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The family issue of *The Hill* celebrates the legacies people leave behind at McDaniel.

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The winners of the 2023 Letters on the Hill competition was Alpha Sigma Tau. Who will win at Homecoming 2024? Find out on Nov. 2!



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LETTER FROM THE
President



Dear McDaniel Community,

When I became president, my husband, David, and our two sons supported the decision to sell our home in Westminster and move into the President’s House here on campus. They understood that assuming a college presidency would be a family affair, and one that extended far beyond the members of our immediate family.

In over 20 years as members of the McDaniel community, we have built deep ties between our family and many of the faculty, staff, students, and alumni who have also called the Hill home. Now in our third year living on campus, we remain grateful for the way this community bond continues to be strengthened as together we celebrate achievements, support one another in difficult times, and share in the joy of continual growth and learning together.

This issue is dedicated to the impact of that experience: the incredible things that come from nurturing our college family. For Alum of the Year Don Rembert ’61, McDaniel family includes not only his wife, Judy Ellis Rembert ’60, whom he met here, but also former athletic director, head football coach, and “surrogate father” Bob Waldorf. Also featured in this issue are Erika Herron Hall ’99 and sisters Sharon Head ’88 and Sue Head Conklin ’94, who, along with their families, share with us what it means to build a legacy through an institution of higher learning and create a home base that connects many generations. Another multigenerational family, the Butlers, revisit their Green Terror football experience as a family tradition.

It is a gift for me to lead an institution committed to fostering a warm and welcoming culture where individuals can come together in life-changing ways. Thank you for all you do to help make the Hill such a special place to learn, live, and work.

Sincerely,

President Julia Jaska



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 **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

REMEMBERING THE VALUE OF A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION

Usually, I just skim *The Hill*, but the [spring 2024] issue was great and perfect for Women's History Month. I enjoyed learning about the short-lived Feminist Alliance's "Woman's Guide to WMC" (wish I had known of it during my tenure!), the advocacy of Jasmin Chavez Cruz '19 and Christina Walter Wingert '03, the growth of the McDaniel Women's Leadership Network, and 1965 alum Dianne Briggs Martin's awesome career in computer science. Great quote from her about working for IBM on the Apollo project:

"I had to watch the moon landing on the television like everybody else. I was 8 1/2 months pregnant at the time, and they wouldn't allow women — especially pregnant women — in Mission Control. I wanted to go back and work for IBM after having my first child, but they wouldn't allow women to work part time at that point. They lost a lot of good talent that way."

I'd like to think things have changed, but sadly a lot of good talent is still lost that way (assuming they got through the door in the first place).

I stopped by the Hill in mid-December with my then-10-year-old who was adamant that he hated school and absolutely was not going to college. That brief visit to the Hill, even though no one was around and most of the buildings were locked, convinced him that he did want to go to college — to study computer science. I advised that maybe a liberal arts school wasn't the best place for that course of study. Your profile of Dianne Briggs Martin makes me reevaluate that advice!

Keep up the great work!

Sara Beth Reyburn Kohut '98

 **CAMPUS LANDMARK CHALLENGE WINNER**

CONGRATULATIONS TO STEPHANIE GOLUB '18 FOR BEING OUR RANDOMLY SELECTED WINNER OF THE CAMPUS LANDMARK CHALLENGE!

The Legacy Tree is located in Ensor Lounge on the upper level of the Roj Student Center. Stop by the next time you're on the Hill to see the names of those who have invested in the college through legacy giving!

Thank you to all who submitted responses:

- Meghan Callis '19
- Robin Stifler Cooney '77
- Corynne Courpas '76
- Kate Cramer '23
- Kaitlyn DeLong '15
- Stephanie Golub '18
- Nik James '26
- Ameerah Johnson '26
- Louise Herrera Scalzi '81, M.S. '88

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A November to Remember 

JOIN US ON THE HILL FOR TWO WEEKENDS OF COMMUNITY AND CELEBRATION THIS NOVEMBER!



Nov. 1-2, 2024 – Homecoming

All Green Terrors are invited back to the Hill for Homecoming 2024 featuring:

- 2024 Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Celebration
- Brunch with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee of the Alumni Council
- Bi-annual Memorial Bell Ringing Ceremony
- Tailgating, Decades Tent, and Green Terror Football

For more information, go to mcdaniel.edu/homecoming2024.



Nov. 15-17, 2024 – Parent & Family Weekend

Mark your calendar to join us for a weekend full of connections. Meet your student's McDaniel family while making memories on the Hill and in downtown historic Westminster.

Highlights include:

- Parent & Family Council Welcome Reception
- Learning from Leadership
- CareerTracks
- Tailgating and Green Terror Football
- Now Hear THIS! music and theatre arts performance
- Rock the Hill
- Interfaith Service and Farewell Brunch

For more information, go to mcdaniel.edu/pfw2024.

 **SOUND OFF**

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2024-25 Carroll County Teacher of the Year Brian Thompson M.S. '15.

McDANIEL GRADUATE ALUM SELECTED AS CARROLL COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Brian Thompson M.S. '15, who graduated from McDaniel with a master's in Curriculum and Instruction and an Administrator I Certificate, is the 2024-25 Teacher of the Year for Carroll County Public Schools, making him eligible to be chosen as the 2025 Maryland Teacher of the Year.



McDANIEL COLLEGE EARNS MILITARY FRIENDLY® SCHOOLS GOLD AWARD

In honor of Military Appreciation Month, McDaniel has earned a gold award among the nation's top schools for military and veteran students in the May issue of G.I. Jobs® magazine. McDaniel has been recognized as a Military Friendly® School each year since the list was first published in 2009.

EDUCATION GRADUATES RECOGNIZED AS TEACHERS OF PROMISE

Seven McDaniel bachelor's degree recipients who majored in Elementary Education or minored in PreK-12 or Secondary Education and one graduate from the accelerated bachelor's-to-master's five-year Secondary Education/M.S. in Teaching were recognized as Teachers of Promise by the Maryland State Department of Education.

McDaniel's Teachers of Promise awardees were: John Geniti III '24, Nicole Guercio '24, Ellie Henderson '24, Kayla Shriver '24, Carsyn Meckley '24, Bryce Mitchell '24, Brooke Windsor '24, Savanna Kerbe '23, M.S. '24.



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McDANIEL ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP

Over the summer, the college announced several new leadership team members. They include:

- Dean of Students Phillip A. Sullivan:** Sullivan, who most recently served as associate dean of campus life and director of residential education and services at Oxford College of Emory University, was selected as McDaniel's new dean of students following a national search. He assumed the role at McDaniel effective Aug. 19, 2024.
- Dean of the Faculty Mary Bendel-Simso:** English professor Mary Bendel-Simso has been promoted to dean of the faculty. As Professor of English at McDaniel, Bendel-Simso has taught in the English Department since 1995. She has served as faculty secretary and on various faculty committees, including two terms on the faculty affairs committee.
- Assistant Dean of Faculty Development and Director of the Honors Program Chloe Watson Irla '07:** Chloe Watson Irla '07 begins as assistant dean of faculty development and director of the Honors Program. She has taught digital art and design courses at McDaniel since 2016. She was promoted to associate professor of Art in 2022 and, most recently, served as chair of the Art Department. She also served as a special advisor to the provost on well-being initiatives.
- Executive Director of the Center for Experience and Opportunity Joan Liptrot:** Joan Liptrot has been promoted as the new executive director of McDaniel's Center for Experience and Opportunity. Liptrot, who joined McDaniel in 2023 as director of international and off-campus programs, has more than 30 years of experience in education. She was previously director of service and civic engagement at Rider University.
- Director of Master of Science in Occupational Therapy Cathy Felmlee Shanholtz:** Cathy Felmlee Shanholtz has been named the inaugural program director for McDaniel's new Master of Science in Occupational Therapy. The program has received approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission and is expected to begin in summer 2026, pending approval by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education. Felmlee Shanholtz is working on a Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership from Shenandoah University, where she was program director for the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy programs at the Winchester and Leesburg, Virginia, campuses and served as the division director of Occupational Therapy.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTS ALUM AND CURRENT PARENT ROBERT PICK '92

Robert Pick '92, executive vice president and chief information officer for Philadelphia-based Tokio Marine North America Services, has been elected to the McDaniel College Board of Trustees. Pick is a 1992 alum who majored in History and Political Science, and his daughter, Reagan, is currently a senior with a student-designed major in French Studies.



Robert Pick '92 was recently elected to the McDaniel College Board of Trustees.



2024 Trustee Alumni Award recipient James A. Felton III '95, M.S. '98.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RECEIVES INSIGHT INTO DIVERSITY'S INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE AWARD

The McDaniel College Alumni Association has been nationally recognized as an Alumni Association Inclusive Excellence Award winner by Insight Into Diversity magazine. Insight Into Diversity is the largest and oldest diversity and inclusion publication in higher education. McDaniel is featured in the June 2024 issue of the magazine.

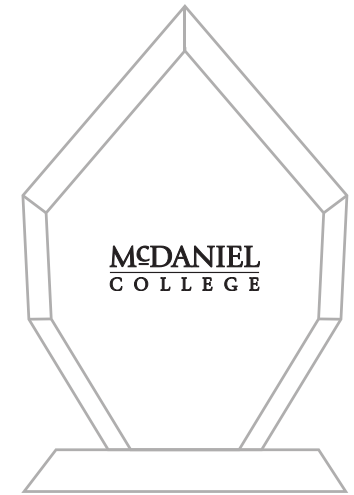
McDaniel is the only higher education institution in Maryland to receive an Alumni Award, which honors alumni associations' programs, culture, and initiatives that encourage and support diversity, inclusion, and a sense of belonging for all alumni, regardless of racial or ethnic background, sexual or gender identity, religion, socioeconomic status, worldview, and more.

Insight Into Diversity magazine selected the McDaniel College Alumni Association for this award due to the work of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee of the Alumni Council to expand the active involvement of all alumni. The committee is chaired by 2024 Trustee Alumni Award recipient and Alumni Council President Elect James A. Felton III '95, M.S. '98.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD WINNERS CELEBRATED AT ALUMNI WEEKEND 2024

The McDaniel College Alumni Association honored six alumni as recipients of 2024 Alumni Association Awards during Alumni Weekend. This year's recipients included:

- Donald Mosby Rembert Sr. '61, Alum of the Year
- Ashley Day Gibbs '12, Young Alumni Award
- Christopher Schaber, Ph.D. '89, Professional Achievement Award
- Debbie Dale Seidel '84, College Service Award
- Ann C. Kehinde '84, Community Service Award
- Melissa Couillard M.S. '13, Bailer Award



Christopher Schaber, Ph.D. '89, Ashley Day Gibbs '12, Donald Mosby Rembert Sr. '61, President Julia Jasken, Melissa Couillard M.S. '13, and Debbie Dale Seidel '84.

DOUBLE TAKE

SIGHTS WORTH A SECOND LOOK

THREE-GENERATION GREEN TERROR FOOTBALL FAMILY

There are plenty of multigenerational alumni families who have kicked off their careers here on the Hill. But for one family, the legacy they left has been inextricably tied to the Green Terror football program since the 1950s.

Robert “Bob Sr.” Butler ‘57 (Economics), Robert “Bob Jr.” Butler ‘83 (Business Administration), and Woodrow “Woody” Butler ‘12 (Graphic Design and Art History) each spent much of their college years on the football field, learning how the sport applies to the real world and making friends to last a lifetime: “I went there simply to play football and earn an Army commission,” says Bob Sr. “I left there with a degree, a career, and a wife, all of which formed the foundation for the rest of my life.”

“Growing up in a military household, we moved so often it was hard to establish any real, lasting friendships,” says Bob Jr. “WMC gave us our first taste of that, and the friends I made there are still my closest friends today.”

For this three-generation Green Terror football family, it’s a time-honored tradition that may not yet be over.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO ATTEND McDANIEL/WMC?

ROBERT “BOB” BUTLER SR. ‘57: “I decided to attend Western Maryland College (WMC) because it offered me the best scholarship, was close to home, and I knew several of the football players who were already there. I had not considered college until my senior year in high school but had thought of an Army career. As a result, I enlisted in the Army Reserves while still in high school. I found out about the ROTC program and that was one of my major motives to give college a try.”

ROBERT “BOB” BUTLER JR. ‘83: “I chose WMC primarily because both of my sisters (Della Butler Hager ‘81 and Donna Butler Nichols ‘82) were attending, they both liked it — as I did on my visits — and I figured it would make the logistics of college life on the family a whole lot easier.”

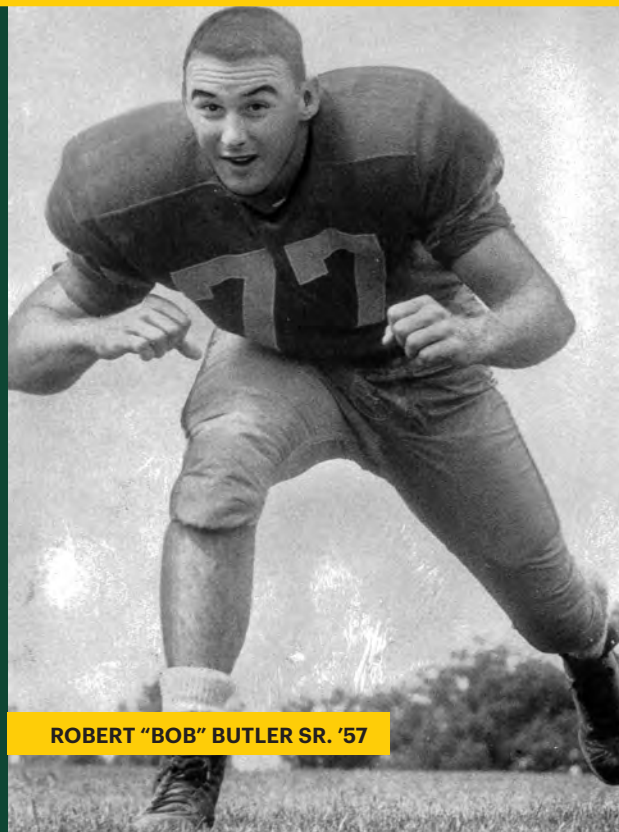
WOODROW “WOODY” BUTLER ‘12: “I chose to attend McDaniel for the wide variety of options in majors and course focus, and I liked the small school and small class sizes. The ability to play multiple sports as well as the family ties ended up being the final piece in solidifying my decision.”

WHAT DO YOU STILL CARRY WITH YOU FROM YOUR STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE?

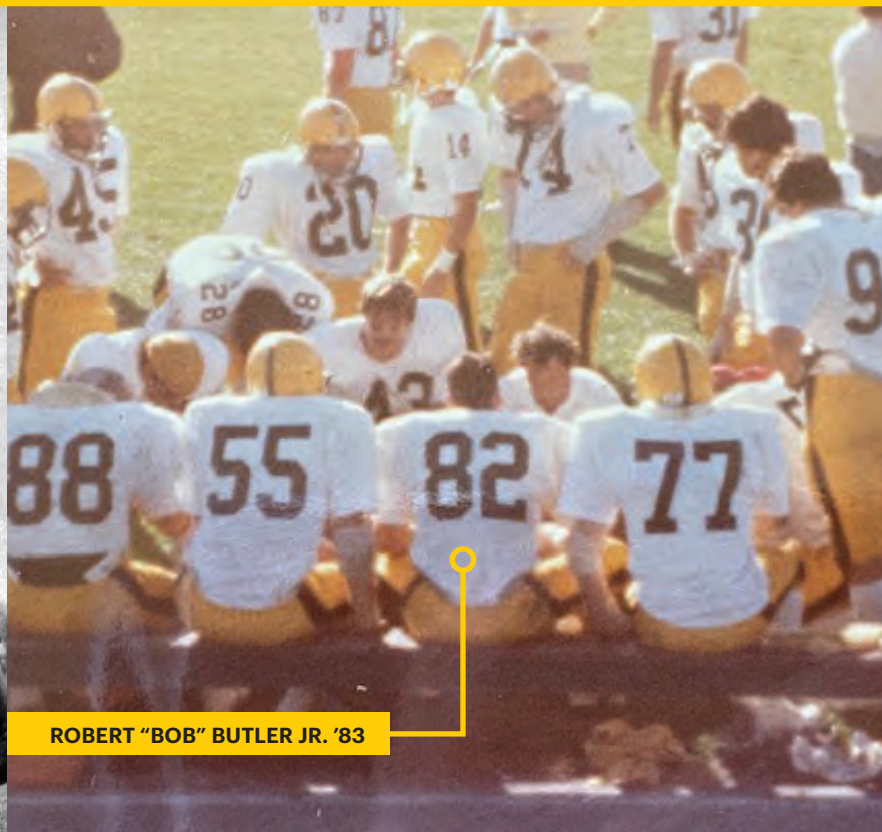
BOB SR.: “My four-year experience in football at WMC was disappointing as far as win/loss records were concerned. However, they were very rewarding in lifelong friendships and long-remembered highlights of individual plays and games. I learned that individual relationships between players and coaches are a vital aspect of the game and without them, the enjoyment and the success of the program is diminished.”

BOB JR.: “I loved my entire experience of playing football at WMC. I especially enjoyed the team camaraderie. Jim Hindman was a tough coach and an easy man to admire. He worked us hard, but the harder we worked, the more tight-knit the team became. I enjoyed that. Appropriately, in the photo I sent you (opposite page, right), I am on the bench, which is where I spent most of my time. I am number 82. Mark ‘Toke’ Jordan ‘83 is number 77. He was my roommate and best friend, and still is. Playing football is relatable in so many ways to everyday life and life in business. The more you put into something, the more you will get out of it.”

WOODY: “Although our record was not what I wished it could have been, it was still a very enjoyable experience. Some of my best friends to this day are a result of my time on the team. I also believe the academic benefit of the work and scheduling needed to be a student-athlete is a great precursor to successful work-life balance after graduation. Teamwork and dedication to a group of people around you, regardless of the outcome, is one of the best lessons someone can experience.”



