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## GOING PRO

How Chloe Allen Gorman's international soccer career kicked off on the Hill





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On the cover:  
Chloe Allen Gorman '16 followed her dreams and has cultivated a professional soccer career around the world.



The Green Terror volleyball team was full of enthusiasm and team spirit after defeating SUNY Canton, Goucher, and Mount Aloysius in the same weekend in September.

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**“My hope is that this issue will serve as a reminder of the unique and immeasurable value the Hill community places on athletics across the generations — past, present, and future.”**



Dear McDaniel Community,

According to “Fearless and Bold” by James E. Lightner ’59, Hon. Litt.D. ’17, the very first football game of Western Maryland College was played on Oct. 31, 1891, against Pennsylvania College. That inaugural season ended with more losses than wins, but the 1893 Aloha yearbook may have described the fledgling team best: “... enthusiasm fully atoned for inexperience ... we are not ashamed of our beginning, and are confident once firmly established, our college will win no meagre honors.”

Over 100 years of athletics here on the Hill have proven that prophecy true time and again. McDaniel has been home to many talented student-athletes and coaches whose hard work, dedication, and perseverance in competition have translated into continued personal and professional successes long after graduation.

In this issue, we celebrate Green Terror alumni who have found ways to turn their passion for sports into careers. Dustin Jeter ’05, M.S. ’15 was a three-time Centennial Conference Champion during his years on the Hill, playing both defensive and offensive line. As a teacher and coach in Montgomery County Public Schools, he now also serves on the board for the Montgomery County Education Association. Another Green Terror football champion, Justin Sheridan ’99, has worked as a national crosschecker for the Los Angeles Chargers since 2014, after spending eight seasons in Tampa Bay as both a college and pro scout. Dan Gadd ’00 also found his way to the NFL, serving as the senior director of digital strategy for the Atlanta Falcons before joining the WNBA’s Atlanta Dream as senior vice president of growth in 2022. Chloe Allen Gorman ’16, used her time on the Hill to lead Green Terror women’s soccer and break numerous indoor women’s track and field records. She now plays professionally for Aalborg BK in Denmark. Closer to home, Murphy Luatua M.S. ’14 works with the Washington Capitals as an assistant athletic trainer.

My hope is that this issue will serve as a reminder of the unique and immeasurable value the Hill community places on athletics across the generations — past, present, and future. Like the humble start to Green Terror football so many years ago, there is no limit to what our alumni can do once firmly established.

Sincerely,

President Julia Jasken



## McDaniel College Bachelor of Science in Nursing receives MHEC approval

McDaniel College has received approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to develop a comprehensive four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) program. The development of a new four-year Nursing undergraduate program aligns with McDaniel’s current strategic plan and helps to address the nursing shortage in Carroll County and the surrounding region. The college also conducted a successful national search for a nursing director this summer to lead the pre-licensure B.S.N. program, which still awaits final approval from the Maryland Board of Nursing. Heather A. Gable has been named the inaugural program director. She brings 25 years of nursing experience in acute and long-term care, including as a licensed nursing home administrator, and comes to McDaniel after serving as dean at Centra College.



## Biology professor receives research grant from National Science Foundation

Allison Kerwin, assistant professor of Biology, has received a three-year grant of \$437,393 to study the effects of insecticides on jellyfish development and survival from the National Science Foundation (NSF) as part of the Building Research Capacity of New Faculty in Biology (BRC-BIO) program. With the grant, Kerwin plans to continue her research on upside-down jellyfish (or Cassiopea species) polyps that live in the Florida Keys, where mosquitos carrying the dengue virus can be found. While efforts have been made in the Florida Keys to reduce the mosquito population, there has not been research done on how insecticides can impact the life cycle of the jellyfish polyps and their survival, according to Kerwin. While Kerwin is currently in the initial planning stages of her research, she will be using \$50,000 of the grant to purchase new equipment for McDaniel’s Biology department. She expects that much of her research, which is anticipated to be fully underway by the summer of 2024, will take place on McDaniel’s campus with jellyfish polyps that she will have brought in to live in her lab.





## McDaniel receives NetVUE grant from Council of Independent Colleges

McDaniel College has received a multiyear grant to support the development of wellness initiatives and programming as part of the college's signature McDaniel Commitment.

McDaniel is among a select group of institutions awarded the Vocation across the Academy Grant from the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC).

The NetVUE grant is part of a series of funding, totaling \$90,000, for wellness initiatives. The initial \$30,000 grant is to be used for project planning and activities during the first year. CIC will then award an additional \$30,000 after McDaniel matches the funds. This is the second NetVUE grant that McDaniel has

received in support of the McDaniel Commitment. A grant in 2018 funded the pilot and introduction of the McDaniel Commitment.

McDaniel is looking to offer additional support to students and strengthen the impact of the McDaniel Commitment by integrating the eight dimensions of wellness — intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual, environmental, financial, physical, and occupational.

“Through holistic advising, curricular development, and new co-curricular activities, we can encourage awareness of and growth across the eight dimensions of wellness and create conditions that allow students to truly focus on maximizing opportunities within the McDaniel Commitment,” said Christine Moran, associate vice president of Student Success.

## Three alumni elected to Board of Trustees

Earlier this year, McDaniel College named three alumni to its Board of Trustees: Keith Lawson '79, Dr. Millard Mazer '83, and Deborah Dale Seidel '84.

### Keith Lawson '79



Keith Lawson graduated from the college in 1979, summa cum laude, with a double major in Political Science and Economics. He then went on to graduate with highest honors from The National Law Center of George Washington University in 1982.

Since 1988, Lawson has been at the Investment Company Institute (ICI), where he has had responsibility for all tax matters affecting funds and their shareholders. Currently, he serves as deputy general counsel for tax law. He has also, for the past 12 years, chaired an advisory group to the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on tax compliance matters reporting for securities and crypto assets.

Prior to joining ICI, he was a tax associate for the Washington, D.C., law firm of Miller & Chevalier. He also served as the law clerk to the chief judge of the United States Tax Court and worked for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.

### Dr. Millard Mazer '83



Dr. Millard Mazer is a board-certified periodontist. He earned a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Computer Science from the college in 1983, graduating with academic awards and honors.

He proceeded to earn a Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Maryland and completed his formal education with postdoctoral programs in advanced education in general dentistry, followed by a postdoctoral program in periodontics at Emory University's School of Postgraduate Dentistry.

### Deborah Dale Seidel '84



Deborah Dale Seidel is a 1984 graduate of the college with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Economics.

She worked for over 34 years in financial services with Merrill Lynch and T. Rowe Price, before retiring as vice president of T. Rowe Price Group Inc., T. Rowe Price Associates Inc., T. Rowe Price Investment Services Inc., T. Rowe Price Services Inc., and the T. Rowe Price mutual funds.

She is a past president of the McDaniel College Alumni Association and remains active in the association through various committees, including helping with the establishment of the Green and Gold Alumni Council. She is also on the alumni board for the Phi Alpha Mu sorority and is a member of the McDaniel College Band. Additionally, she has served on the board of directors for Carroll Hospital since 2019.





## President Jasken continues to be honored as a higher education leader

President Julia Jasken continues to be recognized as a higher education leader in Maryland. She received a 2023 Enterprising Women of Excellence award from the Baltimore Business Journal and has been named a 2023 Influential Marylander by The Daily Record. She has also been selected to receive a Distinguished Alumni Award from her alma mater, Northern Illinois University. Previously named a “Woman to Watch” by the Baltimore Business Journal, she has been included among Maryland’s Top 100 Women by The Daily Record and was named to its Power 30 Higher Education list of the most influential figures in higher education in the state of Maryland for both 2022 and 2023.

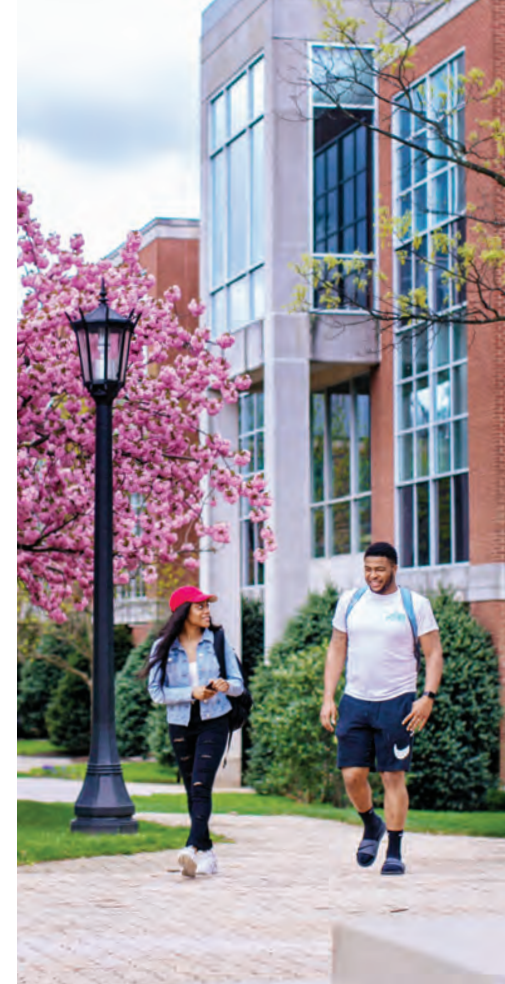


## Four Maryland Teachers of the Year have ties to McDaniel

Four of Maryland’s County Teachers of the Year have ties to McDaniel’s graduate programs in Education: Lauren Stevens M.S. ’09 of Manchester Valley High School in Carroll County; Mary Kay Connerton of Annapolis High School in Anne Arundel County; Laura Moore of Waverly Elementary School in Howard County; and Alisha Swann M.S. ’20 of Esperanza Middle School in St. Mary’s County.

Stevens, who graduated with a master’s in Curriculum and Instruction; Connerton, who earned an Administrator 1 Certificate; and Swann, who graduated with a master’s in Curriculum and Instruction, along with current graduate student Laura Moore, who is currently enrolled in the Administrator I Certificate program, are all Maryland Teachers of the Year for 2023-24.

In October, Connerton was named the Maryland Teacher of the Year. McDaniel has a tradition of producing top educators in Maryland with more than 30 alums since 2010 recognized as County Teachers of the Year and four recognized as Maryland Teachers of the Year.



## McDaniel receives national recognition in college rankings

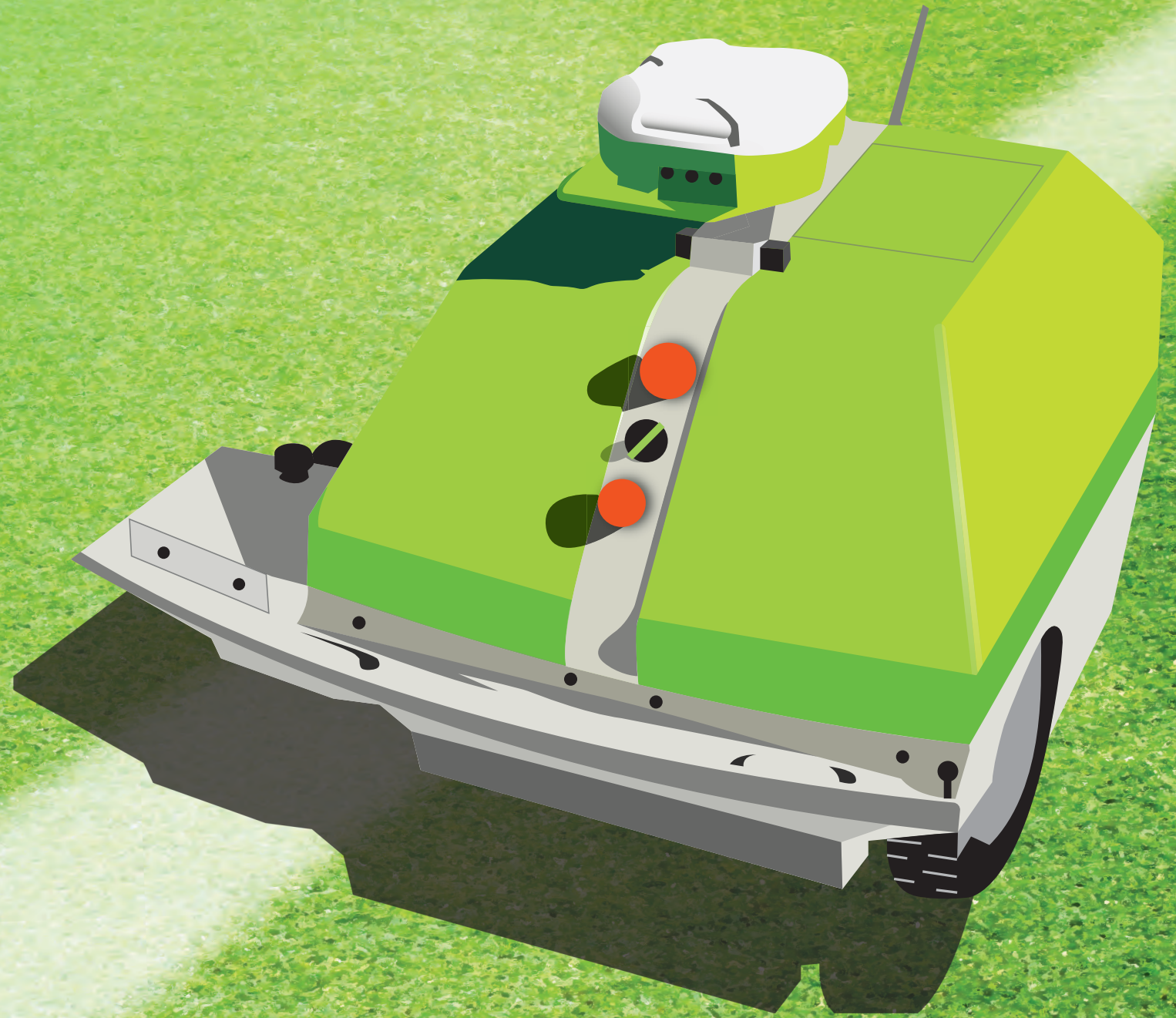
From U.S. News & World Report and The Princeton Review to a new Wall Street Journal ranking, McDaniel College is recognized among the top colleges and universities in the nation.

Here is a selection of recent accolades:

- McDaniel remains the top-ranked Maryland institution on U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Value Schools” list among regional universities in the North for academic quality and affordability. McDaniel also ranks as one of the best regional universities in the North in the 2024 “Best Colleges” rankings. In addition, McDaniel is listed among “Top Performers on Social Mobility” and lauded for “Best Undergraduate Teaching.”
- McDaniel is highlighted in a new ranking from The Wall Street Journal of “America’s Best Colleges” and is the only independent college in Maryland, other than Johns Hopkins University, to make the list.
- McDaniel appears in Washington Monthly’s annual College Guide among the best master’s universities in the nation and as a “Best Bang for the Buck,” which recognizes schools “that help non-wealthy students attain marketable degrees at affordable prices.”
- McDaniel is one of “The Best 389 Colleges” in the 2024 edition of The Princeton Review’s annual college guide and featured among the “Best Mid-Atlantic” colleges. McDaniel is also recognized as a “Best Value College” for offering the best return on investment with stellar academics and strong career outcomes of graduates at an affordable cost.
- McDaniel is included among Money magazine’s “Best Colleges in America” for providing an affordable, quality education that leads to alumni success.
- McDaniel is named a College of Distinction and is the only independent college in Maryland also highlighted for affordability. The college’s Business, Education, and Career Development programs were also recognized.







## Meet Carl, the Line-Painting Robot

By Robert Turning

For the past two years, McDaniel College Athletics has been able to celebrate an MVR: Most Valuable Robot.

Facing the national labor shortage and global supply chain issues at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the college invested in a Turf Tank line-painting robot in fall 2021 to help the grounds crew on campus.

In addition to keeping the Hill lush, green, and awash with flowers in award-winning fashion, the McDaniel College grounds crew is also charged with mowing and painting the lines on the natural grass athletic fields on campus. While that may sound simple, it's no small feat.

With the acquisition of Carl — affectionately named after a commercial for a certain reptile-mascotted insurance company — the time and money savings have already paid off. With estimated time savings of 40-60 hours per week and reducing paint usage by more than 50%, Carl is no doubt the MVR of the Hill's grounds crew.

And it's not just the Green Terror student-athletes who benefit. The technology allows the robot to lay multiple colors, so summer camps hosted on the Hill can, for example, overlay a lacrosse field on a soccer field to accommodate both groups.

