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*On the cover:
The President's House
on campus is now home to
President Julia Jasken, her
husband, David, sons Kyle
and Iain, and beloved
family dog, Kira.*

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This summer, incoming first-year students were welcomed to the Hill for McDaniel Local, a two-day, one-night introduction to their new community.

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“I am grateful to be part of a community that shares such a deep love for this college, and I’m honored to have the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of the visionary leaders that came before me.”



Dear McDaniel Community,

I never lose that feeling of anticipation as I open the mailbox to find an important delivery: the most recent edition of *The Hill* magazine. Every time an issue arrives, I follow the same routine. I filter quickly through the catalogs and bills, pour myself a cup of tea, and settle in to a comfortable chair to learn more about what’s happening in the lives of our wonderful alumni. It’s a pleasure to see where the world has taken McDaniel graduates and the unique paths they have charted for themselves. Having spent more than a decade in the classroom, I sometimes turn a page to find a student I had the privilege to teach at some point during their time on the Hill. At those moments, it’s a special joy to see how they have grown both personally and professionally.

I’m sure many of you have similar traditions surrounding the arrival of *The Hill* magazine, and may have missed your physical copy of it when the pandemic required the college to make the difficult decision to publish our 2020 editions entirely online. It was a year of so many difficult decisions that spanned across the college and touched nearly every aspect of the campus community for students and employees alike.

Our students adjusted well to new rules and regulations related to campus life, our faculty pivoted their classes to an online format to ensure continuity of learning, our staff adjusted to the challenge of remote work environments, and our alumni have helped raise more than \$125,000 to date for the Emergency Relief Fund to help support students in need during such a difficult time.

As we move toward a brighter horizon and many of us are able to return to our pre-pandemic lives, I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the resilience of our community through this adversity and acknowledge those whose own lives and the lives of their families and friends have been personally affected by COVID-19.

Now that travel has begun to reopen, I’m looking forward to having the chance to meet with many of you in person, either here on campus or in your hometowns. I want to hear your stories from your time on the Hill and learn more about your hopes for the future of the college. In the meantime, I am looking forward to connecting with you virtually — please know you can always reach me at presoffice@mcdaniel.edu or share your feedback through our Alumni Contact Form at www.mcdaniel.edu/alumnicontactform.

I am grateful to be part of a community that shares such a deep love for this college, and I’m honored to have the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of the visionary leaders that came before me. I look forward to being a regular contributor in future editions of *The Hill*, and serving alongside you as we continue to advance the college we all love.

Sincerely,

President Julia Jasken

New faces join McDaniel College senior leadership team

Following two national searches, McDaniel College welcomes a new vice president of administration and finance and a new provost, rounding out the senior leadership team that will serve under President Julia Jasken.

Eric Simon joined the college as the new vice president of administration and finance on June 1. Simon brings more than 20 years of experience in higher education and has a history of collaboration on several campuses.

He comes to McDaniel after most recently serving as assistant vice chancellor at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. In this role, he had oversight of business operations, facilities, human resources, and information technology. He was involved on numerous university committees, including those focused on campus operations, diversity, strategic planning, and pandemic response.

Simon earned both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Eastern Michigan University and obtained a Master of Business Administration from Kennesaw State University. He will complete his Ph.D. in Higher Education this summer from Illinois State University.

Rosa Rivera-Hainaj joined the college as the new provost on July 12. Rivera-Hainaj is a passionate advocate for student success and stands out for her student-centered approach and dedication to educational access. She is also committed to furthering McDaniel’s diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

Rivera-Hainaj has most recently served as associate vice president of academic affairs at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, where she developed and implemented programs to aid in student retention and completion. Her Wings Up Summer Tuition Grant program was designed to help students stay on track to graduate. She also created the Institute for Research and Innovative Scholarship, as well as a book access program providing course materials to undergraduate students at no additional charge.

She holds a bachelor’s degree in Chemistry from the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez, and obtained her Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Case Western Reserve University. She has published several journal articles and has received grants from the National Science Foundation, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the National Aerospace Agency, among others.



Eric Simon
Vice President of Administration and Finance



Rosa Rivera-Hainaj
Provost



Four honorary degrees awarded during Board and Commencement weekends

On back-to-back weekends in May, the McDaniel College Board of Trustees awarded four honorary degrees during its annual meeting and the Class of 2020 and Class of 2021 Commencement ceremonies.

In thanks and acknowledgment of his 11 years as president of the college, Roger N. Casey was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters and, in keeping with tradition, he served as the Commencement speaker for the Class of 2020.

“Roger, you have truly established yourself as an icon of higher education,” Board Chair Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Otto Guenther ’63 said. “Your extraordinary work has opened the doors for many first-generation and well-deserving students. It has been a privilege to have you serve as McDaniel’s ninth president and an even greater honor to know you.”

As Casey took the podium to address the Class of 2020, he expressed his heartfelt thanks for the honor. “Equal to the accolade of receiving an honorary doctorate, and in all honesty, greater than the degree itself, is the ability to now call myself an alumnus of McDaniel College,” Casey said.

In the afternoon at the Class of 2021 Commencement ceremony, Mary Lynn Durham ’70 and Bill Roj ’70 were presented with honorary Doctor of Laws degrees on behalf of the Board of Trustees of McDaniel College. Since meeting in the library their freshman year and being married their senior year by the late Ira Zepp Jr. ’52, Durham and Roj have remained loyal to their alma mater. Their recent \$5 million leadership gift made the renovation of the new Roj Student Center possible, and Durham has served as vice chair of the Board of Trustees since 2009.

“Mary Lynn and Bill, your service and dedication has made all the difference in the life of this college and our students. Your spirit of generosity is one that is often hard to find but not easily forgotten, and it certainly has inspired us all,” Casey said. “With gratitude and tremendous respect for all that you do, it is my profound privilege to honor you both today and give you the recognition you so rightfully deserve but never expect.”

Tina Bjarekull, president emerita of the Maryland Independent College and University Association, was presented with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at the board’s annual meeting. She was honored for her tireless work to ensure access to quality education as “the name, the face, and the voice of private higher education in Maryland.”

McDaniel recognizes faculty for teaching, scholarship, research, and service

McDaniel faculty were recognized for excellence in the classroom, scholarly pursuits, research, and service to the college during a Faculty Appreciation Week, which took place during the last week of classes for the academic year in conjunction with National Teacher Appreciation Week.

Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award: **Psychology Professor Maggie McDevitt**

Chosen for her inspired classroom work and dedication to students, McDevitt began teaching at McDaniel College in 2000 as an assistant professor of Psychology, was promoted to associate professor in 2006, and then promoted to professor in 2013. Her students are quick to recall that she is always eager to engage with them, continuously challenges them, and encourages them to keep learning long after graduation.

Ira G. Zepp Teaching Enhancement Grant: **Assistant Professor of Theatre Design and Technology** **Shana Jung Ah Joslyn**

With the grant, Joslyn will create a mobile 3D print farm for the Theatre Arts department. She will first purchase Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM) printers, with a plan to add Stereo Lithography Printing (SLA) printers in the future. In addition to being used to design and print props, costumes, and scenic pieces for a lower cost for theatre productions, the mobile print farm will be accessible and useful to any McDaniel students who have career interests in engineering, architecture, medicine, dentistry, and physical therapy.

Shelton Adjunct Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence: **Senior Adjunct Lecturer in Kinesiology** **Tara Spicer-Bartolain**

For nearly 15 years, Spicer-Bartolain has been sharing her passion for health, fitness, and wellness with the McDaniel community. As a group fitness instructor, personal trainer, nutrition and wellness consultant, health and wellness coach, and current doctoral student, she has shown her dedication to the Kinesiology field, weaving theory and practice together in an engaging way for students at McDaniel.



Distinguished Scholars Award:

Associate Professor of Biology Cheng Huang

Huang will use the award to expand his highly productive research program to accommodate more research students. The Huang Lab has produced 30 poster and oral presentations from 2014 to 2019 (pre-pandemic), nearly all with a McDaniel undergraduate student as lead presenter. Many of the research presentations have won awards at regional and national conferences, and every one of the lead presenters has earned graduate or medical school admission.

Faculty retiring at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year and granted emeritus status by the Board of Trustees were:

- **Robin Armstrong**, associate professor of Music, with 26 years of service.
- **Richard Claycombe**, professor of Economics and Business Administration, with 40 years of service.
- **Vera Jakoby**, associate professor of Philosophy, with 25 years of service.
- **David Kreider**, senior lecturer in Music, with 40 years of service.
- **Henry Reiff**, professor of Special Education, with 32 years of service.
- **Ethan Seidel**, professor of Economics and Business Administration, with 52 years of service.

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diem



Carroll County Health Officer Ed Singer '87 honored with Trustee Alumni Award

Ed Singer '87, Carroll County Health Officer and incident commander for Carroll County's COVID-19 response, received McDaniel's highest alumni honor, the Trustee Alumni Award, during the college's 2021 Commencement ceremony.