ROBERT “BOB” BUTLER SR. ‘57



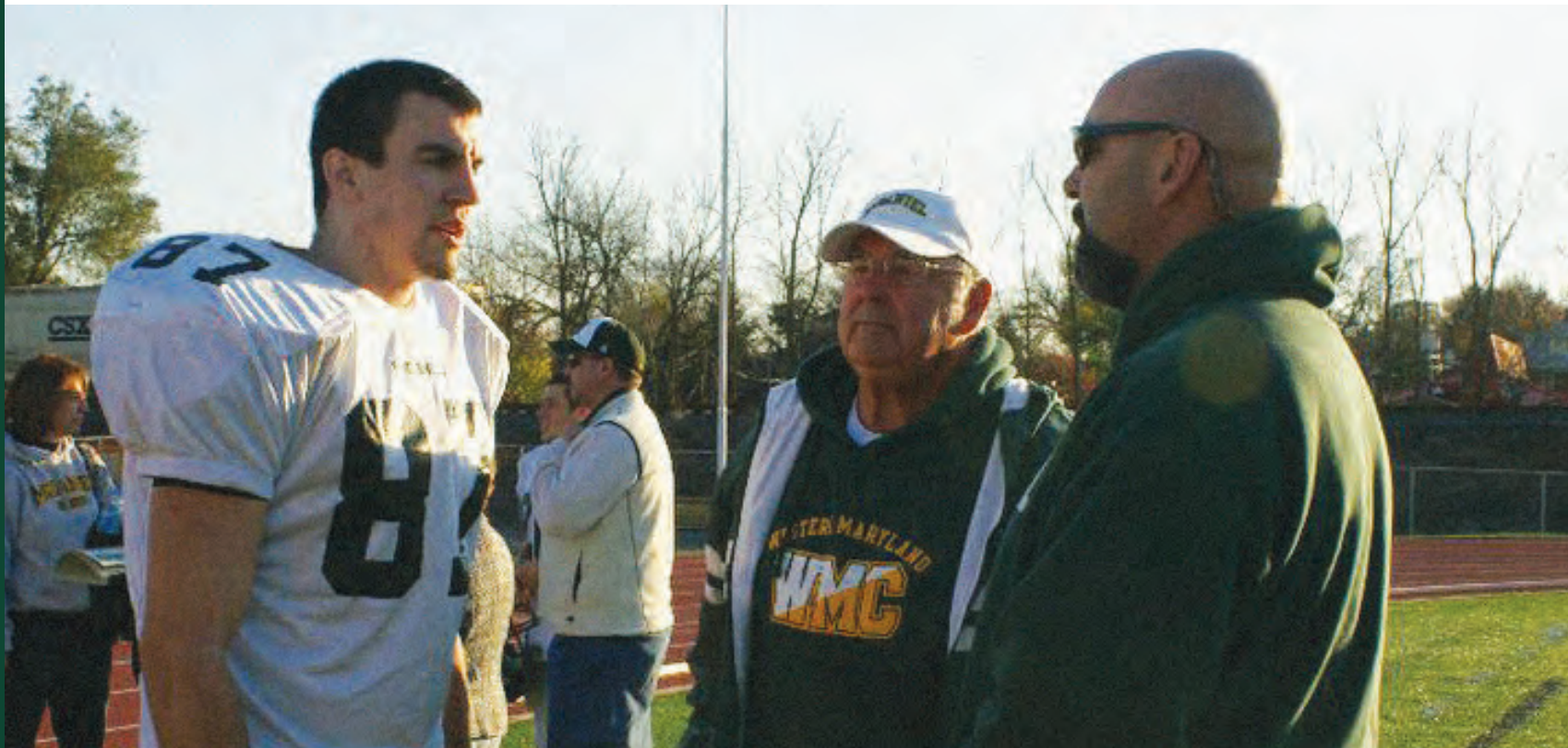
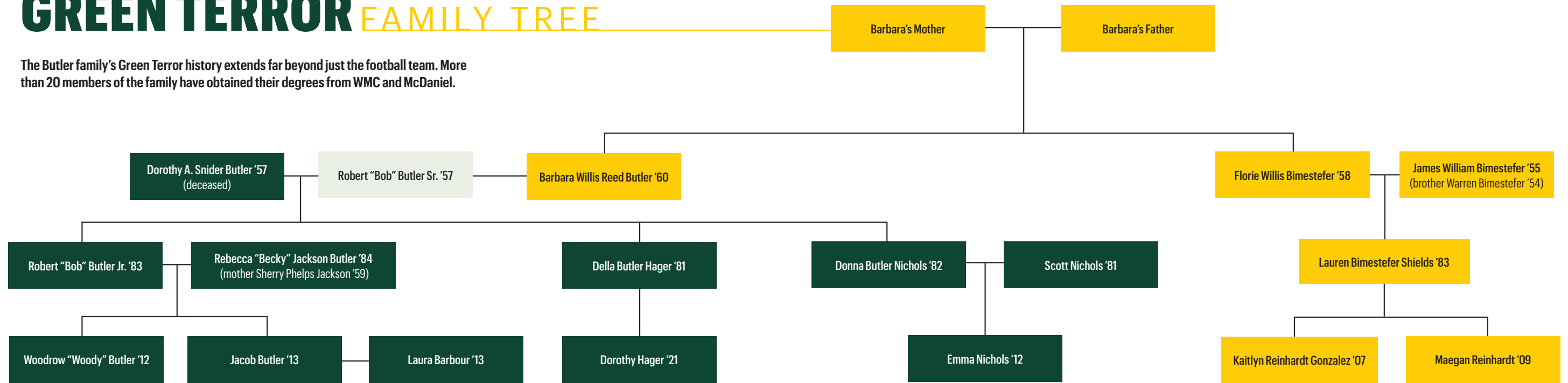
ROBERT “BOB” BUTLER JR. ‘83



WOODROW “WOODY” BUTLER ‘12

GREEN TERROR FAMILY TREE

The Butler family's Green Terror history extends far beyond just the football team. More than 20 members of the family have obtained their degrees from WMC and McDaniel.



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE GREEN TERROR FOOTBALL MEMORY?

BOB SR.: "I'm very proud of the fact that both my son and my grandson played at WMC/McDaniel. I enjoyed their games and relived many of my experiences through them. I believe we may be one of very few families to claim three generations of football at the same college. I now have eight great-grandsons, so, who knows what the future holds?"

BOB JR.: "My favorite football moment is from Woody's career, when he caught the winning touchdown pass against Gettysburg College at home in the last minutes of the game. I was also proud to be an honorary captain with my father and flip the coin at one of Woody's games."

WOODY: "Catching a touchdown to beat Gettysburg in triple overtime."

Left: The three generations of Butler Green Terror football players chat on the field. Bob Sr. and Bob Jr. were honorary captains for the coin toss during one of Woody's games.



LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR A FAMILY TRADITION

HOW TWO MULTIGENERATIONAL GREEN TERROR FAMILIES HAVE BUILT LIVES FOR THEMSELVES — AS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILY UNITS — AT McDANIEL

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN

When deciding which college to attend, it's not often that a 17- or 18-year-old is thinking about whether their final choice will be a place that their future children or grandchildren will want to attend when the time comes. Instead, the focus is on whether the education obtained at a school will get them where they want to be professionally, whether they will feel at home on campus, and whether they will find the community they seek to live a fulfilling life.

But for many who have chosen to spend four years here on the Hill, their time became an investment in laying the foundation for a family legacy they never could have foreseen. For two such families, their stories began with courageous first steps on the Hill by Sharon Head '88, Sue Head Conklin '94, and Erika Herron Hall '99. Those three women each forged a path for the next generations of their families to find family of their own — whether in the form of future spouses or chosen family — who helped them find their best selves and remained in their lives for decades after graduation.

“My husband, Mark, is a very supportive guy,” says Hall of her husband, who is not an alum but can often be found at Homecoming wearing McDaniel gear proudly boasting “WMC Husband and McDaniel Dad.”

“We were together in high school, and I went away to McDaniel for college. He has always supported me, no matter what,” Hall says. “He tells me, ‘If there was no McDaniel, there'd be no us. There'd be no you. They set the foundation for you, and we wouldn't be in the position that we are today without McDaniel.’”

No matter the story, McDaniel College is honored to have many multigenerational Green Terror families who have laid the foundation for a family legacy on the Hill.

Top: The Hall family and their custom matching T-shirts are staples on the Hill during Homecoming to show off their legacy.

Middle: Erika Herron Hall '99 and her daughter, KiJuana “KJ” Land '22.

Bottom: Current sophomore Mia Hall, Erika Herron Hall '99, and proud WMC husband and McDaniel dad Mark Hall.



A CHANGE OF SCENERY, A CHANCE AT CONNECTION

For Hall, McDaniel represented an opportunity for a change of scenery, a chance to create a new community, and a way to set her future family on a path to success.

“I grew up in Anne Arundel County and went to Chesapeake High School and had never heard of McDaniel,” she says. “My dream school at the time was Howard University. But I ran track in high school. We were really good, and our state championship meet was held at McDaniel. It was just a beautiful campus and I was like, ‘I could see myself here.’”

Hall reflects on the fact that her high school did not have many people of color, which led her to seek a more diverse college experience. It would seem that a historically Black university like Howard would be the natural fit then, rather than a small liberal arts school in Carroll County that was, at the time, predominantly white.

“But Howard didn’t really fit who I was as a person,” Hall says. “They weren’t as personable at the time, and McDaniel really was. Marty O’Connell was in Admissions at the time, and she made me feel so cared about and loved. She was a person I was able to go talk to throughout my years there.”

Hall’s experience on the Hill was made more meaningful by the community she found through the Black Student Union (BSU), starting when she was invited to stay with a BSU member for a weekend as a prospective student.

“I stayed with Diane Drakes ’98 and that experience just captured my heart,” Hall says. “I also met Calvin Lineberger ’97, Prakash Wright ’99, and Patrick Douglas ’99. I was there with folks who kept it real and showed me what McDaniel was really about, and then when I got there for Move-in, I already had these friends who were there for me throughout my next four years.”

Nineteen years after her own graduation, Hall would see her eldest child, Ki’Juana “KJ” Land ’22, make a similar decision — despite her mother’s advice!

Knowing that Land wanted to go into forensics, Hall encouraged her to look into other institutions because she wasn’t as familiar with McDaniel’s Forensic Science minor. “One thing about KJ though is that everything I say not to do, she ends up doing anyway,” Hall says. “Luckily, that meant I got to see her follow in my footsteps.”

“I’m from Baltimore City and had been in an urban environment my entire life,” Land says. “I wanted to not be in that setting anymore. I’d been on McDaniel’s campus a lot when my mom brought us there, and I liked that it was small.”



Seeking small class sizes and personal connections with faculty, Land was pleased to already have built-in personal connections through her mother’s legacy on campus. “Dr. Lauren Dundes was one of my mother’s professors, and I took her First-Year Seminar,” Land says. “I soon changed my major to Sociology because of her, and being in the same department as Dr. Richard Smith ’00, who was a classmate of my mom’s, was another source of comfort and connection for me.”

For others — including Hall’s younger daughter, current sophomore Mia Hall — McDaniel wasn’t an opportunity for a change of scenery, but more a place that felt comfortable and like home.

“The first time I was brought to campus, I was probably about 3 years old,” Mia says. “I never thought I would go here. But of all the colleges I was accepted to, McDaniel felt like the best choice for me. I was accepted to Drexel, but I knew city life wouldn’t suit me. I’m happy that I chose to come to a smaller, more familiar campus that I feel comfortable on.”

Whether it’s the size, convenience of location, or the nostalgia of a childhood spent on the Hill, Mia Hall is in good company with Sharon Head, Sue Head Conklin, and their family members in wanting to stick with what was familiar.

A PLACE THAT FEELS LIKE HOME

Sisters Sharon Head ’88 and Sue Head Conklin ’94 were no strangers to the Hill when they enrolled. Having grown up on Pennsylvania Avenue, the two spent snow days sledding on the hill or running around the campus like it was their personal playground. Their father, James Head M.S. ’73, had also pursued his master’s degree in Physical Education at the college.

“I have to give a shoutout to my mother, Carol, who was a real partner with my dad in a lot of things that he did, especially academically,” says Head. “She wasn’t a college graduate, but she was a really bright woman who would’ve been if she’d been born later. We also have cousins on my dad’s side of the family who are alums, so there’s been a connection with the college in our family for a really long time.”

Despite the family history and proximity to home, neither sister began their first years at then Western Maryland College (WMC). Head spent one year at the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore before transferring and moving back home.

“I did a year in Baltimore, a year at Western Maryland, and then I was a little bit lost as to what I wanted to do,” Head says. “So, I took two years off and worked in the Registrar’s Office full time.”

The main perk of that job? It introduced Head to all the faculty members — including her mentor, the late Professor Emeritus Ira G. Zepp Jr. ’52., Hon. L.H.D. ’15.

“He was just the kindest man,” Head says. “Ira was just a human in the truest sense of that word. When I decided to go back and finish my degree, I became a Philosophy and Religious Studies major so that I could spend more time with this really kind person who became my advisor.”

After graduation, Head spent almost 15 years working as a librarian for the Carroll County Public Library. She moved to New Mexico in 2004 and became a second-career teacher working with disabled students in 2006, getting her master’s and Ph.D. in special education while spending the next 15 years in teaching.

Sue Head Conklin also started college elsewhere, playing basketball at Marymount in Virginia. After a loss in the family, she returned home to Westminster and decided this was where she wanted to be. She took a year off and worked in town while she got her head straight.

“I decided I still wanted to play basketball, so I reached out to Coach Becky Martin,” Sue Conklin says. “I started classes at Carroll Community College and then began at WMC in January.”

She would go on to meet her future husband, Christian “Chris” Conklin ’92, through that basketball connection. Conklin grew up in northern New Jersey, and he says all the schools there were too big and didn’t appeal to him. He was looking for a small-school atmosphere like what he found at WMC.

“I only played basketball for a year, but I got to know Becky Martin and helped out with the women’s team my junior and senior years. That’s where I met Sue,” he says. “She was quiet, kind of a homebody. But I just pestered her for a while until she finally gave in, and here we are.”

Laughing at Chris’s recollection of their meeting, Sue says, “I’m definitely a homebody, and I think that’s part of our legacy here. Our kids — Joey, Jake, and Emily — weren’t looking to go far away either, and they liked the McDaniel community and having the comforts of home.”



Clockwise from top:
Sharon Head ’88 celebrates her Commencement with her mentor, Ira G. Zepp Jr. ’52, Hon. L.H.D. ’15.

Christian “Chris” Conklin ’92 met his wife through volunteering with the women’s basketball team.

Women’s basketball Coach Becky Martin helped Sue Head Conklin ’94 find her place on the Hill and on the women’s basketball team.



IF THERE WAS NO MCDANIEL,
THERE’D BE NO US.

SHARED INTERESTS LEAD TO SHARED COLLEGE EXPERIENCES

Following in the footsteps of their grandfather, parents, aunt, and cousins Bradley Baer '07 and Brittany Baer Bergbauer '11, Joey Conklin '21, Jake Conklin '24, and current sophomore Emily Conklin all chose to become Green Terrors.

"Undoubtedly, Brad's and Brittany's decisions to attend McDaniel greatly impacted their younger cousins (Joey, Jake, and Emmy) when it was time for them to decide," Head says. "I witness the ways that Brad and Britt are generous and open-minded, fully human in the most positive sense of that word, not just with their cousins but with everyone they encounter. And, I know that their way of being in the world is, at least in part, the result of their academic and athletic experiences on the Hill."

Joey played men's lacrosse (he notes that he had played basketball in high school but, "I was too worried about walking in Sue's footsteps to step on the basketball court!"), Jake competed in both indoor and outdoor track and field, and Emily has been playing both women's basketball and women's lacrosse.

As the oldest child, Joey Conklin may have felt some pressure to continue a family legacy, but it ended up feeling like the right move.

"I was never really considering McDaniel, to be honest," he says. "I thought that I had to go away to college. So, I applied to a lot of schools but never really fell in love with one."

His parents suggested he apply to McDaniel and see what happened, and he ended up being invited to interview for the Dorsey Scholars Program, the highest academic honor at the college.

"Once I gave myself an opportunity to consider it, it felt kind of perfect," he says. "I've been here my whole life. I went to Westminster High School and our family is so ingrained in this community. The Dorsey Scholarship was the icing on the cake and signaled to me that this is where I was meant to be. I had such a great experience and couldn't have asked for more from McDaniel."

Joey's experience on the Hill clearly had an impact on his siblings, as Jake and Emily have followed the path he created for himself by majoring in Accounting.

(While attending McDaniel runs in the family, a love for accounting does not seem to be inherited: "I am not a math person at all," says Chris. "I don't know where they got it. I was an English major and Secondary Education minor.")

Jake, who just graduated in May, is joining Joey in another way. After snagging an internship through the Economics and Business Administration department's annual Interviewing Day, Joey accepted a full-time job with Sturgill & Associates, LLP in Westminster. Things came full circle when Joey was asked to come back to conduct interviews with current students ... including his brother, Jake.

"I could tell he was unsure whether we had just a casual conversation ahead of us or if he needed to be professional," Joey says. "He was extremely professional — even shook my hand and said, 'Nice to meet you,' which was hilarious — but he killed his interview and has been working with us for two years now."



FINDING ALLIES — AND YOUR TRUE SELF — ON THE HILL

"The college's amazing focus on professors as teachers made this the best possible education for me," says Sharon Head '88. "I initially wanted to pursue a career as a pastor or a chaplain, but I also came out as a lesbian in those last two years at WMC. Ira Zepp and Senior Lecturer Emerita Nancy Palmer helped me see who I was, who I could be as a person with intellect and heart."

The experience of coming out in the 1980s was not what it is today: "I jokingly say that this was pre-Ellen," Head says. "There were no models in pop culture and you had to go to Baltimore to find a bookstore. I really only had Ira and one other ally on campus."

"But one of the things that happened in 1987 between my junior and senior year was attending one of

the big marches in Washington for gay and lesbian rights. Without Ira's support, I never would have done that. I got on a bus and went by myself and it was an amazing first step on my journey to self-acceptance. I'm now happily married and got to live long enough to see gay marriage legalized. I owe a lot of those moments in my life to Ira."



GUIDING THE NEXT GENERATION

In her teaching career, the Conklins' aunt, Sharon Head, says she has pulled her inspiration from none other than Ira Zepp.

"If I ever got to a stuck point, I would think maybe I just need to sit with this student. This student needs someone to be present in the moment and it doesn't matter if we finish the lesson," Head says. "Ira was a direct model of that for me."

That concept of sitting with someone and being there for them served Head well when her younger sister, Sue, and nieces and nephews were making their college decisions.

"I remember a phone call with Sue when she was really upset about what people might think if she decided to come back home and go to WMC," Head says. "And I just told her, 'You should do what's right for you.' There was a moment when her son, Joey, was in that same kind of decision-making mindset."

She recalls that Joey wanted to be sure that he would have options open to him after graduation.

"They're so much smarter than I was ... than I am!" Head says. "I remember just telling him that I could have done anything with my degree from McDaniel — that he would be able to do whatever he wants with a degree from McDaniel — because it's really what you make it."

"What I want for all of them is to just be able to flourish. There's a lot of things about this college and this community that make that possible. I'm really glad that Brad, Brittany, Joey, Jake, and Emily all found a home at McDaniel. I know they're going to be better for it."

Joey, as the eldest of this generation of the Conklin clan, is touched that his siblings observed his experience and thought it might be worth trying for themselves.

"They're great siblings, but the fact that they respected my path and that it was something they could see themselves doing too is so special," he says. "It's a testament to the experience that I had as a student and an athlete, which I think our parents had talked to us about, too."

For Sue and Chris, getting some "bonus years" with their kids at home (all three have been commuter students) has been a nice perk.

"I actually like my kids as adults," says Sue. "They're a lot of fun and it's nice to have them around still."

"It's also been great to reconnect with folks we knew and loved on the Hill," says Chris. "Heidi Snyder Reigel '97 was really the bridge between us and the kids at McDaniel. Her husband, Jim Reigel M.S. '02, M.S. '03, was Joey's soccer goalie coach and they became close. Heidi became a really strong influence in making sure that each of our kids knew they had a home at McDaniel."

Top: Sophomore Emily Conklin, Joey Conklin '21, and Jake Conklin '24.

Middle: The entire Conklin family celebrated Jake's Commencement this May.

Bottom: Sue and Chris Conklin are glad their kids stayed close to home so they could cheer them on at their sporting events, like one of Emily's lacrosse games.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Only time will tell whether the Hall family legacy ends at two generations and the Head/Conklin legacy ends at three generations. If the first-generation members have anything to say about it, we may just see more of them on the Hill in a couple decades.

Erika Hall still has one more kid to get to college, and she says she'll be working on convincing him to continue the family tradition. Beyond that though, she's looking to the next generation.

"I think it would be cool if my grandbabies went to McDaniel one day," Hall says. "That would be something else."

"My kids will be like me and do the opposite of what I say," says KJ Land, Hall's eldest daughter. "So maybe if I tell them not to come to McDaniel, they will, just like I did."