## MVR: Most Valuable Robot

### Carl's stats:

#### Football field:

Personnel required – 2  
Time required – 2 days  
Carl's time – 3 hours

#### Lacrosse field:

Personnel required – 2  
Time required – 1 day  
Carl's time – 30 minutes

#### Soccer field:

Personnel required – 2  
Time required – 1 day  
Carl's time – 25 minutes

#### Baseball and softball fields:

Personnel required – 1  
Time required – 90 minutes  
Carl's time – 10 minutes



# insights

Celebrating the “aha!” in learning

## WHAT’S YOUR JOCK SUPPORT?

*A red-and-blue look inside an ongoing multimedia research project about the intersection of politics and sports*

BY CAITLIN WILSON

Picture this: You’re watching the goalie, your heart in your throat, stop the ball again and again. Tracing a touchdown sprint in the final seconds of the game, your blood is pumping fast while sitting in your own living room. Spilling a full beer onto your socks, you leap up to cheer for the winning home run.

Moments like these can earn fan loyalty for decades. But despite this devotion, some fans cry foul when things get political. Should they root for a player whose political beliefs differ from their own, they wonder?

In recent years, athletes’ politics have been more readily apparent, meaning the connections between sports and politics are more researchable than ever before.

That’s why Associate Professor Paul Muhlhauser, an expert of rhetoric and composition, launched What’s Your Jock Support? in 2021. The sports-pun-filled database tracks athletes’ politics and provides resources on the link between sports and politics.

Ambitious student-researchers have joined the project as part of the Student-Faculty Collaborative Summer Research program, funded by the Casey Allers Impact Fund and the Salomon Research Fund.

This year, students Emily Trachoo, Jenn Madison, Izzi Sweet, and Jeremy Hasson developed political

scorecards for athletes and team owners — in the form of digital trading cards. By tallying the actions and statements of athletes, they can keep fans informed, build their research capabilities, and have fun doing it.

Above all, the project originates from an enduring love of sports.

“I have a passion for sports; they’re my soap operas,” says Muhlhauser, who’s an avid basketball and football fan who has watched ESPN’s “Around the Horn” for years.

“There’s intrigue: Will this athlete play after an injury? What have they done outside of athletics?” When that intrigue naturally led him down the rabbit hole of social media and media coverage, Muhlhauser made some surprising discoveries.

“Athletes now have all these platforms to talk about things that they haven’t in the past,” he says. “I found that seeing what they’ve said or done made me not want to cheer for certain teams or athletes.”

Unable to personally separate athletes from their politics, he wanted answers to a few questions: Who are we really cheering for? Who are we giving money to? Do we want to keep up the support?

“I want to make a difference, so people can get more knowledge not just about players, but teams and owners,” he says.



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-PAUL MUHLHAUSER  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH





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## Going the distance to become all-around researchers

A major “aha moment” for students is how much the project is tied to communication.

The researchers have covered every base, with infographics, articles, podcasts, and social media content. All with the goal of clarifying complex topics for a wide audience.

“I loved brainstorming with my peers and developing and applying my video editing skills, which I learned in a McDaniel class,” says Trachoo, who is a senior Marketing major and Psychology minor from Frostburg, Maryland.

“I think the most fun part was seeing what my fellow students were creating,” says Madison, a junior who hadn’t spent much time thinking about sports before this past summer.

Sweet, a senior English major with a minor in American Sign Language from Brooklyn, New York, says the project helped her go from a behind-the-scenes kind of person to feeling more comfortable on camera. She stars in videos as well as a podcast titled “There’s no ‘I’ in Teen: Playing Sports/Playing Identities” with Muhlhauser and Professor of Psychology Jack Arnal — in which they discuss how teen identities connect to sports in “High School Musical” and the 1986 “Teen Wolf.”

“It gave me an opportunity to see new perspectives and question whether sports and politics should be related, and if so, how much,” Sweet says.

“Delving into the full picture, you see how complex humans are. No one is all one thing or another,” she adds. “You want your team to win, so it’s easy to root for someone just because they’re a good athlete. But this project is a good resource if you want to root for a player based on who they are as a person.”

## Making the call: Are politics out of bounds?

Beyond major headlines, you may not be aware of the politics of your star player. Some fans may even prefer that politics stay far away from the field — according to the researchers, there are a lot of balls to juggle on the topic.

“It’s not that people don’t want to know the politics of athletes, but that they believe sports and politics shouldn’t mix,” says Madison, a Writing and Publishing major from Reisterstown, Maryland.

Her favorite part of the project was conducting research through the Hoover Library databases, then creating infographics tallying team visits to the White House and the common arguments for and against mixing sports and politics.

Those arguments range from philosophical to personal.

“When athletes step back from the game and speak on topics they’re passionate about, are they breaking an invisible fourth wall? What exactly are they disrupting?” Trachoo says.

“For some fans, sports are an escape from the political friction in the world, and I think it’s important to have those safe havens for everyone,” Sweet says. “But I also support people using their platforms to spread a message they believe in.”

“Looking at things from multiple perspectives is a way to understand the complexity of the world and learn how sports are impactful in so many people’s lives,” she adds.

The mixing of sports and politics may even rise to the international level, according to Trachoo. “I grew up watching Thai sports teams, and there seems to be more separation between sports and politics there,” she says.

She “did more research on American athletes than ever before. I realized that it plays a significant part in our culture, and I think the influence of American sports has spread around the world.”

Recently, in the local mall near her hometown in Thailand, she saw a store called MLB — Major League Baseball — with American sports team paraphernalia. “It’s interesting that it’s right there in Thailand, at my local mall.”

## Taking it play by play

“I don’t want it to seem like this is static. People evolve and change,” Muhlhauser says. “Just because something happened doesn’t mean you have to stop cheering forever. Maybe they do something else that makes you feel like they’ve changed, and you start cheering again.”

Whether a fan wishes to separate politics from the game will always be a personal choice, and What’s Your Jock Support? is an evolving resource for curious sports enthusiasts.

The major takeaway for students? “The joy,” Muhlhauser says. “Joy is my thing.”

“We brought anything to the table,” Trachoo says, “and Dr. Muhlhauser gave us the freedom to explore any topic we wanted to and was there to give us advice.”

“Professor Muhlhauser’s approach to summer research is really unique and definitely fun,” Sweet says. “He is a very engaging teacher, and I like that it feels just as important to him that we are growing and learning, not just that the project is.”



Check out [What’s Your Jock Support?](#) to dive into the wide world of sports and politics.



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- JENN MADISON  
JUNIOR





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# GOING PRO

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## McDANIEL ALUMNI THRIVE IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS — ON AND OFF THE FIELD

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN

**Many children dream of becoming professional athletes at some point during their childhoods.** Maybe it was watching Baltimore's own Iron Man, Cal Ripken Jr., break Lou Gehrig's consecutive games streak. Maybe it was when they scored their first goal in pee-wee soccer and they heard the parents going wild on the sidelines. Maybe it was the desire to win a championship and hoist a trophy in the air.

But for all but the most elite, the odds of becoming a professional athlete are pretty low. According to a report published in 2022 by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), "Fewer than 2% of NCAA student-athletes go on to be professional athletes. In reality, most student-athletes depend on academics to prepare them for life after college. Education is important. There are nearly half a million NCAA student-athletes, and most of them will go pro in something other than sports."

Realistically, the odds are even lower in Division III. But that doesn't mean the dream has to die. Professional sports are, after all, businesses. And businesses need all kinds of experts on their teams to win championships.

Whether recruiting the next big star for the Los Angeles Chargers, moving around the world to find a spot on a roster as a professional soccer player, keeping the Washington Capitals in top physical condition, visually telling the stories of professional athletes, or helping grow awareness of a WNBA team (and women's sports in general), these Green Terror alumni have found ways to turn their passion for sports into careers they never could have imagined as kids.

### FEATURING

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#### THE SCOUT

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**JUSTIN SHERIDAN '99**  
NATIONAL CROSSCHECKER,  
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

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#### THE PRO

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**CHLOE ALLEN GORMAN '16**  
PROFESSIONAL SOCCER PLAYER,  
AALBORG BK

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#### THE TRAINER

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**MURPHY LUATUA M.S. '14**  
ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER,  
WASHINGTON CAPITALS

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#### THE MARKETER

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**KAYLEN BUSCHHORN '22**  
SOCIAL MEDIA DESIGNER,  
ESPN

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#### THE EXEC

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**DAN GADD '00**  
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF GROWTH,  
ATLANTA DREAM



# THE LASTING POWER OF DIII TEAMS



The Green Terror football team had a heck of a run in the late '90s and into the 2000s. I didn't know anybody when I came to McDaniel. Now, we've got 12 to 15 guys from that team in a daily group text. The importance of that team to me was just seeing how we came together and the importance of player leadership. Those teams were a special group with strong connections to this day."

JUSTIN SHERIDAN '99  
FOOTBALL



"Part of what made the McDaniel women's soccer team so special was its cohesiveness. Head Coach Sandy Lagana Bly is very intentional in bringing players in and building a dynamic, family atmosphere. We're going to have each other's backs on and off the field. We're going to make sure the academics are there but also that they have the right character for the group. They're going to put the team first, and there's going to be joy in other people's success."

CHLOE ALLEN GORMAN '16  
WOMEN'S SOCCER AND TRACK AND FIELD



Everybody kind of knew if you were an athlete on the Hill and wanted to support each other. That went for our professors, too. I had multiple professors ask when our next game was and whether they could attend."

KAYLEN BUSCHHORN '22  
WOMEN'S LACROSSE



"Having gone on a run of four straight Centennial Conference championships changed how I looked at opportunities, being part of teams, and the hard work it takes to be on a team that had that kind of run. We were all very committed to it, and I could not have imagined having a better college experience in terms of finding the right people in the right situation. It's one of the periods of my life I look back on with the biggest smile on my face."

DAN GADD '00  
FOOTBALL





## THE SCOUT



JUSTIN SHERIDAN '99

NATIONAL CROSSCHECKER | LOS ANGELES CHARGERS



**I GREW UP IN:** Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

**AS A KID, I PLAYED:** Baseball, basketball, and football.

**CHILDHOOD DREAMS:** I think we all wanted to go pro at some point. But I had a pretty good perspective of where I was once I started playing in high school, so I knew that wasn't going to happen. As a kid, I remember following the NFL draft and being really entrenched in just the building of the team and where the guys were from, their backgrounds, and all that. We all collected football cards back in the day, but I cared more about the back of the card, and what school they came from.

**ON THE HILL, I PLAYED:** Football.

**AND I STUDIED:** Business Administration with a minor in Accounting. My sophomore year, I came back home and did an accounting internship, and I realized quickly that desk life was not for me.

**I REALIZED I COULD WORK IN SPORTS WHEN:** I stayed at the Hill for two years after graduation as a coach working with the quarterbacks the first year and the secondary in my second year. I realized I wanted to get more into the administrative and operations type work. The assistant director of football operations job at University of Pennsylvania came open and I made the move to Philly. After just over six months, a recruiting assistant job at Northwestern University became available and I moved to Chicago, where I spent five years total, advancing to assistant director of football operations and then director of football operations.

*Left: Justin and Kristen Sheridan on the field pre-game at Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium prior to the Los Angeles Chargers taking on the Kansas City Chiefs. Sheridan attributes much of his career success to the support of his wife in keeping their family running while he is on the road.*



**HOW I BROKE INTO THE INDUSTRY:** As director of football operations at Northwestern, I became the liaison for the NFL. When guys would come in during the scouting process, I would provide background information about our players. During a conversation one time, a director from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers mentioned they had two job openings coming up and that they'd love to have me come down and interview. I flew down on a Thursday, interviewed on Friday, and then flew back home. They had me back on a plane on Saturday to start work. When they say things happen fast, they aren't kidding. I was with Tampa for four years on the pro side of scouting, which deals more with upcoming opponents, handling the roster day to day, bringing players in for workouts, cutting players, and whatever we need to do to help fill the roster. After four years, I moved to the college scouting side. My wife, Kristen, and I moved back to Chicago after the birth of our oldest son, Payton, and I focused on the Midwest as an area scout responsible for 10 to 12 states. In June 2014, I joined the Los Angeles Chargers as a Midwest scout, and I was promoted to national crosschecker in May 2018.

**MY JOB IN A NUTSHELL:** Based here in Chicago, I have a territory from here to the West Coast, and I am the second set of eyes that goes into a school after the area scout has already been and checked out players. I get one shot at visiting a school and/or seeing a game. Every day is different and every prospect is unique, but we're always trying to compare guys to who we've scouted in the past and how they've worked out. We have five or six times that we'll be out in L.A. together for meetings and training camp, but other than that, I'm with guys who work for the competition. It's a great network, and we're all trying to gather information and make the best educated decision we can.

**WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT MY JOB:** Game day. We are not in the day-to-day operation, so we watch the team like superfans on Sundays. I love being able to take my family and show off the final product, what this job is all about. There's a lot of excitement around the draft, but the draft room is actually pretty calm; there's not a lot of banter back and forth and things are pretty buttoned-up at that point. Game day is the best part for me. I'll try to hit 10 or 11 games per season, but I also try to juggle the family obligations since all three of my kids play sports, and I want to be there to support and see them play, too.

**THE MOST CHALLENGING PART OF MY JOB:** The travel and the time away. We have three children, Payton, Brooks, and Tatum. Kristen is amazing how she can keep three kids going day to day, as well as working her job and being a fitness instructor. I joke that she's got a Ph.D. in logistics and operations! The time away during the fall is hard. I have a little light at the end of the tunnel just to get through the draft, but I always try to make sure that when I'm home, I'm here, I'm present, and I'm involved.

**WHAT'S NEXT?** Compete, each and every day. My mindset is to be the best national crosschecker in the NFL in order to help our organization field the best team possible, to win our division, and make a run at the Super Bowl! That being said, I would eventually like to work my way to being director of college scouting, director of player personnel, eventually a general manager. But in the NFL, you just have to be ready for what comes at you next.

### DREAM BIG, WORK HARD

When the Baltimore Ravens held training camp at Western Maryland, a buddy of mine let me know they were looking to add some guys to the grounds crew. So I picked up and moved there for the next three summers. Being part of that experience, seeing it up close, was something special. I'll never forget my first game day. I was one of the guys that got to hold up the net after a touchdown for the point-after attempt. Being down there pre-game, seeing the size of these guys was just eye-opening. Our WMC team was big, but in the NFL it's a different level!



1. Sheridan (right) and other members of the Chargers organization in the draft room on draft night.



2. Along with crosscheckers from other NFL teams, Sheridan (seated in front row wearing khaki pants) demonstrate, time, and evaluate drills for aspiring professional football players at University of Nebraska. (Photo courtesy of Abby Barmore and HuskerOnline.)



3. Sheridan (right) joined family and friends at the Chargers' away game against the Minnesota Vikings on Sept. 24.



4. Brooks Sheridan and Tatum Sheridan have become Chargers superfans through their dad's job.



I stayed at the Hill for two years after graduation as a coach working with the quarterbacks the first year and the secondary in my second year. I realized I wanted to get more into the administrative and operations type work."

**JUSTIN SHERIDAN '99**  
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE



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## THE PRO

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**CHLOE ALLEN GORMAN '16**  
PROFESSIONAL SOCCER PLAYER | AALBORG BK



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**I GREW UP IN:** Portland, Oregon.

