal that I’m guessing many of you may share: putting a greater focus on health and wellness in 2023. The National Wellness Institute defines wellness as “an active process through which people become aware of, and make choices toward, a more successful existence.” This definition is based on the principle that wellness is conscious and self-directed. It is positive, affirming, and multidimensional.

A key feature of McDaniel’s five-year strategic plan, “Reaching New Heights,” is to frame the student experience through this comprehensive lens, which will provide a signature experience that will enable students to track their growth across all the wellness dimensions: intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual, environmental, financial, and physical.

I’m pleased to share that this spring issue of *The Hill* features a few of our impressive alumni whose professional lives touch on this important topic. You’ll hear about Amanda Campbell ’10, who outlines the habits that can lead to better financial wellness, which touches every aspect of our lives. You will gain valuable insights on emotional wellness and suicide prevention from Liz Clark ’99, the director of the Defense Suicide Prevention Office. And Leon Mach ’05, will share how his study abroad experience introduced him to the connections between ecotourism and environmental wellness.

I hope you enjoy this season’s issue of *The Hill*. Wishing you and your loved ones health and wellness in 2023.

Sincerely,

President Julia Jasken



Learn more about our focus on addressing the dimensions of wellness in “Reaching New Heights” online.

Capturing our place in higher ed

I received my copy of *The Hill* [autumn 2022 issue] ... and was happily surprised at the magazine cover, and the feature articles on Lee Primm, James Martin, [and] leading off with the 150th celebration of the Alumni Association. Wow! What great publicity. The articles were so well done, along with the pictures that accompanied the text. The rest of the magazine really captured our place in today’s higher education landscape as well.

Green Terror regards,
Chuck Sullivan III ’72

“Bask in your glory, but don’t get cocky”

Home run — out of the park. Great job! The cover with Lee Primm, followed by an excellent article, a good article on James Martin, and all photos had names.

The change in paper I hope saved you money, and if so, stick with it. It wasn’t as pretty as the previous slick stock, but who cares as long as the print stays as good.

Bask in your glory, but don’t get cocky! It is harder to stay on top than it is to get there, Dick Clower ’50 once told me.

Don Hobart ’62



SOUND OFF

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Celebrating *The Hill’s* Best of CASE District II awards

We are thrilled to share that *The Hill* won two 2022 Best of CASE District II awards.

The spring 2021 issue’s feature story, “The Man With a Plan ... and a Plan B,” about Mike McKelvin ’88 and his new brewery in Carroll County was honored in the Storytelling category. This category celebrates projects that demonstrate a multifaceted approach to telling a single story, using multiple elements and delivered using a variety of media. The magazine story was accompanied by a video and was shared widely on social media by McDaniel, McKelvin, and 1623 Brewing.

Our summer 2021 issue feature on James A. Felton III ’95, M.S. ’98 was awarded Best of District II in the Writing: News/Feature category for articles of 1,000 words or more. This category honors articles with a focus on a trend, current issue, or topic of interest, and Felton’s story fit the bill with the increased focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Alumni Association and its leadership.

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District II is the largest of the eight CASE districts. Fellow Best of District II award winners in these two categories included New York University, University of Pittsburgh, Princeton University, Columbia University, University of Maryland, and Johns Hopkins University.

Catch up on both of those award-winning issues online at mcdaniel.edu/magazine.





New dual admissions agreement with Carroll Community College signed

McDaniel College and Carroll Community College (Carroll) have signed a new dual admissions agreement that will offer students who transfer to McDaniel directly from Carroll a clear pathway to a bachelor's degree after completing an associate degree at Carroll.

Carroll Community College President James D. Ball and McDaniel College President Julia Jasken along with Rosalie Mince, provost at Carroll, and Wendy Morris, acting provost and dean of the faculty at McDaniel, signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Nov. 16, 2022, during a ceremony held at Carroll.

"Carroll and McDaniel are collaborating to provide students more opportunities to achieve their dreams," said Ball. "Both of our campuses attract students who seek quality higher education experiences. This new agreement provides an affordable and seamless pathway for our students to access the baccalaureate at a nationally ranked institution."

The agreement, which goes into effect for students planning to enter McDaniel for the fall 2023 semester, established a collaboration between McDaniel and Carroll that encourages Carroll students to graduate with an associate degree prior to transferring to receive guaranteed admission to McDaniel.

Students transferring from Carroll can apply to the dual admissions program after completing 30 credits at Carroll, and McDaniel will accept all Carroll Community College coursework for transfer up to 64 credits as agreed upon by a McDaniel advisor.

Students will have access to an advisor or academic dean at McDaniel for academic advising to ensure alignment with their proposed transfer program. The McDaniel advisor will collaborate with the Carroll advisor to coordinate the degree and the McDaniel transfer requirement.

This dual admissions agreement provides a pathway to accomplishing one of the objectives laid out in McDaniel's five-year strategic plan. "Become more transfer-friendly" is an important objective as part of Goal 1.2, build student success structure and programming to increase retention, persistence, and graduation rates.

"In addition to receiving guaranteed admission to McDaniel, I am also excited to announce the creation of a dedicated scholarship fund to be used specifically for Carroll students who are transferring to McDaniel through this dual admissions agreement," said Jasken.



Alum Mark Carter '86 joins Board of Trustees

McDaniel College has named Mark Carter '86 to its Board of Trustees.

Carter, who earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the college, serves as president and CEO of Up To Date Laundry, one of the largest health care laundries in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Since being named CEO in 2011, he has led dramatic changes while overseeing the company's vision as a premier provider of commercial laundry services for the health care industry. He recently expanded the Baltimore-based company by opening a second location in East Baltimore, which has provided additional employment opportunities for that community. Carter is also an active member of the Textile Rental Services Association.

As a student at McDaniel (formerly Western Maryland) College, he was involved with the men's lacrosse team and was a member of the Gamma Beta Chi fraternity. He earned The John A. Alexander Medal, which is awarded to a member of the graduating class with the best record in athletics. Carter also served as an assistant for the men's lacrosse team after graduation from 1988-1991.

In addition to his degree from McDaniel, he graduated with an M.B.A. from Frostburg University in 1996.

Carter lives in Glenelg, Maryland, with his wife, Nancy Hutchinson Carter '86, who earned a bachelor's degree in Communication from the college.



McDaniel recognized as an Affordable College of Distinction

McDaniel College has received a new accolade in recognition of its affordable programming in relation to its peers. The award comes from Colleges of Distinction, a resource whose cohort of schools is selected based on the quality and breadth of hands-on experiences in lieu of the popular rankings model.

On the heels of a nationwide conversation about college tuition and student debt, the Affordable Colleges of Distinction award aims to guide cost-conscious students and parents through the often-opaque world of college financing. McDaniel stands out among the other Colleges of Distinction as one with manageable financial costs and notable outcomes.

"How to pay for college is a near-universal question at the top of new students' minds," says Tyson Schritter, chief operating officer at Colleges of Distinction. "McDaniel has demonstrated to us that its students are graduating with manageable debt and careers that help them thrive."

Fewer than 150 institutions have been selected as Affordable Colleges of Distinction. "Our calculations look at a number of factors related to cost," says Schritter. "It's important for us to remember that not all students are coming from the same socioeconomic background, and so we have incorporated weighted variables that adjust for family income relative to net price."

Colleges of Distinction's methodology is informed by institutional data published by the U.S. Department of Education. Those on the list showed low net prices that were directly proportional to student household income.

Beyond net price, Colleges of Distinction also took into account the graduates' median debt and mean earnings data. These were then controlled for each school's location, size, public/private affiliation status, and percentage of Pell grant recipients, altogether earning McDaniel College a spot among the most affordable.

"Our Affordable Colleges of Distinction are not just those with a low sticker price; they exemplify a solid return on a student's investment," Schritter continues. "McDaniel College has shown us that an engaging, real-world education doesn't have to break the bank."

perspectives

A day in the life of ...

KRISTIN RAMEY '05, M.S. '08 WOMEN'S LACROSSE HEAD COACH

When it comes to the student-athlete experience on the Hill, few know it as intimately as Kristin Ramey '05, M.S. '08, who played both lacrosse and field hockey for the Green Terror while pursuing her degree in Exercise Science and Physical Education. She was the recipient of McDaniel's Women's Athletic Alumnae Award for the most outstanding senior athlete as a four-year member of the Green Terror field hockey and women's lacrosse teams, was twice named to the Centennial Conference first team in lacrosse, and earned third-team All-America honors from Inside Lacrosse following her senior campaign.

Now chair of the Green & Gold Committee of the Alumni Council, her experience as a student-athlete stays with her. She aspires to provide her players with the support they need to succeed in college and after graduation. But she doesn't discount what she gets out of the experience either: "As much as I teach my players, they teach me something new each year as well!"



Kristin Ramey '05, M.S. '08 (left) values the one-on-one relationships she fosters with players in her role as head coach of the women's lacrosse team.

MY MORNINGS

How I prepare for the day ahead:

Morning coffee is always a must! When in season, we have later evenings and nights with practice, so I usually try to sleep in a little later, if possible. Over coffee, I pack one of many bags to make sure I have everything for the day, including layers for practice that evening or to grab a quick workout around lunch.



First thing I do when I get to campus:

Review the to-do list I wrote myself the night before. Second thing is to meet briefly with my staff to check in on our projects for the day, talk about recruits, plan the day (or week), and draft a practice plan for that afternoon. We try to post practice for the team between noon and 1 p.m. each day.



MY AFTERNOONS

On a non-game day ...

I do a lot of film review, assemble the scout on our next opponent, and plan practice. On any given day, we may have several individual meetings or on-field one-on-one work as well. Three hours are carved out for practice each day, and we usually try to be the first on and last off the field so we are accessible to the players pre- and post-practice. When we are not in season, we are recruiting, recruiting, recruiting! This consists of traveling to tournaments, clinics, and high school games to evaluate prospective student-athletes. Then we follow up by making several contacts via email, calls, and texts, and ultimately turning that conversation to in person when we host them at McDaniel for campus visits.

But on game days ...

Our goal by game day is to have everything done so it is a lighter morning/afternoon for the coaching staff. If we are competing at home, we try to get a staff game day coffee; Dunkin' is a favorite! If our game is away, we could spend several hours on a bus to and from the host site. On these days, we double-check the food, snacks, and dinner orders for the team. Prior to meeting the team, the staff will go through the scouting report and our coaching notes, but not without playing a little hype music in the office! The team is usually playing their own hype music in the locker room prior to meeting them for our pre-game chat.

Post-game traditions:

Win or lose after a home game, tailgating with our families on the Hill is a must! Members of our student-athlete parent group are our biggest fans and supporters of our program. They keep us well-fed with potluck dishes, snacks, and drinks at home, or a quick grab-and-go on the road.

After a loss, we try to reflect on any mental or physical missteps so we can address them quickly, and refresh for the next practice in preparation for our next opponent. After a big win, we celebrate with each other in the team room, as well as a “win the day” treat the next day at practice!



Ramey says as head coach, she knows her student-athletes may need help balancing their physical, social, and emotional wellness, and she's happy to help guide them to the proper resources.



MY JOURNEY

Why athletics is so important to me that I made it my career:

What I love the most about the collegiate coaching profession is my relationships with the players. I get to interact with them on and off the field and help guide them to their fullest potential in leadership and collegiate life. We are a part of their growth in character, and academic maturity.

On a more personal note, the camaraderie, assistance, and encouragement within the athletic department here is remarkable! Many of my best friends are colleagues within the profession. Furthermore, I cannot do what I do without my friends' and family's unwavering support!

What do you want student-athletes at McDaniel to know about the intersection between physical wellness, social wellness, and emotional wellness?

Personally, I think being a competitive student-athlete while living on a college campus is the most advantageous environment to learn what personal wellness means, and how to balance their physical, social, and emotional wellness — because they will absolutely continue to intersect for the rest of their lives.

While college life is difficult to navigate for young adults at times, it is also an enlightening and fulfilling chapter of their lives. A student-athlete will discover a lot about themselves while being at a distance from their parents, family, and hometown that they wouldn't normally learn otherwise. For example, how to communicate, think

independently, act passionately, form relationships, overcome adversity, be accountable, and how to handle successes, just to name a few.

As head coaches, we understand that our student-athletes may need help with balancing their physical, social, and emotional wellness. Therefore, we constantly remind and encourage our athletes to look out for each other, support one another, but more importantly, utilize the resources afforded them here on campus — such as their coach and staff members, the administration, sports medicine staff, the Wellness Center, Campus Safety, and their professors. The athletes here at McDaniel also have free access to an app called Headspace, which is the most science-backed app for mindfulness and meditation.

When our student-athletes graduate, become young professionals, start to have families of their own, and then later are established in their careers, we are confident they will utilize the tools and skills learned within college athletics to continuously recognize and prioritize these very important dimensions of health and well-being.

double take

Sights worth a second look



Spring 1982

Before the caboose can be delivered, a bed is prepared for its new home on the Hill.



Summer 1982

The caboose receives a fresh coat of paint and awaits delivery in Westminster.



August 1982

Workers ensure proper placement of the caboose on the prepared concrete pad.



Western Maryland Railroad Caboose

THE HILL'S ICONIC TRAIN CAR TURNS 100 YEARS OLD

Did you know that the caboose that sits on the Hill at Gill Stadium turns 100 years old this year? While it wasn't officially installed on campus until the summer of 1982 as part of the Class of 1984's class gift, the Western Maryland Railway caboose was first put into service in 1923, according to the Oct. 7, 1982, edition of *The Phoenix*, the college's student newspaper at the time.

With shipping and transport costing about \$10,000, the caboose arrived on campus in August 1982 and was installed by the fall semester. A section of railroad siding tracks was installed near then-Scott S. Bair Stadium, and the caboose was secured to that siding.

The original plan for the caboose was for it to be turned into a concession stand for athletic events. While it is not in service as such today — with concessions now being available inside Kenneth R. Gill Stadium — it remains in place as a reminder of the college's heritage and former name as Western Maryland College.

The crane and caboose arrive on campus for the official installation on the Hill above present-day Gill Stadium.

August 1982

insights

Celebrating the “aha!” in learning

Exploring — and attempting to save — the world through ecotourism

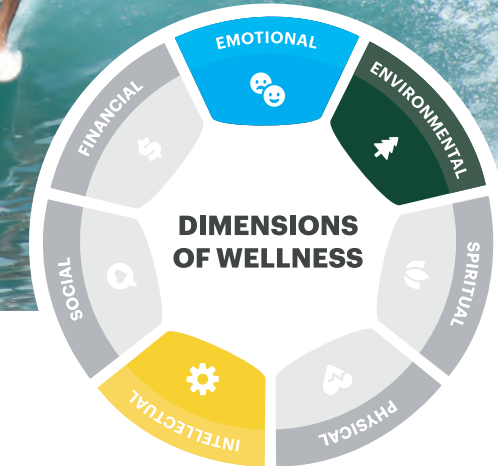


Leon Mach '05 didn't travel much growing up. Family vacations to Ocean City, Maryland, were about as far as he went. But as he got further into his Economics studies on the Hill, he grew close with his Economic History professor, John Olsh '67. “We had a lot of side chats, and he kind of encouraged me to study abroad,” Mach recalls. The world — and his

future career — opened up to him when he spent the spring semester of his junior year studying in Australia.

“When I studied in Australia, I got really interested in surfing. I probably could have majored in it!” he says, laughing. Since graduation in 2005, Mach has done a little bit of everything, starting with a stint in Ocean City until winter chased him west to California, where he did a lot of surfing and took on some odd jobs while he figured out his next steps. He's been on more surf trips than he can count, worked with Outward Bound, and founded a study abroad program called Sea State.

Now with a master's degree in Natural Resources and Sustainable Development and a Ph.D. in Energy and Environmental Policy, Mach is an associate professor at The School for Field Studies in Bocas del Toro, Panama. He's still chasing the highs of surf tourism, but doing it a little bit more responsibly — and teaching the next generation to do the same.



(left) Leon Mach '05 discovered the concept of ecotourism on the Hill, and has made it his life's work; (middle) While teaching in Costa Rica on a SeaState trip, Mach's classroom was the beach; (right) After learning to surf during his semester studying in Australia, Mach is still chasing waves almost two decades later.

“I can't help but think of the therapeutic aspects of being outdoors. Being immersed in an ecosystem and playing and having fun is so incredibly important to my mental health and well-being, and more and more people are seeing that light since the pandemic. It doesn't have to be surfing a big wave — even having forests that we can walk through that are undisturbed and have biodiversity in them is huge. You can't have personal mental health or well-being benefits from nature without having spaces where you can be immersed in it and appreciate it. I worry that we're dramatically losing our access to those areas, and we need to fight for them.”

— Leon Mach '05 on environmental wellness

Q How did you become interested in ecotourism?

A I was introduced to the idea by Dr. Olsh, and I ended up writing my Economics thesis on the topic. At that time, most of the literature on ecotourism was written about the Galapagos. I started to think about how that was such a fragile ecosystem, and it was heavily reliant on biodiversity. But the fact that more and more tourists were wanting to visit it was killing the goose that laid that golden egg. As I studied tourism more, and then studied in Australia myself, I realized how formative those experiences could be. I still work in study abroad and still study the impacts of tourism on remote communities and coastal towns, but it all started on the Hill.

Q What are some of the detrimental effects of tourism?

A In a lot of places in the world, tourism is one of the few options to bring in revenue from outside sources to enhance people's quality of life. But often, people with capital from other countries will come in and make investments quickly to make large returns. That can tend to exclude local people from the economic development aspect, and degrade the ecosystems that people rely upon. Some of the biggest issues are not putting in proper sewage treatment, not having proper facilities to get rid of the plastic pollution that increases with visitation, and cutting down trees for development.

Q How can ecotourism help?

A Ecotourism is all about trying to inspire business owners to follow the best possible practices in terms of local hiring, utilizing fewer water resources, and investing in renewable energy. If tourism's not consciously thought about and planned out, it can really overrun some of the most beautiful places on earth.

Q What is your favorite travel destination or place that you've worked?

A It's hard not to say Panama — my first surf trip here really sucked me in, but I'm a resident here now. In terms of travel, I'd have to say El Salvador. I met my girlfriend there and continue to work directly with the federal and local governments through a USAID-funded program to try and usher in sustainable surf tourism management plans in two coastal towns. It's a place I have a long history with and care a lot about.

Q What is one step people can take to choose more eco-friendly travel?

A A lot of times people just book their travel based on reviews online. But I almost always call the hotel ahead of time, select hotels that are locally owned and operated, and try to talk to management about their sustainability initiatives. Even if they're not implementing everything yet, you can get an idea about their passion for sustainability and know their hearts and minds are in the right place.



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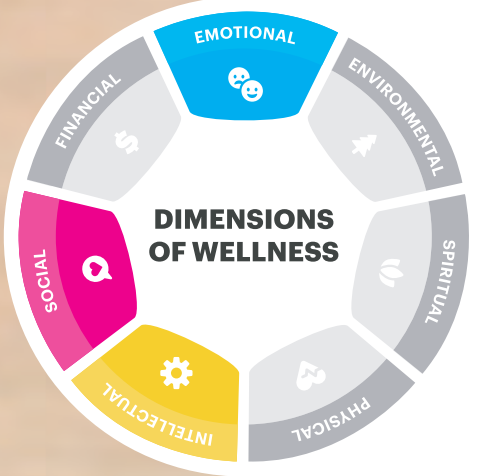
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LIZ CLARK '99 FOCUSES ON THE HUMAN LIVES BEHIND SERVICE MEMBER AND VETERAN SUICIDES



BY LINDSAY SHERMAN
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IN RECENT YEARS, MANY PEOPLE HAVE SEEN THE REFERENCES TO #22ADAY CIRCULATE ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR EVEN TAKEN PART IN THE “22 PUSHUP CHALLENGE” TO RAISE AWARENESS OF VETERAN SUICIDE RATES. WHILE THE ACCURACY OF THE NUMBER IS IN QUESTION — IT VERY WELL MAY BE HIGHER, DEPENDING ON THE STUDY YOU READ — THE CAMPAIGN HAS RESONATED WITH MANY.

Regardless of the number, as director of the Defense Suicide Prevention Office (DSPO), Sandra “Liz” Clark ’99 wants people to remember one thing:

“It’s not just a number. Each suicide number is a person. It is a person that died by suicide. It is a family that has lost somebody. It is a peer, a friend, a colleague, a unit.”

It’s that focus on humanizing the statistics of service member and veteran suicide and on fostering and nurturing human connection — something Clark learned through her own volunteer work on a crisis hotline — that has inspired her strategic, comprehensive, policy-based approach to suicide prevention during her career.

“My love for people is super strong.”



Above left: David Rodgers ’99, Liz Clark ’99, and Pete Bushnell ’99 became friends thanks to the Green Terror Battalion on the Hill. Above right: Clark recalls struggling with her identity when she left active duty and her career history and accomplishments were no longer on her uniform each day.

FINDING FAMILY ON THE HILL

Clark knows firsthand what it’s like to be a member of the military. She grew up in a military family and was commissioned into the U.S. Army after graduating from the Hill as part of the Green Terror Battalion.