Sharon Head has loved watching her family come into their own on the Hill. "I can't say enough about Sue, Chris, Brad, Brittany, Joey, Jake, and Emily" she says. "They are so bright and full of heart and kindness. It'll be a little while till that next generation, but I would say the same thing to them that I said to Joey:

"If that's where you want to go, then you're going to do great. It's a special place with great faculty and plenty of opportunity," Head says. "But if they want to do something else? That'll be OK, too. Because they'll always have family behind them."



THEY'LL ALWAYS
HAVE FAMILY
BEHIND THEM.

WHAT DOES MCDANIEL MEAN TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?

We asked every member of these Green Terror families what McDaniel means to them. Throughout the conversations, we heard themes of home, comfort, connection, growth, and life-changing experiences. Here, we share what McDaniel means to these Green Terror families in their own words:

"What does McDaniel mean to my family? Legacy. What does it mean to me? Community. I was a member of the EDGE Experience and a CollegeBound Scholar. I joined the Black Student Union and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. My experience was, I think, better than my mother's because I had a force behind me. I had a deeper sense of belonging."

— Ki'Juana "KJ" Land '22

"I look at it as a place, a foundation for our family. My husband didn't go to college. My mother didn't go to college. I wanted a different experience for my family. Exposing my babies to McDaniel early on, they see it as a safe place."

— Erika Herron Hall '99

"What McDaniel means to me is growth and character development. I didn't want to go to college initially. But if I didn't go to college this past year, I wouldn't be the same person I am now. I learned a lot of things that helped me grow mentally and physically. I've gotten stronger and I've learned a lot of things about life."

— Mia Hall, current sophomore

"McDaniel is a significant place on the map of my life. When I come back to Westminster, I always take a bit of time to drive through campus. It's a place of great physical and spiritual beauty for me. I get this incredible rush of memories of learning, all the natural beauty, of snow days and sledding on the hill, of playing tennis. McDaniel changed my life. I wouldn't have made all the positive choices in my life without my experience at McDaniel."

— Sharon Head '88

"Once I gave myself an opportunity to really consider McDaniel and what it had to offer, it felt like it would be perfect, staying in this community. This is where I was meant to be. I started dating my fiancée, Sarah O'Donnell '22, here, and now she works in Admissions, so we're still connected to the college on a daily basis. I'm still very much in the community, which I love."

— Joey Conklin '21

"McDaniel is home. It's a home base for a lot of us. When my nephew Bradley Baer '07 and niece Brittany Baer Bergbauer '11 were playing sports there, I dragged my kids to campus to go watch. I have photos of Emily as a baby sitting on the roof of a car watching the football game, of Jake and Joey running around tackling each other. McDaniel is a part of who we are. It's home. It's family. It's an extension of who we are in some way."

— Sue Head Conklin '94

"It's honestly another member of the family at this point. When we're there, I'll run into a coach or a professor that I haven't seen in a while, and we pick right back up where we left off. It's so comfortable for us. Everyone knows each other and gets along and is so supportive."

— Christian "Chris" Conklin '92



LEAVING A
Lasting Legacy:

WHY WE GIVE TO MCDANIEL

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN

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Roger & Robyn



For Roger Casey and Robyn Allers — the couple who asks to be called “Roger and Robyn” and lived on the Hill for 11 years during Roger’s presidency — the question of “where do you consider home?” leads to a lot of possible responses. Is it McDaniel College in Westminster? The Budapest campus in Hungary where they recently spent a year while Roger taught classes? Is it in Robyn’s home state of Florida, their New York home, or Roger’s hometown in South Carolina, where his dad still lives?

As they began looking at their estate planning, Roger and Robyn realized one thing: “Of the various entities in our lives that have meant a lot to us, McDaniel is the one that has meant the most,” Roger says.

That’s why after 11 years of service as president and special liaison for college relations, the couple committed to a \$2 million bequest establishing The Dr. Roger Casey and Robyn Allers Strategic Initiative Fund. The unrestricted fund will allow college leadership to decide where best to use the money in relation to the strategic plan in place at the time.

We talked to the former presidential couple about what made the Hill so special to them and the legacy they hope to leave behind as Roger officially enters retirement this fall.

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What attracted you to McDaniel when you were considering the presidency, and what made you decide this was a place you could call home?

ROGER | The thing that attracted me most to the college and kept me at the college is its commitment to first-generation college students. As a first-gen graduate myself, this tremendous commitment to first-generation college students and their success made the place feel like home to me.

ROBYN | That commitment extends not just from the administration or the mission statement or the trustees, but also the alumni that we met, particularly those who were first-generation themselves. They were very supportive of continuing that mission and it was always great to hear their stories.

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- ROGER CASEY

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You two don't have children. In what ways did you find family here on the Hill?

ROBYN | That's one of the questions we got asked a lot when we were chatting with people: "Do you have children?" And we learned that saying no kind of shut the conversation down. So, since we really sort of viewed the student body as our children, we would say, "We have 1,500 or 1,800 kids." That usually got a chuckle and represented how we really felt.

ROGER | Over the years, we've adopted a lot of "kids." Much like what I imagine parents feel, every night, when you put the cellphone down, you hope it doesn't ring. But in our travels over the years, we have been fortunate to reconnect with a lot of folks who were former students who really feel like family to us.

ROBYN | Neither one of us has much family. I was one of only two children, and all my immediate family is gone now; Roger is an only child. So, most of our lives, we've created our own family wherever we've been, whether that's through theatre, colleagues, or students. Family is a very broad term for us.

ROGER | One of the things I always said in my addresses was that a college is not a place, or buildings, or a curriculum. It's people. And you could easily substitute either the word "family" or "home" in there in a similar way. When I think about the McDaniel family, it's always been great to be in New York or San Francisco or Boca Raton and always be able to find somebody from that family to be able to connect with. We're all Green Terrors together.

ROBYN | I also recall how meaningful it was for us to live on campus. We saw students all the time, even when the campus was closed for snow days. We had the same home as the students for that period of time. I always said, "This isn't our house, but it is our home."

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Roger, you always made sure to bring your parents into the fold here on campus as part of your legacy. Caseys' Corner in Hoover Library is named in their honor, and I imagine their support must have been incredibly important for you as a first-generation college student.

ROGER | We didn't have a whole lot of financial means, but with their willingness to support a private liberal arts education for me at Furman, they were always there for me. I essentially said to my parents, "If you'll make this work for a while, I'll get more scholarships or I'll work." By the time I finished, I was going to school essentially for free. But the biggest thing I learned from my dad, who was an automobile mechanic, is this philosophy that you are supposed to fix things that don't work so well. That's part of what my attraction was to higher education administration. You're faced with problems or issues, and you've got to figure out a solution and how to keep things running. That skill set that my dad demonstrated while I was growing up transferred from mechanics to academia. Being able to name Caseys' Corner after Mom and Dad was the least I could do as a "thank you" to them.

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Robyn, you were special liaison for college relations while Roger was president, and it seemed like you were always present or leading your own initiatives. What did it mean to you to be such a highly engaged presidential spouse?

ROBYN | It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know so many amazing people and institutions in town and to showcase our students. In the process, I made good friends and had opportunities to contribute to a number of projects in the community — all of which were extremely rewarding. And on campus, it was great having students to dinner, which we did frequently, and supporting their events and initiatives. Our students always inspired me.

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- ROBYN ALLERS

Below:

1. In February 2020, Cultivated owner Tiombe Paige, Robyn Allers, and personal stylist Stacey Jones organized Polished & Professional: A Resale Pop-Up for Women to help McDaniel students find affordable professional clothing and accessories for job and internship interviews.
2. Roger and Robyn embrace any opportunity to return to the Hill and reconnect with the family they found here.
3. Robyn Allers (pictured second from right) was honored by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) in 2020 for her work on the CIC Presidents Institute Spouses and Partners Task Force.



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What was unique about McDaniel that you don't think other college presidents experience?

ROGER | We could remarkably be ourselves at McDaniel as Roger and Robyn. I hear from a lot of college presidents that they have to be a lot more guarded. But a mentor of mine, the late former president at Rollins College, Rita Bornstein, told me a long time ago, "You better damn well make sure they know exactly who you are." And I felt that from day one in the interview process that I could say, "This is who I am, this is what I believe in, and this is what I'd love to do." We were fortunate that we were able to find a home that allowed us to be ourselves and flourish in that environment.

ROBYN | Going to the conferences of presidents and spouses every year, I always came away with that perspective. Both of us feel very fortunate that we didn't have some of the problems that our peers around the country faced of having to be careful what you wore to the grocery store and things like that.

ROGER | And I have to say that aside from the support provided to me at home by Robyn, the two most important people in your life professionally as a college president are your board chair and your provost. I don't think I could have had two better people for those jobs than Marty Hill and Julia Jasken.

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What was the transition to president emeritus like as President Julia Jasken took office?

ROGER | It's important as a retired president that you get the hell out of Dodge. Your successor has to have a very clear path to be whoever they are. I hope I've done that for Julia. Of course, she had my number if she ever needed me, but I was not going to be calling her. That also meant I had a chance to get back to my first love: teaching, including a year on our Budapest campus. But as of Sept. 1 this year, I am officially, fully retired.

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Right:
1. McDaniel's three living presidents — Roger Casey, Julia Jasken, and Joan Develin Coley — reunited at Jasken's inauguration in 2022.
2. Roger and Robyn (pictured at the far right in the front row) join in to express thanks to the campus community.
3. Roger poses with the Green Terror under the 150th anniversary replica of Ward Memorial Arch at the Homecoming game in 2017.
4. Roger and Robyn celebrated 150 years of the college they called home with the replica float of Ward Memorial Arch for the Homecoming parade.
5. Roger with Marty Hill, the chair of the Board of Trustees during Roger's tenure as president.

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Why did you decide to make a \$2 million bequest to McDaniel College as you looked at your estate planning?

ROGER | It's simple: We're two people who care deeply about this place, and who don't have any family to leave our money to. Fundamentally, you have to leave your money to somebody, and McDaniel is the "somebody" that we think can make the most difference in the world.

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- ROGER CASEY





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In addition to the unrestricted strategic initiative fund, the Board of Trustees established the Casey Allers Impact Fund before your retirement, which is specifically to be used to support first-generation students who may need financial assistance to partake in experiential learning. What does that fund mean to you two?

ROBYN | That was a really, really special recognition. We were so honored that the board saw that passion of ours and wanted it to live on beyond our time on the Hill.

ROGER | The reality for most first-generation students for whom college is economically straining is that they can't do a lot of experiential learning because they have to work. They can't take an unpaid internship because they need their minimum wage job to make ends meet. They can't study abroad because they can't work without a visa in another country. I heard from many students that the number one impediment to studying abroad was that they couldn't give up their job because their education — and in some cases, their family's livelihood — depended on their income. I believe that getting out of this country is the most educational, life-changing experience there is, even above going to college. So, as Robyn said, we were just very honored that the board recognized how much this cause meant to us. It means a lot to have our names connected to that impact fund.

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"I hope we encourage alumni to open their purse strings the way they open their hearts to the college."

- ROGER CASEY

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As a former college president, you are in a unique position to understand how funds are used. How did that play a role in your intentions for this generous bequest to the Hill?

ROGER | The one thing I always saw in higher ed administration was that the needs of institutions change greatly, particularly when you're looking at long-term gift commitments. People might want to make a commitment to an academic program that 20 years later doesn't even exist. But the thing that presidents and boards need more than anything else is unrestricted dollars to do what they need to make the biggest impact. There's good strategic leadership in place, so it's best to leave it to their hands to figure out where the money can best be used. That's why we established The Dr. Roger Casey and Robyn Allers Strategic Initiative Fund.

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What legacy do you hope you're leaving behind at McDaniel?

ROGER | I just always hope I made the right choices. You never know what the chain of impact is going to be in a job like this. And I just hope we did well by people. Ultimately, we wanted to do this because we're hoping it shows people how much we cared about this place. This is a clear sign that we believed in what the college was investing in when I was president. And we continue to believe in it, and we want to invest right back into the college. I want this to inspire others to give back. I never worked for another college in which the alumni talked as passionately and positively about their experience as they do at McDaniel. I hope we encourage alumni to open their purse strings the way they open their hearts to the college. Whatever we can do to help alumni make that transition would be the greatest thing we could possibly give back to the school.

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LIFETIME OF
LOVE ON THE
Hill

How McDaniel College gave Don Rembert '61
the love of his life — and the honor of being
named Alum of the Year

BY CAITLIN WILSON



What does receiving the 2024 McDaniel College Alum of the Year Award mean to Donald “Don” Rembert Sr. '61?

“It’s special, because I met the love of my life at the college,” he says.

While he’s not alone in that respect, he says, he can’t help but think of his family — by blood and by affinity — when he reminisces on his history with the college.

Ultimately, it’s been a legacy of love that began 67 years ago.



FINDING EXTENDED FAMILY IN COLLEGE

“I consider everybody at the college to be a part of our extended family. It’s just that strong for me,” Don says.

He remembers 1957 as momentous not only for meeting his future wife, but because it was also the year his father passed away. Don recalls the man who became a father figure to him — his high school football coach, Bob Waldorf. Waldorf was hired as the athletic director and head football coach at WMC during Don’s senior year of high school. It was Waldorf who encouraged him to apply and helped him find a four-year scholarship.

When Don committed to the Hill, Waldorf immediately took him under his wing, making him feel like he belonged. “Coach Waldorf was like my surrogate father, a wonderful man,” he says.

In his classes, Don was greeted with “acceptance and support from professors who raised my level of curiosity.” With their guidance, he found greater direction in life, helping

him see beyond his night-shift job at a local gas station and his apprenticeship with an electrician.

In particular, Economics Professor Ralph Price “fired up” his passion — not just for economics, but for knowledge, which is the essence of a liberal arts education.

“My time in college gave me a lifetime of memories,” Don says. From being part of the championship football team to his participation in the Preachers, Men’s Leadership Society, and ROTC, he bonded with classmates he has stayed in touch with for the past 60 years.

The Remberts’ extended family includes their classmates and fellow alumni from the Hill, many of whom they’re connected with to this day. “We have a tight group, and we see a lot of each other. It’s been wonderful,” Don says.

“I’m still close with my roommate from my first year on the Hill, Barbara Willis Butler ’60, and my sorority sister Pat Welk Wolf ’60,” Judy says.

It was Move-in Day 1957 when Don met the love of his life, his future wife, Judy Ellis Rembert '60.

Don and a friend were sitting in front of Old Main when “here comes this 1958 green Pontiac station wagon packed to the gunnels with Judy, her mom, dad, and sister,” he says. He offered to help carry a few things — he says he had never seen so many boxes of shoes in his life.

“From that day on, we were a couple and we did everything together. It was very, very special,” Judy says.

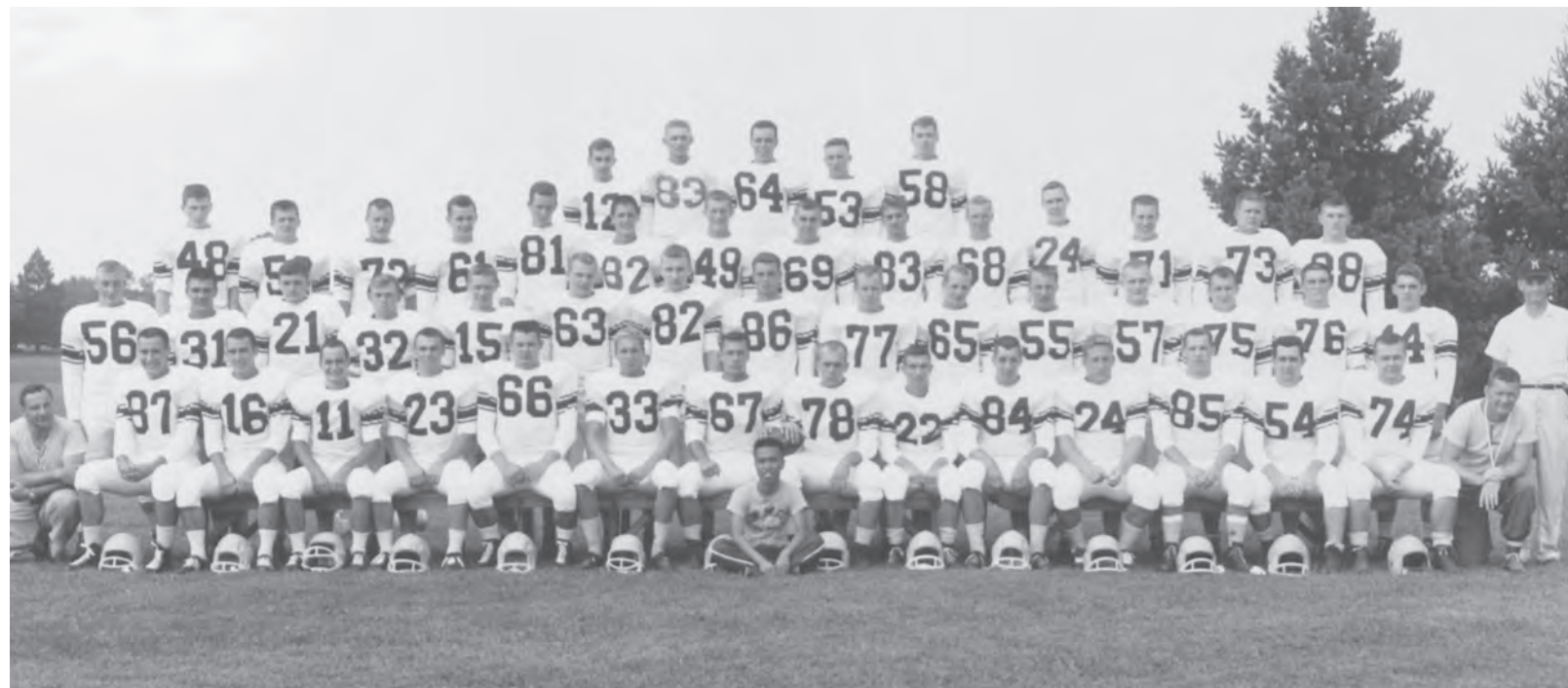
Don was an Economics major who played on the football team; Judy was an English major. Their meeting — facilitated simply by a man who always aims to help others — was the beginning of a special love story in that special way of college life: serendipity that feels like fate.

Now, 63 years of marriage later, the Remberts have left their mark on the college that changed the course of their lives.

Left: Judy Ellis Rembert '60 and Don Rembert '61 on campus in March 1958.

Middle: Don Rembert, pictured seated in the first row wearing #87, came to consider Coach Bob Waldorf (pictured on Don's right) his surrogate father on the Hill.

Right: The Student Government Association officers in 1960 (left to right): Charles Mitchell '61, Rhea Ireland Wiles '61, Don Rembert '61, and Dianne Bell '61.





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- DON REMBERT

A DEGREE THAT LAUNCHED A LEGACY

Don graduated as Student Government Association president and earned the Lynn F. Gruber Medal for proficiency in extracurricular activities and a Who’s Who award. He was then commissioned into the Army as a second lieutenant, going on to serve in West Germany for four years, where Judy joined him. In total, he holds over a decade of service in various branches of the military, including the Navy Reserves, Army Reserves, and active-duty Army.

His Economics degree and the passions his professors instilled in him came in handy, first in the military, then as a restaurant owner, and finally as co-founder and certified financial advisor at Rembert, Pendleton, and Jackson, where he still works today alongside its CEO, his son Charles Rembert ’91.

All three of the Remberts’ children continued the family legacy of attending college on the Hill. Don and Judy had naturally encouraged them, and often brought them along when they visited. “My daughter Heather had been coming to the school since she was about 4, so she grew up with it,” Don says.

Their convincing paid off, and all three attended or graduated from the college: Heather Rembert Fahmy ’85, who met and married Kenneth Fahmy ’85; Charles Rembert ’91; and Donald Rembert Jr., who transferred schools with an ROTC scholarship.

