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Ashley Day '12 is the founder  
of Women Leading Baltimore,  
a nonprofit mentoring  
organization serving young  
Black girls in her hometown  
of Baltimore.

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## Julia Jasken named 10th president of McDaniel College

Executive Vice President and Provost Julia Jasken has been unanimously selected as the 10th president of McDaniel College. Jasken is only the second woman to serve as president in the college's history. Her tenure will begin on June 1.

"Having a visionary leader who already understands the pressing priorities of the institution and has a demonstrated commitment to moving forward the college's focus on cultural pluralism, anti-racism, climate change, as well as other critical campus initiatives that are currently underway, including the beginning of the college's strategic planning process, has outweighed any benefit of undergoing a national search," Board Chair Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Otto J. Guenther '63 wrote to the community in December.

Jasken has dedicated nearly her entire professional life to higher education and McDaniel, and she has been a champion of both the liberal arts and our student-centered mission. For the past eight years, Jasken has assumed increasing responsibility in administrative positions, most recently as executive vice president and provost, overseeing both academic and student life on the Hill.

"I have developed a deep love of and appreciation for this community comprised of dedicated students, faculty, staff, alumni, and trustees—each of whom meaningfully contribute to the fulfillment of McDaniel's student-centered mission," Jasken wrote. "I can think of no greater honor than to be selected as McDaniel's 10th president."



## New entrepreneur-in-residence joins Program in Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Jennifer Yang has been named the entrepreneur-in-residence for McDaniel College's newly renamed Program in Innovation and Entrepreneurship, formerly known as The Encompass Distinction.

Yang provides instruction and business strategy advice to students in the program. She also assists students who are interested in competing in McDaniel's annual Entrepreneurship Competition, where students present their entrepreneurial ideas and products to a panel of experts for the opportunity to win a top prize.

Yang has more than 23 years of strategy, management, and technology consulting experience working with CXO-level stakeholders at Fortune 50 companies, startup ventures, and federal agencies. Yang's career began at American Management Systems, where she worked with companies in the com-

munications and media industry. In 2005, Yang joined a startup consulting company, Battle Resource Management Inc., that grew into a 100-plus person company. She also is a founding member of multiple entrepreneurial ventures, including Inflexion LLC, TasteBuds Events LLC, Teardrops to Rainbows (nonprofit), and, most recently, Covalent Spirits LLC, a craft distillery located on Main Street in Westminster, Maryland.

McDaniel's Program in Innovation and Entrepreneurship is open to students in any major at McDaniel and combines courses, off-campus learning experiences, and mentorship by entrepreneurial alumni of the college, allowing students to gain broad-ranging skill sets required for enterprise management. McDaniel students also can choose minors in Entrepreneurship and Marketing.

For more information, visit [www.mcdaniel.edu/innovation-entrepreneurship](http://www.mcdaniel.edu/innovation-entrepreneurship).

## Campus welcomes two new trustees

McDaniel College named two new members to its Board of Trustees in December 2020.

Jin Kang of Great Falls, Virginia, is president and CEO of WidePoint Corporation and serves as a director of the company. A serial entrepreneur, Kang has more than three decades of professional experience in mergers and acquisitions, corporate management, technology management, business development, and financial management in information technology. With a successful operations track record and proven ability to drive growth and maximize profitability of an organization, Kang is a recognized expert in the field of trusted mobility management for both the public and private sectors. Kang has held senior management positions with several of the world's leading technology corporations as well as key leadership positions on high-profile government programs. Kang obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in Computer Science and Computer Systems Management from the University of Maryland.

Susan C. Stevenson of Ashland, Massachusetts, is a 1985 alumna of McDaniel (formerly Western Maryland) College with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry and a minor in Biology. She participated on cross country, lacrosse, outdoor track, and intramural sports teams as well as served as a member of Phi Alpha Mu sorority and the Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society. With more than 30 years of experience in drug discovery in the development of multiple therapeutic modalities, Stevenson prioritizes mentoring to support the next generation of scientific leaders. She supports diversity and inclusion initiatives and employee resource groups focused on developing cross-cultural awareness and advancing women in leadership positions. Stevenson earned a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, followed by a post-doctoral fellowship at Columbia University in New York. At McDaniel, she will serve as a member of the academic and campus life and audit and risk committees.

### SAVE THE DATE

Look for a special invitation to join our 10th president, Julia Jasken, on Tuesday, June 1, for a special virtual welcome message as she shares her vision for McDaniel. The event will be broadcast through YouTube Premieres from the McDaniel College YouTube channel at [youtube.com/mcdanielcollege](https://youtube.com/mcdanielcollege).

## New National Security Fellows Program expands students' career opportunities

As threats to national security increasingly invade American lives, the need for professionals in every field with the knowledge and analytical skills to respond to these risks has never been greater. McDaniel's new National Security Fellows Program gives graduates an edge in a surging market of high-paying jobs in private corporations, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies.

The fellowship pairs with any program of study, supplementing and enhancing students' majors and minors with a value-added credential relevant to their career, says National Security Fellows Program Coordinator Francis Grice. Professionals with a firm grounding in national security are in demand in accounting, cryptology, computer science, world languages, business, transportation, criminal justice, psychology, sociology, statistics or actuarial science, government, foreign service, and more.

"The program has been crafted to provide students with robust knowledge, skills, and experience in national security as well as the ability to specialize in an area of interest, such as interstate conflict, intrastate political violence, cybersecurity, ethics, and human rights," says Grice, who is an associate professor of Political Science and International Studies and a recognized scholar in the field.

Selected through a competitive application process, National Security Fellows complete 34 credits by graduation in addition to co-curricular requirements such as organizing and attending events. The credits include one required course, Essentials of Security Studies; six credits of pre-professional experiences such as security simulations, internships, research assistantships, and independent studies; and 24 credits of relevant electives from Political Science as well as Computer Science, History, Philosophy, Sociology, and others.

Fellows receive a \$250 grant to spend on a national security-related event or project during their junior or senior year. They benefit from dedicated national security advising and guidance and may participate in foreign service preparatory sessions.

For those who are interested in national security but don't want to commit to it on the level of the fellows program, there's a second option to sign up as an affiliate to receive information about events, job and internship opportunities, and professional development activities.



## Rose Mercier M.S. '14 is new director of human resources

Rose Mercier M.S. '14 has joined McDaniel College as director of human resources. In this role, Mercier is responsible for all human resources functions, including employee relations, labor relations, recruitment, training, compensation, benefits, record keeping, and legal compliance. Mercier previously served as the human resources manager at the Allegis Group, the largest privately-held staffing company headquartered in Hanover, Maryland, for the past seven years. There, she oversaw the unemployment claims team and the custodian of records team that serviced all 50 states, in addition to serving as the designated liaison to the executive leadership team for the inclusion and diversity council for Allegis.

In addition, Mercier serves on the board for the Conflict Resolution Center of Baltimore County, a nonprofit that provides mediation, conferencing, and conflict resolution services. She graduated with a master's degree in Human Resources Development, now Human Resources Management, from McDaniel in 2014 and completed her undergraduate work at Florida Atlantic University. She also obtained the Society for Human Resource Management-Certified Professional (SHRM-CP) certification, which is the pinnacle achievement in certification for the human resources profession.

## McDaniel and Johns Hopkins Carey Business School unveil joint degree program

McDaniel College and Johns Hopkins Carey Business School have announced a collaboration to offer a combined bachelor's and master's degree program starting in fall 2021.

The new 4+1 program will include a bachelor's degree from McDaniel and a master of science degree in either Finance or Marketing from Carey Business School, which has campuses in Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

McDaniel undergraduate students who wish to enter the program would apply in their junior year and complete two graduate courses (for four credits) during their senior year. After completing a bachelor's degree in any undergraduate major from McDaniel, students would begin to earn the remaining 32 credits of the required 36 credits of graduate-level coursework at Johns Hopkins. They would do the work online or at a Carey Business School campus.

Students in the new program will have the opportunity to enhance their graduate degrees with STEM concentrations in Financial Econometrics and Marketing Analytics.

Completing the two graduate courses during their senior year at McDaniel enables students to finish the M.S. degree program at Carey in two semesters (fall and spring), rather than in the more typical three semesters (fall, spring, and summer).

Julia Jasken, executive vice president and provost at McDaniel, said, "This new partnership with the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School offers our undergraduate students, particularly in our Economics and Business Administration department, the opportunity to earn two degrees in an accelerated timeframe."

Alexander Triantis, dean of the Carey Business School, said, "We're pleased to take part in this exciting initiative offering McDaniel students the chance to earn a business degree from Johns Hopkins University. We at Carey look forward to working with the McDaniel community and welcoming their outstanding students in this new undertaking."

More information about the programs available at the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School can be found on the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School website at [carey.jhu.edu/programs/admissions/undergraduate-students](http://carey.jhu.edu/programs/admissions/undergraduate-students).



## McDaniel College recognized for excellence in grounds maintenance

The Professional Grounds Management Society® (PGMS®) has recognized McDaniel College for excellence in grounds maintenance.

The college received an Honor Award from PGMS in the 2020 Green Star Awards® competition. This is the fourth time that McDaniel has received the award in the university and college grounds (mid-size- 200-499 acres) category for exceptional grounds maintenance.

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

# Lasting Lessons *A Fond Farewell*

By President Roger N. Casey

In early fall of 2009, I made a stealth visit to the Hill, desirous of seeing firsthand the college described by a search consultant as a place he felt might be the “perfect fit” for my interests and talents. Three months later, while traveling with my wife, Robyn, on the Mekong River in Laos, I received a call from then-Board Chair Marty Hill and Search Chair Mary Lynn Durham officially offering me the ninth presidency of McDaniel College. Halfway around the world, Robyn and I began our migration to the place we now call home by ringing the bell of a local Buddhist monastery in unison with trustees ringing Old Main Bell in Westminster, Maryland.

Thus began an 11-year journey. When I started the job, I was well aware of McDaniel being one of the “Colleges That Change Lives.” But perhaps as important, I now know that you are the lives that change this college. For that, and more, I must thank you: for your friendship, counsel, support, gifts, sympathy, humor — an endless list. Robyn and I have been honored daily by the opportunity to be part of this community. And what an opportunity it has been, especially over the past 18 months.

In January 2020, when I first heard the phrase “novel coronavirus,” I assumed “novel” meant “new.” I now believe the meaning of “novel” is better aligned with the one more common to the vocabulary of this English major. Who could have envisioned this past year more than a novelist? Fact is stranger than fiction, and since March 2020 my colleagues and I have rewritten the book on how a college looks and operates, navigating each day with health and safety as priority number one.

As Michelle Obama said at the 2012 Democratic National Convention: “Being president doesn’t change who you are, it reveals who you are.” I certainly feel that truth personally; but moreover, this past year has revealed to an even greater extent the remarkably caring community of McDaniel.

Over this past decade, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our extraordinarily gifted trustees, staff, faculty, students, alumni, and friends, McDaniel became U.S. News & World Report’s No. 1 Best Value College in the North and part of the prestigious Princeton Review. Despite the pandemic, we reached our highest undergraduate enrollment ever, breaking the long sought-after 1,800-student mark. Our two most recent first-year classes were the largest ever and reflect America’s diversity with roughly 50% students of color. We achieved these numbers in part by awarding approximately \$50 million in financial aid and launching our educator, military, and alumni legacy scholarships, making McDaniel College even more affordable for middle-class families.

We raised well over \$100 million and broke the \$150 million endowment mark to finance such projects as the Roj Student Center, Kenneth R. Gill Stadium, the Gill Physical Education Learning Center, McTeer-Zepp Plaza and Fountain, a renovated Hoover Library, and significant campus beautification, maintenance, and sustainability projects. The McDaniel Commitment

became our signature academic program, employing the Center for Experience and Opportunity to ensure that every undergraduate has significant real-world experiences to complement their personalized study through the McDaniel Plan. And those students can now study more than a dozen new majors and graduate programs supported by mentoring from hundreds of distinguished alumni, or they can attend our Budapest campus at a rebranded McDaniel Europe.

The accolades continue to mount. Our Board of Trustees received the John W. Nason Award for Board Leadership, the highest honor in American higher education. Numerous students have been awarded nationally competitive Fulbright and Gilman Scholarships, and our athletes have not only been named All-Americans on the field but academically, and with four Arthur Ashe Fellowships as well.

In addition, people in higher education know the name McDaniel more than ever before. I have served the college by chairing the Centennial Conference, the Maryland Independent College and University Association, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and by sitting on the board of the American Council on Education, the highest educational governing boards in our country.

Recently, I was named a Maryland Icon and an Influential Marylander by The Daily Record. I don’t feel iconic (ironic, maybe?). And I don’t feel especially influential. But I do feel fortunate, and I do feel deeply honored by the opportunity I have had over the past 11 years to serve this college and community as McDaniel’s leader. Unfortunately, the pandemic has taken away my chance to shake each of your hands to express my deepest gratitude for the privilege.

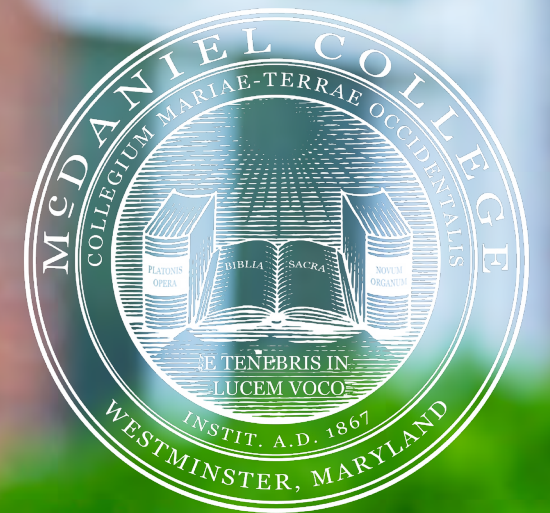
However, McDaniel’s alma mater certainly got it right: “College ties can ne’er be broken.” Robyn and I will always love the Hill and know you will always keep climbing higher and seeing farther.

In my first letter to the McDaniel community, I wrote: “Great things lie ahead for McDaniel.” I thought it was true then, but I know it is true now. How do I know this with certainty? It’s in great hands. Yours. Thank you for everything.

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*Thank you for everything.*

# on location

*Sights worth a second look*

## Roj Student Center unveiled

In August, the newly renovated Roj Student Center was unveiled to welcome students back to the Hill for the fall 2020 semester. The \$11 million renovation modernizes McDaniel's student center located in the middle of campus and includes brand-new student spaces, as well as offices for the Center for Experience and Opportunity, Office of Student Engagement, and Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Here, we break down some components of the middle level of Roj that make it the heartbeat of campus.

1. The new Hilltop Pub brings a fresh, fast-casual restaurant with modern conveniences such as iPad ordering, where students can order smoothies, rice and grain bowls, wraps, salads, and more.
2. Modern booths and tables offer a convenient location for students to grab a bite to eat and catch up with friends.
3. Monitors and TV screens around the student center provide a way for the McDaniel community to keep up to date on special events and other campus announcements, or plug in their devices for ease of working on presentations with groups or watching favorite movies and TV shows.
4. A wall of windows overlooking Westminster's Main Street reminds students of the larger community they are a part of.
5. Bright and modern furniture in a variety of styles — most of it modular and easily moved — gives students plenty of options to study, collaborate, hang out, watch TV, and host club meetings and events.
6. Outlets and charging stations are available all over the student center, allowing students, faculty, and staff to stay connected without draining their batteries.
7. Chairs with swiveling table tops mean students can set up a work station without missing a beat when they need a change of scenery from their residence halls or the library.
8. Counter-height tables provide ample work space for group projects and planning meetings.
9. Attractive dividers help absorb sound and create a separation between spaces in the otherwise open-concept layout.



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**HOW A HEART FOR FAMILY  
 AND COMMUNITY  
 BROUGHT A NEW BREWERY  
 TO CARROLL COUNTY**

Littleton, Colorado

**BY LINDSAY SHERMAN**

Photography by Tae Kerney



**M**ike McKelvin '88 has a knack for starting businesses right before the world falls apart. After a career winding its way through broadcasting, emergency management, sales, waterproofing, and home accessibility, McKelvin bought a construction company in 2008; six months later, the housing crisis happened.

Fast forward 12 years and he and his family finally got to open the doors to their new brewery and taproom in February 2020, only to have the COVID-19 pandemic shut those same doors just three weeks later. "But if there's one thing I know how to do," he says, "it's how to plan." And plan he did.

Those plans (whether plan A, B, or sometimes even C) have given McKelvin a life leading two thriving businesses, keeping his family and his community at the forefront of everything, no matter how many times he has to redraw the plan.

McKelvin vividly remembers sitting around a table with friends at Old Westminster Winery in the summer of 2017 when the idea for a family-owned brewery in Carroll County came to mind. He called his cousin, Zac Rissmiller, a successful brewer out in Colorado and pitched the idea to him.

"Zac had just medaled at the Great American Beer Festival for a Hefeweizen. Watching the owners of Old Westminster Winery all work together, I thought, 'We can do this here,'" McKelvin says.

But Rissmiller wasn't so sure. "He said 'no' right away. He goes, 'The beer laws in Maryland are too difficult. If you wanted to do it in Pennsylvania or Virginia, I'd do it. But not in Maryland.'"

McKelvin thought that was the end of the story. But that December, Rissmiller called him back and asked, "Are you really serious that you want to do this?" McKelvin didn't hesitate.

That's how the dream of a family-owned business was brought to life over a phone call 1,623 miles apart — and brought 1623 Brewing Company to Maryland.



**FAMILY-OWNED,  
 COMMUNITY-DRIVEN**

**FAMILY OWNED:**

Mike McKelvin tries not to pick favorite beers, just like he wouldn't pick a favorite child (after all, both of his daughters work at 1623 with him). But one beer holds a special place in his heart.

McKelvin Cypress Reserve is an Irish red ale that his cousin, Zac Rissmiller, brewed as an homage to their family's origins in Northern Ireland. The McKelvins came to the U.S. through Georgia, so the Cypress Reserve ale is infused with cypress wood from Georgia.

**COMMUNITY-DRIVEN:**

One of the ways 1623 tries to stay community driven is by donating a portion of sales to local charities. In November, the brewery donated \$5,000 each to the Carroll Hospital Foundation and Susan G. Komen Maryland. "The community really allowed us to stay open and to be profitable during a really hard time," says taproom general manager Carrie Nevius '16. "Because of that, we have to give back." Each month, the brewery holds a different fundraiser to benefit an area organization and do as much outreach for the community as it can.



Left: Mike McKelvin '88 had a home-brewing operation for a couple years in the mid-1990s. At the time, he didn't dream of owning one of Maryland's largest breweries. But that's exactly what happened when he opened the doors to 1623 Brewing Company in Eldersburg, Maryland, in February 2020.



## CONTRACT BREWING AND DISTRIBUTION DEALS

Once they had a name and a plan, Rissmiller and McKelvin started talking to other breweries in Maryland about the possibility of pursuing contract brewing until they had a space to brew, package, and distribute on their own. In September 2018, Baltimore brewer DuClaw Brewing helped them brew their first beer; by November, they'd worked out a distribution agreement

with Chesapeake Beverage.

At the turn of the calendar in January 2019, McKelvin had negotiated distribution deals with three distributors in Maryland and they began to think about looking for locations for a brewery and taproom. "We started out somewhere between a seven-barrel and a 15-barrel brewing system," McKelvin says. "We wanted small-scale

distribution and a nice taproom where you could come hear a guy play acoustic guitar. Then distribution took off." Quickly, 1623 went from selling 200 to 300 cases per month to 1,500 to 1,800 cases per month — before ever signing a lease on a brewery. So, the location search criteria shifted. "We were always coming to Carroll

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County with this. Despite the fact that while I was at McDaniel, I swore I would never come back to Westminster, my wife and I moved here in 1994 and haven't left," McKelvin says, remembering his home brewing operation that only lasted from 1995 to 1997. "We knew we were going to build it out here, it was just a matter of exactly where."

After several months and checking out multiple possible locations, the McKelvin family broke ground in June 2019 on the location in Eldersburg to build out a 30-barrel system with the capability of double batching. That means 1623 can currently brew 60 barrels at a time, or 5,000 barrels per year. And that's just a start.



## WHAT'S ON TAP?

Looking for an idea of what kind of beers to expect at 1623 Brewing Company? Whether you're looking for a classic or a special brew, there's a little something for everyone. Stop in for a taster, half pour, full pour, or grab a crowler or a four- or six-pack to go.

### THE CORE FOUR:

- 1623 IPA
- 1623 Pilsner
- 1623 Hefeweizen
- 1623 Stout

### SOMETHING SPECIAL\*:

\*Not an all-inclusive list. As a true craft brewer, many of 1623 Brewing Company's specialty brews are seasonal or on rotation. McKelvin says in 2021 the brewery will distribute an additional 10 beers and brew about 20 others that will only be available at the taproom.

- GnarleyBurg (West Coast IPA)
- Cow Lick (a salted caramel milk stout)
- Peanut Butter Honey Time (a peanut butter honey milk stout)
- A Long Winter's Night (an orange ginger and maple seltzer)
- A La Mode Nitro (a white chocolate cherry cream ale)
- Yellow Brix Road (an El Dorado hopped double hazy IPA)
- Lupulin Comet (double IPA)
- Dirty Blonde (a chai white stout)
- BA Old Proper (barley wine aged in Templeton Rye Whiskey barrels)
- Sinking Ship (a coconut Baltic porter)
- On The Fly (a brown ale)
- The Dean (an Italian Pilsner, dedicated to Baltimore sports broadcaster Vince Bagli, who gave McKelvin his first job after graduation)
- Talusman SmaSH Lager (a lager with flavors of pink grapefruit, dried roses, and pine)



Above:

1. The 30-barrel system at 1623 has a double-batching capacity, meaning the brewery can put out about 5,000 barrels of beer per year. An upcoming expansion will increase that to 15,000 barrels per year.
2. Having a canning line already in place at the brewery and taproom in Eldersburg meant that 1623 Brewing was able to pivot to curbside and to-go beer distribution without delay during the COVID-19 shutdown.
3. True to McKelvin's initial vision, 1623 regularly hosts live music in the taproom to entertain guests while they enjoy their beers.





## A GRAND OPPORTUNITY

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WE NEEDED THE COMMUNITY. AND APPARENTLY, THEY NEEDED US, TOO. WE'RE BUILDING SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL DESPITE COVID-19. SO MUCH SO THAT OUR THREE-YEAR PLAN FOR THE BREWERY HAS BECOME A 10-MONTH PLAN.”

On Feb. 22, 2020, the McKelvin family could not have dreamed of a better outcome for their grand opening weekend. “You couldn't move in here. It was amazing,” McKelvin says. “We probably turned well over 1,500 people through this room in three days. We had a line going up the road, as late as 8:30 p.m., on our first night.”

At the grand opening, McKelvin remembers being struck by a speech the head of the Maryland Brewer's Association gave ahead of the ribbon cutting: “He said that 1623 would be the fifth-largest brewery in Maryland. I was a little bit nervous then.” But with the community turning out in the numbers they did, McKelvin and Rissmiller thought everything would be smooth sailing from there.

Less than a month later, the brand new, fifth-largest brewery in Maryland — along with all the others in the state — was forced to close its doors to comply with COVID-19 lockdowns. “The only thing I know how to do is plan,” McKelvin says again. “I came in the following week and called a staff meeting. I told them we were going to prepare everything as if we were going to reopen on June 6 and that we were going to separate the room out to 50% capacity. In the meantime, we were going to pump up our to-go beer operation and pump up our friends in the food truck industry.”

Over 13 weeks of being shut down, his plan worked. “We had people tailgating outside,” McKelvin says. “They were buying to-go beer, buying food from the food trucks,

setting up chairs in the parking lot. They kept us alive.”

When the governor allowed outdoor service to resume in May, McKelvin went right to the liquor board to get approval for outdoor drinking. They set up tables everywhere they could — enough to safely seat 300 people — and once again, had customers waiting in line to visit the brewery.

“We needed the community. And apparently, they needed us, too,” McKelvin says. “We're building something that is going to be successful despite COVID-19. So much so that our three-year plan for the brewery has become a 10-month plan.”



Above: The McKelvin family — Cameron, Sandy, Mike, Jordan, and Jordan's fiancé, Tom Sapp — always envisioned 1623 Brewing as a place for family and community. Mike can often be found behind the bar chatting with guests, who feel welcome to bring their children and dogs to enjoy companionship, food from local food trucks, and, of course, craft beer.

Check out bonus video content at [mcdaniel.edu/magazine](http://mcdaniel.edu/magazine) to meet Mike McKelvin and get an inside look at 1623 Brewing Company.