The availability of an ROTC program was non-negotiable for her in her college search, and McDaniel rose to the top of her list, which pleased her grandfather, Harry C. Schreck ’50. But she also created an extended family on the Hill with ties that have lasted decades.

“McDaniel had all the things I was looking for — ROTC, lacrosse, cross country — on the small campus I desired,” Clark says. “I knew that I was going to need to feel more connected, so the small student-to-faculty ratio was what really drove me.”

Early on in her first year, Clark found that connection with Barbara Horneff ’84, who was the associate dean of first-year students.

“Barb kind of wrapped her arms around me,” Clark says. “She really helped me with that transition from being in high school to college. The support system that you have on the Hill — and the fact that if you ever meet anybody anywhere who has gone to McDaniel, you have an immediate connection — I just don’t think that’s something you have at other schools. It absolutely changed my life.”

Initially, Clark enrolled thinking she was going to study Physical Education, but Debra Lemke’s Intro to Sociology changed the course of her life. She fell in love with the subject and declared it as her major. It paved the way for her master’s degree in Human Resources Management and her Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning in Organizations.

While she did play lacrosse her first year, in time, ROTC and Phi Sigma Sigma became the most important parts of her educational experience. “ROTC was really my second home. Colonel Karen Doyle, now Helmeier, was a fantastic female mentor to me,” she says. “I also did the Ranger Challenge and all the clubs that came along with ROTC. So, I had that and my Phi Sig sisters, who opened my world to other majors and events. They expanded my knowledge and awareness of populations and life experiences that differed from mine, which has been critical in my career.”

CAREER AS IDENTITY FOR MILITARY MEMBERS

Though ROTC was a given for her even before her first step on the Hill, Clark’s career as an active-duty military member came with some challenges.

She was commissioned into the Army and stationed at Fort Stewart, Georgia, in the third infantry division. She was a platoon leader, maintenance shop officer, and battalion S-1 (personnel officer) for over 1,200 soldiers.

“My love for people is super strong, and I’ve always wanted to take care of them,” she says about her role as S-1 handling all personnel administration, laying the foundation for her passion for human resources and leadership.

Then, as for so many people, 9/11 changed everything.

“At the time, I was married, and we were dual military,” she says. “We knew we were going to be deployed to Iraq. Our nation’s response to 9/11 very much changed how the Army deployed and responded in those first couple years. Then, right before my spouse was deployed, I became pregnant with my first child.”

Clark became the rear detachment commander (RDC) during that deployment, meaning she was responsible for the personnel and equipment remaining at Fort Stewart during their unit’s deployment. With the rank of RDC carrying heavy family readiness responsibilities, Clark recalls that it was a challenge being pregnant herself and having to support many other pregnant military spouses while their partners were deployed.

“I spent my four years at Fort Stewart and then made the difficult decision to get out of the active Army because of deployments, our growing family, and being dual military,” Clark says. To ensure her children remained with a parent, especially so young, she decided to leave the active Army and care for her family while searching for a career stateside.

“I found a home at the Pentagon, literally by calling around to different offices,” she says. “I asked offices if anyone had work for a young captain, and I found a home at Army G-1, which was the

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The relationships formed on the Hill through ROTC — like with then Professor of Military Science Col. (Ret.) Karen Doyle Helmeyer, pictured with Clark above — formed the foundation of Clark's focus on the importance of human connection.

headquarters staff where we developed mobilization policy and were responsible for mobilizing reservists to support Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.”

After fulfilling her commitment, she found a full-time position in 2006 with the National Guard Bureau as a section chief with the mobilization policy, supporting the 54 states and territories in mobilization and support for Operation Iraqi Freedom and then moving into Afghanistan.

In 2008, Clark made another move that had a profound effect on her sense of identity. Her new role: government civilian. “I really struggled with my transition,” she says. “I didn't experience a mental health crisis, but I absolutely experienced an identity crisis.”

Clark points out that for active-duty military members, their life story is on their uniform. “Everywhere you walk, they know if you've gone to airborne school, they know if you have a combat infantry badge, if you've gone to air assault school,” she says. “Your rank, your branch ... you're a walking history, a walking resume. In the military, you have your 20-year plan. I knew these were the schools and the assignments I had to do. I had a roadmap.”

Once she stepped out of that uniform for good, she struggled with loneliness, purpose, and direction. “I was not a proud veteran,” she admits. “And that's an experience a lot of female veterans have. But I felt like an imposter. I wondered, ‘What am I supposed to do? Who am I? How am I feeling connected?’”

THE LIFE-SAVING IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN CONNECTION

Where Clark found that connection was as a volunteer crisis worker at PRS CrisisLink, a 24/7 crisis and suicide prevention hotline, textline, and chatline answering the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, now known as 988.

“Very quickly, it changed my life. I was having an opportunity to really listen to somebody and be with somebody on, often, the absolute worst day of their entire life,” Clark says. “I had the honor and privilege to be on the other end of that phone call. Every single interaction — every call, every text, every chat — that I've ever done through CrisisLink has changed me as a human being.”

That was when Clark realized the value and life-saving importance of human connection. When she was in the Army, she had to be solution-focused. But she learned that when people call a crisis hotline, they're usually not looking for someone to solve their problem.

“They want you to listen to them. They want you to be empathetic,” she says. “They need someone to care about their suffering without judgment and they also want to feel empowered, to have choices, to find tangible and emotional support resources.”

Her work with CrisisLink formed the foundation of her advanced degrees. For her master's degree in Human Resources Management at Georgetown University, Clark's capstone project involved development of a volunteer competency framework for volunteer crisis workers. Much of that has since been adopted in crisis call centers across the country. Then, during her doctorate program at Vanderbilt University, she studied how to prevent compassion fatigue for those who work in suicide prevention and crisis prevention.

With all this experience, Clark found herself wanting to find a new home in the Defense Suicide Prevention Office. In 2015, she approached the new director and told her, “I want to work at DSPO, and this is what I can do for you: I know policy, so I can tackle suicide prevention from a very different perspective.”





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A FOCUS ON POLICY AND STRATEGY

Clark’s perspective? “If we can make work a better place to be, we’re going to reduce suicides.”

It was an opportunity for her to take her education and background in human resources, organizational development, and crisis response, and apply it to suicide prevention.

“It wouldn’t be just about the clinical side, but the human connection side,” Clark says. “So, I came in and developed the first policy for DSPO and looked at rebuilding governance structures.”

What that looked like was determining how they could partner and collaborate with the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard.

“They’re the ones that are actually instituting the programs and the efforts to save the lives of soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, and guardians — and the lives of their families,” Clark says. “I developed that strategy, which doesn’t just apply to service members who live on base. We know that over 70% of service members live off the base installation, so we need to make sure that we have community-based efforts.”

Clark and her team are taking a comprehensive look at the underrepresented populations within the armed forces, what the barriers to access are (and how telehealth may be able to address them), and predictors of suicide.

“When you look up the predictors for suicide, relationships and finances are your two top things,” she says. “If we just put resources to mental health, we’re not going to make a dent in suicide rates. We have to take a public health approach: What is happening with your finances? Are you feeling satisfied and valued in your job? Are you feeling connected with your leader, your family, and your community?”

Clark is also looking at the ways the COVID-19 pandemic presented different challenges for the younger generations that will soon be enlisting — some of whom are likely current students on the Hill.

“To address suicide prevention, which ultimately equates to death prevention, we need to focus on making life worth living,” Clark says. “Focusing solely on ending suicide emphasizes only preventing a behavior, not reducing human suffering. We change this if we make life worth living — and that includes in school or in the workplace, since that’s where we spend the majority of our lives — we’re going to make people feel more connected and more stable.”

She points out that these prevention efforts can also have positive effects on substance misuse and abuse, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and toxic relationships and work environments.

“How can we just be more compassionate to each other? Sometimes just saying to somebody, ‘You matter to me, and I appreciate you in my life,’ can be so powerful,” Clark says. “It seems simple, but it can change or save someone’s life.”

“You know, we go through our entire life and career trying to figure out what we want to achieve, and what kind of impact we want to make. We spend time, resources, and energy on education and development. I am so fortunate I have found a way to apply what I learned on the Hill, and in all my academic and personal pursuits, to have a meaningful contribution toward suicide prevention. And I don’t just want to prevent death; I want to make life worth living.”

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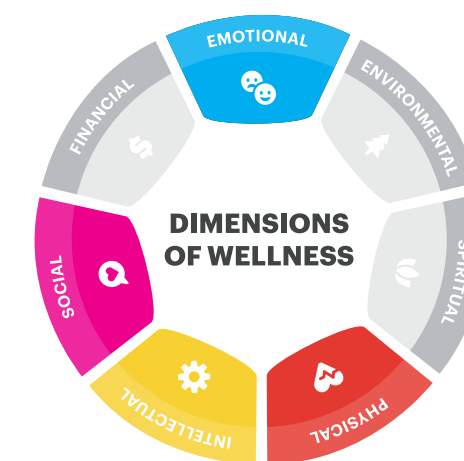


THE WELLNESS CENTER ADDRESSES STUDENTS' NEEDS WITH A VARIETY OF MODALITIES

by Caitlin Wilson

“What we have learned as college mental health providers is that the stigma has decreased around mental health. Mental health care, and actualizing our best selves, is being seen as a part of wellness, which is a good thing,” says Heidi Huber, who is director of McDaniel’s Wellness Center and a licensed clinical social worker.

While the stigma around sharing mental health struggles is decreasing, Huber says, student mental health issues like depression and anxiety have risen in recent years. Traditional counseling models that rely on one-on-one conversation are facing the challenge of meeting every individual that needs support.



“ We need mental health checkups, just like we have physical checkups.”

- HEIDI HUBER

Last fall, students had the opportunity to create wellness-inspired art as part of the campus-wide You Matter campaign.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

WELLNESS EXTENDED SUPPORT PROGRAM (WESP):

Guarantees long-term counseling support on campus for an additional fee, and scholarships allow more students to benefit from the program. Counselors coordinate with a WESP student's support team to increase the effectiveness of their overall treatment.

WELLNESS LIAISON PROGRAM:

Tailored outreach programming for specific groups of students and organizations to increase accessibility to clinical services. Liaisons from the Wellness Center serve as a main point of contact. Liaison assignments are thoughtfully considered based on natural connections like shared identities/experiences and specialized training.

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With one in five McDaniel students meeting with Wellness Center counselors each year, preventive care, early intervention, and new counseling formats are becoming more important than ever to help students before a crisis develops.

“We need mental health checkups, just like we have physical checkups,” Huber says.

In “Reaching New Heights: McDaniel College Strategic Plan 2022-2027,” wellness programming is as closely tied to student success initiatives as academics. Because for many students, a decline in mental and physical wellness can derail their college journey, delaying graduation and their plans for the future.

MEETING STUDENTS' THERAPEUTIC NEEDS

The Wellness Center is a calm oasis on the second floor of Winslow Hall, just upstairs from the Home on the Hill food pantry. With counseling offices, group therapy spaces, and a relaxation room, the center has an air of tranquility and comfort.

The average number of counselors at schools the size of McDaniel is two. In the Wellness Center, four full-time, licensed mental health professionals meet students for therapy sessions and lead psychoeducational, skill-based workshops.

Each staff member is versed in young adult development and is familiar with the campus community. The short-term counseling is accessible, and counselors can help students locate long-term and specialized support off campus. When a student is experiencing a crisis, the counselors are ready to help.

“One of the shifts that I made when I came into my leadership role was to provide more urgent services,” Huber says. “We now have urgent walk-in availability that is every hour when we're open, Monday through Friday. We also have a counselor-on-duty rotation, so there's always a counselor who can be brought in on urgent cases after hours.”

In addition to counseling, the center also supports students in navigating their physical health needs. An on-staff registered nurse coordinates with Carroll Health Group Primary Care to connect students to medical services and organizes on-campus clinics.

PRACTICING WAYS TO MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER

“This spring, we're doing significantly more psychoeducational workshops than ever before,” Huber says. “We've always done educational outreach programming, but the workshop model serves our community in a really important way.”

The center offers group therapy on topics like understanding the self, challenging family patterns, and healing from sexual assault. But when “everybody knows everybody” on a small college campus, group therapy faces barriers, Huber says.

A workshop format, on the other hand, mitigates students' worries about confidentiality among their peers, while still creating a sense of community.

“Talk therapy is useful and helps, one hundred percent, but it is more nuanced than that,” Huber says. “When we have traumatic experiences, there are times when our nervous system doesn't need us to keep talking about it. Instead, it might need us to take action or just soothe ourselves. These workshops are concentrated on giving students new skills and ideas they can put into practice.”

Meeting students where they are is the key to groups and workshops, according to group coordinator Laura Knox. “Sometimes one-on-one counseling can be a little intimidating for folks,” she says. “With groups, it's lower pressure on them as individuals and they have a group of folks that are supporting each other. And then the workshops are designed to address specific needs we've heard from students.”

The ideas for these workshops emerged from assessing intake form data, where students reported the areas they were struggling with. The workshops teach students how to use coping techniques that are suited to their unique circumstances and identities.

In the workshop Matters of the Art, Natalie Williams leads students in crafting exercises to discover the therapeutic qualities of artmaking. In Getting Unstuck Together, Jessica Luty-Kabrhel guides students through their feelings of isolation, depression, and loss of motivation, then helps them find pathways to move forward.

Offering a variety of therapeutic outlets for students also allows the center to address unequal access to care and meet the needs of McDaniel's diverse student population.

“Traditional counseling models are not always accessible or appealing to students of every gender, ethnicity, or cultural background,” says Huber.

SPRING 2023 THERAPY GROUPS

UNDERSTANDING SELF AND OTHERS

Learn about yourself and how to function in relationships; explore relationship patterns and techniques to improve self-esteem, trust, and strengthen meaningful relationships.

CHAOTIC FAMILIES

A supportive group for managing difficult family relationships and improving communication skills.

SPRING 2023 WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

ANXIETY TOOLBOX

Get tips for recognizing and managing things like worry, overthinking, nerves, and avoidance that you can use in any overwhelming situation while exploring how the brain influences our thoughts, feelings, and actions.

GETTING UNSTUCK TOGETHER

Students with decreased motivation, isolation, and depression will explore how thoughts and feelings impact mood, and come together to support one another while learning new patterns in getting unstuck.

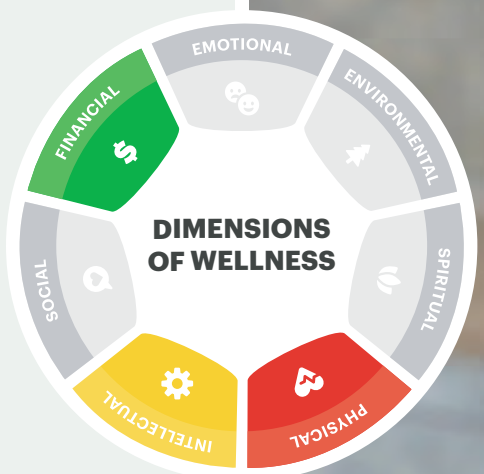
SELF-COMPASSION AND SELF-LOVE

Learn how to engage in mindfulness and self-compassion while developing a deeper understanding of yourself. Explore skills to cope with anxiety and stress while enhancing your overall well-being.

MATTERS OF THE ART

Utilize arts and crafts to promote relaxation, provide skills for self-care, increase confidence, and provide resources and information about art therapy and opportunities for further healing.

Wellness Workshops | Therapy Groups



KNOW YOUR WORTH, BUILD YOUR WEALTH

AMANDA CAMPBELL '10 SAYS INVESTING IN YOURSELF IS A SELFLESS ACT

BY CAITLIN WILSON



For more than a decade, Amanda Riley Campbell '10 has empowered women to feel confident in their finances. The Business Administration, Economics, and Accounting major has found new heights at every step of her career, ascending from her days of working three jobs in college, to entry-level client services associate at Strategic Wealth Management, to a senior vice president of WealthSpire Advisors.

She is among the 23% of certified financial planners (CFPs) who are women, and is also a certified divorce financial analyst, accredited asset management specialist, and an accredited investment fiduciary. In 2021, she was named an InvestmentNews 40 Under 40 honoree, and became a published author alongside her sister, a certified personal trainer and nutrition coach. In 2023, she became a member of the inaugural Advisory Council for the McDaniel Women's Leadership Network (MWLN), which is focused on building connections and programs that support women at the college in pursuing their personal and professional goals.

Campbell motivates all her clients to take control of their wealth, but she realized as a young professional that more could be done for clients who weren't retirees. Seeing her mother become a widow and her best friend go through divorce made her decide to specialize in supporting women who are facing life challenges that bring financial uncertainty.

WHAT MADE McDANIEL COLLEGE A GOOD FIT FOR YOU?

McDaniel is a great school, and it was close enough to my home in Sykesville, Maryland, that I felt like I could still be there for my mom and my younger sister. My father passed when I was 12, and I didn't want to completely leave my family for college. McDaniel had exactly what I wanted, and I could tell that the professors and the administration really cared. The smaller class sizes also told me that I was going to get a really good education.

DID YOU ALWAYS PLAN TO STUDY BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMICS?

I was undecided until the end of my sophomore year, with zero idea of what I wanted to do. It was actually my mentor and professor, Don Lavin, who sat me down and said, "Listen, why don't you do Business? You're already taking the right classes." I knew business could open a lot of doors, so I was like, "All right, that seems safe." I ended up loving it.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST INTRODUCTION TO A CAREER IN FINANCE?

Don Lavin was a certified public accountant (CPA) and worked at the accounting firm of another McDaniel Accounting professor, Ken Peters. Don just did it because he liked accounting and doing easy 1040s in tax season — which I now find unbelievable — and he suggested that I intern there.

I quickly realized I was not meant to sit by myself with a calculator. It was boring. I was constantly peeking my head around the office and being like, "Does anyone want to go to lunch or get coffee? Anybody want to talk at all?" So, I enjoyed the work, but I didn't enjoy how the work was done. Accounting is important, but I learned that I didn't like that profession.

HOW DID AN ALUMNI ENCOUNTER LAUNCH YOUR CURRENT CAREER?

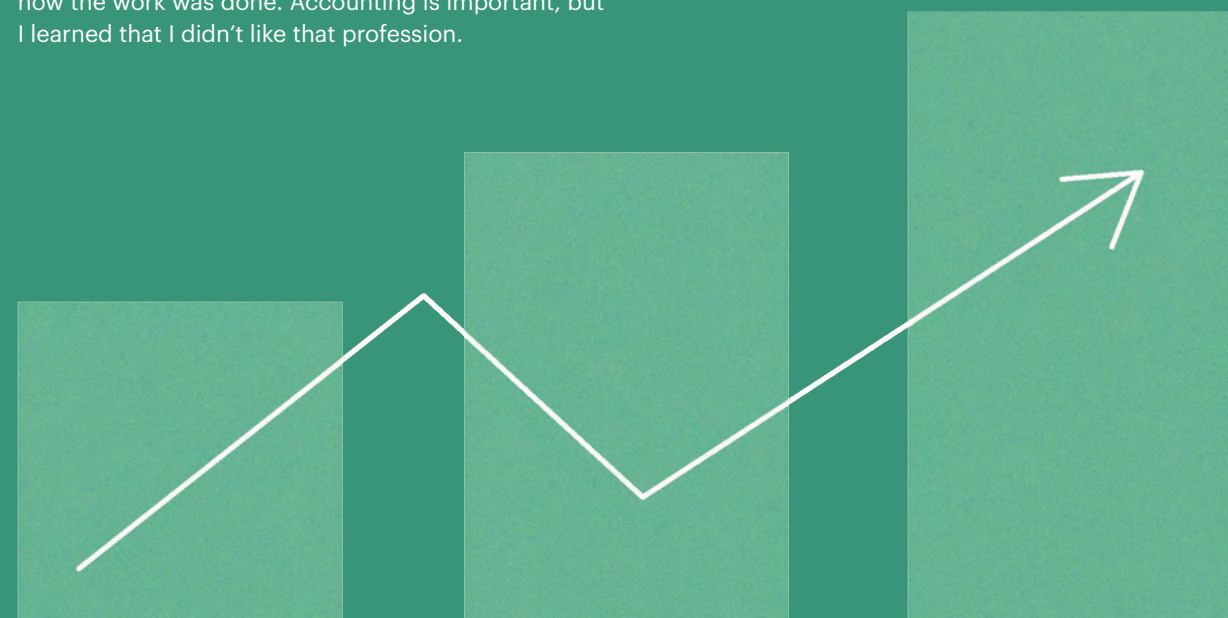
Don was always great at telling his classes about campus events to help us try new things and find jobs. There was going to be an alumni dinner, and he handed out the roster of what alumni would be there. I saw Joseph Garrison '99 on the list; he was a CFP, not a CPA. I was working three jobs at the time, so I went up to Don after class and said, "I have work tonight, can you please just take my resume to him for me?"

Long story short, Joe Garrison got my resume, and we met up for coffee to talk as McDaniel alum to McDaniel student. We talked about business and what it meant to be a CFP, and I realized it was everything I wanted. Two months after I graduated, I was working with Joe at Strategic Wealth Management Group, and it was all because of that alumni dinner.

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS AS A CFP?