Now with six grandchildren — who Judy still wishes she “could have enticed” to attend McDaniel — they feel blessed beyond all expectations.

“It’s been quite the run,” Don says.

ENRICHING CAMPUS LIFE FOR FELLOW GREEN TERRORS

“Rembert” may ring a bell for you, even if you’ve never met the couple behind the name, because their impact is evident all around the Hill. Rembert House, Rembert Way, and Rembert Field at Gill Stadium were all named in honor of the volunteerism and philanthropy that have marked Don’s decades of dedication to the college, which earned him the College Service Award in 2016.

“As you get to know him, you’ll find he’s so thoughtful and caring toward other people,” Judy says. “And actually, we have a grandson that’s just like him, who spends all his time helping other people.”

Despite the accolades, Don remains pragmatic. For him, being named Alum of the Year is “a tremendous honor, and I’m humbled by it. But you know what? We do what we can do, and the college needs all the support we can give it.”

He has been a passionate advocate over the years, dedicated to improving the college for alumni and students alike. In 2005, Rembert established the annual Rembert Lecture in the Economics and Business Administration Department and helps identify candidates for the guest lecturer.

A Board of Trustees member from 2007 to 2023, he has remained an active member of the Alumni Council and Alumni Association.

As involved as he has been in the past two decades, Don and Judy’s loyalty was almost thrown into jeopardy in 2002 when the college waved farewell to a name it had held for over a century.

*Top: Kenneth R. Gill ’61 joined Judy and Don Rembert, Robyn Allers, and President Emeritus Roger Casey for the dedication of Rembert Field at Kenneth R. Gill Stadium in 2019.
Middle: Don Rembert played guitar and sang a Merle Haggard song for his McDaniel family at the 2024 Alumni Association Awards Celebration.
Bottom: Ken Fahmy ’85, Heather Rembert Fahmy ’85, Judy, and Don Rembert Jr. celebrated Don Rembert Sr.’s Alum of the Year honor in June.*



Don makes a point to remember his time on the Hill — often by making new memories. Here are a few ways he makes that happen:

PARTYING AT HOMECOMING

The tailgating can't be missed, especially at the Decades Tent. You can also attend the Athletics Hall of Fame induction, brunch with the DEI Committee of the Alumni Council, and discover more chances to once again be with the people you know so well in a place you love.

CATCHING A LECTURE

Don is partial to the Rembert Lecture in Economics, but opportunities abound on campus with the Academic Symposium, Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Lecture, Bothe Lecture, Holloway Lecture, Ridington Lecture, and Wenner-Wingate Memorial Lecture.

SWINGING BY AN ALUMNI EVENT

Don enjoys a get-together, and there are so many options: Alumni Weekend, Class Reunions, Alumni Association Awards Banquet, Athletics Hall of Fame, Green Terror Gatherings, and Greek Life Reunions.

GIVING BACK TO A CAUSE YOU LOVE

A little goes a long way for so many campus causes. Choose the one that means the most to you and make a recurring gift or include the college in your estate planning.

OFFERING TO VOLUNTEER

Don has followed his interests and volunteered with Alumni Engagement and the Economics and Business Administration Department. You can review resumes, conduct mock interviews, host interns, or even greet students at Move-in Day.

RELIVING THE GLORY DAYS AT GREEN & GOLD ATHLETICS GAMES

Whether competing with current student-athletes or coming together to watch and offer words of wisdom, today's Green Terrors love to see the legacy they are joining.

MAKING A NAME FOR YOURSELF ON THE ALUMNI COUNCIL

A member since 2006, Don knows the council is the place to be to make things happen in the alumni community by joining one of the committees, including the Awards Committee, the Green Terror Athletics Hall of Fame Committee, DEI Committee, Nomination and Governance Committee, Alumni Outreach Committee, Green & Gold Committee, and the WMC Heritage Society.

HONORING THE PAST AND EMBRACING THE FUTURE WITH THE WMC HERITAGE SOCIETY

For Don, it's a gateway back to the origins of McDaniel, which he says is "neat stuff."

Stay up to date with events at mcdaniel.edu/alumni-events, and share your contact information at mcdaniel.edu/connect to learn what's coming up!

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The Remberts' story began at Western Maryland College (WMC), a name that became synonymous with family to them, between their "found" family and their offspring who continued the legacy on the Hill. The change to McDaniel College alienated many alums for whom the college held such a special place in their hearts — including the Remberts.

"I was so distraught over the name change, I really was," Don says. "WMC" had been the chant at his football games that he remembers with so much pride and fondness.

Despite his anger at the change, he came to see that it was still the college that had opened his mind to new possibilities, given him direction in life, and provided lifelong friends and family.

"After a while, I reconciled myself by saying, 'Wait a minute, it is a change, but what can we do to keep people connected with the college and its history?'"

Two years after the name change, the Remberts went before the Alumni Council to propose the WMC Heritage Society, an alumni group guided by the motto "Honor the past and embrace the future."

"It was perfect timing," says Judy. "I'm very proud of the society and how it has connected people over the past two decades."

The society's major projects have included raising funds for the publication of "Fearless and Bold," a history of the college by Professor of Mathematics Emeritus and College Historian James E. Lightner '59, Hon. Litt.D. '17; renovating Rembert House, the oldest building on campus; a collaboration with the City of Westminster to add the McDaniel logo to the water tower; and recent renovations in Lewis Hall of Science.

But for Don Rembert, connecting with the college doesn't always mean grand gestures. For him, it's just "participating and living your memories, man. That's what it's all about."

CHERISHING THE GIFT OF MEMORY AS AN ALUM

"Memory is a gift a man can't live without," Don says, quoting his favorite country singer, Merle Haggard, to describe his gratitude for the memories he made in college.

For Don, this gratitude is part of what motivates him to guarantee future McDaniel alumni can have life-changing experiences, too. As trustee emeritus, he knows alumni support is crucial for a small liberal arts college like McDaniel to keep up enrollment and continue its educational mission.

"We're in a battle," he says. "The demographics are against us, because the number of students in the college-age category has dropped dramatically."

"Everybody involved in the Alumni Association is an ambassador," he says. "We're advocates for the college, and we have to be active in doing that and take great pride in our school."

The enrollment challenges facing small colleges are part of why Rembert takes his calling seriously: encouraging his fellow alums to treasure their pasts to help ensure the future.

"We've got a tremendous history and a story to tell," says Alum of the Year Don Rembert Sr. '61, and he's always prepared to share his love for the Hill.



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ALUMNI UPDATES

LIFE AFTER COLLEGE



Mileyni Alvarenga Rivera '14, M.S. '17 and Doug Rivera '12, M.S. '15 participated in the vow renewal ceremony at Little Baker Chapel during Alumni Weekend in June.

1950

Alfred "Al" Bright '50 wrote in for the first time, saying "It's been a long time since I've been in touch with classmates of WMC." After graduation, Al worked as a trainee at an insurance company in New York City, but one month later, North Korea invaded South Korea, and he knew he'd be called for active duty. He had planned to enter grad school in September, but that had to be postponed. He started active duty in December and spent the next year in the U.S. as a training officer at Fort Dix. He then had advanced training at Fort Benning until February 1952, when he was stationed in Tokyo. Al arrived home in March 1953 and in April returned to the training program that had been interrupted. That summer, Al met Barbara on a blind date, and they were married in April 1954. The marriage resulted in two children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren so far. Al had a career as a financial planner, primarily working with family-owned businesses, creating pension and health insurance plans for company executives. He was also working with their attorneys and accountants to establish their clients' estate plans for their businesses' continuation as well as to create gifts and trusts for their families. Al turned off his business computer when he reached 90; Barbara died Jan. 6, 2021. For more than 30 years, Al has lived in White Plains, New York, during the warm months and for the past three years in Jupiter, Florida, post-Thanksgiving through April.

Paul Parlette '83 says that his mom, **Edith "Edee" Sanner Parlette**, is hanging in there and celebrates her 98th birthday in September. She is pleased that her descendants include three sons, eight grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. It is always nice to see her smile, says Paul.

Russell Morris and **Carol Lowe Morris** still reside on their family farm, Moracre Farm, in Fawn Grove, Pennsylvania. After retiring many years ago, they continue to enjoy time with their family, including two children, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Ruth Holland Isear has been living in Wilmington, North Carolina, for 17 years since leaving Maryland to be near her son, Jai, daughter-in-law, and three grandsons, who are only 10 minutes away! Ruth maintains her home, drives, and walks Jenni, her black Lab, a quarter mile in the morning and half mile in the afternoon. At her church, she trains fourth graders to be acolytes, and attends church every Sunday to "robe and review their duties" for three services. A teacher all her life, God's choice, she continues to serve Him, to love these young people as she did in Maryland, for more than 20 years.

Hello to all you Class of 1950 grads! I'm still functioning, just a little slower. I stay busy with the help of some caregivers and my three daughters, two of whom are retiring from their jobs this spring. Unbelievable! I turned 94 last November and am still feeling good.

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1962

The last time I wrote this column, we were looking forward to our 60th Reunion, excited to see everyone, and anxiously awaiting a big turnout. What a surprise when there were only 10 of us at the Reunion, and that included the Reunion committee! Many of our classmates have moved out of the area, some are not keen on driving long distances, and sadly some of us are alone and/or dealing with various health issues. As we navigate our 84th year, we are finding some of us are better sailors than others. The column is very short this time. I can only surmise that we are having too much fun and traveling to too many exciting places to find the time to write!

Downey Price and **Edna Bent Price '63** have led an amazing life of service and are now retired, healthy, and enjoying life. They are still very active with Benevolent Missions International, which they started in 1974, and have built clinics and surgery centers in Haiti, Belize, El Salvador, and Bolivia. They have also equipped clinics in American Samoa and Fiji and sent surgical teams to Costa Rica and medical teams to Burundi. Over these 50 years, the volunteers have examined and treated more than 150,000 patients and performed more than 36,000 surgeries on a pro bono basis. Downey keeps in touch with **Tom Muhlfelder**, one of his roommates who also went to med school after college. Downey and Edna met up with Tom and his wife, Barbara, in Baltimore and enjoyed reminiscing about their life on the Hill.

Rachael Wentz writes that she has been living at Carroll Lutheran Village for four years. Though she says that she's moving much slower these days, she still volunteers on Tuesdays at the Carroll County Visitor Center and has been the secretary of the Hospitality Committee.

Don Hobart and **Janice Mooney Hobart '63, M.Ed. '78** are still traveling, and spent much of January 2024 touring Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam. In retirement, Don and Janice have shared videos of their travels with residents of senior living facilities. This activity has been especially enjoyable because they have made presentations at Carroll Lutheran Village, where he and Janice have enjoyed seeing many WMC friends, including **Jim Cole '59** and **Judy King Cole, Fran Giove Miller M.S. '85, Lucy Tucker Lotz, Don Rabush, M.Ed. '70** and **Carol Westerfield Rabush '60, M.Ed. '79, Ray Albert, Alex Ober '63, M.Ed. '69, and Susan Snodgrass Case '65, M.Ed. '84**. Janice is active in their Episcopal church, where she serves on the altar guild. After 45 years, she still decorates the altar for Thanksgiving and Christmas. In addition, Janice is her class secretary, class president, and chair of the Reunion committee!

I spoke to **Judy King Cole** on the phone and she and **Jim Cole '59** enjoy Carroll Lutheran Village and love seeing WMC

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DAVID SINCLAIR '00

friends there. One of Judy's granddaughters just got married and has moved to San Diego, California, where her husband is stationed in the Coast Guard. Another granddaughter is planning her wedding, so Judy has been having great fun helping each of them with wedding plans. She and Jim spend time with their children and grandchildren, and Jim continues to teach his online classes.

I had a lovely note from **Melania "Lani" Stange Anderson**. Sadly, she wrote to tell me that her husband **Powell "Bob" Anderson '60** had died of cancer. We send our love to Lani and our sympathy to her and her family.

That brings me to the news of other classmates who have died. **Bob Holt** passed away in January 2022. I received word that **Carole Gordon Smith** died in 2023 in Draper, Utah. You may remember that Carole was with us for freshman and sophomore years and then moved back to Salt Lake and graduated from Utah State. I had kept in touch with Carole and when my daughter moved to Salt Lake City to take a job at the university, Carole and I got together to catch up on WMC memories. Several times when I was in Salt Lake City, Carole and I would meet for lunch and I would fill her in on what I knew about our class members. She had fond memories of her time on the Hill.

I have enjoyed relatively good health. Like Rachael, thanks to arthritis I move a little more slowly, too. Stan and I had a wonderful trip to Italy and visited the sights from Naples to Capri, up the Amalfi Coast to Rome and Florence and Venice, stopping in Assisi, Pompei, and Pisa. Wonderful food, wine, and people! We are involved in church and take advantage of some great programs at University of Mary Washington, which are free to the community. We are grateful for good health and good friends, and give thanks for our many blessings.

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1968

Dave Harper and his wife, Donna, are still enjoying retirement in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, living in their house that was built in 1957 by Dave's aunt and uncle. He really can't believe that he's been mowing the yard there since then. "We're watching our 16 grandchildren grow (ages 22 to 4) and tolerating their parents," he says. Donna and Dave are both involved in their church, and for the past year, Dave's been singing in the choir. Donna says that Dave couldn't stand sitting in a pew, but he'd never admit that.

Carey Wolfson says things are fine in beautiful Boulder, Colorado. He and Nancy have taken two big trips since the last report, including 12 days in Portugal in 2022. In the spring of 2023, they toured Mexico City and Puebla, an old colonial town. Traveling there has inspired Carey to study Spanish at his advanced age, even if he'll probably never be fluent. In

fact, they are headed back to Oaxaca — his first experience of a part of Mexico that's not just for tourists. Two years ago, Carey bought an e-bike that does well on gravel, and he's enjoyed exploring dirt roads and trails all over again. The bike still requires effort, but it gives his aging muscles a bit of a break. Carey also still dabbles in digital photography, mostly using his iPhone to shoot and then manipulate the images. He taught a well-received course on this subject the past two summers at Common Ground on the Hill. Returning to the inspiring atmosphere of Common Ground on the McDaniel campus after a four-year pandemic break was heartwarming, to say the least.

Joe Anthony is retired from the tax accounting business. He says he kept up with the tax law OK, but not the technology. He is feeling great and his golf handicap has even come down: He shot his age four times last year, which is easier as you get older. Joe's daughter Kate got hitched last year, and **John Heritage** and **Sue Mawby Heritage** were at the wedding. He visited "Vegas" **Al Feigelson** at his Fenwick Island beach getaway and met his wife. Joe is still in God's country, Easton on the Shore, with his wife, Susan, and son Josh. Son Blake is working in Washington, D.C., and they touch base almost daily.

Sherry Redinger Whitt, M.Ed. '73 and husband, Leon, are kept busy with church activities, physical therapy, doctor appointments, and workout and other activities at the Nanticoke Senior Center in Seaford, Delaware. She says she is grieving the death of a dear former workout partner and former WMC class of 1953 member **Harold McTeer '53** who recently passed: "We often shared stories of our fun times at WMC."

Barbara Linton Morris and **Bob Morris** are going on 25 years in their Capitol Hill townhouse, and they seem to be decided that this is their forever home. Sure, there are some minor inconveniences, but their previous 25 years or so of moving from nest to nest around the Northern Hemisphere taught them how to turn inconveniences into adventures, and besides, they've got good medical care there. So, staircases are cardio exercises, high prices make bargain hunting a cherished talent, and city traffic makes bike riding fun. 2022 took them on an 8,000-mile test of the availability of charging stations for their EV, from Atlantic to Pacific shores and from Tucumcari, New Mexico, to Grand Junction, Colorado. (They passed the test, no sweat. Well, a little sweat between Reno and the Great Salt Lake when a target charging station went out of service, but they prevailed.) Bar Harbor, Maine, has also been an annual destination, and they've done every possible route between D.C. and Atlanta, where son Josh is raising their two extraordinary grandsons, Coltrane, 13, and Emmett, 11. Abingdon, Virginia, and Asheville, North Carolina, are favorite way-stops.

Harvey Broodno says that he received a quality education during his four years at the college. He also must acknowledge that he really matured into the person he is today during his graduate school years at a university. That is where he became incredibly intelligent, sophisticated, worldly, insightful,

benevolent, enlightened, spectacular, and most of all, super humble.

Linda Sullivan Schulte, who was the first person in our class to go to Vietnam, is starting her eighth year of retirement at the beautiful dunes in Delaware. It used to be the beach, but they've had a series of windy and stormy nor'easters and now just the dunes are standing strong. Beach replenishment is a new growing career field. To keep out of trouble, she volunteers with the Center for Inland Bays helping with reforestation, turtle, and osprey projects. She's attempting to polish any old art skills (photography, mostly) through the Rehoboth Art League. And to continue playing golf without falling face-first into bunkers, she had her knee replaced in 2023. Linda says it has not improved her game, but for the first time in 20 years, there's no pain involved.

Walt Michael shares he is a proud new owner of a McDaniel faculty rocking chair, which they give out as a subtle hint to vamoose. However, Common Ground on the Hill has been named an official Folklife Center by the Maryland State Arts Council, so there's lots more to be done, including archiving 30 years of concert recordings, producing two concert series and festivals a year, and teaching some classes to the undergrads. Walt is enjoying reading "King: A Life" by Jonathan Eig. There are three references to the scholarship of **Ira Zepp '52, Hon. L.H.D. '15**, and fascinating information about Rosa Parks and Lillian Smith, Esther Smith's sister. He's still playing concerts with his Maryland and New York bands at music events and festivals. His cottage on the bay continues to keep him entertained and busy, including deck diving, crab steaming, oyster shucking, fishing, and sailing. The Davis Brothers (**Will Davis** and **Jeff Davis '70**), **Ralph Wilson**, and **Bill Dudley '69** made their annual visit in September ... way too much fun!

Wayne Laessig and Lynette enjoyed lots of 2023 in the mountains in Truckee, California, but decided it's time to sell their cabin this summer. It's three stories, and they decided that doing other things was better than maintaining a second house with a lot of snow shoveling. Wayne is still doing some California Fish and Game volunteering; stays active in his Vietnam unit reunions; does some duck, goose, and elk hunting plus rock cod, salmon, and halibut fishing, and has a full freezer now! A friend who used to be his boss took them to Maui for a fun week with her, her sister, and Lynette. They also did a northwest trip to visit an ailing friend and a New Jersey-Pennsylvania-Delaware trip to visit family and friends. In with the joys of life, they had some sad times,



Mike Ward '68, Jim Resau '68, Gordon Shelton '68, and John Heritage '68 traveled to Sarasota, Florida, to see several Orioles Spring Training games, a first for all of them.

losing some friends and family, which reminded them to enjoy those they care about now, while they can! One of the most enjoyable, fulfilling times was when **Mike Ward** and **Jim Resau** joined Wayne and Lynette at his AC-119 Gunship Reunion in November held in Washington, D.C. It was great to have them and they seemed to enjoy the stories! One special moment was when Carol Hinton, whose hubby he flew with in Vietnam, presented them both with a Quilt Of Valor (QOV), which is a quality, handmade quilt awarded to a service member or veteran who has been touched by war, to bring comfort and healing. The quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation." The QOV Foundation's volunteer quilters have presented over 300,000 quilts. Another special moment was watching Mike engage with the survivors of the only AC-119 we lost in combat. Mike and Jim fit perfectly in their reunion, and Wayne was thrilled to have them there. Although, they did tell some WMC stories that Wayne had not told his AC-119 guys, who had lots of questions later. But it all reminded him of his WMC time where friendships seem to be forever ones!