McDaniel's ninth president Roger N. Casey presented Singer with the award on behalf of the Board of Trustees in recognition of Singer's leadership through the uncharted territory of a global pandemic to keep the Carroll County community safe throughout the COVID-19 crisis.

"Integrity, compassion, and service. These are three words that will be forever tied to your name," Casey said at the ceremony. "In such an unprecedented year that required countless businesses and schools to close and left fear reigning in the hearts and minds of residents, we saw true heroes step forward — one of them was you."

Stressing the importance of relationships, Singer credited his college mentors for helping him find his way through college, his Army colleagues for his success in the military, and his community partners for helping him, the Carroll County Health Department, and the entire community navigate the public health crisis.

"There are two main things that I still carry with me today from college," he said. "One was using the problem-solving principles I learned as a Biology major ... The other was the importance of personal and professional relationships, because together we are all stronger."

Currently president of the Maryland Association of County Health Officers, Singer has served the Carroll County Health Department for more than 33 years. He is a retired major who served 24 years in the Maryland Army National Guard and United States Army Reserve. He was awarded the Bronze Star twice, the Meritorious Service Ribbon three times, the Combat Action Badge, and various other military awards.

Singer has a bachelor's degree in Biology with a concentration in Environmental Studies from Western Maryland (now McDaniel) College, where he was captain of the wrestling team and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, the track and field team, and the Ecology Club. As a senior, he was honored with the Charles Havens Award, given to a student who has participated in intercollegiate athletics and has shown the attributes of charity, altruism, benevolence, and a humane and compassionate concern for fellow man. He lives in Manchester, Maryland, with his wife, Michelle Singer M.S. '00. They have two grown children, Eddie and Natalie.

The Trustee Alumni Award is the highest alumni honor given at McDaniel in recognition of alumni career and service achievement. The award is given each year to a very small number of McDaniel graduates who are nominated, evaluated by the Academic and Campus Life Committee, and approved by the McDaniel College Board of Trustees.

Adam Hertz named new director of athletics

Adam Hertz has been appointed as director of athletics after serving as the interim director since early March. Hertz was instrumental in helping the college successfully hold a spring athletic season after the pandemic put athletics on hold. He has also served as a member of the Return to the Hill Committee; the Student Outreach Network; the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Administrative Team; and the Green and Gold Advancement Team.

Hertz, who holds a master's degree in Sports Management from Temple University, came to McDaniel after nearly two decades at fellow Centennial Conference member Swarthmore. He most recently managed operations and logistics for 122 Consulting Group in Philadelphia, a national consulting group that specializes in justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion work.

Roj Student Center featured in American School & University

The Roj Student Center has been selected to appear as an Outstanding Design in the 2021 American School & University Educational Interiors Showcase, the premier competition honoring education interiors excellence. The renovation, designed by Marshall Craft Associates, Inc., and executed by Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, was one of 75 selected projects featured in the August issue of American School & University.

The former Decker College Center was renovated beginning in May 2019, with much of the work taking place during the COVID-19 pandemic. This was the first overall renovation of the student center since it was built in 1978 and was supported by 98 donors. Renamed the Roj Student Center, the renovation added 2,328 square feet to the building. It was named in honor of Mary Lynn Durham '70 and her husband, Bill Roj '70, whose \$5 million leadership gift made the renovation possible.



double take

Sights worth a second look

The Class of 2021 leaves its mark

Do you remember your favorite spot on the Hill or how you grew over four years? We asked members of the Class of 2021 just that — and more — and got to know the diverse class who walked the stage on May 22. Here are just a few snippets of some of their thoughts, but we encourage you to get to know the rest of these standout new alumni at mcdaniel.edu/meet-mcdaniel/we-are-mcdaniel-class-2021.

Photos by David Sinclair '00



"I hope that ... my stories about life lived, adversities, and resiliency would be something my classmates can take with them and apply to the difficult times that are surely ahead in their paths."

Doug Starliper
Social Work

"I love dancing, especially with my friends, and being involved in multiple cultural groups on campus allowed me to dance in different ways. I found out that learning a new dance always found a way to make me feel better and less stressed."

Priscilla Owusu
Chemistry, Biochemistry



"I am currently studying for the Foreign Service Officer Test so that I can work overseas in a U.S. embassy. After that, I wish to ... work in the intelligence field while pursuing an advanced degree. In the long term, I want to become a college professor."

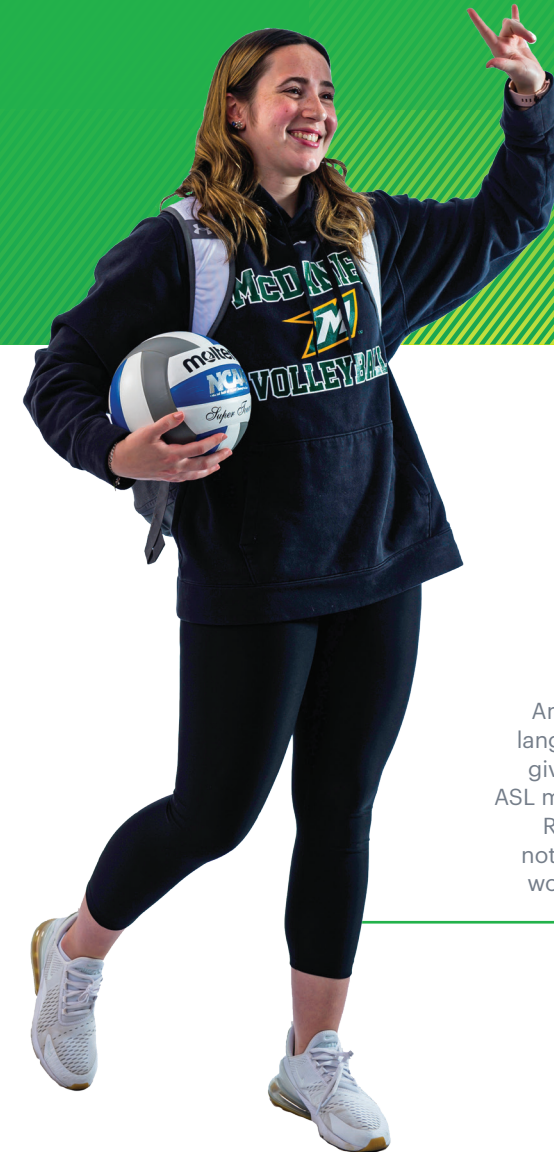
Chris Greene
Political Science, International Studies

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"When I took my first step on the Hill, I was a 17-year-old, first-generation college student with a huge chip on my shoulder. The me who will ring the Old Main bell on Commencement Day is happier, wiser, and humbler. I am also much more aware of how my race, gender, sexuality, hardships, and privileges have impacted my experiences in college."

Jordan Davis
Communication



"When seeing that McDaniel offered American Sign Language (ASL) for the language requirement, I figured I would give it a shot. Before I knew it, I was an ASL minor and traveling to the Dominican Republic to teach Deaf children. I did not ever think that the Deaf community would have such a big place in my life."

Gayle Edelstein
Psychology



McDaniel holds 150th and 151st Commencement ceremonies

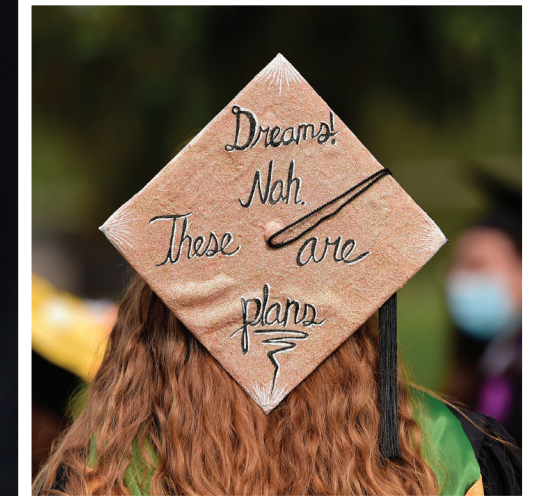
Photos by David Sinclair '00 and Tae Kerney

On May 22, McDaniel College held two Commencement ceremonies to celebrate the 2020 and 2021 graduating classes for their hard-earned day in the spotlight — and the sunlight. The two Commencement ceremonies were the first in-person Commencement celebrations to occur at McDaniel since May 2019 and were the first ever to take place outdoors on Rembert Field at Kenneth R. Gill stadium.

In the morning, after receiving an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the Board of Trustees, McDaniel's ninth president Roger N. Casey took the podium to address the Class of 2020, offering three pieces of paradoxical leadership advice to the graduates. "In the 21st century, you cannot function effectively as a leader in a diverse society unless you can hold opposing ideas in your mind simultaneously," he began.

Casey's three pieces of advice: "Make a plan, and at the right point, throw it away; take care of your me so that you can do good for the we; and quest for truth so you can bear witness to a world needing the light."