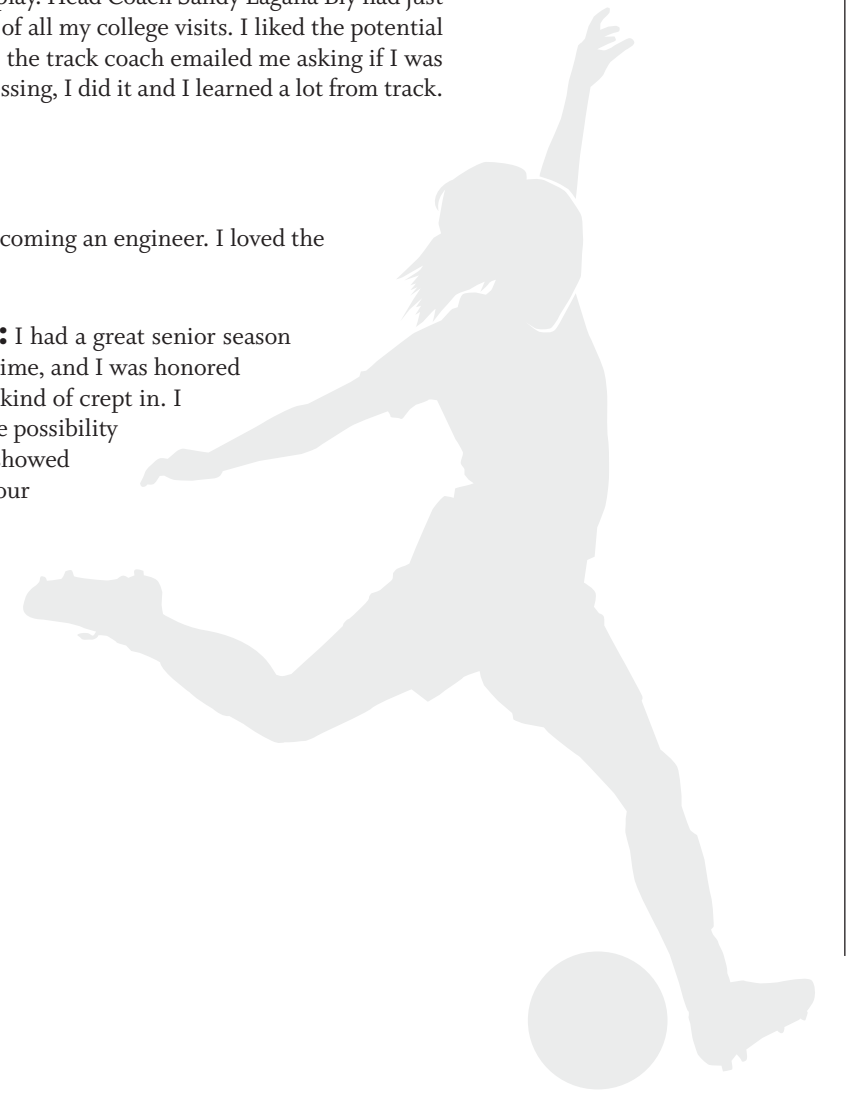
**AS A KID, I PLAYED:** Martial arts (Aikido), soccer, and track and field. My parents weren't into sports, but my soccer club team was very community-oriented and other parents kind of took me under their wings and let me tag along to tryouts for more advanced teams. I kind of accidentally kept playing at higher levels.

**ON THE HILL, I PLAYED:** Soccer and track and field. I ended up at McDaniel because I was looking for a smaller school, good academics, and an opportunity to play. Head Coach Sandy Lagana Bly had just started and my visit to the campus was the most welcoming of all my college visits. I liked the potential I saw on the Hill. After I committed to McDaniel for soccer, the track coach emailed me asking if I was interested in joining track and field as well. With Sandy's blessing, I did it and I learned a lot from track.

**AND I STUDIED:** Physics.

**I ALWAYS DREAMED OF:** Going to grad school and becoming an engineer. I loved the problem-solving aspect of Physics and Engineering.

**I REALIZED I COULD WORK IN SPORTS WHEN:** I had a great senior season on the Hill. We went to the NCAA tournament for the first time, and I was honored as an All-American. The idea of maybe playing after college kind of crept in. I knew I'd always keep playing—it's hard to just stop—but the possibility of actually being able to make a living playing soccer kind of showed up. Running track at McDaniel taught me about knowing your limit, but also acknowledging that it's probably further than you expect it to be. That helped get me where I am today. I didn't really mean to be a professional player, but that what-if, combined with a little bit of effort, that little extra push has gotten me here.





**HOW I BROKE INTO THE INDUSTRY:** Most summers, I had played at home on semiprofessional teams. After graduation, I started going to some open tryouts and I got mixed responses, and a lot of the opportunities felt like moneymaking schemes. But I was still playing on a summer league team, and the owner bought a team in France and was looking to create a women's side of the club with the idea that we would also coach the youth teams there. So, I went to France because it seemed like a good entry point and then I've found other opportunities along the way. I did a year in France, but then the priorities and resources shifted to the men's team. I was scouted while playing with the U.S. futsal national team and invited for a trial in Portugal. I packed up my bag and took the chance. That opportunity fell through, but I found another club to join, though they could hardly offer me anything financially or for housing. After COVID, they cut our funding and that season was miserable. I realized a new American was playing in Portugal and had left a team in Israel — and she played my position. I emailed the club and within 20 minutes, I had a response and a contract offer. After a year in Israel, I decided to consciously look for clubs in countries that are more equitable for women and a little bit more progressive after seeing women's clubs treated as inferior to men's in three countries by that point. So, I found an opportunity in Aalborg, Denmark, and that's where I am now.

**WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT MY JOB:** I get to play a game for a living, and I get to live and experience things I never dreamed of doing. I just biked around here in Denmark the other day before practice and I was like, "Is this my life?"

**THE MOST CHALLENGING PART OF MY JOB:** The sexism I've experienced in different countries has been a huge challenge. In the United States, soccer is a women's sport. It's not that way in the rest of the world. It's like an alternative lifestyle sport instead of a possible career. Asking us to succeed without giving us the resources to succeed is useless. If the club receives 30 new balls, and all 30 are going to the men's team, how is that going to help us? So, I've learned to speak up and call attention to the issues that shouldn't exist but that are easy to fix.

**WHAT'S NEXT?** I think my desire for a more just world has kicked in over my science and analytical brain. Witnessing all the injustices and sexism in my professional soccer journey has made me realize there are things that need to be addressed in the world. I never thought I'd go into coaching, but the more I play, I realize we need more women coaching. We need more women on the technical staff. We need women in the offices. It's hard for me to think of leaving and just saying, "Not my problem anymore." I can't fix it all and it may not change in my playing time, but I can try to leave each club and each country a little bit better than it was when I came. I don't know what's next, but I think I'm going to try to fix some of the problems.

## A WORLDWIDE NETWORK

I love that through the journey of my playing career, I have these unique circles of friends and stories all over the world. I have a 16-year-old girl that played on my team and no matter what, she can always reach out to me. We're always going to be teammates and I'm going to help her through whatever she needs. There's people throughout the world now that I can call on if I need them or can help them get somewhere on their journey, too. It's all these little friendships I've built over time that mean the most.

1. Gorman with Aalborg BK Head Coach Claus Jørgensen on the day of her player announcement with the club shortly after her arrival in Denmark.  
 2. One advantage of her career is the opportunity to explore other countries, like Valencia, Spain, when she was playing in Portugal.  
 3. Gorman taking a penalty kick (and scoring) in the Israeli National Cup semifinal to get her team to the final.



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**CHLOE ALLEN GORMAN '16**  
 DANISH 1ST DIVISION/NORDICBET LIGA



## THE TRAINER



MURPHY LUATUA M.S. '14

ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER | WASHINGTON CAPITALS



**I GREW UP IN:** Centreville, Virginia

**AS A KID, I PLAYED:** Baseball, basketball, and rugby. I started playing football in high school.

**IN UNDERGRAD, I PLAYED:** Football at Bridgewater College.

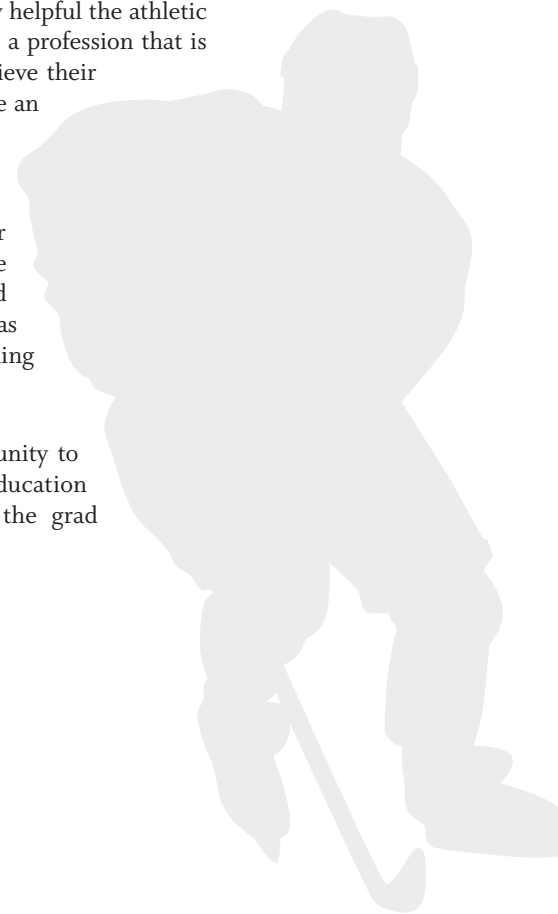
**AND I STUDIED:** Athletic Training.

**I ALWAYS DREAMED OF:** Working in sports in some capacity. I was first exposed to athletic training in high school and admired how helpful the athletic trainers were. The more I learned about athletic training as a profession that is dedicated to helping athletes return to their sport and achieve their goals, I envisioned myself in this role and aspired to become an athletic trainer.

**I REALIZED I COULD WORK IN SPORTS WHEN:**

I first started in the athletic training program at Bridgewater College. When I was accepted into the program, I was able to help with a variety of sports, and I enjoyed being around athletics even when I was not a participating athlete. It was at this point where I knew I wanted to make athletic training my career.

**I CAME TO THE HILL BECAUSE:** I had the opportunity to earn my master's degree in Exercise Science and Physical Education while gaining valuable athletic training experience in the grad assistantship role.





**HOW I BROKE INTO THE INDUSTRY:** Thanks to the grad assistantship at McDaniel, I was able to apply for jobs having two years of experience. After graduating with my master's degree from McDaniel, I began working as the head athletic trainer at Westminster High School, through Pivot Physical Therapy. During my time there, I was given the opportunity to assist with the Hershey Bears, the minor league affiliate of the Washington Capitals. This was my first time working in ice hockey, and I really enjoyed the experience. In 2016, I was offered a full-time position with the Hershey Bears, which I eagerly accepted. In 2020, I was promoted to the Washington Capitals.

**MY JOB IN A NUTSHELL:** Each day brings new scenarios based upon the team's schedule and player statuses. When the Caps are at home, I work alongside the medical staff to provide coverage for practices and games — which includes treatments before and after practices and games, assessing any injuries, and ongoing collaboration to determine a treatment plan. When the team is on the road, my primary responsibility is supporting long-term rehab needs for any injured athletes. My job requires a lot of collaboration and communication among the medical staff, strength and conditioning staff, coaches, and players.

**WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT MY JOB:** I truly enjoy working with everyone — the other athletic trainers, equipment managers, strength and conditioning staff, as well as the players and coaches. I also love the dynamic nature of this job; I constantly have to “think on the fly” and adjust to challenges on a daily basis.

**THE MOST CHALLENGING PART OF MY JOB:** When I first started working in professional hockey, it took some time to find a good work-life balance. During the season, the job can be demanding and takes time away from your family. I've learned to make the most of time outside of work — spending it with my wife and kids and integrating them into my work family as well.

**WHAT'S NEXT?** I want to continue to learn from my mentors and advance my skills as an athletic trainer in the NHL. In this job, you can't be complacent and take teachable moments for granted, so I'm eager to learn from every opportunity.

## A NEWFOUND RESPECT

I knew nothing about hockey before I started with the Hershey Bears, but I have become a fan. And it's a huge amount of respect that I have for them, for what is asked of a hockey player in any given scenario. They're skating on knives on the hardest surface you can imagine to play on. They do it going 20 miles per hour into a tight turn, or they've got to stop on a dime and then get back up to speed as quickly as they can, all in a 200-foot space end to end. I am a hockey fan because of how athletic you have to be to succeed in this sport. People don't realize how little space there is out there until you go to a hockey rink and then you're like, “That's it?” They put five skaters on the ice and a goalie, and that's all the ice space they get. And they do it so well.



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1. (Left to right) Massage therapist Zach Bryne, head athletic trainer and director of sports medicine Jason Serbus, assistant athletic trainer Steve Ruhmel, assistant athletic trainer Murphy Luatua, and strength and conditioning coach Zack Leddon.

2. Assistant Athletic Trainer Murphy Luatua is introduced during the Capitals' 2023-24 home opener. (Photo courtesy of Washington Capitals Photography.)

3. Luatua was able to take his father with him on a recent work trip to New York.

4. Whether during a game or practice, the athletic training and medical staff is always keeping an eye on players to prevent and treat injuries. (Photo courtesy of Washington Capitals Photography.)



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**MURPHY LUATUA M.S. '14**  
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE



## THE MARKETER



KAYLEN BUSCHHORN '22  
SOCIAL MEDIA DESIGNER | ESPN



**I GREW UP IN:** Austin, Texas.

**AS A KID, I PLAYED:** I was a dancer for 10 years before I played lacrosse. I dabbled in dance and volleyball, and then went full on into lacrosse in middle school up through college.

**ON THE HILL, I PLAYED:** Lacrosse.

**AND I STUDIED:** Art with a specialization in Graphic Design. I also had a triple minor in Sports Management, Art History, and Marketing.

**I ALWAYS DREAMED OF:** Telling the stories of people playing sports professionally. I was never somebody who wanted to play sports professionally. I wanted to tell the stories. I grew up watching ESPN and it was always in the back of my mind, but I never wanted to be a reporter on screen. I just wanted to be behind the screen. There's even a picture of me as a kid wearing a shirt that says, "You can't spell princess without ESPN."

**I REALIZED I COULD WORK IN SPORTS WHEN:**

I really fell in love with design in high school and realized maybe I could cover sports on social media with my design skills. But it wasn't until college that I realized there are actual jobs where people document sports and that it's not just a part-time job. Somebody's whole life is documenting what a team or a sport is doing.

*Left: During the Jan Term of her senior year, Kaylen Buschhorn '22 interned with the NCAA College Football Playoff Championship game in Indianapolis as a social media publisher, which opened doors for her career in sports marketing.*





**HOW I BROKE INTO THE INDUSTRY:** Getting internships in the field! Professor Chloe Irla encouraged me to go and apply for internships. The Jan Term of my sophomore year, I shadowed the creative department at the University of Texas and ended up with an internship with the Longhorns for 2½ years. The summer after my junior year, I also worked for Athletes Unlimited. The relationships I forged at Texas led to an opportunity to create social media content, TikTok specifically, live from the College Football Playoff National Championship during my senior year. That opened doors to ESPN, where I got an internship after graduation. About a month into the internship, they encouraged me to apply for a full-time position, and I started as a full-time social media designer in August 2022!

**MY JOB IN A NUTSHELL:** I'm not focused on one team or even one sport. I am covering every sport every day of the week. I work from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the West Coast in Los Angeles. I work in the live window, the prime time of live sports which is fun, fast-paced, and competitive. Most of my day is going through requests for graphics and prioritizing what I can get done before we hit the live window and need to be watching the games and creating graphics on the spot. No two days are ever the same. I am the college football lead this year, so my Saturdays are all college football, all day. But throughout the week, I'll be watching everything.

**WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT MY JOB:** I am never bored! It's very fast-paced and that's why I fell in love with working in sports. I like to have things moving quickly. I also get to go on-site to events, so in the past year, I've been on-site at lots of events, including College Game Day for Texas-Bama, WNBA and NBA games, and I even went to a draft party for Alyssa Thompson's No. 1 draft pick in the NWSL. I sometimes can't believe I get paid to watch sports all day.

**THE MOST CHALLENGING PART OF MY JOB:** Not being afraid of trying new things, failing, making a mistake, and learning from it. For example, hockey? Not my sport. But throughout my job, I've worked on hockey a couple of times. I have to learn new sports all the time, but we're also learning new programs and technology, too. Pushing myself to do things I didn't think I could do is challenging, but it's also a lot of fun.

**WHAT'S NEXT?** I'm looking forward to growing in my position. Since social media changes every day, it's hard to know what it will look like in five months, much less five years. I am just focusing on building my skills, networking, and connecting with people so that when the sports landscape or the social media landscape shifts, I can grow with it.

### THE HIDDEN OPPONENT OF STUDENT-ATHLETE MENTAL HEALTH

Buschhorn is a proponent of prioritizing mental health in student-athletes' lives, and especially encouraging fellow athletes to take care of their mental health, explore other opportunities, and not put themselves in a box. "My freshman and sophomore year, I was like, 'I'm an athlete. That's all I do.' But junior and senior year, I discovered my identity is not the sport I play," she says. "You're not just an athlete. When you leave McDaniel, if you put all of your identity into being an athlete, you're going to fall really hard, and it's going hurt when you leave your sport. But if you have something to look forward to, to grow, to keep that competitive nature alive ... that's really important and that's why my career has helped me thrive so much."