## BIGGER AND BETTER

This year McKelvin, Rissmiller, and the entire 1623 family — which includes 27 employees, six of whom are full time — will triple their brewing capacity with an expansion of their current site. “We’re moving into a tier of breweries that doesn’t exist,” McKelvin says. “We’re very fortunate that in the worst possible time to start a business, we have unbelievable support from a community of beer lovers and the communities of Eldersburg and Sykesville.”

As of March, 1623 distributed to the entire state of Maryland and 34 counties in Pennsylvania, with plans to move into Northern Virginia and Delaware to become a true Mid-Atlantic brewery. By 2022, McKelvin’s goal is to be talking with distributors in New York, Ohio, and North Carolina.

McKelvin has taken a lot of inspiration from the model that Tom Kehoe ’88, founder and president of Yards Brewing, has built his business on. “Tom is a sizeable, regional brewer, and that’s where we’re headed,” McKelvin says. “It will take a little bit to get there, but we can do it. And I look forward to the day that Tom and I can work together on a 1623 and Yards collaboration brew in

honor of our Western Maryland/McDaniel days.”

Just as he’s come back to his Carroll County roots, McKelvin will always hold true to his mission, which is on every beer can they distribute: “Family-owned, community-driven.” Whether working on a collaboration beer for his alma mater (he already has a name for it: “Tailgate on the Hill”), partnering with the Jonathan Ogden Foundation, supporting the Eldersburg Rogue Runners and local youth sports, or holding special events just to raise spirits in the community, McKelvin knows his family’s business wouldn’t have succeeded without that focus.

The brewery regularly has food trucks on site, hosts “Bends & Brews” yoga classes, live music and trivia nights, and puts on special events. “We did a dog costume party at Halloween, and that one scared me,” McKelvin says with a laugh. “That may be the closest we’ve come to a super-spreader event. I had no idea that many people would show up. That and hosting Santa here for kids to safely visit with him before Christmas were the kinds of morale-boosting events we all needed

in 2020.”

For a guy who reluctantly came to school on the Hill and swore he’d never return to Carroll County, Mike McKelvin has built quite a life here. “I wish I would have understood at 19 years old; stupid kid didn’t understand what he had in front of him at the time,” he says. “Now I know that McDaniel was the framework to start building something bigger, better all the time. It was way later in life that I realized how much it helped me and how those little bits and pieces that I thought were insignificant weren’t.”

And McKelvin wants everyone to know it’s never too late to learn the lesson. After all, he’s the man whose businesses survived their first years during the recession of 2008 and the pandemic of 2020.

“You don’t realize what you’re learning at McDaniel. You don’t realize what you’re learning in a financial crisis. You don’t realize what you’re learning in a pandemic,” McKelvin says. “If you just take a second, take a breath, and make a plan, you’ll be all right.”



## A THIRST FOR LEARNING A PASSION FOR COMMUNITY

Growing up on a dairy farm in Carroll County, Carrie Nevius ’16 is no stranger to hard work, overcoming challenges, and working around the clock to learn everything she could. Those are characteristics that have made her a huge asset to 1623 Brewing Company as its taproom general manager.

“I was a dairy farmer until I was 26. All through college, I worked on the farm in the morning and then went to classes starting at 9 o’clock,” Nevius says. “I love to learn and I couldn’t decide on one thing, so I studied History. I could learn about art, culture, agricultural systems, business, and our founding fathers all in one degree.”

When her family got out of the dairy industry, Nevius was looking for something else she could be equally as passionate about. “The brewing culture was that for me. It’s very seasonal, just like agriculture, and you use a lot of local ingredients,” she says. “You also meet a lot of really cool people and it’s just a really fun job.”

Nevius started out working with fellow alum Mike McKelvin in February 2019 as a regional sales manager for the young beer company. “As we grew, Mike gave me the opportunity to move within the company,” Nevius says. “I chose the taproom because it’s the best part of sales. I get to talk to people every day and see their wonderful smiles when they drink our beer.”

Of course, shortly after the taproom opened in February 2020, the state of Maryland shut down indoor service the day before one of the most important days in a brewer’s business: St. Patrick’s Day. Nevius, never one to shy away from learning new skills to overcome a challenge, immediately pivoted operations to implement curbside service. “I had online ordering and curbside up the very next day for St. Patrick’s Day,” she says. “We just kept rolling with it.”

Her quick thinking and ability to build an online store overnight is a large part of the reason 1623 survived a 13-week shutdown without having to lose a single employee.

“Our team here in the taproom is very important to me. They’re like family and I’m proud that we didn’t have to lay anybody off,” Nevius says. “A couple of our employees who have full-time jobs stepped away to provide hours for those that really needed the money. But everybody was able to come back once we opened back up, and we’re still growing.”

From a shared alma mater to shared values, it’s clear that McKelvin and Nevius have this brewing business and its role in the community figured out.

“The community we’ve built here has been phenomenal,” Nevius says. “We’ve learned so many people’s names and where they come from, and they really rallied around us. They were here as soon as we offered curbside and as soon as we reopened the doors. We wouldn’t be here without them, and they are why I come to work every day.”

*Left: Taproom General Manager Carrie Nevius ’16 and Mike McKelvin ’88 share more than just a love of craft beer. Their shared alma mater, family values, and dedication to community are the heartbeat of 1623 Brewing Company.*



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## Ashley Day '12 is building the program she wishes she'd had as a young Black woman in Baltimore

Ashley Day recalls that when she began her college search, she figured she would probably attend a school in an urban area, like her hometown of Baltimore. "I live and breathe the city," she says. The 2012 Political Science graduate had never heard of McDaniel College before her high school boyfriend enrolled, and she sure didn't think that was where she would end up: "I wasn't looking for a small school, and I didn't want to stay in Maryland. But I decided to see what McDaniel was, figuring it could be a backup option."

That backup option ended up being four years of what she calls bootcamp to prepare her for the world outside of Baltimore—even if Baltimore has beckoned her home since graduation, allowing her to create opportunities for young Black women that she wishes she'd had growing up.

"Education and youth have always been at the root of every position I've held," Day says. "If it was not a part of the job description, I found a way to add it." From sixth grade teacher with AmeriCorps at Saint Ignatius Loyola Academy, to director of scheduling for the mayor of Baltimore, to business manager, program director, and college counselor in three schools in Baltimore, Day credits her career journey to the "phenomenal female leaders who gave me space to be creative and to make mistakes."

The first time she was really given that space was when she was director of scheduling for then-Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake. The staff was looking to create ways for the mayor to host events in the community, rather than just be invited to attend them. Out of that need came the idea for a one-day mentorship opportunity, pairing high school girls in Baltimore with women in various industries.

# The Power of a Woman

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN

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*Above: After girls who had attended her networking day under the Rawlings-Blake administration kept reaching out to her, Ashley Day '12 pulled together a focus group to see what they were looking for in a mentoring program. Day's insistence on providing the girls exactly what they wanted led to the creation of Women Leading Baltimore, a program she wishes she'd had access to as a teen growing up in the city.*

Day helped set up partnerships with five schools in Baltimore and asked them each to nominate five girls to participate in the inaugural event in March 2015.

“We asked that each school send us five girls who were specifically not the cream-of-the-crop students,” Day says. “We wanted to expose girls to women right here in Baltimore who were doing the work that they could aspire to be in, but that maybe they'd never considered before. We wanted to increase their exposure to opportunity as well as their confidence in seeing themselves in different roles.”

The 25 girls were paired up with 25 women in all areas of public service, from police forensics right up to the mayor herself. They spent the day shadowing their mentor, learning about what was involved in each role. The event was such a hit that it was repeated in 2016, with an added element of working on soft skills for the students.

“In 2016, we wanted to give them more one-on-one time with their mentors,” Day says. “We sent them to lunch with their women and gave them a chance to develop soft skills. For example, if someone is paying for your lunch, you probably don't order the steak with a lobster. But we also taught them that a lot of business is done over meals and drinks, so maybe you don't want to order a slurpy soup that will impede conversation.”

After the mayor decided not to seek re-election in 2016, Day moved on to work at Gilman School and she was still informally mentoring some of the same girls who had participated in the program those two years. She remembered how her four years at McDaniel were an open window into what possibilities she had as a Black woman that she'd never thought of before, and wanted to find a way to show other young Black girls in Baltimore the same.

By 2018, Day was working in her current position as a college counselor at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Baltimore, and she was starting to feel like this mentoring program could be something she continued on her own. “I still had all these ideas and the girls were asking for it,” Day recalls. “I tried to send them to other mentoring organizations, but they kept coming back to me.”

She had the opportunity to put the event on at Cristo Rey, but things weren't aligning the way she wanted them to, so she passed and knew that the time would come for it to be just right.

Then came 2019, when Day became a mother. “Being a mom to a little brown girl has presented a new perspective on the world, a deeper sensitivity to injustices, and a stronger commitment to my why,” Day says. “I am more mindful of the power of the words I speak over her and I have become more intentional with the girls I mentor, teach, and interact with.”

While on maternity leave in November that year, Day seized the opportunity afforded by some free time to finally put her passion project into motion. She went down to the state board to file for nonprofit status and figured that was a big enough item to check off the list: “I thought, ‘Well, now I can just sit and wait until they say yes or no.’”

What she didn't expect was a quick turnaround. On Dec. 7, 2019, she received approval from the IRS in the mail: Women Leading Baltimore was officially a nonprofit organization. “I guess now I really have to do the work,” she thought to herself.

She began by reaching out to the girls she was still in touch with from the mayor's networking events and asked them to participate in a focus group to help her figure out what they wanted and needed from a group like hers.



My biggest hope is that I can create Women Leading Baltimore to be more than what I had in high school,” Day says. “I used to think I had to wait for my opportunity. No. Every opportunity now should be leveraged to its fullest capacity. Helping these young women recognize that adults are willing to listen to them can be life-changing.



“The depth of awareness they had as 16- and 17-year-old girls? I was not there when I was their age,” Day says. At the end of that first meeting, she thought she’d just go home and figure out next steps. But the girls wanted to know, “When is the next meeting?”

And so, Women Leading Baltimore was in full swing, with a mission to “create space and opportunities for high school girls to embrace their power and authority through sisterhood, nurturing mentorship, and access to meaningful experiences.” Day began meeting with the girls monthly, but there was one other big idea that Day could not let go of.

Her fiancé, who is a photographer, had been working with a group called Black Menswear, who host what they call the Black Menswear FlashMob series, gathering men in suits across the country in an effort to change the narrative about Black men.

Day loved the idea of adapting it for Black women: “Showing up by choice, knowing that I’m going to share space with all these other women for no other reason than to show how powerful we all are individually — and together — and that we can take up the same space without anyone being forced to dim their own shine? That was the dream.”

Day decided to call the event The Power of a Woman, and encouraged women of color to come to Baltimore wearing jewel-toned professional attire to gather outdoors for a photoshoot showing how women can work together to create something strong and beautiful.

“Women get a bad rap, right? We’re often seen as catty or clique-ish,” Day says. “Sometimes you go to a networking event, but you don’t want to talk to anyone besides the women you came with. That wasn’t the case on this day.”

Day says that about 150 women and girls showed up for the event, coming from New York to Atlanta and everywhere in between, ranging in age from 7 to 87. “My 10-year-old niece was there and the first thing she said to me once it was over was, ‘I never knew women could be so nice to people that they don’t even know,’” she says. “When you see another woman, your goal should be to uplift her, empower her, have her back, and not compete against her. That day was probably the first time I’ve

experienced that in such a genuine way.”

The symbolism of that event — 150 women of color gathered in Baltimore City, wearing strong, vibrant colors, supporting one another and making connections — is the essence of Day’s vision for Women Leading Baltimore.

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That’s a lesson Day first learned attending an all-girls school, but was reinforced when she was a student at McDaniel attending Maryland Independent Higher Education Day in Annapolis.

McDaniel students have long been invited to participate in this day organized by the Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA). The annual event brings together more than 150 college students and administrators to celebrate funding of the Sellinger Program, which is the state grant program for eligible, nonprofit private colleges.

But it is often more than that. For Ashley Day, it was a day that reminded her how to use her voice for good.

“I was a little girl from Baltimore, I didn’t have any letters behind my name, and I wasn’t a big donor to these people,” Day says. “But meeting with my representatives to let them know how the Sellinger Program was allowing me to pursue my dreams pushed me to realize how important my voice is and how to get people to listen.”

Looking back on it, that experience reminds Day exactly why she chose the Hill for her education: “McDaniel meant opportunity for me, and that was even clearer in Annapolis that day,” Day says.

It set a foundation for Day’s career, which has always lived at the intersection of policy and education. “McDaniel was a small glimpse of life after college, specifically within politics, as a Black female,” Day says. “While I was in the minority demographically, I never felt forced to be anything other than who I was.”



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Above: Inspired by the Black Menswear FlashMob series, Women Leading Baltimore hosted a photoshoot for 150 Black women from New York to Atlanta, ranging in age from 7 to 87. The Power of a Woman event was meant to showcase that strong Black women can share space and support one another without an agenda. “When you see another woman, your goal should be to uplift her, have her back, and not compete against her,” Day says.



Sophomore Matt Wilson, Michele Reavy '94 Wilson, Tyler Wilson '95, and senior Mia Wilson are the definition of a Green Terror family. Michele and Tyler have made giving to Green and Gold a priority in recent years, paying homage to all four Wilsons' Green Terror athletics careers.

## Parents paying it forward

How — and why — parents of current and past students are investing in McDaniel's future

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN

If you've heard it once, you've heard it a hundred times: People love McDaniel because of the community. And it's not just students, alumni, faculty, and staff who feel that way. For many parents making the decision about where to send their children for four years, it's the most important factor. That's also exactly the reason many say they give to McDaniel while their children are enrolled — and continue to after they graduate.

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— Diana Kloorfain Smart, mother of sophomore Jane Smart

McDaniel Trustee Chris Newman '88 and his wife, Susan Shoumer '89 Newman, loved their own time on the Hill, so much that Chris has served as a member of the Board of Trustees since 2009. But becoming parents of a Green Terror added a new dimension to their loyalty as they've watched their daughter, junior Natalie Newman, become a part of the community.

“We are now a consumer of the ‘product’ that the board and administration are delivering, and we have enjoyed it,” he says. “We see and feel how authentic our faculty, staff, and leadership teams are. Parents should know that every decision we make as trustees is with our students in mind.”

Building a legacy is something that is especially meaningful for many McDaniel alumni, so when their children decide to attend the college, many alumni parents feel it is their duty to pay it forward.

“McDaniel has always been one of our favorite places to donate because it has given so much to our family,” say Tyler Wilson '95 and Michele Reavy '94 Wilson, parents of current students Mia and Matt. “School is expensive for both the institution and the student. If we give back, we help fund things to continue to improve the college.”

When their son was applying, he was eligible for the Alumni Legacy Scholarship, which is open to the children, stepchildren, and grandchildren of all McDaniel College graduates. The Wilsons see scholarships of all kinds as a phenomenal way to give back to the college that gave them so much and they have been consistent supporters of the Fund for McDaniel. But since they both played sports when they were Green Terrors — soccer



Sophomore Jane Smart and her mother, Diana Kloorfain Smart, enjoyed celebrating Homecoming 2019 together. It was the first time they had seen each other since the summer before Jane's first year, and Diana recalls that Jane was like a whole new woman after just half a semester at McDaniel.

for Tyler and swimming for Michele — and their son and daughter both play lacrosse, the Wilsons have been giving primarily to Green and Gold in recent years.

The sense of community that all four Wilsons found at McDaniel through Division III athletics has guided their giving. But what about those parents who are not alumni, yet still see the value in the education, community, and support services their children receive — or received years ago — from McDaniel?

“As a part of the McDaniel community, we believe it is important to support the college,” says Diana Kloorfain Smart, mother of sophomore Jane Smart. “We understand that tuition alone doesn't cover all of the college's expenses, and we are happy to do our part financially.”

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Smart vividly remembers when they knew McDaniel was the right place for Jane. It was the Friday before Admitted Student Day, and they had a meeting scheduled with Melanie Conley, director of Student Accessibility and Support Services (SASS). “She made all three of us feel comfortable and when we walked out of her office, we knew McDaniel College would be a place where Jane would thrive,” Smart says.

Smart says that when they returned to the Hill for Homecoming 2019, it was their first time seeing Jane after dropping her off for the Step Ahead program. “That summer, we dropped off a girl; on that October morning, we embraced a young woman,” Smart says. “Jane had a maturity and a confidence she didn’t have just two months earlier. We loved the feeling of community and being on the campus that day. Even though the Green Terror lost the game, it was clear that we had won.”

The support provided here on the Hill is well-respected and a common thread among the parents who continue to support the college through giving.

“We’re proud to support McDaniel because McDaniel recognizes that all students have different needs,” says Ricki Fisher, mother of Eli Fisher ’16. “Whether they’re from the inner city, have learning differences, have aged out of foster care, or are first-generation students, the college provides amazing resources. I want to make sure that other children have the benefit and the privilege to attend a place like McDaniel that offers them programs so they can succeed.”

Add to that the friendships that people form on the Hill and it’s hard to see why you wouldn’t support the college. “Eli’s best friends to this day are his friends from McDaniel,” Fisher says. “Two of them actually live in the same apartment building as Eli in Philadelphia now.”

One of those best friends is Richie Rutkin ’15, whose parents are also donors. His mother, Laura Rutkin, says that coming from New York City, her son experienced quite a bit of culture shock when moving into McDaniel, but he soon adjusted with the support of the community. “McDaniel is just special,” Rutkin says. “It’s a private school, but it doesn’t have a private school attitude. We couldn’t have made a better choice for Richie.”

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– Laura Rutkin, mother of Richie Rutkin ’15

Rutkin says her husband wears his green and gold regularly and the college will always be close to their hearts. “One of my best memories is of the first time we visited Richie on campus,” she says. “I could just see how much he had changed and how confident he was. He really was happy and flourishing. That’s all you want; you want your children to be happy.”

It seems many parents agree. During I Love the Hill Day this year, 18% of donors were parents. “Some people feel like if they can’t give a lot, their donation isn’t going to count,” Rutkin says. “But truly, any amount helps.”

## Looking for ways to get involved through giving or volunteerism?

Let us help you find the right fit! Contact us at [development@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:development@mcdaniel.edu) or 410-857-2250.

## Introducing the Parent and Family Council

Another way parents have recently been able to get involved at McDaniel is through the newly created Parent and Family Council, which the Wilson and Smart families have both joined. The Parent and Family Council serves as an important advisory group for college staff and administrators, as well as an opportunity for connection with current and prospective students and families.

“Families play an integral role in the success of our students, and our Parent and Family Council allows them to become even more connected with McDaniel,” says Janelle Holmboe, vice president of enrollment management.

The council is made up of a diverse cross-section of families and members who are chosen based on their commitment to both support and be actively engaged with the college. New parents and families are invited to join the council annually and serve for at least one year, with the potential to remain on the council as long as their child is enrolled as an undergraduate student at McDaniel.

“As alumni and now parents, we like that we are able to lend a voice that can look at the college from different perspectives,” says Tyler Wilson ’95. “It’s an exciting opportunity to help shape the college while our kids are there, and for the future.”

Council members are expected to attend two meetings each year; represent the council by hosting and attending events on campus and regionally to connect with other parents; participate in fundraising and consider making an annual leadership gift to the Fund for McDaniel; share information with prospective and new families by writing for the council newsletter, serving on parent panels, or posting in the McDaniel Parents and Families Facebook group; and share their personal expertise and skills.

“We are excited to spread the word in the New York City area about what a special place McDaniel College is,” says Diana Kloorfain Smart. “The Parent and Family Council is an amazing opportunity to become involved in the college on a more personal level.”



“When visiting McDaniel for the first time, I was really excited but nervous as well. There were so many questions running through my mind and so many emotions I experienced all at once. The McDaniel faculty, staff, students, and families quickly brought all of my discomforts to a halt. I realized from then on that Kobe was in the right place to pursue his educational goals and dreams.”

– Conchetta Comegys  
Mother of sophomore Kobe Morrison



“Living in New England, not many have heard of the wonderful opportunities that McDaniel has to offer. I would love to share our amazing experience as part of the McDaniel family with not only New England, but our beautiful country, and the world. In our family, we believe that ‘you turn back around and help the ones that follow.’ I would love to do that for any potential McDaniel family members.”

– Becki Kula  
Mother of first-year student Signe’ Kula



“McDaniel is a little-known gem in college education ... that has the diverse potential to attract Maryland’s best young thinkers. Parents and their influence, community-wide, can effect that positive change.”

– Harry Swayne  
Father of sophomore Christopher Swayne

**To learn more about the new Parent and Family Council, how you can join, or other ways to get involved on the Hill, go to [mcdaniel.edu/alumni/spirit/parent-and-family-council](http://mcdaniel.edu/alumni/spirit/parent-and-family-council).**

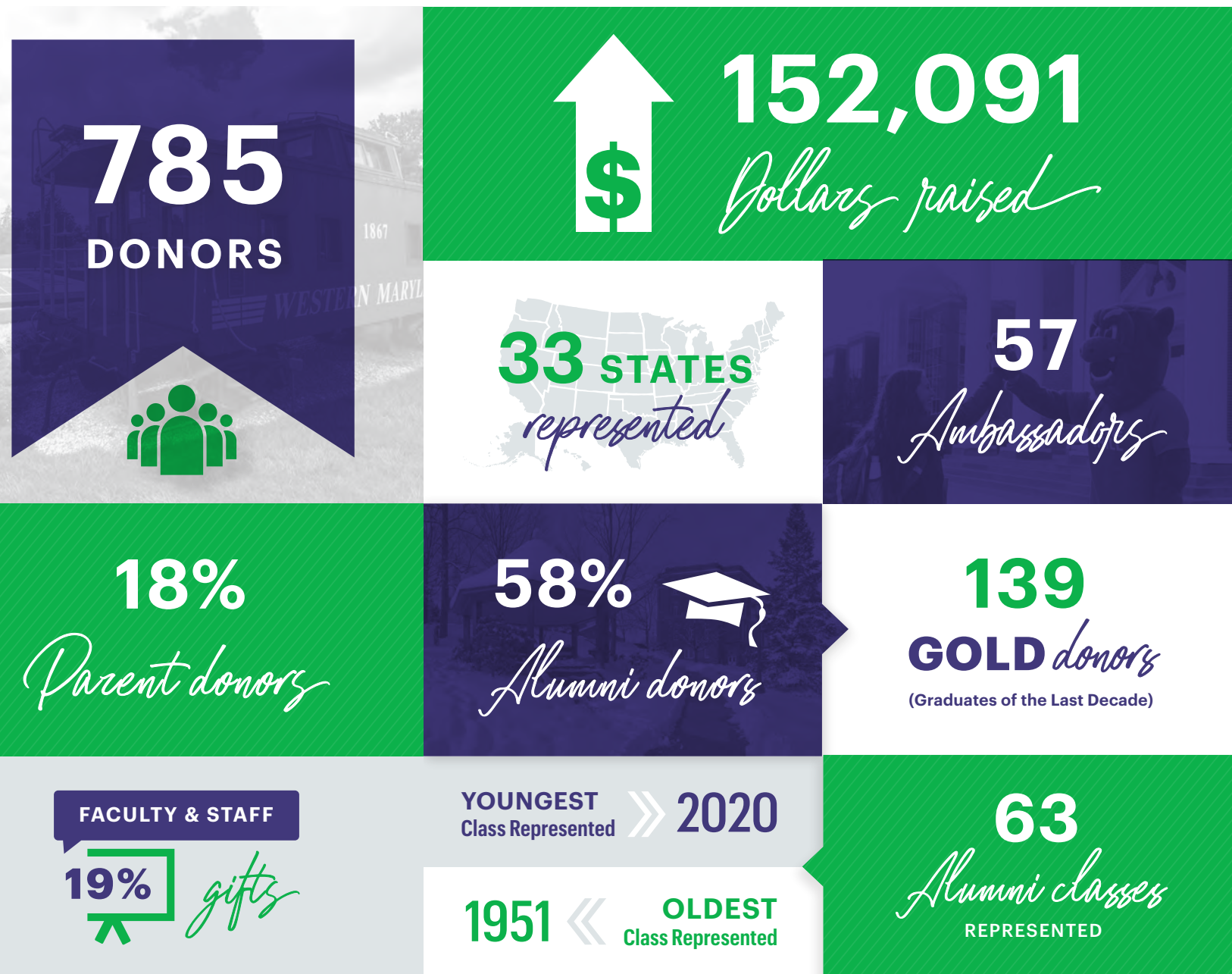
# I love the HILL DAY

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The last year has shown us just how important community is. On I Love the Hill Day, we came together to remind our students of the incredible Green Terror community they are part of. Together, we exceeded our goal of 725 donors, ensuring we can support every student on the Hill ... today and for years to come. In fact, we raised more than \$150,000 ... that's more funds than ever before on I Love the Hill Day!