Sue Faulkner Rea says the stress of administering 40 housing, homeless, and social services programs is over, but sometimes she thinks retirement is so you have time for doctor visits! Sue's new knees don't let her do much

gardening, so free time is devoted to needlework, reading, and watching the bald eagles who have nested nearby.

In retirement, **Jeff Cohee** enjoys a lot of trips and activities. He has still never owned a car, computer, or smartphone.

Nick and **MaryAnn Julia Kaviski** are enjoying retirement in Fort Myers, Florida. She volunteers as a college math tutor (thank you, **Dr. Jim Lightner '59!**) and continues to take courses as a "Senior Scholar" at Florida Gulf Coast University, currently Psychology of Adulthood and Aging. MaryAnn is a guardian ad litem with the child foster system and participates in TSA K-9 dog training at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Kathie Watson Helfrich and her husband, Stephen, got home from a lovely trip and then discovered that they both had contracted COVID-19. During their isolation, as they went through all their mail, she found a postcard about class news. After reading the card, she had a flashback of all of us more than 50 years ago as college students, which was followed by a flashback of those of us who were at the 50th Class Reunion. Remembering our class and all the really wonderful people who are in our class led to a wave of fondness: "It was a real jolt of joy! It was surely better than any pharmaceutical on the market!" She feels so fortunate to have gone to college with all of you and to have such fond memories of you.

Rick Matheny says the good news is that the past year has been pretty much uneventful. With two replaced knees, he managed to survive flights to and from Montevideo, Uruguay, and still walk. In January, he was again appointed acting director of public health at the Quinnipiac Valley Health District for three months. "Absolutely the last time!" he says. He continues to putter around the flower gardens in spring and summer, rake leaves in the fall, and hibernate in winter by watching UCONN basketball. All four children and five grandchildren live within an hour's drive, and get together fairly often. Rick still does some photography, mainly of their flowers. Rick and his wife celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on Dec. 26.

Bob Wall retired from the bench 10 years ago. The year 2020 was a disaster with profound personal losses, and now he is in assisted living due to Parkinson's disease. Bob still cherishes the friends and memories at Western Maryland.

The highlight for **Steve Jones** this past year was a three-week trip to Antarctica and Patagonia. Antarctica is pristine, clean, quiet, and has amazing scenery with lots of penguins. On their last day, they went whale hunting in the Zodiac just before returning to the ship. Three of these 30- to 50-ton humpback whales approached the Zodiac one after the other and dove under it to feed! The woman driving the Zodiac said she had never experienced that in her 12 years of doing tours in Antarctica. One humpback whale passed within 10 feet right by where Steve was sitting.

Charlotte Hannemann Bennett has been relatively calm. Charlotte and Mike managed to get five nights at Mexico Beach, Florida, after Christmas. At 77, they had to set an alarm on New Year's Eve to be sure and get a 2024 kiss. They have

managed to dance to a few of their favorite local bands, but most of their social life includes gym workouts, book club monthlies, Parkinson's disease support group meetings, tennis, and jazz and pep band performances by their grandson. They had a couple of wild winter days with snow, wind, and ice and some days with 29-degree wind chill temperatures, but spring flowers sprouted in February.

Barbara Payne Shelton '70 and I continued our now 53-year marriage with a 50th anniversary cruise on the Rhine River, albeit two years late because of COVID-19. It was a wonderful trip although we returned with COVID as a souvenir. Barbara retired from her long career as a college professor several years ago and has focused on quilting, making numerous friends in the craft, many much younger than our daughter! She and her buddies have made huge numbers of beautiful quilts, many being donated to various charities and organizations. Our house is an enviable showcase of her creativity and talents. Barbara is now in her sixth term as a McDaniel College trustee.

Jim Resau, Mike Ward, John Heritage, and I went to Sarasota, Florida, to see several Orioles spring training games, a first for all of us. The Crab Guys continue our 40-year monthly events with steamed crabs, shrimp, National Bohemian, and chocolate at my house. We sometimes have over a dozen grads for great eats and lots of stories.

I'm in my 52nd year of dental practice, work four days a week, and love my choice! Several other career choices have tempted me (astronaut – never got a call back, porn star – never even offered a screen test), but I seem best suited for dentistry. I have plenty of time for hunting, some fishing, and hiking. My appreciation of natural history began as a Biology major at WMC and has only grown more intense with time.

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1974

I want to take the beginning of the column to thank those who worked on our 50th Reunion committee: **Darlene Eiford Burhenn, Jackie Deakne Cowan, M.Ed. '79, Harriet Lowry Doherty, Randy Dove, Andy Keefer, Bill Thomas, and Donna Herbst Watson.** Thank you all for your time and talents! Thank you also to Jen Pawlo-Johnstone and Kathleen Green from the college for all of their help and guidance.

Roy Angleberger, M.Ed. '78 and **Barb Anderson Angleberger, M.Ed. '77** continue to stay busy in retirement. He is the go-to person for his 92-year-old mom, taking her to appointments, etc., as needed. He works out at the YMCA almost daily, plays racquetball once or twice a week, and golfs as much as his back will allow. Barb is still teaching courses for Frederick Community College in the ILR division for adults over 55. The classes are noncredit, so no papers or

exams to grade or meetings to attend! She also serves on the county's Senior Services Advisory Board. The board's goal is to advocate for services that will enhance the lives of older adults and help them to live in place for as long as possible. Barb and Roy's greatest pleasure though, is being with their grandkids, Kaitlyn, 9, and Jack, 6. Weekends consist primarily of going from one athletic event to another. Kaitlyn plays field hockey and basketball, and Jack's favorites are baseball and basketball. The Anglebergers are so blessed to have them in the area and watch them grow up, which they are doing far too quickly! Barb and Roy celebrated their 50th anniversary in July with a trip to Hawaii.

Ron Baldwin is living in Snow Hill on Maryland's Eastern Shore now after losing his wife of 44 years **Jeanette Hardy Baldwin** on Oct. 2, 2020, at their home in Monkton, Maryland. Jeanette had worked in administration at Ashland Preschool Center from 1989 to 2018 while raising their two daughters. A longtime member of the Ashland Presbyterian Church, Jeanette was an elder and choir/praise team member. Ron and Jeanette have two daughters, Julia Taylor of Breckenridge, Colorado, and Laura Scharle of Ocean Pines, Maryland. Ron and Jeanette both loved spending time with Laura's son, Patrick Thomas Scharle, 8, who brought great joy to Jeanette over her last four years. Jeanette had always loved walking and hiking in the Gunpowder State Park and enjoyed hiking with her daughters when visiting them. Wildflowers were a source of joy for her throughout her life.

Bob Barrowcliff and his wife, Susan, live in Bluffton, South Carolina. They moved there in 2015 when they both retired. Bluffton is the last town you go through before going over the bridge to Hilton Head, South Carolina. They really enjoy the area and the weather. The Barrowcliffs live in a community called Hampton Lake. Bob and Susan enjoy traveling, getting together with friends and neighbors for games, playing tennis and pickleball, and visiting with their children.

Bev and **Larry "the Cheese" Bocchese** traveled to Italy for two weeks in October 2023 and had a fantastic time.

After a long and rewarding career with Bank of America, working in commercial real estate banking (lending), **Darlene Eiford Burhenn** retired. After raising their family, working, and doing extensive volunteer work, she and her husband, Richard, continue to enjoy living in Lilburn, Georgia, in the Atlanta metro area. With retirement came sitting down, learning how to turn on the TV, as well as pursuing some long-sidelined interests (including sewing and fiber arts). Darlene is still doing as much volunteer work as time allows. This includes answering a crisis phone line for Lutheran Disaster Response to help people who have experienced a disaster connect with resources. This is not unlike work that she did at the bank. Keeping up with her dear college friends, including **Sharon Wood Schaeffer, Toni Carson Hiteshew, Carol Dragich Hiteshew,** and **Sue Rudrow Carlson '76,** is a favorite pastime, as well as fondly remembering the late **Linda Sixx Shields.** Darlene says that truer friends could not be found.

Joe Carter '73 and **Mary Connor Carter, M.S. '92** retired to Seven Lakes, North Carolina, in 2008. But since the beginning of COVID-19, they have dealt with the mass migration of people leaving cities and many northern states and moving nearby, building large homes. So, after over 15 years of lake living, the Carters decided to move to the Village of Pinehurst, just 20 minutes down the road. They sold and bought a home in a month. They live 10 minutes from all the places they go to play! They can ride bikes to tennis, the pool, and other club activities. Joe stays busy being involved with their church leadership and running a men's Bible study. He also plays golf several times a week. Mary is still playing tennis almost every day, and for the past eight years, she has been a pickleball player. Daughter Kate and Mary played in Kate's first pickleball tournament together last summer in Westminster and won first place!

Rob Carter and his wife, Carolyn, have been married for 49 years. Their children have given them three grandchildren, who the Carters see often. Rob has been working for the last 2½ years part time as pastor emeritus at Trinity United Methodist Church in Prince Frederick, Maryland, serving as a member of the staff to support and help the pastor. It's been good for Rob to continue using the skills he'd used for 40 years.

Wayne Cassell and **Nancy Fishpaugh Cassell** have been doing some short road trips. One trip was to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks in September 2023. It had been more than a few years since they had visited. This time it was Vrbo and hotels instead of camping. Wayne has resumed facilitating classes at OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) now that there are more in-person classes. He taught introduction to American mah-jongg classes, a Russian history class, and a class on Chernobyl. Both of them are taking classes both in person and via Zoom in a variety of subjects. They play mah-jongg weekly, one or two days depending on their schedule. Wayne also helped a friend teach some mah-jongg classes at the local recreation center. Wayne continues with his model-building hobby, and Nancy has two groups that she walks with weekly, weather permitting, trying to stay active mentally and physically.

In May 2023, **Bruce Cowan '79, M.S. '02** and **Jackie Deakne Cowan, M.Ed. '79** sold their Westminster, Maryland, home and made Rehoboth, Delaware, their primary residence. When they are not enjoying beach life, they stay in an in-law apartment at their daughter and son-in-law's in Mount Airy, Maryland. It's the best of both worlds for Jackie and Bruce. They're able to spend lots of time with family and friends in Carroll County; Oxford, Pennsylvania; and southern Delaware. They have four grandchildren ages 4 to 15 and have loved each stage of development. The Cowans have been blessed with good health and have been able to travel to Alaska, Western Canada on the Rocky Mountaineer train, Arizona, and Florida since their move. Unfortunately, plans for a Mediterranean cruise made two years ago overlapped with the 50th Reunion dinner. The good news is they got home

IN MEMORIAM

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR EMERITA OF EXERCISE SCIENCE AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION JOAN RITA WEYERS

Assistant Professor Emerita of Exercise Science and Physical Education Joan Rita Weyers of Baltimore passed away on April 14, 2024, at the age of 85.

Weyers joined the faculty in 1963, retired as an assistant professor in 1999, and returned to teach as a graduate adjunct lecturer from 2001-04 for a total of 39 years at the college. She taught physical activity courses as well as Adapted Physical Education, a class that partnered with the inaugural Tournament of Champions, forming a tradition that continues today.

A beloved multi-sport coach, she championed women's athletics on the Hill, earning her a place on the Wall of Fame. She coached the college's first women's soccer team from 1987-90, women's tennis from 1970-83 and 1984-90, field hockey from 1967-82, and women's basketball from 1964-65.

She also coached off campus, including "beep ball" with blind and visually impaired athletes at Westminster High School, and hosted wheelchair basketball games on the Hill for 15 years.

A high-achieving athlete, Weyers ranked among the best amateur women tennis and badminton players in the State of Maryland. After her retirement, she earned numerous medals in the Senior Olympics.

Weyers graduated from Phillips High School in Wisconsin in 1956 and earned a B.S. in Physical Education from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in 1961. She earned an M.Ed. in Physical Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1963, and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Liberal Arts from Johns Hopkins University in 1976.

She is survived by her significant other, Willam Pollard; brother, Daniel Weyers; sister, Pauline Warzyn; and five nephews, three nieces, five grandnieces, four grandnephews, and two great-grandnieces.

Weyers' family wishes for donations in her name to be made to the McDaniel College Green and Gold fund.



in time for Sunday's brunch and remembrance ceremony. This thought from Jackie echoes the sentiment of so many of our classmates: "My overwhelming emotion upon this 50th anniversary of our graduation is one of gratitude. Grateful for the excellent education I received from professors who cared about their students, grateful for the cherished friends and all the memories we made together. I had a fantastic time 'growing up' on the Hill. Carpe diem."

Mike Deener can't believe it's been 50 years since graduating from Western Maryland College! He has only returned to the Hill once since graduation. It seems he was always working during Homecoming, so he was very much looking forward to seeing old acquaintances at our Reunion, if for no other reason than to see who is left standing! Mike and his wife, **Annette Witt Deener '75**, were married in Baker Chapel in 1975, and they both have wonderful memories of time with friends and colleagues from those bygone years. Annette and Mike retired from all occupations except their small farm. They grow and sell flowers and produce. Annette served 36 years in the Army and Army National Guard and retired as a brigadier general. She outranks Mike both in the Army and at home. Mike retired from Frederick County (Maryland) Public Schools and also retired from the Army with 30 years of service as a colonel. He retired from his third career as a training consultant with the National Guard Bureau. Annette and Mike spend lots of quality time with their three grandchildren. The kids love coming to the farm to play and swim and really like sleepovers and Grammy's cooking and treats.

Anne Stubblefield Dill and her husband are blessed to be happy and healthy, enjoying retirement in central North Carolina, visiting the kids and grandkids as often as their schedules allow.

Effective Dec. 31, 2021, **Harriet Lowry Doherty** sold her financial planning practice to her successors and retired. It was bittersweet after 27 years of building relationships with clients, but the timing was perfect for her. She says that retirement is more enjoyable every day and their grandchildren bring unending joy to their world!

Don Ehman, (or Drama Don!) writes: "As I look back on our 50th, I can't help but think of the faculty of the Dramatic Arts Department: **Bill Tribby '56**, Tim Weinfeld, Max Dixon, and Christian Wittwer and the guidance and encouragement they provided. Their tough love and the friendship of my WMC Alumni Hall compatriots made it possible for me to graduate."

Tiina Liiv Ets and her husband, Agu, decided to downsize and move to a smaller place three years ago, right in the thick of COVID-19. To say it was an adventure with unexpected twists and turns is an understatement, but fate directed them to little old Brunswick, Maryland, 20 minutes from Frederick, and they're very happy in their townhouse, which is half the size of their previous home. They also spend quite a bit of time in their apartment in Tallinn, Estonia, although they haven't yet achieved the 50% USA-50% Estonia time they had been planning for. The Ets are blessed with four wonderful grandchildren, Anton and Lia in Estonia, and

Kristjan and Eevi in Canada. So, if grandma wants to see them, grandma has to travel! The whole family spent Christmas 2022 in Rome, Italy, where their Estonia-based daughter Marika had a diplomatic posting for four years. Summer of 2023 saw trips to both Estonia and Canada. In Estonia, for the fifth time, Tiina attended the annual international Craft Camp, where makers from all over the world come together to learn Estonian handicrafts. The classes, as well as the participants — from Sweden, Finland, the United States, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, and Japan — are fascinating. Their whole family is hoping to spend Christmas 2024 in Estonia. It's dark and cold, but truly beautiful during the holiday season. Although retired, Tiina still takes on translation work, usually brief texts, often medical/scientific in nature — it helps that she was a Biology major at WMC! Interpreting work took a hit with COVID-19. Now, clients are continuing to prefer remote interpreting, which Tiina doesn't like at all. To date, she has translated seven books; the last one, "The War After the War: Armed Resistance Behind the Iron Curtain" by Mart Laar, was published at the end of 2023.

Glenn Fell and his wife, Missy, split their time between Delray Beach, Florida, and Hanover, Pennsylvania. However, Missy now spends most of the time in Hanover helping their daughter with their two grandkids. The Fells have three grandkids in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, that they enjoy time with when they are down south. Glenn still volunteers at a golf course in Florida during the winter and in Hanover during the summer, one shift a week, so he gets free golf wherever he happens to be at the time! When not golfing, he plays pickleball. The Fells enjoyed a very nice trip through Ireland, Scotland, and England in 2023.

Sandy Johnson Hartsock celebrated her 71st birthday by taking possession of keys to an apartment at Oak Crest Senior Living Community in Parkville, Maryland. Her mother was one of the original residents in her building and Sandy said a lot has changed since then.

Susan Ward Jones, joined by a mutual high school friend, has joined Sandy for lunch in one of Oak Crest's many restaurants. Her boys and their families are all doing well. She enjoys seeing all the grandchildren, ages 5 to 21, when they can fit her into their busy schedules. Last year, Sandy took her experience from leading the Middle River Baptist Church's GriefShare program for the past four years to start a new group at Fork Christian Church in Kingsville, Maryland. She spends two nights a week devoted to the rewarding experience of assisting others in their grief journeys. She has also become very active in Fork Christian's small prayer group and special activities.

Sadly, **Toni Carson Hiteshew's** husband, Richard, died in October 2023. Toni and Richard were married for 49 years and met while she was a student at WMC. The love of her good friends from WMC **Jody Barker Gillespie**, **Sharon Wood Schaeffer**, the late **Linda Sixx Shields**, **Darlene Eiford Burhenn**, and **Carol Dragich Hiteshew** has helped her cope. Toni has been retired for a while.

She kept busy caring for Richard in the last year, but she also has continued her love of teaching language by helping with an ESL program at a local church. She has been taking philosophy classes through Osher, too. She plans to teach a French class at the local senior center in the spring. Taking care of her home, gardens, and pool in Catonsville also keeps her on her toes.

Jean "Jeanie" Scott Holloway says it is hard to believe it has been 50 years since we graduated, but even harder to believe that Earl and she will have been married for 50 years in August. Jean finally retired from SERCAP (Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project) in September 2023. She plans to do some contract work for them starting this year — mostly water and wastewater rate studies — but she says it's good to finally have some time to do what she has been putting off. So far, that's consisted of cleaning out cabinets and closets and a lot of reading. She's joined a book club that meets monthly at a little wine bar — the wine being a good motivator — in her hometown of Snow Hill, Maryland, plus she's been reading a lot on her own. Earl and Jean plan some serious camping trips in 2024, and bought a new-to-them fifth wheel RV this past summer that they're looking forward to using. Tennessee, Texas, and a visit to the Truman Library in Missouri are on the bucket list. Jean caught up with **Charlotte Lent** in summer 2023. Charlotte comes down every year to participate on Jean's team for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Charlotte retired a couple of years ago and seems to be staying busy. She's helped Jean's team raise a lot of money for the cause and is a real asset to the team. Jean ran into **Dave Downes '72** and **Lenny Swift Downes '73** at a Christmas show in Pocomoke City, Maryland, in December 2023, and they took a few minutes at intermission to catch up and exchange email addresses. Dave expressed interest in Jean's water rate study experience. She had worked with Dave some years ago when he was the consulting engineer for the Town of Berlin's electric department and Jean was the town administrator. They discovered in conversation that they have the same wedding anniversary right down to the same time of the ceremonies! The Holloways' life is full of baseball and softball games and dance and music recitals! Jean says all that and some volunteer work that she hadn't had time for before is keeping her going and, she hopes, will prevent stagnation in the proverbial rocking chair.

Ed Humphreys has been enjoying watching his eldest grandson starting to wrestle. He had a short season at his school and liked it enough to join a club team. Watching him win a few and lose a few brings back memories for Ed. Jan and Ed are enjoying retirement but both would prefer cooler summers and warmer winters so they could get outside more often.