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KAYLEN BUSCHHORN '22  
ESPN

1. Buschhorn at ESPN Headquarters in Bristol, Connecticut.  
2. Buschhorn embraced the on-field celebration of the 2022 College Football Playoff National Championship, in which No. 3 Georgia defeated No. 1 Alabama.  
3. Buschhorn created this custom Instagram graphic during the NBA Finals, when Denver Nuggets center Nikola Jokic made NBA Finals history with a 30-point, 20-rebound, 10-assist game.



## THE EXEC



DAN GADD '00

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF GROWTH | ATLANTA DREAM



**I GREW UP IN:** A lot of places! I was born in Utah, but we moved a lot because my dad was a college football coach.

**AS A KID, I PLAYED:** Baseball and football.

**ON THE HILL, I PLAYED:** Football. After my freshman year, we won 39 out of the next 40 regular season games, and were Centennial Conference Champions in 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

**AND I STUDIED:** Communication. But to this day, one of my biggest takeaways was before I took a single class on the Hill. At first-year orientation, Associate Dean Barbara Horneff '84 told us, "We're not going to teach you how to do a job. We're going to teach you how to think so that when a bigger opportunity comes along, you know how to take advantage of it." That stuck with me for some reason, and it turned out to be very, very true in my career path.

**CHILDHOOD DREAM:** I knew I always wanted to be involved in sports. Growing up in a family where my dad was a college football coach, Saturdays revolved around game day. But I originally thought I was going to get into news broadcasting and that maybe I'd get a chance to cover sports that way.

**I REALIZED I COULD WORK IN SPORTS WHEN:** I did an internship at a TV station out in Salt Lake City, Utah, before my senior year, and was applying to more TV stations for full-time jobs. Someone encouraged me to reach out to NFL teams because they had broadcast departments.

*Left: Dan Gadd enjoys sharing the professional sports experience with his wife, Ruth, and daughters Mia (right) and Marissa (front).*





**HOW I BROKE INTO THE INDUSTRY:** I spent a year as an intern in a great broadcast department at the Jacksonville Jaguars learning a lot about video editing, production, and storytelling, and then they hired me full time in web video production. That was where I learned web design, HTML, and CSS and got into web and content performance analytics. I moved on to the Chicago Bears as a website manager, which kind of grew into a digital director role as social media really started to take off. That allowed me to really use the interest I had in performance analytics across a broader set of digital platforms. The biggest leap I took was leaving team sports and joining the agency Taylor. We supported brands like Tide, Jordan, Capital One, and Allstate in the digital content consulting realm. I worked with an incredible team of professionals with diverse experiences and skill sets, and learned from all of them. That role really helped me discover greater capabilities in creative, strategy, and organizational communication. And it was at that job that I got connected with the Atlanta Falcons and Morgan Shaw Parker, who was the chief marketing officer for Arthur M. Blank Sports & Entertainment and led the initiatives for the Falcons and the Mercedes-Benz Stadium. The more I worked with her, the more I realized there was an opportunity to build something special there. I joined her team to help lead a digital transformation with the Falcons, and we had an unbelievable run, including winning 14 Emmys on our video team. We had a really outstanding team of creatives and young digital strategists there. Seeing the incredible roles so many of those people have now makes it hard to believe they were all one team at one time. And before I left, we helped convince the organization to invest and build a state-of-the-art broadcast studio. With the Falcons, I got heavily involved in performance and growth marketing so that we could show how great content and digital strategy could help the business with ticket sales and revenue. Morgan was eventually recruited as the new president of the Atlanta Dream WNBA team, and a couple months later, she and I began talking about a role with the Dream and the possibility of expanding the same kind of creative culture we had with the Falcons digital team across an entire organization.

**MY JOB IN A NUTSHELL:** First and foremost, we need to grow a fan base. What I consider the most important part of my job is to sit in between all of our departments and make sure we have the same objectives, the same priorities, and the same motivations. The idea is to create collaborative teams across the organization where the best ideas win. We need to have people

working together and building on each other's ideas, moving in the same direction. I directly oversee ticket sales and work very closely with the marketing group, but I work with every group here to be sure all of our efforts are aligned and ladder up to the overarching business objects. I'm also working on a business intelligence project with our partner Microsoft to bring all of our data sources together through our CRM to help our leaders make better decisions faster.

**WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT MY JOB:** I have so much fun working with this leadership group trying to figure out a solution to our challenges. We are a mostly female organization, and we're very diverse in race, experience, and backgrounds. That brings a lot of creativity, collaboration, and unique perspectives to the forefront. There's a different level of commitment because we all want to see this succeed. It's not just a job. And one example of that is that I have two daughters and no matter where I've worked before, they haven't wanted to wear the gear for whatever team I was working for. But now, both wear Dream gear. Any spark of interest in sports from them makes me smile because I know there are so many things to learn from sports. Eighty percent of female business leaders played team sports. So, if we're able to provide those role models, provide camps and clinics, and keep girls in Atlanta playing sports, we're contributing to growth in their lives.

**THE MOST CHALLENGING PART OF MY JOB:** The Dream has been around since 2008, but the awareness of the team has been very low. However, this year, we led the WNBA in sellouts with 12 of our 20 home games selling out. We need to do things that get people's attention, build great fan experiences, and light that fire under people so that when they walk out of here, they start telling others about it.

**WHAT'S NEXT?** Putting together high-performing teams of people is what gets me up in the morning. This is the first time I've ever had a role this broad and expansive. That group of teammates I played with at WMC helped me discover that interest. I'm still learning every day, and there will be some evolution in this role. Every place I've jumped has led to a broader version of what I did in the last spot. That's a lot of fun, and it's exactly what Dean Horneff promised us on the Hill.



## CHAMPIONSHIP ENVY

Before taking the internship with the Jacksonville Jaguars, Gadd had accepted an internship with the New England Patriots, beginning in the summer of 2001. Florida sounded more appealing come winter than Boston did, so he chose Jacksonville. That was the first year the Patriots won a Super Bowl. "I still kid with the guy who hired me in Jacksonville that he owes me about three Super Bowl rings, if not more," Gadd says. But he knows the decision to go to Jacksonville was the right one. That's where he met his now wife of 17 years, Ruth. And he and the family return to Jacksonville every year for vacation, where they still have close friends and family. "It ended up being worth a lot more than a handful of Super Bowl rings."



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DAN GADD '00  
WOMEN'S NATIONAL  
BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION





## Building homes, relationships, and futures

### MARTY HILL'S THREE DECADES OF SERVICE IS RECOGNIZED WITH THE 2023 FOUNDERS AWARD

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN

Martin "Marty" K. P. Hill is no stranger to accolades and awards, especially here in Carroll County, where he and his family have made a remarkable difference in the community for nearly five decades. From building homes to serving on boards and maintaining a steadfast commitment to philanthropy, the Hill family is just about everywhere in Westminster and Carroll County.

That's partly why his daughter, Jennifer Hill Bubczyk '93, didn't initially enroll at McDaniel College: "It felt too close to home for me at the time," she says.

Ultimately, her first choice of college wasn't the right fit, and Bubczyk transferred to the Hill for her sophomore year. Her dad had already been engaged with the college and then-President Bob Chambers for a couple years at the time — in fact, he says he had to dodge Chambers for a bit when Bubczyk didn't choose McDaniel as a first-year student.

As Bubczyk began her journey at McDaniel, Hill's involvement increased. From starting out on the Parents Board, fueling fundraising challenges for senior class giving, being consulted on campaign feasibility studies, and volunteering with Admissions, Hill jumped in with his signature quiet enthusiasm.

He was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1993 — receiving special permission to present Bubczyk's degree to her at that spring's Commencement, despite his term not having begun yet — and has served for the past 30 years. In 1994, Hill served as the chair of the college's first comprehensive campaign, The Defining Moment, which raised more than \$40 million. In 1995, with a leadership gift to the college, Memorial Hall was rededicated as Hill Hall, ensuring Hill's impact on the college would be remembered for decades to come.

But it wasn't until after Bubczyk graduated that she really understood the scope of how much good her father had done for the college. And unlike many parents who might wash their hands of a college after their child's last tuition payment clears and that diploma is in their hands, Marty Hill has been a constant presence on the Hill.

In 2007, he was elected chair of the Board of Trustees, a position he held until stepping down in 2019. During that time, he was involved in the hiring of the college's ninth president, Roger N. Casey, but one major accomplishment stands out in his mind.

"I am particularly proud of leading the board through the significant updating and modernization of the college's curriculum," Hill says. "President Casey led the charge, and then-Provost Julia Jasken did the heavy lifting to bring the full college community to the table in support of the changes.

"What we advertise is that McDaniel changes lives, and we've really leaned into that with the curricular changes and providing educational opportunities for students that wouldn't have had them before," he says. "It was easy to support President Joan Develin Coley and President Casey during my term as chair; it was a real partnership because their focus was all about advancing the students and the college."

## An investment 30+ years in the making

While many parents may end their relationship with their child's alma mater after Commencement Day, Marty Hill's involvement on the Hill was just ramping up when his daughter crossed the stage. For the past 30 years, he's remained an active presence on campus. Highlights of Hill's involvement are outlined below.

- 1990** Hill's daughter, Jennifer Hill Bubczyk '93, transferred to the Hill
- 1990** Joined the Parents Board and became chair of the Parents Fund
- 1993** Initiated a challenge grant for the senior class gift to the annual fund
- 1993** Bubczyk graduated from the college; Hill presented her with her degree at Commencement
- 1993** Joined the Board of Trustees
- 1994** Chaired the college's comprehensive fundraising campaign, making a \$1.5 million gift to launch the public phase
- 1995** Hill Hall rededicated in Hill's honor after the work he put into renovating every academic building on campus
- 2007** Elected chair of the Board of Trustees
- 2009** Endowed the Ethan A. Siedel Chair in Economics and Business Administration
- 2015** Named an honorary alum of the college and received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters
- 2019** Stepped down as chair of the board
- 2021** Established The Vicky Shaffer Fellowship Fund at the McDaniel Environmental Center



# A well-rounded history of service

Marty Hill has made an impact on nearly every aspect of the college you can imagine. Below are the committees he has been a member of over the years:

- Academic Affairs and Campus Life Committee, Member (2020-Present)
- DEI Taskforce, Member (2020-Present)
- Finance and Facilities Committee, Member (2020-Present)
- Student Center Renovation Committee, Member (2019-20)
- Academic Affairs Committee, Member (2007-20)
- Enrollment Management and Marketing Committee, Member (2007-20)
- Billy Mac's Inc, Member (2010-18)
- Audit and Risk Management Committee, Member (2007-19)
- Budget and Finance Committee, Member (2007-19)
- Building and Grounds Committee, Member (2007-19)
- Bylaws Committee, Member (2007-19)
- Campus Life Committee, Member (2007-19)
- Executive Compensation Committee, Member (2007-19)
- Executive Committee, Member (2007-11), Vice Chair (1994-06), Chair (2004-19)
- Fundraising Committee, Member (1996-99, 2003-09), Participant (2003-04), Chair (2003-05), Ambassador (2020)
- Governance Committee, Ex Officio (2007-19)
- Human Resources Committee, Member (2007-19)
- Institutional Advancement Committee, Ex Officio (2007-19)
- Investment Committee, Member (2007-19)
- Long-Range Planning Committee, Member (2007-19)
- WMC Development Corporation, Member (2007-19)
- Presidential Search Committee, Member (2009-10)

As owner of Masonry Contractors Inc. from 1971 until 2002, president of Woodhaven Building & Development Inc. since 1976, and owner of Hill Development Group LLC, Hill's decades of experience in developing and building commercial and residential properties have been an asset to the college.

But much like his daughter, an English major who gave journalism a shot but is now president at Hill Development Group, he didn't foresee this career path for himself either.

"I never had any idea that I was going to be in construction," Hill says. "A lot of people say, 'If I only had the opportunity,' but they don't recognize an opportunity when it's right in front of them. If I've been blessed with one thing, it's the ability to see beyond, and that's been so helpful in my life."

Hill credits his business success and his ability to help the college grow to one thing: "My philosophy of developing relationships," whether it's building a solid relationship with architecture firms and construction companies for new community development or to find the best long-term partners for the good of the college's growth.

Those relationships have led to every academic building on campus being renovated since Hill joined the board, in addition to the construction of Kenneth R. Gill Stadium, Merritt Hall, Eaton Hall, North Village residential apartments, and Merritt Fitness Center.

In short, Marty Hill has helped change the landscape of McDaniel College for the better over the past three decades, and it's largely due



to the relationships he developed with the four most recent presidents of the college. Those relationships have been built on a foundation of mutual trust and respect—including, Hill says, trust in how the college manages his philanthropic gifts.

"Interestingly, I've never given anything to scholarship at the college. It's the most funded part of every campaign, and I don't like to give with strings attached," he says. "If I believe in the organization enough to give you my money, then I trust you to do what you see as the best use of it."

But Hill remains humble, insisting that he doesn't need recognition for his service and that he's just doing what he knows is right. Regardless, in acknowledgment of his more than 30 years of service to the college—including 30 as a member of the Board of Trustees and 12 as the chair of the board—Hill is the 2023 recipient of the Founders Award.

"It's important to pay it forward, to be able to give other people opportunities that you may not have had without someone's help," he says. "My daughter is a good example of somebody who came to the college not 100% clear on where she was heading. But it has laid a foundation for her that is constantly reinforcing that the Hill was the right place for her."

Bubczyk is thankful for the role her father has played in her alma mater, and that he's instilled the same values in her and her brother.

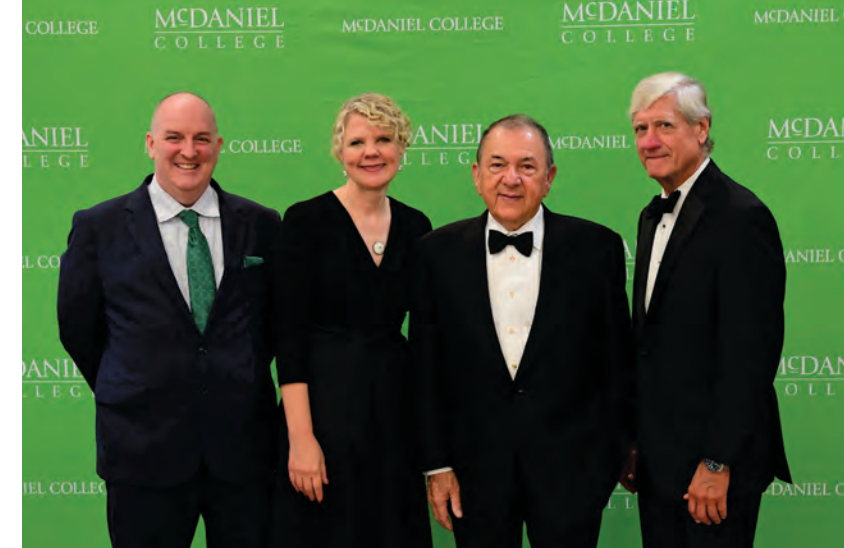
"It's just who he is. He's just someone who gives so much and doesn't ask for a lot in return; he's not asking for accolades," Bubczyk says. "I told him, 'Thirty years is a long time, Dad. It deserves recognition.' We joke sometimes about his various commitments. When he was board chair at the college, we'd ask him, 'Is your full-time job here at Woodhaven or at McDaniel?' But we wouldn't have it any other way. And it's encouraged me to stay involved, too."

It's been said plenty of times here on the Hill and in other organizations around the county: If we had multiple Marty Hills, we'd be unstoppable.

"I'm very proud of him in all that he's accomplished," Bubczyk says. "He's just a man who quietly goes about helping and doing what needs to be done. He's not the type to be out there singing his own praises, so I'm glad you gave me the opportunity to do so, and that the college is celebrating him."

## GIFT HIGHLIGHT

Thank you to the WMC Heritage Society for a generous \$60,000 gift to support the renovation of the first floor of Lewis Hall of Science! In support of strategic plan goals to improve campus living environments for student success, the renovations will include new lighting, paint, and flooring. The society donated an additional \$10,000 for emergency student needs.



Opposite, top: Jennifer Hill Bubczyk '93 joined her dad at the Founders Society celebration at which he was honored as the recipient of the 2023 Founders Award.

Opposite, bottom: Hill speaks at the dedication of Kenneth R. Gill Stadium in November 2012.

Above: Vice President of Institutional Advancement David Sears, President Julia Jasken, Marty Hill, and Board Chair Bruce Preston '75 after the presentation of the 2023 Founders Award.