With every step our students take on the Hill, they climb to new heights. Thanks to your generosity, they know they are never alone. Thank you.

## BY THE NUMBERS



First-year student Melissa Torres gives two thumbs up with the Green Terror on the third annual I Love the Hill Day on Feb. 23.



# alumni updates

Association news & class notes



VANESSA SANDERS

## 1941

**Annette Hutchins Wilfong** reached her 100th birthday in August, but the coronavirus kept her apartment-bound. She goes to the grocery store once a week, but has most meals delivered. She sends greetings from Solomon, Maryland.

## 1942

**Emily Linton Carnochan** is grateful to be living comfortably in a Frederick County, Maryland, retirement home. Her six children are supportive and keep her happy with eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She sends love to all from Adamstown, Maryland.

**Don Griffin** had his 100th birthday celebration in June. He still gets out and goes walking when the weather is good, but he doesn't get away from Lake City, Iowa, very often.

## 1943

**Eleanor Healy Taylor** writes that she had a good year despite all of the COVID-19 problems. She enjoyed a big Christmas with all of her family at her home in Glyndon, Maryland. Since last spring, she's virtually been in a "bubble." She does a lot of reading and has Zoom chats with many.

**Winifred "Winnie" Wareheim Conner** is still walking, talking, and patiently waiting for the "good ole days" of greeting family and friends with hugs. She is enjoying life working various types of puzzles and updating her hobby of stamp collecting.

## 1944

**Hattie "Alberta" Cross Decker**, was born on July 7, 1923, on a farm near Croom, Maryland. She graduated from University of Maryland in 1942. On May 5, 1944, she married fellow student Joseph Decker. He served in the Army Air Corps overseas during WWII. His three brothers Bill, Al, and Bud also served. They lived in Washington, D.C., and then on the farm where Hattie was born and raised. After brother-in-law Bill developed asthma, he moved his family to Glendale, Arizona, and in 1953, Hattie and Joseph followed and within a few years, the entire Decker clan lived in Arizona. When they were dating at University of Maryland, Joseph informed Hattie he wanted a family, and she agreed. He said he wanted a daughter to take care of his sons, and then he wanted a son. She agreed.

**Students spread love and kindness during a Kindness Crayon Painting event in February. The "kind signs" were created through the Infinite Love Project, whose mission is spreading kindness one heart, one sign at a time.**

# alumni updates

**Mary Ruth O’Kelly ’48 Elseroad** has stayed in touch with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren thanks to photos shared on Facebook Portal.

Being the gal she was, she asked if there was anything else, and he informed her he wanted identical twin sons born on his birthday. Before leaving the D.C. area, she gave birth to a daughter, Linda, on Jan. 3 and a son, Rex, on Oct. 23. On Joseph’s 35th birthday (Oct. 11, 1955), Hattie gave birth to identical twins, Curt and Carl. All four kids married after completing college. The three sons gave them 10 grandchildren. Joseph died July 7, 2017, at the age of 96. Hattie is still at home enjoying her 97 years. She is very healthy but currently recovering from a couple of falls late last summer. Curt and Linda have an office in her home, so she does not spend much time alone.

## 1946

**Peggy Davis Hiss** is looking ahead to being 97 years young. A cane, walker, and medicine keep her going. She has lived in the same Towson, Maryland, apartment for 17 years. Her daughter, who lives in Monkton, Maryland, does all of her shopping. She is ready for the virus to be behind us.

## 1948

**Dorothy “Dot” Scott Atkinson** does not go anywhere because of the virus. Her son, Dale, lives with her and does the shopping. Her son, Bill, has had five bypasses. So, at the age of 94, she is taking care of him. She’s been homebound since March 13, 2020, and it’s been hard to do, but it’s been safe from the coronavirus.

**Don** and **Sara Lee Larmore ’50 Brohawn** are in good health. They talked by phone with **Homer “Soup” Campbell ’50** in Georgia and his wife **Esther “Es” Gross Campbell ’54**. They are enjoying sunsets on the beautiful Nantucket River. They hope to return to campus in the spring.

**Mary Ruth O’Kelly Elseroad** writes that even with the restrictions of COVID-19, 2020 was filled with many blessings. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren have been a constant blessing with many pictures on Facebook Portal. She is so thankful for good health and prays that they can stay safe until the vaccine is readily available.

**Clara Garlock MacNamee** shares that life has been exciting. Every November, she conducts health camps in Nepal. They built a hospital there 10 years ago. Most of the year, she enjoys being north of San Francisco with her sailboat and pet birds.

**Anna Hess McLean** talked to her roommate, **Dorothy Scott Atkinson**, and her sister, **Mary Ellen Hess Fritz Meyn ’51**, by phone. Mary Ellen lives in Ligonier, Pennsylvania. Her son, Bill, lives at home and takes care of her with help from Sandy who lives 30 min-

utes away in Annandale, Virginia. They get together with her other three children every Saturday on Zoom. They look forward to in-person visits after COVID-19.

**Mary Dexter Tompkins** has been living in Timonium, Maryland, for two years in an assisted living facility. It’s very nice with fun people. She thinks so often of the happy (but war times) spent at college. Fondest regards to any remaining classmates!

## 1949

**Gladys Turner Bodnar** is doing well and has been living in Bettendorf, Iowa, for the past 10 years. She celebrated her 93rd birthday in October. She has two married sons, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

**Tom Doolittle** has been having anything other than an engaging social year. All of his jazz joints are closed, and lunch and dinner colleagues of past years remain closeted. He plays tennis three times a week with competitors 30 years his junior, leaving him in wonderment as to why they put up with his ineptitude. But, all is well as he remains undeservedly fortunate as are his extended family members down to his great-grandchildren. He leads an active mental and physical life so he must forgo complaints. Tom sends greetings to all members of all classes.

**Don Egner** is doing fine in White Marsh, Maryland. **Edgar “Ed” Hammersla** continues living a quiet life with his wife in Riderwood Village, in Silver Spring, Maryland. They read on their Kindles and take short walks. He remembers the happy times on the Hill more than 70 years ago.

**George Hankins** is in good health and enjoying life in Middle River, Maryland. He sends greetings to his fellow classmates and other alumni.

## 1952

Many thanks to those of you who took the time to send a bit of news! It is difficult to have news with lockdowns and quarantines to limit our visiting friends, not to mention traveling. It is the time that we are changing our residences to more convenient living or to be near our families. For whatever reason, it is a period of change and combined with the pandemic, life is different.

**Ward Glasby** reported that his “wonderful, faithful, and loving wife of 67 years,” **Betty Lou Brandenburg Glasby**, passed on Nov. 6, 2019. She had seven great-grandkids and many friends. Ward works three days a week, golfs two days, and leads Bible studies.

**Ina Grice Bourdon**’s husband, David, writes that they moved to Centreville, Maryland, as many of us spend most of our time at home except for getting

groceries and meds. Their boat was in repair so they weren’t even able to sail last summer. They look forward to seeing everyone at the next reunion.

**Audrey Myers Buffington** has been in and out of the hospital and rehab facilities since last summer for cancer surgery and then a broken thigh. She is now permanently in an assisted living residence at Somerby’s in Franklin, Tennessee. Stay well, Audrey!

After a 2019 trip to Africa to visit her granddaughter in Kenya where she did a safari, **Mary Hawkins Hackman** spent her getaways at Bethany Beach, Delaware, and a long weekend in the Berkshires in upper New York State this year. She has family close enough to visit when properly distanced and masked, as is today’s rule. Mary was sad to report that her college roommate of all four years, **Nancy Walker Molesworth**, passed away in November 2020 following a fall. They’d stayed friends through the years, visited when they could, and talked often on the phone. “She was a very special friend and I will truly miss her. College ties ...”

I am trying to get used to living without **Bill Marks** ... it is not easy. I never dreamed this would be. Our children are very attentive and they take turns visiting, which is a big help. Zoom gets me to club meetings, to church, and to church meetings. The phone keeps me “in touch” with the outside world while I spend most of my time at home — something I wasn’t used to doing! We are all just waiting for the promised vaccine to come so we can “spread our wings!”

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## 1953

**Ashby Collins** is still mobile and able to enjoy family member visits and a lifetime of good memories. Ashby is able to visit daily with Doris through the window in the assisted living section of our campus. Hopefully all who are reading this are staying safe and healthy.

**Vernon Fox** won the Pennsylvania scratch-off lottery. He feels like he is too old to indulge in the sinful pleasures (wine, women, and song) with his windfall. So, the local Creekside Antietam Humane Society and our alma mater will benefit from the lottery!

**Shirley Lippy George** married in 1954, had two daughters, and lived in Baltimore and Derwood, Maryland, until 1994 when they moved to Punta Gorda, Florida, where she lived until 2017. Bill died in 2014, so she moved back to Maryland to be closer to

her daughters. She did substitute teaching, mostly at Gaithersburg High School, while her children were growing up and then worked at National Geographic in member relations until she retired. Her family now includes three grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. In 2018, she moved to Carroll Lutheran Village, where there are more than 30 WMC grads. Since their confinement during the pandemic, a group of them got together every afternoon at 4 p.m. They used to call it “A Pour at Four,” but when masks were required, they continued to gather and chat without the cocktails. Among the alumni in their group are **Jim Lightner ’59**, **Ray Albert ’62**, **Lucy Tucker ’62 Lotz**, **Jim ’59** and **Judy King ’62 Cole**, and **Fran Giove Miller M.S. ’83**. Occasionally, **Anna Englar ’49 Martin** drops by. There is much reminiscing about our years at WMC and she must say that her school spirit has been revived! She always enjoys reading *The Hill* and hearing about her classmates of so many years ago.

**Constance Jones Stehl** would enjoy hearing from anyone in the class of ’53. She often wonders what everyone is doing, although right now probably not much of anything. She’s hoping that she’ll see a lot of news in the next *The Hill*. She misses duckpin bowling, volunteering at Greater Baltimore Medical Center, and singing in a senior center group that entertains folks in retirement communities.

**Ella “Skip” Edwards Richardson** still lives in Cody, Wyoming, and feels lucky and blessed to have her family also living in Cody. She has two daughters and sons-in-law, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. She admits that the past several years, she’s fled the cold, cold winter weather to spend that time in balmy, warm Florida, at a place called The Villages, an active and fun retirement city/community. In the summer months, she returns to Cody, where she still keeps active at her family-owned RV park/campground at the east entrance to Yellowstone Park. It was as busy as ever this past summer in spite of COVID-19. People just took advantage of their “homes on wheels” to explore Cody and the “wild west.” After 20 years of living internationally (Indonesia, Peru, and Saudi Arabia), her travels are now limited to the USA and that is a challenge enough at age 88! For Skip, it’s always a treat to receive *The Hill* and read the news of former classmates as well as all the news of activities, changes, updates, etc.

**George Van Nostrand** is now an author! When he retired to the good life, he typed up his memoirs and then filed it. Over the years, he had grandsons and finally granddaughters. Sooner or later, they asked him about when he was a little boy. He told them how he ran and swam up and down Middle River in

**Ella “Skip” Edwards ’53 Richardson** still keeps active at her family-owned RV park and campground at the east entrance to Yellowstone Park.

**Janet Boller '55 Heins** has fully recovered from a stroke last summer, thanks to **Jim Heins'** swift response in getting her treatment.

Baltimore County, about the Boy Scouts, and about the Coast Guard. But, memories fade. Wait a minute! His memoirs! Where is it? File cabinet! With a bit of help, he scanned, edited, and published a book titled "A Hula Girl Behind Every Tree," available on Amazon.

**John Wilhelm** retired in March 2020 after 57 years. Since the confinement at home due to the pandemic, he and his wife of 30 years, Ann, are limited to the hardware store and Target. Otherwise, "nada." His son, **Eric Wilhelm '85**, now runs the practice.

## 1955

**John '56** and **Suzanne Dorsey Batista** continue to live in Dayton, Ohio. Under the current situation, traveling and visiting has been reduced to Zoom or FaceTime with family and friends. They do get out for a ride in their car for curbside pickup at local restaurants. They continue to follow the rules set forth by the state of Ohio in response to COVID-19, but it is hard as their age puts them in the risk area. Their daughter, Elizabeth, and her family live in Columbus, Ohio, and all are working from home. Their son, Mike, and his family live in Maryland. Their oldest son, Jay, and his wife live in Delaware. Jay has published two books that are available from Amazon under the name Jay Veloso Batista. Suzanne and John so far have been in good health. They try to stay in touch with some of their classmates by email. They want to wish them the very best.

**Paul Galvin** writes, "Talk about an unusual year!" The virus made many changes but at the same time, many good things have continued so that his family feels very blessed. Nobody in his huge extended family has gotten sick. Two daughters have retired and another has about two years to go to retirement. Their son, **Kent Galvin '83**, plans to retire at the end of 2021. Their youngest grandchild graduated from college and their 12th great-grandchild was born. He and **Doris Burkert Galvin '57** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary and enjoy very good health for being octogenarians. They are astonished and overjoyed! They can say that the year has not been boring!

**Janet Boller Heins** writes that life goes on as normal as possible for her and **Jim Heins**. They stayed quarantined at home most of the time, spending too many hours on the computer and relaxing their usual strict schedules of household and outside obligations, since these are no longer in place. Jim has resumed his volunteer work at the C&O National Park on a limited basis, doing what he can while complying with the coronavirus restrictions. Janet's participation in the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra was reduced to

Zoom meetings until able to rehearse again. She had signed up for a virtual course in watercolor painting to replace the in-person class that she usually took. She broke the monotony of their lives last summer by having a stroke, from which she has fully recovered, due to Jim's swift response in getting her to the best available interventional treatment. Getting back to a normal life was an eye-opener for her and she has a renewed appreciation of how lucky she is to have a supportive family and the means to handle that emergency. She and Jim hope that their classmates are well and looking to the future with optimism.

**Barbetha Goeb Miller** writes, "Isolation, mask wearing, social distancing, and good hand sanitation have been the norm this year here at Longwood at Oakmont, the retirement community where I've lived for the last five years. Our meals are delivered to our door so I don't go hungry. Life has certainly been different this year for all of us, but I stay in touch with my family and friends through email, snail mail, and phone; and have made better use of my computer and TV. **Mary Jane Munson Lee** and I (roommates at WMC) stay in touch with one another regularly. I still take walks outside and can still enjoy the beauty of God's gifts to us — colorful flowers, fluttering butterflies, songs of birds, exciting scenery, and gorgeous sunsets — still normal and unchanged by this pandemic. Also, directly in front of my apartment, blowing in the breeze, is our American flag, our symbol of a still strong and free nation. I hope and pray all of you will stay healthy and happy in 2021."

## 1958

**Robert** and **Marsha Reifsnnyder '59 McCormick** are still perking along and maintaining their lives in a quiet mode. Their health is OK but their weight is not. Fun is watching TV and eating. Their son, Jonathan, and his wife, Cindy, have helped them immensely. They live in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which is about 50 miles from Santa Fe. Bob and Marsha attempt to call friends and relatives just to say "Hello, how are you?" and hoping the pandemic has escaped them.

**Robert "Bob" McQuay** and his wife continue to live in Towson, Maryland. Things are well with them. They are enjoying their retirement.

**Tony Sarbanes, M.Ed. '68** remains active in the community, which includes the Methodist church and some civic groups. Billye and Tony have five grandchildren. Their oldest one is a junior at Peabody Conservatory, which is part of Johns Hopkins University. She has a lovely singing voice and is the daughter of their daughter, Beth, who is an educator in Wicomico County. Eve Sarbanes is a freshman at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem,

North Carolina. She is the daughter of their son, Jimmy, a county circuit court judge. Jimmy's son, Anthony, has committed to attend Methodist University in Fayette, North Carolina, where he has signed to play baseball. Billye and Tony have made every effort to be careful during the current pandemic and hope everyone else is doing the same. Tony makes every effort to walk or exercise daily. Billye has a couple of health issues, but between a very good local doctor and two at Johns Hopkins she is doing well. In December, Tony lost his 87-year-old brother, Paul, who had served six years in the House of Representatives and 30 years in the U.S. Senate. Paul's son is currently serving as a U.S. Representative from Maryland. Billye and Tony wish everyone and their families the best: "It is still hard to believe that we graduated some 62 years ago!"

**Dick** and **Fran Layton '62 Gardiner** remain on their farm in Troy, Pennsylvania. Due to COVID-19, they cut down on their travel plans. They did spend two weeks at the Villages of Seaport, Florida, in January and traveled to Aruba in February, as guests of **Erich, Hon. D.S. '91** and **Carol Pettersen '59 Willen**. They stayed at the Willens' timeshare, as they have done over the past several years. Then the virus hit! They did get to shelter in place at their camp in Maine for five weeks. In past years, they had had lunch with **Vi Fonner Carrick** on the Maine coast, but Vi was unable to travel to Maine last summer. In September, they spent a week in Stone Harbor, New Jersey, before returning to Troy for the winter. Their sons, Rich and Don, and grandchildren are well. Erin is a junior at Butler University, where she is a music major, education minor, and this last fall became concertmaster of their symphonic orchestra. Ricky is a high school freshman, studying virtually in the Perrysburg, Ohio, school system and is very interested in music. Fran has temporarily stopped playing duets and eight-handed piano with groups. Hopefully things will change soon so that they can resume getting together with family and friends again.

**Ray** and **Arlene MacVicker '61 Wright** have wrapped up three years in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. They stay active in their over-65 community and a wonderful country Presbyterian church. When COVID-19 does not interfere, they manage to spend time with their many WMC friends. Their grandchildren are all doing well, and the two oldest are out in the wonderful work world.

Having recently bounced off the kitchen floor one too many times, **Ray Stevens** is now happily ensconced and cared for in a Hopkinton, Massachusetts, in-law apartment at son Joel's and daughter-in-law Michelle's. Joel is a vice president at a health care company in charge of 14 elder care facilities, and Michelle is RN supervisor at another elder care firm. Ray's two grandchildren are approaching college age, and nearby son, David, has

retired from the U.S. Army. Ray continues to read and scribble about his literary trinity, Lord Byron, Joseph Conrad, and H. L. Mencken, and rejoice in the meaning of Christmas and Easter.

**Pattie Krell Yates** is still living in her own apartment in downtown Washington, D.C., just off Thomas Circle, with two cats who refuse to wear their face masks. In the last few years, she has traveled to Myanmar, Singapore, Australia, north and south India, Mexico, the Caribbean, Alaska, and quite a few other states. But she thinks she will now hang up her traveling shoes and reach for more comfortable slippers. She misses attending live theatre and seeing friends but does keep in touch with **Jerry DeFlora '61**, **Ginny Dreyer Stanley '59**, and **Tom Davies '59**. She wishes everyone in 2021 a fond adieu to COVID-19 and a hearty welcome bringing our country back together. What a year this has been!

**Bette Flohr Plasket** is still very active in South Carolina despite the challenging events of 2020. She is going on 20 years of service on the state's Foster Care Review Board. The work continues to be both needed and challenging. To stay current on ways to serve on the board and serve the children, she has had to learn many new computer skills. When Bette is not working, she is active with her church and/or taking road trips to the beach or North Carolina to visit and spend time with her family.

With much sadness Arlyne Euler wrote that **Brooks Euler** passed away suddenly at the end of November. May your many wonderful memories be of comfort. He was always proud of being a Western Maryland graduate, and he never accepted the change from WMC to McDaniel.

**Lori Jones Gore** writes: "It's hard to believe it's been 62 years since we left Western Maryland all fresh-faced and ready to take on the world." **Jerry Gore '62** and Lori are still kicking, albeit maybe not quite as hard as they once did. They gave up their lovely home in the mountains of Virginia and moved to a small continuing care community in Burlington, North Carolina, to be nearer their daughter. They have a cute little house within easy walking distance to their village square with its gym, pool, dining rooms, library, and gathering places. Lori has spaces where she can still garden, but the clay soil there is even heavier than the red clay in Virginia. They are pleased to be near two of their grandchildren, although their eldest, Elizabeth, promptly left for college the month after they arrived. They will have one more year with her brother before he graduates and becomes a Marine. Their son, his wife, and their two girls live in Gratz, Austria, where he was offered a job that he could not refuse. Their daughter-in-law is German so they have relatives and friends from their school days. Their son spent a year with AFS and his

**Bette Flohr '58 Plasket** has served on the South Carolina Foster Care Review Board for 20 years.

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**Former Trustee Charles “Cuppy” Fenwick Sr., passed away on Dec. 16, 2020. He was 96 years old.**

**Born and raised in the Glyndon area of Baltimore County, Maryland, Fenwick was the youngest of six children. A 1942 graduate of Gilman School, Fenwick attended Princeton University for one year before enlisting in the infantry, where he served in WWII and earned a Bronze Star.**

**Fenwick began his professional career as a clerk with the U.S. Steamship Line for the Port of Baltimore. He later co-founded Fenwick, Michaels and Downes, the predecessor of Riggs, Counselman, Michaels & Downes (now RCM&D). In 1962, Fenwick acquired the rights to sell Volkswagen cars in Maryland and opened his first dealership, which quickly expanded to include Mercedes-Benz, Audi, Subaru, and Porsche. He also partnered with William Kidd Sr. to open Bill Kidd’s Toyota/Volvo in Cockeysville, Maryland.**

**Fenwick served as the director of the Maryland Hunt Cup for more than 30 of the race’s 125-year history. He was a lifetime member of Sacred Heart church in Glyndon and served on the McDaniel College (WMC) Board of Trustees from 1978 to 2005.**

junior year in Munich, as well as several years after college becoming a German-trained journeyman brewer. The Lord has blessed Lori and Jerry many times and they struggle to try and serve Him in kind. They pray you are well and enjoying life.

**Ardella Campbell Darlington** writes that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, her charitable organizations have had to withdraw from their projects. She still does get together with friends and goes to numerous church and prayer groups. She is hopeful that 2021 will offer opportunities to reunite with family and friends and be able to celebrate life without restrictions.

**Ron Glaeser** and his wife, Sue, were in Arizona for the winter, riding bikes, playing some pickleball, seeing friends, and Ron taking care of his bride. Their son just moved from Oceanside, California, to Idaho and they’re happy to be out of California. Ron still hunts caribou in the fall and fishes in Sitka, Alaska, once or twice a summer. Ron and Sue celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in December.

**Jack and Jane Roeder Anderson** were in good health despite the pandemic. In the autumn of 2019, they were in Montreat, North Carolina, for a wonderful Road Scholar program on Agatha Christie and Arthur Conan Doyle. In January 2020 they went on a cruise from Baltimore to Coco Bay, Bahamas. On both trips, it was just Jane and Jack. Wonderful times they spent with each other! They had planned to spend this past summer in Mt. Gretna, Pennsylvania, at Dove Cottage, in the Pennsylvania Chautauqua, but COVID-19 turned the world upside down. Instead, they are in Charlestown, their retirement community in Catonsville, Maryland, protected by Erickson Living. Their last gathering with their wider family was in March 2020, although they enjoyed periodic picnics with a few family members outside

in a picnic group on campus. Most recently, they had a socially distanced and masked birthday party with their granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Brittany and Danny Rachin, and 2-year-old great-grandson, Harrison. Jane and Harrison share the same birthday, Sept. 17. They have learned how to Zoom into church, to weekly happy hours, committee meetings, and much more. There have been no in-person gatherings, no family Thanksgiving, and no Christmas gathering (they Zoomed instead). Ten years ago, Jack worked a temp job for the 2010 census. Again in 2020, he worked a temp job, this time masked and distanced, in the IT department of their local census office. Jack relied on census data throughout his city planning career and reminds everyone that the census is important. Their oldest daughter and son-in-law, Jacquelyn and Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan, live in Westminster, Maryland, not far from the college. They visited them regularly before COVID-19 but seldom since. For the last several years, Jack and Jane volunteered weekly in West Baltimore at a jobs movement program called Turnaround Tuesday, which serves former felons, jobless people, and others who want to turn their lives around and get a good job, coming together for training, skill development, and support. It was a successful model for other similar efforts around the country, and it’s very unfortunate that the in-person gatherings had to end due to COVID-19.

**William Biehl** did not graduate with our class but had the opportunity to receive a bachelor’s degree from Towson University in Personnel Administration. He worked in the VA Hospital in Baltimore for eight years, transferred to Ft. Meade, and retired in 1991 after working in training and development and labor relations. He received Army Civilian Commendation for developing Project Courtesy. He retired as a church musician

in 2020 after 60 years and stopped directing barbershop choruses after 50 years. He researched and collected Maryland music for over 35 years and formed the Maryland Heritage Vocal Ensemble to contribute to the 2017 Johns Hopkins University Press book *Musical Maryland*. William’s wife died 13 years ago after 49 years of marriage. Presently he resides at Oak Crest Retirement Community in Parkville, Maryland.