He concluded his remarks by thanking the Class of 2020 for what they have taught the community. "McDaniel has learned so much from knowing you. Our world has so much to gain from your lives ahead," Casey said. "It has been an honor serving you as your president. Me. We. I am McDaniel. We are McDaniel. In the words of our Latin motto: 'I call you out of darkness into light!' Go shine brightly."



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– ROGER N. CASEY, HON. D.H.L. '21
McDaniel College President 2010-2021



In the afternoon, the Class of 2021 — 587 bachelor's and master's candidates in all — crossed the stage to receive their degrees during the college's 151st Commencement ceremony. Mary Lynn Durham '70 (pictured at right) and Bill Roj '70, who were recognized with honorary Doctor of Laws degrees, served as the Commencement speakers.

Durham spoke of the power of imagination that dates back to ancient humankind.

“Here at McDaniel, imaginative learning opportunities, spanning everything from the arts and letters to our innovation and entrepreneurship programs, have broadened and inspired you,” Durham said. “Throughout your pursuits of the liberal arts and sciences, you have discovered imagination at work.”

Roj shared advice with the Class of 2021 on how to make the most of their journeys through life, with a special nod to his wife, Durham, whom he met on the Hill.

“With the benefit of a lot of years of hindsight I would suggest that the most important of life's journey's questions is whom you will select to include in your personal journey,” Roj said. “The enjoyment and fulfillment most people receive from their journey through life comes more from the people they select to journey with than any other factor.”

Kenneth R. Gill Stadium could not have been a more fitting place for students to complete their college careers. For some, the green turf on Rembert Field represented the same field they played football, lacrosse, or field hockey or practiced on. Others could reminisce about walking the track with friends. Students and alumni alike also can certainly recall those spirit-filled game days at one of the best tailgating experiences in the nation. The stadium has always brought the McDaniel community together, and in May, it brought closure to the Class of 2020 and ushered the Class of 2021 to its next chapter.



insights

Celebrating the “aha!” in learning

Annual Entrepreneurship Competition is mutually beneficial for students and their alumni mentors

In April, five student teams competed for a \$5,000 top prize by presenting their entrepreneurial ideas and products to a panel of experts at the annual McDaniel College Entrepreneurship Competition, formerly the Innovation Challenge Finals.

The Entrepreneurship Competition is part of McDaniel’s Program in Innovation and Entrepreneurship (formerly The Encompass Distinction), an academic program open to students in any major. By combining courses, off-campus learning experiences, and mentorship by entrepreneurial alumni of the college, the program allows students to gain broad-ranging skill sets required for enterprise management.

But it’s not just the students who benefit from this real-world experience; the alumni mentors get just as much out of the partnerships.

“For students, these competitions put their academic knowledge to the test. They interact with experienced business professionals who can both challenge and support their ideas,” says Mike Cottingham ’78, one of the alumni mentors for the winning team. “For alumni, it’s an opportunity to ‘pay it forward.’ And when matched with the right student entrepreneurs, it can be personally energizing.”

His co-mentor, Guy Sheetz Jr. ’02, agrees. “It is invigorating for alumni to see students so excited and passionate about their ideas and business as a whole.”

The team mentored by Cottingham and Sheetz was Life Tacos, presented by rising seniors Julianna “Jules” Dotterweich, an Accounting, Economics, and Business Administration major from Timonium, Maryland, and Jessie Titus, an Environmental Studies major from Frederick, Maryland.

They earned the \$5,000 top prize as the first-place winner. Life Tacos aims at giving people healthier food options that



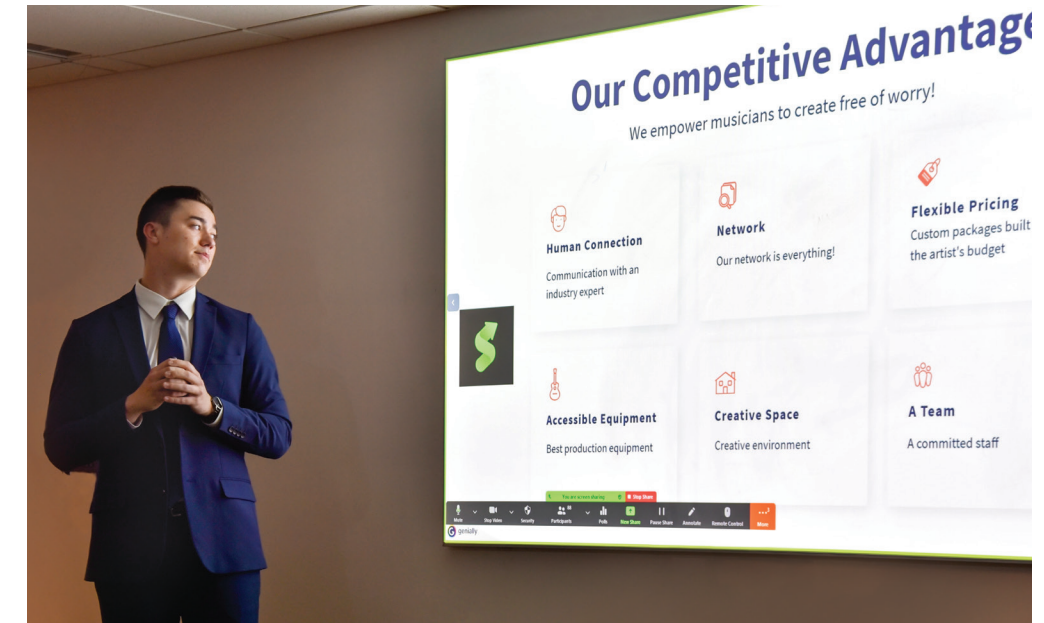
are more affordable and accessible. “Life Tacos would provide an option for those customers that want to make a change in their personal health and for the environment,” added Dotterweich and Titus.

“Jules and Jessie were very receptive to our recommendations and appreciative of the time we spent with them,” says Cottingham. “They were like sponges for information and ideas.”

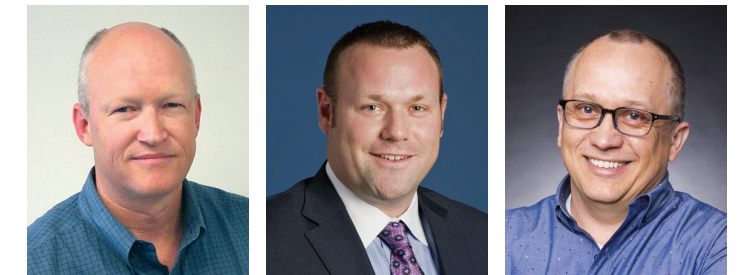
Sheetz says he decided to join the program because he enjoys developing future leaders. “I have a business operations background and Mike had the front-end marketing and sales experience,” Sheetz says. “Together, we were able to truly help the students through the entire business development and strategy plan, start to finish.”

Crowned Beauty, presented by rising juniors Jani Pierre, a Business Administration major with minors

Jules Dotterweich and Jessie Titus, founders of Life Tacos, were the 2021 first-place winners of The Entrepreneurship Competition, part of McDaniel’s Program in Innovation and Entrepreneurship.



Joshua Arruda, founder of Prime Reach, was presented with \$1,000 as the People’s Choice Award winner.



Alumni mentors are an integral part of The Entrepreneurship Competition at McDaniel. Mike Cottingham ’78 (left) and Guy Sheetz Jr. ’02 (middle) mentored the team Life Tacos, while Greg Street ’91 (right) worked with team Prime Reach.

in Entrepreneurship and Marketing from Frederick, Maryland, and Mariama Mohammed, a Computer Science major from Woodbridge, Virginia, earned \$1,000 for second place. Crowned Beauty would be the first business of its kind in Westminster, Maryland. “There are no beauty stores that cater specifically to people of color, and it would help McDaniel students who have to travel outside of Westminster to find basic hair products,” according to Pierre and Mohammed.

Prime Reach, presented by rising senior Joshua Arruda, an Accounting, Economics, and Business Administration major from Morrisville, Pennsylvania, received \$1,000 as the People’s Choice Award winner. Prime Reach was described as a one-stop shop for independent artists and musicians seeking the right promotion. “All playlists are checked through chart metrics to ensure absolutely organic engagement,” according to Arruda.

Arruda was mentored by Greg Street ’91, who says that the Entrepreneurship Competition is a great way for him to support the college and students from where he lives on the West Coast by “donating” some of his professional experience. With over two decades in the entertainment industry, Street says most of the advice he offered to Arruda was on how to scale, what marketing would look like, when to bring on additional staff, and even how to make a good pitch document for the competition.

“Josh was in a pretty good situation. He had clearly identified the problem he was trying to solve and he had

already proven that he could generate revenue,” Street says. “I see a lot of pitches for video game development and often the folks giving those pitches are passionate about the space but don’t actually know if anyone is interested in their product. They approach it more from the perspective of an artist rather than a business person; Josh had already figured out the business angle.”