I specialize in helping women who are in transition to becoming single after divorce or becoming widowed. My niche is focusing on women becoming the best versions of themselves and feeling empowered and secure with their wealth and money. I love it, and I honestly don't know what else I would be doing with my life.

As a CFP, I become your family's chief financial officer. I help make sure that you'll meet your goals in the short, medium, and long term. Whether that's buying a beach home, making sure that you have enough money to retire when you're 50 instead of 60, or checking that everyone has their estate documents done.



WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO SPECIALIZE IN WOMEN'S FINANCIAL HEALTH?

Once I got into financial planning and started to get my own clients, I noticed there were already plenty of people helping happy retired couples. That market was tapped. So, I started thinking of what I'm passionate about, and it was helping women who were just like my mom. That's how I first got into empowering women through their wealth.

Then my best friend went through a divorce, and she came to me and said, "Hey, I know you help people with their money when they're happy and married. How is divorce going to affect me? How is my money going to change?" It was the first time I had to look at somebody and say, "Not only do I not know, I don't even know where to start getting you that information." I began learning how to help women feel empowered with their money as they transition through divorce, and I've been known for that for almost a decade now.

WHAT DO FINANCIAL LITERACY AND FINANCIAL WELLNESS MEAN TO YOU? ARE THEY TWO DISCRETE TOPICS?

So much of what I do is building financial literacy before we even get to financial planning. You can't be financially well if you don't understand finances. But I hear from women all the time that they're intimidated when they try to learn about it. I think that's often a barrier to entry for women, who think, "I'm not even going to look at my finances because it seems like a big black box of doom and confusion."

Once we get past demystifying it, financial wellness comes organically. It's no longer scary, so we can focus on a budget. My financial planning conversations turn from how much money you have to what that actually means for you. A dollar is a dollar is a dollar, but what are you working toward, and how can I help you get there? Money touches every aspect of life, so I always joke that I'm like a therapist or psychiatrist. I'm a professional cheerleader who tells clients, "You can do it, you can meet these goals, you can make life happen for yourself."



YOU CAN DO IT, YOU CAN MEET THESE GOALS, YOU CAN MAKE LIFE HAPPEN FOR YOURSELF.





Known as The Health & Wealth Sisters, Amanda Riley Campbell '10 (right) and her sister, Michelle Riley, celebrate the publication of their first book.

HOW HAVE YOU SEEN FINANCIAL LITERACY AND FINANCIAL WELLNESS CHANGE THE LIVES OF YOUR CLIENTS?

My favorite thing in the world is seeing the change in a woman when we get through the process of financial literacy. She may come to me at the beginning of her divorce, and there's usually a lot of self-deprecation, tears, emotion. There's usually a lot of, "I should have thought about this before. I should have looked at our books and records." I go as slow as we need to go to build a financial plan until she feels secure and can follow that plan.

When they get to the end of that dark tunnel, everything is bright and light. They're so happy, they laugh again, and they feel good about themselves. It's my favorite thing to watch a woman make the transition from feeling horrible about money to knowing it isn't something they have to worry about anymore.

There is something powerful about understanding your financial picture. You could have one dollar or 10 million dollars, and it can still be scary until you understand your finances. But seeing people on the other side is what gets me through the days.

IF FINANCIAL WELLNESS IS PART OF THEIR 2023 GOALS, WHAT ARE SMALL STEPS THAT YOUR FELLOW ALUMNI OR CURRENT MCDANIEL STUDENTS SHOULD TAKE TO GET STARTED?

I always tell people to start by figuring out what you owe and what you own. That's 75% of the battle. It's amazing how many times a client does that exercise and finds an old 401(k) from a job a million years ago. For students getting out of college and at their first job, fund your 401(k) as quickly as you can. If you can do that right up front, you're almost set for life.

Secondly, figure out how much you spend and how much you save. People love to ask what the benchmarks are for saving and spending. But there are no benchmarks. You live a different life than I live. I live a different life than my neighbor lives. You just need to figure out what you're doing and what you want to change.

WHAT WAS YOUR OWN JOURNEY TO FINANCIAL LITERACY AND WELLNESS LIKE, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU WERE A NEW GRADUATE?

It's funny, my mom said on my birthday recently, "Amanda always got her birthday money and went straight to the bank to deposit it." And for my sister, Michelle, she said, "Man, money just went through her hand faster than it could hit it." My mom joked that it makes sense that I ended up where I am; I always had a save-my-money streak.

Now, going from saving money to spending money to live, that was an adjustment. You quickly figure out that life is extraordinarily expensive. My husband, Alex Campbell '10, and I met at McDaniel, and we had to decide how to start building a shared life and deciding how each paycheck gets spent.

Even though I had taken accounting and economics classes, a paycheck has very different applications in real life once you are paying student loans, paying for your own apartment. It's also important for college students to start thinking about joint finances. Maybe you don't have to compare your finances while you're still in school, but get a pulse on what your significant other's philosophy is around money.



BEING A LIBERAL ARTS SCHOLAR TAUGHT ME THAT THERE ARE A MILLION WAYS TO GET TO THE SAME RESULT.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO WRITE "THE HEALTH & WEALTH SISTERS' 360° ACTION PLAN" WITH YOUR SISTER?

My sister, Michelle Riley, is a personal trainer who specializes in women's health, and I do wealth for women. When we realized that our clients overlap, we decided to write a book together to merge our two worlds. Because without your health, what have you really got? And when it comes to wealth, would you rather invest it in your health during your younger years or do you want to spend it on your health as you age? We try to help women realize that putting yourself first in the realms of wealth and health is not selfish, it's one of the most selfless things you can do. Writing the book was a labor of love, and it's been rewarding to hear women share their journeys to healthier and wealthier lifestyles.

HOW DID YOUR LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION AT MCDANIEL PREPARE YOU FOR YOUR CAREER?

My McDaniel education gave me a more open mind. It taught me that there are different avenues to achieve the same result. When I went into business with my firm, the stance was that we just helped happy couples retire and that was it. And I thought, "There's got to be a different way to do this." When I started building my women and wealth platform, it met a lot of resistance. But I just kept forging through, because again, being a liberal arts scholar taught me that there are a million ways to get to the same result.

With McDaniel being a smaller college, students joked about it being like a fishbowl. But if you take advantage of it the right way, there are so many resources on campus and wonderful people willing to give you their time, which you may not get at a huge university with thousands of students, where you're just another fish in the pond. At McDaniel, the people genuinely want you to succeed and learn in the best way you can.

I say it all the time: If Don Lavin hadn't handed me that flyer and been kind enough to go to that dinner after hours and hand someone my resume, who knows how my life would've ended up?



INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE MCDANIEL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP NETWORK OR BECOMING A MEMBER?

Contact Carolyn Salazar at csalazar@mcdaniel.edu or go to mcdaniel.edu/mwln for more information.

A MATTER OF LOYALTY

How decades-long relationships can make a difference

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN

When making a choice on personal philanthropic priorities, there are many factors people take into consideration. Where will my money be best used? Whose mission matters most to me? Whose values align with mine? What affinity do I have with this organization?

Often, those are the same questions students ask during the college search. That's why prioritizing giving to their alma maters is a natural fit for many people. After all, in most cases, a college is chosen because it's the "right fit," so over time, a continued investment may make perfect sense.

But for Rich Palmer, McDaniel College didn't become a top benefactor of his philanthropy because he attended the college. In fact, Palmer graduated from Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, in 1966, and while he remains a consistent donor to his alma mater, he dedicates far more of his giving to McDaniel.

Palmer had scarcely heard of McDaniel College (then Western Maryland College) until the college became a client of his at Alex Brown Investment Management in 1989. But for the next two decades, he managed the endowment for the college and developed strong working relationships with staff and administrators on the Hill.

"That's a very long time to have a client in the world of investments," Palmer says. "I felt that the school had been extremely loyal to me, and I was very impressed with the top-level management of the college."

During that time, he worked closely with Ethan Seidel, who was then vice president for administration and finance. "I really liked working with the people involved in the account, including Ethan Seidel, and always enjoyed going out to the campus and participating in our quarterly performance discussions," Palmer says.

So, in 2008, when he was approached by a gift officer at the college to take the relationship from strictly professional to personal and philanthropic, he took them up on the offer. Citing the professional loyalty of the college as the main motivator, Palmer and his wife established The Richard W. and Susan Palmer Scholarship Fund.

For the past 15 years, the scholarship has been awarded annually to a deserving student from Baltimore City. Rich and Susan have continued to fund it, with their most recent gift of nearly \$25,000 being given in June 2022. In total over this time, the

Palmer's have given more than \$800,000 to their named endowed scholarship, the Fund for McDaniel, and the Roj Student Center renovation, where they named the Palmer Conference Room.

But Palmer's investment in the college goes beyond financial support. From 2012 until 2018, he served on the Board of Trustees, and was named an honorary trustee upon his retirement. Like many others on the board, as a non-alum of the college, he brought a unique perspective that may have helped others see topics more objectively. While he humbly states that he doesn't know how much he was able to bring to the table in that role, his impact has been long lasting.

"As good as he was at managing the college's endowment, Rich has always made an even greater impression for the person he is," Seidel says. "The returns he has provided McDaniel over the years go far beyond the financial gain. What started as a professional relationship has grown into one of dedication to and support for the college and its students."

The most recent student to benefit from that loyalty and dedication is Simone Smith, a junior Social Work major from Baltimore. Smith's sister, Ciera Smith '22, came to the Hill before her, which greatly influenced her decision to join the Green Terror family. "I got to spend time on campus while I was in high school and I enjoyed it," she says.

A tutor and a member of the Black Student Union, Smith works at Target Community and Educational Services as a caregiver, a role that will surely set her up for success in her career. After graduation, she plans to pursue clinical social work and eventually work in private practice with a focus on adolescent therapy.

"At Target, I work with individuals with developmental disabilities and assist them with daily living activities and take them out into the community," Smith says. "It is a great correlation with my major as I get experience with behavioral therapy and vulnerable populations."

But without the scholarship funded by Palmer, the education and professional experience she is receiving at McDaniel may not have been a possibility.

"McDaniel was the most affordable school for me in terms of the scholarships and financial aid I was offered," Smith says. "By receiving this scholarship, I can graduate with a substantially lower amount of student loans compared to some of my other classmates."

Since he has moved full time to Florida, Palmer hasn't been able to attend the Scholarship Luncheon for several years, but he has fond memories of the ones he and his wife have attended in the past.

"It is absolutely fabulous to hear those kids get up and thank the people for making gifts to the school," he says. "To hear their

stories means the world. It makes us all very proud to see the difference the funds we've donated to the school have made."

Palmer has continued to stay in touch with the college and plans to continue to contribute to their endowed scholarship—including a \$250,000 bequest intention—for as long as he is able, a fact that gives Smith and other students like her greater opportunities for the future.

"I truly appreciate Richard and Susan and all other donors to McDaniel College, as they have allowed me to focus on my education and not be strapped with financial hardships," Smith says. "I hope that others follow in their footsteps. Education is the bridge to opportunity that many kids who look like me do not get the chance to receive."



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Association news & class notes



1938

Doris Haines Dixon is 104 years young. She lives with her semi-retired daughter, Louisa, in Staunton, Virginia. Her son, Woody, also semi-retired, lives just five minutes away. Doris is the oldest member of Staunton's First Presbyterian Church, the Thursday Morning Music Club, and the Augusta Garden Club. She was happy to receive her very own stuffed Green Terror, pom-poms, and a card from the Alumni Office for her birthday last year. Her music degree and experience at Western Maryland College have served her well throughout her life. After graduation, Doris taught music in Maryland public schools and loved boarding with the musical family of **Louise Scott Widdup '48**. She organized and directed women's choruses as part of her military service during World War II. She has always had a baby grand piano in her home as she continued to play piano and direct choirs at church, for her music club, for special events, and for fun.

1943

Winifred "Winnie" Wareheim Conner celebrated 100 years in May 2022, and loves reading about all the new academic and social opportunities open to McDaniel students.

Virginia Phillips and **Sara Belle Veale Walker** celebrated their 100th birthdays in 2022. Sara Belle lives in Catonsville, Maryland, and Virginia lives in Austin, Texas. Neither one travels, but they keep in touch by telephone.

Margaret "Peggy" Wilson Ruppersberger celebrated her 100th birthday in March 2022. She lives in Towson, Maryland. The years go by, but the memories keep her college experience alive. She still reads *The Hill* and remembers her years at WMC. She remembers the ritual after dinner where they walked down and "kicked the post." If someone special wanted to walk with you after dinner, it was a sure sign of affection! Peggy has three children. Her son, Dutch, is a congressman and represents McDaniel in the newly drawn 2nd Congressional District.

1944

Genevieve Spry McGee turned 99 this past August and calls Lewes, Delaware, home. She does pretty well with a walker and a scooter for longer distances.

Shaeeda Mensah, assistant professor of Philosophy, chatted with her First Year Seminar class, Philosophy and Pop Culture, this fall. In the course, they examined the good life, justice, punishment, morality, truth, and knowledge in music, television, novels, movies, and social media.

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.

Thomas Doolittle Jr. '49 plays tennis three times a week with partners and opponents who are more than 30 years his junior.

She returned to Westminster, Maryland, for a couple of reunions and found the campus to be beautiful. She enjoys reading all of *The Hill* and especially reading about the new president, who Genevieve wishes well.

1945

Carroll Doggett Jr. sends greetings from Frederick, Maryland.

1948

Mary Ruth O'Kelly Elseroad sends warmest greetings to all her friends from Parkton, Maryland. She is blessed to continue to go to water aerobics at least once a week and enjoys having lunch with her pool friends. Mary Ruth celebrated her 96th birthday in 2022. She enjoyed celebrating the birthday of her great-grandson Grayson in October and enjoyed a delightful time with great-grandchildren Charlie and Lila at Stone Harbor, New Jersey, in July.

Jean Somerville McLane sends greetings from Bel Air, Maryland.

Louise Scott Widdup can't believe it's been 75 years since graduation. She is still enjoying living at the Heron Point Retirement Community in Chestertown, Maryland. Her bad knee is slowing her down but she's still driving, playing bridge, and being grateful for Eastern Shore living.

1949

Helen Lavin Bell had a phenomenal year with art and family. She had a spectacular birthday celebrating with all her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Helen resides in Riverside, California.

Thomas Doolittle Jr. is in good health and spirits in Gainesville, Florida. "It's relative, isn't it? Actually, abnormally so!" He plays tennis three times a week with partners and opponents who are more than 30 years his junior.

Donald Egner is not doing anymore 5Ks. He's taking one-mile walks instead. He has four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and is involved in the church and Rotary Club. He has an eight-room house on a half-acre lot.

James Ward Jump is still in Ocean Pines, Maryland. He doesn't get out much but celebrated his 95th birthday in December 2022. He has four great-grandchildren.

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

1953

Ashby Collins sends greetings from Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He is doing as well as he can. His wife, Doris, is a resident in a psychogeriatric facility in Philadelphia, where he is not allowed to visit her. He is blessed to have a good support system including his daughter, **Cheryl Collins Reinecker '79**, and friends like **Pete Posey '55**.

David Rhoads was glad to be able to join the lacrosse team alumni game on Sept. 16, 2022, for the 72nd anniversary of him playing lacrosse for WMC. They had a great time and felt at home with all the team and alumni. The tour of the campus was super. All is well on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Ella Maie "Skip" Edwards Richardson finds it hard to believe that she was part of the class of 1953, which certainly helped to prepare her for the next 70 years of work (teaching), play, travel, marriage (**Bob Richardson '50**), motherhood (Linda and Robin), and even a business — all with many amazing adventures. She taught school in Maryland, Wyoming, and California as well as in Indonesia, Peru, and Saudi Arabia. She and Bob also started a travel group in Saudi Arabia that included many fantastic tours to countries including Jordan, Iran, Egypt, India, and Turkey. They retired from Aramco Oil Company in Saudi Arabia to return to the U.S. in 1983 after 21 great years overseas. After their return to the U.S., they finally settled in Cody, Wyoming, and bought a campground in 1987, which kept their family busy for the following 35 summers. Of course there were challenges along the way, but at 90 and looking back on her wonderful life, it still seems like a fairy tale to her filled with dear friendships and exciting memories — all so real and so very precious.

Theodore "Ted" Samakouris is doing well. He lives in the same house he built for himself and **Ester Rice Samakouris '52** in Damascus, Maryland. They have been blessed with 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Two girls and families live near him and two live in nearby states. Ted worked until he was 83, enjoying every day of those years. He has settled down alone at 93, after Esther passed away in October 2021. Things are slower now with only memories. He and Esther made many trips to Chios, Greece, for at least 25 to 30 years. They still have a home in Chios. He hopes to visit with his cousin and his family. He is looking forward to getting there and seeing his relatives, house, and property.

Dr. John Wilhelm and his wife, Ann, are both retired — John due to the pandemic. They have a new dog, Lily, and six grandchildren. They go to Virginia Beach, Virginia, often.

1954

Lois Cermak Runnels checked in and says that they are doing OK for two old fogies, living quite comfortably in a retirement home called Willow Valley in beautiful Lancaster, Pennsylvania. With a daughter living nearby, all their needs are taken care of. Lois keeps in touch with **Pat Herman Douglas '54** and she keeps her up to date with all the news. Lois sends her best to all.

Merrill Trader writes that the last two years have been lonely since his wife, Mary, died. His son, **John Trader '70**, is a bishop of the Orthodox Church of America and lives in Alaska. Merrill is approaching 91 years of age and spends most of his time reading and watching old movies. He also attends physical therapy and doctors' appointments several times a week.

Ethel Coffman Trevethan remembers **Col. Alex Trevethan**, who passed away on June 19, 1988, of service-connected disabilities. She also remembers **Lois Coffman Lundberg '56**, her younger sister who passed away on Jan. 6, 2017. Their military tours left her feeling very blessed. She suggests travel while young. There is much to learn and discover of other cultures and ideas. Ethel is 90 years old and settled in San Antonio, Texas, with her three offspring. It's now a clan of 22 across five generations. She's grateful for the loving care. She is concerned about climate change and the future.

Charles H. Wheatley III writes that he and **Charlotte Davis Wheatley '56** still live in their four-story, 211-year-old, historic Lucabaugh Mill farmhouse, just a mile or so from the McDaniel campus. They have dedicated about 20 acres of their 40-plus-acre farm to establish the nonprofit Veterans BIG STEM Park (BIG = Business, Industry, Government). With a lot of hard work and good breaks, they hope to continue in 2023 with a Vietnam veterans ceremony and the park opening with the introduction of the first-of-its-kind exhibits in three sections that will incorporate much of the diverse 62-year work that he and Charlotte have been engaged in. Along with picnic groves and archery, there are electronic targets, autonomous cars, drones, and televised presentations of firsts in science, medicine, manufacturing, and all the other elements of the park's name.

As the former editor of the "Gold Bug," this may be too many memories. **Pat Herman Douglas** performs the somber task of telling of the passing of so many of their classmates from '54, who as class president for years, he came to know and love so well.

[Class Noted]

Remembering "the kicking post"

Intrigued by **Margaret "Peggy" Wilson Ruppberger '43's** recollection of the "kicking post" on campus, the college archivist did some research into the tradition. A 1941 article in the school paper reported: "Never let it be said that the 'kicking post' was a custom (and one with many themes) that didn't rank on the upper three on [WMC]'s hit parade of tradition."

While there isn't a lot of detail on how the tradition began, it seems that the light post (or in later references, the telephone pole) on the street corner at WMC Alumni Hall was used as a way for women to vent their frustration at not being able to leave campus in the early days when men and women were not allowed to comeingle.

"It sounds like it evolved into a spot couples would go when men and women were finally allowed to socialize together," says **Gwenlyn Coddington**, college archivist and special collections librarian. The 1957-1958 Student Handbook also defined the kicking post as "the telephone pole on the street corner of Alumni Hall. You kick the post instead of throwing stones at your professor. It's a sort of scapegoat."

If you have further memories of the kicking post, please feel free to send them in to ocm@mcDaniel.edu.

1955

Albert Barnes is still looking down on the grass. After graduation, Albert started his career on Wall Street as a bond trader and an underwriter of municipal bonds. He retired as a vice president in 1991. He started wintering in Naples, Florida, and now lives there full time. He would love to hear from classmates and friends.

Patricia "Pattie" Hamersly Church is still at her house in Baltimore. She's very lucky to have her daughters and several grandchildren close by to give a hand when needed and to visit often. There are lots of great-grandchildren coming along, providing much fun and no work for her! Life is going pretty smoothly right now, for which she is very grateful.

Paul Galvin writes that life has been good to him, at the age of 89, and to his wife, **Doris Burkert Galvin '57**, age 87. Their four children have retired from work in the last three years. They are enjoying time with them and their six grandchildren. In December, they enjoyed their annual family get-together in one of the Virginia State Park lodges. They are blessed with good neighbors in the community where they have lived for 53 years. McDaniel College gave them rich years of education and many friends.

Janet Brozik Biles '64 still visits Lynda Robson Astle '64 in Florida each year.