I, **Barb Hunt Ketay**, remain in Palm Desert, California, where last summer we had over 150 days of 125 degrees or higher. In March 2020, Herb lost his battle with Alzheimer’s and kidney failure. I keep busy with many good friends and Zoom-related social and church activities.

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## 1964

**Earl Armiger Jr.**, sends greetings to the Class of ’64! He and Mary still live in their home in Ellicott City, going on 25 years. During this pandemic, they have enjoyed watching the critters in their backyard, especially the three chipmunks (Alvin, Alfie, and “the Baby”) who eat peanuts on the miniature “chipnic table” crafted by their furniture-maker neighbor. They have trained Mary, as they come out and stare in the window to let her know they are ready for breakfast. It’s good to appreciate the small things in life, especially at their age. The kids and grandkids are reminders as to how long it’s been since college days. They’ve been strictly following the pandemic guidelines but have been able, from time to time, to have backyard visits with their family. In addition, FaceTime has been a blessing. Their hope is that everyone stays safe during these trying times. Kudos to McDaniel for recent outstanding recognition both locally and nationally.

**Carol Wilkinson Coffeen** and her husband, Tom, enjoy cruises and car trips and hope to resume traveling when it is safe. Carol stays busy by making hand-made greeting cards, ringing hand bells at church, playing mahjong, teaching bible study, and participating in organizations such as the United Methodist Women (mission work) and the Homemakers Club. She has two married children (one is vice president of an environmental engineering firm and the other is a systems analyst) and five grandchildren, including triplets. Four grandchildren are currently in college: University of Maryland studying engineering, St. Mary’s College studying health services, University of

Richmond studying finance, and Hampden-Sydney College studying pre-law. Her mother celebrated her 100th birthday with a drive-by celebration including fire trucks.

**Rita Jones** sends greetings from Colorado Springs, Colorado. The coronavirus canceled her three trips that were planned for 2020. She was planning on collecting Volksmarches on her second round of the 50 states. Instead, she stayed home and stayed safe. Wearing a mask, like everyone else, she only went out for doctor’s appointments, groceries, and walking the dog. Rita hopes that everyone is staying safe and healthy.

**Nelson Sheeley** writes that he has been teaching in the theatre department at Sinclair College, at least until the pandemic, when his classes had to go to tenured professors. Hopefully once things are back to semi-normal, he’ll be back in the classroom. Just before the pandemic hit, he was rehearsing a production of a play he’d written (“Refugees”) about gay Syrian refugees, which was subsequently canceled due to the health crisis. If all goes as planned, he will be going to St. Augustine, Florida, in late April to direct a one-act operetta, for which he wrote the book and lyrics. It’s called “Penelope Ann’s Revenge,” which is a sequel to Arthur Sullivan’s “Cox and Box.” There is a concert/workshop version on YouTube.

**Jerry Walls** married his wife, Joy, two weeks after graduation and they have had a wonderful 56 years of marriage, with three successful daughters and eight grandkids. After service in the Army in Vietnam, Jerry earned an M.S. in Urban Planning from Wayne State University and University of Michigan. He worked in Ypsilanti, Michigan, as a zoning officer and was promoted to city planning director. Then in 1970, he secured the position of executive director of Lycoming County Planning Commission in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where he worked until he retired in 2008. He continues in voluntary nonprofit “work,” serving as land use chair of the 12-county Pennsylvania Wilds Planning Team plus strategic advisor to the County Planning Directors Association of Pennsylvania, environmental committee chair for the Pennsylvania Planning Association Legislative Committee that reviews and provides input on proposed legislation, and board member emeritus/strategic advisor to the 22-county nonprofit Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP). The SGP is working to help enable the planning and development of an interconnected bicycle trail from the Chesapeake Bay along the Susquehanna River corridor to Harrisburg to Williamsport to the Pine Creek Rail Trail (that 65-mile trail has been done and is heavily used) to the

Genesee Riverway Trail to Lake Ontario, a total of 400 miles of bike trail. The SGP is also working to enable bike-ped-friendly connecting trails from each river town to the Susquehanna Greenway Trail. During local bike rides, Jerry has seen very heavy use of the Susquehanna Riverwalk and local park trails, which is certainly good healthy exercise.

**Joe Wenderoth Sr.**, reports that he and his wife, Cassie, traveled a lot in 2019. It was a banner year with 20 destinations, including international trips to France and Portugal. They covered the southern East Coast from Williamsburg, Virginia, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with numerous stays in between. There were also two trips to visit family in Woodland, California. Another gem of a road trip was a dozen stops on the Bourbon Trail, including Churchill Downs, the Louisville Slugger Factory, and the Corvette Museum, as well as nine distilleries, large and small. Trip report available upon request! At the end of 2019, they were exhausted. Cassie said she was looking forward to being home for four straight months. Then 2020 happened. Be careful what you wish for! Instead of travel, Joe started his first garden and concentrated on landscaping, jigsaw puzzles, reading, and Zoom meetings. He also networked most of the house with lighting, personal assistants, and a security system. Who knew? Joe hopes that all classmates are doing well.

It is such a pleasure to be the class secretary for the Honor Class. I enjoy writing about your lives. May the classmates who have passed rest in peace. 2020 was certainly challenging, but we made it through. I started working from home in March thinking it would be for a month or two, and continue to work from home a year later. But I am enjoying it because it allowed me to spend more time at home with my immediate family.

Thank you for sharing your lives with me year after year. Be well.

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## 1970

Greetings my dear classmates, and Happy 2021!

Our first response this year came in from **Randy Blume**: “What a year!? Eh? The highlight was being on a trip in Norway, hearing the borders were closing several days before our ticketed flight back home, getting new flights arranged, and then returning to the U.S. on the first day that the CDC was ‘screening’ interna-

tional arrivals. What a clown car Newark customs hall was. From then on, boredom up until the last couple days (writing this the afternoon of Nov. 4, 2020). In honor of our 50th Reunion and in celebration of the “freshman 15” we experienced all those years ago, I’m experiencing the “COVID-19” weight gain. Fortunately, Lynn and I and our family are doing well. Taking the precautions, playing the science, and occupying a small bubble. My passport needs exercise.”

Always faithful, **Nancy Hoskins Ferencz, M.Ed. ’76** came in second this year: “Bill and I are doing fine. He had three sets of injections, which really helped his spinal stenosis, so it looks like he can avoid surgery. Our second great-granddaughter was born in February and received a brand new heart in June! Lily Grace’s big sister, Maia, just turned 2, and they are both miracles as far as we’re concerned! Our grandchildren are 28, 26, and 12! Our family has had to cancel a number of gatherings due to COVID-19, as have many families, but we’ll make up for it when it’s safe. We only used our Ocean City, Maryland, condo twice because we just didn’t want to push our luck. Our usual winter stay in Mexico won’t take place this year either. It’s a good thing Bill and I get along and find things to keep us busy around the house! He has proven to be a keeper! We are very fortunate to have all seven of our siblings still alive and healthy! Good health and cheers to everyone!”

**Keith Porter** reports “**Michelle Catington ’71 Porter** and I have been doing well in Raleigh, North Carolina. I finally retired after 45 years teaching (the last 14 in North Carolina). Since my retirement in June 2019, we have been busy being grandparents to five little ones. The last one was born in May 2019. I would like to say we traveled all over the country, but with COVID-19, we have only been to Delaware twice to see our kids there. We have communicated with many, but have been restricted this year. **Roger Wynkoop** and I planned to go to our 50th reunion last spring but that was postponed. See everyone this spring, if possible?” Wouldn’t that be nice?”

**Karen Good Cooper** says: “Tom and I are still enjoying the beauty that surrounds us in our simple old house in the country. I am the president of a group called Hottel-Keller Memorial, Inc. We own a farm at Mt. Olive, Virginia, just off Interstate 81 at Toms Brook, with a small museum that emphasizes the Germanic heritage in the Shenandoah Valley, especially in Shenandoah County. We also have files and books on the Keller and Hottel families. Between my own gardens and the farm, I am busy. The virus has struck my family. My daughter works in a hospital that has been overwhelmed by

# family

## WE DID!

**Wedding vows exchanged this season:**

**Raymond “Ray” Walker ’98 to Andrew Morgan on Feb. 8, 2020. They reside in Silver Spring, Maryland.**

**Laura Holmes M.S. ’04 to Rob Magee II on Aug. 15, 2020. They reside in Havre de Grace, Maryland.**

**Erin Herbert ’06 to Jason Disney on Oct. 24, 2020. They reside in Baltimore.**

**Victoria “Tori” Ratchford ’06 to Will Dordal on Aug. 15, 2020. They reside in Irving, Texas.**

**Emma Duesterhaus ’14 to Adam Whitehill on Sept. 14, 2019. They reside in Spartanburg, South Carolina.**

**Rebecca Debinski ’18 to Francisco Romero ’19 on July 10, 2020. They reside in Sykesville, Maryland.**

**Allyson Tarbox ’18 to Eric LaRose on July 15, 2020. They reside in Baltimore.**

# alumni updates

**Sue Morales '70 Yingling, M.S. '00** has started taking piano lessons on Skype with Rachel Andrews, director of the piano program at McDaniel.

COVID-19 cases. She has been telling us for months how serious this virus is. Now she has it! I feel very frustrated as I try to figure out how to help her family. She began to send us emails about how serious the cases were and how much it hurt to see how sick people were. She is our only child, and we could see how concerned and worried she was. Please, wear your mask. Wash your hands. Stay at home or keep your distance. Please, this is the real thing, and it can happen anywhere."

**Doug '69** and **Lynn Coleman, M.Ed. '73 Smarte** have had another year enjoying retirement. "We were fortunate to fit in a vacation to Florida, and visits to our son and his wife, and to our special granddaughter in law school right before the pandemic restrictions. And after restrictions, we've managed some small outdoor get-togethers with friends and family at the beach and in Arlington, Virginia, including our BFF **Barbara Thomas**. We're continuing fulfilling volunteer activities: Doug as a field supervisor to Virginia Commonwealth University social work interns, and both of us leading a biweekly small church group. Oh yes, and looking forward to a new granddaughter due in March! So sorry our big reunion had to be postponed, but hope to see many of you when we can do it safely."

**Danielle Greenip Barry** is always a faithful responder: "Nothing wildly different here in central Jersey, except two new knees that are miracles in my mind and give me a new lease on life! Unfortunately, I had to quit the bookstore work that I loved for 12 years due to those poor knees. I do miss it! Love the books! Take my clothes; leave my books! I continue in my 29th year at nearby Raritan Valley Community College in the theatre discipline. I'm teaching History of Theatre (both classical and modern) and other lecture courses largely for now. I miss directing the student productions that are currently suspended, wisely so. All my college work is remote synchronous. Making that change was a monumental task, transferring all course content to that format. I learned a lot though! Fortunately, I'm able to create classroom energy/community as my discipline/content requires. I count my blessings daily! We're fielding all the late-life challenges, like most Americans, (not the 1%) and still feeling fortunate! Husband, Roy, two daughters (and one grandie, age 8) are well and weathering the storms. We are together and that is much. Thank you for your work. I hope someone who has fully retired steps to the fore to relieve you from your post. Your work has been and is appreciated. Hope to see folks live and in person at some time in the future. It's important to actually see each other soon." Thank you, Danielle. I hope someone will step forward, too. Hint, hint.

**Vicki Zoeller Timmons** says: "Having been retired for three years, I have been blessed to have avoided the worst of the many disasters affecting so many this year. I live a quiet life as caretaker for my mother. That means staying in except for groceries and doctor visits. What I miss most are the library and the YMCA."

**Penny Williams Cipolone** understands my request: "I know what you mean about finding a replacement. I am the editor of the National SPQR (retired Latin teacher sponsors) newsletter. Most people just smile and think that it can only be about 15 people. We are now over 110, and they are no better at this than I expect our class is. Didn't do one this fall because there was no national convention, but I think I need to start on this perhaps for the spring. Anyway back to your assignment: This has indeed been a year of disconnection. I have been retired for seven years, and this is the first September when I was rather glad not to go back. No way I could handle all that technology, but I am so proud of all the teachers out there managing to work 12- to 14-hour days and doing an excellent job. Because of my rheumatoid arthritis (immune deficiency disease means I take medication to destroy what immunity I have), I have had to sign off on many of my volunteer activities. No more food bank, no more kindergarten reading, no more substituting for Latin classes. I have learned to Zoom so I can still serve on scholarship and awards committees for Delta Kappa Gamma and various Latin organizations. So I have been in the house mostly since March 2020. I've done a lot of reading, trying to finally read those big volumes that have been staring at me for years. Mark has his own private office so he still does engineering consulting if it is something for which he can do outside inspections."

**Jillian Gibson** is sure she is not alone in feeling like she's been living in an alternate reality. "Since March 2020, as the pandemic has upended our world, I've lost several friends to COVID-19 and surprisingly, none of them was in a high-risk group. I have managed to find silver linings, including more time to connect with friends and family, thanks to Zoom. Even though I'm officially retired, I've been working for five years as a treasurer/ticket seller at the Kennedy Center box office in D.C. Like live event venues all over the world, the Kennedy Center closed its doors in March 2020 with no firm return date, and I have been furloughed for more than eight months. I'm an officer in my union (IATSE Local 868), and I've been very busy staying in regular contact with our more than 75 members, helping them navigate unemployment, health care, food, etc. Unfortunately, the pandemic kept me from my brother's home

in Ester, Alaska, this Christmas. But I'm grateful my health is good and I'm safe and well. And I have two adorable new kittens with which to snuggle!"

**John Heisler** hopes everyone is staying healthy. "**Sandy Gomane '71 Heisler** and I are still living in Cape May Court House, New Jersey. Up until last February, we enjoyed playing with our granddaughter, Abby (4 years old) each week, but have had to limit visits due to the pandemic. We have stayed around home for the most part. I did Zoom with **Butch Johnson, Marshall Adams '71**, and another high school friend a while back. It was great talking to them, but I'm sure we are all looking forward to a safe return to relatively normal times when we can see everyone in person. Sorry to bring up politics, but we breathed a sigh of relief after the election and after Jan. 20 expected our country to start on the road back to being one united country where human rights and respect for others are priorities once again. Great news for our family is that we were expecting another grandchild in early January, when daughter, Emily, and son-in-law, Rob, welcome their first child. In February, son Jake and his wife Karen were expecting twins, a boy and a girl. That will give us four grandkids and hopefully at least one will consider WMC 18 or so years from now. Things have to be better in 2021, don't they? Stay safe!"

**Mike Wells** visited both Branson, Missouri, and France and is grateful for having had this opportunity in view of all that happened over the last year.

**Lynne Price '70** has named 2020 our *annus horribilis*. "COVID-19 ruling our lives, making us miserable and fearful of doing anything. I have been trying not to go out except for really necessary errands for myself or my 98-year-old mother. Mom fell at the end of April 2020, breaking her upper femur. She had surgery and then spent seven weeks in rehab. She is back home, doing very well, but she does have an aide twice a week. I spent nine days in the local hospital with cellulitis in my left elbow. I miss singing with The City Choir of Washington so much. We do meet on Zoom for virtual singing, but it's just not the same as performing for a live audience. On a positive note, before the pandemic hit, Alain and I spent 10 days in St. Martin, the French side of the island in the Caribbean. The weather was gorgeous, and we had a marvelous time there. We never ventured to the Dutch side except for our flights. Wish I had more to report. I sincerely hope our reunion will take place in May."

**David Moore** understates: "What a very different year! While actively working to steer clear of COVID-19, my friend, Ron, and I have tried to follow a pretty normal life routine in what has been any-

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**Former Trustee Marjorie Klepper Lippy M.Ed. '77** died on Dec. 26, 2020, at the age of 91. Lippy attended State Teachers College at Towson, now Towson University, and began her career as an elementary school teacher at Pikesville Elementary School, Calvert School, and Sandymount Elementary School, working until her two children, Meg and Tod, were born in the early 1960s.

Lippy received her Master of Education from McDaniel College in 1977. She soon secured a position as media specialist at Taneytown Middle School, and she later served as an adjunct faculty member in Media Studies at Western Maryland College. Lippy was involved in numerous community and charitable organizations throughout her life, including as a longtime advisory board member of the Maryland Acupuncture Society. She served on the McDaniel College Board of Trustees from 1984 to 2001. She also starred in a production of "Deathtrap" at the college in 1989.

Lippy is survived by her husband, T. Edward Lippy; daughter, Meg Galletti; son, Tod Lippy; sons-in-law Peter Galletti and David Hariton; and grandson Thomas Galletti.

thing but a normal year! Because of our country's political climate, clearly, I must have seemed like 'the enemy' to some of my friends; that was one new-but-uncomfortable experience in 2020. Enough said about that! I have reestablished/maintained contact with so many fraternity brothers (through **Charlie 'Chas' '71** and **Carol Hoerichs Moore's** world-class bash in 2019). My Pi Alpha Alpha brothers share lots of memories in what becomes a continually enlightening, thoroughly enjoyable email chain! Each memory sparks another reminder of fun times! **Joe Powell '71** shares some of his neat photos of unusual birds in Florida; we stay in contact via Facebook and snail mail. And **Mike Rudman** and I have great conversations by phone and email! All of my brothers (and other friends and family) have helped to make this strange year more bearable."

**Alice Berning Franks** hopes you are well and surviving this difficult time. "Very disappointing to miss our 50th year Class Reunion. I truthfully don't have much to report, as it has been unsafe to do much. I am still managing mouse colonies for a diabetes and obesity research group at National Institutes of Health and remain undecided about when to retire. The science is still exciting, so it is hard to walk away. Although road racing has been shut down by the pandemic, I am out running most days, just not as fast, as there is currently no need for speed (my joints appreciate it)! And like everyone else, lots of Zoom meetings..."

**John Seaman, M.Ed. '76** writes: "2020 was a trying year for everyone and the Seaman family has been no exception. Our youngest granddaughter, Sophie Ann, 8, was diagnosed with a rare autoimmune disease, systemic scleroderma. She is being treated by a specialist in Pittsburgh and has thankfully had no flare-ups since the initial diagnosis. My prostate cancer returned and has metastasized to my

lungs. I'm being treated at Hopkins with a good prognosis. Vivian and I stay safe in our home in the woods six miles from campus and look forward to a joint WMC 50th Reunion with the Class of '71. Hope everyone is planning on being there. We need to see one another!"

And now from my dear Robins ...

**Sue Morales Yingling, M.S. '00** hopes that by the time this edition of *The Hill* is published, we will be pretty much done with COVID-19. "The pandemic has been life-changing for almost everyone, and though many have been crushed by it, **Splinter Yingling '68** and I have been lucky so far. Splint has been working from home (yes, at 74 years old he is still working nearly full time) since March 2020, and we are still getting along splendidly. Do you remember when we were freshmen at Western Maryland College, living in dorms, and gaining the freshman 15? Those extra pounds that it seems so many of us gained during our first year in college? Splinter and I find ourselves dealing with the COVID-19, as we have both become addicted to Oreo cookies during the past nine months. And not just regular Oreo cookies; our favorites are Mega Stuf! Life is good. We are blessed with four grandchildren, and though we don't get to see them as often as we'd like to, we stay in touch and look forward to more personal connections before too long. I am still blessed to have my mom in this world, and at 95, she gets along quite well. She truly is a remarkable woman. She lives 30 miles from Westminster, Maryland, and we see each other every week. Since the pandemic has restricted so many activities, I started taking piano lessons, as a beginner, and am enjoying my weekly lessons on Skype. Rachel Andrews, the director of the piano program at McDaniel College, is my teacher—a talented professional who is teaching me notes, finger positions,

chords, theory, and much more with a tremendous amount of encouragement and patience. She Skypes from Levine Hall, and we look forward to meeting in person when the McDaniel campus is able to open to the public again. We should have a big celebration when our class is finally able to gather for our delayed 50th Class Reunion. I hope to see many college friends on the Hill again when that time arrives."

**Patricia Johnson "PJ" Krantz** says: "2020 started off with a great cruise vacation to the Caribbean with lots of sun, sand, and cocktails. A highlight for me was our visit to the Cayman Island Turtle Center. We even got to get in some of the tanks and play with the turtles. Little did we know what would be arriving in March and that COVID-19 would still be here so many months later. I took advantage of all that stay-at-home time and had the front porch replaced, a 'two-week' project that took almost three months due to supply chain problems. But it looks great now. I'm especially glad to have a monthly book club and a weekly cocktail hour via Zoom with the Robins. It's great to always have something to look forward to."

**Carol Harris Dietrich** shares: "As I write this, I am reflecting on 2020 and thinking what a year it has been. Many trips canceled, families not seeing one another, no visits with friends, and so on. Our son Aric works for the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore. It closed in March 2020, reopened in November, and then closed again until mid-January. He is one of the lucky ones as he has been paid through all of this and has been working virtually. I was teaching two classes at Stevenson University but online teaching from March to May was difficult as I had never done it — and am choosing never to do it again. If ever there was a reason to finally retire from my second job, that was it. The best part of our year was the birth of our first grandchild. Hunter

# family

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**Family additions this season:**

**Clementine James Jolly Lee** on Aug. 6, 2020, to **Tierra Jolly '04** and **Rusty Lee**.

**Tessa Jane Neville** on Jan. 15, 2020, to **Johnathan** and **Dana Lawson '06 Neville**.

**Ryan James Holzman** on June 2, 2019, to **James M.S. '18** and **Danielle Unflat '06, M.S. '17 Holzman**.

**Callan Thomas Michaels** on July 11, 2020, to **Thomas '06** and **Mary Abrams '06 Michaels**.

**Quinn Louis Cummings** on Aug. 9, 2020, to **Andy '07** and **Kelly Friedman '06 Cummings**.

**Lydia McIntyre** on Sept. 2, 2020, to **Kurt** and **Erica Walker '06 McIntyre**.

**Laura Reber** on Nov. 12, 2020, to **Sarah** and **Ricci '06 Reber**.

**Mercy Rouse** on May 3, 2020 to **Matthew '07** and **Kate Rouse**.

**Jack and Henry Hurley** on Feb. 7, 2020, to **Kevin** and **Joy Fitz '12 Hurley**.

**Tatum Bellella** on May 14, 2020, to **Mitchell '12** and **Carissa Grove '12 Bellella**.

**William Patrick Bucci** on July 9, 2020, to **Mike '15** and **Danielle DeColli '14 Bucci**.



[Class Noted]

## Serial entrepreneur Steve Vandegrift brings his wisdom back to the Hill

Since the early 1990s, technology executive and venture capitalist Steve Vandegrift '76 has put his background in business and tech to use in a variety of startup companies. The serial entrepreneur says he studied Economics on the Hill to understand how the business world worked. After a little over a decade working for Chase Manhattan Bank after graduation, "I realized I was not a big company guy. I like being able to have more of an impact in a smaller environment," he says. "A little after that, I realized I had some good ideas about how to start a company from scratch. That's where I really found my passion."

His most recent venture came with the purchase of Mascot Media, which has been around for about 12 years and is now focused on developing mobile applications for high school athletics programs. "We saw an old-line print business that was getting ready to move into the digital age, and we thought we could accelerate that," Vandegrift says. And the COVID-19 pandemic actually helped them accelerate it even more by building broadcasting capabilities into the custom mobile apps for locations where fans are not allowed into games.

With decades of experience in tech, entrepreneurship, and venture capital, Vandegrift has recently joined the entrepreneurship advisory council for the newly renamed McDaniel College Program in Innovation and Entrepreneurship. "I've earned every one of these gray hairs with the mistakes I've made, so let me help you not make those same mistakes," he says. "I drifted away from campus a bit when I moved out of the area, so this is a great reason to come back and is a reconnection to the college that I'm looking forward to."

was born in July, and she is delightful. We have been around her since birth and still help Ali and Jimmy, our daughter and son-in-law, at least two days per week. They are both lucky to mostly work virtually, and we are the few family members allowed into their home. Zoom has been a godsend this year. My wonderful Robins are together every Saturday at five for cocktails and once a month for a book club. This year our annual Christmas celebration was held on Zoom so our gifts had to be mailed early. It wasn't the same but everyone was present, which doesn't happen every year. Our other Zoom friends see each other on Sunday evenings. This includes Dick '69 and Nancy Higdon '69 Morgan; Jim '69 and Amy Lewis '69 King; Rick Coburn '69 with his wife, Mary; Jeff Willis '69 with his wife, Linda; Carol and Pete Markey '69; and Joe Kerner '69 with his wife, Donna. We were lucky enough to travel to Aruba with this group in January, but we missed our annual trip in January 2021 — perhaps later in the year? My 92-year-old father lives on his own in York, Pennsylvania, very near my niece, Michelle. I visited him several times each month to mostly take food I had prepared for him. He'd much rather watch college basketball and foot-

ball than cook for himself. However, my visits since March 2020 have been few. Ali and Jimmy finally took Hunter to visit in October and everyone remained masked and socially distant. However, it made his day and perhaps his month and year! I do hope our 50-year reunion will happen next spring as I look forward to seeing everyone after 51 years. Who knows where we will be by then?"