Lynne Hulse Javier's chorus of 106 women went up against the best in the world in Louisville, Kentucky, in fall 2023. Out of a worldwide base of 500 choruses, they placed third! Vinnie and Lynne have had fun sailing with **Bill McCormick '73** and **Monika van der Berg McCormick '73** on their boat in Annapolis, Maryland. They've also gotten together with **Linda Loock Schmidt '75**

and **Larry Schmidt '75**. Vinnie went on the Phi Delt golf trip in March. The group plays for almost a week in Scottsdale, Arizona, and has been going on this trip for over 25 years. After a long break, the Javiers have reconnected with **Steve Vaughan '76** and **Karen Fitzgerald Vaughan '78**. Now that Steve has sold his dental practice, the Vaughans have more time to play! Last spring, Lynne and Vinnie visited with **Tom Trezise '75** and **Kathy Hamilton Trezise '76** at their lovely Florida home. Tom has just published a book, "Former Things Forgotten," which is available on Amazon.

Sandy Schindler Jensen and her husband, Chip, had a rough year in 2023. Chip was fighting cancer and Sandy had neck and shoulder surgeries. Outcomes for both were good, so they are enjoying 2024! Two grandchildren keep them hopping and their son is getting married in December. They'll be traveling to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, to ski; Vancouver, British Columbia, to fish for salmon; and taking a lot of trips to Michigan for lake time and wedding planning.

Dottie Hitchcock Keene finally retired at age 70! Her implementation manager contracts were still fun and rewarding to do. She needed to keep busy and work through a lot of grieving, for the loss of her husband in 2021 and the loss of her older sister and mother in 2023, as well as 12 additional family members — aunts, uncles, and in-laws — in between. It has been a difficult time for Dottie. She decided to go places and see things while her health and energy were still good. Trips to the Maine beach with her son and daughter and their families have been wonderful, and the four grandchildren keep her smiling. There have also been special trips to Greece, Japan, California, and even Westminster, Maryland. She sailed down the Nile River and saw the sights of Egypt in 2024 before our Reunion!

Dennis Kirkwood says life is still good in retirement and so far, he can keep up with running his farm, volunteering at church and other venues, traveling to see the world and all the creatures that call it home — especially the birds. With his trip in November 2022 to Antarctica, Dennis has now visited all seven continents, and he has seen over 4,000 species of birds, which is not even close to half. His roommate **Phil Ciborowski** joined him June 2023 for a road trip through Montana and North Dakota. Phil is now retired from his orthodontics practice and enjoying his grandson. Dennis has three grandsons and one granddaughter he gets to see often, which makes him very happy!

All **Ian MacFawn** wrote was that he and **Cathy Jenkins MacFawn** are still alive!

Louise Mattocks McCrorie and **Gary McCrorie** are both now retired from full-time jobs. Gary works part time during elections for Mecklenburg County as a precinct worker. Louise has expanded to work multiple part-time gigs as a house manager, for Blumenthal Arts, Queens University, and the Charlotte Master Chorale. She really enjoys when they have all the fifth grade students in the public school system come over four days to hear the Charlotte Symphony. It is very fun to experience all the innovative ways Blumenthal brings creativity to Charlotte, North

Carolina, including immersive experiences and festivals along with Broadway and concerts. Gary continues to go back and forth a couple of times a year to take care of his amazing mother, who is 102 and in Asbury Home in Gathersburg, Maryland! The McCrories' two huskies, Dakota the old and Katara the young, keep them active. Actually, Dakota belongs to their son, Kyle, who is a software programmer for Camelot Software in Pineville, North Carolina. He and Gary have a "Rents Nite Out" about six times a year to have dinner and a show at the Blumenthal.

Wayne McWilliams and his wife, **Janice Crews McWilliams '77**, are doing well, and he is enjoying retirement from his urology practice in Hagerstown, Maryland. Their summers are still spent in Hagerstown, where he regularly catches up with **Gary Wright '73** on the golf course. The McWilliamses officially became snowbirds a few years ago and spend all of the winter months in their house in Naples, Florida.

Paul and **Cathy Nelson Price** are settled in what they hope is their final nest in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They're in semi-retirement (never total), and enjoying time with their daughter, son-in-law, and grandson, as well as reconnecting with Cathy's Iowa cousins. They keep United Airlines solvent with frequent trips to California to visit their son, daughter-in-law, two granddaughters, and grandson. The Prices have been blessed with four grandchildren in three years, including twins! Paul still consults on international environmental risk management issues, and Cathy still writes, currently a play.

In 2020, after a bit of phased retirement from 36 years of teaching at Stevenson University, **Chip Rouse** was ready to fully retire when she was recruited by the athletics department to take on a newly created position as an athletics academic coach for the more than 700 NCAA student-athletes. It's not a full-time job, and it's one that she has come to absolutely love. She has traveled with some of the teams and worked closely with student-athletes who may need extra help in study skills or time management. She managed to sneak in a spring break trip in 2022 with her sisters to the Grand Canyon and has planned a trip this year through the northern loop of Ireland with them. She runs into **Linda Loock Schmidt '75** and **Larry Schmidt '75**, since they live in Chip's neighborhood, and gets together with the other Blanche Ward ladies as well from time to time.

Sharon Wood Schaeffer is busier than ever after retiring from 43 years of teaching high school art. She visits her mom, **Annette McMahan Wood '49**, weekly. Annette and other WMC alums live in Homewood Retirement Community in Hanover, Pennsylvania. Sharon regularly gets together with **Toni Carson Hiteshew**, **Sue Rudrow Carlson '76**, and **Carol Dragich Hiteshew**. Now that they all are retired, they have switched from dinners together to lunches. They often FaceTime with **Darlene Eiford Burhenn**. Friends of Sharon's late husband, **Frank Schaeffer '73**, have held a memorial 5K walk/run each October for the past three years at Wakefield Valley in Westminster, Maryland. This past year, some of Frank's WMC

track buddies participated. Sharon enjoyed catching up with **Jim Zucco '73**, **Bill McCormick '73**, and **Steve Vaughan '76** and hearing tales of their time together on the Hill. Sharon creates exhibits, demonstrates, and teaches hand-woven baskets to interested people of all ages. Each summer, she participates in Common Ground on the Hill on McDaniel's campus teaching baskets. She is active in the Central PA Basket Weavers Guild and is currently serving as president. You can check out her baskets on Instagram @swschae or visit her blog at <http://swschaefferbaskets.blogspot.com>.

Sadly, after Sharon had sent her information above, she sent the following update in February: "My former roommate **Linda Sixx Shields** passed away last night. She courageously fought cancer and made the most of this past year." **Carol Dragich Hiteshew** posted the following on Instagram: "50+ years ago, we met at Western Maryland College. After graduation, we continued to see each other regularly. Each month, we would meet at one of our homes. That person provided a home-cooked meal, trying new recipes as we learned to cook, and then we would work on a craft as we shared our life's experiences, supporting each other in good and difficult times. We affectionately called it craft night. We still meet monthly. The meals continue, the support continues, the love continues but we don't do much crafting anymore. Today, we lost our dear friend and 'sister' Linda. We thank God for her being part of our lives as it was so much better with her in it. We were blessed to know her."

Rick Spink continues to keep his heart healthy getting exercise, playing disc golf with **Bob Noland**, although he's limited somewhat by a bothersome knee — countless diving plays at sports over the years have taken their unfortunate toll. He played bridge for the first time in many years during a visit with **Bill Fries** in July 2023, performing capably after a bit of study. They also attended an outdoor concert featuring fellow Gamma Bete, **Bruzz Truitt '76**, near Bill's Eastern Shore home. Bruzz's band is The Bonedaddys. Also present were **Vernon Mummert '75** and **Ray Land**. Rick continues competing with Bill and **Gary Appel's** oldest brother Tom on chess.com; Rick's record is still unblemished!

After more than 30 years practicing obstetrics and gynecology, **Laura Stephenson** retired in 2019. While Laura and Joe still live in central Pennsylvania, she has spent the past four summers in Montana not far from Glacier National Park. She's even become a Montana Master Naturalist! Laura can't get enough of hiking in those mountains, though this summer she was a little late heading west since she and her sister were on a three-week trip to Ireland and Scotland.

Bill Thomas and **Linda McHale Thomas '75** still reside in Westminster, Maryland, as official "townies" just a couple of miles from the college. Of their eight children, three graduated from WMC. At last count, Bill and Linda have 10 grandchildren. Bill is still a full-time pastor and has been at his current church, Hereford Faith & Life Church in Monkton, Maryland, for the past 12

years. He also serves as a leadership coach with the UMC Mid-Atlantic Foundation. Mandatory retirement is set for July 2025, so Linda's started the countdown while Bill has begun the search for a Walmart that needs a greeter! Linda's still quilting and loves every moment with the grandchildren (and still praying for a place at the beach). Among many highlights since the last report, the older kids chipped in and sent Bill and Linda for a two-week trip to Ireland in October 2023 with Linda's two sisters and their husbands.

Dave Volrath writes "It is hard to believe that 50 years have passed since we crossed the WMC graduation stage. While our life experiences and families have been varied and different, we still carry pieces of who we were that day." It also marks 50 years in education for Dave, as he continues to assist the leadership of challenging school communities in northern California and West Texas. **Patty Eyre Volrath '75** and Dave are delighted their youngest son has moved back to Maryland, so they get to share time with both boys' families and their five grandkids. They are blessed with good health and the continued ability to travel regularly, exercise daily, and enjoy the beach, golfing, scuba, dinner out, and the occasional adult beverage. Last fall, Dave spent a day on the Hill with Gamma Beta Chi (GBX) alums from 1970-76. He is planning to hook up with many GBXs and Phi Alpha Mus who live on the Eastern Shore in August. The Volraths' newest family member is a pointer pup who keeps them busy and on their toes. Their daily walks provide opportunities to reflect upon past friends and experiences and recall anecdotes from their four years at WMC.

Bobby Watson '73 and **Donna Herbst Watson** never expected to return to this area to live in retirement, but after not seeing family for too long a time due to COVID-19 fears in 2020, they decided to leave Florida and come back to be near familiar things and people. Now, they're able to watch their granddaughter grow up, and they still play golf as often as possible. The Watsons get together every six weeks with a group of college friends for dinner, a highlight especially during the cold months, which they still haven't gotten used to. In October, they will take a Viking River Cruise down the Rhine to celebrate 50 years of marriage.

Ann Swope Williams' entire adult life has centered on her family. Her husband, Donald, passed away on June 2, 2023, after a courageous battle against cancer. Ann is retired and a cancer survivor. Together, they raised five wonderful children and she enjoys her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She feels blessed to have her family.

As for me, I continue to work for my dentist, Dr. Paul Jay Shires, but at a new location. I can't believe I "retired" from Verizon after 30 years and am now coming up on 21 years working in a dental practice. **Rick Wright's '77** and my son, Drew, has bought the Lutherville Music School after teaching guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, and vocals for more than 10 years. I'm excited for his journey. I am grateful, as many wrote earlier, for our time at WMC. We were blessed

to have incredible professors who gave us an extraordinary, priceless, liberal arts education. I am also grateful for the amazing friends I have as a result of that time on the Hill. I have been fortunate to be your class reporter for the past 50 years; I've enjoyed every minute and appreciate your appreciation!

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1980

Tom Baugher '79 and **Patrice John Baugher** still call Fort Wayne, Indiana, home but with both recently retired, they have enjoyed traveling to a lot of other places. In 2023, they spent 10 days in Germany, Italy, and Austria celebrating their 43rd wedding anniversary. They also enjoyed time at the beach with family in Emerald Isle, North Carolina, and traveled back to Maryland for family celebrations where they had an amazing crab cake at Rock Salt in Westminster, Maryland. Patrice says that 2024 has them taking more trips. First to Naples, Florida, for several weeks in March, then a week in Chicago in June, and spending most of the summer at nearby Lakes Webster and Wawasee where they keep their boats.

Kim Kost Berliant greets everyone from Cary, North Carolina, her official home! She and her husband, Allan, arrived there in 2019 when their grandson was born and thought they would try it out. They love it! Their involvement in various volunteer activities has kept them engaged and they are grateful for several friend groups and, of course, pickleball! Kim always likes seeing the updates from our classmates and getting travel tips — they have taken several of the same cruises mentioned!

Kathi Hill retired from the practice of law in 2017 and therefore missed the reinvention of the practice of law, in the era of lockdowns and post-lockdowns. She says quitting while you love what you do seems a bit wrongheaded, but she wanted memories of a great career untainted. Her theory is that if you are even a tiny bit curious about the world around you, there are a million very cool things to experience that have yet to be. Do them now! We are not going to get any younger, nor really richer, not a bunch healthier, and without crystal balls of longevity, if not now, when? Kathi taught at McDaniel in the daylight full time for several years and finished up her last class / last semester there, too. She says it is sometimes a struggle squeezing in needed time between new adventures, to while away time (our most precious commodity) with friends and family, who really make up the story of her life. She is surprised that we find ourselves in the middle of the seventh decade of our lives already! She occasionally sees her roomie, **Sue Fowler Katz**, and they do spend a few days together most years of late, but not nearly enough! It makes her realize how fast this ride is! She loves living at the beach and in her community of

WE DID!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLYWEDS!

Nicole Novotny '02 to James Hefferan on May 20, 2023. They reside in Belmont, North Carolina.

Heather Sinclair '04 to Chad Hylton on Oct. 22, 2022. They reside in Finksburg, Maryland.

Katie Frost '04 to Christopher Presley on Nov. 14, 2021. They reside in Parrish, Florida.

Jacqueline White '19 to **Benjamin Kohn '17** on May 2, 2024. They reside in Sykesville, Maryland.

Gillian Scott '22 to **Timothy Olson '23** on July 23, 2023. They reside in Westminster, Maryland.



Bay Forest in Ocean View, Delaware. It is very cool that at this point in her life, she has made incredible new friends. Who knew that these friendships would be forged now, and mean so much? She loves to travel. Looking into the eyes of mountain gorillas in Rwanda and seeing that kindred spirit looking back has to be one of the highlights of her life: "So connected, no denying it. Watching them laugh and play and fight and be so like us takes your breath away." She loves wildlife, including snow leopards that she waited eight hours to catch a glimpse of. Blue-footed boobies and Darwin's finches were amazing to see in person!

Phyllis Landry and her husband moved to Church Hill, Maryland, on the Eastern Shore in the fall of 2021. Smaller house, smaller yard, fewer possessions but more of what they love the most: time with family, time to travel, time in the garden, and cooking together. Watching their 3-year-old granddaughter Hazel two or three days a week since she was an infant brings Phyllis such joy, and in March they welcomed her sister to the world. Joy times two! Life on the shore is good and Phyllis is back where she belongs.

John Patrick and Nancy Paulsen Patrick '78 are the proud grandparents of three as Pops with an "o" and Grandmom. They enjoy spending as much time as they can with them. They still live on Kent Island, Maryland, on Kirwan Creek with crabbing and fishing and a spectacular view of ducks, geese, sunrises, and sunsets. This past spring, they added a new 24-foot piece of fiberglass to the lift on the pier. John is still the chief operating officer at Liberty Petroleum. They have been busy with some home renovations and travel and are looking forward to an upcoming family vacation with all the kids and grandchildren.

Steve Timchula writes that he has fully retired from the practice of law. He and his wife, Holly, are enjoying trips of interest as long as they are healthy enough to travel. They have been to Northern and Southern France, the Rhine River, the Danube, Iceland, Sweden, Poland, and Germany, and are set to go to New Zealand, Australia, Italy, the U.K., and Norway. All of this is not considering the trips to other cities for Ravens games. He now has more time (other than Ravens games and events) for his alter-ego, Major Offense, as he has been involved in charities through the Ravens Roost in Westminster, including the Polar Bear Plunge and the Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway by Carroll Food Sunday. He had a chance to fly to Los Angeles and participate in an Apple video with other enthusiastic fans prior to the Super Bowl in 2023 and had a trip to New Orleans for a shoot with a Bengals fan on Emeril Lagasse's show this year.

Mike Cantrell and I are doing well. He continues with the practice of law and I with the practice of psychiatry. We are not quite ready to retire — but some of you make it sound quite tempting. By the time this comes out, I imagine we will be planning a 45th Reunion. Imagine that!

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1986

Lauren Pearl Anagnos, M.S. '93 is still doing the "teaching thing," working in first grade classrooms in Howard County, Maryland, with her teamie **Karen Buttling Donegan**, exclaiming "She's the Shirley to my Laverne!" Lauren notes that she frequently tags along with her husband on his business travels to many amazing places.

Valerie Willey Berg and her husband, Kevin, who have lived in Kingsville, Maryland, for more than 30 years, have had a lot to celebrate. Val and Kevin celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary in November 2023, and their first grandchild, Mason, was born in February 2024. Val and Kevin are over the moon to be Lolli and Poppy! In between the celebrations, the Bergs have done some traveling to San Antonio and Austin, Texas; Myrtle Beach and Charleston, South Carolina; Nashville; and Avalon, New Jersey. Val, who is currently the operations manager for a financial planning office in Timonium, Maryland, says that it's nice to run into fellow WMC alums when out and about. She explains further that she struck up a conversation with someone while at a local restaurant and found out they both graduated in the Class of '86 — it was **Ellen Knisely Bareford!**

Retired from teaching after 35 years, **Jerry Donald, M.S. '91** was reelected to a third (and final) term on the Frederick County Council in 2022. Jerry and his wife see **Dave Reith '87** and **Sharon Pierce Reith '88, M.S. '92**.

Wendy Zerwitz Schenker Epstein reports that married life is good, and she and Ken are settled into their new house in Pikesville, Maryland. They also recently welcomed their second grandbaby. Wendy adds that her job is keeping her plenty busy, but she is making time to travel. Last year she went to Iceland and was able to see the Northern Lights, and also on a safari in Kenya. Wendy would recommend that amazing adventure to anyone who wants a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Jane Manlove Garrett, who retired in May 2023, says she is still figuring out this next stage of her life. Her husband has been retired for five years, so he is giving her plenty of advice. The Garretts plan on lots of traveling. When not hanging out at the Perryville American Legion, Jane spends lots of time on their family farm helping her brother with the mowing and other duties as assigned. Jane also spends lots of time with her mom, which she says is a bonus.

"Still retired and enjoying it!" writes **Bryan Geer**.

Nora Kane Graham still lives in New Jersey where she assists elders with their various errands and doctors' appointments, and subs at the local elementary school. Nora was down in Maryland recently and was able to catch up with **Ami Wist Carrier**. She is also hoping to get to campus for Homecoming or a football game and adds that it would be wonderful to see some old familiar faces.

After 11 years in Blacksburg, Virginia, three bachelor's degrees and two master's degrees, **Barbara Neckere Holmes** reports that all three of her kids have successfully launched.

Barb is the chief audit executive for one of the largest pension funds in the world and said she uses every spare minute to travel the world, mentioning the safari she went on last June.

Joan Lemeshow Horton is living in Scottsdale, Arizona, where she works for a management consulting assessment company in a hybrid role. She and her husband, Mike (who is retired), are planning a lot of travel this year as it is her big 6-0. They are going to Italy and Switzerland, the coast of Maine, and then back to Europe for the Christmas markets. Joan writes what many of us feel ... it does just seem like yesterday we were all 18, so young and ready to take on the world.

Becky Nave Hub retired from practicing optometry and moved with her husband, Roger, to Calabash, North Carolina, where they've been enjoying the beach, great weather, and relaxed pace. Becky also has been volunteering at the county animal shelter. She adds that she was blessed with a beautiful granddaughter and enjoys spending time with her when she is in Maryland. The Hubs are looking forward to various trips exploring different parts of North Carolina this year and spending time with family and friends.

All is well with **Stewart and Jeanene Owens Johnston**, who bought a place at the beach in Lewes, Delaware, where Jeanene lives full time while Stew continues to go back to Hockessin, Delaware, during the work week. Stew and Jeanene very much enjoy their monthly dinners with **George Brenton '85** and **Robin Adams Brenton** who live close by now.