# alumni updates

Association news & class notes



## 1960

**Jim Thomas** and **Mil Dickey Thomas '62** wrote to say all is well in Golden, Colorado. They are happy that their youngest son and his wife recently moved back to Colorado, bringing all of their children back to their home state. Their daughter and her family live just a mile away from Jim and Mil. The couple visited the Big Island of Hawaii for six weeks this past winter. While there, they became good friends with Peter and Susan Denman. Peter is a retired history professor who taught with **Lloyd Musselman** for over 20 years at Oklahoma City University. Jim says, "It truly is a small world!"

**Elma Koons Molloy** is still enjoying life at the beach in Ocean City, Maryland. She says age has slowed her down a lot, but she still has lunch with friends, many of whom no longer drive.

**Karl Silex** continues to play golf and tennis. Karl says, "I plan to pick up pickleball when **Joan Zajac Silex '61** and I have to move to the 'old people's home.'" He is in his 50th year in the Baltimore City Rotary Club and continues his involvement with two other boards. Grandson Henry, 16, has participated in soccer goalie training at McDaniel, grandson **Ben Fireman '26** is a sophomore at McDaniel, and grandson Davis, 16, is an excellent skier in Denver, Colorado. Karl keeps in touch with **Lloyd Musselman**, **John Karrer**, and **Rod Ryon**.

**Roderick "Rod" Ryon** says he and Joan are both well. They are making the adjustment to elder life and taking more than the occasional daytime naps. They finally made their way to Atlanta for the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Montgomery, Alabama, to visit civil rights museums and historic sites, especially the very moving National Memorial for Peace and Justice. Last fall, they traveled to Gloucester, Massachusetts, where they enjoyed the brisk weather and wonderful seafood.

Due to his wife's health problems and his worsening night vision, **Donald Hester** has stopped his ambulance volunteering after 55 years. He is still active with the fire department, sings in the choir, serves on the vestry, and Rotary is still important to him. Due to an unfortunate head-on collision with a passenger ferry, Don's boat was destroyed. No one on the ferry was hurt, and Don received only a few scratches. He has been spending many hours working on a replacement trawler, which needs a great deal of work. He keeps the boat in a new, free lifetime slip by the ferry terminal!

**Sharon Board Chilcoat** continues to live at Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster, Maryland. She

**McDaniel's beloved Green Terror mascot celebrated its 100th birthday at Homecoming 2023, complete with the singing of "Happy Birthday" at halftime, led by the college's a cappella group, the Green TerrorTones.**

*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.*



**Anne Marlow Vose '66** is still serving on the McDaniel Board of Trustees and enjoying seeing the upgrades being made to McDaniel Hall.

recently fell and hurt her back, so she is spending a lot of time with physical therapy professionals. She also keeps busy playing bridge and bingo once a week.

**Lloyd Musselman** writes that he and Nancy are doing well. With functioning solar panels on their roof, they are looking forward to doing their part for a cleaner environment. They are now enjoying watching Korean dramas on TV, having seen over 60 of them. Lloyd keeps in touch with some of the guys by emailing **John Karrer, Karl Silex, George Varga '61, Hon. H.H.D. '92, Ted Kinter, and Bob Borden**. "I have given McDaniel soccer coach Steve Corrieri a framed presentation of photos and one news article of our big victory over Drexel in the 1959 soccer season," he says. "He has it hanging on his office wall, and I imagine it will always be somewhere on campus, along with the game ball, so generations yet unborn will know the story of that team and that day."

**Bev Schott Myers and Jon Myers '61** have sold their houses in Vail, Colorado, and Owings Mills, Maryland, and are moving to a continuum of care facility in Towson, Maryland. They are doing fine and are busy walking, working out with a personal trainer, and playing contract bridge.

**Esther Upperco Gay** says living in Williamsburg, Virginia, remains most enjoyable. Esther has retired from substituting as choir director or organist and doesn't really miss it. Bob is still called on occasionally to assist as a pastor.

An update on classmates who have died in the past few years: **Gene Arbaugh, Gerald "Gerry" Reynolds, Joe Bender, Jill Brown Hurlbrink, Becky Reynolds, Bob Pivais, Ellen Snyder Hale,** and Jean Cole, who many of us knew from **Bob Cole** and Jean's marriage.

**Carol Westerfield Rabush, M.Ed. '79 and Don Rabush '62, M.Ed. '70** have been busy since our last class update. We sold the condo in Palm Springs, California, to a couple we are very friendly with, and they have given us the opportunity to rent it back every year. So, we will travel to Palm Springs next year at Christmas and stay for three months. In the meantime, we bought a condo in Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster, Maryland. It's nice, and we're happy to be here. We keep busy by exercising — Don swims and I do chair yoga — and playing bridge. There are several people from the college living here and others from the Westminster community who we know, which made the move a pleasure.

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## 1966

**Richie Eigen** was the first to reply to our request for an update, saying he has been retired for 20 years. For 15 years, he split his time between Florida and Connecticut, but last year moved back to Connecticut full time. His four grandchildren live there, and his oldest granddaughter is a high school freshman who is making her debut on the school basketball team. Richie reminds us that he played all four years at WMC. His granddaughter naturally asked him if he was going to watch her play basketball. That made up his mind, and he decided to spend the rest of his life watching his grandchildren grow up.

Although **Roger Adler** was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, the good news is that he was diagnosed early and underwent surgery at the Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone Hospital. Now, two years later, he is in remission and has returned to practicing law in Lower Manhattan.

**Anne Marlow Vose** had long shuttled back and forth between Sarasota, Florida, and Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, but last fall, she and her husband sold their place in Sarasota and moved to a condo in the city. She says they love the change, and the dogs seem to like it, too. She and her husband are both healthy and very grateful. Anne is still serving on the McDaniel College Board of Trustees, which she enjoys. She says that the college is making some upgrades to the small lobby at McDaniel Hall. They are adding lots of lighting, new art, and a new rug. She urges any of us in the area to stop by and take a look.

**Martha "Marty/Merf" Goode McLaren** has moved from the beautiful but now overdeveloped and congested town of Lewes, Delaware, to a 55-plus community north of Dover. She loves exploring new places, riding an adult trike around the neighborhood, and sharing her life with a wonderful man that she first met over 40 years ago. After a seven-month struggle with severe pain from a ruptured disc, she was finally able to have spinal surgery, which restored her mobility and quality of life. Now she fills her days with good books, quiet time in nature, involvement in a terrific Unitarian Universalist church, family, and friends. She says her heart fills with gratitude as her grandchildren grow and evolve into amazing adults.

**Allan Ingalls** shared his first note in 57 years! He writes that after 50 years of adventures, misadventures, and meanderings around the world courtesy of the U.S. Army and State Department, he and his wife, Linda, are now safely and happily retired. His home is now in Spokane, Washington, where he is consumed with the trials and tribulations and joys of home ownership: painting, planting, maintaining, and enjoying the

good life, which includes opening boxes of treasures collected from too many tours abroad. Blessings include two daughters, three sons, and eight grandchildren, plus two dogs, a car, good neighbors, the stream in the back, and reasonably good health.

**Lyn Smith Misiaszek** writes that she and her husband, Pete, bade farewell to a lovely 10 years in St. Michaels, Maryland, and in January moved to a large and very active retirement community in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She says the city is charming and bustling, and the surroundings are beautiful. Her new hobby is following the unofficial ice cream trail throughout the county. **Carol England** recently joined them for lunch.

**Karen Myers Schutz**, my roommate at WMC, travels between LaGrande, Oregon, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. Her granddaughter and family live in Oregon, where Karen and her husband have a second home. Their other son lives in Mesa, Arizona.

I, **Kaye Stevens Thomas**, saw **Robert Creighton and Grayson Winterling, M.Ed. '73** for our high school class reunion in September. My husband, Jim, and I keep very busy in Salisbury, Maryland, and are thankfully in good health. We are able to see our daughter's family in Bluffton, South Carolina, where our three grandchildren live and where we have a second home. Our son and his wife recently moved to Dallas and our daughter in New York City recently purchased a home in Lewes, Delaware, so we have plenty of places to visit. I think all of us have lost friends, so we were grateful to celebrate our 57th anniversary in August.

*Love to everyone.  
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## 1972

In the spring of 2022, about 40 of our classmates gathered for our 50th Reunion, and what a shock it was to realize that 50 years had passed since we had walked these halls and grounds! It was great to see so many people turn out, including five classmates who had never been to a Reunion before.

**Jim Wilberger** was coincidentally on campus for his first Reunion because of the inauguration of McDaniel's new president. He had a chance to chat with **Doug Rinehart**, who was in from Hawaii and lived in the same dorm back in the day. Jim had to dash off after our first luncheon to fly to Utah, where he was producing a movie that came out in the summer of 2022, "Love in the Limelight." Jim has been executive producer for the Hallmark Channel

## [Class Noted]

# A special return to the Hill



In November 2021, Dave Henderson '78 (pictured below, left) was happy to accompany his dad, Harlow Henderson '53 (pictured at left and below, center), for a reunion on the Hill to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Green Terror's 1951 undefeated football season. Harlow was the quarterback during that season, and he was invited to be co-captain of the Green Terror for the celebration, which was coordinated by Dave's brother, Mark Henderson (pictured below, right).



for many years. He says he always appreciates getting feedback, both positive and negative about his movies. "I also had another more serious Hallmark movie that premiered a couple months earlier in 2022," he says. "If you should happen to see the title, it's called 'Heart of the Matter.'" He said his movie schedule has made it difficult for him to attend our Reunions in the past. "It's just that I schedule my trips to campus around my volunteer work for the Cinema Department, which is scheduled around my free time between movie productions. Usually, the Reunion schedule doesn't fit with everything else." Jim and Manana have been spending some time in Spain with her family.



**John Sloan '72** enjoyed volunteering for McDaniel's January Term through Zoom meetings with two groups of students.

**Ken Kester** is thrilled that “after 21 years being a single guy, I married my lady friend of 13 years last November! She finally said yes! Mary and I just took a quick road trip to Savannah, Georgia, and Cocoa Beach, Florida.”

**Dave Wiley** is one of the five classmates who had never been to a Reunion. “Although we had visited the campus a few times over the years since graduation, we had never made it to a Reunion until the 50th last year. It was good to see the things that had changed and those that had stayed the same — as well as to reconnect with old friends (we shared a dinner with **Steve Kelly '73, M.Ed. '83** and **Carol MacDonald Kelly '73** the night before the Reunion) and to meet the new president. Last August was also Phyllis' and my 50th wedding anniversary! We celebrated by taking our children and grandchildren (14 of us in all) on a trip to Sicily. We took a private tour of the island — with a highlight being a visit to the town of Regalbuto where Phyllis' mother was born and raised. We even got to meet and enjoy the hospitality of some relatives who still live in the town. It was the trip of a lifetime! We continue to divide our time in New Jersey between Allendale and the shore town of Brigantine — with a large part of our lives rotating around helping with grandkids and attending their many, many sporting and dance events and other activities. I have also worked on a revised and expanded version of my book 'Why Mark: The Politics of Resurrection in the First Gospel,' this time with footnotes and an appendix on the Priority of Mark, published by CSS Publishing of Lima, Ohio.”

**John Sloan** attended both our 50th Reunion last year and the 51st this summer. “Since retiring in 2017, I've been keeping up with my field in computer science. Even more so, I've been on a permanent gap year enjoying winter and summer holidays now and then. John enjoyed catching up with **Susan Phoebus Panek, Pam Zappardino '71**, and **Walt Michael**, as well as Hiroshima's friends (and mine) **Chris Spencer '71** in the Preachers fraternity. “I also thoroughly enjoyed volunteering for January Term, Zooming with two groups of students.” John added that he met **Milford Sprecher '73** for the first time in 50 years and was saddened to hear of the passing of **Rowland Hill '71**, with condolences to **Marcie Ellithorpe Hill '75**.

**Lily Chen** moved from Berkeley, California, to South Bay, California, a couple of years ago after living in Berkeley for over 25 years. She retired from her graphic contract business “and took care of my Mum full time until she passed away two years ago at the age of 100.” Earlier this summer, Lily took her first trip overseas since before the pandemic, spending 10 days in Portugal and nine days in Greece. Last year,

Lily picked up playing pickleball. She volunteers regularly with Second Harvest, an organization that distributes food to over 500,000 households a month.

It's been 50 years since **Lynn Tarbutton Cummings** moved from the Eastern Shore to northwestern Vermont and 15 years since she retired from the University of Vermont. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, she and her husband spent several months each year traveling in fall and winter, coming back home for the holidays. “We have owned two small motorhomes and visited 46 states in those,” plus a flight to Hawaii. They have also done some international travel to Central and South America, Mexico, the Caribbean islands, Europe, New Zealand, and Australia. “Since both sons are back in Vermont, and we now have two young grandchildren who live only minutes away, we spend a lot of time in Vermont. We are nearly full-time caregivers for the little boys and our house looks like a baby/toddler preschool, but we love every minute of it. My sister, **Polly Tarbutton '68**, recently came for a visit and enjoyed finally meeting her great-nephews. I still teach watercolor, acrylic, and mixed-media painting part time, participate in several juried art shows as well as solo shows in the area, and I enjoy my many colorful flowerbeds all spring and summer.”

**Michelle Catington Porter** sent summer greetings from “hazy, hot, and humid” North Carolina. “The greeting, above, really does sum it up here in Raleigh. Smoke from the Canadian wildfires has drifted our way and we are under a Code Orange air quality alert, along with temps in the 90s and full sunshine through the haze! Still love it here, though! Usually, it's just good summertime weather! **Keith Porter '70** and I are doing very well and are enjoying retirement and managing to keep busy and involved with family, friends, and church. Our daughter, Kerrie, and her husband, Jim, and their three children, still live in Middletown, Delaware. We see their family frequently and enjoy our trips to Delaware! We love to meet up in Middletown with **Art Blake '71**, **Ginny Golden Blake**, and **Tom Mavity '71** for lunch and laughter! Our son, Craig; his wife, Mari; and their sons, Colton, 9, and Benny, 6, still live near us in Raleigh. Having them nearby is great, and we love being able to attend school programs, their games, and having sleepovers! Home and garden projects; trips to the beach; lots of church activities; trips to, and visits from, friends and family; and relaxing on the front porch in this lovely city add up to lots of blessings, and we are so grateful for them all! A highlight of each year is getting together with WMC friends at the beach in New Jersey at summer's end for a fabulous weekend!”

**Rich Tom** wrote, “Life continues to stay busy with what we worked hard for, which is to enjoy retirement to its fullest and to continue to stay as healthy as possible. Our life is centered on visiting kids and grandkids from the Eastern Shore to the Lone Star State and the ski resorts of Albuquerque, New Mexico. To be able to share my life's past and present with the family is a true blessing that I am very grateful to be able to do. I spend a lot of my free time documenting and writing about my personal experiences, struggles, and success being the first in my family to achieve my educational milestone, which is considered a place of honor in my Chinese culture.”

**Liz Sewell Wildasin** and Ed enjoyed reconnecting and catching up with members of the WMC Class of 1972 and celebrating the 50th anniversary of their Little Baker wedding. “Ed and I are still enjoying our retirements in Easton, Maryland. I keep busy playing in the MidShore Community Band, playing and singing at our church, providing the music for Talbot Hospice a couple of times each month, and staying active with the Talbot County Retired Teachers Association and the Maryland Xi Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa.”

**Robert Read** and his wife, Clare, are both retired. “In May, we took a river cruise on the Danube from Munich to Budapest. We have gone to Maine a few times to visit Clare's son and daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. Clare's daughter and son-in-law sold their Baltimore City home last July and started a search for a home near us. In the interim, they and their two children moved in with us. That lasted until last June, as the housing market got tight very quickly. They did eventually find a nice home in Ellicott City, Maryland.”

**Sandy Fargo Geres, M.L.A. '78** wrote that she and her husband, Michael, celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary in June. “We're still keeping on keeping on,” despite Michael having some asthma and allergy issues starting last year, and Sandy dealing with some persistent problems with vertigo. “I still work three days a week as a pharmacy technician and also give immunization vaccines,” Sandy said. “This spring I tutored two middle schoolers for the last quarter of the school year as well. We've vacationed in various Maine locations and on Cape Cod and attended some splendid shows such as 'Hamilton' and 'Six.' Last month we went to the Hartford Yard Goats game (semi-pro baseball league), and I was one of 10 vocalists selected to sing the national anthem before the start of the game, which was great fun! I am still in touch with some classmates, and I enjoy that very much.”

**Nancy Lee Porter** just celebrated her 73rd birthday with **Ruth Howell** and **Dru Tresselt**. They get together about every three months. “We have now been friends

for 55 years, meeting as roommates at WMC. A wonderful long-term friendship. They are retired, but I still work as a consultant for Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency. David and I went on a 12-day cruise to the West Indies in April and enjoyed new sights. I have limited mobility but can get around with a walker.”