The alumni mentors for the competition understand the important roles they play, considering McDaniel’s size and tight-knit community.

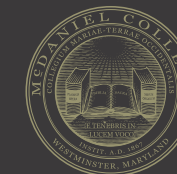
“Look, McDaniel is a small school. Students don’t have a massive alumni network with alums in every company in every state and country,” Street says. “But my time and expertise in my field is ... a perspective not a lot of other McDaniel alumni are likely to bring. I am happy to share and pay back the college in this way.”

Street also points out that he gains something from this opportunity. “My industry is really focused on younger people at the undergraduate age group,” he says. “So it’s great to connect with them and understand what makes them excited and fearful about the future.”

In addition to the alumni mentors, the McDaniel Entrepreneurship Competition is made possible with the generous support of Ed ’71 and Wilma ’70 Smith, Ron Cronise ’63, Justin Simon and Driven Media Group, Jason Stambaugh ’07, and Josh Ambrose, former associate dean of campus and community engagement, now director of student ventures at the Johns Hopkins University.

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BACK TO THE HILL FROM PRESIDENT JASKEN



10th
President

MCDANIEL COLLEGE

AFTER MORE THAN A YEAR

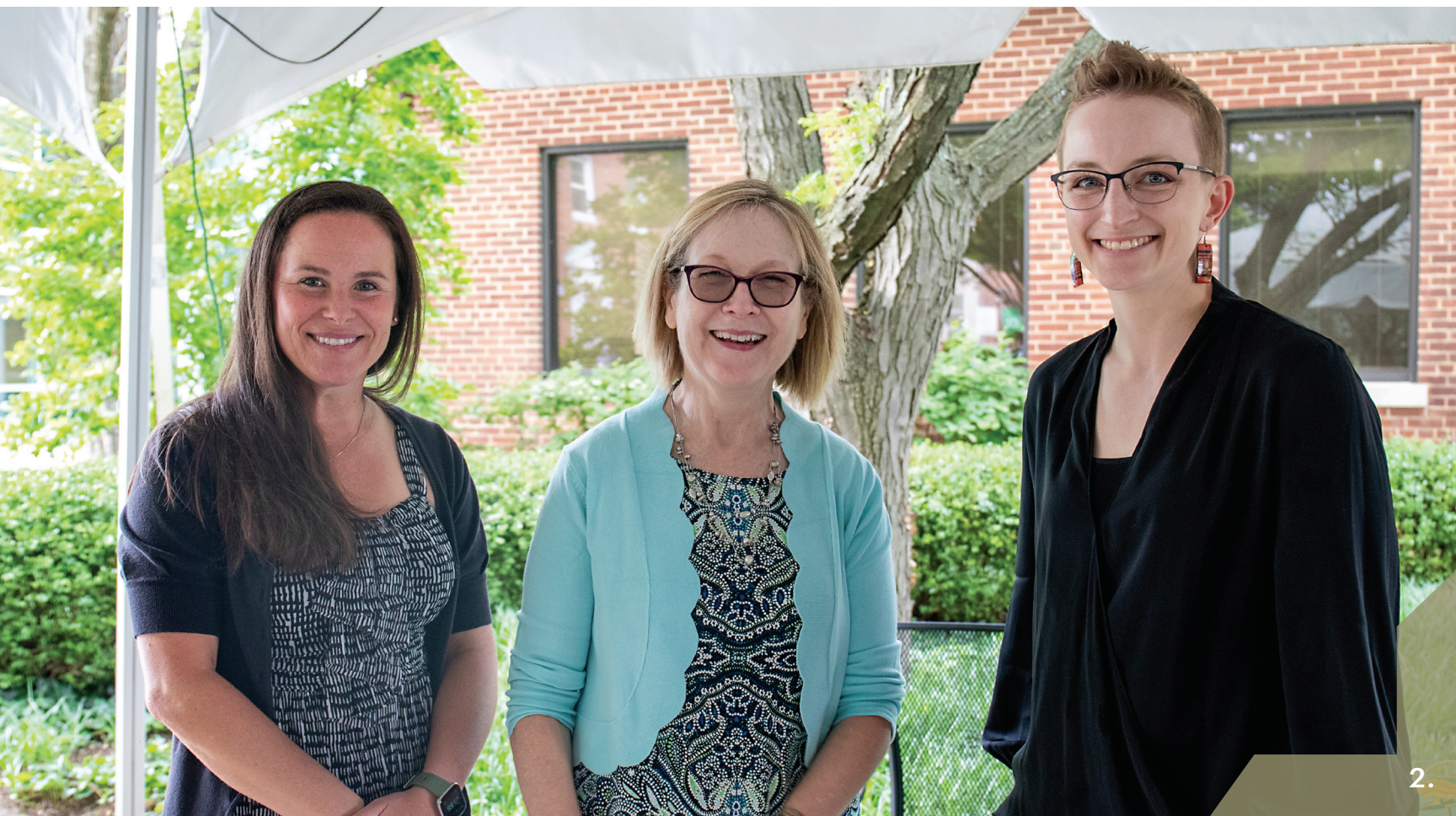
since campus was at its typical capacity due to the COVID-19 pandemic, June 1 ushered in a new energy on the Hill. In addition to all faculty and staff being welcomed back to their offices for the first time since mid-March 2020, a new era of leadership began as McDaniel College's tenth president, Julia Jasken, took office.

Since her first day, the Hill has been bustling with enthusiasm and events as President Jasken put an emphasis on community connections in the early days of her presidency. From an all-faculty and staff reception, to divisional meet and greets, a luncheon with students conducting summer research, welcoming incoming first-year students at McDaniel Local, a faculty and staff appreciation outdoor movie night, and the Green & Gold Golf Tournament, the McDaniel community has embraced some extra face time with each other and with leadership after a year of virtual gatherings.

The Green Terror family — administration, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends alike — are all eager to get back to business as usual, with more than a little fun thrown in.



BUSTLING WITH *enthusiasm and events*



1. President Jasken and the Green Terror were excited to **WELCOME FACULTY AND STAFF** back to campus full-time on June 1. After more than a year apart, employees enjoyed a cookie reception to celebrate the return to the Hill.
2. On the evening of June 1, President Jasken hosted a **RECEPTION FOR THE INCOMING AND OUTGOING COMMITTEE CHAIRS OF THE ALUMNI COUNCIL**, including Kristin Ramey '05, M.S. '08 (Green & Gold co-chair), Debbie Dale '84 Seidel (past president and past Green & Gold co-chair), and Lindsey Browning '10 (president).
3. The Human Resources department shared a few laughs with the Green Terror at the **FACULTY AND STAFF RECEPTION**.
4. President Jasken embraced the opportunity to mingle and **GET TO KNOW FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS** on campus on her first day in office.
5. Faculty and staff were encouraged to participate in **NATIONAL SAY SOMETHING NICE DAY** by sending cards of thanks and appreciation to colleagues around campus on June 1.
6. Professor of English Robert Kachur and Academic Secretary Kathy Edmondson enjoyed **REUNITING WITH COLLEAGUES** from across campus at the reception.



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EMPHASIS ON
community connections

1. President Jasken hosted a **LUNCHEON FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS** who are participating in the Student-Faculty Collaborative Summer Research Program.
2. Joining President Jasken for a new chapter in their lives on the Hill this summer were **GROUPS OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS** participating in the overnight McDaniel Local orientation program.
3. Senior Associate Vice President of Institutional Advancement Chip Junkin (far right) joined Tom Bankert, Phyllis Zumbrun, and Chris Swam at the **GREEN AND GOLD GOLF CLASSIC**.
4. Students who are completing undergraduate research this summer enjoyed the new terrace spaces outside the Roj Student Center during the **STUDENT-FACULTY RESEARCH LUNCHEON** hosted by President Jasken.
5. During **DIVISIONAL MEET AND GREET RECEPTIONS**, President Jasken took the opportunity to get to know staff members, like these members of Intercollegiate Athletics.



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MORE THAN
a little fun



1. President Jaska, here with her sons, Iain and Kyle, hosted the **FACULTY AND STAFF APPRECIATION OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT** on June 24 for a showing of “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” at Kenneth R. Gill Stadium.
2. **FACULTY, STAFF, AND THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS** enjoyed the unique experience of watching a film on the scoreboard while sitting on Rembert Field.
3. **ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT** Support Specialist Janice Hartlieb (pictured second from right) attended the movie with her husband and four children.
4. President Jaska **GREETED FACULTY AND STAFF**, welcomed their family and friends to the Hill, and encouraged them all to open their chocolate bars to see who had the golden tickets.
5. Along with her daughter, Director of **ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID** Kemia Himon (second from left) joined Financial Aid Specialists Anna Isner and Nikki Gannon, and Graphic Designer Sheree Wentz for popcorn and candy on the field before the movie.
6. Senior Lecturer in Music Linda Kirkpatrick and Gordon Masters were the lucky **WINNERS OF THE GOLDEN TICKET GIFT BASKETS**.