Steve Knott and Melody recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. They enjoy occasional travel and life with their two very energetic dogs. Steve will mark 40 years of federal service this year, 36 of those with the Environmental Protection Agency. Steve says that he looks forward to returning to the Hill for our 40th Reunion — mark your calendars now for the first weekend in June for Alumni Weekend 2026!

2023 was a very good year for **Michael McInerney!** Mike reconnected with his first-ever girlfriend and they are now living together and happier than ever, adding that life in rural North Carolina is fantastic (they live a few miles outside of Pinehurst). Mike gives a shout out to all the Alpha Gamma Tau brothers and all the WMC ROTC Alumni!

Cindy Raspberry Minnich and her husband, Scott, continue their work with the Salvation Army Harrisburg, where Cindy serves as the special events and communications coordinator. One daughter is working in San Francisco and their other daughter is working in an ER near Chicago. Their son is a junior at Grove City College, where he plays baseball, and Cindy and Scott go and watch each weekend. Cindy saw **Gail Sadler Jones '85**, **Jenny MacLea Arrogancia '85**, **Vickie Turner Rodin '85**, and **Nairy Ohanian** during a Bethany Beach, Delaware, trip last spring.

After 30 years as a public defender, **Sharon Eimer Nolley** retired and took a position with the Virginia Supreme Court, and she now teaches criminal law to new Virginia magistrates. Sharon's daughter is a new high school French teacher, so

Sharon's learning French in her spare time, adding, "It's so much easier to learn a language when there's no test!" Sharon enjoys keeping up with **Linda Strandberg Morrison** and **Wendy Zerwitz Schenker Epstein**, her Jimmy Buffett cohort.

Nairy Ohanian, D.Min. MATS, continues to do global counseling and chaplaincy work mainly in the Middle East, but she also had short stints in Greece, Portugal, Malta, and Czech Republic the past two years, wrapping up seven years based in Egypt. Nairy enjoys watercolor painting and working out for her self-care. She enjoyed beach time with **Gail Sadler Jones '85**, **Jenny MacLea Arrogancia '85**, and **Cindy Raspberry Minnich**, and is always active at her home church when not traveling and seeing girlfriends or family. Nairy is "always grateful to God for all His undeserved kindnesses and unending love for her and this world."

Like many classmates, **George Peck** writes that he and **Lee Ann Ware Peck '85** are entering that next phase in their lives with both of their kids now married. George is still working as a commercial lender in Carroll County and Lee Ann is enjoying being semi-retired and catching up with friends. George adds that they look forward to traveling to all five of the national parks in Utah.

Heather Price is still living on the Eastern Shore, where she is an avid birder and enjoying life on the water with her Westie, Coco. Heather reports that former Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan appointed her to the district court bench in 2021 and then elevated her to the circuit court in 2022. She adds that her daughter recently got married, and that she traveled to Europe and New Zealand last year with more travel plans to come.

Susan Scharf is in her 23rd year with Baltimore City Schools as a school psychologist, and for the past five years has also worked at a private practice in Ellicott City, Maryland, as an executive functioning specialist. Susan and husband Larry Bush enjoy their time as empty nesters, and spend much of their summer at Bethany Beach, Delaware.

Amy Farrell Stern enjoys living on the coast of Massachusetts with her husband, Steve. Amy says it was fabulous to spend a long weekend with **Eve Al-Arnasi Angers**, **Jessica Friedman Chapman '84**, and **Chris Gray Aiello '85**.

Fran Ward received the Women's Transportation Seminar Baltimore Chapter Champions Award in 2023 as well as a certificate acknowledging her 35 years of service to the State of Maryland, where she is currently a community relations manager for the State Highway Administration. Fran enjoys meeting up with the "WMC Chicks" group in Ocean City, Maryland, and on the Delaware shore. The WMC Chicks are **Amy Barnes-Elliott '84**, **Dee Kennedy '85**, **Sandra Michener Lazar '85**, **Carrie Miller Parker '85**, **Mary Ellen Miskelly Kelley '85**, **Deirdre O'Neill Faili '85**, and Fran's old roommate, **Susan "Wally" Wallace**.

Susan "Wally" Wallace is enjoying retirement with her husband in Ocean View, Delaware.

Dwain Woodley, assistant district attorney for San Diego County, writes that he misses old friends on the Hill and hopes to get back soon.

Dwain's son Justin is the linebacker coach at Columbia University in New York City and his daughter Jordan is a photographer, traveling the world taking beautiful pictures.

As for me, **Maureen Carroll Martin**, I continue to work full time while living in Rockville, Maryland, with my husband and two daughters — and my Facebook-famous cat, Lucy. I actively serve in a few volunteer roles for the college. Aside from being our class reporter, which I love being, I serve as one of the leaders of the Montgomery County, Maryland, alumni chapter, planning fun happy hours and other networking-type events, and as the vice chair of the Alumni Chapters Committee for the Alumni Council, where we lead other chapter leaders in planning events for their chapter areas. In these roles, I work closely with the Alumni Engagement Office, and I get to meet so many WMC/McDaniel College alumni from a wide range of graduation years. It truly is one of my most favorite volunteer activities. If you think you would like to volunteer in a similar capacity, please reach out to me via email or Facebook Messenger.

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1992

Eric Disharoon, M.S. '99 has lived in Hanover, Pennsylvania, for the past eight years with his wife of 23 years, Gina, son Antonio, 9, and three dogs. He works at Sinclair Broadcast Group in Hunt Valley and keeps busy (out of trouble) volunteering with youth football, swim, and lacrosse.

Sarah Williams Duffy is back in Anchorage, Alaska, with her husband and 16-year-old daughter, Sadie. Her oldest daughter, Maren, is a junior in college in Washington state. Sarah works as an elementary art teacher in Anchorage.

All is well in Rockville, Maryland, for **Brett Goyne** and **Stephanie Lee Goyne '95**. They spent several weekends at the Hill visiting their son, **Brady Goyne '26**, and were happy to run into several DUs and Phi Sigs while tailgating for football games. They are both excited and anxious to become empty nesters when daughter, Stella, heads off to college in the fall.

Sarah Biggs Henderson spent a lot of time on the Delaware shore this summer with husband, Darren, and daughters Emma and **Abby Warner '26**. Sarah is in her 28th year of teaching in Carroll County and enjoys watching Abby thrive at McDaniel.

Jessica Barlow Howell, M.S. '92 and **Rob Howell '91** have enjoyed taking trips to Oxford, Mississippi, this year to visit their daughter Hailey, who is a freshman at Ole Miss. Their younger daughter, Hannah, keeps them entertained with her love of theatre. Jessica is very active on the drama boosters board and Rob continues to coach girls' lacrosse.

Mark Titus left the Carl Sandburg Learning Center in June 2022 after 25 years there. He has now completed two years working at Walt Whitman High School, in Bethesda, Maryland, in the

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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY, FUTURE GREEN TERRORS!

Keira Harper Craig in August 2022 to **Beth Harper '04** and Andy Craig.

McKinley Blake Melhorn on March 22, 2023, to **Ryan Melhorn '04, M.S. '13** and **Cristen Callegary Melhorn '07, M.S. '14**.

Taryn Avery Cutright in July 2022 to **Blair Taylor Cutright '07, M.S. '09** and Jon Cutright.

Sawyer Marinangeli on Aug. 18, 2022, to **Kaiti Reynolds Marinangeli '10** and John Marinangeli.

Vincent James Zacchero in August 2022 to Brad and **Tyler Kudravetz Zacchero '10**.

Timber Boone Hudson in March 2023 to Luke and **Kim Clemens Hudson '10**.

William Lyles Worthington IV in April 2023 to Billy and **Sami Ralli Worthington '10**.

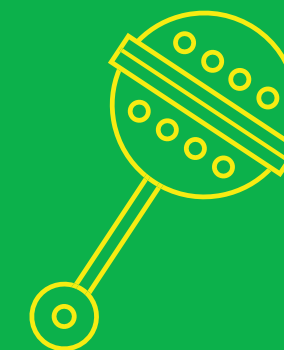
Josiah Gibbs on Feb. 18, 2024, to Jermaine and **Ashley Day Gibbs '12**.

Lewis Edmund Williams on Feb. 23, 2024, to **April Tuggle M.S. '15** and Blair Williams.

Maya Niemetz on Jan. 1, 2023, to **Taylor Niemetz '16**.

Luke Hodge in October 2023 to **Kristen Loyd Hodge '16** and Darius Hodge.

Noa Jane Stapleton on May 20, 2024, to **Desi Sweeney Stapleton '20** and Ben Stapleton '20.



Learning for Independence program. “I really enjoy working there, especially knowing that I am making a difference and seeing how much the students miss me if I’m out for one or two days. I also enjoy working at Walt Whitman High School since there are two other Green Terror alumni. One is the principal, **Rob Dodd ‘93, M.S. ‘02**, and the other is assistant football coach **John Floyd ‘06**. I am still one of the co-leaders of the Montgomery County, Maryland, alumni chapter with **Maureen Carroll Martin ‘86**, and have enjoyed events at the Lone Oak Brewing Company, in Olney, Maryland. I also enjoyed seeing alumni, President Julia Jasken, and admitted students, in November, at the Stanford Grill, in Rockville, Maryland, on admitted students’ night. I also enjoyed seeing alumni at the annual event at Brookside Gardens, in Wheaton, Maryland, to see the holiday lights. I look forward to seeing alumni at future Montgomery County, Maryland, alumni events as well as at Homecoming this fall!”

Tom Quirk retired from the Baltimore County Council in late 2022 after 12 years of public service. He is enjoying having only one full-time job now and has worked as a financial advisor for the past 30 years. He runs a company called Retirement and Investment Group and ranks in the top 1% of advisors in the nation. Forbes has listed Tom as a “Best-In-State Wealth Advisor” since 2020. Tom is fortunate to have many retired professors, active professors, and founders alumni as clients and close friends. **Dave Weaver ‘91**, who is married to **Sue Parker Weaver ‘92**, works closely alongside Tom as the chartered financial analyst on staff. Tom and Heather live in Oella, Maryland, with the family. He still keeps in active touch with ‘92 classmates **Brett Cohen** and **Niccolo Amodeo**. In Tom’s spare time, he enjoys being with family and friends, exercising, reading, hiking, the Center Club, and visiting Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, and Acadia National Park, Maine.

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1992 Class Reporters*

1998

After graduating from McDaniel, **Michael Cummings** headed south to Savannah, Georgia, to attend the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD). In addition to receiving his Master of Fine Arts in Illustration from SCAD, Mike also met his wife, Julie, at the college. Mike and Julie continue to live in Savannah with their two children, Carter, 16, and Izzy, 13. In summer 2023, **Dan Shattuck** and his wife, **Jessie Belz Shattuck ‘99**, along with their sons Oslo and Zeke visited the Cummings family in Savannah. Mike said the two families had a wonderful time and look forward to getting together again. In addition to reuniting with Dan, Mike said that in fall 2022, **Bryan Wyant ‘97** reached out to some of the McDaniel men’s basketball alumni for a Zoom session. **Will Marshall ‘98, M.S. ‘05; Paddy Taylor**

‘99; Jeff Cree ‘00; Brian Billman ‘99; and Mike joined on the session and had a great reunion.

Nathan Henry proudly reported that his wife won an R.E.B. Award for Teaching Excellence. Also in 2023, after multiple delays due to the pandemic, graduations, and life, Nathan and his wife traveled to Dresden and Munich, Germany, to follow his wife’s grandmother’s life during World War II, in which she served as a nurse. Nathan said that it was a great experience to walk the grounds of the hospital in Dresden where his wife’s grandmother worked; amazingly, the hospital is still standing. The couple also enjoyed seeing the history of the country. On the home front, Nathan reports that he and his wife are officially 0-2 for sending their children to McDaniel. The couple’s son, Liam, signed to play football for Franklin & Marshall; so once again, they are a house divided. Nathan is still holding out hope their third child will choose to attend McDaniel. The Henry family continues to live outside of Richmond, Virginia, and is enjoying all that the area has to offer.

A highlight of **Jennifer Hess’ 2023** was her trip to Maryland to visit **Elena Tilli Shiffert** and attend the Class of ‘98’s 25th Reunion at McDaniel. On that visit, Jennifer and Elena also celebrated the 20th anniversary of getting their Ph.D.s from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Jennifer reported the two had a great time, full of fun and reflection. During the academic year, Jennifer still teaches at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she has been promoted to the rank of professor. She also serves as the chairperson of the Department of Biology and Health Science, is the director of the Insignis Honors Program, and is co-director of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Scholars Program, which supports students from underrepresented populations as they pursue STEM careers.

Stephen Manger’s career path in the supply chain industry has changed dramatically in the last few years. In 2021, Steve switched from a teaching role to a presales role, and in 2023, he joined a new company called Blue Ridge. Even though he has only been with Blue Ridge for a short period of time, he really enjoys working with the people and technology at the company. Steve also had an opportunity this past summer to work part time as a kayak guide on the Potomac River. When he is not working, Steve has had a great time participating in alumni activities, such as the events sponsored by the Montgomery County Alumni Association and Homecoming. Steve also really enjoyed reconnecting with McDaniel alumni at the 25th Reunion last summer and looks forward to seeing everyone at our 30th Reunion.

The beauty and serenity of the forested mountains of West Virginia attracted **Jonathon Shacat** and his wife, Mara, to the land of wild and wonderful. They now reside in a historic house, built in 1870, in the town of Capon Bridge, West Virginia.

Christian Wilwohl still lives in Providence, Rhode Island, where he is the dean of global education at Providence College. Christian enjoyed reconnecting with classmates, as well as Dr. Christianna Leahy, at

the 25th Reunion last year. When Christian is not working, he enjoys running and spending time with his partner, Jim, who joined him at the Reunion. Christian also is excited to report that he is in the process of establishing a scholarship at McDaniel for study abroad.

As for me, I’m delighted to report that in November 2022, I married my longtime boyfriend, Derek, in a very small ceremony attended by our families. I felt so blessed to have my father and sister, **Dr. Danielle Grandrimo ‘96**, walk me down the aisle. The day was unusually warm for November, so we enjoyed a gorgeous outdoor ceremony with sunny skies and a light breeze. On the work front, I still am an associate general counsel at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). In particular, I am the deputy chief of the Office of General Counsel’s Mission Center and Operations Division, where I help lead a team of attorneys who provide legal guidance on all operational activity conducted by the CIA. When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and playing recreational league soccer.

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2004

Brian Martinenza is an owner of Service Unlimited, a commercial HVAC contracting firm, in Wilmington, Delaware. This is his 20th year with the company and his fifth year on the board. He is also the 2024 chairman of the Delaware Chapter of Associated Builders & Contractors. Brian reports that he is an active member of Caesar Rodney Rotary Club with his wife of 18 years, Katie. Their four children — Avery, 16; Easton, 14; Bennett, 12; and Sutton, 9 — volunteer with them frequently. Brian keeps in touch with **Jamin Bartolomeo ‘03** and **Kelly Norris ‘01**.

Elizabeth Wantz Chaney, M.S. ‘10 is in her 20th year teaching for Carroll County Public Schools. She is married to Jeff Chaney, and they have three beautiful teenage children. She resides in Taneytown, Maryland.

Lyndsay Bare Kuzmak lives in Finksburg, Maryland, with her husband and four kids (ages 7 to 11). She reports that the kids keep them busy with their extracurricular activities! Dr. Kuzmak owns and operates her family and cosmetic dental practice, LK Dental, LLC, in downtown Westminster. She remains active in the Maryland State Dental Association (MSDA), serving this year as MSDA’s vice president. In addition, she has been elected this year as one of MSDA’s alternate delegates to the American Dental Association’s 2024 House of Delegates.

John Reagan and his wife renewed their vows and celebrated their 10-year wedding anniversary in Turks and Caicos with their three sons by their side. John is still in the health care industry, working as an administrator for a neurosurgery group. The couple is busy cheering on their sons during all their activities, which include drums, piano, basketball, soccer, and tae kwon do. Everyone had a blast at Disney World recently.

Beth Chaney and her husband, Noel Schively, continue to live in Catonsville, Maryland. They adopted a pandemic pup, Paloma, who has stolen their hearts and their socks.

Lauri Gann Greenberg reports that last year her family relocated to Rockville, Maryland, for her husband’s job after 10 years in Carroll County. “We are all adjusting well to the more hectic and urban lifestyle,” she says. “But not the traffic!” Lauri left the field of psychotherapy and is teaching part time at a private school and doing event planning for young families. She is pursuing a degree in elementary education with hopes of becoming an education consultant. She says, “When I am not Ubering my children all over town and working, we enjoy spending time at our second home on the Eastern Shore, and we try to go there monthly as a break.” Lauri loves spending time with **Karen Whelan Koelemeyer ‘05, M.S. ‘11** and her family on various outings!

Ryan Melhorn, M.S. ‘13 is in his fourth year as the secondary social studies supervisor for Carroll County Public Schools. As part of this role, Ryan is building community partnerships by serving on the outreach committee for the Historical Society of Carroll County and as the co-chair of the Carroll County Celebrating America Committee to plan events and programs that acknowledge Carroll County’s role in history. On March 22, 2023, Ryan and his wife, **Cristen Callegary Melhorn ‘07, M.S. ‘15**, welcomed their third child, Mckinley Blake Melhorn. The older siblings — Emersyn and River — are fulfilling their roles as big sister and big brother well. Ryan and his family also welcomed a new golden retriever puppy named Hash (after Hashawha) into their family after the loss of their almost 12-year-old golden retriever, Jaco. Ryan is still involved with his fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, and hosts a monthly social networking gathering each month called First Thursday with the Phis at Covalent Spirits in downtown Westminster. In the little free time that Ryan has in between work and family, he enjoys cycling and getting outdoors for his physical and mental wellness.

Katherine Brown Ross ‘48 of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on May 22, 2022.

Jonas Eshelman ‘50 of West Palm Beach, Florida, on Jan. 25, 2023.

Leona Frock Dell ‘50 of Westminster, Maryland, on Jan. 31, 2024.

Mary Katherine Wills Albrittain ‘51 of Faulkner, Maryland, on Jan. 3, 2023.

Dr. Marian Benton Tonjes ‘51 of Albuquerque, New Mexico, on Sept. 17, 2023.

Jacqueline “Jackie” Brown Hering ‘51 of Westminster, Maryland, on May 11, 2024.

Helen Wiley Millar ‘52 of Bedford, Massachusetts, on Dec. 18, 2022.

Katharine Wiley Pearce ‘52 of Manteo, North Carolina, on Feb. 22, 2024.

Sarah Hering Day ‘52 of Silver Spring, Maryland, on Feb. 23, 2024.

Barbara Winters Lambert ‘53 of Bel Air, Maryland, on Aug. 28, 2023.

Harold McTeer Jr. ‘53 of Seaford, Delaware, on Jan. 22, 2024.

Don Bomgardner ‘54 of Atlanta, Georgia, on Jan. 30, 2024.

Janet Cross Berends ‘54 of Bel Air, Maryland, on May 17, 2024.

Edith Kagle Bowers ‘55 of Reisterstown, Maryland, on Feb. 18, 2023.

Bernard Silbert ‘55 of Redmond, Washington, on April 28, 2023.

Philip Lawyer ‘55, M.Ed. ‘65 of Westminster, Pennsylvania, on Jan. 26, 2024.

Kenneth Hammond ‘55 of West Chester, Pennsylvania, on Jan. 31, 2024.

Lewis Cavender ‘55 of Newark, Delaware, on Sept. 27, 2023.