Barbara Payne Shelton retired from college teaching in December 2018. "I was thoroughly enjoying retirement when the pandemic began and a whole new dimension to it opened up. While I was grateful to have avoided teaching totally via Zoom, I had lots of time to fill. I provided a structure and purpose to the days by sewing and donating masks daily and creating quilts for each member of my family. Thousands of masks later, that cottage industry is slowing down, but I have yet to be bored. One good thing that's come out of 2020 are the weekly calls with my Round Robin friends from the Hill. Those friendships have meant even more during this trying time. I miss hugs the most, particularly from my grandchildren, as Zoom and masked outdoor meetings don't provide the same warm feeling. Here's to the vaccine!

Gary '69 and Jane Butterbaugh Shapiro are well and still living in their bucolic corner of New Hampshire. "Rather than report details of our lives, I'd prefer to use my column inches to share two projects in which I am involved. I share them here because they can be replicated in other communities. I have no doubt that readers of this column have their own compelling stories about community involvement, but just maybe you will be inspired by mine. Thank you for your indulgence. PROJECT HOME: A year ago, horrified by news reports as well as firsthand accounts we heard from local people who visited the border, a group of friends decided that we had to act to help asylum-seeking families housed in detention centers. Project Home was born ([projecthomenh.org](http://projecthomenh.org)) with two goals: 1.) Welcome five asylum-seeking families or individuals to our community, providing not only housing but also any other necessary support, and 2.) Create a community-based model that can be replicated in other communities across the country. In less than one year our all-volunteer group has three families from Central America and one individual from Rwanda living in four host family homes, each with a support team surrounding them providing trans-

portation, translation, clothing for a colder climate, connections to health care and dental care, mental health support, bridging to local schools as well as providing legal support for the complex asylum process. All this in the middle of the pandemic! We are eager to share elements of our program with communities interested in assisting asylum seekers. 100+ WOMEN WHO CARE: Several years ago, Barbara Thomas introduced me to the concept of 100+ Women Who Care giving circles and I knew I had to try it here. The concept is simple: We meet for one hour (really, it is only one hour), four times a year. Each member commits to donating \$50 per quarter and, at each meeting, we select a different local nonprofit organization to receive our donations. When we formed, the local nonprofit community in our area felt that philanthropy for small local organizations was maxed out. We proved them wrong. Now just four years old, our local chapter ([100pluswomencheshirecounty.com](http://100pluswomencheshirecounty.com)) is more than 300 women strong and has donated more than \$240,000 to local nonprofits, enabling purchase of cribs for disabled children, portable dental equipment for a school program, washers for the homeless shelter, tickets for live performances for families who could not afford them, funding for a home-based dementia care program during COVID-19, and much, much more. I would love to share information about this group — and how to start one — to anyone who would like to hear more about it. My email is [shapette@gmail.com](mailto:shapette@gmail.com). Lastly, (and please do not edit this out, Barbara Thomas), on behalf of the Class of '70, a big shout-out to Barbara for reminding (and re-reminding) us to send in our class news, then collating beautifully, enabling us to stay in touch during these 50 years. Thank you."

Well, I haven't been the class reporter for all of that time, but thank you, Jane. Since March 2020, I have been enjoying those weekly Zoom calls and monthly book club calls with my dear Robins. Notice we have dropped the "Round" part of our former moniker, since it hits too close to home and is just plain hurtful. Well, maybe with the COVID-19 ... and those Oreos ... hahahaha ... whatever. I know that Sherry Swope Peck is staying safe and still acting and costuming; I just watched a sweet virtual performance of "The Gift of the Magi." Karen Wagner Tegges is too busy to write, since she's tied up with virtual-schooling her granddaughter and caring for another little one some days, too. Anyway, life is good here in Beaufort, South Carolina, where we go kayaking and play golf year-round. My McDaniel work has focused on Academic and Campus Life, and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Taskforce of the Board. I'm thrilled that the Board was unanimous in naming Provost Julia Jasken as our next college president. She is an

outstanding candidate. I am so blessed to be able to engage with the college in these ways. In December, I started a new part-time gig with a therapeutic riding center and bought a house, too. Fun times! I miss my trips to D.C. visiting daughter Kristen, Adam, and the three grandkids, Kate, 13; Vivian, 12; and Lachlan, 7. Kristen is a director at The Clearing and Adam hangs in at the State Department. How they retain full-time jobs and manage three kids studying at home remains a mystery to me. I was able to spend a week in a cabin in western Maryland with the kids in June and have been up to D.C. for brief outdoor visits since. My son, John, moved over to Paul Hastings in March 2020, one day before his office shut down, and he has been working from his apartment in SW ever since. I wish you good health, love, and joy as we celebrate life in the new year! Many thanks to those responding; I wish more of my dear classmates would, but if you'd like to take over this easy-peasy job, it's here for the taking!

Blessings,  
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### 1976

Dear Classmates,

Thanks for your responses this time around, and happy 45th graduation anniversary.

Margaret "Peg" Taylor Woltz and her husband Al Woltz '74 have returned from Florida to live in their Abingdon, Maryland, condo. Since they are both retired from their positions as government contractors, they now spend more time together than at any point in their 46 years of marriage. Though this year has been challenging with the pandemic forcing them to quarantine, they have enjoyed their time at home watching movies. They also look forward to weekly Zoom calls with their two sons, Scott and Eric; Peg's brother in Wisconsin, Dr. David Taylor '78; and their family throughout the U.S. and Canada. Peg and Al's days of sailing on cruise ships have now been limited to the 42 voyages they have taken to multiple destinations throughout the Caribbean, Hawaii, Alaska, South America, and Europe. Both Peg and Al would love to hear from their WMC friends to chat, catch up on news, and perhaps share dinner.

Guy Royston reports that he is loving retirement and is always busy. He had spinal fusion surgery in March 2020, the pain was brutal. He speaks with Bob Le Sueur '79 regularly and gets to hear about all the Gamma Bate get-togethers. He says,

"We take many paths in life with numerous twists and turns," and somehow, he ended up living in Laguna, California. He thanks his lucky stars every day for the great weather, the ocean, and beautiful golf courses. On a down note, his wife now calls him "Grandpa."

Kathy Clevenger Jones, M.Ed. '77 lives on Kent Island, Maryland, with her husband, Bruce. She retired after 40 years of teaching Deaf and hard of hearing students, first in Southern Ohio, and for the last 32 years as an itinerant teacher on the mid-shore. She spends her time performing in and supporting community theatre and has acted or worked backstage in over 30 productions. Kathy and Bruce love to travel to Key West, Florida, where she sings classic rock on Duvall Street whenever possible!

Bob Toner retired from Lowe's Home Improvement in January 2019. He had been the store manager of the Hampton, Virginia, location for the last 12 years. After three different retirement parties, some laced with tequila, Bob made preparations to relocate to South Boston, Virginia, where his daughter, Blair, and son-in-law practice law. He accomplished that in February 2020, just prior to the pandemic hitting full stride. Bob has a nice brick rancher in a wooded neighborhood five minutes from his family that now includes two grandsons, Teddy and Henry. Bob's son, Daniel, resides in Chesapeake, Virginia, with his wife, Maggie, and three dogs. Daniel works for a government contractor supervising painting crews on U.S. Navy ships. Bob Kehler, Bob's old WMC roommate, visited him in the summer 2020 and they spent four hours catching up.

Eileen McCauley Hirsch reports that her younger daughter, Stephanie, married and subsequently moved to Florida, much to her mother's dismay. Older daughter, Michelle, continues to live not far from Mom, for which Mom is truly grateful. Over the past five years, and since retirement, Eileen has had numerous foster children, but gave up fostering when her father became ill. Until COVID-19, she was keeping busy babysitting local children, which she enjoyed. COVID put an end to that, so she spent 2020 working on projects around that house that probably should have been tackled years ago! Trips to Florida, Arizona, and local excursions had to be canceled in 2020, but she was still holding out hope for a family cruise in February this year, and an African safari in 2022. Eileen is keeping busy volunteering for her church, fulfilling numerous roles during the pandemic. She prays for health and safety for all.

Ken '77 and Laura Hayner Barnes have had an interesting year, aside from the pandemic. They sold their home in Sykesville, Maryland, in late May in

## family

### DEPARTED

Those who will be missed:

Miss Ada "Becky" Smith '35 of Cecilton, Maryland, on Dec. 9, 2020.

Mrs. Dorothy Harman LeFevre '39 of Taneytown, Maryland, on Jan. 22, 2021.

Mrs. Lois Virginia Wooden Smith '40 of Easton, Maryland, on Sept. 20, 2020.

Mrs. Betty Spurrier Kinzy '43 of Northridge, California, on Dec. 14, 2020.

Mrs. Ruth Benson Bare '44 of Hampstead, Maryland, on Dec. 27, 2020.

Mrs. Alice Alexander Unger '45 of Pewaukee, Wisconsin, on April 3, 2020.

Mrs. Ruth Horan Youngblood '46 of Hedgesville, West Virginia, on April 8, 2020.

Ms. Nancy Dawson Bolden '46 of Chevy Chase, Maryland, on Aug. 1, 2020.

Mrs. Caroline McBride French '46 of Prairie Village, Kansas, on Nov. 24, 2020.

Mr. George Norman '47 of Westminster, Maryland, on Sept. 18, 2020.

Mrs. Mary Kennedy Carr '47 of Oviedo, Florida, on Dec. 2, 2020.

Mrs. Clarabelle Blaney Price '48 of Bluffton, Ohio, on June 7, 2020.

Mrs. Mary Frances Keiser Bradley '48 of Coronado, California, on July 1, 2020.

Mrs. Margaret Hillman Butler '48 of Pocomoke City, Maryland, on Nov. 16, 2020.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ranck Summers '49 of Hartwick, New York, on Aug. 26, 2020.

Dr. William Bayliff '49 of La Jolla, California, on Sept. 11, 2020.

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# alumni updates

**Bernie Gallagher '76, M.L.A. '79** retired from the Smithsonian after more than 30 years.

anticipation of a move to Charlottesville, Virginia, in December, where they are building a house. Their home sold quicker than expected, so they have been “couch surfing” for the past six months. They have spent three months with their daughter, Heather, and son-in-law, Chris, in Richmond, Virginia; two months housesitting for friends; and shorter stints in Airbnbs and brother Doug’s home on Kent Island, Maryland. They have enjoyed spending time with Heather’s 2-year-old son, Jack. In addition to Jack, they have three granddaughters in Richmond, along with son, Ken, and daughter-in-law, Kristin. Ken’s brother, **Rick '77**, and **Kim Hockenbery '77 Barnes** are building a house three doors down from Ken and Laura, also to be closer to grandchildren. Ken and Laura will have to get used to all of the University of Virginia fans in the area. They traveled to Australia in 2017 and spent three weeks in Colorado last September, and they are looking forward to more travel post-pandemic (aren’t we all?). They feel very blessed to be able to be close to family and to be in good health.

**Brenda Manahan Sears** and her husband, Jim, continue to split their time between Perkasio, Pennsylvania; Chatham, Massachusetts; and Bonita Springs, Florida. This year they will begin building a home in Bonita Springs. They had decided to sell their Pennsylvania home in the near future, and with that in mind, they had begun downsizing that house when the pandemic occurred. At that point, they pushed off the “downsizing” and chose to temporarily go back to work in order to support many of their former clients who are researchers. These researchers had immediately begun to work on COVID-19 vaccines, and needless to say, 2020 was an extremely busy year. Brenda and Jim are hopeful of soon returning to retirement. Wishing everyone a COVID-19 vaccine in short order and that the pandemic will soon be in our collective rear-view windows!

**Rhonda Dahl Buchanan** writes that she and her husband, **Bob Buchanan '73**, are still teaching at the University of Louisville. Bob is a professor of chemistry and Rhonda is a professor of Spanish and directs the Latin American and Latino studies program. She especially enjoys translating Latin American fiction and her latest translation project, “Bruno Fólner’s Last Tango” by the Argentine author Mempo Giardinelli, was just published and is available on Amazon. Running “virtually” the Louisville Triple Crown of Racing and the Kentucky Derby Festival miniMarathon kept her sane during the quarantine. Rhonda and Bob moved last summer to a new house they had designed and built with a nice yard for Jake, the LALS Therapy Dog. Jake goes to the university and reduces the stress of everyone he meets!

It’s been a real challenge teaching some classes face-to-face all masked up and other classes online. Maybe it’s time to retire and move back to Maryland!

Bob and **Dell Wogsland Elias** are enjoying living at Lake Tahoe, especially during crazy 2020! Tahoe is filled with hiking trails, so that was Dell’s “most normal” activity this past summer and fall. She is also busy with church activities, reading, sewing, scrapbooking, and enjoying time with their goldens. She is a demonstrator for Stampin’ Up!, so she is always making time for card-making and creating. She missed traveling this past year, especially since their daughters live in Texas and Hawaii. Hopefully they will all be together at Christmas! Happy 2021 everyone!

**Jeff Heinbaugh** reports he retired in July 2019 after over 35 years in the IT industry. He is still doing some part-time IT consulting, but he and **Cathy Clayton Heinbaugh '77** have spent most of retirement traveling and doing community service work. Travels included Williamsburg, Virginia, and Chattanooga, Tennessee, to visit their children; Hawaii; Hilton Head, South Carolina; Sunset Beach, North Carolina; and a cruise on the Mediterranean for vacations. They helped Habitat for Humanity build new houses in Garrett County, Maryland, and spent a week in North Carolina doing hurricane relief work. Even years after hurricanes Matthew and Florence, there are still people who need homes rebuilt. Jeff and Cathy were scheduled to repeat trips for Habitat and hurricane relief in 2020 but those had to be canceled due to the pandemic. Their first grandchild was born in October 2020, a beautiful little girl named Evie. They have a second grandchild on the way due in February 2021. They are in the process of building a second home in Tennessee to be nearer their son, daughter-in-law, and new granddaughter. They can’t wait to be a part of the lives of their grandchildren.

**Tom '75** and **Kathy Hamilton Trezise** are enjoying life in Johns Creek, Georgia. Tom retired in August, and Kathy is still doing financial organizing for a few clients. Fortunately, she works remotely so she was able to continue working during the pandemic. Kathy leads her neighborhood’s women’s Bible study group (via Zoom, for now). She and Tom continue to sing with the Johns Creek Chorale. Kathy says it’s more than a little strange wearing a mask while singing! They have loved spending the last two summers in Ocean City, Maryland, where they got to see many fellow WMC grads and play lots of golf.

**Brian Twillman** and his family remain safe and are being extremely careful to not let their guard down. Fortunately, Brian, his wife Mary, and daughter Maura, are each teleworking from home. Their son, Matthew, is living in Owings Mills, Mary-

land, with his fiancée, Bailey. Brian began teleworking and sheltering in place on March 12. In some respects, he is busier than ever and has been able to serve as the national program manager for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Leaders and Learners Mentoring Program, which has more than 200 mentoring partnerships located across the country. This program is building a “OneEPA” culture and has been endorsed by senior leaders and first-line supervisors. Mary is involved with change management initiatives in the Montgomery County government, while Maura is a mathematics teacher with Watkins Mill High School. Fortunately, they were all able to work. Rather than “teleworking,” they are trying to be successful at “life-working.”

**Steve Vandegrift** and his wife, Bev, are officially empty-nesters ... or at least they thought so until COVID-19 hit. Their youngest daughter graduated from the University of Michigan this spring, but came back home to live and find her first job. Steve recently sold the business he co-founded, helping families find the appropriate senior care they need for their aging relatives. He has now bought another company focused on developing mobile applications for high school athletics. Steve has recently been asked to participate on the advisory council for the entrepreneurship program at McDaniel, so he might make it back to campus for the first time in a long while.

**Mary Coker Bucy** retired from teaching high school math after 42 years in the classroom. She and her husband, Andy, are enjoying life on Lake Hickory in North Carolina. Her older daughter, Missy, lives in Springfield, Virginia, and her younger daughter, Katie, has joined a veterinary practice nearby in Lenoir, North Carolina. Mary and Andy have been helping Katie build a log cabin on eight acres where they can keep a couple horses. Mary enjoys quilting, reading, and walking her dogs in her spare time. Before COVID-19, Mary and Andy took some great trips to Alaska, Wyoming, Montana, and British Columbia. They are looking forward to a better 2021.

Having been retired already for several years each, **Rob Platky '76** and Robin have been able to adjust reasonably easily to life under the pandemic. While many of their activities have gone virtual, Rob and his fellow volunteers have no longer been able to provide college counseling assistance to the students at his alma mater, Montgomery Blair High School, so that has created a big hole in his normal schedule, and he looks forward to getting back into the school as soon as possible. Three of their five grandsons live in nearby Olney, Maryland, with Rob and Robin’s son and daughter-in-law, so they are extremely pleased to have been able to keep them

within their quarantine “bubble.” While both parents have been able to continue working flexibly from home, Rob has been regularly called upon to babysit the youngest (18 months) or assist the older two boys with their online classes (kindergarten and third grade) when their parents have scheduling conflicts. The other two grandsons (kindergarten and 2 1/2 years old) are in Louisville with Rob and Robin’s daughter and son-in-law, which has prevented any in-person visiting since February 2020. They all thank goodness for Zoom! Robin’s dad lives in a nearby senior community, so they see him for visits and supply runs on a regular basis. All family members are well and looking forward to the resumption of full-family get-togethers.

**Bernie Gallagher, M.L.A. '79** retired from the Smithsonian about 2 1/2 years ago, after starting at the National Air and Space Museum in 1978 and spending the last 32 years of his tenure at the National Museum of American History. His work with the curators in building their artifact data and digital image files was eventually made public on the internet. He stays busy playing golf (including the Green and Gold tourney) and he’s reconnected with the History Department, starting a new endowment to fund historical research and travel for students. He’s also published sections of his master’s thesis (SUNY-Oneonta/Cooperstown) on Walter Landor, a pioneer in packaging designs, labels, and branding.

The past year brought many changes in **Diane Johnson Cash’s** life. She had decided to retire at the end of the 2019-20 school year, but had not expected COVID-19 to force her final three months of work to be done from home rather than in the office and her teachers’ classrooms. Saying goodbye to her teachers was accomplished through Zoom meetings and a drive-by celebration. Plans to vacation in Alaska and British Columbia have been placed on hold, and even trips to visit family and friends in Maryland and Virginia have been postponed. It was a big disappointment to have her annual July mission trip to Guatemala canceled as well. On the positive side, she has taken up swimming laps for an hour three days a week at the YMCA and volunteers at the animal shelter and a food pantry. There has been more time with the grandkids (ages 7, 8, and 9) and more opportunities to see local friends. David retired five months later on Dec. 10, so they are enjoying the extra time together and making future travel plans. They went on an awesome two-week Mediterranean cruise focused on the footsteps of the Apostle Paul in fall 2019, fortunately prior to the pandemic.

**Caroline Babylon, M.L.A. '92** lives in Westminster, Maryland, with her husband, Kevin Dayhoff, who is once again on the Westminster Common Council. Caroline retired from her 44-year career in banking, in December 2020 and is now the executive director of Carroll County Food Sunday, the local food pantry. This change in career has been quite an adventure during the COVID-19 pandemic. She continues to volunteer as the treasurer of the Westminster Fire Department and as a therapeutic horseback riding instructor. She joined her roommate, **Emily Ulmer Michelsen**, to celebrate her 65th birthday in 2019. She sees **Diane Spink Czar** annually when she comes to town to go to the (marshmallow) PEEPshow at the Carroll Arts Council.

**Greg and Peggy Powell Sherry** survived 2020 with kayaking, cycling, and working in their beautiful yard. Dr. Greg has not retired yet, much to Peggy’s chagrin. Peggy continues to paint and work with community art projects. They see their four young grandkids as often as they can, with two living near them in Somerset, Kentucky, and two in Franklin, Tennessee. Greg is “G-Daddy” and Peggy is “G-Momma.” Due to COVID-19, they have not been to visit Peggy’s brother, **Bill Powell '75**, in Maine. Hopefully there will be a trip to New England in 2021!

**Susan Blackman** has been on a lot of Zoom calls since mid-March 2020. For grant writing and strategic planning with organizations that teach young people how to create radio documentaries, provide clean needles for IV drug users, offer mental health services for LGBTQ+ clients, match recent refugees with local mentors, and several others. She sits on the board of trustees of her synagogue and is president of the temple sisterhood. Her kids live in Brooklyn, Dayton, and her third floor. The latter is helping her make her way through all the movies and shows she missed prior to lockdown. She misses theatre and the arts, but can wait until we get back to a new normal, whatever that looks like.

**Skip Chambers** is living the dream right now in retirement! He writes that he canoes, kayaks, visits his hunting cabin, helps with his five grandchildren when needed, and still completes some honey-do jobs for his wife since she is still working! They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last year and try to squeeze in as many beach vacations as they can. All three of their children, spouses, and grandchildren live close by so they are always together for fun family outings. However, their new little baby is a 5-month-old yellow lab named Lucy that they both adore! Lucy is the master of the house now! Skip said he is still close with his brother-in-law, **Dave Cole '74**, and his wife Pam, for family vacations. They all meet up with **Bill Swift '74** and his wife,

Carole, and get together for mini trips as well. He also stays in touch with **Craig Silbert '75**. Despite the pandemic, he is enjoying life! Hopes for a vaccine soon, and always wear your mask!

**Brian Bodt** didn’t stay retired long after his 2018 retirement. He’s retiring (again) on June 30 after serving 2 1/2 years as pastor at Hamden Plains (Connecticut) United Methodist Church. His granddaughter, Eva, is 2 years old and a joy. Even with COVID-19, Brian and his wife, Carol, see Eva and her parents, Daniel and Melisa, often. Brian and Carol celebrate their ninth wedding anniversary in June. Both of Carol’s sons, Aaron and Ryan, graduated from college and Brian’s son, Adam, plans a 2022 wedding to Katie Armstrong. Brian was published in the “Upper Room Disciplines 2021,” a daily devotional guide. He is active as a volunteer and professional railroader on the Valley Railroad, a steam tourist railroad in Essex, Connecticut, and still plays with all kinds of model trains.

“Lots to be thankful for, new paths, up-valuing, and reimagination. Yes, many footnotes to 2020,” so begins **Don Dea**. The year started with a book launch for Don and Cathy’s son, Alex. The book, “MBA Insider,” has all five-star reviews on Amazon. Alex’s book launch celebration in San Francisco was so special as colleagues, friends, and people who Alex helped to make a difference in their lives joined. A senior executive graciously lent an office in San Francisco for the celebration with over 50 folks. What looked like an auspicious start with over a dozen M.B.A. schools booked for on-site workshops and seminars came to an abrupt stop with COVID-19. Fortunately, many of the schools wanted Alex to conduct virtual events for their first- and second-year students. The University of Texas at Austin had Alex develop an online course delivered to their students, but his darn day job at Salesforce continues to draw his passion and remaining waking hours. Don and Cathy were so blessed that their daughter, Erin, and her husband, Jackson, were able to celebrate their wedding despite the early COVID lockdowns that occurred in California starting the Monday after their wedding on March 14. Erin’s concern for the health and safety of guests generated an outreach to invited guests to “stay in place,” but many had already arrived or were determined to be there. It was the most memorable wedding that Don has been to. Impeccable detail, great dad toast, and father-daughter dance (“My Wish” and “My Girl”). Alex became an overnight officiant and presided over the ceremony. While a honeymoon to Hawaii was parked, the riots in Santa Monica, California, jump-started condo hunting. In a tight market, Erin was fortunate to find a great place. Alex, Erin, and Jackson began

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**Mr. George Baldwin '49** of Forest Hill, Maryland, on Sept. 27, 2020.