**Charlie Bowers, M.Ed. '74** came to the 50th Reunion, and he wrote twice, promising to send in an article for this column for the first time ever. But he didn't. Since he mentioned it twice, I thought I should go ahead and put him in the column.

**James “Jim” Yates** sold his company but is still working part time as a consultant. His full retirement date will be March 31, 2024. “We welcomed my first grandson on April 4, 2023, which was an anniversary gift for Nancy and me.” They have three grandchildren, and he is loving life. He was very happy to see a number of classmates at the Founders Society dinner.

Sadly, **Steve McSweeney** of Longmont, Colorado, passed away on March 18, 2022.

The last three years have been wild with very strange life challenges for me, **Kathy Bryant**. Last summer, there was the famous storm of July 2022 that knocked down over 100 trees in College Park, plus numerous trees in Westminster, Maryland. College Park made national news when a tree fell on a house while a student was sleeping and split it in half. A pecan tree in my backyard, planted by my great-uncle in 1888, fell on part of my house and demolished the back porch. Because my great-uncle was a professor of agriculture at the University of Maryland in the 1800s, I decided to donate a lot of the pecan wood to students in the wood shop and to Makers Woodshop milling company in Baltimore, so that they can make tables, bowls, spoons, pipes, and wands. Chesapeake Tree Company was finally able to come haul the trunk out of the yard in July of this year, and told me that the trunk was the biggest piece of wood they had ever picked up. It weighed 8,300 pounds. The tree had been unofficially declared the champion pecan tree for the state of Maryland. On a fun note, in October 2021, my brother and I took a breathtaking train trip from College Park to Maine to visit some of my best friends in Belfast to pick up a 2007 Buick I had accidentally bought from them. We ended up staying three weeks on their gorgeous five-acre wooded property.

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# family

## WE DID!

### Wedding vows exchanged this season:

**Annie Schaffner '73** to **Fernando Nieto** on Dec. 22, 2022. They reside in Vienna, Virginia.

**Erica DeColli '16** to **Cameron Bahr '16** on April 22, 2023. They reside in Hampstead, Maryland.

**Carleigh Jenne '16** to **Aiden Ward** on May 15, 2023. They reside in Frederick, Maryland.

**Sam Stitely '15, M.S. '18** to **Ray Janiga** on Sept. 24, 2023. They reside in Westminster, Maryland.



[Class Noted]

# Virginia brewery's Green Terrors Juicy IPA has roots on the Hill — the brewers just didn't know it!



Top: Dave Warwick — brewmaster at Virginia's Three Notch'd Brewing and son of Earl G. Warwick Jr. '69 — and Andrew Fineran, brewmaster at Australia's Batch Brewing.

Bottom: A team photo of Warwick (#71) and Fineran's (#72) peewee football team, the Green Terrors.

**When you find a beer in Virginia called Green Terrors Juicy IPA — complete with hops dressed as football players donning green and gold uniforms — it's hard not to take notice and wonder what the connection to the Hill could be.**

**We reached out to Charlottesville's Three Notch'd Brewing and got the story behind it. While the blurb on the can has no mention of our Green Terror, there's more of a backstory than even the founding brewmaster, Dave Warwick, realized!**

**"Small world alert: I grew up in Maryland and my father, Earl G. Warwick Jr. '69, went to McDaniel College, but back when it was called Western Maryland. He only attended the college for a year before joining the Army and going to Vietnam.**

**"But that has nothing to do with the beer name, just a big coincidence! I actually had no idea until this week that there existed another Green Terror team!**

**"I grew up in Salisbury, Maryland, and played for a peewee football league run by the Salvation Army. My team was the Green Terrors. The Terps and the Yellow Jackets are two other teams I recall in that league, so, I guess the teams were all named after collegiate teams.**

**"A teammate of mine and longtime friend, Andrew Fineran, ended up moving to Australia and started his own brewery. For years, we talked about doing a collaboration between Three Notch'd and his brewery, Batch Brewing.**

**"He had plans to come back to the states for his father's 75th birthday, so the collaboration wheels were in motion! This was February of 2019. He brought some unique Australian-grown hops with him for us to make an Australian-inspired IPA. Hops are green, so I came up with the idea to name it Green Terrors after the team we played on together. That's it!"**

## 1978

Craig Merkle and his wife, Paula, still live in Baltimore. Their three boys are spread out geographically, with one in Los Angeles, one in Vienna, Austria, and fortunately, one still local. Their one grandchild is in Austria, so they visit there yearly. Craig is still practicing law, but at a substantially reduced schedule, and will probably be fully retired within the next two years. He is not yet sure what he will do with his time, but all his friends who have retired say that it will not be a problem. Craig sees Keith Appler and James "Bruce" Whitney '79 from time to time.

Sally Stanfield sends warm regards to all. She wrote that our 45th Reunion in early June of this year provided a poignant, important reminder regarding the enduring connections with each other and with our alma mater. The years quickly melted away as laughter and stories galore filled the room. Although still "learning" the art of retirement, a word that she did not contemplate until marriage in May 2021, she experienced firsthand the joy of seeing how dear friends have engaged and transformed their lives as they transition away from their full-time careers. Now "practicing" retirement, Sally no longer represents children and adolescents with special education needs and has significantly reduced her role in her family's agricultural businesses, Edrich Lumber and Edrich Farm. A co-owner of both businesses, she has redefined her role to focus on special projects and customer retention for the next couple of years. Deb and Sally share her childhood home on the family's farm in Randallstown, Maryland, and a condo in Dunedin, Florida, which they purchased in April 2022. They returned from two glorious weeks in Geneva, Switzerland, in early July, where Deb lived while a consultant with UNHCR (the UN Refugee Agency) for two years and, thereafter, during her regular travels between New York and Geneva while director of the U.S. Office for the World Council of Churches from 2003 to 2009. They were blessed to reconnect with dear friends and colleagues about whom Sally had learned so much and had not yet met. Next up: visits with family and friends in the Northeast, Midwest, and Mountain West, all of which were deferred due to COVID-19, and their return to Florida by mid-November to happily avoid the charm of a Maryland winter.

After a lifetime of living in Montgomery County, Maryland, and following retirement in 2019, Trudy Walton Schwarz and her husband, Dave, moved to Reisterstown, Maryland, in Baltimore County in 2020. She still can't believe that some of you would drive from Westminster to Reisterstown to go to the

Jack in the Box. It has been fun exploring this area once COVID-19 restrictions were lifted. Dave plays golf at McDaniel about twice a month. Their first grandchild was born in the spring of 2022 and lives only 10 minutes away! After five brothers and three sons, it is very special to have a granddaughter. Trudy enjoyed seeing everyone at the 45th Reunion!

After raising three sons, Chris Mosberg and Jamie Dryden Mosberg now have three granddaughters! Tess, 11, and Ruth, 7, live in Asheville, North Carolina, and the latest addition, Avery, was born in April in Denver. So, they have lots of places to visit with their Winnebago RV, including their site in Myakka River Motorcoach Resort in Florida. Over this past year, they have been working on adding a casita and lanai to their RV site to make room for visitors and create an office area for Jamie. Luckily, Jamie can recruit for his GRN business from anywhere in the country. Chris spends a little time helping with QuickBooks and enjoys some tutoring. Their favorite activities are now pickleball, trying new restaurants, finding sharks' teeth, and come winter — taking a nap on their new lanai!

On Sept. 24, 2011, Rosalie Kasper Foster married Paul E. Foster. Rosalie was assigned as a Christ Servant Minister to Hamorton United Methodist Church on July 1, 2022. She is currently taking Certified Lay Minister training.

In the spring, Adele Weinberg Connolly fell down some stairs, bruised the left side of her body and face and broke her right wrist. She didn't let her injuries stop her though. She had her 6-year-old granddaughter visit from Georgia for most of the month of June, and they had a blast! Between the zoo, swimming, and visiting family, it is safe to say it was the first in what will be annual visits. The cast on her wrist came off in late June, and now she is focused on rehab and a 2024 family wedding.

Keith and Karen Keenan Good live on the farm where Karen grew up in Westover, Maryland. They are both retired, and Karen has a booth at a local antiques mall, which provides her with a lot of fun. Their daughters, Katie and Kristen, and their families live close by. They love seeing their five grandchildren, who range in age from 1 to 16, on a regular basis. They were sorry they were unable to come to the Reunion, but said that it would have been great to see everyone.

Carl Gold happily reports that his coin of the realm has increased, and he and Sally Keck Gold now have three grandchildren. He recently discovered that he is one-eighth Ukrainian — "Slava Ukraini" — but does not have the math skills to figure out what that makes the grandkids. He joined the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy as member of the board of directors in May

of 2023 and spends countless hours as a trail guide at Cromwell Valley Park and Marshy Point. He was recently promoted to duck handler at Cromwell Valley. Carl is contemplating using what remains of his legal skills to file a defamation suit on behalf of Mr. John McGregor. John has been slandered and libeled since 1901 due to his efforts to combat Peter, Flopsy, and Mopsy. Their lineal heirs, along with deer, groundhogs, rabbits, and squirrels enjoy the fruits (no pun intended because there are no fruits left) of Carl's garden. Free McGregor! Sally Keck Gold, meanwhile, is struggling to maintain sanity at home now that Carl is mostly retired from his law practice. She has retired from her many years as director of Maryland Destination Imagination and spends much time with her grandchildren, who are all local. She is enjoying being a horse show grandmom for her daughter's daughter, something only other horse show moms can understand. She and Carl loved our 45th Reunion and hope that more classmates will be able to attend the 50th. Sally administers the Western Maryland College Class of 1978 Facebook group and encourages all classmates to join so they can keep up with each other and future Reunion news.

Mike Spath and Donna are living in Oregon's Willamette Valley. For the past three years, they have been developing Five Points Vineyard, and 2023 will be their first harvest. The 10-acre vineyard is farmed organically and planted with Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes. Mike has been taking viticulture courses and is on the board of the Eola-Amity Hills Winegrowers Association. As an old Bio major, Mike feels like his life has come full circle because growing grapes and making wine is all about biology and chemistry. Mike doesn't get back east much but stays in touch with Bob Irvin '77, Gary Walters '77, Chuck Boehlke, Mike Modica '79, Mike Cottingham, and Chris Parr '79.

David Dickerhoff is attending the American Dental Association fall convocation to receive a fellowship award in the Pierre Fauchard Academy, a dental honor society. Afterward, he travels to Greece with Janice to celebrate 25 years. Dave still roots for the Terps, Ravens, and Orioles, even though he is firmly rooted in North Carolina.

Judy Byrd Fox, M.Ed. '79 says hello from Martinsburg, West Virginia. Judy and her husband, Chris, have landed in Martinsburg after selling their house in Ellicott City, Maryland, in the fall of 2021. They will travel between their house in West Virginia and their condo in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. They also enjoy time with their granddaughters — two live in Northern Virginia and one lives in Tennessee. Retirement provides the opportunity to

# family

## ARRIVED

**Family additions this season:**

Juliet Soucy in June 2021 to Kerri Fisher Soucy '03 and Jon Soucy '02.

Teague Snyder in March 2023 to Kristin Snyder and Tim Snyder '08, M.S. '10.

Abigail Eaton in July 2023 to Meghan Eaton and Jay Eaton '09, M.S. '12.





The 2023 Homecoming Court was revealed before kickoff. Those named to the court were First-Year Eminence Melissa Deedy of Brookeville, Maryland; Sophomore Majesties Varia Alston from Baltimore, and Kenneth Moore from Laurel, Maryland; Junior Royalty Kelly Ross from Clinton, Maryland; and Senior Sovereign Yesenia Ortiz from Glassboro, New Jersey, and Destiny Haley from Parkville, Maryland.

affiliated with St. Agnes, then joined MDVIP (the largest “conciierge” medical group in the country focused on personalized, preventive care). He also served as chairman of their medical advisory board for several years, and after retiring from clinical practice in 2021, now serves as associate medical director at MDVIP. He currently travels nationally lecturing to physicians, dentists, and dental hygienists on the oral-systemic connection and the aggressive prevention of heart attacks, strokes, and diabetes. Alan previously spent most of his spare time biking, skiing, scuba diving, boating on the Chesapeake Bay, and playing the mandolin in various bands around town, but now devotes that spare time to being a proud granddad!

**Ed Ginsberg** is enjoying semi-retired life since he sold his interest in his three dental offices two years ago. He keeps very busy continuing to teach at the dental school and treats patients with special health care needs in the operating room at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Ed is halfway through his six-year term on the board of directors of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. It is a way of giving back to his specialty and it affords Ed and Jeannie some nice travel perks, too; they visited Ireland and Hawaii this past year. But the best benefit of all is getting to spend more time with their four grandsons. Jeannie and Ed enjoyed catching up with old friends at the 45th Reunion. It’s hard to believe it’s been that long! They wish everyone good health and happiness and are looking forward to the 50th celebration!

After working for Baltimore County government for 38 years, **Dave Henderson** decided to retire. Twenty-seven of those years were spent working for the police department. Like most jobs, it had its ups and downs. But it did provide a good salary, good benefits, and a decent retirement. “At the end, it changed a lot since I was hired and was no longer as enjoyable and rewarding as it had once been before the pandemic hit,” he says. “After retiring, I decided to just kick back for a few months, but I am looking into volunteer possibilities and hooking up with friends who are also retired. The highlight of my post-WMC connection was back in November 2021. My brother Mark and sister-in-law Judy worked with the wonderful staff of McDaniel to honor my father, **Harlow Henderson ’53**. It was the 70th anniversary of WMC’s undefeated season back in 1951. Dad was the quarterback on the team for that time. We received an invite for my father to be a co-captain of the Green Terror that day, and we got to sit in President Jasken’s tent for the game. They unfortunately lost to Johns Hopkins, but we still had a wonderful time.”

In addition to a very busy work year and many volunteer opportunities, I had the opportunity to visit Greece in September and early October with family and friends. Lovingly. Wishing you all a great end to 2023 and a happy holiday season! Please stay in touch.

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## 1984

**Chris Soto** is thriving in retirement with long walks and hikes in the Tennessee mountains, reading, birding, and traveling. Two recent trips included birding in southeast Texas and visiting in-laws in Chicago, a city she loves to explore. By retiring early, she also got to spend a lot of time with her mother before losing her in October 2022. Chris keeps in touch with **Mary Denion Long**, **Debbie Dale Seidel**, **Mary Chaney Dawson** and **Jeff Dawson**, and **Linda Block**. She also keeps in touch with retired professor Nancy Palmer, a fellow avid reader and someone who had a great influence on Chris’ life.

**Ann Hilton Horn** continues as an adjunct professor at Stevenson University. It was both interesting and challenging to support potential science and math teachers through the pandemic. Ann had to observe them while they were teaching virtually! Ann and her husband sold their house in southern Carroll County and moved to a 55-plus community in Taneytown, Maryland. It has been an adjustment for them, particularly because Ann and her husband are a good bit younger than most of their neighbors, but they have enjoyed the travel and entertainment opportunities available through the community. Apparently, those older folks know how to have fun!

**Jeff Trice** reports that the two questions he gets asked the most are, “Are you still working?” and “Do you have any grandchildren?” The answers are “Yes” and “No” in that order, but he is hoping that by the next time this update rolls around, he can flip those answers around! On a more serious note, Jeff does still enjoy the work he does and is fortunate to have a flexible schedule. While waiting to retire, he’s taken some wonderful trips for vacation to Hawaii, California, and New England and for business to Arizona and Florida. Jeff hopes to make it to our 40th Reunion next year.

For the past 36 years, **Jim Rapp** has been working for the federal government. He splits his time between Pasadena, Maryland, and North Fort Myers, Florida. Thanks to the grace of God, Jim, his wife, and their house in Florida, survived Hurricane Ian with only

some damage to plants, while other houses surrounding them suffered more significant damage. Jim looks forward to turning 62 next year, retiring, and officially becoming a Florida snowbird.

**Linda Aberts Christensen** is one step closer to being an empty nester as her youngest left for college at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida, last August. After nearly 38 years as a Navy civilian employee, Linda retired in September 2022. She and her husband, Paul, moved into their retirement home in the Poconos this past spring. Linda says that after 15 moves in 25 years with the Navy, it feels nice to finally settle down. Linda is enjoying getting acquainted with her new town and rediscovering hobbies. She likes to kayak on the neighborhood lake, is working on her flower and vegetable gardens, and now has more time to devote to genealogy. For whatever free time she has left, there is a stash of yarn and fabric waiting for her! No weddings or grandchildren yet — just a granddog! Since Paul had knee replacement surgery recently, they are staying close to home but hope to get back to traveling soon. Though they have settled in Pennsylvania, Linda and Paul have three sons living in Maryland, so they head south of the Mason-Dixon Line often.