Jean Nicodemus Huss sends greetings from Hampstead, Maryland. She's had a series of accidents — a fall in August 2020 when she fractured her left wrist. Her youngest daughter-in-law moved here to help her. In January 2022, she had another fall and fractured her right ankle, and in May of 2022, she had a mild heart attack. She has lots of doctors' appointments. Jean's husband, Edward, passed away on July 30, 2022, so she is now a widow. She is still living in her home of over 50 years. Life is a challenge, but she is still able to drive locally. She keeps in touch with **Janet Boller Heins** and **Betsy Myers Bryant**.

Jeannette Spatz James has been living in Scottsdale, Arizona, for 11 years. She loves it there. No more snow! Her children rented a cabin in Flagstaff, Arizona, for her 90th birthday last March. Her granddaughter is a freshman in high school and a cheerleader, so she goes to all of the football games. Her husband, **Don James '54**, played football for Western Maryland so they are big football fans.

Doris Tuckwood Linton enjoys her Bay Village residence in Sarasota, Florida. She plays duplicate bridge several times a week and loves it. She keeps busy by attending many wonderful church services and activities.

Shelley Myers Willen lives in Broomfield, Colorado, where her two daughters also live. She can't believe how fast the years have flown. So, to you younger alumni, enjoy yourselves while you still can. It sounds like the present college students at McDaniel have ample opportunities for exciting and interesting experiences right on the Hill with such interesting curriculums.

1956

Fairy Frock Flickinger lost her husband of 63 years on Jan. 1, 2021. He had COVID-19 as well as dementia. Her family and many friends have helped her greatly. She was a church organist for 68 years. On Aug. 1, 2022, she decided to retire. Her church congregation had quite a celebration in her honor. It was wonderful. Now she can go to church to worship with no responsibility, which is great! She is still volunteering at the Taneytown History Museum. She is working in the reference room as well as other positions. Her family consists of one daughter and one son, three grandsons, and five great-grandchildren. Fairy resides in Taneytown, Maryland.

Robert E. Green Jr. and **Lyn Hazelip Green '59** are in their fourth year in a retirement community in Williamsburg, Virginia. While they still miss South

Carolina and the friends who remain there, it is becoming more and more apparent that the move was a good decision. They no longer have to make the more than eight-hour drive on I-95 to visit their two children and their families in Richmond, Virginia. Driving has largely been confined to the local area with occasional trips to Richmond, a little over an hour from Williamsburg. They did travel to Towson, Maryland, for Lyn's high school reunion and to spend time with her sister. Everything considered, they have no complaints as they are able to maintain an active lifestyle and recognize that each day with good health is a blessing.

1964

Earl Armiger writes that he and Mary are still in the same house of the past 26 years, in Ellicott City, Maryland. They are doing well and enjoying their grandkids and great-grandchildren. The have slowed down some but not a whole lot.

Janet Brozik Biles has lived in Carroll Lutheran Village since 2015. She lost her husband, Roy, in 2018. They had traveled to Florida to visit with **Lynda Robson Astle** each year and this has continued since Roy's death. Janet volunteers and plays cards or other games. She keeps in touch with **Lois Schurman Donaldson** and **Linda Fabre Barnes**.

Carol Wilkinson Coffeen of Parkton, Maryland, lost her husband last March. It was rather sudden. He was taken to the hospital one morning when he was not responsive. He spent 10 days in the ICU and could not handle anymore. Carol had back surgery for spinal stenosis in February 2021 (the second such surgery in three years). Then a spinal fracture was found, requiring 14 more weeks of recovery. During that time, her hip collapsed. There was hip surgery in September followed by five weeks of rehabilitation (including another problem). She is now home, learning to move better and to live alone. Her two daughters and their families have been fantastic through all of this.

Diane Simpson Krell moved to Solomons, Maryland, next to Solomons Island last spring. Now she is eight miles closer to her daughter. She's been in southern Maryland for 16 years. It's beautiful in her new setting, especially viewing the fall colors.

Nancy Miller Milinic wishes she could report outstanding accomplishments, but no. She is really enjoying the blessings of good health, being surrounded by family and good friends, travel, the love of books, music, and art. She tries to give and do for others on a daily basis in our topsy-turvy world and to cling to hope for solutions.

Sue Ann Allport Tabler, M.Ed. '69 sadly lost her husband in January 2022 after 60 years of marriage. Last summer she and her daughter traveled to Rome, Florence, Venice, and then on to Oberammergau to view the passion play. Sue Ann continues to be active in her church, and she spent time in Florida in February 2022.

Linda Truitt Wrightson writes that her daughters, family, and friends have been wonderfully supportive during this difficult time after the loss of her husband, **Will Wrightson**, who passed away very suddenly on Dec. 9, 2021.

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1952

Janet High Lewis enjoyed seeing old friends at the 70-year Reunion last April. She is in good health and spends time painting and playing mah-jongg. She also enjoys her family, including nine great-grandchildren.

Vicki Leister Garrettson writes, "I have made it to 91 years old and attended our 70th anniversary of graduation from college. Where does the time go? I truly miss **Patty Burr Austin** and **Pat Crawford Dejean**. We were Cassell Hallers together. We had a special bond and kept in contact with each other until their passing. At this point in my life, activities center around family and close friends. I have two daughters, Pam and Virginia. Pam earned a Ph.D. at Louisiana State University and works as a wildlife research biologist at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, Maryland. Virginia has two daughters. Her daughter Alycia graduated from the University of Maryland Global Campus and is employed at Black+Decker working in marketing. Her daughter Sarah works as a pharmacy technician at Walgreens in Westminster, Maryland, and knows sign language, so she can help customers who are Deaf and hard of hearing. I am happy about that because I am very hearing impaired. I have had a cochlear implant for eight years, and I also wear a hearing aid. The implant and hearing aid are not perfect, but they help me to function better. My mission in life is to help people to communicate with those of us who are hearing impaired. I am not a raving beauty, but I need you to look at me when you speak. Never, never, never yell into my processor or hearing aid. And yes, it happens. As for now, I live alone. I can still walk, talk, eat, and drive, but not very far."

Roland Fleischer, Hon. D.F.A. '93 and his wife Polly-Anne are still living in The Village at Penn State and enjoy it very much. Roland sings with a combo at the retirement center, and he and his wife also enjoy painting there. Roland met a friend there who he had played against in soccer while at Western Maryland College. He was excited to see his classmates at the Reunion, and he keeps in touch with **Chuck Hammaker** and **Harold "Mac" McTeer '53**.

There have been many changes since our 65th Reunion, including a new president. With a Biology degree, I, **Sally Griffin Marks**, became a lab technician in various hospitals and continued my learning. When raising a family, working regular hours became necessary, so I returned to teaching elementary and middle school students and found it rewarding and challenging. Twenty-five years later, **Bill Marks** and I retired and spent time traveling and working for service clubs. Our three children have completed college, married, and are raising families. We have six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren making strides of their own, toward families and interests.

Bill and I planned many trips and enjoyed them. Europe, Australia, and the United States were on our list. We made many friends and experienced many cultures. Bill had spent military time in the Far East. But we never made a trip to Japan to visit our classmate who stayed in touch with us as well as visited us after graduation until she passed away. Since Bill's passing, I live alone in Westminster where friends, church, and activities are all familiar. WMC is still important in my life.

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1958

Lori Jones Gore and **Jerry Gore '62** have been residing in a continuing care retirement community in Burlington, North Carolina, for about three years and find it pretty appealing. Lori misses the mountains where they used to live, but the upkeep on their home there got to be too much. Their daughter and son-in-law and two grandchildren live about 30 minutes away. Their granddaughter will graduate from college this year, finish her Army training to become a medic, and is looking forward to entering the Baylor University physical therapy doctoral program. Her brother is a Marine in sniper school. Lori and Jerry's son and his family live in Graz, Austria, where he works for Siemens and his wife teaches at a local university. They have two girls.

Roland Fleischer '52, Hon. D.F.A. '93 sings with a group at The Village at Penn State.

[Class Noted]

Alumni tailgate tent welcomes alumni, faculty, and staff

For the past nine years, a group of alumni have generously shown hospitality toward all alumni, faculty, and staff at home football games on the Hill. During the 2022 season, 189 visitors were welcomed to the tent by the hosts, led by Don Hobart '62. With a Homecoming high of 73 guests, members of the McDaniel community have joined together in fellowship to enjoy hot dogs, beverages, friendship, and Green Terror pride. Over eight football seasons, Hobart estimates that more than 1,400 guests have been served. They look forward to welcoming more visitors to the new and improved tent in 2023!



Alumni, faculty, and staff are all welcome at the tent hosted by alumni including Don Hobart '62 and Lee Primm '89 (top); Susan Snodgrass Case '65 (middle left) pictured with Kittie DeLuca Pain '00; and Alex Ober '63 (bottom left), pictured with Associate Professor of Chemistry Dana Ferraris and junior Makela Brown.

Lori and Jerry spent a wonderful week with them in Beaufort, North Carolina, last summer. They are doing fine for old codgers!

Bob McCormick and **Marsha Reifsnnyder McCormick '59** are dealing with back pain and balance problems, so they are mostly homebodies, eating and watching TV (watching politics, blah). But they are still perking along and mourn the loss of so many of their friends from college and med school. They do not travel anymore and were last in Maryland in 2012.

Ray Wright and **Arlene MacVicker Wright '61** have lived in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, for the past five years, close to their two sons and their families, and the grandchildren's school and sports activities. Their three older grandchildren are college graduates and employed in the Boston and Philadelphia areas. Over the past year, Arlene and Ray completed and published their Storyfornia project, which was a lot of fun remembering and recording the many special events of their lives, and certainly very special and entertaining for their children and grandchildren to read.

Ethel Vonderheide Thomas and her husband, Tom, recently moved to a retirement community in Chandler, Arizona, to be near their daughter. After living in a retirement community in Orange, Florida, for six years, Ethel has some concerns about getting around, but keeps busy with friends, working at the genealogy, serving as treasurer on two different committees, and taking random courses from The Great Courses. Due to limited mobility, she will not be able to attend the Reunion, but is looking forward to reading about fellow classmates and hopes for a good turnout.

Betty Flohr Plasket has been living in Lexington, South Carolina, since 1985 enjoying year-round mild seasonal weather with her daughter and granddaughter living nearby. No grass grows under her feet! She is constantly on the go, traveling often, and still working too much for the South Carolina Foster Care Review Board. She stays busy encouraging her son, Rick, in his Action Coach consulting for small businesses and West Point activities. She also enjoys watching her granddaughter excel in her management career. In her spare time, she travels to North Carolina to help her daughter, Carly Lynne, who jokes Betty is her marketing manager. She is the author of three children's books.

Marge Hull Harper sends greetings from Vermont. She is still living in her little house in the center of the state year-round and loving it! She often thinks of her grandmother Hull who was born and raised in Southern Vermont but in her early 20s was summoned to Baltimore to keep house for her bachelor brothers who had started a bakery. There, she met Marge's grandfather. Marge is pleased that she and her son Andy

have brought part of the family back to the Green Mountain State. She so enjoys the peace, quiet, and beauty of the rural area and loves seeing the wildlife right outside her windows. The passing years have slowed her down, as is true for the rest of the class, but she still enjoys getting around and is the leader of her exercise class at her senior center.

Jack Anderson and **Jane Roeder Anderson** continue to divide their time between their home at the Erickson retirement community in Catonsville, Maryland, and their beloved Dove Cottage in the Pennsylvania Chautauqua, in Mount Gretna, Pennsylvania, whose mission includes the arts and culture, recreation, religion, and education. In May 2022, they traveled to California with their son and his family to attend the graduation of their grandson from the University of Southern California. What an impressive experience! Last fall, Jane and Jack went on a trip down memory lane to Fort Leonard Wood and Rolla, Missouri, their homes for nearly two years while Jack was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood. They went by overnight Amtrak with a sleeping compartment and visited their old haunts in St. Louis, the Ozarks, and Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Jane and Jack are both well, but like the rest of us, slowing down a bit! They send their warmest wishes to all and can't believe that our 65th Reunion is just about upon us!

Congratulations to **Ardella "Ardie" Campbell Darlington**, who was inducted into the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame in 2022. Last fall, she received emails from McDaniel advising her that she had won an award and was invited to Homecoming weekend festivities with the other winners. Awardees were to be honored at a banquet Friday night and at the football game on Saturday. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend as it would have required traveling and an overnight stay. However, in late September she received a beautiful box filled with green and gold streamers and a pom-pom and an engraved glass trophy. She is still in her home in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, and she delights in being able to drive and support volunteer projects.

Billye and **Tony Sarbanes, M.Ed. '68** are doing well. They will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary a week or so after our class Reunion. They both stay fairly active in various civic groups, church, and general events and activities. They also try to work out at the local YMCA five times a week. Their main focus is their five grandchildren. Their youngest granddaughter, Sophia, is a sophomore at Parkside High School in Salisbury, Maryland, which is the school Tony opened in 1975! Whenever Tony is on that campus, he feels "older" age creeping in.

I, **Barbara Hunt Ketay**, continue to keep busy and out of trouble with a variety of activities. Last July, my daughter,

Priscilla, and I drove to Vail, Colorado, via Las Vegas and Grand Junction, Colorado. Due to the possibility of flooding near Glenwood Springs, we had to take a 100-mile "scenic" and extended driving time detour to get to Vail, but did pass through Steamboat Springs and saw some beautiful country, mountains, etc. While in Vail, we took three different gondola rides up different mountains in the area and attended a beautiful outdoor theatre and heard the Philadelphia Orchestra. In the fall, I spent many hours phone-banking and writing postcards for the election.

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1970

Jan "Tom" Van Sickle was first to report this time around. "My wife, Robin, retired several years ago and spends most of her time gardening. My work since 1999 has been marine surveying, and I am still taking a few assignments — boat claims, wooden boat surveys, and appraisals. Claims are fun sleuthing since I need to find a cause of loss and people's memories are not always accurate. Wooden boats are my passion, and I've appraised some fantastic yachts lately. Somehow, my retirement has turned into being a caretaker of antique boats. My regular sailing boat is a Herreshoff 12 1/2, 16' gaff rigged keel boat built in 1937. Last year someone gave me a 1920s 2.5m French dinghy I restored, and I just became the caretaker of a 1913 Lawley 16' tender that had been stored in a hayloft in the San Juan Islands for 80 years. This tender needs little more than paint and varnish!"

Keith Porter sends a hello from sunny Raleigh, North Carolina! "I am recovering successfully from knee replacement surgery (too many crackback blocks below the waist). Our family is doing well. I saw **Art Blake '71** and **Ginny Golden Blake '72** a few times in 2022. In September, we traveled to Delaware to visit our daughter's family and while there had lunch with Art and Ginny and **Tom Mavity '71, M.Ed. '76**. Middletown will never be the same!"

Nancy Hoskins Ferencz, M.Ed. '76 is always a faithful contributor. She and Bill celebrated their ninth anniversary, and recently added a third great-granddaughter to the family. "We've enjoyed good health and completely avoided COVID-19, so we are fortunate. We still make an annual trip to Puerto Vallarta, and we still use the Ocean City condo! I'm still in touch with WMC roommates **Karen Telan** and **Anne Zahn Newell** regularly."

John Heisler reports that he and **Sandy Goman Heisler '71** moved from Cape May

Court House, New Jersey. "Eventually, we will be living in a 55-and-over community near Moorestown, New Jersey, to be closer to our kids and four grandkids. The house won't be finished until next March, so we are renting a house in Margate, New Jersey, in the interim. People from New Jersey will probably recognize Margate as the home of Lucy the Elephant, a longtime New Jersey landmark. There is not a whole lot happening, but we really enjoy our grandkids, Abby, Bax, Will, and Ella, and we are looking forward to seeing a lot more of them after our move in March. I do get to talk and Zoom with **Butch Johnson** and **Marshall Adams '71**. It's great catching up with them and of course we always end up reliving some of the good times at WMC. We can't believe over 50 years have gone by this quickly, but it's always fun to catch up with the lives of other WMC classmates in *The Hill*."

Francis "Sully" Sullivan is still enjoying retirement. "**Chuck Spicknall '72** and I attended the Class of 1970 Reunion last year. It was nice seeing you and the many others who attended. My wife and I have not done any major travel due to COVID-19, but hope to do something in the coming year. It's hard to believe that my youngest grandchild is 8 years old! I did a unique thing in April: I officially became a Phi Delta Theta member at the 50th anniversary of Maryland Beta at McDaniel. What a good time. My thanks to **Don Shenk '71** for getting me through pledging!"

Penny Williams Cipolone shared that they are still sticking close to home because of her rheumatoid arthritis. Since her doctors have "declared her back a 'total' mess," she has been seeing a pain management doctor, who has done a nerve block ablation and cortisone shots, so things are somewhat improved. She really just wants to be able to walk enough to do some local day trips. Mark also underwent two cardiac ablations to get his atrial fibrillation under control. Penny does most of her volunteer activities online when possible. She is the scholarship chair for her Delta Kappa Gamma chapter and serves on the Meritus/Merita Awards Committee for the American Classical League. The highlight of summer was a weekly Zoom with a lovely young Afghan woman, Feroza, who had been a judge before the Taliban took over. She and her husband, daughters, and parents fled the country and ended up in Dublin, Ireland. Through a number of hard-to-explain connections, Penny and Feroza spent time once a week chatting to help improve her spoken English communications so that she could be accepted into law school in Ireland. "This was a real eye-opener as it showed just how lucky we all are to live in a country like the USA, despite its seemingly insurmountable problems!"

Lynne Price, M.L.A. '76 says, "It was so wonderful to have seen friends from the Classes of 1970 and 1971 at last year's

family

WE DID!

Wedding vows exchanged this season:

Niki Grandirimo '98 to **Derek Velasco** on Nov. 5, 2022. They reside in Sterling, Virginia.

Marcie Robusto '06 to **Michael Walls** on May 8, 2021. They reside in Columbia, Maryland.

Steven Carney '11, M.S. '22 to **Meghan Kaylor** on Oct. 29, 2022. They reside in Westminster, Maryland.

Caitlin Pozmanter '12 to **Sean Maxon** on April 30, 2022. They reside in Owings Mills, Maryland.

Stephanie Thomson '12 to **Randy Waters** on May 14, 2022. They reside in Baltimore.

Ellie Lucarelli '12 to **Stefon Kelly '12** on Aug. 13, 2022. They reside in Astoria, New York.

Kirsten Coleman '16 to **Francis Messina** on Oct. 13, 2022. They reside in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Lucy Bainbridge '18 to **Ben Agee '18** on May 13, 2022. They reside in Glen Burnie, Maryland.

Ally Mpofu '18 to **Manny Rodriguez Jr. '19** on Sept. 5, 2021. They reside in Baltimore.

Marlowe Embry '20 to **Matt Rensel** on Feb. 20, 2022. They reside in Phoenix, Arizona.

[Departed]

Former Trustee Eugene “Gene” Arbaugh ’60 died on Nov. 18, 2022.

Born in Manchester, Maryland, Arbaugh majored in Political Science and Economics and was a member of the Gamma Beta Chi fraternity. During his time on the Hill, he met his wife, Starr Ann Beauchamp Arbaugh ’63. Upon graduating, he joined the Air Force and was assigned to Thule Air Base in Greenland. He was later a captain in the Maryland National Guard. After leaving the military, he attended the University of Maryland School of Law and worked at a Coca-Cola bottling plant to pay his tuition. He joined Peterson, Howell, and Heather in 1964 as a member of the legal department and as manager of the contract administration, title, and tax departments, before becoming vice president of all legal services in 1971. He rose through the company’s ranks in the 1970s, ultimately becoming president. His daughter S. Caroline “Carrie” Arbaugh ’92 also attended McDaniel, graduating the same year that Arbaugh was elected to the Board of Trustees at the college. He served on the Board until 1998.

Reunion. College ties can truly ne’er be broken. 2022 was a year of mixed blessings. I am still dealing with back problems, which cause sciatica and lymphedema in my legs, but that is well under control. As a result, travels have ceased for now; I miss going to New York to the opera and the theatre, but I keep hoping! My biggest blessing is my wonderful mother! With the exception of having to depend on a walker and not being able to hear too well, she is in good health. Two parties are in the planning stages for her 100th birthday, and she is looking forward to them. I hope we are able to see each other at our 55th Reunion!”

Randy Blume guesses that “the most important update of my life is that my life continues and also that **Lynn Gallant-Blume ’71** is well. Unfortunately, we don’t often get to see former classmates, but we try to make the best of it when we can. We all had big events rescheduled due to COVID-19 and then travel plans interfered with the rescheduled dates. Once international travel became possible again, we managed to reschedule some cruises to warm weather (a week in Bermuda and a longer Caribbean cruise) from New York/New Jersey and a small ship coastal cruise from Marseilles to Rome. Despite the bureaucratic hoops we had to jump through to meet the various countries’ COVID-19 requirements, it was great to be able to travel again. We look forward to continuing. With all that testing, we did our part to keep the local public health sites in business. We are pleased to be in an area that is proactive about community-based public health services and offers an array of accessible services. We’re still in childcare mode. Fortunately, both

granddaughters are now in school all day and we only need to look after them a couple of hours after school.”