**Mrs. Jean Silcox Baldwin '49** of Benton, Pennsylvania, on Oct. 24, 2020.

**Mrs. Eleanor Leech Lewis '49** of Lexington, South Carolina, on Nov. 9, 2020.

**Mrs. Louise Reese Kunkel '49** of Phoenix, Maryland, on Feb. 10, 2021.

**Mr. Raymond Randall '50** of Mocksville, North Carolina, on June 24, 2020.

**Mr. Charles Kidd '50** of McHenry, Maryland, on Aug. 25, 2020.

**Ms. Ruth Ramsay Yanne '50** of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, on Oct. 3, 2020.

**Mr. Hubert Burns '50** of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, on Nov. 26, 2020.

**Mrs. Kitty Olewiler Kirsch '51** of Roswell, Georgia, on March 29, 2020.

**Mrs. Evelyn Hoyle Higbie '51** of Frederick, Maryland, on Dec. 12, 2020.

**Miss Nancy Winkelman '51, M.Ed. '70** of Bradenton, Florida, on Dec. 20, 2020.

**Mr. Hugh Councill '52** of Lewes, Delaware, on June 18, 2020.

**Mrs. Nancy Walker Molesworth '52** of Frederick, Maryland, on Nov. 15, 2020.

**Mrs. Joan Hampel Hoedemaker '52** of Princeton, New Jersey, on Jan. 2, 2021.

**Mr. Ernest Makowski '52** of Seaford, Delaware, on Jan. 10, 2021.

**Ms. Barbara Bankson Hiestand '53** of Charlotte, North Carolina, on Dec. 2, 2019.

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## Alumna casts Electoral College vote for President Biden

**On Dec. 14, 2020, Corynne Courpas '76 traveled to the Maryland State House in Annapolis as one of 10 Marylanders nominated as electors to the state's Electoral College meeting to formally cast their votes for President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. Courpas, who is the treasurer of the Carroll County Democratic Central Committee, represented Carroll County as the elector for Congressional District 8. Courpas has been involved in politics since the 1970s, and this latest opportunity was a testament to her dedication to the party and the state. "It was fun; it was emotional. It was very special. The epitome of my career in volunteerism," Courpas told The Baltimore Sun.**

working remotely almost immediately in March 2020 and most likely will continue to far into 2021. There has been no pause in Erin's 24/7 world of investment banking. While they are in the career zone as vice presidents and senior managers, it is unfortunately high stress. They appear to handle it OK, but it is hard to imagine this lifestyle being sustainable. Trickle-down planning has kept Cathy involved in Erin and Alex's event and realty decisions. One of the footnote lessons for Don and Cathy has been "up-valuing" their connections and relationships. They were so looking forward to seeing friends and family at Erin's wedding in Santa Monica and Rochester celebration. They have been diligent with new online traditions with friends and family. These Zooms do not get tiring. Cathy has been able to FaceTime with her mom in Hong Kong, where she is in a nursing home. The footnotes continued on the business side as Don had to postpone their digitalNow 20th anniversary event, originally scheduled for April 15, to Dec. 2, 2020. They were truly fortunate that few folks canceled and most advised that one way or another, they would join in Orlando, Florida. Fast forward to September, they had to make the hard decision to convert to a virtual event and reimagine the entire program. They were extremely fortunate as they were able to nearly double registrations and delivered the 20th anniversary to their digitalNow community with over 125 speakers and 50 hours of programming. The Guide Dog Foundation/America's VetDogs board asked Don

to serve another two-year term beyond the max limit of four years. Also, he continues to serve as treasurer on the board of trustees for Excelsior College, and HIMSS Media board, which keep the focus on making positive differences in different sectors including veterans, blind and visually impaired, non-traditional underserved students (adults), and health care technology. **Corynne Courpas** started off 2020 fulfilling a lifelong dream by joining a Jan Term trip to Egypt. Professor Mohamed Esa led a group of amazing students and friends of the college on this great adventure. Who knew that riding a camel and ascending in a hot air balloon over the Valley of the Kings would turn out to be the most normal events of the year? Like everyone, she spent the rest of the year navigating a new paradigm. The food service industry was especially hard hit, making her fall retirement from PFG even more welcome than expected. A planned September trip to Greece with many Courpas relatives is now on hold until 2022. Instead, Corynne dedicated all those free hours to the Biden-Harris campaign. The reward was an appointment to be one of the voters at the state's Electoral College meeting, casting one of the 10 votes from Maryland on Dec. 14. Corynne has been able to keep up with college and other community activities with the wonder of Zoom, even becoming an administrator to lead her wine group in virtual tastings. (Thankfully the wine is real and has been plentiful.) She does miss her favorite pastimes of entertaining and travel, but most of all, hugs from all

her nieces and nephews and their growing families. She hopes that by the time you are reading this that all are healthy, that we are at least at our new normal, and that she is enjoying all her retirement goals. **Ginny Ace Miller** sends greetings to the class from southwest Florida, where she says it is hard to believe 45 years have passed since we were waiting to graduate into a world that had never heard of COVID-19 or social distancing. She still enjoys life on the Gulf Coast, despite dodging hurricanes and red tide. Her younger son, Elliot, lives close by and got married in 2018 to his longtime girlfriend, Meredith. Ginny's older son, Erik, still lives in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, with wife, Jennifer, and son, Keaton, who just started middle school amid the pandemic. Ginny and Dennis enjoy boating and water activities on the Gulf. She has also been privileged to serve on the Board of Trustees for the college since 2018 and reports it has been a wonderful experience staying connected to so many great memories on the Hill. **Ann Jones** writes from Ellicott City, Maryland, that like many, she and her husband Don Koch spent a delightful 2020 traveling with friends, getting together with family, standing far apart posing for family photos, going to concerts, washing our hands, trying new restaurants, wearing masks, checking out quaint little shops, cruising to exotic destinations, having large Q-tips shoved up our nose, hugging our friends, meeting with colleagues. She hopes that sometime in 2021 we will all be able to do the things we love.

As a closing note, I have been doing our column in *The Hill* for about 30 years and have always enjoyed receiving your postcards (way back when) and emails with your latest news, which I am then able to write up and share with all of you. This year, for the first time in all of these years, I had a classmate reach out and ask if I had time to take a call from him. That call turned into a 45-minute Zoom video chat with **Don Dea**, which absolutely made my day in this year of column writing. I guess we covered a year a minute during our call. So my special thanks to him for taking that time to reach out, and thanks to all of you who always email your latest so we all can stay connected through WMC. Happy 45th.  
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Hello, Class of '82! Hopefully by the time you read this, we will be seeing that light at the end of the tunnel that was 2020. Thanks to all who replied. It seems like we are all fatigued, as I didn't hear from all of you that we usually hear from. Step it up for the next time. It's good to be connected! Let's start off with **Kay Davis Moore** who writes: "Wow, 2020. The sixth decade of our lives, and what a year it has been, filled with social unrest, political turmoil, economic hardships, and a global pandemic." Suffering abounds, yet Kay still sees hope and joy every Wednesday when she volunteers at a food pantry, when she worships on Sunday all masked up and socially distanced from church family, when "I expand my thinking with my fellow seniors (who would have thought that we would be senior citizens!)" while taking Zoom classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at North Carolina State University, when connecting with family and friends whether virtually or in person. Kay wasn't sorry to say goodbye to 2020 and hopes that we overcome the challenges it threw at us. **Nancy Held**, still smiling after all these years, writes: "Although it was an odd year, it was still filled with a lot of fun with family and friends. I worked on a new, beautiful outdoor picnic area with the help of **John Jarkowicz**." Then **Beth Green Jarkowicz, M.Ed. '83, Cyndy Church Clatterbuck, M.S. '86, Nan Sadler Neely, Jayne Kernan Lacey**, and Nancy sat under the newly strung lights from the overhead pines for a rare meal together! The swell of the cases dictated much of their social lives so

they "snatched their moments when they could." Her outdoor movie theater saw a lot of action this year as well. **Beth Heckle Staton** tells us that work from home in Michigan began again in late fall and she will be going to her cottage on Lake Huron for the duration. Her son, Chris, got married Labor Day weekend. It was a much smaller wedding than originally planned, but it was lovely nonetheless. Her daughter, Celia, graduated with a ceremony in July on the football field, so she did get to walk across the stage. Otherwise, nothing exciting with no travel and no visits. **John and Christy Huffman Garman** have been living in Glyndon, Maryland, for 38 years and are looking forward to retirement in the next few years. John is still in the family business, Glyndon Lord Baltimore Cleaners, and was recently joined by Christy on the financial side of the business. Christy left Loyola University Maryland after 13 years in the biology department as lab manager and affiliate instructor. Christy and John have two married daughters, one engaged daughter, two grandsons, two granddaughters, and one more on the way! The Garman girls have been busy and they keep John and Christy even busier. They recently bought an Airstream camper and have been enjoying small trips, and are looking forward to traveling cross-country upon retirement. **Mike Hardesty, M.S. '82** continues as the CEO of Flying Colors of Success in Westminster, Maryland, operating group homes for our friends and neighbors in Carroll County with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Needless to say, COVID-19 has turned the long-term care industry, including group homes, upside down. He's hoping and praying for a swift end to this pandemic in 2021. He and Sheila are enjoying their first grandchild: "It's an awesome experience as many of our classmates already know!" Chris is looking forward to heading back down to Venice, Florida, for some R&R this winter and maybe another fossil-hunting adventure or two on the Peace River. He plans to make Venice his home after retirement. **Ann Royston Davis** survived "The Vid," but the fatigue is a long-lasting effect. Zoom has been a life saver during these strange times. Most days, Ann is holed up in her sewing room working on quilts and various sewing projects. During the lovely warm weather of summer, we would find her on the various rivers in York, Pennsylvania, kayaking and watching the wildlife. She looks forward to the wedding of her oldest child in the fall. **Carolyn Bouma** muses, "When the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak was first reported, I thought, 'Cool! A new virus. This is a great, current topic for my microbiology students to learn about viruses and epidemiol-

ogy!" Fast forward to the beginning of 2021, and it's still a relevant topic for teaching, but maybe it's not so 'cool' anymore. Being a university professor who teaches face-to-face with hands-on labs, the move to remote learning was challenging and time-consuming. 'Old dog, new tricks' syndrome!" Everyone in education has faced this challenge and Carolyn says we owe all educators (especially our K-12 teachers) our support and a big thank you for working so hard on behalf of their students! Also, since COVID-19 slammed her birthday vacation plans, she'll visit Hawaii, Yellowstone, and Canyon de Chelly in 2021 after she receives the COVID-19 vaccine. **Robin McCauslan Forbes** had a small backyard wedding in September for her son and a small outdoor graveside funeral in November for her mother-in-law. She says, "All in all, we are doing well." **Jenny O'Neill** writes, "What a COVID-19 journey we are on! What a presidential cliffhanger we were in!" All "good stories" to analyze for teaching Political Science and Sociology as an adjunct at the local Chesapeake Community College, which is what she is doing for fun these days. She is also trying to keep their small environmental business Living Ecosystems alive, along with their Labrador breeding kennel, Holly Hope Farm. In her spare time, she is raising a second batch of adopted siblings, ages 13, 8, 6, and 5, so she is basically homeschooling. "I might be too old for all this nonsense!" **Cathy Beedenbender Wiley** says 2019 was an exciting year for her as a special educator and Unified Coach. Two of her students/bocce players (one with a disability and one without a disability), were selected by Special Olympics to represent the United States at the Special Olympics Global Youth Leadership Summit, at the World Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Their delegation had a great week, meeting with other delegations from 50 countries and discussing best practices to promote inclusion, all over the world. Cathy signed an open contract with Howard County Schools to teach academic life skills, resigning from Anne Arundel County Public Schools after 16 years. Switching positions and counties in the midst of a pandemic was a challenge, but it gets easier every day. Cathy continues, "Who knew in 1982, when we didn't even have computers, that we would be teaching virtually, using countless numbers of learning platforms?" Pear Deck, Boom Cards, Jamboards, Padlets, and Google Slides presentations dominate her life. Cathy and her roommates from the apartments senior year are still the best of buddies and keep in touch weekly. **Leslie Thomas-Vitek '83, Maria Hutchinson, and Martha Voss Gannon Smith** are like family, and Cathy feels lucky to have them in

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- Mr. Robert Bryan Langrall '53** of Hanover, Pennsylvania, on Nov. 29, 2020.
- Mrs. Diane Carey Huffman '53** of Prescott, Arizona, on Dec. 24, 2020.
- Mr. Harry Grander '54** of Farnham, Virginia, on Dec. 2, 2020.
- Mr. James Tone '55** of Tokyo, Japan, on Dec. 9, 2020.
- Mr. Alfred Wahlers '55** of Franklin, Massachusetts, on Nov. 14, 2020.
- Mrs. Barbara Harding White '55** of Weyers Cave, Virginia, on Jan. 5, 2021.
- Mrs. Carol Marker Lockard '56** of Cumberland, Maryland, on Dec. 14, 2020.
- Mrs. Carol Conrad Berzon '56** of Fernandina Beach, Florida, on Jan. 20, 2021.
- Mr. John "Jack" Osborne '57** of Cape May Court House, New Jersey, on July 20, 2020.
- Mrs. Judith Corby Osborne '58** of Cape May Court House, New Jersey, on Nov. 28, 2020.
- Mr. Richard King M.Ed. '58** of Marietta, Pennsylvania, on Dec. 5, 2020.
- Mr. James Deegan M.Ed. '60** of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, on Nov. 7, 2020.
- Miss Shirley Hoff '60, M.Ed. '64** of Westminster, Maryland, on Jan. 6, 2021.
- Dr. Robert McCallum '61** of Columbia, Missouri, on Nov. 28, 2020.
- Mrs. Martha Woodward Davis '61** of Tampa, Florida, on Dec. 13, 2020.
- Mrs. Helen Buehm Crumpacker '62** of Prosper, Texas, on Dec. 16, 2020.
- Mrs. Dianne Mannion Wepsic '63** of Greenville, Pennsylvania, on Aug. 13, 2020.

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**Xianliang Peter Chen, assistant coach for indoor and outdoor track and field, passed away on Jan. 5, 2021.**

**Chen served in various roles since he joined McDaniel in 2013. In addition to his work with the track and field teams since 2017, he also served as an adjunct faculty member teaching Tai Chi for the Kinesiology Department for many years. Chen also joined with McDaniel students and faculty for Jan Term trips and summer research trips to China, assisting the exchange between McDaniel students and Chinese college students in Beijing, Suzhou, Shanghai, and Wuhu, China. Chen was instrumental in assisting with early conversations between McDaniel College and Anhui Normal University in China to establish a partnership between the two institutions.**

**Chen received a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Anhui Normal University and a master's degree in Kinesiology from Shanghai Sports University and Minnesota State University. Chen is survived by his spouse, Qin Fang, associate professor of History, and daughter, Fangluo Chen '18.**

her life. She keeps up with **Missy Sullivan Fields** regularly, and many longtime old friends via Facebook.

**Lisa Segal** writes that things are good in New England. They've been in their "new" house (built in 1945) for three years. They are in the woods, set in the small town of Duxbury, Massachusetts, with a wood stove warming their Cape-style house from October to April. Lisa has a beautiful studio/barn attached to the house, which serves as a photography/yoga/dog training studio and guest room. **Nootie Mathias Cahill, Syd Deeds James, Annie Royston Davis, Kim Wagner Dalton** (now remarried), **Lori Rafferty, Diane Cavey Bohn**, and Lisa squeaked in a short but lovely vacation in Asheville, North Carolina, just before COVID-19 hit. Lisa also sees **Debbie Bessman Funk '81** once in a while. Deb's daughter actually bought a home in Lisa's town so she's hoping to see her "crazy beautiful face" more often. She painted a portrait of their beloved Indy, a beautiful reminder of him. Lisa's son graduated from law school and is waiting on the bar exam results. Her middle daughter is living in Philly and working as a guidance counselor, and youngest daughter is finding her way and enjoying herself as she figures her life out. Lisa is still a photographer and yoga teacher, doing some marketing and video production as well. As most of you have written, Lisa is hoping for that vaccine so we can see our beloved friends and family.

**Barbara Hays Steven** has had an interesting year or two. Her daughter got married in 2019, then her son got married this

year. COVID-19 made everything more challenging. Her veterinary hospital has survived, but like all small businesses, it is challenged by the current circumstances.

**Kelly Liescheid Goldsmith** and husband, Don, continue to run their Thrivent financial planning practice from Lawrenceville, Georgia. They spend a good bit of time caring for his parents who are nearby. Both of their sons live close by, and they cherish their time with them and especially with their grandson, age 5. Kelly continues to serve as the treasurer for their local cooperative ministry. Like so many other ministries, theirs has been busier than ever this year. Kelly notes, "God has been faithful and continues to provide the resources the community needs." Kelly and Don had to cancel their Habitat trip this year, as well as their 20th anniversary celebration trip, but look forward to rescheduling those when it is safe again. Kelly would like to express her sincere gratitude to our classmates who are first responders, health care providers, and the many others who have been serving tirelessly to help all those suffering with COVID-19 and related issues.

Like so many of us, **Kathy Timmins O'Loughlin** says, "Social distancing and staying healthy. Look forward to hearing that everyone is doing well." She is currently helping her daughter with her on-line schooling, taking lots of walks, and working in the garden.

**Jim** and **Barbie Dawson** just celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary. They have many stories with ups and downs but have continued to love each other through it all. Their oldest daughter is expecting her fifth baby, their fifth grandchild (she'll soon have a starting five). Barbie has the pleasure of picking up their oldest grandsons (a third grader and a fourth grader) and taking them to the school she teaches at every morning. It is her 38th year of teaching physical education and she is still loving it each and every day. Jim is still involved with basketball camps and officiating, but things have slowed down due to the virus. Barbie has retired from early childhood education and now watches the youngest two grandchildren a couple of days each week. Jim has never seen her happier. Barbie is also in the process of training their newest and biggest puppy to date. Piper is 11 months old and weighs 65 pounds. She is possibly a pharaoh hound mix, but Barbie sees some shepherd in her. They are still loving the South Florida life, but travel back to Maryland a couple times a year to visit family. Son, Brian, is excelling in his financial endeavors, but his real expertise is in catching some of the biggest fish Jim has ever seen. Their youngest daughter and her husband live and work as CPAs in

Orlando, Florida, but Barbie and Jim are hoping they move farther south when they start adding babies to their family. Their family has grown so much with spouses, babies, and canines, and they can't wait for this COVID-19 fiasco to end so they can all get together again.

**Nancy Turner Parlette** (married to **Paul Parlette '83**) has become a mother-in-law and switched her ministry work. Their son, Andrew, got married Feb. 1, 2020. Yes, a month before the pandemic hit! Nancy was so grateful they wanted a winter wedding! She is now working with an organization called International Students, Inc., as campus minister and club advisor at University of Maryland, Baltimore County, working with undergraduate and graduate students as well as community volunteers who want to befriend, serve, and spiritually support international students. She teaches about American culture, the students learn about their cultures, go on fun trips, and if interested, visit churches and participate in Bible studies. However, this past year all club activities are online. During this pandemic, Nancy's family has been doing a lot of home projects, and Nancy is reading through old letters from her grandparents back in the 1940s — very fun!

**Cathy Basti DiVello** laments that, like everyone else, the pandemic has had an impact on them. **Doug DiVello** has faced unprecedented challenges as a hospital CEO, their oldest daughter is on the front line as an ER clinical pharmacist six hours away at a level 1 trauma center, their youngest daughter worked an eight-month co-op at a company that developed a COVID-19 treatment cocktail, and Cathy works for a hospital in IT. Fortunately, they have all remained healthy. Cathy and Doug are rapidly approaching an empty nest, as their youngest graduates in May, and they are starting to consider where to retire to, what kind of home to look for, etc. They have enjoyed their time in New England, but are looking forward to a more temperate climate. Cathy was so happy to catch up with **Vicki Kessler Poole, M.Ed. '87** when Doug had a conference in Baltimore a little over a year ago. Doug continues to participate in trap shooting competitions. He has a number of state titles now! Cathy says that working from home isn't new because she's been doing this for several years now. She still enjoys sewing and gardening and is looking forward to this spring when they can travel more.

**Tom** and **Jeanette Summers '84 Smith** became empty nesters and sold their home in Howell, New Jersey, in August and now live in Pier Village, Long Branch, New Jersey (at the shore), enjoying living at the beach. Tom is still working and has several years until retirement.

As for me, I enjoy keeping in touch with my email pen pal, **Melissa Pruitt Cockerill, M.Ed. '84**, who is still living the life in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She seems to be the caretaker and social director for a large group of church and gym friends. I also see **Nancy Zuidema Radcliffe** occasionally and keep in touch with **Pam Damon Kenworthy**. I am still loving my job teaching kids with Down syndrome and other needs, though my husband would like me to retire. I am waiting for our son to finish med school so he can take care of his old parents!

Thanks for checking in with us. Encourage your friends to send us their news.

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## 1988

After 30-plus years of teaching fifth grade, **Deb Weber Kiley** retired Nov. 1 from Carroll County Public Schools. She and **Norm Kiley '84** will be celebrating their 30th anniversary in July 2021. Their son will graduate from University of Maryland, Baltimore County in May 2021 with degrees in chemistry and political science and will be heading to law school. Since they can't travel like they usually do, they adopted a corgi puppy and she keeps them busy. With so many crazy things going on, they are looking forward to what adventures 2021 brings!

**Rhonda Myers** still enjoys writing the Honor Class column. She stays busy these days by spending time with her grandkids and making greeting cards. She's been relishing working from home, and it's been great keeping in touch with fellow classmates via Facebook.

**Tara Stevenson McEvoy** has been working part time as an RN for two years now at a rehabilitation hospital in York, Pennsylvania. She loves her job and can't believe it's been two years since she graduated from nursing school! She's helping her husband run his home improvement business and, thankfully, he's stayed busy through this past crazy year! Tara is homeschooling three of her children, Sophia and Amelia, both 16, and Josiah, 10. Her oldest daughter Madeline, 23, graduated from college in December 2020 and now works as a social worker. Anna, 21, and Olivia, 19, are both in college. This past year was definitely interesting, but she really enjoyed slowing down and having everyone home!

**Jeff Cantrell** is living full time in Lake Anna, Virginia, and would love to connect with alumni coming to the area. He is still working as an independent financial advisor. He and his wife enjoy time spending time with the kids and grandkids. Due to COVID-19, Jeff has not been able to connect

with as many alumni as he would like. Jeff did get to ride motorcycles to Sturgis, South Dakota, a few years ago with **Duane Powell '88** and really enjoyed catching up with our classmates at our last reunion.

Last year, **Mary-Martha Peel Bahn** and her husband, Chris, moved to Maastricht, Netherlands, where Chris is teaching at the University of Maastricht. They love living there and exploring Europe, though COVID-19 has limited the traveling now. They've been able to explore parts of Germany and Belgium so far, and of course, the Netherlands. The lifestyle there is relaxed. Like most people in the Netherlands, they bike everywhere. For the first time in her adult life, she enjoys not working. She is trying to learn Dutch and finds that to be a humbling experience.

**Dave '87** and **Sharon Pierce, M.S. '92 Reith's** family have had some major changes this year, despite everything else happening in 2020. They were supposed to be celebrating Jennifer's wedding in May, but it was postponed due to COVID-19. She did manage to get married in August with a "most unusual" masked and socially distanced wedding. But it was perfect and beautiful. Also in August, Dave retired after 32 years at Northrop Grumman. They were actually "lucky" to have the pandemic quarantine/work-at-home for six months prior so they could get used to being in the same house all day! It was a great "transition" to retirement. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, they have not been able to travel or do any of the things they had hoped to do last fall. So, they are spending most of their time working around the house on long-forgotten projects.

**Karen Boynton Goodison** is working at University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health in Harford County as the assistant vice president of clinical operations. She's been there for 15 years and has been proud to support our heroes on the front line during the COVID-19 pandemic. Karen's family is well; her daughter is in high school, succeeding academically and playing soccer and lacrosse. She and her husband, Scott, enjoy watching their daughter play for her high school and club teams. Karen heard Grateful Dead's "Truckin'" and Don McLean's "American Pie" recently, and those songs always take her back to college. Karen really enjoys reading everyone's submissions. She knows 2020 was difficult, and she wanted to say hello to everyone and hopes everyone is well.

**Daniel Seabold** and his wife, Gillian, are mathematics professors at Hofstra University on Long Island. Daniel is chairing the department. Their daughter is a junior at MIT and their two sons are in high school. Daniel has kept in touch with **Dan Nurco '89** and recently heard from **Ed Singer '87**, but he would love to get in touch with more old friends.

**Jorge** and **Debbie Atwood '90 Marini** had a big change this year, moving from their home in Catonsville, Maryland, to Frederick, Maryland. Debbie is the new director of the Frederick County Department of Social Services, and she's excited to be helping in their new community. Their three kids are grown now, ages 22, 20, and 18. Melissa, 20, is excelling as a junior at McDaniel and they are so happy for her! They are a WMC/McDaniel family!