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO FIND YOUR HOME ON THE HILL

WITH AN EMPHASIS ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION, JAMES A. FELTON III '95, M.S. '98
WANTS TO HELP ALUMNI CREATE A COMMUNITY OF CARE AT MCDANIEL

By Lindsay Sherman

When you ask James A. Felton III '95, M.S. '98 what McDaniel College was like in the 1990s, he'll tell you it was nowhere near as diverse as it is today. He estimates the college had fewer than 100 students of color out of about 1,200 students at the time.

"And probably only about 30 or so were African American students on campus," he says. "We came in at an interesting time. It was during the resurgence of the Malcolm X movement, so we were thinking about Black identity and Black male identity. It was the time of the Rodney King incident, the O. J. Simpson trial, and the end of apartheid in South Africa."

Felton says that all those national and international movements helped shape his experience not only as a first-generation college student but also as an African American male at a predominantly white institution.

"We made a pact as Black students: we were going to change the face of the institution," Felton says, noting that they decided to do that by getting involved in a number of leadership positions and campus organizations.

"We decided that we wanted to be active and present and vocal," he says. "We wanted to make a difference on the campus for the things that were not available to us as students of color at the time."

Nearly 25 years after he graduated, McDaniel welcomed its most diverse first-year class in history in 2019. Felton says it's a good first step, but there is still work to be done.



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BUILDING A FOUNDATION ON A PASSION FOR INCLUSION

Felton’s passion for inclusion began before he even set foot on the Hill. In high school in Vineland, New Jersey, Felton had a classmate in his homeroom that he calls Ryan to protect his privacy.

“Ryan is Deaf, and I saw him in homeroom for 20 minutes a day and then didn’t see him again the rest of the day, solely because of his Deafness,” Felton recalls. “At the time, there were no support services in the Vineland Public School district to pay for interpreting services, so he was sent to special education courses. Something about that just didn’t sit well with me.”

Felton developed a friendship with Ryan by passing notes back and forth in homeroom. One day, he decided he wanted to learn sign language, and Ryan began teaching him some simple signs. That interest in Deaf studies drew Felton’s attention to then-Western Maryland College, which at the time was second in Deaf education only to Gallaudet University.

He enrolled and declared a major in Psychology and a minor in Deaf Studies. “But diversity was one of my trepidations coming to Western Maryland,” Felton says. “It was really an eye-opening experience, a culture shock once I actually moved on campus.”

Felton recalls that growing up, his paternal grandmother was very active in the local community and she first introduced him to the idea that “it takes a village. She viewed all the children in the neighborhood as her children and my grandfather’s children. They treated everyone equally,” he says.

When he started creating his own village on the Hill, Felton started thinking about devoting himself to a career that was going to make a positive impact in people’s lives and lead social change.

“I wasn’t expecting to be the campus activist that I became, but I recognized the lack of diversity in the student body and some of the experiences that we all went through,” he says. “It was eye-opening to study Psychology and understand some of the pathologies that go along with behavioral patterns and people’s psyches, as well as the importance of acceptance and inclusion through my Deaf Studies courses.

“That was a really formative philosophy that was always instilled in me through my family, but I actually got to enact it on campus and in the local community.”

For Felton, that looked like becoming an RA, joining student government, becoming an Ambassador in the Office of Admissions, and working as a student with the Alumni Association. “I tried to help usher or promote a sense of belonging and inclusion for everyone,” he says. “I wanted to help identify what the institution was thinking about — or was not thinking about — in terms of policies, practices, and procedures.”

A WINDING JOURNEY THROUGH THE WORLD OF DIVERSITY IN HIGHER ED

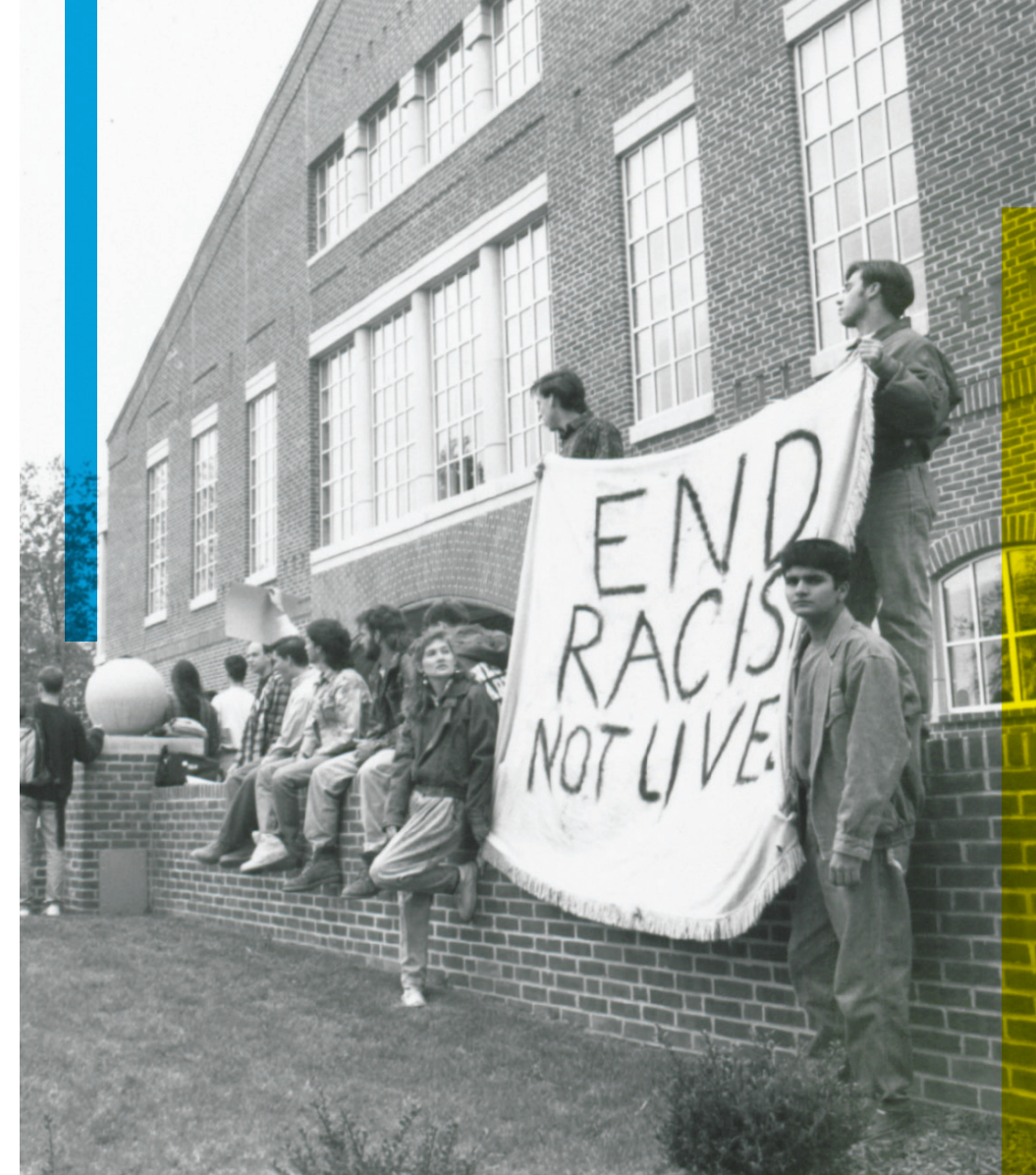
Despite their efforts to create their own community of care on campus, Felton says that many of his peers who were students of color were simply focused on the finish line of graduation by the end.

“Most students of color who attended Western Maryland when I did were so ambivalent,” recalls Felton. “We had great experiences with our peers, and we obviously had some friendships with students who were in the majority as well. But there were a lot of incidents that happened to us racially that were hurtful.

“A number of students during that era walked away and didn’t really have — or want — much involvement with the college after graduation.”

Felton didn’t walk away as quickly as many of his peers did; his first job after graduating with his bachelor’s degree was right back on the Hill. He was initially hired for two part-time positions: senior minority recruiter in the Office of Admissions and coordinator for multicultural student services.