Seemingly busier than ever, **Linda Block** is currently holding three jobs. She works half-time at the Children and Family Resource Center as a bilingual parent group facilitator, teaching parenting classes and facilitating parent support groups in English and Spanish. She teaches Appalachian clogging and flatfoot classes from the most basic beginner level to advanced classes. She also gives private lessons when the opportunity arises.

In 2020, Linda was accepted as a Blue Ridge National Heritage Area Traditional Artist. Quite an honor! Finally, Linda is finishing up her second two-year term on the Buncombe County Board of Elections, overseeing and ensuring an accessible and equitable elections process. A lifelong learner, Linda got 100% on her state certification exam! Those are Linda’s paying jobs, but she also finds time to volunteer as a community mediator and with Braver Angels, an organization dedicated to building communication across the political divide. Linda recently facilitated a workshop at Asheville Ideas Fest and in February 2022, for her work as a mediator, Linda received the National Volunteer of the Quarter award from the National Association of Community Mediators. The weekly Spanish conversation group Linda started after receiving a Rotary Club Scholarship to study Spanish is almost 16 years old now, and Linda still performs with the Green Grass Cloggers. Linda still connects

with her pompom squad buddy **Chris Soto**, old roomie **Lauren Ruberg Jensen ’85**, and **Warren Smith ’86**. She and her partner of 14 years joined households last August. He is a retired biology professor.

**Krystie Adams Herndon** and her husband, Tim, celebrated 27 years of marriage this year. They enjoy their calm home life but love the visits from their kids! In February 2023, Krystie received the Terri Nation Outstanding Advisor Award from the Indiana University Bloomington Academic Advising Council. This is the highest award given annually to academic advisors on the IU Bloomington campus. There are upwards of 120 academic advisors across the IU Bloomington campus. Krystie is preparing her promotion dossier for the title of advisor expert in the IU College of Arts and Sciences. This is the top rung of her profession in her unit, and she hopes to hear good news by the end of the year. In June 2023, Krystie celebrated again by being named a recipient of the 2023 Outstanding Advising Award-Primary Role from NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising. This is a national/international professional organization with over 10,000 members. What a joy for Krystie to be recognized for doing what she considers the best job in the world! You may remember that Krystie is a twin, and she travels each year to Springfield, Virginia, to see her sister, **Audrey Adams Bigelow**, and to check on their mom, dad, and stepmom. Krystie is grateful Audrey lives so close to their parents and can tend to their needs!

And now from **Audrey Adams Bigelow**: She and her husband, Mike, covered 4,267 miles in 16 days this summer as they visited Mike’s mother in Boulder, Colorado. Audrey continues to sing a lot — as second alto section leader in The City Choir of Washington for seven of the 8½ years she’s been in the group. Audrey was proud to serve on the selection committee that hired The City Choir’s new artistic director. Audrey’s second singing adventure is her contract to sing mass at the chapel at Fort Belvoir in Virginia. This is a nice complementary gig to her part-time library page job, a job she’s had for 12½ years. In the midst of her singing and library responsibilities, taking care of her grandfather’s estate has proven to be an interesting challenge. Mike and Audrey feel blessed to still have three of their four parents (plus a bonus stepparent) to fuss over, and don’t mind when their parents fuss over them! Of course, Audrey visits with her twin, **Krystie Adams Herndon**, but she also tries to get together with **Heidi Snyder Wethered, M.S. ’86** quarterly, and keeps in touch with **Debby Neely Kennedy** and **Denise Humphrey**. Debbie’s oldest daughter, Rachel, is Audrey’s goddaughter and on their cross-country trek, Audrey

and Mike were able to visit Rachel on the remote Texas panhandle cattle ranch that she and her family co-own. All in all, Audrey doesn’t think the “being 60” thing is all that bad!

For **Heidi Snyder Wethered, M.S. ’86**, the past year has been full of changes. In June 2022, her father left this world and went home to be with the Lord. Then in August 2022, Heidi and her husband, Bennett, sold their house and moved in with their daughter, son-in-law, and grandsons. They had the basement renovated to become a grandparent suite and love spending so much time with the grandkids. According to their eldest grandson, “It’s so much nicer having you downstairs.” In April, a fourth grandson joined the party, so it’s really handy to be able to walk upstairs when needed or for a grand visit! As Heidi and Bennett downsized, their daughter Becca bought a house in Richmond, Virginia. This proved very handy in the downsizing process. Heidi still works for the local adult education program where she considers it a joy to see people finally earning their high school diplomas or GEDs. Her other part-time gig is teaching high school English with a homeschool co-op, which she really enjoys. When not working or hanging out with her grands and students, Heidi enjoys scrapbooking, spending time with friends, and traveling with Bennett. They celebrated their 34th anniversary this year. Heidi was able to visit recently with **Audrey Adams Bigelow** and **Krystie Adams Herndon**, and she keeps in touch with **Debby Neely Kennedy**, who she doesn’t get to see nearly enough!

All is going well for the St. Johns. **Rick St. John** is an Army contractor working at the Pentagon, and his wife, Kim, retired from the Army in April after more than 30 years of service. Looking down the road, the St. Johns look forward to retirement in the next few years. The final retirement destination is still unknown, but while figuring it out, Rick and Kim are checking out a lot of possibilities. Their travel includes trips to Greece, Turkey, Italy, Egypt, and the Holy Lands.

In Ocean City, Maryland, **Tom Zimmer** just finished his 39th year in education and is looking to go one more year! His wife, **Beth Chapman Zimmer ’85**, retired this year, although she will take on a few independent bookkeeping jobs. Tim and Beth are blessed with six beautiful grandchildren, five of whom live only a couple of miles away. Tom enjoyed seeing many WMC friends at **Greg Shockley’s ’83** Shenanigans this past fall.

As for me, I jumped on the lifelong learner bandwagon as well and earned a Master of Professional Studies degree in Community Leadership from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) this past May. I am not sure exactly how to

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## DEPARTED

### Those who will be missed:

**Doris Haines Dixon ’38** of Staunton, Virginia, on Aug. 29, 2023.

**Doris Benson Lankford ’41** of Pocomoke City, Maryland, on July 21, 2023.

**Emily Linton Carnochan ’42** of Adamstown, Maryland, on May 31, 2023.

**Isaac Rehert ’42** of Cockeysville, Maryland, on June 17, 2023.

**Jeanne Williams Graef ’45** of Alexandria, Virginia, on Jan. 4, 2022.

**Jean Andrews Richards ’45** of Saratoga Springs, New York, on Aug. 25, 2023.

**Ruth Leukel Vagt ’46** of Lynchburg, Virginia, on Oct. 14, 2022.

**Alvis Hancock ’46** of Charleston, South Carolina, on Jan. 31, 2023.

**Elizabeth Patterson Beadle ’47** of Bridgewater, New Jersey, on Jan. 6, 2023.

**Arlene Chen Hamilton ’47** of Westminster, Maryland, on May 25, 2023.

**Janice “Jan” Ganz Greenwood ’48** of Melbourne, Florida, on Sept. 17, 2022.

**Hildegard “Bettylo” Pittman Burns ’48** of Reading, Pennsylvania, on March 6, 2023.

**Eileen Weeks Rice ’49** of Burlington, North Carolina, on Jan. 9, 2022.

**Betty Coblenz Falkenstein ’49** of Frederick, Maryland, on May 1, 2023.

**Alice Brodrick Scieppi ’49** of Poughkeepsie, New York, on May 30, 2023.





[Class Noted]

# Krystie Adams Herndon '84 receives two prestigious awards

Krystie Adams Herndon '84 was the recipient of two prestigious awards in the collegiate academic advising world. Herndon is a senior undergraduate advisor in the Department of Criminal Justice, Linguistics, Art History, and Folklore and Ethnomusicology at Indiana University, Bloomington.

She was the 2023 recipient of the Terria Nation Award, which is “the highest honor an academic advisor can receive, as the award demonstrates exceptional service to academic advising, the IU Bloomington campus, and the Bloomington Academic Advising Council.”

Herndon also received the 2023 NACADA Outstanding Advising Award in the Primary Advising category. NACADA is the National Academic Advising Association, an international association with 12,000 professional advisors, counselors, faculty, administrators, and students working to enhance the educational development of students.

describe the journey, but I am truly glad that I did it. It was joyful at times, challenging at times, energizing at times, and discouraging at times, but it was definitely worth the effort. I was especially thrilled that in some classes, I was not the oldest student in the class! UMBC also happens to be my employer. I serve as the executive assistant to the president. My husband, **Mike Conner '82**, is still working in the biotech industry and enjoys woodworking when not at work. Our two oldest children and three grandchildren live in Maryland. We enjoy hanging with them often. As with many of us, grandparenting has become our favorite gig. We live on my family's farm, and we are especially grateful that our grandchildren are the fifth generation to walk the land. It is a treasure.

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## 1990

**Ken Hammann** writes to say that the close of the spring 2023 semester brought his teaching career total to 30 years. Ken also finished his 19th year as the director of

bands and as the Performing Arts chair at St. John's College High School in Washington, D.C. In 2022, he took his Regimental Marching Band to Hawaii to represent D.C. in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade held in Waikiki on Dec. 7. It was quite a privilege, Ken says. He and the students also visited the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial, performed on the pier, and took a tour of the U.S.S. Missouri. They visited the Dole Pineapple Plantation, the Polynesian Cultural Center, and climbed the Diamond Head crater. Ken says “hello” to all his old suitemates and fellow musicians from WMC, especially **Steve Bowser '89**, **Eleanor Wilson**, **Eric Byrd '93**, and **Jamie Davis '89**.

**Lisa Diffenbaugh Maher, M.S. '93** writes that she and her husband celebrated their 33rd anniversary with a 12-day land-and-sea cruise adventure in Alaska that set sail in late June. They had planned this trip for their 30th anniversary back in 2020 — but, you know, COVID-19. In September 2023, Lisa kicks off year number 14 as an elementary counselor with Carroll County Public Schools. Lisa adds that she keeps in touch with **Julie Biddinger Jones**, **Sandy Metz Borns '89, M.S. '93**, and **Carrie Schuster Oddis '95**.

And now, a few highlights from your

locally brewed class reporter. The first bit is quite unbelievable — I have to pinch my wife every morning just to make sure at least one of us is not dreaming. For 25 years, my one-man Christian band, moron, has flown under the music industry radar. Understandably so, as a single sputtering propeller has powered the craft along. But somehow, defying all reason and decency, a well-known producer took a shining to moron. From February to July, including a trip to his Nashville studio, we worked on a seven-song album — basically a best of moron, consisting of my original recordings that he then played on and otherwise touched up. Sadly, it's still me singing. “Liar, Lunatic, or Loud” should be available at a super-low price on streaming platforms ere too long. I could say that if I break even financially, I'll be happy — but I'm already happy. In 2022, I traveled to Jackson, Tennessee, to attend a weeklong course/conference in the how-to's of local journalism. I also made two more two-week trips to northern Uganda with a pastor friend to teach theology classes to 40 Ugandan and Sudanese pastors — too expensive, too far from home for them to attend a formal seminary. My two oldest boys are attending Community College of Baltimore County, where this fall semester

ushers in my 28th year teaching math there. My two other boys are in 10th and seventh grade, and my daughter is in fourth grade. For our 20th anniversary in June, Lisa (of course I don't really pinch her) and I visited Ponce, Puerto Rico, after going to San Juan the year before. It doesn't seem to have dawned on her that she's living with a rock star. I guess I'll have to keep reminding her. Our family “vacation” this summer was a six-day trip through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Tennessee, and Virginia to visit four colleges that our boys might transfer to. It was my first time to Virginia Beach. No offense to loyal VB'ers, but it's got nothing on OCMD.

I continue to serve on the boards of two right-to-life organizations, and I still write movie reviews for World magazine.

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## 1996

**Susan Foreman White, M.S. '97** resides in Crownsville, Maryland, with her husband and 12-year-old twins. She finished her 25th year as a special educator last year and still works for Howard County Public Schools. This year, they spent 11 days in the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, and Iceland. “Everything you hear about Iceland is true. Such an amazing place,” she says. Susan continues to work in advocacy for children with dyslexia and the use of evidence-based practices. She is vice president of the board for a new Maryland chapter of The Reading League, a nonprofit that provides opportunities for professional development in literacy.

**Kathleen Wallner King** obtained her Master of Science in Healthcare Administration from University of Maryland Global Campus in April 2023. She continues to work for Johns Hopkins Imaging, now as an assistant manager for the imaging site.

The trip of a lifetime took **MaryEllen Sheehan Gallen** and family to stunning Hawaii, where her oldest son, Jack, turned 21 during their visit. She celebrated the retirement of **Christa Mose '95** from the police force last year with **Andrea Romich Sykes '95**, **Claudia Pyers Eckstrom '95**, **Krista Shaffer Wilson '95**, and **Holly Roback Plank**. They all flew out to Phoenix to celebrate with Christa's many, many friends. They surprised her with a monogrammed decanter for her Sagamore Spirit rye that she loves so much. “And they made me hike,” says MaryEllen. “Twice lol.” MaryEllen has worked for Penn Medicine for about eight years now, doing high-risk obstetrical ultrasounds. “I absolutely love my job! We have a great team and see a lot of interesting cases.”

**Teaette Louderback-Smith** is still practicing family medicine in Harford County. Her family loves spending time at their beach house in Delaware. Her daughter, Haley, will be a senior in high school this year, and Teaette is currently teaching her twins to drive.

**Cara Ditto** continues to work in higher education as a mental health therapist. She is currently the assistant director of the counseling center at Notre Dame of Maryland University and loves working with college and grad students. This year was a big adjustment as her oldest son started college at George Washington University. Cara recently saw **Teaette Louderback-Smith**, **Jen Light Dottellis '97**, **Melanie Phipps Repp**, and **Julie Kuerner Messina** and stays in touch with others from the STAY affinity group.

Family activities have been keeping **Melanie Phipps Repp** very busy. Both kids will be in high school this coming year and have several extracurricular activities. They do try to take a handful of family camping trips every year and sometimes can squeeze in a week's vacation. They tried to go to Yellowstone last year, but it was just their luck to get there the day the park closed due to flooding, and they never got to enter. They may try again next summer to celebrate her son's 18th birthday and her 50th. Melanie is still working as a water resource engineer at Hanover Land Services Inc.

I still call Sterling, Virginia, home with my wife, **Amy Rice Mirra '97**, and our children Kyle, 18, and Abby, 15. We had a great time skiing at Mount Bachelor in Oregon over spring break this year. Kyle just started his first year at James Madison University as a computer science major. Abby is keeping us busy shuttling her back and forth to games and practices for field hockey, soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. We both fear and pray for the day that she gets her driver's license.

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## 2002

After completing his Fulbright grant in Taiwan, **Thomas Becksheazy** is living in Jakarta, Indonesia, where he is Arizona State University's chief country representative. He helps manage USAID's Higher Education Partnership Initiative, which creates partnerships and pathways between Indonesian and American universities. When he's not in the office, Tom enjoys going scuba diving among Indonesia's 17,000 islands, eating delicious and spicy Indonesian food, and trying not to melt in the 90-degree tropical heat and humidity.

**Nia Clements Fratrik** went back to school and received her master's degree in Education from Cedar Crest College in 2021. She then received a full-time contract with Parkland School District in Pennsylvania as a Spanish teacher at the district high school teaching grades nine through 12. Nia returned to school again this fall at Kutztown University to pursue her doctorate in Transformational Teaching and Learning.

**Jeremy Keil** and his family live near Milwaukee but usually escape to Orlando for a week each winter. Jeremy and Robyn enjoy working out together, and Jeremy tries to road bike 30-plus miles every weekend from May through August. Their children (Emery, 12, and Harper, 9) play soccer and basketball and swim. Jeremy (guitar) and Emery (singing) just made their debut on the church worship team last summer! And they welcomed their newest family member on New Year's Eve 2022: Charlie, the mini labradoodle!