Charles “Chuck” Smith Jr. ‘57 of Shingle Springs, California, on Dec. 1, 2023.

Herbert Sell ‘57 of Littlestown, Pennsylvania, on Jan. 26, 2024.

George “Bill” Slade, II ‘58 of Westminster, Maryland, on March 15, 2024.

Raymond Wright ‘58 of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on March 25, 2024.

Dr. Cleveland “Pete” Bateman ‘60 of Washington, D.C., on Aug. 6, 2023.

Dr. John Bowen ‘60 of Hilo, Hawaii, on Dec. 7, 2023.

Powell “Bob” Anderson ‘60 of Henrietta, New York, on Jan. 10, 2024.

Ruth Richards Summers ‘60 of York, Pennsylvania, on Feb. 1, 2024.

The Rev. Robert Harris ‘60 of Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, on March 25, 2024.

LTC (Ret.) Carson Lankford Sr. ‘60 of Seneca Falls, New York, on May 1, 2024.

Dr. Margorie Engel ‘65 of Catonsville, Maryland, on Dec. 19, 2023.

Harvey Lempert ‘65 of Baltimore on March 15, 2024.

Marlin Michaels ‘68 of Manchester, Maryland, on April 10, 2024.

Yyetta Brehm ‘65 of Little Rock, Arkansas, on April 29, 2024.

Dr. Martha Moore ‘71 of Little Rock, Arkansas, on Jan. 15, 2024.

Arthur Blake Jr. ‘71 of Betterton, Maryland, on March 25, 2024.

Mildred “Millie” Hartzell Bankert M.Ed. ‘71 of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on March 29, 2024.

Charles Gardenhour Sr. ‘71 of Cheverly, Maryland, on April 12, 2024.

Shirley Chace M.Ed. ‘71 of Brunswick, Maine, on April 24, 2024.

Dr. Karen Canoles Moore ‘72 of Las Vegas, Nevada, on Jan. 24, 2024.

Arthur Jenne M.Ed. ‘73 of Westminster, Maryland, on Dec. 13, 2023.

John “Jack” Brownley Jr. ‘73 of Columbus, Ohio, on March 3, 2024.

Benjamin Higgs III ‘74 of Strasburg, Virginia, on Dec. 9, 2023.

Linda Sixx Shields ‘74 of Emmitsburg, Maryland, on Feb. 7, 2024.

Richard Blucher Jr. ‘74 of Oslo, Norway, on May 22, 2024.

Jeremiah “Jere” Lynch ‘78 of Snow Hill, Maryland, on May 25, 2023.

Dr. Paula Leonard Gumaer M.Ed. ‘80 of Blue Ridge, Georgia, on Sept. 9, 2022.

William “Bill” Coolahan ‘80 of Lewes, Delaware, on March 11, 2024.

Linda Palmer Myers ‘80 of Berlin, Maryland, on March 27, 2024.

Susan Witman ‘80 of Walpole, Maine, on May 3, 2024.

Marthalie “Martie” Peddle Furber M.Ed. ‘81 of Walpole, Maine, on Dec. 10, 2023.

Lisa Potocki Brown ‘81 of Ellicott City, Maryland, on May 14, 2024.

Robin Garland Bair ‘84 of Columbia, Maryland, on May 25, 2024.

Jeanne Hoffhines Zoulias ‘92 of Westminster, Maryland, on March 12, 2024.

Virginia Lehr Covington M.S. ‘93, M.S. ‘97 of Westminster, Maryland, on Feb. 12, 2024.

Lori Pope Fay ‘93 of Simpsonville, South Carolina, on Feb. 13, 2024.

Matthew Hoppe ‘97 of Parkton, Maryland, on Feb. 18, 2024.

Justin Lavis ‘98 of Columbia, Maryland, on Feb. 28, 2024.

L. Patricia “Pat” Ross Ruchlewicz ‘99, M.S. ‘03 of Sykesville, Maryland, on Aug. 21, 2022.

Joseph Haggard M.S. ‘03 of Lexington Park, Maryland, on March 6, 2024.

IN MEMORIAM

JACQUELINE “JACKIE” BROWN HERING ‘51, CLASS REPORTER

Jacqueline “Jackie” Brown Hering ‘51 died on May 11, 2024, in Westminster, Maryland. Until her death, Hering was still serving as the class reporter for her graduating class, a volunteer position she started in 2001. For 23 years, she kept her classmates connected to the college while gathering updates on their lives to publish in her regular class column in *The Hill*. In addition, she received the College Service Award in 1987 for her dedication to serving on various committees over the years and was named Alum of the Year in 2003. We thank Jackie for her dedication to her class and to *The Hill* over more than two decades.



Mark Gorman and **Libby Wallace Gorman** in Westminster, Maryland, several times per year, whenever they're able to get back to Maryland from Chicago.

Jessica Stinnette Shreve and her husband moved back from West Virginia to York, Pennsylvania, where she is a family medicine physician. The couple now has two children, Alexander and Abigail. They are all busy in sports, traveling to various national parks and keeping busy on their homestead where they have a large garden, fruit orchard, chickens, and a bee apiary.

Lauren Wilson Troha lives in Falls Church, Virginia, with her husband, David, and their two sons, Ian, 7, and Will, 5. She works for Ernst & Young where she leads human capital consulting work for the federal government. In her spare time, Lauren enjoys running, reading, and spending time with good friends, including **Liz Bryan Babby '03**. She can't believe 20 years have passed since graduation!

Beth Harper and her husband, Andy Craig, welcomed their second daughter, Keira Harper Craig, in August of 2022. Beth says that big sister Anya is loving her new role! In November 2023, Beth left her corporate job to pursue freelance graphic design and illustration full time at Beth Harper Design and is loving the creativity she gets to bring into her work and the excitement of running a small business. In her spare time, she continues to enjoy playing music and going to lots of shows with friends and family.

Karin Kauffman Geraci and her three children, Dominic, Josie, and Gio, moved to Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, in April 2023. During that same time, Karin took employment with Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired as their teacher of students with visual impairment (TVI). She also staffs the low-vision clinics for Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical

Center in cooperation with Clovernook Center. Karin earned a master's in education for visual impairment in 2000 and has been a practicing TVI since. Her family stays busy with sports and hobbies of all sorts, travel — including Disney World and Topsail Beach, North Carolina — and renovating their home.

Andy Burrows reports that he is currently a branch chief at FEMA, working in Resilience — which he says most people would think of as preparedness. He lives on a 10-acre hobby farm near Warrenton, Virginia. He recently started a side business maintaining roads, driveways, and parking areas for farms and homes in that area.

Christopher Assing reports that he lives in Maryland and after teaching theatre for several years, is now a high school assistant principal in the same school district that he graduated from.

Mark Gorman and **Libby Wallace Gorman** moved back to Westminster in June 2022 for Mark to begin a new pastoral appointment at Calvary United Methodist Church in Mount Airy, Maryland. Libby started a new job that year as the library media specialist at Northwest Middle School in Taneytown, Maryland. They and their four kids have settled into life in Westminster with the kids involved in theatre, music, baseball, and Young Life. Kids and parents all traveled to France in summer 2023, where they reunited with friends and family while splitting time between Paris, Amboise, Dijon, and Arles. Libby also started a J.D. program online through Vermont Law and Graduate School last fall. They are happy that friends **Chris Drupieski** and **Jennie Callas '03** make time to visit whenever they are in Maryland, and they enjoyed seeing **Rachel Taylor** for the first time in many years in fall 2023.

Justin Simon and his wife, Kayla, reside in Timonium, Maryland, with Joel, 5, and Palmer, 2.

Justin continues to own and operate Driven Media Group in Hunt Valley, Maryland, and started a software and SMS business for the automotive industry in mid-2023. The couple purchased a vacation home in the Bayside Resort in Delaware and look forward to spending downtime on the golf course and by the pools.

Tom Marshall reports that he and his wife packed up the crew and settled in Easton, Maryland. The family grew with the arrival of a fourth member, a sweet baby girl born in October 2023. Last year, the Radiology Business Management Association unveiled a series of accolades, among which Tom was honored to receive the prestigious National Changemaker Award for 2023. This recognition stands as a pinnacle moment in his professional journey to date.

Tyler Wright and his wife, Tracy, are raising their three daughters in Baldwin, Baltimore County, Maryland. He reports that his three girls keep them very busy with their activities, which include soccer and lacrosse. Tyler was recently promoted to regional president for Shore United Bank's Annapolis and Baltimore region. He enjoys reuniting every year with many members of our 2004 class to celebrate and honor **Dan Waeger**.

Tyler Wright and **Tom Marshall** provided an update for the late **Dan Waeger**: Dan's wish for his National Collegiate Cancer Foundation lives on! The fund has issued 750 scholarships and raised \$750,000 over 19 years. Join us to celebrate this milestone at the 20th Anniversary Waeger Cup Golf Tournament on Oct. 6, 2024, at The Links in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. If you are unable to attend, you are welcome to make a donation to support a scholarship fund for college students contending with cancer: <https://collegiatecancer.org/donate/>. Waeger Will Win.

As for me, **Katie Champion Riley**, I accepted a new job two years ago as vice president of communications for the Alliance for Aging Research, an organization dedicated to improving the universal human experience of aging, based in Washington, D.C., My husband, Rick, and I celebrated 15 years of marriage with a bucket list trip to Key West, Florida, in 2022. Our kids — Rickey, 14, and McKenna, 11 — keep us super busy with their sports and activities, several of which we also enjoy coaching. We recently rounded out our family with two rescue puppy adoptions: Brody, 4, and Beau, 1.

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2010

In April 2023, **Samantha “Sami” Ralli Worthington** welcomed William Lyles Worthington IV, named after proud father, Billy, whom she married in 2020.

Saum Sami, M.S. '12 got married in August 2022 and has two kids, Jude, 4, and Sophia, 1. Saum has been with Washington Academy and High School in Princess Anne, Maryland, for the past six years, where he currently teaches U.S. history and coaches softball.

Kim Clemens Hudson is still working as an art therapist and addiction and trauma therapist based out of Annapolis, Maryland. As if that wasn't enough, Kim put her talents to work and started a new art side business, called KimSY Art, that combines mixed-media prints and crepe paper flowers. She sold items at the First Sunday Annapolis Art Festival in 2022, and we hope to see more soon. She and her husband also welcomed baby Timber Boone in March 2023.

Marzak Ahmed celebrated 10 years at NCQA last year. Earlier this year, his efforts were rewarded with a promotion to senior representative, enabling him to take on more leadership at his workplace. Marzak still resides in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and was able to visit campus for Homecoming for the first time since the pandemic, writing, “It was nice seeing so many new and diverse faces among the student body.”

Maria Clark Hawn has not only earned her M.B.A. from Shippensburg University with a concentration in business analytics but also now has two human resources certifications. This has led to the creation of Maria Hawn Consulting, where she assists companies in general business and human resources management. In her spare time, both she and her husband, Mark, are active volunteers at Littlestown Elementary School, where their daughters Grace and Anne both attend. Can we squeeze in another leadership role? We sure can, as Maria is also the PTO president! The family enjoys spending time together and taking family trips.

Back in June 2022, **Amy Kachel** was diagnosed with stage III breast cancer. She underwent pretty rigorous treatment, including seven rounds of chemotherapy, 25 rounds of radiation, one hysterectomy, and two mastectomies exactly one year apart from each other. Thankfully, Amy is now officially in remission.

Amelia Reiniger Markosian has been promoted from teaching to being the science, STEM, gifted and talented, and local accountability coordinator for Kent County Public Schools. And not one to back down from a challenge, she is also working on her doctoral degree through Bowie State University, with an anticipated completion date sometime next year. She is still very close with **Ellen Larson, Kirstie Menzies Miller, M.S. '14**, and **Alison Rose '11**, and makes it a point to see them as often as possible. “I miss all my McDaniel Ultimate Frisbee people so much and look forward to reunions!”

Tyler Kudravetz Zacchero has worked for Bozzuto Management Company for the past 10 years. Now residing in Lutherville, Maryland, with her husband, Brad, the two welcomed their son Vincent James in August 2022, joining their expanding family that includes two big dogs. Tyler also battled head and neck cancer throughout 2023, but is now in remission. Happily, this means that Tyler and her family hope to travel internationally soon, something she enjoys doing with her husband.

Lia Snow McNeil, M.S. '12 teaches in Hoke County Schools, North Carolina, where she has been able to teach at many different grade levels in elementary school. Her unwavering

commitment to her work has paid off, as she was recognized as Teacher of the Year at Sandy Grove Elementary School and Hoke County Schools in 2020, and then again at the school level in 2023. Lia and her husband, DeMarius, have four children, with the newest addition arriving in August 2023. Lia still shares her melodic singing voice within her community, singing with a gospel choir, and also helping to bring the arts to the schools in her district.

Frannia Bryant, M.S. '14 is still working as a school counselor, now with Calvert County Public Schools, where she is in her second year. Frannia still meets up with **Lyndley O'Dell Andrews '09, M.S. '12** for the occasional lunch and catching up on McDaniel memories.

As for me? It has been quite the ride since the last column! After three great years in Texas, I took the opportunity to move back east and accepted a position as the assistant director of college counseling at Westtown School in West Chester, Pennsylvania, a lovely Quaker boarding school in a great town. Before moving back east, I took the time to have some adventures, including being a bridesman for **Kacey Decker '09's** wedding in Ocean City, Maryland, to husband Jeff, which of course meant spending time with other bridal party friends, **Amanda Brady '09** and **Amy Faby Chowdhury '09**. But as soon as I made it to Chester County, I was welcomed with open arms by **Nicole Cahill Jordan**. I then discovered quickly that **Brittany Cooper Taylor** and **Daniel Taylor** also live in the borough! Then, to my further pleasant surprise, **Kay Dixon** also made the move to town, and I now have a regular happy hour partner. Being east has also meant being closer to other McDaniel friends, like heading to Baltimore to see **Adina Oved**, or a simple drive to New Jersey to see **Christina Hinkle Pasquarella '09**, or continued adventures with **Amanda Gushard-Edwards '09**. While I might miss the warmer weather of the Lone Star State, I have to admit that being closer to friends and family has been wonderful, and my new role at Westtown has been quite possibly my most fulfilling. I look forward to making more memories with McDaniel friends, so if you ever find yourself in the Philadelphia area, please feel free to let me know!

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2016

Wicsten Loyd Hodge and her husband, Darius, welcomed their first child, Luke, in October 2023.

Nick Tzenov has stayed in Westminster, Maryland, since graduation, spending the past four years working at Kohn Creative as the lead photographer for Carroll Magazine. He is also an adjunct instructor in McDaniel's Cinema department, a position he's held since 2019, and teaches a few classes per year at Carroll Community College.

Danielle Fatzinger moved to Glasgow, Scotland, where she earned her Master of Letters degree in Celtic Studies at the University of Glasgow. She stayed for her doctorate, writing her thesis on “the contents and context of a corpus of four late 17th-century Scottish Gaelic manuscripts copied by the scribe Eoghan MacGilleoin (Hugh Maclean).” Currently, she is a team leader in learning and teaching administration at the Adam Smith Business School. When she's not working or doing research, she enjoys baking, fiber arts, and spending time with her partner and pet gecko.

Clarissa Balint spent four years teaching ESOL at Wheaton High School in Montgomery County, Maryland. Currently, she lives in Metz, France, where she teaches English at a top engineering graduate school, and is loving life abroad!

Taylor Niemetz recently beat breast cancer, finishing active treatment in 2023. That year also marked her fifth year working in foster care. She has one daughter, Maya, who turned 1 on Jan. 1, 2024. Maya is super healthy and has been a blessing in her life.

I, **Kelsey Mannix**, earned my Master of Journalism degree from the University of Maryland in December 2020, with a concentration in sports broadcast journalism. I moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, in February 2021 where I was a news reporter/fill-in anchor for two years at FOX 55. In March 2023, I moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where I'm currently a sports reporter for KMTV 3 News Now (CBS affiliate). One of the highlights so far was covering Volleyball Day in Nebraska, an outdoor volleyball match in Memorial Stadium at the University of Nebraska; it set a world record for attendance at a women's sporting event (92,003). It was definitely one of the most emotional days of my career, seeing how many people care about not only volleyball, but women's sports in general. I'm looking forward to what's ahead in my second year in Omaha!

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2022

After graduation, **Jyoti Duwady** moved to Washington, D.C., to start her audit career at PricewaterhouseCoopers. She is enjoying her time at the firm and living in the nation's capital. She finished her second busy season in audit within the firm's health industries sector. She also became a certified public accountant in January 2023. In her spare time, she enjoys visiting the Smithsonian museums and hopes to visit them all!

Gillian Scott Olson is currently working for Carroll County Public Schools as a second grade teacher. She is married to **Tim Olson '23**.



KRYSTIE ADAMS HERNDON '84 is academic advisor expert in the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana University Bloomington. Her proudest achievements are 38 years of marriage (and counting) to her sweetie, Timothy, nearly 36 years of motherhood to three amazing adults, and finishing her doctorate in Higher Education in 2021, before turning 60 in 2022.

FAMILY MEANS CONNECTIONS

BY KRYSTIE ADAMS HERNDON '84

Entering college wasn't as scary for me as for most freshmen for one reason: I brought my identical twin sister, Audrey Adams Bigelow '84, with me. During our college search, our mom requested that we attend the same school, as she couldn't bear the thought of having her heart in two places. We chose McDaniel — formerly Western Maryland College (WMC) — for many reasons: beautiful campus; in-state school for our scholarships; far enough from home to enjoy weekends on campus without guilt; and everything we both wanted to study.

Growing up as the kids of a high-achieving Black Army officer, Audrey and I were used to being the only Black students in many classrooms, so we hit campus with our usual right-hands-extended, meet-and-greet flair.

While Audrey found her footing as a four-year ROTC scholarship cadet, I joined the performance group Sounds of Silence, and we both discovered Admissions tour guides and campus choir. We also made lifelong friends through InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Sharing the same faith helped us maintain friendships that feel as close as family. Our offspring have become friends; Audrey is godmother to one friend's firstborn; and my husband and I continue to support another friend whose ministries have carried her all over the world. Attending WMC allowed my sister and me to hone our connecting superpowers, which have stood us in good stead for the past 40 years.

Working with and living among military families and college students, Audrey and I have developed a concept of family that extends across generations and geographical boundaries. Audrey spent over 20 years as an Army officer and Army spouse, moving over half

a dozen times. At each location, she immersed herself in the military chapel system's Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) ministry, the local Catholic congregation, and her two sons' schools. She continues not only to create and maintain relationships across the world through PWOC and cantoring for Catholic mass, but she also mentors young military mothers, works as a public library page, and leads the second alto section of the prestigious City Choir of Washington, D.C., all alongside caring for family members in the Baltimore-Washington area.

While I've been at Indiana University Bloomington for the past 37 years, I have helped fledge hundreds of college students out into the world. In the past 17 years as an academic advisor, I have mentored dozens of colleagues to be inspiring professionals, while also acquiring dozens of "bebes" beyond my own three grown kids. Thanks to Nancy Turner Parlette '82, I have become a LinkedIn maven to keep in touch with the alums I have influenced across the College of Arts and Sciences. Because of that, alums from more than a decade ago still contact me regularly for encouragement and guidance in their mid-career lives.

I'm sure Aud would agree with me that our time on the Hill helped our hearts expand to see that family transcends blood, time, and proximity, and garners new growth with each new acquaintance.

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I was a member of the EDGE Experience and a CollegeBound Scholar. I joined the Black Student Union and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. My experience was, I think, better than my mother’s because I had a force behind me. I had a deeper sense of belonging.”

— Ki’Juana “KJ” Land ’22

Read more about Land continuing her mother’s legacy on the Hill on page 14.