Felton recalls that he was on the road during the day visiting high schools and coming back to campus at night to put on programs for current students. “I was loving the work, but I was at a crossroads,” he says. “I went to lunch with then-President Bob Chambers, then-Provost Joan Coley, and then-Dean of Admissions Marty O’Connell, and we had a long discussion about where I saw myself in the next two to five years. I said I loved doing



Above: Students hold a “March Against Racism” on campus during following the 1992 Los Angeles riots. [Sherri Diegel, McDaniel College Archives]

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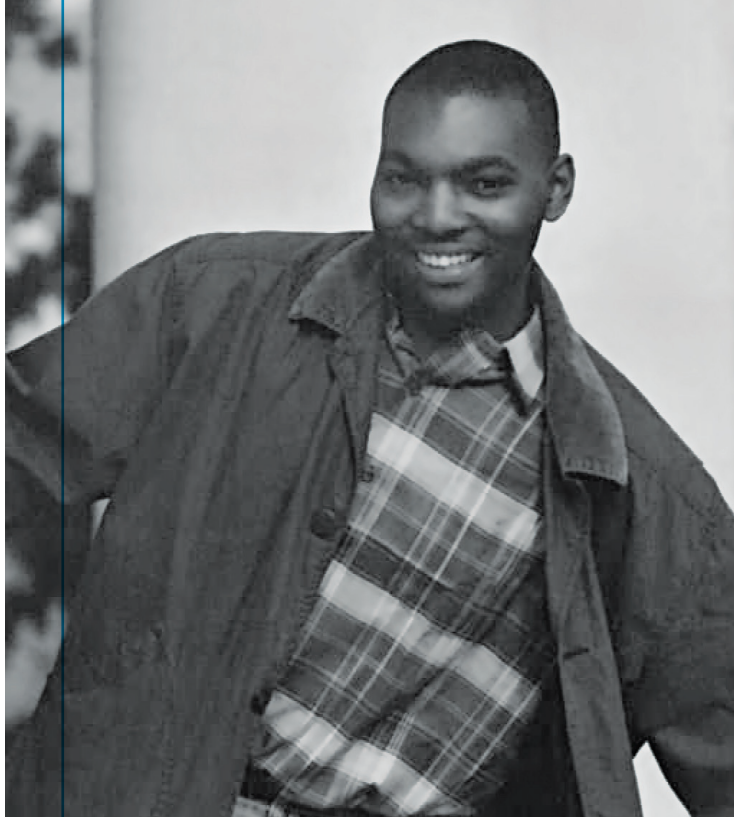
DEC. 4, 1972
James A. Felton III is born and raised in New Jersey, attending school in the Vineland Public School district.

JULY 26, 1990
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is signed into law, guaranteeing those with disabilities equal opportunity in employment and equal access to government services.

FALL 1991
Felton enrolls at Western Maryland College as a Psychology major, minoring in Deaf Studies, joining several student-led groups on campus.

APRIL 29 - MAY 4, 1992
Riots and civil disturbances occur in LA following the acquittal of all three officers involved in the brutal beating of Rodney King.

MAY 1992
Western Maryland College students lead a rally for racial injustice after the LA riots, drawing over 100 students, faculty, staff, and local residents. (Photos above)



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both of the jobs, but there was a huge burnout factor of doing two part-time jobs that should really be two full-time jobs.”

Chambers then made the decision to appoint Felton as the first full-time director of multicultural student services in July 1997. That also gave Felton the push to pursue his master’s in Education Administration. But after a little while, Felton began to wonder what was next.

“I had it really great at McDaniel, so I wanted to test the waters because I always felt like I was kind of the prodigal son,” he says. “Were people telling me I was doing a good job because of our relationships and me being a two-time alum? Or did I really have the skill set and the acumen to do the work?”

So, Felton walked away from the Hill to go prove himself — to himself more than anyone else. He ended up in Green Bay, Wisconsin, as the coordinator for the American Intercultural Center at the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay.

“I probably grew the most professionally and culturally in that role,” Felton says. “I got to work with 11 different tribal affiliations and a number of Southeast Asian populations.”

While at McDaniel, Felton was a one-man shop; at Green Bay, he had a staff and a physical space to supervise where students were invited to come in to use the lounge and computer area and be in community with faculty, staff, and other students.

“I was able to understand or be a little more empathetic as a professional and a person of color more than I had been during my days at McDaniel,” Felton says. “That solidified for me that, one, I was capable of doing the work, and two, I really enjoyed it and I was making a difference in the lives of students.”

Since then, stops on his career journey have included colleges in southeast Pennsylvania, the mountains of North Carolina, Maryland, New York, and finally back to his home state of New Jersey. Throughout that career, he’s made a lot of history: from first full-time director of multicultural student services at McDaniel to inaugural director of intercultural affairs at Western Carolina University, inaugural chief diversity officer at Anne Arundel Community College, and now inaugural vice president for inclusive excellence at The College of New Jersey since 2020.

“I think it’s safe to say that I will have a long career in higher education, and all of it has been in the field of diversity, equity, and inclusion,” Felton says.

Which is exactly what has brought him back into the fold at McDaniel.

Top Left: Student portrait of James Felton [Mark Swisher, McDaniel College Archives]

Top Right: 1993 photo of Western Maryland’s Black Student Union; Felton pictured back row, far right [McDaniel College Archives]

Left: Heidi M. S. Reigel '97 (back right) and Felton (far right) first worked together as part of the college Admissions staff in 1997. [C. Kurt Holter, McDaniel College Archives]

SEPTEMBER 1994

The College establishes its first international campus in Budapest, Hungary.

1994-1995

O. J. Simpson is tried for the murders of his ex-wife and friend, becoming the most publicized criminal trial in history.

MAY 1995

Felton graduates from Western Maryland College with his undergraduate degree in Psychology and a minor in Deaf Studies.

JULY 1997

Felton becomes the first full-time director of multicultural student services at Western Maryland College.

MAY 1998

Felton receives his M.S. in Education Administration from Western Maryland College.

2000

Dr. Joan Develin Coley becomes the first female president of the college.

JULY 2002

Western Maryland College changes its name to McDaniel College.

SEPT. 25, 2008

The ADA Amendments Act of 2008 changes how “disability” is defined, favoring an inclusive interpretation.

JAN. 20, 2009

Barack Obama is inaugurated as the 44th president of the United States, the first African American to hold this office.



Above: The McDaniel community gathers in August 2020 for a candlelight vigil, mourning the tragic death of George Floyd.



Left: National NAACP President Cornell William Brooks addresses the campus community in 2016 with his talk, “Unless Black Lives Matter, All Lives Can’t Matter.”

Below: Students, faculty, and staff join together for a peaceful Black Lives Matter rally in April 2015 after the death of Freddie Gray.

“FOLKS WHO DIDN’T FEEL LIKE THE COLLEGE WAS THEIR HOME ... THEY CAN COME BACK, FIND THAT SENSE OF BELONGING,



ACCEPTING AN INVITATION FOR A LONG-OVERDUE HOMECOMING

Since the summer of 2020, in the wake of the killing of George Floyd, there has been increased pressure on the college to address issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion, from alumni, students, and other community members. Heidi M. S. Reigel ’97, associate vice president of alumni and admissions, was talking with Alumni Association President Chuck Sullivan ’72 one day when Sullivan asked why there weren’t many BIPOC alumni involved with the Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD).

Sullivan, who is a member of the Board of Trustees’ Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Taskforce, emphasized to Reigel that it was important to align the Alumni Council with the strategic work that was being done at the board and administrative levels. Reigel and Sullivan began thinking about how McDaniel could garner more participation and involvement from underrepresented alumni.

“I had been talking with James to tell him what Chuck wanted to do and how I needed someone who knew the ins and outs of higher ed but could also chair the team,” Reigel says. “James replied, ‘You need someone like me.’ I said, ‘Yes.’

“And, of course, James says to me, ‘Heidi, I’m serious — I’ll do it.’”

Reigel says that she had never thought of asking Felton because he hadn’t really been involved with the college since he left to go to Green Bay. “I assumed he was too busy,” she says. “He told me he had never been asked. So, I officially asked him.”

Since then, Felton has connected with current students of color, met with college leadership a handful of times to put on workshops and trainings, and begun the process of helping Reigel, Sullivan, and the Alumni Council identify alumni who can help create a new community of care on campus for students of color.

In the time that he’s been engaged with former colleagues, friends, and fellow alumni at McDaniel, Felton has noticed some key areas that need improvement. “Like most colleges and universities, representation matters. It’s not simply enrolling more underrepresented or historically marginalized students, which McDaniel has done a great job of in recent years,” he says. “What resources are available to them once they actually get to campus?”

Most importantly, he says the faculty and staff composition has to mirror the student population. “It’s vitally important for people to see themselves in others and to be able to see positive role models and to have opportunities for connection culturally and socially,” Felton says. “It’s also important for majority students to see people of color teaching them in the front of the classroom.”

Looking at the student population on the Hill now, Felton can’t help but recall what he and his peers worked so hard for. “Back in the day, we fought so hard as students to try to help folks understand that there are multiple ways of looking at an issue and addressing it from a cultural perspective,” Felton says. “We can’t claim to be inclusive when we have policies and practices and procedures of exclusion.”

Reigel is deeply appreciative of the time that Felton has given to his alma mater, and hopes that he can show others that even if you stepped away for a while, it’s never too late to find your home on the Hill. “James is a dear friend, and I am thrilled to get to work with him again to re-engage our alumni,” Reigel says.