Tom Trice thinks that we have become at least “middle-aged.” I have news for him! I don’t know about you, but I don’t think I’m going to live to be 148. He continues, “I have finally fully retired as of Aug. 31, from a career of over 50 years in public accounting! My wife, Charlotte, and I have recently relocated to a ‘cottage’ at the Acts Manor House retirement community (a CCRC facility) in Seaford, Delaware, and are going through the agony of ‘downsizing’ and preparing for the sale of our residence of over 34 years in Salisbury, Maryland. We hope to travel at least three months per year and enjoy life from our new home base with nothing to take care of! We have three sons; nine grandchildren, ranging from 4 to 26; and a 1-year-old great-granddaughter!”

Marc Raim has the “same wife, Ellen (46 years), same house in the Mount Washington neighborhood of Baltimore (45 years), and both sons Brian and Andrew, now 38 and 41, doing well. The greatest joy is my gorgeous 5-year-old grandson, Joe, who is autistic. Because he receives 35 hours per week of special schooling and therapy, I call him ‘The Hardest Working Child in Kid Business.’ He means more to me than anyone or anything ever in my life. What a gift!”

Please keep **Danielle Greenip Barry** in your prayers and reach out with comforting words if you are still in touch with her, as she lost her husband, Roy, in January.

Lynn Coleman Smarte, M.Ed. ’73 and **Doug Smarte ’69** “had a wonderful year with lots of time with family and friends including **Debbie Clark** and **Barbara Thomas**.

Last fall, we were happy to have a visit, boat ride, and walk on the beach in South Bethany, Delaware, from Barb and several college friends. We’re also having lots of fun with granddaughter Amelia, and are proud of our granddaughter Nina, who graduated from law school in the spring. Our biggest adventure was a recent cruise on the Queen Mary 2 from Quebec City to New York with **Dave Hilder ’69** and **Stacey Evans Hilder ’69**.”

It was a big year for **Carol Harris Dietrich** and **Earl Dietrich**. “In November 2021, we sold our house in Eldersburg, Maryland, where we had lived for 33 years and bought a two-family home closer to Westminster, Maryland. We live with our daughter, Ali; son-in-law, Jimmy; and our 2-year-old granddaughter, Hunter. Although the move was very stressful, it was well worth it. We love the house, and the big plus is seeing Hunter every day, as she is our only grandchild. Our son, Aric, moved to a condo in Baltimore in July 2021. He works for The Walters Art Museum and wanted to move back to the city. I still spend time with my Robins, **Barbara Thomas**; **Jane Butterbaugh Shapiro**; **Sherry Swope Peck**; **Sue Morales Yingling, M.S. ’00**; **Karen Wagner Tegges**; **Pat Johnson Krantz**; and **Barbara Payne Shelton**. In September, we spent four days in Avondale, Pennsylvania, visiting museums and gardens and stayed at a fabulous converted farmhouse. We traveled to Aruba in late September with seven Preacher couples — **Amy Lewis King ’69** and **Jim King ’69**, Mary and **Rick Coburn ’69**, **Nancy Higdon Morgan ’69** and **Dick Morgan ’69**, Donna and **Joe Kerner ’69**, Linda and **Jeff Willis ’69**, and Carol and **Pete Markey ’69** — who have been partying together since their graduation from WMC in 1969.”

Sue Morales Yingling, M.S. ’00 reports from Westminster: “As always, life continues to be filled with joy, blessings, and challenges. In spring of 2022, **Splinter Yingling ’68** had open-heart bypass surgery; we moved my mother, who is 97 years old and still sharp as a tack, to assisted living at Brightview in Westminster, Maryland, where she now lives only 3 miles from us; and at the end of June, Splinter retired after 52 years as a financial advisor. He plays golf as often as he can, and he has challenged and surprised himself by successfully completing projects that in the past he would never have considered taking on. We continue to make frequent trips to North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to visit family (two of our four grandchildren live in South Carolina) and to enjoy the sun and surf.” As **Carol Harris Dietrich** reported above, Sue enjoyed the Round Robins’ trip to Pennsylvania in September, and especially enjoyed visits to Longwood Gardens, Winterthur, and the Brandywine Museum. “How lucky we are to have shared our friendship for more than 55 years — a friendship formed on the Hill so many years ago!”

Well, the Round Robin gatherings are always a wonderful treat for me, too, and this year was no exception. In August, the long-delayed Oberammergau Passion Play took place and I, **Barbara Thomas**, was right there in the eighth row! My grandmother attended in 1960, so I figured 60 years later ... Anyway, I’m hoping to make more travel plans, but for now I’m hanging at home. I’ve been busy with LowCountry Habitat for Humanity again, spending wonderful time with my son, John, and his girlfriend, Nora, and enjoying other good times with my cousins in Waynesville, North Carolina. I’m still playing a bit of golf, so come on down and let’s play. If you don’t play, we can explore the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park!

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In May 2021, after the publication of our last class column, I received my first-ever communication from **Janine “Jan” Gill M.Ed. ’76**. She wrote that in 2020 she finally achieved what she has sought all her life: relief from her horrid head pain caused by external hydrocephalus. She had two brain surgeries, in February and March 2020. The first was a craniectomy to access four large cysts to relieve the pressure they were exerting on her brain. The second surgery was to place a shunt system into her brain, including antibiotic-impregnated tubing to prevent infection. She returned home on March 13, just two days before Massachusetts shut down for COVID-19. As of May 2021, Jan was still pain-free and hopefully has remained so.

Linda Ackley Ricks and her husband Robert continue to enjoy retirement in Ocean Pines, Maryland. They enjoy playing golf and pickleball and are so happy to be able to socialize with friends again. They also spend time with their family, including their daughter **Lindsay Ricks Beil ’06, M.S. ’08**, her husband, and 5-year-old Taylor in Mount Airy, Maryland. Before the pandemic, they were able to travel to Portugal with their son Ryan, who is a United Airlines pilot. They have also traveled out west and in New England. They are thankful that life is slowly returning to normal and can take advantage of all the wonderful opportunities that retirement has to offer!

Dell Wogsland Elias and her husband, Bob, continue to love living at Lake Tahoe in Incline Village, Nevada. It is a beautiful paradise, and this is definitely home after being there 30 years. They are (sort of) retired, but busier than ever with family,

church, and community happenings, plus their two amazing golden retrievers. **James Wogsland ’78** passed in December 2021 after a long cancer fight. Dell misses her dear brother every day but is grateful for all their memories and close relationship. Dell helps her sister, Nancy, as much as possible taking care of their 96-year-old mom, who is still in her own house in Georgia. Dell adds that she is very grateful for close friends made during WMC years!

Corynne Courpas writes from Westminster, Maryland, where she was able to join our Homecoming festivities despite the vestiges of Hurricane Ian. The awards banquet and DEI luncheon offered shelter from the rain, and she even attended the football game and celebrated the win. She continues to serve on the Alumni Council and as vice chair of the WMC Heritage Society, enjoying her many interactions with the campus. Retiring in October 2020 after a rewarding 33 years at Performance Foodservice has allowed her to become even more involved in volunteering, traveling, and enjoying her amazing nieces and nephews. She recently finished a COVID-era term as president of her local American Wine Society chapter. Zoom has its place, but it is not ideal for wine tasting. A great team made it work, though. She continues to serve as president of The ARC Carroll County and recently became president of the local Torch Club. Serving on the Carroll County Democratic Central Committee and working with Democratic candidates remains a passion. Being a 2020 elector was the pinnacle of her resume so far, but she has much more to do. These organizations provide for interaction with many McDaniel friends and serve as a reminder of the contributions our faculty, staff, and alums make to the Westminster community. As for travel, Corynne has partnered with McDaniel for that, too. She traveled to Egypt in 2019 and more recently Spain and Morocco with Mohamed Esa, a professor in the Department of World Languages. She also enjoyed a river cruise in Germany and Austria in fall 2021 and most recently a tour of South Africa. She now echoes Dr. Esa when asked which trip is her favorite: “The next one I am going on.” As for the nieces and nephews, they remind her why she stays involved. They are bright, curious, energetic, and they are our future. And they certainly keep her active and on her toes!

Dr. Greg Sherry and **Margaret “Peggy” Powell Sherry** are surviving these COVID-19 years, although Greg had to go through his days wearing two masks and sending his coughing patients to be tested. Greg hasn’t caught COVID-19 and is still practicing. He has too many patients telling him he is not allowed to retire because he has taken care of their whole family for 30-plus years. They are still in Somerset, Kentucky, cycling and going to weekly dance classes. Peggy is still painting and had one of her 5-foot paintings for Somerset Community College unveiled in November. Their son, Chris, has bought a beautiful lake home on Smith Lake, Alabama, and will soon post it on Airbnb. Their daughter, Kathleen, is keeping them busy cheering for the grandkids at their football and soccer games. Highlights include visiting brother, **Bill Powell ’75**, in Maine and **David Cooney** and **Robin Stifler Cooney ’77** near Baltimore. Peggy also keeps in touch with **Judy Guillems-Tapia ’75** and **Beth Steinmetz Warren ’75**.

Caroline Babylon, M.L.A. ’92 retired from MidAtlantic Farm Credit, having spent all those years after college in banking. She now has a part-time “retirement job” as executive director at Carroll County Food Sunday, a food pantry in Westminster, Maryland. Classmate **Janine Perry Wilson** was already a volunteer there. Each day is an adventure and has included working with current McDaniel students as volunteers. She recently saw **Susan “Susi” Blackman**; **Jeanne McGrew, M.Ed. ’78**; and **Bob Marciszewski** at their high school reunion. Caroline’s other big activity is teaching at the local therapeutic riding program.

Diane Johnson Cash feels retirement is a wonderful stage of life. Her mornings are filled with swimming, pickleball, yoga, and long walks. Afternoons are devoted to volunteer work at the local animal shelter, time with family and friends, and church work. She occasionally helps David in his wood shop, where he has made dozens of fine furniture items for themselves, family, and friends. They love to spend time with their three grandkids, who live close by. In 2022, Diane and David resumed traveling, enjoying new experiences in Idaho, Oregon, New England, and Delaware. They were also able to visit family and friends in Maryland and Virginia for the first time in two years. In February, Diane was part of a group who traveled to the Appalachian Mountains in Tennessee to repair homes for needy families. She hopes to resume her annual Central America mission trips soon.

Jeff Heinbaugh and **Cathy Clayton Heinbaugh ’77** report they are now spending most of their time in Tennessee. In 2021, they bought a house in Ooltewah, a suburb of Chattanooga, to be near their son, daughter-in-law, and first grandchild, Evie, who is now 2 years old. Their other grandchild, Calvin, is 3 months younger than Evie, and he, their daughter, and son-in-law live in Williamsburg, Virginia. They try to visit them as much as possible. Jeff retired in July 2019 from his career

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Family additions this season:

Autumn Ellen Murphy on Oct. 28, 2021, to **Ryan** and **Lynne Wheeler Murphy ’06**.

Molly Noel Boring in November 2021 to **Kelly Stewart Boring ’06** and **Brandon Boring ’06**.

Josephine Joan Mollie Caplan on Nov. 17, 2022, to **Michael Caplan** and **Alex DeJohn ’08**.

Natalie Stinson-Davis on Aug. 1, 2022, to **Patrick Stinson ’09** and **Courtney Schmierer-Davis**.

Carter Newman on April 30, 2020, to **Alex** and **Erinne Warrenfeltz Newman ’12, M.S. ’20**.

Blaine Alden Heaver on March 25, 2021, to **Thomas** and **Megan Hiltz Heaver ’12**.

Theodore “Theo” Richard Heim on May 11, 2021, to **Jason** and **Kristen Houpt Heim ’12**.

Theodore August Tacka on Aug. 10, 2022, to **Mark** and **Marilyn Topper Tacka ’12**.

Kit Newman on Oct. 26, 2022, to **Alex** and **Erinne Warrenfeltz Newman ’12, M.S. ’20**.

Leo John Critzos on Feb. 25, 2022, to **John** and **Jan Woolley Critzos ’13**.

Anthony Rodriguez on Feb. 15, 2022, to **Manny Rodriguez Jr. ’19** and **Ally Mpofu Rodriguez ’18**.

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An icon turns 125 years old



In 1898, Ward Memorial Arch was donated in memory of J. T. Ward by his niece Ulie Norment Hurley. Originally built between the President's House and McDaniel Hall, it was moved to its current site in 1937-1938. In 2004, the Arch was rededicated as part of a grand entrance to the college, which includes a stone wall with the college's name. The new grand entrance was made possible through a gift from Trustee Emerita Catherine "Cassie" Schumann Kiddoo '46.

in the IT field, but he still does some part-time consulting to stay abreast of technology. After retirement, Jeff and Cathy did four weeks of community service work with Habitat for Humanity and through Volunteers in Mission with the Methodist Church (two weeks in 2019, one in 2021, and one in 2022). Jeff planned to go to his 50th high school reunion at a venue on Kent Island, Maryland, in October, but it had to be canceled due to the possibility that Hurricane Ian could disrupt the outdoor event. He was disappointed in not being able to see his classmates. Hopefully it will be rescheduled. Now that they are in Chattanooga, Tennessee, they plan to travel around that part of the country and visit areas they haven't seen before.

Guy Royston says that the Coastal Fire came within 70 feet of his home in Laguna Niguel, California, and caused extensive smoke damage. A helicopter with a speaker gave Guy and his wife six

minutes to get out of their house. Many homes in the neighborhood burned to the ground. Luckily, Guy says his rental house was vacant, and they lived there for six months while his home got an interior and exterior facelift. The rental house is in a suburban location that is zoned for horses. Guy says he really enjoyed morning walks with his shih-tzu puppy, when he was able to feed carrots to a menagerie of large animals. Guy recently corresponded with Ann Luckenbill Koster, Bob Le Sueur '79, and Terry Koenig '78.

Peggy Taylor Woltz and Al Woltz '74 have settled into their Abingdon, Maryland, seniors condominium and are enjoying their retirement. They admit that the isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions was a challenge but being together took some of the sting out of the loneliness. Al had been hoping to resume their cruising, but Peg had a much more conservative take on it, beginning in autumn 2023 with another cruise to

New England and Canada. Following that cruise, who knows where Peg and Al might sail on their 44th at-sea experience.

Eileen McCauley Hirsch reports that she is happy to finally be able to emerge from COVID-19 seclusion and spent this year visiting family in Arizona and Florida. She also checked off a bucket list item by going on a two-week safari adventure in Kenya and Tanzania and a gorilla trek in Uganda with her daughter, son-in-law, and sister. She returned to the U.S. with unforgettable memories, pictures ... and COVID-19 (fortunately a very mild case). While at home, she is actively involved in her church as treasurer and chairperson/member of numerous committees. She also finds it interesting to work at the polls on election day.

Bob Toner is enjoying retirement in South Boston, Virginia. Bob Kehler visited with him last summer while he was staying at his nearby cabin. He recently received a photo from Bob Kehler and Don "Angelo" Dea showing the two of them together at the 2022 Homecoming game. Bob loves the quiet life of golf, the grandsons, and attending car shows and cruise-ins.

Bruce Jones is enjoying retirement after 40 years of full-time pastoring. He is serving a small church in Seaford, Delaware, on a part-time basis. He and his wife, Dawn, still live in Sussex County, Delaware, in the home they designed themselves. They love living on Pepper Creek in Dagsboro, Delaware, on the property that once belonged to Dawn's grandfather. Bruce and Dawn have four daughters and seven grandchildren: two boys and five girls. He finds time to play a lot of golf.

Susan Ogilvie Luchey sent her update on the day she was attending her retirement party at the University of Delaware (UD). She officially retired on Oct. 1, but on the same day began working for UD part time. After a 40-year career that most recently included establishing and building a nationally recognized collegiate leadership program, Sue decided she could not close the door completely and stayed on to teach and coordinate several aspects of the program she has directed since 2010. Sue continues to present on leadership topics and is leaning into more consulting work with colleges and nonprofits. She is also proud to announce that this past summer she was recognized with the Robin Orr Outstanding Practitioner award for her work in the leadership education field by the Association of Leadership Educators. On a more personal note, Sue and her husband, Dennis, had a busy summer and fall 2022. Sue visited Pete Clark '77 and Korby Bowman Clark '78 in Port St. Lucie, Florida, and met up with Gary Strain and Leta Richie Strain, M.Ed. '77. Showers, bachelorette trips, and the

wedding of their youngest daughter, Kelsey, occupied much of the summer. Right after the September wedding, Sue and Dennis officially moved full time to the beach. They'd love to see some WMC visitors at their new home on the Indian River Bay in Dagsboro, Delaware, about four miles from Bethany Beach, Delaware. Still an Ocean City, Maryland, girl at heart, Sue and Dennis spend lots of time going back to their favorite places and visiting friends there! Last summer, Sue had a reunion in New York City with her besties from WMC, Sue Snyder LaHatte '77, M.L.A.'82; Stephi Lambert '77; Korby Bowman Clark '78; Leta Richie Strain, M.Ed. '77; and Ann Luckenbill Koster. The six of them saw "SIX" on Broadway, which they thought was appropriate, and then saw "Company," a show that Sue and Ann were in at WMC. Sue is looking forward to her semi-retirement and having time to travel and connect with friends as well as settle into a laid-back lifestyle at the beach.

From Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, Jeff Leed reported that he sold his 27-year-old environmental consulting business, Leed Environmental Inc., to a much larger consulting company, Montrose Environmental Group (Montrose), in September 2020. Concurrent with the sale, he accepted a consulting position with Montrose. He continues to perform project management and environmental consulting services for large, high-profile, multi-party Superfund sites throughout the United States.

Debbie Baird celebrated her retirement by going to Kauai, Hawaii, with her three daughters in January 2022. In October, a new milestone was reached of having traveled to all 50 states and all 10 Canadian provinces. Up next for her is Siem Reap in Cambodia. Debbie lives at Deep Creek Lake, Maryland.

Kathy Clevenger Jones, M.Ed. '77 retired from teaching five years ago and spends her time singing classic rock; being onstage, backstage, or in the boardroom with Church Hill Theatre; and traveling to Key West, Florida, with her recently retired husband, Bruce. They live on Kent Island, Maryland. Kathy frequently visits with Larry Kulp.

Following his retirement from the Smithsonian, Bernie Gallagher, M.L.A. '79 relocated to historic Fredericksburg, Virginia, in 2021. He stays busy visiting local and national historical sites, golfing, and walking to Fred Nats stadium for baseball games. In the fall, he went on his annual trip to Cooperstown, New York, (for a grad school conference ... and baseball) and a family trip to Florida, including a stop at the World Golf Hall of Fame. He also had a moment to catch up with Deb Hosey White at their 50th high school reunion.

Don Haskin and Peggy Harding Haskin celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary in July 2022. They also celebrated their 50th high school reunion and had the chance to reconnect with many old friends. This was especially meaningful as they were high school sweethearts. They are enjoying their retirement, although Peggy stays busy with her online retail business. They have two grown sons who live close by and four grandchildren. They are both active in their church. Don is the chairman of the Saint Mary's County Board of Electrical Examiners, serves on a state electrical committee and teaches continuing education classes for electricians. He recently retired from the Coast Guard Auxiliary after serving for 35 years. Peggy and Don enjoy traveling and went on several trips in 2022, after a couple of years of reduced travel due to the pandemic. In July, they traveled to Disney World with their two sons and their families. This was followed by a tour of the Canadian Rockies that culminated in an Alaskan cruise. They have enjoyed traveling and camping throughout their marriage and purchased a "Class B" motorhome in 2020. This allowed them to make an extended trip to Yellowstone National Park and some other attractions out west this past fall. They look forward to more adventures.

Judy Warfield Price bid a fond farewell to her professional legal and nonprofit careers by retiring in May 2022 from the Aspen Institute. Then she jumped immediately into being the president of the Centreville Rotary Club, which is demanding but fulfilling. Recently, she had the honor of being the keynote speaker at The Gunston School National Honor Society induction ceremonies. She is also finding time to do some things that were deferred during her career and young motherhood days, such as joining the Queen Anne's County Musical Chorale, a throwback to her younger days when she loved to sing. She is also back to traveling, with Seattle, New Orleans, and Minnesota being some of her favorite destinations to visit family. Judy's hubby, Robert Koenke, who hails from Minnesota, still works around the country as an art appraiser. Also in 2022, she had get-togethers with fellow graduates Linda Ackley Ricks at Linda's home in Ocean Pines, Maryland, and Ann Holmes Jones in Ellicott City, Maryland. At a recent wedding, she was surprised to see Albert "Ross" McCausland, who was a member of our class through sophomore year.

Brian Twillman and his wife, Mary, continue to adjust to being very active empty nesters. Brian and Mary are actively working in ways that make a difference to many others. Mary, who is teleworking, works on change management initiatives

with Montgomery County Public Schools. Brian continues to serve as an organization development specialist and training coordinator with the Office of the Administrator at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He is the national program manager for the award-winning EPA Leaders and Learners Mentoring Program. This program is celebrating its 10th anniversary and has had nearly 3,000 employees participate. With his leadership and ongoing input, they have developed a winning formula with their vendor and with most parts of the organization. The program is viewed by senior leaders and many others as essential, as 50% of EPA's workforce will be retirement-eligible in the next five years. Brian will have 30 years in 2025 and will likely consider retiring after he achieves that milestone. For fun, and because he is an INFP and enjoys performing noble service to aid society, he has created a public group on Facebook, called "Striking Chords." It is a global community of collaborative and compassionate communicators who love all the arts, nature, and the inspirational things life offers. Everyone is welcome to enjoy and to participate! They continue to reside in the Cherrywood section of Olney, Maryland.