**Amy Davidson Latta** is still combining her love for art with her English degree as a published author. Her eighth book, “Doodle Everything,” released in October 2022, is available online and in bookstores across the country. In addition to her books, Amy shares inspiration on her website [amylattacreations.com](http://amylattacreations.com), in classes at venues like Pinners Conference, and via segments on lifestyle television shows across the country. She also partners with Hearts Need Art, a nonprofit organization that provides creative opportunities for patients facing life-altering health challenges. From February to May of 2023, Amy led an initiative that collected over 4,000 handmade hearts from creatives all over the country, which were then distributed to hospital patients and their caregivers. Amy and her husband live in Carroll County, Maryland, with their two teenaged sons.

**Jonathan Soucy** has settled in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, with his wife, **Kerri Fisher Soucy '03**. They welcomed their third daughter, Juliet, in June 2021. Jonathan is an executive at a software company and devotes all his time outside of work to his three daughters (ages 8, 5, and 2). They love getting back to the Hill and recently visited with their children in October 2022 to show them all around the campus.

Aloha from Hawaii, where **Jason Wingear** and his wife, **Tiffany Putro Wingear '03**, and their two children have lived for the past three years. Jason works for Joint Task Force-Red Hill, which is responsible for defueling a WWII-built underground fuel facility on Oahu. He was selected for promotion to colonel and the Senior Service College, which will start in the summer of 2024. When not at work, he spends his time coaching his boys in soccer and flag football.

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**James Jump '49** of Ocean Pines, Maryland, on May 31, 2023.

**George Hankins '49** of Middle River, Maryland, on July 11, 2023.

**Ruth Allen BreMiller '50** of Eugene, Oregon, on May 11, 2022.

**David Jones Jr. '50** of Westminster, Maryland, on May 8, 2023.

**Suzanne Hall Coons '50** of Westover, Maryland, on July 29, 2023.

**Doris “Jean” Mellon Wood '51** of Murrell's Inlet, South Carolina, on Sept. 17, 2023.

**Addie Parks Benson '52** of Princess Anne, Maryland, on Jan. 2, 2022.

**Warren Bourquin Jr. '52** of Arnold, Maryland, on May 28, 2022.

**Philip Royer Jr. '52** of Bremerton, Washington, on July 27, 2022.

**Early Rush III '52** of Springfield, Virginia, on Aug. 12, 2023.

**The Rev. Dr. M. Russell “Russ” Shivers Jr. '53** of Marlton, New Jersey, on Dec. 16, 2022.



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## Norman “Trey” Alva Armstrong III

Norman “Trey” Alva Armstrong III passed away on July 18, 2023, at the age of 22. Trey came to McDaniel in fall 2019 as a member of the Class of 2023. A Business Administration major, he was enrolled as a student at the college until he had to take a leave of absence at the end of the fall semester of his senior year due to a recurrence of childhood leukemia. Trey had planned to return to McDaniel this fall to complete his studies and then progress to Penn State Dickinson School of Law, where he had already been accepted.

Described as a student of strength, tenacity, and determination, he was involved in several student organizations, including the Culinary Club and Pre-Law Society, and was a member of the American Finance and the American Economic associations. Additionally, known as “Captain Trey,” he held a U.S. Coast Guard master’s license and was the owner of Armstrong Powerboat Services LLC, providing boat and yacht consulting, delivery, and other services.

For me, **Emily Wilson Rollins**, the past two years have been about keeping our family routine going with work and school while getting our daughters back into more activities. My husband, **Ellis Rollins**, and I spend time watching our oldest, Sophia, play tennis and our youngest, Juliet, play travel softball year-round. This past spring, I was fortunate enough to take Sophia on a high school trip to Paris, the South of France, and Northern Italy. It was the first trip to Europe for both of us, and we can’t wait to go back someday with Ellis and Juliet. I’m happy to report that I have a nephew in his sophomore year at McDaniel and that I employed a McDaniel student as an intern in my department at Mount Saint Joseph High School. It’s always a pleasure to witness the positive experiences of this generation of young people at our alma mater.

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## 2008

**Joseph Barndt** and his wife moved out of Charm City in 2019 and have been renovating an 1856 farmhouse in Monkton, Maryland, since then. They welcomed their son, Holden, to the family in June 2021, and he is now keeping them entertained and thoroughly exhausted. Joseph left the corporate finance world in 2022, after a side business he helped create took off. He’s had the good fortune to stay close with several other Green Terrors (particularly his Phi Delt brethren) and can’t wait to see how life unfolds for all in the future.

**Timothy Neeson** traveled to seven states in the Midwest and Great Plains since the last Hill update, getting him closer to his goal of visiting all 50 states in the U.S. Tim’s trips always include stops at National Park Service sites, and he visited over 65 parks in the past three years. Along with **Christopher Griffin ’08** and **Sarah Brackbill ’09**, Tim also started to cruise again, sailing to Bermuda, the Caribbean, and Central America. When not hiking through beautiful parks and cruising to the tropics, Tim continues to support two key alternative buying models at Agilent Technologies Inc. Both programs focus on streamlining smaller recurring purchases that worldwide customers continue to make even in slower economic times. Tim’s goal is to make it easier for customers to buy more products from the biotech company.

**Stephen Hohne** has been living in New York City with his husband, Jeremy, and dog, Zeke. Stephen works as the corporate controller for a design firm specializing in museums and exhibition design.

**Tim Snyder** recently finished his 12th school year in Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) as a visual arts teacher. In 2022, he completed McDaniel’s Educational Leadership program and earned his Administrator I and II certificates. In May 2023, he was promoted to FCPS Teacher Specialist for Induction and Professional Learning. Having spent 12 years in the classroom and several years as a coach, mentor, and member of multiple leadership teams, he is thrilled to take this next step in his career. Additionally, in March 2023, his

son, Teague, was born. He, his wife, Kristin (great-granddaughter of Western Maryland College President Fred Garrigus Holloway), and children, Kenna and Teague, still reside in Frederick, Maryland.

**Dana Picco Keiter** is a dedicated forensic scientist and educator residing in Carroll County, Maryland, with her loving family. Dana has been happily married to Derrick Keiter since 2017, and together they are raising their 1-year-old daughter and two hounds. Professionally, Dana holds a crucial role as a forensic scientist for the City of Baltimore. Her expertise and commitment to the field have contributed significantly to solving complex cases and bringing justice to those in need. In addition to her work as a forensic scientist, Dana is an adjunct instructor for the Forensic Science program at Loyola University, mentoring undergraduate and graduate students. Despite her busy schedule, Dana remains connected with her close-knit group of friends from McDaniel College. Her enduring friendships with **Amanda Franklin Everett**, **Alexandra DeJohn Caplan**, **Katelyn Ryan**, and **Tyler Kudravetz Zacchero ’10** have stood the test of time, and they continue to support and uplift each other through life’s adventures.

**Jesse Green, M.S. ’13** lives in Finksburg, Maryland, with his amazing wife, Brittany, and their three wonderfully goofy and beautiful children. Jesse is a major in the Army and works as the deputy director of information technology for the Maryland Army National Guard. He also owns and operates his own company, Green Legacy Woodworking LLC, which provides milling, slabbing, and custom woodworking services to the local community and surrounding areas.

**Jeff Zuback** started a new position as the Greater Baltimore Committee’s first-ever public safety data officer on Jan. 17, 2023. As public safety data officer, Jeff will assess how the Baltimore business community can support the efforts of the Baltimore City government and Baltimore Police Department and partner to decrease crime and improve public safety.

**Alexandra DeJohn** is loving life as a new mom. Josephine brings so much joy to her and her husband, Michael. Josephine is the first grandchild, so the entire family is in love. Alexandra is so grateful to continue spending so much time with many friends from the Hill as everyone navigates through life. Weddings, cross-country moves, children, and career changes over the past 15 years, and it’s like no time has passed when we’re all together.

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## 2014

**Sean Radcliffe** is assistant vice president with HUB International, a leading national insurance broker. He and his wife live in his hometown of Timonium, Maryland, with their two daughters, Madison and Ava. His industry has been rewarding, not only to help people, but working with McDaniel colleagues in adjacent industries as well as within his own company. He says it’s nice catching up with fellow alumni in the business world to discuss McDaniel experiences and stories. He and his brother just wrapped up their second annual golf outing in memory of their dad who passed away from ALS. They began putting this together just before COVID-19 began and had that on the back burner until it finally came to fruition in 2022. All the proceeds go to the Packard Center for ALS Research at Johns Hopkins to help fund research to cure this disease. While life has become a lot busier with kids, social media and group chats make things a lot easier to stay in touch with guys who have moved away.

**Emoff Amofa**, who now holds a Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis, is a founder of a research, strategy, and consultation startup known as Pamoja-Interactive. He resides in Jersey City and works on Staten Island as a behavior intervention specialist, working with individuals on the autism spectrum or with mental or physical disabilities. If he is not speaking to McDaniel research and digital marketing students or in local communities as a guest speaker, he spends most of his free time creating digital art and mixing music, a combination he calls Music-Art. Emoff’s love for rhythm and music was evident at a young age, but it was fully on display when he got his first chance to DJ at a Homecoming event at McDaniel college during his sophomore year. You can find Emoff’s art on his Instagram page @emaffn as DJ MusicArt.

As for me, I am celebrating five years working at PepsiCo in their marketing department and recently moved over to their shopper marketing team, managing gas and convenience store chains such as Royal Farms, Thorntons, and MAPCO as well as mom and pop stores across the South. I’ve stayed busy traveling for work and fun with trips to New York City, Nashville, Atlanta, Louisville, and Orlando just this year alone. I live in Annapolis, Maryland, with my boyfriend, **Mark Bell**, and love making trips back to Westminster with my mom, **Carol James ’79**, to Baughers and The Cow, our favorite mother-daughter lunch spots.

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## 2020

After graduation, **Evan Finch** began working at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP as an auditor and was recently promoted to senior auditor. He moved to Arlington, Virginia, last fall with one of his college baseball roommates. In his spare time, he enjoys playing golf and traveling to PGA golf tournaments.

**Jacqueline “Jackie” Fahrenholz** completed her Master of Forestry and Master of Environmental Management in December of 2022 at Duke University’s Nicholas School of the Environment. She competed in the semifinals of Rainforest XPRIZE in Singapore as a part of Duke’s team. They unfortunately didn’t make it past that round, but the experience was once in a lifetime. Jackie now lives in Fort Collins, Colorado, and works for the Colorado State Forest Service in the Boulder field office as a forester.

**Jakob Katzen** moved back to Baltimore at the end of March and started working for Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL), a commercial real estate services company as a property administrator in Columbia, Maryland, working exclusively with the industrial property management team. It has been an eye-opening experience and the transition to this industry has certainly been rewarding. He is planning on pursuing an M.S. in Management Studies from the University of Maryland in the fall and looks forward to the year ahead. Despite not being able to play collegiate lacrosse anymore, Jakob has remained actively involved with the lacrosse community in Baltimore, assisting with events and leagues run by the Maryland Lacrosse League and has been coaching for Roughriders for their 2026 boys team. Once a Green Terror, always a Green Terror!

I, **Kelly Novak**, am currently living in Atlanta with **Dalton Reim ’19** and working for Southern Power as a renewable resource analyst, where I analyze how much energy a utility-scale renewable project, mainly wind and solar, can produce.

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## CHOOSE YOUR IMPACT

# HILL 1 DAY

Whether you graduated when it was Western Maryland College or McDaniel College, each year, we come together as One Hill to give back in honor of the college’s charter day.

There are many unique ways to give your support — which is why we’re celebrating from March 25-29, leading up to the day it all began on March 30. We ask all members of the McDaniel College community to participate to secure the future for the next generation of Green Terrors for Life!

To learn more about making an impact, go to: [mcdaniel.edu/alumni/giving](https://mcdaniel.edu/alumni/giving).

## SAVE THE DATE!

# ALUMNI WEEKEND

MAY 31 - JUNE 2, 2024

More than 400 alumni joined us in June 2023 for a full weekend of events for our inaugural Alumni Weekend, and we can’t wait to welcome you back in 2024! All Green Terror alumni are invited back to the Hill, with special milestone Reunions planned for those from class years ending in a 4 or a 9.

Alumni will once again have the opportunity to stay right on campus in a residence hall, celebrate Alumni Association Award winners, reconnect with old friends, and make new memories on the Hill.

For more information as details are finalized, go to [mcdaniel.edu/AlumniWeekend2024](https://mcdaniel.edu/AlumniWeekend2024).



# keep climbing

Lessons I took from the Hill



**Dustin Jeter '05, M.S. '15** earned a B.A. in Political Science and International Studies and an M.S. in Exercise Science and Physical Education. He is currently a teacher in Montgomery County (Maryland) Public Schools and a member of the board of directors of the Montgomery County Education Association.

## Combining athletics and advocacy

BY DUSTIN JETER '05, M.S. '15

From the first presidential campaign I can remember, I was captivated by the intrigue of what makes people choose to vote for a candidate. At the same time, I grew up playing any sport I could learn. Soccer, basketball, baseball, football, tennis, golf—you name it and I tried to play it.

How could I find a way to intertwine my passions into a career field that would also allow me to be the best person I could be? My time at McDaniel helped me pursue my passions in a way that allowed me to mentor, teach, and inspire the next generation. The experiences I had in college—and more importantly, the people I crossed paths with—helped to shape my life beyond McDaniel.

Even before my turn to ring in on Old Main bell, I spent summers at Western Maryland College through programs like Maryland Leadership Workshops and Boys State. It was there that I met Professor Herb Smith, who had a way of leaving an indelible mark on you without you realizing it. When I studied Political Science while in college, Dr. Smith and Dr. Debora Johnson-Ross created a safe space to explore what the world of politics had to offer. I was empowered to experience politics while learning about it, through the Maryland Student Legislature, Model U.N., and as a student visitor to the Board of Trustees.

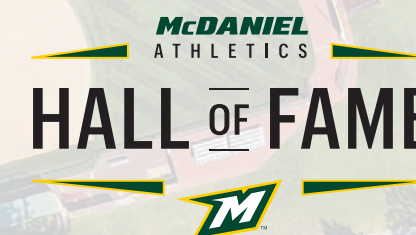
While I was enjoying my political education, it was also an honor to play on the McDaniel College football team during our run of

Centennial Conference Championships in the early 2000s. I learned a great deal from my teammates and made lifelong bonds. I also worked as an intramural official and started a club volleyball team that competed against other colleges and universities in the area. The competitive edge that I had was fueled by the experiences I had with coaches like Al Thomas '68, Tim Keating, and Brad Fordyce '01.

As I approached graduation, I worked with Dr. Sue Travetto to become a secondary social studies teacher. She helped me see how I could combine my passions in my career: While teaching high school social studies and coaching football, wrestling, and volleyball, I could continue to be an advocate and participate in the political process by working with my local teachers' union, the Montgomery County Education Association. I returned to the Hill in 2013 to earn my master's degree in Exercise Science and Physical Education (with a specialization in Administration), a continuation of doing what I loved.

As a veteran teacher, I remain grateful for my McDaniel education. My positive experiences gave me a strong foundation as an educator and have influenced me to stay in the field in a time when it's become hard to recruit teachers. I'm able to inspire and educate another generation the way my McDaniel professors and coaches molded me, and it makes me proud when my students go on to McDaniel. I wish for them all to find and cultivate their passion just as I did on the Hill.

## ANNOUNCING THE 2023 McDANIEL COLLEGE ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES!



## CONGRATULATIONS

to these outstanding members of the McDaniel College community who were inducted into the McDaniel College Athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming weekend in September!



**JIM DAWSON '82**  
MEN'S BASKETBALL



**KIM EASTERDAY (COACH)**  
MEN'S & WOMEN'S SWIMMING,  
WOMEN'S LACROSSE



**DAN PATTERSON '05**  
WRESTLING



**STEPHANIE MCPHERSON  
POWELL '03**  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL,  
WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The college is honored to have you as part of our athletics heritage on the Hill, and we look forward to seeing you again soon!



## NOMINATE TODAY!

Remember an outstanding teammate from your time on the Hill?  
It's never too early to nominate deserving alumni for the 2024 McDaniel College Athletics Hall of Fame!



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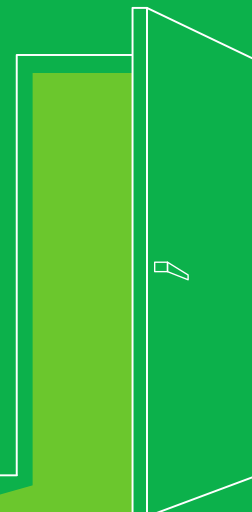
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**“It’s important to pay it forward, to be able to give other people opportunities that you may not have had without someone’s help.”**

— Martin “Marty” K. P. Hill  
*2023 Founders Award Recipient*



*Read more about Hill’s 30-plus years of dedication to the college on page 38.*