“One of my goals is to identify opportunities to bring those folks back into the fold,” Felton says. “There are so many ways we can participate as alums in terms of mentoring and offering internship and job opportunities to current students. I’m trying to communicate to our underrepresented alumni that the college doesn’t just need your money; there are other ways to serve that are vitally important.

“Folks who didn’t feel like the college was their home or community, they can come back, find that sense of belonging, and perhaps more importantly, create that sense of belonging for current and prospective students.”

AND PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY, CREATE THAT SENSE OF BELONGING FOR CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS.”

2020-2021: A YEAR OF PROGRESS

Since June 2020, McDaniel’s renewed commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) has been at the forefront of the minds of faculty, staff, and administration. Over the past year, there have been many accomplishments to be proud of. While the work is not done and continued efforts are planned, the commitment to making the Hill a home for all has never been stronger.

- Finalized a new **DEI statement** that was recommended by McDaniel faculty, staff, and students and was endorsed by the Board of Trustees
- Since Aug. 1, 2020, **23% of new hires identify as BIPOC** based on race and **7% identify as Hispanic** based on ethnicity
- Improved institutional **bias education** response and support process
- Created the **Cultural Leadership Council** to promote increased communication for student leaders of multicultural organizations among themselves and with administration and the board
- Renamed the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to the **Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI)**
- Collected and analyzed more than **35 data sets related to DEI** over the last five years
- Created a **DEI committee** with Graduate and Professional Studies
- Revised tenure** and promotion criteria to highlight unique challenges sometimes faced by BIPOC faculty
- Hiring search committees now required to complete implicit **bias training**
- Linked the college’s **DEI statement** to all job searches
- Updated **chosen name policy** and **all-gender restrooms**

In addition to those administrative and policy changes, the follow trainings were offered to the community:

- August 2020:** The college hired University of Maryland Director of Diversity Training and Education Dr. Carlton E. Green to lead “Narratives of Racism at McDaniel: Racial Trauma, Racial Anxiety, & Racial Empathy,” which was attended by more than 150 employees
- October 2020:** Seventy members of the community completed a series of Equity Now! trainings
- October 2020:** Award-winning higher education diversity expert James A. Felton III ’95, M.S. ’98 conducted a DEI training for the Board of Trustees
- January 2021:** Special Assistant to the Provost Richard Smith ’00 led a retreat for 101 members of the community focusing on increasing diversity in the curriculum
- February 2021:** Felton ran an intercultural competence assessment with trustees

JULY 13, 2013

#BlackLivesMatter appears on Twitter as high-profile cases involving the deaths of Black civilians create renewed outrage.

APRIL 2015

After the death of Freddie Gray while in Baltimore police custody, protests and vigils are held around Maryland, including on the Hill.

JAN. 25, 2016

The Chosen Name Policy is enacted for students who wish to go by a name other than their legal one.

OCT. 24, 2016

The president of the NAACP visits McDaniel and speaks to over 500 students and community members.

2020

The unlawful deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor spark a new wave of Black Lives Matter protests, the human rights campaign against violence and racism.

JULY 20, 2020

Felton becomes the Vice President for Inclusive Excellence at the College of New Jersey.

JAN. 20, 2021

Kamala Harris becomes the first woman and first woman of color vice president of the United States.

JUNE 2021

Felton is named one of New Jersey’s most influential DEI leaders.

Supporting the next generation of Green Terrors is an easy — and vital — mission

Newest trustees encourage fellow alumni to “find a lane,” whether it’s been 10 years or 40 years since graduation

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN



Nearly 30 years separate McDaniel College’s two newest trustees, Jill Kortvelesy ’81 Mennicken and Aaron Slaughter ’10. That’s not the only difference in their journeys, but they are united in the same mission when it comes to their alma mater — no matter what it was called when they graduated.

A New York native, Mennicken’s mother and sister both graduated from Western Maryland College and went on to become teachers, and she followed in their footsteps, graduating with a degree in English with a teaching certification. Baltimore-native Slaughter entered college thinking he wanted to be an engineer, but graduated from McDaniel College with a dual degree in Accounting and Economics, having found his passion in a class that he thought would fulfill a liberal arts requirement.

After graduation, Mennicken “faded away” from the college, saying that life just got busy for her. Slaughter, on the other hand, has

been actively involved since his early days as a student-athlete and scholarship recipient and later as an alumni mentor and Interviewing Day firm representative, alumni donor, and ultimately a visitor to the Board of Trustees for several years.

In May, Mennicken and Slaughter were both unanimously approved to become full members of the board. And both are dedicated to serving the next generation of the Green Terror family, with an emphasis on experiential learning, community, mentorship, and encouraging their fellow alumni to re-engage, no matter how long it’s been.

FINDING A SECOND ACT AS A MENTOR IN RETIREMENT

Forty years later, Mennicken still remembers that what she loved most about the Hill was the intimacy of the relationships with the professors and the small class sizes that really created a sense of community among students, faculty, and staff. But it was during her senior year when she got the opportunity to student-teach that she really thrived. “That was the only semester I got a 4.0 because I am such an experiential learner,” she says. “I applied everything I learned and I absolutely loved it.”

When she graduated, Mennicken tried to find a job as a teacher, but unemployment was high at the time and she struggled to even find steady substitute teaching jobs. She got a summer job as a waitress in a golf club and went on some interviews that her father had helped connect her to in New York City. But ultimately, she found her own job in sales. It seemed a far cry from that English teaching background, but Mennicken found her own way to incorporate teaching in her career.

“During my 40-year sales career, I took on sales training,” she says. “That is, of course, being an educator, just in a business environment. I always loved being a mentor and teaching, no matter the environment.”

And that’s exactly what has brought Mennicken back to McDaniel after she’d only attended a few reunions over the years and kept in touch with her friends. “I wasn’t completely disengaged, but I wasn’t one of those ‘all-in’ alumni, either,” Mennicken says. “I sort of faded away, I guess you could say.”

That changed a couple of years ago when Mennicken was contacted by a member of the Institutional Advancement division of the college for a New York City visit. “It was obviously for development and fundraising, but it was also an opportunity for a partnership,” Mennicken says. “I was in the staffing business and our company got people jobs, many of which were for new college grads.”

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Soon, Mennicken got connected with the Center for Experience and Opportunity (CEO), and worked with the staff there to make referrals for internships and job opportunities for McDaniel students. But in 2020, Mennicken decided to retire a year earlier than she'd planned, spurred in part by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"All the signs were there that I was supposed to be retiring then," she says. "I had a list of things I wanted to do when I was retired, and a big one was continuing mentoring, which I was also doing as a volunteer at my church."

For her church, Mennicken hosts workshops on healthy social media strategies, communication, and relationships. Knowing her expertise in these areas, the CEO asked her to participate in a video series for students on a variety of topics, including how to deal with adversity, how to write an appropriate thank you note, interview tips, and how to ask someone for a recommendation.

"I was happy to do these, but I really wanted to do something live," she says. "My workshops are very interactive and I missed those discussions."

And at the heart of it, Mennicken knew that she had value to offer college students. She worked with Amanda Gelber, director of student engagement, to coordinate live virtual workshops for students, which were primarily attended by the leaders of clubs and student organizations.

"Between my experience with the youth at my church and my job, I saw the voids in the marketplace between when a student graduates and what an employer is looking for," she says. "I could see the wide-open space, and that's why I created these workshops. This is where I fulfill my lifelong love of teaching; I just get to call it mentoring."



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LEADING BY EXAMPLE AS A YOUNG ALUMNUS

Slaughter came to McDaniel with one main goal: to build an impressive record on the football field to enter the NFL draft. He wasn't sure what he wanted to study (engineering was a thought, but McDaniel didn't have an engineering track at the time), but he figured a liberal arts school was a good place to figure it out. An ACL injury in his senior year ended his dreams of going pro, but thankfully, a faculty mentor had already helped him figure out his career path.

Susan Milstein, who had been a professor at McDaniel since 1983, encouraged Slaughter to stick it out in her Accounting course, even after he discovered that it wasn't going to give him the humanities credit he thought it would. "She asked me to stay in the class," Slaughter recalls. "She said, 'Trust me. Give me a couple of weeks. If you don't like the class, I'll sign your drop form, no questions asked.'"

He gave it a shot and realized he was pretty good at it. "I was crushing homework assignments and quizzes," Slaughter says. "She looked at me and asked if I'd thought about being a CPA because I was really good at it. I had no idea what a CPA did, but I switched her to be my academic advisor."

Slaughter took every Accounting class Milstein taught, and she even helped him get an internship with the firm he's still with today. Without that vote of confidence from a faculty member, Slaughter doesn't know where he would be today. Likewise, if it weren't for the donors who made his scholarship possible, his life might have looked very different.

"I don't know if I'd ever seen someone in a suit from where I'm from doing what I do," says Slaughter. "In order to get people to understand that they can do it, they've got to see someone who looks like them doing it."