Steve Vandegrift reports he is still in Austin, Texas, after almost 30 years, now enjoying being an empty nester after his youngest daughter has found her first job after graduation. He sold his senior care marketplace matching company several years ago and now has acquired a mobile app company focused on high school sports. He and his family had a "catch-up" summer of travel in 2022, going to Portugal, Amsterdam, Italy, and hiking in Yosemite. He still plays tennis and soccer and has recently added pickleball to the mix.

Since 1997, Bob Marciszewski's life has literally gone to the dogs! It was at that time that he bought his first Borzoi (aka Russian hunting sighthound), which led him to the canine performance sport called lure coursing. The sport was developed for sighthounds to test what should be the innate characteristics of the breed to chase and hunt down game in the open field. Bob's dog, G'Kar, was competitive and in 1998 was the No. 2 Borzoi in the American Kennel Club (AKC). Of course, having a competitive dog meant that to keep him in condition, it was necessary to purchase the requisite dog accessory for about \$300,000 — a house with 4.6 acres. Competitions kept Bob on the road weekends chauffeuring G'Kar to field trials in the general Mid-Atlantic area. As his dogs — yes, he ended up with several — got older and retired, he turned to the other aspects of the sport and became an all-breed lure coursing judge with the AKC and the American Sighthound Field Association. His judging assignments have

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Those who will be missed:

Nona Therit Lacock '46 of Tucson, Arizona, on July 5, 2021.

Veronica Kompanek Moore '40 of Sterling, Virginia, on Feb. 7, 2022.

Virginia "Ginny" Salerno Olsen '44 of Mashpee, Massachusetts, on Oct. 25, 2022.

Mary Dexter Tompkins '48 of Lutherville Timonium, Maryland, on May 23, 2022.

Helen Walker Schley '48 of Myersville, Maryland, on Sept. 29, 2022.

George Coulter '49 of Rising Sun, Maryland, on Nov. 4, 2021.

David Turner '49 of Hellam, Pennsylvania, on March 1, 2022.

Jean Knox Jackson '49 of Carolina Beach, North Carolina, on Sept. 15, 2022.

Eunice Evans Buzby '49 of Dearborn, Michigan, on Oct. 26, 2022.

Peter Callas '49, M.Ed. '55 of Hagerstown, Maryland, on Dec. 30, 2022.

Maurice Cubberley '51 of Lombard, Illinois, on June 2, 2022.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Patterson Hughes '52 of Baltimore on Nov. 3, 2021.

Eleanor Watson Welde '52 of Denton, Texas, on Nov. 14, 2022.

Mary Ina Grice Bourdon '52 of Severna Park, Maryland, on Dec. 15, 2022.

David Rhoads '53 of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on Dec. 29, 2022.

Virginia Andrews Chagnon '54 of Hockessin, Delaware, on May 19, 2022.

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Susan Blackman '76 drove 1,756 miles in Spain to celebrate her retirement.

taken him as far north as Massachusetts, south to Florida, and west to Colorado. He recently returned from an assignment in Salt Lake City, Utah. To pay the bills, Bob is still working as an IT consultant and is involved with the National Borzoi Rescue Foundation – International and currently has two rescues from Russia. Because of this involvement and his judging, he's recognized across the United States, Australia, Japan, and Russia as "Borzoi Bob."

Brenda Manahan Sears and her husband, Jim, have sold their home of 42 years in Pennsylvania and are now residing in Chatham, Massachusetts. Once their home in Bonita Springs, Florida, is built, they will be splitting their time between the two homes. Hurricane Ian caused severe destruction along their beautiful coastline, and while their new home did not sustain much damage, the storm affected many of their builder's job sites, resulting in delays across the board. Instead of moving in November, it was delayed to early 2023. They feel blessed that their home survived, but their hearts break for their neighbors' losses. Their community is a strong one, so they have faith everyone will pull together and will eventually heal and rebuild. On a happier note, Brenda and Jim's daughter, Jessica, has moved to and purchased a home in Arlington, Massachusetts. She is working in the provost's office at Tufts. She is now much closer to their Massachusetts home, so they can visit each other frequently.

Susan Blackman took a solo retirement honeymoon to Spain. She put 1,756 miles on a rental car, traveling north from Madrid to Bilbao to see the Guggenheim, east to visit the architecture of Antoni Gaudi in Barcelona, south along the coast to the Alhambra, west to Seville to stay with a friend from high school and to visit Cordoba, then returning to Madrid to see "The Garden of Earthly Delights" by Hieronymus Bosch at El Prado. She continues to write grants and coach a few clients, but she is also taking poetry-writing classes and studying the art of Torah cantillation. She recently got together with her three kids and their partners at a swanky B&B in Hocking Hills, Ohio, and then traveled back to Maryland for her 50th high school reunion. She lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with her cat, Ira.

Since retiring, **Sherry Martin White** has been enjoying kayaking on the lakes around her in South Jersey and taking wildlife photos. When not in New Jersey, she and her husband, Joe, have been enjoying their cabin in northern Maine where moose walk through their yard. They even had a bear on the porch looking in the window.

Don "Angelo" Dea sends greetings from Santa Monica, California. While all their belongings remain in storage in Rochester, New York, they are enjoying

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Happy 10th Anniversary to Caseys' Corner



Caseys' Corner, located at the entrance to Hoover Library, was opened in 2013 through a gift from President Roger Casey and his wife, Robyn Allers. The café is named in honor of Casey's parents, Ruskin and Barbara Casey.

no lake-effect snow. At the invitation of their daughter, Erin, Don and Cathy are enrolled in Grandparenting 201, which means they get to take care of their granddaughter a few times a week. It's a good thing that the grandparenting course they are in is a team grade with his wife, as Don is afraid that he's not carrying his weight. Plus, it helps that there is a curve and pass/fail. Their son, Al, just announced that he is engaged to Emily Choi also in Santa Monica, California, with a wedding scheduled for April 1 in Los Angeles. In October 2022, Al and Don presented a keynote address on talent management and career paths for professionals at the Construction Specification Institute National Conference in Denver, Colorado. Don had just finished a keynote for association leaders in Chicago the week before. Al and Don also did a similar keynote for the AICPA Conference in Austin, Texas, in December. Al decided to leave Salesforce and work on several new endeavors addressing talent. He is working on his second book and has created over 200 podcast episodes on the subject. Don and Cathy were back at McDaniel for Homecoming, and Don received the Alumni Service Award at the banquet and halftime. **Paul Fulton '78** and Lisa Breslin joined Don and Cathy for the awards ceremony and banquet. He had a great discussion with President Julia Jasken

about her role and the future of the college. He also spoke with **Bob Kehler** and had great conversation with trustee **Carroll "Splinter" Yingling '68**. The day ended with a wet Homecoming win over Dickinson College. The following week, Don had dinner with **Steve Spinelli '77**, **Hon. D.B.A. '09**, in Boston, where he is the current president of Babson College. What a great time sharing memories of Western Maryland, Jiffy Lube, many mutual buds, and business and educational experiences. In October 2021, Don was awarded ASAE's Academy of Leaders Award for serving the association profession. In early 2022, he put together ASAE's AAPI Advisory Group to help advance AAPI leadership in the association and nonprofit community. Don serves Excelsior University as chair of its board of trustees and is board chair of America's VetDogs and the Guide Dog Foundation. He also continues to serve association and commercial client advisory clients.

Well, the Cahills have been pretty busy since **Bob "Flipper" Cahill's** last report. Just to catch up, Bob and his family have lived in New York (Queens and Long Island); Los Angeles; Houston; Seattle; Morgan Hill, California; San Antonio, Texas; and now Wisconsin. Bob figured if he can successfully leave South Florida for Western Maryland he can surely live anywhere — and he has! You can't hit a moving target. Along the way, Bob and Robbie

have raised three children and are blessed to have four grandchildren. Unfortunately, all of Bob and Robbie's grandchildren live in Southern California. Although Bob and Robbie love their grandchildren immensely, they are in love with Wisconsin and the change of seasons. Bob and Robbie were able to spend time with WMC-AGT friends at the Annapolis, Maryland, home of **Larry Matthews '75**, including fellow AGT brothers **Rich Heritage** and **Jodee Engle Heritage '80**, **Gary Strain** and **Leta Ritchie Strain '76**, **M.Ed. '77**, and **Joe Tyssowski**, as well as other alums from '73 to '76. After years of traveling to visit family for holidays and reunions, Bob and Robbie took a trip last summer to London to see some concerts — Elton John, the Rolling Stones, and the Eagles — as well as the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, and Abbey Road (yes, they have a picture crossing the street). They also attended opening rounds of Wimbledon. To top it off, they spent the night at the new TWA Hotel at JFK Airport upon their return to the U.S. It so happens their stay was on the 45th anniversary of Bob graduating from the TWA Flight Attendant training class, for whom Bob worked for 10 years after graduation. Bob enjoyed his travels to Europe, Africa, Asia, and South America, having played on a TWA-sponsored fast-pitch softball team that represented the USA on goodwill tours. As far as work goes, Robbie loves working at Trader Joe's where she has worked for eight years. And Bob? Well, as a true-blue Green Terror, Bob still works for a large franchisee of ... you guessed it, Jiffy Lube. The new franchise started in December 2019 with one store, and has since exploded to 65 stores in 14 states, as of November 2022. Bob still gets to see **Scott Trenner '79**, **Pete Blauvelt '77**, and others at the JLI convention each year.

Dale and I, **Debbie Cogan Gingrich**, still love retirement living in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, where I enjoy competitive doubles tennis, book club discussions, playing mah-jongg, fitness center time, and walks on the beach, while Dale has cut his handicap by 10 strokes to a four since moving here. During the time we both worked for Marriott, we purchased multiple timeshare weeks and points, which had piled up and had to be used or lost by December 2022. Vaccinated and ready to travel, in the past two years we have visited three Hawaiian Islands; California five times (mountains, desert, and coast); the Colorado mountains twice; Park City, Utah; Boston; Miami; and Orlando, as well as numerous trips to see our three sons and daughters-in-law and five grandchildren (all under age 6) in North Carolina, Georgia, and Hawaii, and Dale's 91-year-old mother in Pennsylvania.

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Our dear classmate **Claire Morris North** has passed the job of class reporter to me and with a hopeful heart I begin. I am looking forward to the chance to reach out and reconnect us. Claire and I both hope that more of you will begin reporting so we hear more news from classmates. Time has a way of escaping and friendships waning due to the pace of life, even lost without fair notice. And so, it is with a heavy heart I must report the passing of our classmate **Marshall Weimann** on Oct. 26, 2022. I, like many of you, will remember his great spirit, gentle heart, and remarkable fortitude.

Claire Morris North, to whom we all owe a gigantic hug for serving as class reporter for so long, promptly reported in that she has retired from her teaching career as well as class reporting! However, she continues to advise me and is substitute teaching and tutoring to make a contribution. In addition to staying involved, she is doing a lot of golfing and traveling with her hubby, Michael, for fun. Their son, Michael, is a family doctor resident in Charleston, South Carolina, where she plans to visit often.

Jamie Spivey has truly spread his wings and is living in the Philippines permanently now. Not too long ago, he married a lovely local woman named Jessa and adopted her 7-year-old daughter, Jea, to join his family of two other adopted children, Roses, 18, and Angelo, 10. Now retired, Jamie enjoyed a successful career in law, was a pilot, and eventually became an instructor of piloting. He shared that he survived bone cancer in 2020, and so with a grateful heart he embarks on a new life with Jessa and their blended family in the Philippines, which includes a delightful pet chicken!

Martha Voss Smith reports that she retired in 2020 and resides in Ocean View, Delaware, with her husband, Rupert, with whom she recently renewed her marriage vows! She is especially glad to have her daughter, Caroline, living nearby in Ocean View with her husband, Joe, and the grandchildren. Martha is in regular contact with our classmates **Leslie Thomas-Vitek**, **Cathy Beedenbender Wiley**, and **Maria Hutchinson**.

Tammy Wase is happily married to her husband Manny and still selling real estate, now for 36 years! She has also taken over the management of her mother's cleaning business, "Moppin Mommas"! She reports lots of time spent on the shores of Assateague Island, loving the scenery and wild horses. Tammy recently visited with my brother, **Mike O'Neill '80**, and his wife.

Susan Frost Mosbacher reported that she is living in California and adjusting to the loss of her husband in 2021. She is working as the statewide UC Master Food Preserver Program coordinator and

is responsible for the organization of programs that teach home consumers how to safely preserve foods. She has learned to be her own handyman and reports that she is never bored, looking forward to what each day brings, and will soon celebrate her daughter's graduation from nursing school.

Virginia "Ginnie" Eisenbeis Zawacki, M.S. '88 and her husband, **Brian Zawacki '83**, are still happily residing in Westminster, Maryland. Ginnie retired from teaching elementary school in Carroll County after 30 years. She is currently assisting in the development of academic support programs for a local youth center called Together We Own It. Their daughter **Anna Zawacki Skinner M.S. '17** joined her parents as alumni of McDaniel by graduating with a master's degree in Special Education in 2017. Their daughter Kara lives in New York and is a director of marketing, while son Dan is the director of undergraduate administration at Towson University. Ginnie is still hiking, gardening, and loving yoga. She and Brian have been in contact with Cindy and **Richard Newton '80**, Melissa and **Tim Stump '81**, and catch up with **George Kleb's** band when they can.

Beth Heckle Staton reports an exciting year in 2022 as she retired from the University of Michigan Hospital, took a summer-long vacation, and moved to her cottage on Lake Huron. She also became a grandmother with the arrival of son Chris' baby girl, Hattie Renee, in July, and then her daughter, Celia, had a baby boy, Jameson, in October.

Stephanie Opdahl Hubach and her hubby, **Fred Hubach**, are enjoying active careers, grandchildren, and boating on the Chesapeake Bay. Fred switched his career from engineering management to ownership of his own company called Fair & Square Home Care, which specializes in home improvements. Stephanie works for Covenant Theological Seminary as a research fellow in disabilities ministries. In 2021 and 2022, she added several publications to her resume. Her book "Parenting & Disabilities: Abiding in God's Presence" came out in 2021.

Teresa Baker reported that she, too, retired in the recent past but continued to serve as a volunteer during the COVID-19 crisis in the Maryland Medical Reserve Corps. She lives in Columbia, Maryland, and enjoys the close proximity of her sisters and a beautiful forest full of "entertaining critters." When she is not traveling across the United States for fun, she heads into NYC and catches Stephen Colbert and Seth Meyers live. Otherwise, she is staying politically active organizing speaker events for people to stay informed.

Barbie Peterson Dawson and **Jim Dawson** report that Jim is in his 37th year of teaching and Barbie is super blessed to be helping rear and babysit

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Carol Sause Burch '54 of Towson, Maryland, on Oct. 1, 2022.

Meta Justice Davis '55 of Snow Hill, Maryland, on Oct. 8, 2022.

James Lewis '59 of Timonium, Maryland, on Sept. 28, 2022.

Gerald Reynolds '60 of Andover, Massachusetts, on Sept. 30, 2022.

Eugene Arbaugh '60 of Lutherville Timonium, Maryland, on Nov. 18, 2022.

Anthony Anastasi M.Ed. '61 of Baltimore on March 14, 2022.

Melvina Wagner Stricklin '61 of Berlin, Maryland, on Dec. 13, 2022.

Roger Wolfe '62 of Sykesville, Maryland, on Nov. 13, 2022.

Dr. Warren Jelinek '65 of New York City on Feb. 4, 2021.

Dr. G. Jan Jucha Hamilton '65 of Montgomery, Texas, in 2021.

Judith Jones Hickey '65 of Monkton, Maryland, on Dec. 23, 2022.

Carl Ebaugh '65 of Taneytown, Maryland, on Jan. 8, 2023.

Darrell Linton '66 of Winter Springs, Florida, on Nov. 15, 2022.

James Hook '66, M.Ed. '72 of Prince Frederick, Maryland, on Nov. 25, 2022.

Barbara Zimmerman Jolly '68 of Scotts Valley, California, on Aug. 24, 2022.

Thomas Fisher '71 of Westminster, Maryland, on Nov. 28, 2022.

Deborra Waynant Lego '75 of Westminster, Maryland, on Sept. 29, 2022.

Kendrick Weaver '77 of Springdale, Maryland, on Nov. 23, 2022.

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Professor Emerita of Economics and Business Administration Susan Matz Milstein died Dec. 3, 2022, at the age of 77.

During her 31 years as a professor here on the Hill, she impacted the lives of countless students. She came to the college in 1983, joining the Department of Economics and Business Administration after successfully passing the certified public accountant (CPA) exam on her first attempt. Upon her retirement from McDaniel in 2015, she was granted the status of emerita, as well as Honorary Alumna, for her contributions to the college.

A CPA, Milstein merged her love of math with her passion for teaching. A popular instructor known for “really wanting to help students” and “for making learning fun,” she was instrumental in helping to develop the college’s Accounting curriculum, including instituting intermediate Accounting courses, to ensure that students are prepared to sit for the national CPA exam. She was also known for her Jan Term course on the traditional Chinese game of mah-jongg.

It was through her passion for community service that she introduced the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program in 1991. VITA, which provides free tax help to low-to-moderate income taxpayers, gave real-world experience to Accounting, Economics, and Business Administration students by preparing tax returns and helping to answer client questions. Many McDaniel alumni who went on to become CPAs also returned to the college to volunteer with the program. For her commitment and work with this program, she received a Faculty Achievement Award from the college, as well as special recognition certificates from the Internal Revenue Service.

Her legacy at McDaniel also lives on through Interviewing Day, which she founded in 2007 to not just help prepare students for entering the workforce, but to help them land internships and jobs while still students.

In addition to being involved in numerous committees at the college and serving as an advisor to several student organizations, she remained an active member of professional organizations, including the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants, which presented her with its Outstanding Accounting Teaching Award in 1992.

A graduate of Forest Park High School in Baltimore, she earned a B.S. in History and Social Sciences and a M.Ed. in Secondary Education from Towson University. In 1990 while teaching at McDaniel, she received an M.B.A. with concentrations in Accounting and Management from Mount St. Mary’s College.

Joyce Muller, retired associate vice president of communications and marketing at the college, shared the following story: “Milstein loved her students but was most strict in the classroom. She banned the use of cellphones in her classes, and if she heard any ring during class, she demanded that the student leave immediately.

“In her final class prior to her retirement, at the last minute of that class, every student’s cellphone rang. Not only that, but cellphones could be heard ringing outside the room in the building’s hallway. When she opened the door, she saw all her students gathered proudly holding up their ringing phones.

“With great respect and admiration, Professor Milstein was ‘rung’ out.”

her grandchildren. Jim is still refereeing, and they keep themselves entertained with biking. They were beaching it in Fort Lauderdale this year with Jane Burch Friddell and Katie O’Dwyer Steadley.

David Simpson reports that all is well on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He recently moved back to his hometown of Salisbury, Maryland, after 10 years in Ocean City, Maryland. I had the pleasure of working on our high school reunion with David not too long ago and can say reconnecting with him was loads of fun.

Kay Davis Moore is retired in Raleigh, North Carolina, and loving it. She is beaching it every summer, volunteering in a food pantry, staying committed to her church, and has even gone back to school for fun, taking classes she finds interesting. She keeps up with good friend and classmate Lori Keen Snyder and they visit when possible. Lori is still working for Volvo Construction Equipment, and she and her husband, Ed, are now proud grandparents!

Randy Heck and Cindy Swezey Heck ’83 are still living in Darien, Connecticut, and are now first-time grandparents to Evie. All three of their daughters are living in NYC and their son is in Brooklyn. Randy is still going strong in his investment career, but can be found on the golf course for fun, and Cindy is still raising bees. Not too long ago they had the pleasure of skiing with Joe Menendez ’81 at Beaver Creek where he expertly headed up the skiing efforts.

As for me, Jenny O’Neill, life continues to deliver the unexpected, like the adoption of four siblings eight years ago at the ages of 1, 2, 4, and 7, thereby turning our empty nest into a house in motion. It is an unexpected journey full of trauma, history, and healing, and our service to children in need of a home, love, and a path less traveled. Teaching my beloved Political Science and Sociology classes at the local community college ended with COVID-19 and the adventure of homeschooling four children at my kitchen table! But we continue to manage our own environmental services company, Living Ecosystems. Our small farm, Holly Hope Farm and Kennel, survived COVID-19 despite two years of no Labrador litters. In the meantime, we grew in preparation for the future by buying new Labrador stock, adding pigs, then goats, and now sheep to our homesteading efforts. Soon we will be spinning wool!

In no time at all, it will be our 50th Reunion year. I hope to see you there.