**Tammy Graf** has been on a roller coaster since November 2018 when the owners of Fingerle Lumber Company (FLC) announced the closing of the 88-year-old company after selling the property. Tammy was literally the only person working from April 2019 until she finished terminating FLC in February 2020. Tammy said it was surreal to be the only person working weeks on end and going days without seeing anyone until she got home at night. It was nice to know that the company had so much faith in her to do what needed to be done without anyone being there. Amid all this upheaval, Tammy's dad became very ill at the end of 2019 and died in January 2020. During this time, she was fortunate enough to make a connection with the owner of Northville Lumber. His business has been growing and the timing was right when he decided to add a position for Tammy as CFO. She started in March, shortly before Michigan was shut down for six weeks due to COVID-19, and like many, Tammy was tasked to work from home (fortunately she had an entire home office for her tax business, Your Bean Counter) to work on calculating and filing for the Paycheck Protection Program loan. Never would she have imagined that transitioning from closing a business would end up like this. Every day is a challenge whether Northville Lumber Company gets to stay open or not. Getting inventory has continued to be a challenge. Tammy is so sad that she cannot even go home to visit her mom, who is alone for the first time in 60 years. "I'm holding on to hope that we survive the next four years," she says.

Things are OK with **Jeff** and **Tracey-Ann Tokar Smith**. They have challenges, of course, but things are generally OK. Tracey works at Sisters Academy of Baltimore as a sixth grade English and language arts teacher. She has been there three years now. It is a private school for economically disadvantaged girls from the southwest Baltimore area. She was doing a lot of community theatre as the primary stage manager for Dundalk Community Theatre until COVID-19 hit, and now she spends a lot more time with Jeff. Jeff is still working as a contractor doing network security and application packaging for the USDA, and he still volunteers as the Little League District Administrator in Maryland District 4. Their middle son, Josh, graduated from

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**Mr. John Norris '64** of Waldorf, Maryland, on Jan. 27, 2020.

**Mrs. Suzanne Jacobs Packard '66** of Palm Coast, Florida, on Nov. 25, 2020.

**Mr. Ralph Shellenberger M.Ed. '66** of Dallastown, Pennsylvania, on Dec. 8, 2020.

**Mrs. Myrtle Langlettig Myers '67** of Westminster, Maryland, on Nov. 24, 2020.

**Ms. Linda Wiley '70** of Grasonville, Maryland, on Jan. 22, 2021.

**Mr. Gilman Williar M.Ed. '70** of New Windsor, Maryland, on Jan. 26, 2021.

**Mrs. Janet Riley Colburn M.Ed. '72** of Adamstown, Maryland, on Feb. 16, 2021.

**Mr. Franklin Schaeffer '73** of Westminster, Maryland, on Jan. 23, 2021.

**The Rev. David Wolfinger III '73** of Cresco, Iowa, on Feb. 6, 2021.

**Mrs. Jeanette Hardy Baldwin '74** of Monkton, Maryland, on Oct. 2, 2020.

**Mr. Andrew Rowan '74** of Frostburg, Maryland, on Nov. 28, 2020.

**Mrs. Vanessa Barnes Lawson '75** of Baltimore, on Dec. 13, 2020.

**Mrs. Barbara Borke Baumgardner M.L.A. '76, M.Ed. '82** of Hilton Head, South Carolina, on Jan. 10, 2021.

**Mr. James Mowbray M.L.A. '77** of Sykesville, Maryland, on Nov. 6, 2020.

**Mrs. Marjorie Klepper Lippy M.Ed. '77** of Hampstead, Maryland, on Dec. 26, 2020.

**Mrs. Ann Weigel Dixon '78** of Bowie, Maryland, on Sept. 26, 2020.

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# alumni updates

## Abbi Wicklein-Bayne '94 is chief of interpretation and visitor services at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine and Hampton National Historic Site.

Shepherd University last spring summa cum laude with two music degrees. They did manage to take a road trip to Wisconsin last summer to visit **George and Karen Quidas '90 Mayhew** at their farm.

**Jennifer Martin Hussey, M.S. '91** says not much has changed since the last update. They are still in San Antonio, Texas, where their 11th grader is online learning in his jammies. Jennifer is director of compliance at the local mental health authority for Bexar County, and she has a little side gig working for one of the national behavioral health accreditation agencies. Before COVID-19, it was a great way to get out and see other agencies and travel a bit. She's working on a second master's degree, this one in health care law from the University of Oklahoma. Jennifer's husband is still working at Brooke Army Medical Center as a child neurologist; he retired from the Army after 25 years. They are plotting their return to D.C./Maryland: "Hopefully the next update will find us back home and semi-retired." Jennifer hopes everyone is doing well. She and **Carin Michel** still find themselves as amusing as ever, much to the dismay of their husbands and embarrassment of their kids.

**Gary Goldberg** has completed the many repairs to their home following Anchorage, Alaska's 7.0 earthquake in 2018. Their son, Colin, is a first-year student at the University of Alaska, studying Japanese and art. Their daughter, Brooke, is a high school junior immersed in fashion and online gaming. Gary's wife, Carla, continues to educate elementary school students in Anchorage. Gary now has over 33 years of combined military-civil service and thoughts of retirement from his federal career are beginning to pop up from time to time. In 2020, he was running 140 miles per month with his Labrador retriever, who really seems to appreciate this work-from-home reality. They've begun looking for warmer climates after more than three decades in Alaska. A vacation to Palm Springs, California, in 2019 has inspired them to look in the desert Southwest as a destination once Colin finishes college.

**Chris Newman** is still serving on the McDaniel College Board of Trustees and heads the investment committee. He says that the board continues to evolve and is more diverse than ever: "We have a committed team of alums and non-alums that are very focused on our students, their outcomes, and our faculty, who are critical to the success of the college. If you haven't been to campus recently, you need to see the new Roj Student Center. It's pretty amazing!" Chris and his wife, **Susan Shoumer Newman '89**, are approaching their 30th wedding anniversary in June. Natalie is a junior at McDaniel, and loving it, and they live vicariously through her. Nicole is a sophomore at James Madi-

son University, entering the nursing program. But with COVID-19, the empty nest isn't empty and they are not complaining. While the virus is stressful, having the extra time with their girls is a blessing. Chris continues to work at T. Rowe Price, coming up on 32 years. Chris is head of Americas, which includes U.S. institutional business plus Canadian institutional and intermediary business. Generally, life is good for the Newmans and they miss all of their WMC friends and can't wait to get back to a new normal when we can be together again.

**Kathleen "Kathy" Little, M.S. '91** is in her fourth year as the assistant manager of Clearview Terrace Apartments, a HUD-assisted senior community in Hanover, Pennsylvania. She also just completed her sixth season of officiating high school soccer. Pre-pandemic, she was a member of her church choir at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Abbotstown. She is an adjunct physical education professor for Harrisburg Area Community College and teaches in the evenings and on weekends. She enjoys golfing with friends, spending time with her family, and doing yard work around her house.

**Heather Hastings McLaughlin** is thankful to be living in Wyoming, where social distancing is just another normal day! Seriously, life there didn't change much in 2020. They had lots of visitors over the spring and summer, mainly East Coasters trying to escape lockdowns. She rode and hiked hundreds of trails and did some horse camping with friends. She was also busy helping with the local county's 4-H Fair in July. Heather and her husband are thankful for all of their retirement blessings. They do miss friends and family back east. They traveled back to Pennsylvania and Maryland in February, prior to the pandemic! They sure planned that one just right! Whew! Heather hopes all fellow WMCers are doing well.

**Melinda Milburn Palmeri** says that keeping in contact with college buddies has helped keep her sanity! A huge thank you to her tribe: **Sarah Kimmel '87 Lemon; Beth Riffey '87 Matsui; Mary Beth Angus '87 Carmichael; Tracy Kennard "TK" '87 lmm; Laurie Vozella-Bell '87; Helen "HB" Brennan '87 LaBrie; Karen Scheidt '87, M.S. '90 Groner; Kathy Mancini '87 Williams; Annmarie Brannan '87 Thacker; Theresa Gutierrez Battaglia; Amy Parr '89 Cilmi; Michelle LaVina '89; Mary O'Hara '89 Zorbach; and Terry Dripps '89 Grothmann.** Congrats to Melinda's daughter, **Olivia "Livvy" Palmeri '20**, who graduated in 2020 from McDaniel on the Dean's List and who is now moving on to her earn her M.B.A.!

**Susan Scalley Herrold** and husband, Bruce, are still living in Annapolis, Maryland, and Susan is still with Anne Arundel County Government as the assistant

personnel officer for Employee and Labor Relations. Working from home several days per week has been an adjustment, but Susan loves the commute! This past year Susan was able to visit her daughter Holly's family in Utah. It was beautiful and she can't wait to visit again and see more. An upside to spending so much time outside this year is that her golf game is improving.

**Matt '87 and Tracy Buckman Dunne** are living in Cincinnati. Without concerts this past summer at the venue Matt manages, they were able to spend a lot of time at their lake house. Since real estate remained an essential business this year, Tracy faced new challenges in finding COVID-friendly ways to help people find new homes. Suddenly, it seemed everyone needed a home with a home office and great outdoor living space! One of the brightest parts of this past year was reconnecting with many Phi Alph sisters through virtual happy hours!

Many thanks to all of those who wrote in with news! It's always great to hear from you!

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## 1994

**Trevor and Tamitha Moore Sellers** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Nov. 18, 2020. Trevor, a sergeant major in the United States Army, retired after 26 years of service. They retired to the mountains of Western North Carolina. Tamitha continues as a special education teacher, while Trevor looks forward to continued service with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Their son graduated from the University of South Carolina with a chemical engineering degree and their daughter is a senior Accounting and Business major at McDaniel.

**Ann Ogle Bartels, M.S. '99** is still a stay-at-home mom and is homeschooling her two youngest children. She is proud that her two oldest have graduated high school. Ann is also a caregiver to her father-in-law, who lives with their family. She is actively involved in her community church and enjoys fellowshiping with her church friends and families. Ann also stays in touch and visits with her parents, Ernie and Sue Ogle, as often as possible.

**Abbi Wicklein-Bayne** is still living in Baltimore County, which means she sees a lot of her son Jack, who is a junior at McDaniel this year. He is playing baseball and was well taken care of with all the precautions put in place on campus this year. She is still working for the National Park Service as the chief

of interpretation and visitor services at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine and Hampton National Historic Site. It has been a tough year for tourism, but they are hopeful for the future. Abbi's most exciting news is that her niece, Sadie Bowman, has committed to play lacrosse at McDaniel and will be part of the first-year class in fall 2021!

**James Naughton** moved back to Texas in 2013 and now lives in Coppell in the Dallas-Fort Worth area to be closer to his wife's family in Oklahoma. His wife, Erin, is a third-grade teacher at the local elementary school that their kids attend. James, 10, is in fourth grade and Hadley, 8, is in third grade. Jimmy is in pretty constant touch with all of his old college friends and saw **Tom Brandt '93** and **John Pitarresi '93** along with their families in New Jersey last Christmas. He also took a golf trip with **Rick McIntyre '93, Eric Gettemy '91, Brian Gallizzo '95, and Marc Gettemy**, this past summer in Jacksonville, Florida. Jimmy also speaks frequently with **Derek Johnston '93, Tolga Oktay, Dirk Hrobsky, and Bill Michaelsen '93**. He hasn't been back to the Hill since 2013, but looks forward to bringing his family when they're a little older.

**Rob Magee** was married this summer to **Laura Holmes Hahn M.S. '04**. He works for an insurance brokerage in Havre de Grace, Maryland, and Laura is an eighth-grade social studies teacher at Havre de Grace Middle School. They enjoy spending time with their children and traveling with them.

**Damon Lewis** worked for a hazardous waste disposal company as a chemist after leaving Western Maryland and traveled the East Coast for around two years before finally finding his calling as a teacher. He began his career in Baltimore City Public Schools as a biology, chemistry, and physics teacher at the Academy of Finance. Damon transitioned to the facilitators position for the Academy of Information Technology. After leaving Baltimore City, he spent four years in Carroll County Public Schools teaching and coaching football, wrestling, and track and field. After getting engaged to Amy, her job moved them to her hometown of Pittsburgh, where they settled in Peters Township, Pennsylvania, and they now have three beautiful children, John David, 10; Parker, 8; and Elinor, 6. After taking five years off from teaching, he is back in the classroom teaching biology, AP biology, physical science, and forensics at Washington High School. He continued his education with a master's degree in Information Technology and a master's in Curriculum and Instruction. He currently serves on the executive board of The Center for Play & Exploration and the leadership community for Christ Community Church of the South Hills. He wants everyone to know "I'm truly blessed to have a loving wife and family."

**Debbie Milstein Herchelroath** started a new position as an OB/GYN hospitalist at UPMC Harrisburg Hospital in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She is married and has two girls, ages 12 and 14, and two dogs, including a new pandemic puppy.

**Jennifer Bowles Brannon** lives in Pittsboro, North Carolina, and works as a school social worker in Siler City, North Carolina. She has two sons in college and one graduating high school this year.

**John Hampton** has reached 20 years on the job as a lieutenant in the Dallas Fire Department, as well as being an instructor and facility manager at Collin College Fire Academy. He recently married Courtney Kistler and they are building a house together. His son, Justin, is in his second year at Oklahoma State University and his daughter, Jessica, is a junior in high school. He remains in touch with Sig Eps **Ray Pickersgill, Brett Young, Chuck McLean, Marc Gettemy, Johnny Wilson '95, and Jeremy Kenney '93**.

**Brett Young** is the creative director of Imagine8 Design (imagine8design.com). He lives in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife, **Melissa Slaughter '95**, and their three children, Owen, 4; Oliver, 10; and Estella, 12. The past year has caused Brett to become an at-home elementary/middle school teacher and daycare professional with varied success. Brett has wasted most of his free time in quarantine doing Zoom happy hours and playing fantasy football with fellow old Sg Eps: **Ray Pickersgill, John Hampton, John "J" Black, Marc Gettemy, Chuck McLean, Jeremy Kenney '93, Ed Buzzi '93, Brian Gallizzo '95, Eric Reeves '95, Gavin Scattergood '96, and Jeff McAndrew '92**.

**Joanne Johnson Engler** still lives in Eldersburg, Maryland, with her husband of 38 years. All of her children are doing well and are successful. Three are married and two are bachelors. She has three grandchildren, two girls and a little boy. She is now working for Special Olympics Maryland as the vice president of finance. She is extremely excited to be part of this wonderful organization. Due to the pandemic, Joanne and her husband had their travel plans pushed until 2022, a trip to Oberammergau, Germany. Due to reduced social activity, her focus has been on home renovations, gardening, arts and crafts, knitting, crocheting, and painting ceramics.

**Susanne Laws Haga** is starting her 16th year at Duke University School of Medicine. She's been teaching in person through this unusual year while helping her two kids, 8 and 13, navigate remote learning.

**Gina Cappi Chen** and her family just moved to a new home in Severna Park, Maryland. Gina works the midnight shift on patrol for Anne Arundel County Police Department, where she is a corporal. She has been employed with Anne Arundel

County for 15 1/2 years now, the last seven years with the police department. Her husband, Dave, is the special operations chief for the Anne Arundel County Fire Department. Their four children are all doing great. Kieran, 23, graduated from the Anne Arundel County Police Academy this past summer, and Gina and Kieran work at the Eastern District together. Cierra, 20, is in her third year at Towson University; Zavier, 10, is in fifth grade; and Quynlyn, 8, is in third grade.

**John '92 and Kerri Wagner Rapp** have been married 25 years. They are busy raising their four teens and attending their sporting events. They visited the college last year, and their oldest is now considering attending McDaniel in two years. Kerri is currently teaching middle school science, which has been interesting during the pandemic. She says it was wonderful to see **Debbie Milstein Herchelroath** recently, and she can't wait until the virus is gone so she can see **Shana Burdick Hospelhorn '95** again soon.

**Dirk Hrobsky** has lived in New York City on the Upper East Side since 1996, with his wife, three daughters, and dog. They spend their weekends in the mountains and at the beach. He enjoys staying in touch with WMC folks who still have NYC as part of their lives and keeping up with Sig Ep brothers wherever they may be. "Look us up when you visit NYC next. Best to all."

**Chuck McLean** is the chief judge at the Maryland Public Service Commission. He lives in Catonsville, Maryland, with his wife of 23 years, Angie Raio McLean and his daughters, Gabriella (a junior at University of Maryland, Baltimore County) and Madelin (a freshman at University at South Carolina).

**Marc Gettemy** started a third-party logistics firm, Star Holding LLC, with **Eric Gettemy '91** and **Rick McIntyre '93** in 2015 and it's still growing. All of the partners are looking forward to their board meetings every year.

**Karen Irvine Hennigan** has been working from home as the office manager for one of the labs at the National Institutes of Health, overseeing the administrative staff and keeping everyone's spirits up and their work on track when none of them have seen each other since March 2020. She also celebrated her 22nd wedding anniversary to her wonderful husband, and while they don't have kids, they enjoy spending time with their seven nephews and nieces, along with their five cats and one dog.

I, **Ray Pickersgill**, am in my 26th year teaching social studies at my alma mater, Sachem. A year ago, I moved over to the other school in the district, Sachem East. I'm still coaching my 15-year-old son, Jack, in both wrestling and football after so many years of coaching other people's kids. It's a

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**Mrs. Mary "Kay" Crouse Sentz M.L.A. '78** of Hanover, Pennsylvania, on Nov. 3, 2020.

**Mr. Douglas Scott Schneider '78** of Edgewater, Maryland, on Dec. 12, 2020.

**Col. Tracy Ellis '81** of Damascus, Maryland, on Feb. 2, 2021.

**Mrs. Loretta "Gean" Steele Catherman M.Ed. '84** of Hagerstown, Maryland, on Jan. 14, 2021.

**Mr. Gary Bechtel M.Ed. '84** of Fairfield, Pennsylvania, on Feb. 2, 2021.

**Mrs. Dorothy Whipple Achor M.S. '85** of Westminster, Maryland, on Dec. 14, 2020.

**Mr. Matthew Palazzo '89** of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, on Feb. 8, 2021.

**Mr. Brian O'Connor Jr. '02** of Clayton, North Carolina, on Nov. 10, 2020.

**Ms. Megan Millhausen '08** of Arnold, Maryland, on Aug. 4, 2020.

**Ms. Dana Tarbox Murphy M.S. '11** of Baltimore, on Feb. 11, 2020.

**Mr. David Cross II '11** of Carbondale, Colorado, on Jan. 28, 2021.



### [Class Noted]

## A mission for data that matters in community services

Over the years of her social work career, **Ginger Bandeen '00** has worked with several software and data companies. But she noticed one trend: “Most of them were started by technical people who don’t have direct experience working with people,” she says.

When she moved back to Oregon in 2003, her role in social work began with case management services and then evolved into quality improvement, compliance, and program development. “Over the course of that time, I became passionate about how our data systems could help us improve and transform the system. I wanted to bring my social work perspective to this field and build data tools that are driven by the missions of the organizations that I serve,” Bandeen says. “That led to me founding Mission Driven Data in 2019. It’s been my full-time project since July 2020.”

Currently, Bandeen provides consulting services to mental health, substance abuse, and family service organizations that want to use data to improve their services. “It can be hard for people with a background in providing services to get excited about numbers and data analysis,” she says. “But it helps when you see the stories that data can hold. Data tools can help us find people who are falling through the cracks, reveal unintended consequences of our decisions, or shine a light on improvements we might otherwise miss.”

Through a software program called Janet™ that extracts and organizes data from a common electronic health record system and a free online community called Transforming Mental Health, Bandeen is helping create a new conversation about community services. “I want people in the industry to be able to recognize the true value of the work that is being done, with metrics that leaders can use to measure and increase that value,” she says. “As the founder and CEO of Mission Driven Data, I am determined to bring our tools to as many organizations and leaders as possible.”

really cool experience to have my own on the team. I recently became the head wrestling coach at Sachem East after 24 years at Sachem North. My other two children, Ryan, 11, and Kate, 17, are doing well. Although it’s been a rough go of it, we have gone full steam ahead with the college search for Kate, and I am happy to announce, McDaniel is on the list and she was accepted in November. I would love to keep the legacy alive with one of my own as a Green Terror! My wife, Elizabeth, and I still live in Holtsville, New York, and used the quarantine time to do some much-needed updates in and around our home. I still keep in touch with fellow Sig Eps **Brett Young, John “J” Black, John Hampton, Jeremy Kenney '93, Ed Buzzi '93, and Jeffrey McAndrew '92**. I would also like to congratulate **John Hampton** and Courtney Kistler on their wedding in July 2020.

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### 2000

“When obstacles arise, you change your direction to reach your goal; you do not change your decision to get there.” – Zig Ziglar

Although we have found ourselves dealing with unprecedented obstacles, the Class of 2000 continues to rise up and work toward our goals.

**Ginger Bandeen** is still living in Oregon, doing her best to stay busy and connected to folks in the midst of the pandemic. She started her own business in 2019 called Mission Driven Data, where she gets to help community agencies improve services using data tools. She says, “While it’s pretty different from providing clinical services myself, I am able to use my social work knowledge and skills all the time!” She lives close to her 24-year-old son in Portland, and in non-pandemic times, you can find her at a local venue about once a week, supporting one of his many musical projects. He was in five different bands when the pandemic started. Ginger had really hoped to make 2020 the year she came back to the Hill for Homecoming, but the stars didn’t align on that one! She sends love to all of you out in this big wide world.

**Amy Cipolloni Bland** is thankful to say she has been happily married for 16 years and enjoys watching her sons, Jake and Matt, become teenagers and more independent. They live in Harford County with their dog, Scout, and love to host family and friends for gatherings around the fire pit and other get-togethers. Amy has continued working as a speech language pathologist and owns a private practice, Phoenix Speech Therapy, that serves Harford County and Baltimore County, and provides

ADHD coaching, voice therapy, and communication therapy for both children and adults. While Phoenix Speech Therapy has always provided in-home visits, with the pandemic, the practice has expanded to virtual visits as well. Amy always looks forward to catching up at least monthly with her Omega sisters, **Katie Crow Wood, Shelley Hughes Benson, Melinda Virts Glackin '99, Amy Absher Beeker '99, Lauren Henry Ricketts '01, M.S. '08, and Corie Mc-Faul Buettner '99**. She is hopeful to return to campus for Homecoming in the fall to catch up with college friends!

After leaving WMC, **Heather Talkach Farrell** became a marine mammal trainer and worked in the Florida Keys with dolphins, seals, and sea lions. After working there for a while, she moved to California where she got her teaching credential and became an environmental science high school teacher and coached high school volleyball for a few years. Since then, she has gotten married and has two wonderful kids and two big Alaskan malamutes. Heather has continued teaching environmental science and loves it! She and her family enjoy traveling and hopefully, after COVID-19, will be able to get back out on the road, as well as enjoy the pool they are building.

**Lauren Richardson Fenlon** resides in Hampstead, Maryland, with her husband and four children. Lauren’s oldest is in his third year of college. She has returned to her alma mater to work in the Office of Admissions as a visit assistant. She finds this adventure to be extremely rewarding as she gets to share her personal experience as a student with potential incoming students.

Despite the challenges 2020 offered, **Krysta Stacy Huxford’s** Pilates studio remains in business and was able to transition to online classes during the pandemic. During the warmer months, she even offered “Patio Pilates” to those clients willing to take class outdoors and be able to remain socially distant. Outside of running her business, Krysta enjoys giving back to her community. She is involved with fundraising events at her church, serves on the board of directors for her local chapter of Girls on the Run, and also is a class representative for her Leadership Howard County Class of 2005. She and her husband, Dane, have a sixth-grade daughter who is navigating online middle school with flying colors! She has met new friends and engages virtually in extracurricular activities such as voice and guitar lessons. Their second-grade son doesn’t always embrace his online school platform quite as enthusiastically, but he is excelling in his academics nonetheless. “Our family unit strives to find a positive in our new daily routine and we share those moments over family dinner,” Krysta says. “Taking walks, camping outdoors, and family movie time have provided restorative mo-

ments throughout this past year of quarantine. The highlight of 2020 was picking up our newest family member, Harper Midnight. She is a German shepherd who has brought much joy to our household.”

**Andrew McCord** leaned hard into 2020 by changing jobs, losing his dog, moving to a new state, and getting big into Legos. He’s now a senior copywriter at Stansberry Research after 17 years at Agora Publishing. He and his wife, Angel, are balancing mourning Penny, their pup of 13 years, and navigating the parenting of twin teenage cats, Leo and Lola. In November, they all somehow moved to Richmond, Virginia, because it seemed like an “adventure” to move to a new state during a pandemic. The Legos also somehow made it in one piece. He’s healthy, happy, and hopeful for 2021.

We find **Kittie DeLuca Pain** living in the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, with her husband, **Jameson Pain '99**, and their 3-year-old, Brodie. Kittie works at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania as the director of graduate admissions and highly recommends that nobody start a new job and relocate during a pandemic. In October, the Pains traveled to Virginia to safely visit with **Rob Taber, Nate Winegar '97**, and their families to continue their tradition of celebrating Homecoming together. They’re looking forward to when they can travel again and are already making plans to see classmates well into 2021.

The year after graduation, **Jenny Weddle Smith** married Jon Smith and they have been blessed with five sons, now ranging in age from 5 to 22. Yes, for those of you doing the math, some were adopted. Jenny has completed her master’s in Divinity and doctorate in Holistic Wellness and has been blessed to serve as a pastor in the United Methodist Church all 20 of these years. This summer, the family moved back to Carroll County and she is excited to be leading the people of Wesley Freedom UMC in Eldersburg, Maryland. “These have been abundant years for us. Blessings to all!”

**Kristi Thayer Yowell, M.S. '05** is happy to report that she accepted a new position as the associate vice president for human resources (chief human resources officer) at Goucher College in March 2020. Additionally, she has served as the co-coordinator of the M.S. in Human Resources Management program at McDaniel College for the past four years.

As for your class reporter, **Elton Keith Knupp**, my family relocated to Wakefield, Massachusetts, at the end of the summer. Brian and I have been married for 12 years now and have two fantastic daughters. Haley is in the sixth grade and Allie is in fourth grade. Both girls tell everyone they will be attending McDaniel and be Green Terrors! Some highlights of this past year included: a family cruise for my mom’s 80th birthday,

fulfilling a bucket-role by playing the narrator in “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” and Saturday night Zoom hangouts with WMC family, **Don '01** and **Roxann Ingram Todt, Faye Ingram Hillman** and Aaron, **Hendrik '03** and **Cassie Domsler '01 Lammers, Sara Gruber Long '99, and Kelly Dunnivant**. I encourage you to stay connected to one another and look forward to when we can all gather together to celebrate our 20th reunion safely!

Keep us updated! If you have any news you would like to share with the class of 2000, please contact me.

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### 2006

Cheers to you, Class of 2006!

**Erin Herbert Disney** married her husband, Jason, on Oct. 24, 2020. They reside in Baltimore with their chocolate lab, Maggie May. This year, Erin finished her 10th season with the Baltimore Ravens. As the digital media manager, Erin oversees the team’s website and mobile app. She says, “Working for an NFL team has been an amazing experience.” As if she isn’t busy enough, Erin is also launching her own web design and creative solutions business.

Wedding bells rang for **Tori Ratchford Dordal** as she wed husband, Will, in a small ceremony (literally eight people) on Aug. 15, 2020. They are planning a big reception next year in Dallas, where they currently reside and where Tori works as a product owner in the IT department for Academic Partnerships.

**Chris '07** and **Jenna Layman Badeker** bought their first home and moved to Nashville in February 2020, just in time for a big tornado to hit the city and for everything to shut down for the pandemic! They have spent the time renovating their house and preparing to launch a short-term rental property. Their touring plans for the year for their band, Wild Harbors, were put on hold, so they’ve been writing and playing online shows to continue to connect with their audience. They’ve also tried to keep up with public demand for photos and videos of their pet bunnies, Duncan and Sassafras, to keep the internet a calmer and happier place.

The next generation of Green Terrors have been welcomed into the world by the Class of 2006.

**Dana Lawson Neville** and her husband, Jonny, welcomed their first baby, a girl named Tessa Jane, on Jan. 15, 2020. They still reside in Mount Airy, Maryland, and are adjusting to becoming parents during a global pandemic.

**Heather Talkach '00 Farrell** was a marine mammal trainer for several years before becoming a high school environmental science teacher.

# alumni updates

**Ricci Reber '06** finished his Ph.D. in Economics in 2017. He is now a financial economist with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

The best part of 2020 for **Erika Walker McIntyre** was the birth of her daughter, Lydia. She was born healthy and happy on Sept. 2. Three-year-old big brother, Edmund, absolutely adores his sister. Erica lives with her family in Annapolis, Maryland, and still keeps in touch with many of her McDaniel friends, which has been an immense blessing this year.

In August, **Andy '07** and **Kelly Friedman Cummings** welcomed their first child, Quinn Louis, into this wonderful world. They are still living in New York City, along with their two cats. Kelly is a high school English teacher in the Bronx and Andy works as a consultant in environmental sustainability. Welcoming their son was by far the highlight of this challenging year and provided many silver linings to being stuck in quarantine.

Since our last update, **Jim M.S. '18** and **Dani Unflat Holzman, M.S. '17** were blessed with baby number two, Ryan James, born on June 4, 2019. Dani also received her M.S. in Curriculum & Instruction from McDaniel in the spring of 2017. She and her family moved back to the ol' stomping grounds of Westminster, Maryland.

**Tom** and **Mary Abrams Michaels** welcomed a new addition to the family. Callan Thomas Michaels was born July 11, 2020, weighing 7 pounds and 10 ounces and measuring 19.5 inches.

2006 grads continue to use the skills and education they acquired on the Hill to leave a lasting impact on their respective industries and the world around them.

In the fall of 2019, **Rachel Bryant Druckemiller** launched her speaking and training business, Unmuted, to support leaders and their teams to be more energized, engaged, and resilient, and to empower women and young leaders to use their voices with courage and confidence. She was recognized by The Daily Record as one of the Leading Women of 2020 in recognition of her leadership and commitment to the community, including continued involvement mentoring undergrads at McDaniel. She and her husband, **Bill Druckemiller '08**, look forward to celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary next year.

While she will always be a Green Terror, **Kate Martin Curtin** also is a proud Sea Gull, celebrating her 15th year working at Salisbury University. In 2019, Kate became director of marketing strategy. Her absolute favorite role, however, is mom to her little boy, Jake, who is 3! Kate, along with her fellow NV189 crew, have 13 future Hill recruits altogether!

**Ricci Reber** finished his Ph.D. in Economics at American University in 2017. After working as an economist at the Congressional Budget Office for two years, he accepted a position as a financial economist with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in December 2019. Ricci and

his wife, Sarah, welcomed a son, Andrew, in October 2018 and a daughter, Laura, in November 2020. Ricci and his family, including their 9-month-old yellow lab/beagle puppy, Tucker, reside in the North Roland Park neighborhood of Baltimore.

**Walter "Chase" Noll** continues to put his Exercise Science degree to use by running a fitness training business for the last nine years. He and his wife, Irina, will be celebrating eight years of marriage this year. Together they are raising their two sons, Meyer and Ezra, in Scottsdale, Arizona. They have been spending their free time over the last several months planning their next international trip when these unprecedented times become more precedented.

**Jessica Nave-Blodgett** reached new heights in 2020, earning her Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. While Jessica still enjoys life in the desert southwest of Las Vegas, you will rarely catch her standing still. Jessica continues her hobby of hiking and mountaineering. To date she has conquered 26 of 50 mountains for the Las Vegas Mountaineers Club Classic 50 Peaks list, summited three out of 14 California 14ers (peaks in California with over 14,000 feet of elevation), and has reached 26 of 50 peaks for the United States Highpointers Challenge. The pandemic has also allowed Jessica to pursue her other hobbies, including crocheting and running, even completing her first two half-marathons in 2020, along with two major long-distance challenges.

In February 2019, **Natasha Young Herbert, M.S. '07** completed her doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision from Walden University. Her dissertation research examined how drug dealers engaged in correctional-based substance abuse treatment. Until March 2020, Natasha was a program director of a residential drug rehabilitation facility, with a primarily criminal justice population. This year, she transitioned to a position at a local health department. Natasha continues to enjoy running and participating in local races. She is even an ambassador for Rip It Events, a local multiple-sport host event company. Natasha currently resides in Baltimore County.

As for **Drew Mitchell** and I, "Home is where the Army sends us," and it brought us to colorful Fort Carson, Colorado, in September 2019. On March 14, 2020, our daughter, Juliet, got a "very best friend" when we welcomed our son, Andrew Christmond (Chip) into the world. This year has definitely been a wild ride, and we greatly miss our friends and family and the beach, but we continue to embrace this adventure. If you ever make it out this way, make sure to get in touch and say "hi!"

It was great to hear from so many of you and learn about the amazing things you are doing. Please keep in touch and feel free to

share any news you have between now and the next column. Thank you, Class of 2006! I am proud to be a part of such an amazing group of people!

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## 2012

We've had quite an exciting time since our last class update! **Mitch** and **Carissa Grove Belella** now have four children: twins, Jackson and Grayson, 5; Quinn, 3; and they welcomed their daughter, Tatum, in May.

**Joy Fitz Hurley** also grew her family by two! Joy and her husband welcomed twin boys into the world. Sounds like twins are a bit of a common occurrence in the class of 2012!

As for me, **Paul Donoghue '11** and I are still engaged! We ended up postponing our wedding until next year with our health and safety, and especially that of our families, friends, and other guests, in mind. Regardless of that very difficult decision, we were lucky enough to be able to buy a house in November, and we are now official residents of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania! Paul has been promoted to enrollment operations supervisor at Western Governor's University, and I accepted a new position at AT&T as sales program execution lead for the Ohio/Pennsylvania market after having been assigned to the Penn Medicine account.

I know class notes for 2012 are short this time around — I know many more families have grown, promotions have been accepted, houses have been bought, degrees have been obtained, and marriage vows have been exchanged — and I'm sure that's due to everything we're all dealing with right now. I sincerely hope everyone has been staying safe and healthy and continues to responsibly contribute to slowing the spread. My heart goes out to any and all classmates who have been affected by anything and everything that transpired in 2020, and continues to transpire. Please stay safe, wear your mask, and wash your hands.

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## 2018

**Sarah Rasch**: "This past May I got my master's in teaching from Notre Dame of Maryland University. Now, I am a special education teacher working in Montgomery

## [Class Noted]

# Bringing a little digital magic to an NFL season unlike any other



The world was vastly different when **Erin Herbert '06** Disney joined the Baltimore Ravens as digital media manager in 2011, and she says one of the most exciting things to watch over the last decade has been the ways in which technology has changed how users consume content. Disney oversees the team's website, mobile app, Connected TV apps, and the team's visual assets. Sometimes she even gets to go back to her Art major background with creative work like graphic design and photography.

When she started with the Ravens, the main focus was BaltimoreRavens.com and the user experience on a desktop computer. "That same year, we launched the Ravens mobile app, but it was very basic, with mostly just news and very few features," Disney says. "Fast forward a decade and the main focus is now the mobile app and mobile web experience, since this is where we see a majority of our fans consume content."

Disney also recalls launching the Ravens Instagram account in 2012 — they were already active on Facebook and Twitter — and having a full discussion about what the first post should be. Now, the team has a presence on YouTube, Snapchat, TikTok, Reddit, and LinkedIn. "Due to the growth and popularity of social media, we now have a whole crew of people dedicated to these platforms," Disney says.

With fans being unable to attend games at M&T Bank Stadium in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Disney says it was more important than ever to bring the gameday experience to the fans through digital platforms with enhanced interactive experiences, including a virtual RavensWalk, a "Homegating" initiative, and access to live broadcasts, among other features.

"I'm very proud and honored to be part of the Ravens media team," Disney says. "With most of us working from home and limited staff at our facility and games, together we did an amazing job to overcome all the obstacles and challenges to 'give our fans all things Ravens.'"

County at JoAnn Leleck Elementary School in Silver Spring, Maryland. I recently moved to Bethesda, Maryland."

**Madison Bodnar**: "I am currently enrolled in McDaniel's Mental Health Counseling graduate program and will begin my practicum in January. I work in Baltimore as a mental health care coordinator at Partnership Development Group."

**Lindsey Keen** has been working with a public accounting firm in Salisbury, Maryland, for over two years. She passed the CPA exam in February 2020.

**Abby Keen**: "This year, I completed my Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies at DeSales University, passed the national certification exam, and

began the surgical PA residency program at Johns Hopkins Hospital. I am very excited to continue learning and growing as a health care provider in these unprecedented times!"

**Erin Holtz**: "I have lived in Florida for two years now and it is still new to me. I just transferred jobs, from activities coordinator at a memory care facility for elders at Starling to Florida Autism Center as a behavior therapist. I absolutely love it because I have been in therapies all my life! I am still working to get my double master's in social work and ASL interpreting."

**Madison "Maddy" Simmons**: "I am pursuing my master's degree in Special Education at McDaniel College. Also, I am

currently working as a registered behavior technician where I provide early intervention services to individuals with autism/developmental delays."

**Drew Scott**: "I'm currently working for a liquor distributor, and I'm in the process of getting my real estate license!"

**Becca Sykes**: "I am currently attending Towson University's entry-level Occupational Therapy doctorate program and will graduate in spring 2022 with my Occupational Therapy doctorate degree and a certificate in Autism Studies."

**Alex Tolle**: "I am starting a new job with Sweet Elizabeth Jane in Ellicott City, Maryland. I will be serving as their full-time brand development coordinator and

[Class Noted]

# How an entrepreneur celebrates Black culture and empowerment with creative candles

By Peggy Fosdick



Between her So Black Candle Company and her job as a crisis specialist, **Kyrah Chadwick '18** is one busy young professional. But the Social Work major wouldn't have it any other way.

Her work as a crisis specialist is tough but rewarding, and she's grown to realize that social work is much more than helping people. It's about "empowering people to be their best and helping them to reach their fullest potential," she says.

A premise that's also behind her So Black Candle Company. Consider her sweet potato pie-scented **Gramm's Kitchen** candle: "Our grandmothers are the pillars of our community. From the good food to the valuable life lessons, there's no place like **Gramm's Kitchen**."

And the citrus-scented **Ready, Set, Dream**: "This candle is inspired by the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This citrus-scented candle will help you to relax and clear your mind, so that you too can go after your dreams."

"I've always had such a great love for my culture and people, so I thought 'what if I could find a way to combine these two interests together and create my own business?'" she says. "I've always known I wanted to create something that celebrated Black culture, but the idea to do this with candles was something that was relatively new to me."

And don't forget the warm spices, vanilla, coconut, sandalwood, and cocoa butter scent of **Double Melanin**: "Your Black is beautiful and do not let anyone tell you differently. Double the melanin means double the magic."

Chadwick has nine candles in all, and each one has a story to tell or inspiration to share. The intro on her website hints at what's inside: "Black is beautiful and our blackness matters. Our candles were created to celebrate our people. Each of our candles reflect an aspect of our culture. Whether it's from a TV show or a song, or our civil rights leaders and grandmothers."

There's **Blacker Berry Sweeter Juice**, **Dear Mama**, **90's R&B** (playlist included), and more. Ideas for scents usually happen when she least expects it — while watching a movie, reading a book, talking with family or friends, and just about anything but thinking about candles. She even has an idea-dedicated notes section on her phone so ideas don't escape her.

Before she debuted the company she set up a candle lab in her apartment. She learned from trial and error — each fragrance can vary depending on the jar, wick size, fragrance load, and more.

It required extensive testing before she felt comfortable enough to launch the business. But launch she did on Sept. 21, 2020. She took a chance and hasn't looked back.

"I'm a bit of a perfectionist so this process can be drawn out sometimes, involving a lot of rough drafts, but it is so worth it," she says.

home sales manager. I am very excited to take on this new role in my hometown."

**Kayla Hamilton**: "I moved to Morristown, New Jersey. I'm in my third year of teaching in Dover, New Jersey, currently teaching fifth grade. I am also the Dover High School Football team equipment manager. I coach and teach swim lessons for North Jersey Aquatics."

**Wade Bishop**: "I am currently working on my master's in Human Resources at McDaniel. After graduating with my bachelor's, I got a job at Enterprise Holdings (Enterprise Rent-A-Car). I am currently an assistant manager at a flagship location in Annapolis, Maryland! On an end note, I just recently got engaged to my long-term girlfriend, **Mellinee Casale '17**."

**Michael Rigoli**: "Shortly after graduation, I was sent to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri to attend the Military Police Basic Officer Leader Course. Since graduation, I've been assigned as a platoon leader in the 153rd Military Police Company, Delaware Army National Guard. Recently, I've been activated as part of the COVID-19 response in Delaware. Initially, I worked as the S-1, personnel officer for Joint Task Force Delaware prior to transitioning to working in the Joint Operations Command group coordinating daily with the National Guard Bureau to develop and execute a national-level COVID response. Within my civilian employment, I was lucky enough to get a job working for the Department of Defense utilizing my Business Administration and Economics degree."

**Sydney Palmer**: "Right now, I'm babysitting and helping kids with online learning. I'm currently in my first semester of Towson's Psychology program."

**Will Giles**: "I'm still coaching McDaniel's tennis team and finishing up my master's in Human Resources Management at McDaniel as well!"

**Henry Duncan**: "I am currently living in my hometown of Arlington, Virginia. I am an associate project analyst at Cerner, a health information systems company."

**Perry Stefanelli**: "I'm a graduate assistant at McDaniel College working as an assistant to the sports information director while obtaining my master's in Kinesiology. In my spare time, I am running a personal online business."

**Caroline "Carrie" Kaufmann** graduated in September from Chatham University with her master's in Occupational Therapy.

**Ian Kasaitis**: "I'm currently a 1L law student at University of Hawai'i at Manoa William S. Richardson School of Law. I am pursuing an Environmental Law Certificate and hope to litigate climate change and ocean law."

**Emily Caudell, M.S. '19** is currently working at Crestwood Middle School as an eighth-grade special education resource teacher.

**Miranda Rep**: "I'm living in Scranton, Pennsylvania. I am pursuing my medical degree at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine. I received a full-tuition scholarship to attend here."

**Nikki Francis**: "I began working at Franklin Square Hospital as a case management assistant. From there, I found that my passion was working with the elderly. Now, I am working as a service coordinator, which is where I help older adults with disabilities live their life as independently as possible."

**Allyson Tarbox**: "I am currently employed as an assistant community school director at a middle school in Baltimore City. I also got married in July 2020. My husband and I are currently living in Baltimore City."

**Tommy Schoolman**: "Since graduation, I officially moved to Westminster, Maryland, and have held three positions at McDaniel. The first position started the Monday after graduation, when I started as the coordinator of first-year programs. The next year, I was promoted to the academic life counselor for first-year students. In July 2020, I became the assistant dean of student academic life, where I primarily support the academics of all first-year students entering and during their time on the Hill."

**Sarah Edmonds**: "Currently, I am in my second year of a three-year master's program at Arcadia University, after which I will receive both an M.F.A. in Creative Writing and an M.A. in English. During this time, I have had poetry published by Backchannels literary journal and have been working as a poetry editor for the Marathon Literary Review. Also writing related, I am currently a technical writer for Goldblum & Pollins Immigration Law firm. Furthermore, I am also working as a research assistant in the field of public health and as communications co-chair for the American Public Health Association's International Health Section, where we focus on advocacy and policy change to lessen global disparities in public health."

**Rebecca Debinski**: "Francisco Romero and I got married this summer, on July 10. Things were definitely different than we planned, but we're thankful that we were still able to get married in the middle of the pandemic!"

**Taylor Button**: "Since graduating from McDaniel College, I have engaged myself in various volunteer and paid positions in my fields of Sociology and Criminal Justice. Additionally, I have completed several mental health first aid trainings and completed boundaries seminars, one of which was held by the Washington Theological Consortium. Each year, I attend the annual Risky Business Prevention Conference which gathers professionals in the fields of mental health, public education, substance abuse, criminal justice, and legal applications. Representation includes support organizations, the LGBTQIA+ community, and racial and social communities from across the state and beyond to discuss topics and updates in their fields. The Risky Business Prevention Conference also explores the latest updates on street drugs and substances, current societal trends among youth and young adults, teen trend data on 'risky business,' and attendees learn from experts how to best help, prevent, and address these behaviors toward more positive outcomes. My participation in the annual ELCA Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly involves active forms of parliamentary procedures regarding the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's place in the societal and global world and the current issues we all face. Currently, I'm still looking for my dream career job in the federal government or private sector using my degree and skills in law, criminal justice, and research. Some of my free time this past year was spent hiking and biking along the Great Allegheny Passage in western Maryland and Pennsylvania, and I am eagerly looking forward to returning to the trail for another trip next year."

As for me, **Alexandra Stitely, M.S. '19**, I am in my second year of teaching eighth grade special education at Oklahama Road Middle School in Eldersburg, Maryland. I earned my master's degree in Special Education in May 2019. I recently bought a house in Westminster, Maryland.

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**Michael Rigoli '18** is a platoon leader in the 153rd Military Police Company, Delaware Army National Guard.

WE KNOW YOU'RE EAGER TO GET BACK ON THE HILL, AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOU HOME!

Please continue to check [www.mcdaniel.edu/alumni](http://www.mcdaniel.edu/alumni) for updates about upcoming events on campus and virtually in the summer and fall.

# keep climbing

Lessons I took from the Hill



**Paul O'Sullivan '09** put these lessons into action when he reached out on a whim to other people with his same name on Facebook. What he found was three friends, all named Paul O'Sullivan, and all musicians. The Paul O'Sullivan Band has been recording music together across oceans ever since and has recently been recognized by media outlets as far away as New Zealand. More importantly, they've been a support system through life's many challenges. O'Sullivan is a Communication graduate living in Baltimore.

## A drive down memory lane

BY PAUL O'SULLIVAN '09

For a period of time in 2020, I was making the drive between Hanover, Pennsylvania, and Sykesville, Maryland, three to four times a week. While there were other routes I could have taken, I always chose the one that took me right past McDaniel. Taking that drive down my own personal "memory lane" (other-

wise known as Pennsylvania Avenue) made my graduation 12 years ago start to feel like it was just a week ago. During those drives, I reflected a lot on the life lessons from my professors on the Hill that have gotten me where I am personally and professionally today.

### "JUST DO IT."

On the first day of my English 101 class, a few students were complaining about the heavy workload listed in the syllabus. Adjunct Instructor Linda Morton set the record straight: "Follow the Nike slogan and JUST. DO. IT." Was it tough love? Perhaps. Did we need to hear it? Absolutely. Now that I'm an adult in my 30s, I follow an even more specific rule: If a task takes less than two minutes to complete, I just do it right away.

### "THE MEDIUM IS THE MESSAGE."

As a Communication major, I spent a lot of time in Lewis Hall studying messages. I was always fascinated by Dr. Bob Trader's personal definition of the word: "A message is an external representation of an intended meaning." In layman's terms: There are so many ways that communication can go wrong. Was "the dress" from 2015 blue and black or white and gold? I always try to consider alternate interpretations when crafting a message that others will read.

To read more about the Paul O'Sullivan Band, go to [tinyurl.com/osullivan-mcdaniel](https://tinyurl.com/osullivan-mcdaniel)

### "THE PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING."

Though I never majored or minored in Music Theory, I took Music Theory 101 and Jazz Theory 101 as electives and I had Dr. Glenn Caldwell for both. When I learned he had once arranged the orchestral music for a Stevie Wonder tour, I tried very hard not to embarrass myself in front of him! Dr. Caldwell's famous line was, "the proof is in the pudding." In other words, something may be a good idea in theory but a bad idea in reality. The only way to know for sure is to put it to the test; greatness often takes a bit of trial and error.

### "THE UNEXAMINED LIFE IS NOT WORTH LIVING."

For most incoming first-year students, First Year Seminar (FYS) is where it all starts. For my FYS, I took a philosophy class called The Good Life. When I look back on that class, my mind immediately jumps to a quote by Greek philosopher Socrates: "The unexamined life is not worth living." Often, our life unfolds as different chapters. A habit or tendency that served us well in chapter four of our lives might not serve us well in chapter six. Don't be afraid to course correct as needed.

### "EARTH'S THE RIGHT PLACE FOR LOVE."

When most people think of their best college memory, it may involve a party, a football game, or even a prank that they pulled off with their buddies. Not for me. My best college memory was when Dr. Pam Regis read Robert Frost's poem "Birches" to our American Poetry class. When she read the line, "Earth's the right place for love," she was brought to tears. That emotional moment taught me that vulnerability is strength, which has guided me ever since; you have to go out on the limb to get the fruit. Thank you, Dr. Pam, for making it cool to wear your heart on your sleeve!

# Sound

# Off

The beauty of attending a small liberal arts college is the connections students cultivate with faculty and staff. In the Summer/Autumn 2020 issue of *The Hill*, we asked you to share your gratitude for faculty and staff. We loved reading your responses so much, we want you to keep sending them in!

It's your turn to Sound Off about your favorite faculty or staff member:

Who had the greatest impact on you?

Whose wisdom or support do you still think about today?

Who did you never get a chance to thank for going above and beyond?

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