Best Regards,
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Tara Stevenson McEvoy is still working part time as a registered nurse at a rehabilitation hospital in York, Pennsylvania, and loves her job! After homeschooling multiple children for the past 19 years, she is down to homeschooling one child, her son Josiah who is in the seventh grade. Her twins, Sophia and Amelia, graduated from high school in May, and they are enjoying life while trying to figure out what to do next. Her daughter Anna graduated from Lancaster Bible College in May with a social work degree, and daughter Olivia is in her last year of nursing school. They welcomed an amazing young man into their family when her oldest daughter Madeline got married in April. Tara vacationed for two weeks in Englewood, Florida, this summer with her entire family. Lots of milestones this year for her mom heart to endure, but it was an amazing year!

John Rooney and Michelle Giangrandi Rooney ’89 celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in Bermuda in September, narrowly escaping a hurricane. Their daughter Abigail is in her junior year of college at Saint Joseph’s University and son Michael is now in his second year at Widener University Commonwealth Law School in Pennsylvania. John was able to see many Bete brothers and a few Phi Alph sisters at a golf outing Dave Cadigan ’89 hosted this past summer; it was great to see so many WMC colleagues.

Mark Buckley and his family, Rose, Jack, and Clare, are still living in Stuttgart, Germany. Jack is a senior in college in the U.S., and Clare is a senior at Stuttgart High School.

George Mayhew and Karen Quidas Mayhew ’90 own a small farm in southwest Wisconsin where they raise heritage sheep, goats, and poultry, and sell livestock for breeding purposes and meat production. Karen is also growing a fiber business that services craft wool spinners and is clerking at the U.S. Postal Service in Blanchardville, Wisconsin, so she can be close to the farm. George is currently the director of bioinformatics at a growing pharmaceutical company in Madison, Wisconsin.

Chris Newman and Susan Shoumer Newman ’89 celebrated 31 years of marriage in June. Their daughter Natalie Newman ’23 is a senior at McDaniel studying Kinesiology and Communication and having a blast. She loves meeting alumni who went to college with us, including one of her evening class professors, Tracy Kennard Imm ’87. Their second daughter, Nicole, is a senior at James Madison University and will graduate in the spring with a B.S. in Nursing (BSN). She too is enjoying her time at college. Chris celebrated 34 years at T. Rowe Price in January and is currently the head of

Americas, leading the institutional business across the U.S. and Canada. He is fortunate to work alongside many terrific McDaniel alumni and seeks to welcome more every year, as it has proven to be a wonderful institution to recruit young talent. Chris still proudly serves on the McDaniel Board of Trustees (since 2009) and is so impressed with President Julia Jasken and the team she has put in place. Our leadership team is stronger than ever, and they are taking bold steps to improve all aspects of the college, kicking off a new strategic plan this year. Chris encourages all of you to take a more active interest in the college, to find a way that you can give back, whether it is time or treasure, to a place we all love. Susan and Chris have found it to be very rewarding. Chris proudly welcomed fellow Bete Mark Carter ’86 to the board recently. Chris also hopes to see many of us on campus sometime soon!

Jonathan Slade is now in his 20th year of teaching full time at McDaniel in the Department of Communication and Cinema. During the height of the pandemic, while many courses moved online, Slade got permission to teach his classes outside at Harvey Stone Pavilion, including Intro to Media and Television Production. It was not uncommon to have a squirrel or bird zip through during a lecture or discussion, or for rain to drip onto the video projector, but surprisingly, many students actually performed better grade-wise than they traditionally would in a regular classroom. He looks forward to the scheduled renovation of this iconic McDaniel location. In spring 2022, McDaniel honored him as a Charles A. Boehlke Jr. Engaged Faculty Fellow. Off-campus, Slade continues to edit and publish his free, hyperlocal quarterly community newspaper the Mason-Dixon Surveyor, which is now in its third year. He and his wife, Novia Campbell, celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary by visiting the Faroe Islands in July 2022

Jennifer Martin Hussey, M.S. ’91 says nothing really has changed since her last update except that she and her husband managed to get their son graduated from high school. Jennifer is working as the director of compliance for the Bexar County Local Mental Health Authority, and most days still enjoys it. Her husband is again contracted back to San Antonio Military Medical Center as a pediatric neurologist. They are still gaming out their exit from Texas back to the DMV. They hope by the next update that will be a reality. Jennifer and her husband recently downsized to a much smaller house and yard, which has made weekends much more fun. She highly recommends the downsize!

Tammy Graf, or as she is fondly known by her email, Tammy “The Bean

Counter,” says life has been very hectic since she completed the termination of the existence of Fingerle Lumber Co. in 2020 and then started a new position as CFO for Northville Lumber two weeks before the shutdown for COVID-19. Since 60 is a lot closer now, Fred and Tammy have been trying to decide how retirement will look. And with those thoughts, she is going to start winding down her tax practice this upcoming season. She gets back to Westminster, Maryland, about four times a year for quick visits to check on her mom after losing her dad in January 2020.

Laurie Levin Tuzynski and husband John sold their house in Woodstock, Maryland, and moved to Port Saint Lucie, Florida, in October. They bought a home in a 55-plus community, Valencia Cay in Riverland. She planned retirement on Dec. 31, 2022, after 34-plus years of service. She stays in touch with Kathy Murphy Yingling and was happy to see her in person after pandemic restrictions ended. Laurie is looking forward to the next phase of her life in sunny Florida!

Three years ago, Mary-Martha Peel Bahn’s husband accepted a position at the University of Maastricht, so they moved to Maastricht, Netherlands. Although the pandemic curtailed their plans for travel for the first two years, they are now really enjoying themselves and seeing as much of Europe as they can. Last year took them to Paris, London, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, the Eifel region in Germany, and the mountains of Austria. They also saw the opening stages of La Vuelta bike race in Breda and Utrecht, a bucket list item for them. Their oldest daughter lived with them for the past year while she worked on a master’s degree, which she received recently. Their younger daughter is a junior at Oregon State University where she runs track and field. She comes to Maastricht every school break. If any of you find yourself over in The Netherlands, Mary-Martha hopes you will reach out so you can connect in person. They are a pretty easy train ride from Amsterdam, Brussels, and Paris.

I, Susan Scalley Herrold, celebrated 21 years at Anne Arundel County Government this year. Currently, I’m the assistant human resources officer for employee and labor relations, managing collective bargaining with 11 unions. I attended the Phi Alpha Mu reunion in the spring and had a blast reconnecting with some fantastic women that I had not seen in a while. It was especially nice to see my roomie Melinda Milburn Palmeri and fellow classmate Deonne Reeve Wollman along with so many other friends. We have six grandchildren now and love spending time with them when we can. Bruce and I are happy to be able to travel again and spent a couple of weeks this fall bumming around South Carolina.

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Rebecca Erdeljac M.Ed. ’80 of Westminster, Maryland, on Nov. 9, 2022.

Marshall Weimann ’82 of Tucson, Arizona, on Oct. 26, 2022.

Timothy Vogeler M.Ed. ’84 of Frederick, Maryland, on Aug. 24, 2022.

C. Martin Voss ’84 of Wilmington, Delaware, on Nov. 12, 2022.

Paul Zepp ’85 of Westminster, Maryland, on Nov. 13, 2022.

Christian Hobbis ’92 of Ho Ho Kus, New Jersey, on Dec. 31, 2022.

Jonathan Maffucci ’16 of Westminster, Maryland, on Jan. 7, 2023.

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Carl Downey '94 started a digital marketing consulting business for the legal industry in 2017.

Matt Dunne '87 and I, **Tracy Buckman Dunne**, are still living in Cincinnati, Ohio. Matt is chief operating officer for Music and Event Management, managing five music venues and lots of local festivals and events. I am a managing broker for a local real estate company, **Comey & Shepherd**. This year our son joined me as a partner in the real estate business, which has been lots of fun.

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Michael Rice lives in Vail, Arizona, after moving from Tucson almost three years ago. He and his wife, Rachel, celebrated nine years of marriage in October. They have a beautiful 4-year-old daughter, **Peregrine Marie**. He has been a practicing small-animal veterinarian for over 10 years, serving the greater Tucson, Arizona, area and the region. He loves his family and his job. He turned 50 in October and is looking forward to many more years of happiness.

Susan Sommer Vaughan is now in her 17th year with FINRA, having taken on a new role in 2020, managing FINRA's Electronic Blue Sheet program. She's still living in Germantown, Maryland, and gets together regularly with **Beth Webster Cavett**. Over the summer, they caught up with **Jennifer Scott Guenther '93** for dinner. These days she spends her free time ballroom dancing, practicing pilates, and getting together with friends for game nights and movies.

Carl Downey is living in Bel Air, Maryland, with his family of five. His oldest boy is visiting colleges, and he took him to McDaniel to play a round of golf and see a football game last fall. Carl started a digital marketing consulting business for the legal industry called Complete Law Marketing in 2017. Carl still sees many of his college friends on a regular basis. **Bethann Van Ness Carbone '92** introduced him to his wife back in 1994, and they still hang out with her and her husband, **Ray Carbone '91**, whenever they can. They often run into **Drew Reddel**, **Karen Litishin Reddel**, **Tim Reilly '95**, **Sandy Fox Reilly '95**, and **Michael Clinton '07**, who all live nearby in Harford County. They celebrated turning 50 this year in glorious fashion with a weeklong boys' vacation rental in Deep Creek, Maryland. The house was filled with **Cooper Long**, **Drew Reddel**, **Jonny Bleckley**, **Scotty Schoberg**, **Todd Knellinger '93**, **Chris Kintzel '96**, **Jay DeVito '96**, **Eric Wagner '92**, **Michael Looney '91**, and **Mark Tillman '93**.

They had a revival of their annual croquet tournament and played about 90 holes of golf on a par three course reminiscent of WMC. It was kind of like a Jan Term and he loved hanging out with the college gang again. He is hoping that they can plan more events like this in the future.

Abbi Wicklein-Bayne is still living in Lutherville, Maryland, near her parents **Pamela Gebhard Wicklein '68** and **Jarrett Wicklein '65**. In May, her son **Jack Bayne '22** joined the ranks of McDaniel alumni and graduated with a degree in Environmental Science. He is currently working with the Chesapeake Conservation Corps and is stationed at Fort McHenry in Baltimore. Luckily, Abbi's niece **Sadie Bowman '25** is a sophomore this year, so they will still be on the Hill frequently this spring, watching lacrosse instead of baseball. Abbi was fortunate this year to be able to stay within the National Park Service and take on a new challenge as a project manager for the Harpers Ferry Interpretive Design Center. She oversees media development projects, such as exhibits, films, and outdoor signage, for national parks in the northeast region. Now that her younger son, **Brady**, is also in college at Shepherd University, it is a great opportunity for her to travel and help parks get ready for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.

Karen Downs Moser started with a new company, **Cloverkey**, in 2021 and was recently promoted to area manager. In October, she celebrated 23 years of marriage with her husband, **Scott**. She's very active in her kids' high school as president of the PTO and vice president of fundraising for the choir parents. Her 18-year-old triplets **CJ**, **Josephine**, and **Colwyn**, will be graduating from West Deptford High School in June.

Sherry Albright Clower, M.S. '99 continues to teach elementary physical education for Carroll County Public Schools with friend, colleague, and WMC alum **Denise Spangler St. Rose '95**. As a CrossFit L2 trainer, she also has the opportunity to share her interest in fitness with several adult classes at Evolve Human Performance at Coppermine 4 Seasons. She has recently taken on a new role as a supervisor of student-teachers for McDaniel College. Although COVID-19 has curtailed much of their recent travel, she and her husband, **Richard Clower '50**, managed to visit the Great Lakes on a Viking cruise this past summer.

Hope Filer Curry is still living in Rhode Island and enjoying life with her husband and two kids. Her daughter will be heading to college next fall and her son will be entering high school. They — along with several jobs — keep her very busy! She has been working in the elementary school in her town for the past few years and loves it. She is also coaching high school tennis,

her daughter's team in the fall and the boys' team in the spring; working from home as a travel agent; and working seasonally for the admission office of University of Rhode Island, evaluating applications for them. In her free time (not much of that these days!), she plays tennis and captains several USTA league teams. One of the mixed doubles teams she plays on qualified for nationals in Arizona this season! It's been too long since she's been back on the Hill, but she hopes to get to campus the next time she goes back home to Maryland. She still keeps in touch with WMC friends and loves hearing about what everyone is up to. She was especially happy to spend a week of vacation in Jamaica with **Meg Gobrecht Miller '93** in August!

Thomas Roberts has definitely been livin' through some big changes. The biggest and most recent change centers around leaving New York City and moving back home to Baltimore. He hasn't lived there full time in 27 years, but there were some family concerns that precipitated the move. His mother, **Michelle Roberts**, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease at the end of January 2021. It was a very bitter pill for his family to swallow, especially for his mom. Meanwhile, his parents who had divorced in the 1980s never remarried, they always remained friendly co-parents and in later years tight companions. So of course, when they circled the family wagons to research and plan mom's medical care his dad was involved. Unfortunately, less than three weeks later, his seemingly healthy dad would suffer a severe stroke that landed him in the hospital. He then passed a few days after that on Feb. 24, 2021. It was a one-two punch of severe loss that had him reevaluating his life and priorities about the future. He decided it was time to come home. So as soon as he was professionally able to, he made a beeline back to Baltimore. He settled in at the start of October in Baltimore County, and right after that move he celebrated his 50th birthday and took a vacation trip to the Dominican Republic and has almost finished unpacking!

Kristen Purcaro Welch and **Rolando "Ro" Welch** still reside in Olney, Maryland. Kristen is a senior intelligence officer at the CIA, and Rolando is a senior probation manager for the Department of Juvenile Justice in Alexandria, Virginia. Their daughter, **Ariana**, started her first year of college this fall attending Lafayette College on an academic scholarship. Their son, **Alexander**, is a sophomore at Sherwood High School and keeps them busy with travel soccer and basketball. Ro coaches Alex's AAU basketball team, which has them traveling the country. They stay in close touch with fellow classmates **Karen Litishin Reddel** and **Drew Reddel**; **Dawn Motovidlak Pipken**; **Dana Mostow Loube**,

[Class Noted]

Alumni join forces to help students dress for success

While on an Alumni Council Zoom meeting this past fall, Alumni Outreach Committee Chair **Kittie DeLuca Pain '00** and committee member **Maureen Carroll Martin '86** simultaneously had a "light bulb moment."

Daniel DeHollander, associate director of career development in the Center for Experience and Opportunity (CEO), was giving a presentation to the Alumni Council members about the CEO. When he mentioned the CEO's Career Closet — a collection of new and gently used work attire that is available free of charge to all students — **Pain** and **Martin** knew this could be a wonderful opportunity for the four established regional alumni chapters to make a difference. They soon connected with **DeHollander**, and he agreed.

"From the moment our Student Ambassadors presented this plan to the alumni chapters, I knew there'd be great enthusiasm and follow through," **DeHollander** says. "Alumni have always been great supporters of CEO initiatives because they understand the value of experiential learning, and this year, they have donated their clothing/accessories and time like never before while simultaneously engaging their personal and professional networks to do the same."

Throughout the month of January, the Maryland-based chapters in Carroll County and Montgomery County, as well as the chapters in Philadelphia and South-central Pennsylvania, helped collect donations to take to the college. With outreach through email and social media, the chapter leaders were pleased with the response they received.

"This is the first time the CEO partnered with the alumni chapters to promote their restock event and we're looking forward to it growing," says **Pain**.

When sharing on her personal Facebook page in early January, **Martin** immediately received a message from a friend whose daughter used to work at McDaniel.



"She volunteers at a thrift store in Bethesda, Maryland, and they had about 40 men's suits in their back room that they couldn't seem to sell, but they didn't want to just trash them," she says. "She gave us 15 garment bags of suits in all sizes, with a few women's suits and jackets in the mix as well. It filled up my trunk and more!"

As additional alumni began to reach out and word spread in local groups, the pile of donations grew. "I've truly enjoyed working with the chapters to develop creative solutions to get items to campus," **DeHollander** says. "I am so grateful for the new connections we've established for the benefit of students."

Ultimately, the CEO Career Closet saw its inventory grow to more than 800 items thanks to new items received during this January's clothing drive. Due to the generosity of alumni and other community members, students will now have access to free suits, dress shirts, dress pants, skirts, dresses, shoes, belts, accessories, and more that they can wear to job interviews, career fairs, internships, and other professional settings.

"This is an easy way for alumni to connect with current students," **Martin** says. "It shows current students that alumni care about them and will help them succeed in any way they can. That's invaluable!"



Daniel DeHollander, associate director of career development, picked up a bag of donated clothing items from Teresa "Terri" Davis Milne '85.

alumni updates

Joanne Johnson Engler '94 is the vice president of finance for Special Olympics Maryland.

M.S. '99; Heather Beal Imirie, M.S. '04; Randi DeFino Bauernshub; Amy Bridgeman Fritzges; Carolyn "Cari" Sciarappa Kline; Stephanie Flood Canales; Kirsten Stockel Lawrence; and **Laura John Wroblecki.** The crew celebrated their 50th birthdays in Anna Maria Island, Florida, in March.

Joanne Johnson Engler is the vice president of finance for Special Olympics Maryland and hopes to work there until retirement. Last year, she and her husband, Jim, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Besides spending time with her five grown children and three daughters-in-law, she has four grandchildren that all live nearby. Over the past few years, she and her husband have traveled to Greece and had the great privilege of attending the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. She sings at two churches, in a traditional choir and a praise and worship group. Joanne still lives in the same home in Eldersburg, Maryland.

Debbie "Deb" Milstein Herchelroath started a new position in August 2020 at UPMC Harrisburg as an OB/GYN hospitalist. She currently lives in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with her husband and two daughters, who are 14 and 16. She is still close with **Susie Pollard Freimanis; Heather Wakefield Spire '93, M.S. '95; Kerri Wagner Rapp; Raul Galindo '92,** and of course, her sister, **Jen Milstein Johnson '93.**

John Hampton has reached 22 years on the job with the Dallas Fire Department and has been instructing at Collin College Fire Academy for the last 12 years. He and his wife, Courtney, have welcomed daughter Haylee Marie into the world this past July. He feels "God has a sense of humor," as his now middle daughter Jessica is a freshman at the University of South Carolina and his son Justin is a senior at Oklahoma State University. Recently he was able to meet up with fellow Sig Eps **Brett Young, Chuck McLean, Brian Gallizzo '95, Jeremy Kenney '93,** and **Ed Buzzi '93** on a recent trip back to Maryland last February. He also stays in touch regularly with **Marc Gettemy** and **Ray Pickersgill** as well.

I, **Ray Pickersgill**, like the rest of us hit 50 this year! It was a year packed with adventures and activities. I was promoted to head varsity football coach at Schem East High School, and I am still the varsity wrestling coach there as well. My youngest son, Ryan, made the varsity wrestling team as an 8th grader and will be on the same team as his brother. I am in my 28th year of teaching Social Studies in the Schem School District. This year, my wife and I did quite a bit of traveling. We went to Nashville, Iceland, Jamaica, and on a family cruise to the Caribbean. It was nice to travel again after a few years of travel restrictions. My daughter, **Kate Pickersgill '25,** is a sophomore at McDaniel and is

absolutely loving her time there. My older son, Jack, is currently going through the college search and McDaniel is on the list. My wife, Elizabeth, threw me the best 50th birthday party and **Brett Young** and **Melissa Slaughter Young '95** came up from Virginia to surprise me. I would like to congratulate **John Hampton** and Courtney Kistler Hampton on the birth of their daughter Haylee Marie in July. I still regularly keep in touch with **Brett Young, Marc Gettemy, Brian Gallizzo '95, John Black, John Hampton, Chuck McLean, Jeremy Kenney '93,** and **Ed Buzzi '93.** I also see **Jeff McAndrew '92** once a year on our annual pilgrimage to the NCAA wrestling tournament.

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2000

Krysta Stacy Huxford has returned to her roots. Having grown up in western Maryland, Krysta and her husband Dane always knew one day they would come back. On July 1, 2021, their family moved into Krysta's childhood home. Fellow Phi Alpha Mu sisters **Faith Walker '97, Kristin Harkins Kober, Michelle Charron Mele '01,** and **Tara Webb Lovett '03** have made their way out for some fun in the country and on the farm. Regular visits from her brother **Chester Stacy '97** are extra special as they both reflect on childhood memories and creating new ones with their own kiddos. Along with continuing her pilates business, Krysta is working alongside her parents to learn how to manage their Christmas tree farm, Pinetum. The farm celebrated a milestone of 50 years of harvesting Christmas trees in 2019, and maintaining this legacy is a source of inspiration for Krysta and her family. Krysta and Dane look forward to sharing this special place they are grateful to call home.

Heather Pinto Viscito checks in from Grand Forks, North Dakota. She recently stepped down as director of the daycare center that she had opened so that she can keep up with her kids — Matty, 15; Emily, 12; and Livy, 10 — and their activities. Heather and her husband celebrated 17 years of marriage with a cruise to Italy.

Emily Murphy Hollins, M.S. '09 is enjoying her work as the registrar at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia. She loves attending their theatre and music productions, which bring back great memories of "Starmites" and other WMC productions! Emily has been able to travel to 43 countries (same as her age!) and hopes to continue that in the coming years. Now that some restrictions have

lifted, she has been happy to see **Jennifer McCabe '99, Brian Hornbecker '99, Nic Johnson,** and **Kate Hampson** for visits.

After serving 15 years in the Army Special Forces, **Jarrold J. H. Gillam** and **Melissa Slaughter Young '95** came up from Virginia to surprise me. I would like to congratulate **John Hampton** and Courtney Kistler Hampton on the birth of their daughter Haylee Marie in July. I still regularly keep in touch with **Brett Young, Marc Gettemy, Brian Gallizzo '95, John Black, John Hampton, Chuck McLean, Jeremy Kenney '93,** and **Ed Buzzi '93.** I also see **Jeff McAndrew '92** once a year on our annual pilgrimage to the NCAA wrestling tournament. He followed this up with his current assignment at the Pentagon as the senior military assistant to the assistant secretary of defense for nuclear, chemical, and biological defense programs. Jarrod married Laura Haynes of Knoxville, Tennessee, in 2015, and together they have two wonderful children, Madison, 6, and Hunter, 3. They currently reside in Bethesda, Maryland.

Jodi Reese Vallaster lives in Frederick, Maryland, with her husband and daughter. In 2018, she completed her doctorate from The George Washington University. In January 2022, Jodi started a new job with the National Center for Education Statistics at the U.S. Department of Education. When she is not running around to kids' sports and other activities, she enjoys meeting up with her college roommate **Veronica "Ronnie" Esteves Dietz** and **Erin Garoutte Thomas, M.S. '09.**

Tim P. Walker is excited to share that his short story "C.C. + Joy" appeared in a fiction anthology titled "Under the Thumb: Stories of Police Oppression," which was guest edited by S. A. Cosby and published by Rock and a Hard Place Press late last year. This year, the anthology was nominated for an Anthony Award, which is a literary award for mystery and suspense fiction presented at the yearly Bouchercon World Mystery Convention.

Faye Ingram Hillman and her husband, Aaron Hillman, celebrated their 15-year wedding anniversary with friends and family at Present Company Public House in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022. Her twin sister, **Roxann Ingram Todt,** and Roxy's husband **Don Todt '21** were among the many close friends from WMC who helped them celebrate, including **Elton Keith Knupp** (the third twin!), **Hendrik Lammers '03** and **Cassie Domser Lammers '01, Sara Gruber Long '99, Kelly Dunnavant,** and **Dan Franko '97.**

Alex McLean was recently promoted to senior business partner for the Office of Energy Statistics, Energy Information Administration, which is the statistical agency for the Department of Energy. Alex and his wife live in Hydes, Maryland,

with their daughter, Anna, who started kindergarten this fall, as well as two dogs and two cats. They have been busy with house renovations and getting Anna prepared for school but look forward to traveling again now that they are not sheltering from COVID-19.

As for your class reporter, **Elton Keith Knupp,** she and her family have lived in Wakefield, Massachusetts, for two years now. Her husband, Brian, is enjoying his time with Boston Beer Company, and Haley, 13, and Allie, 11, have begun to feel a part of their new community through ice hockey and dance respectively. Elton has founded Children's Playhouse of Wakefield, where she teaches theatre and produces shows with elementary-age students and is the director of the local middle school theatre program. Being away from family and friends is hard, so she finds any reason she can to visit with her WMC family, **Don Todt '01** and **Roxann Ingram Todt, Faye Ingram Hillman, Hendrik Lammers '03** and **Cassie Domser Lammers '01, Sara Gruber Long '99,** and **Kelly Dunnavant.**

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2006

Marcia "Marcie" Robusto married Michael Walls on May 8, 2021, in Baltimore. This year, Marcie left her full-time job to become a freelance video editor. She recently completed a stint on Season 6 of "Iron Resurrection," a TV series for MotorTrend.

Kenton Dunson is happy to report wedding bells: He got married on June 16, 2022.

The next generation of Green Terrors have been welcomed into the world by the Class of 2006: **Brandon Boring** and **Kelly Stewart Boring** welcomed their third child, a girl, Molly Noel, in November 2021. **Lynne Wheeler Murphy** and her husband welcomed their first child, daughter Autumn Ellen Murphy, on Oct. 28, 2021.

Last July, **Jose Flores, M.S. '10** began working at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C., where he serves as the alternative dispute resolution coordinator. In May 2022, he followed his other passion earning his personal training certifications through American Council on Exercise.

After 10 years of planning events in higher education, **Kristy Costa Rothermel** decided to make a complete career change and secured an assistant project manager role with Rycon Construction in Philadelphia in May 2021. She also continues to freelance in the music

industry by planning large-scale music festivals with Live Nation, handling site logistics and accounting.

Mark Siebeking and **Marci Ryan Siebeking** continue to reside in Durham, North Carolina, with their sons, Jackson, 7, and Ben, 5. They love bringing their boys back to Westminster, Maryland, whenever they can to visit their Nana and enjoy beautiful Carroll County. After four years at home with their boys, Marci returned to work as a physical therapist in 2021. And this past July, she met up for a fun reunion with her "triple girl" roommates, **Becky Ward Key** and **Rebecca Jayne,** in Durham, North Carolina. Between them, they have five boys (ages 3 to 7) and no girls!

Jessica Nave-Blodgett moved to Phoenix, Arizona, in May 2021, where she accepted a job with Exponent Inc., an engineering and scientific consulting firm and currently works as a scientist in the human factors practices. She continues to spend her free time hiking and mountaineering, as well as running, and recently started dabbling in other endurance sports. In 2022, Jessica completed her first two sprint-distance triathlons and her first gravel bike race outside Zion National Park in Utah. At home, she enjoys photography, letter writing, crocheting, and cooking.

Steve Beck and **Renee Libby Beck** are still living in Baltimore and traveling as much as possible (safely!), with many COVID-19 restrictions now being lifted. They recently spent a week hiking in Sedona, Arizona, and visited **Natalie Brown Giles** in Phoenix. Most of the summer was spent at the Delaware beaches and fall brought a trip to Portugal. They both also saw adventure in their professional lives. Steve was recently promoted to assistant vice president of client implementation management at T. Rowe Price and Renee to vice president of marketing and innovation at United Way of Central Maryland. The past year brought two new nephews to their families and Renee and Steve love the roles, that might just be their favorite, of the fun aunt and uncle!

Kelly Friedman Cummings and **Andy Cummings '07,** their 2-year-old son, Quinn, and their cat, Zoey, are still living in New York City. In fact, they made it a little more permanent this year and bought an apartment in uptown Manhattan! Kelly is in her eighth year of teaching high school English for New York City Public Schools and Andy is an environmental consultant for Optera Climate, a sustainability software and consulting provider. They love New York but miss their McDaniel family tremendously!

As for **Drew Mitchell** and me, **Jessi Lepson Mitchell,** we are still in colorful Colorado Springs, Colorado, where Juliet, 5, and Chip, 2, ensure every day is an adventure. Drew is serving the Army at U.S.

Space Command, and I continue to run Lepson Research Group, as well as serve the community as the board president of our local nonprofit military spouses' club. Our door is always open if you make your way to Colorado — we'd love to see some East Coast faces.

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2012

Chris Longo and **Natalie Longo Price '15** reside in northern Delaware with their two dogs, Minnie, an Australian labradoodle, and Charlie, their mid-pandemic rescue goldendoodle. Chris is the director of customer success for North America, Enterprise at Varicent, a global software company specializing in the incentive compensation, sales planning, territory and quota setting, and predictive analytics space.

Still working for the National Park Service, **Jessica Fry** is now at Ozark National Scenic Riverways in Missouri as the park's museum curator. She enjoys taking fellow Green Terrors on float trips along the Current River when they come to visit.

Alexander Ahn's time during the pandemic has certainly been well spent! He returned to school for a master's in Public Health. While in school, he received two National Institutes of Health grants: one focused on childhood lead poisonings in New York City, the other identifying barriers and facilitators to vaccinating adult gay men against HPV infection. He now works in all-hazards preparedness and response as an information management analyst and Microsoft Power Platform developer in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Megan Hiltz Heaver and her husband, Thomas, welcomed a new bundle of joy into the world last year. Blaine Alden Heaver was born on March 25, 2021, and they are over the moon!

Speaking of future Green Terrors, **Marilyn Topper Tacka** and her husband, Mark, just had their second son, Theodore August, on Aug. 10, 2022. Big brother Elliott, 4, is very excited! Marilyn has also accepted a promotion at Truist Bank, where she is now AVP senior aviation documentation specialist.

After almost nine years working at McDaniel in enrollment management and as the associate director of international and off-campus programs, **Brooke Hain** left the Hill to start a new professional adventure. As of November, she is the university relations manager for Affiliates Worldwide and UK Exchanges with ISEP!

Steve Beck '06 was recently promoted to assistant vice president of client implementation management at **T. Rowe Price** and **Renee Libby Beck '06** was promoted to vice president of marketing and innovation at **United Way of Central Maryland.**

alumni updates

Ian Kasaitis '18 started a legal externship at the Sierra Club of Hawaii working on stream flow standards and water permitting on east Maui.

She is excited for this new chapter after recently moving to the Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, area with her partner. In her free time, she enjoys throwing pottery; traveling whenever possible; hiking frequently with her partner and their dog, Ollie; hanging out with longtime friend **Katie Ridgway '10**; and reading with her cats, Sabrina and Luna.

Linsey Turkett Labson received her master's degree in Fashion & Textile Studies from the Fashion Institute of Technology in May 2020. She enjoys researching and collaborating with other textile historians as an independent researcher and volunteer. Linsey has been working in the North American regional office for Charlotte Tilbury Beauty since summer 2021, where she focuses on sales tracking, consumer education, and retail operations for the U.S. and Canada. **Dan Labson** recently became an associate director of global market access at Johnson & Johnson, where he works on bringing oncological drugs to market on a global scale. In 2022, Dan rode over 3,500 miles on his bike and competed in two 100-mile races. Dan and Linsey are celebrating five years of marriage this year (they met 12 years ago on the Hill!) and continue to enjoy living the city life in New York.

Now living in Baltimore City, **Stef Thomson Waters** and her husband, Randy, tied the knot on May 14, 2022! She started a new job in September 2021 at 4 Oaks Physical Therapy in Glen Burnie, Maryland, as a physical therapist assistant and administrative director. She also served on the board of the American Physical Therapy Association (PTA) Maryland Chapter for five years and also as a clinical instructor to local PTA programs, mentoring and teaching PTA students in the clinic.

Kristen Hout Heim and her husband, Jason, have had just a few life changes since we last checked in. They now have an almost 2-year-old, Theo, and they have also since moved down south to North Carolina. Kristen now holds the position of event sales manager at the beautiful Rizzo Center in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. In addition to the change of pace the South brings, she and her family are loving the fact that they can see her two brothers and their families so much more often!

Since their marriage in 2018, **Erinne Warrenfeltz Newman, M.S. '20** and her husband, Alex, have had two beautiful little girls. Carter was born in April 2020 and Kit was born in October 2022. The family resides in New Windsor, Maryland. Erinne is currently in her 10th year as a physical educator at Walkersville High in Frederick County, Maryland, alongside **Lauren Wildasin '11, M.S. '15** and they coach

Unified Bocce together at the high school. She also went back to the Hill and earned her master's in Kinesiology in 2020!

Caitlin Pozmanter received her Ph.D. in Biology in 2021, and married Sean Maxon in April 2022.

Paul Donoghue '11, and I, **Megan Reilly-Donoghue**, married last year, and the postponement was well worth the wait! The waiting allowed us to enjoy our wedding with our family and friends the way we had always imagined, and it was truly the best day! I'm still a sales execution lead with AT&T in National Business Mobility over Ohio and Pennsylvania, and Paul has since been promoted to senior manager for enrollment operations at Western Governors University. We still live in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, with our two dogs, Ted and Rocky. We love walking to the gym where Paul also trains part time.

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2018

Alexandra Stitely, M.S. '19 is currently in her fourth year of teaching. She taught eighth grade special education at Oklahoma Road Middle School for three years. This year, Alexandra transferred to West Middle School to teach sixth grade English. She recently earned her master's plus 30. She is still living in Westminster, Maryland.

Alexandra Tolle recently accepted a new role at the College of Charleston as a stewardship officer, and has relocated to Charleston, South Carolina, with her partner **Ben Michaels '19**.

Allysa Mpopu got married and had a baby last year. She is currently working in the same job.

Noah Conner is now stationed at Fort Irwin, California. He is a captain in the Army and will assume duties as the company commander.

In May 2022, **Paola Rosa** got a new job as an investment liaison at T. Rowe Price, and has been learning so much. Paola also plans to continue CFA studies into next year. In free time, Paola recently vacationed in Las Vegas and plans to surf in Nicaragua in a few months!

Emily Caudell, M.S. '19 will be getting married in November. She is still teaching middle school for Frederick County Public Schools and is teaching sixth grade special education this year.

Ian Kasaitis is a 3L at University of Hawaii at Manoa William S. Richardson School of Law. He recently started a legal externship at the Sierra Club of Hawaii working on stream flow standards and water permitting on east Maui.

Drew Scott is currently selling liquor for Fedway in New Jersey. He recently got engaged.

On May 13, 2022, **Lucy Bainbridge** got married to another McDaniel Class of 2018 alum. **Benjamin Agee** and Lucy met in their first-year Food Chemistry class. They are currently enjoying their first year of marriage and live in Anne Arundel County. Lucy is a second grade teacher for Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Ben is a computer software engineer for Booz Allen Hamilton.

Caitlin Eversmier graduated summa cum laude from Johns Hopkins University with an M.S. in Environmental Sciences and Policy in 2021. She is working at the Maryland Department of the Environment as their environmental communications administrator.

Becca Sykes is engaged to **Nick Over**, and they just bought a house in Westminster, Maryland. Becca is working at Kennedy Krieger's Center for Autism and Related Disorders as an occupational therapist.

Will Giles is currently working at Allegany College of Maryland as the human resources benefits associate in Cumberland, Maryland. He is also coaching high school boys' tennis at his alma mater, Bishop Walsh High School.

Devyn Voorheis was planning a March 2023 wedding and started her own business in 2021.

Sarah Rasch is currently in her third year of teaching special education in Montgomery County Public Schools. She lives in Bethesda, Maryland, and enjoys living close to D.C.

Nikki Francis is now working as a lead service coordinator assisting older adults and the disabled community to connect with Medicaid-provided services to keep them home and out of facilities. This past July, she got engaged to **Chris Morris '17**, and they are planning a wedding for the fall of 2023.

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keep climbing

Lessons I took from the Hill



Andrew Witten '22 graduated with a B.A. in Business Administration and a minor in Sports Management. At McDaniel, he was a member of the Green Terror football team, a Student Ambassador, and president of the Jewish Student Union. Since graduation, he has begun a career in the sports and entertainment world as an event manager for Contemporary Services Corporation in the Maryland and Washington, D.C., area.

Revitalizing the Jewish community on the Hill

BY ANDREW WITTEN '22

Growing up, I always had a strong tie to the Jewish community around me. From my bar mitzvah to my Jewish confirmation, I knew that being Jewish was a piece of me that I would never change or give up no matter the circumstances.

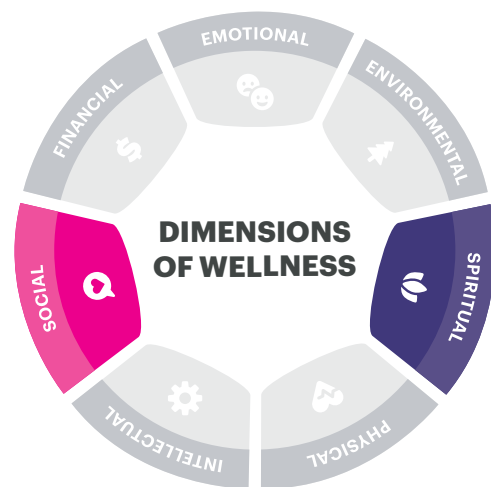
Entering college in 2018, I knew that my connection to my Jewish faith needed to be established quickly on campus so that I did not lose that part of myself, knowing that football and classes were going to take up a good portion of my time on the Hill.

A few weeks into the semester, I stumbled upon a flyer for a Rosh Hashanah celebration, hosted by the Jewish Student Union (JSU) and my predecessor as president, Gayle Edelstein '21. Soon, Gayle and I began the journey to revitalize the organization.

Once we knew there was a Jewish population on campus, we wanted to grow the group and its visibility through community events. A driving factor was wanting to involve everyone—Jewish or not—to support and learn about the Jewish culture that we proudly identify with.

This project was so important to us because we began to realize that it was not just about our own needs but also being the spokespeople for Jewish people at McDaniel. We were the ones to spread the idea of Judaism and what it means to be Jewish to our non-Jewish classmates, teammates, faculty, and staff. In doing this, we brought a community together and began to build the foundation of the current JSU.

Our collective efforts turned a group with just a few active members who primarily gathered during high holidays into an organization that was



known campuswide with more than 20 consistently active members hosting regular programming. We even created the JSU affinity house — where I and four other members of JSU lived throughout the school year — which gave us an opportunity to host larger events.

With this foundation in place, we embarked on new partnerships with college resources and local organizations, celebrating Jewish holidays by hosting educational meals and sharing traditions for all students to participate, regardless of their faith. The JSU became a place to engage in a Jewish curriculum that was designed to give McDaniel students an experience they most likely never had before — from a meaningful Holocaust survivor meeting to a delightful Passover dinner provided by the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore.

What makes me happiest is knowing that JSU's current president, senior Ricki Lebowitz, and the rest of JSU's faithful members, are working to maintain the progress we made for Jewish people at McDaniel. We did not just reinvent an organization; we created a place where people could stop by on a Friday night for s'mores by a bonfire, find belonging, and learn and talk about what it means to be Jewish.



A LOVE OF LEARNING Lives on

As a lifelong learner, Veronica “Ronnie” Kompanek Moore '40 was always interested in current events, both locally and globally, and continued to be until her passing in February 2022.

She graduated from McDaniel College with a degree in English and Latin, but she was involved far beyond the classroom. She was editor of the student newspaper, The Gold Bug; manager of the debate team; on the Aloha yearbook staff; and a member of College Players. After graduating as a member of the college's Argonauts Honor Society and being selected as the “best all-around college woman” at then Western Maryland College, Ronnie's career was as varied as her time on the Hill.

From high school English and Latin teacher to The Cumberland News and The Associated Press (AP), she remained true to her roots established at her alma mater. While working in Washington, D.C., as an editor for the AP, she remained active in the alumni chapter in Northern Virginia. That affinity would pay off when William “Robbie” Robinson '41 played Cupid and introduced Ronnie to her second husband, Alvan “Al” N. Moore '38.

Though they found each other later in life, Ronnie and Al always remembered their time on the Hill fondly and felt called to give back. They were very generous to the college through annual gifts, a joint Charitable Gift Annuity, and a bequest to establish **The Veronica Kompanek and Alvan Moore Scholarship Fund** to support a deserving sophomore, junior, and senior who has demonstrated financial need.

Always eager to learn, Ronnie confided in a friend that staying mentally active “kept her frontal lobes working,” and could be credited for her wonderful humor and quality of life until her passing at age 103.

Her love of learning will continue to live on at McDaniel College.

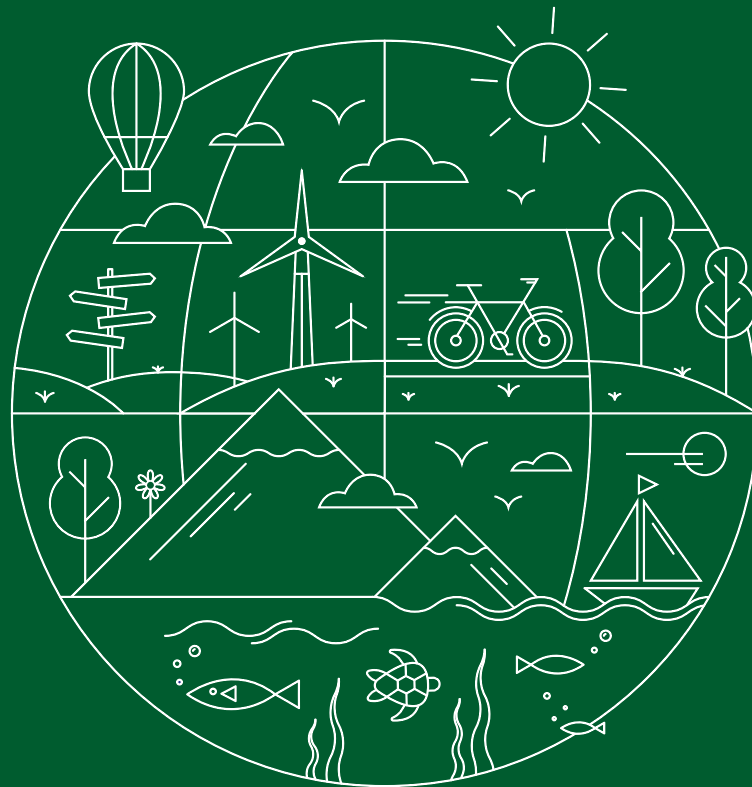
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