As it is, Slaughter has been promoted multiple times in his firm and is now just a step below the rank of partner. He knows that he owes an immeasurable amount of gratitude to McDaniel, so he's made it a priority to give back in a variety of ways.



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For a couple of years after graduation, Slaughter served on the GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Committee for the Alumni Council, working to appeal to younger alumni to understand the importance of giving back to the college that gave so much to them.

“If people saw me involved, they thought, ‘Oh, well I can do it if he’s doing it,’” Slaughter says. “I tried to encourage people to understand the importance of the percentage of alumni donors, not necessarily how much they donate, and those implications on what grants we can even apply for.”

To put it in a language he knew his peers would understand: “Are you telling me you don’t have \$5? You can absolutely have one less beer when you go to happy hour and send that \$5 to McDaniel.”

Slaughter has always made himself available to the college, especially to Accounting and Economics students while representing his firm at the annual Interviewing Day, and fellow Green Terror football players who may need an alumni mentor.

“This is where I learned how to become a man,” Slaughter says. “McDaniel gave me a home away from home, and I learned the most about myself during those four-plus years. I want students to understand the power that they have and how they can learn to do the same things that I’ve done.”

“EVERYBODY CAN FIND A LANE TO GIVE BACK.”

Whether it’s through monetary donations, mentorship, or affecting policy at the board level, Mennicken and Slaughter believe that there is a way for every alum to give back to the Hill.

In April 2016, Slaughter was invited to come back to the Hill to give a speech at a donor recognition luncheon as a past scholarship recipient and an alumni donor. What he didn’t realize at the time was that the entire Board of Trustees was in attendance. The trustees were so impressed with

Slaughter’s story and his dedication to the college that they voted to create a new position for him on the board.

“I wasn’t a full board member; I didn’t have a voting share,” Slaughter says. “But I got to sit on two subcommittees and have my input and expertise heard.”

In March of this year, the board approached Slaughter with a new proposal: It had been five years since he was invited to the position they created for him, but now they wanted to invite him to apply as a full trustee. At the May meeting, he was unanimously approved as the youngest trustee ever to serve the board of McDaniel College.

“The fact that people are willing to come back and spend their time and invest their money speaks to how much they love the college and what they got from it,” Slaughter says. “As a young trustee, I hope I’m able to connect with current students and young alumni, and translate their concerns in a way the board will understand, digest, and be able to act upon.”

For Slaughter, a major priority for him as a trustee is going to be the diversity,

equity, and inclusion initiatives to make a safer space for students of color: “It’s trying to shuffle the next generation along so they can have it better than we did.”

Mennicken agrees that their roles as trustees can have a remarkable impact on the current and future student population.

“If I can get through to one person in my workshops and make a difference, I’m happy. If we can teach communication to the youth now, they’re going to have much more fulfilled lives,” Mennicken says.

Mennicken had been conducting her workshops for McDaniel students for about a year when she was approached and invited to consider joining the Board of Trustees. “It was such a no-brainer for me. If I can impact students and policy and just sandwich that to have the two meet, that would be really cool,” she says. “Sharing how we have evolved from 22 years old to 40 years later — or five years, a decade, however long it’s been since you graduated — there’s experience and wisdom that we’ve learned and that we can share.”

That’s why Slaughter says, “Everybody can find a lane to give back and feel like they’re part of helping students have the same great experience that we did and live the best lives that they can.”

“Some people offer their services, others donate money, and some do both,” Mennicken says. “It’s just our chance to share all of the gifts and knowledge and wisdom that we’ve learned post-college with the next generation of Green Terrors.” ■

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Many, many thanks to everyone who replied to my request for news! Almost everyone mentioned the pandemic and how it's affected every aspect of our lives. Being unable to see loved ones, meet with friends, travel, or just lead our lives was a recurring theme. I'm writing this in February and hoping by the time you read it, things will be much improved!

Snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and downhill skiing were the main activities being enjoyed by **Kay Mitchell Kantorowski** and her husband in Fly Creek, New York, when I heard from her in January. She added that her artificial hip was great. They had visited their son, Mike, in North Carolina early in the pandemic and were marooned there for two months due to COVID-19. They are hoping to return to attending horse shows soon as their granddaughters continue to compete in eventing.

Gail Armstrong Petersen had sad news to relate as her husband and best friend, whom she had cared for at home for several months, passed away in September 2020. Reading is still her major love and she enjoys history, English mysteries, and doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles. Even though her rheumatoid arthritis has become rather debilitating, she hopes to remain in her home in Iowa and says that being in quarantine has become seriously old.

Many happy WMC memories were shared by **Ginni Pott Braunwarth** as she recalled our great Junior Folies, which featured **Bruce Lee** as Dr. Whitfield marching into the Convocation to "Seventy-Six Trombones," which, as she put it, even the faculty enjoyed. She also remembered meeting **Teresa "Terry" Mancuso Albright** within an hour of arriving at college and how they have remained good friends after all these years. She reflected on all the changes and how they have impacted the WMC that we all remember so well, and added that her memories will last forever.

Pat Schaefer Anderson has set up a Zoom group with **Cathy Sewell Johnson**, **Ellen Richmond Sauerbrey**, **Sherry Phelps Jackson**, and **Joanne Filbey, M.Ed. '80 Neil**, which is helping people keep in touch while we all stay home. She ended her note with the sad news that her sister-in-law, **Nancy Jones Clark**, died in September 2020 at her daughter's home in Birmingham, Alabama. She was a joy and like a sister to her.

Marianne Shears Poston is closing her law practice in Tucson, Arizona, and trying to get back to painting. The local watercolor guild is providing seminars

On May 21, four McDaniel graduating seniors who served as members of the Green Terror Battalion were commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army. Riley O. O'Hara '21 will serve active duty and attend the Air Defense Artillery Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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on the internet as well, so she is able to connect with others and the professional artist of the month. Otherwise, she feeds many birds and the occasional bobcat or coyote that comes over the back wall. The snow on the mountains continues to be a nice distraction from the plague.

Being involved in local politics and serving on several boards keeps **Ellen "Winkie" Richmond Sauerbrey** busy with endless Zoom meetings, with other activities limited to grocery shopping, the gym, and doctor appointments. She also chats weekly on Zoom with **Cathy Sewell Johnson**, **Pat Schaefer Anderson**, **Sherry Phelps Jackson**, and **Joanne Filbey, M.Ed. '80 Neil**. She and Wil and their German shepherd, Bella, live in pretty good health in a pre-Civil War farmhouse.

The "best news" from **Ann Crisp Gardenhour** is that she and her family are all well in Cheverly, Maryland. They were able to spend time in the mountains until November 2020, but Florida in January and February were not possible. She wrote in February that they were rather locked in place, but looking at buds hoping to bloom.

Kitty Bond Allen became president of Edenwald's Residents Association in Towson, Maryland, in March 2020 just as COVID-19 closed down everything there: visitors, communal dining, and all other activities. When she wrote in February, she said she hadn't had a chance yet to use her new gavel. She added that she hasn't seen her New York family since Christmas 2019 and is hoping for a better 2021, is happy for Zoom, email, phone connections, and all those who wear masks and stay socially distant.

Enjoying winters in southern Florida with their "snowbird" families and summers in Cape Cod for more than 20 years came to an end for **Eve Lallas** with the passing of her brother, who was her family and best friend. She is thankful that she is able to continue gardening and to participate in church activities. She joined church members on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which she found inspiring and truly awesome and gave her a boost that she needed at that time. The COVID-19 pandemic has limited her frequent mini-trips, which she enjoyed with friends. She adds that this is the lesson she has learned at this stage of our lives: "Discovering who the trusted persons are, who support you, are concerned with your welfare, and whom you can rely upon even without being asked — true friends."

Anne Clemmitt writes that just like everyone else, there was not much going on in her life this past year, with no travel and limited social events in Sun City, Hilton Head, South Carolina. She keeps active in the fitness center, which has remained open and safe, and hopes to start playing tennis again. She is

so grateful that we were able to have our Reunion in 2019 and to be with many of our classmates. She thinks that it was a great occasion and is looking forward to the next one.

Carroll Lutheran Village (CLV) in Westminster is home to many WMC alumni, writes **Jim Cole** and his wife, **Judy King '62 Cole**. They often see **Jim Lightner**, **Lucy Tucker '62 Lotz**, **Ray Albert '63**, **Erich '58, Hon. D.S. '91** and **Carol Pettersen Willen**. They also see **Alex Ober '63, M.Ed. '69** and his wife who live nearby, just down the road from Dr. Earl Griswold's farm home. He mentioned that his former roommate, **Tom Miller**, who passed away a year ago, and his wife, **Fran Giove Miller M.S. '85**, had lived just down the hall. **George Thomas**, another CLV resident, died about the same time. Jim continues to teach online for the University of Maryland Global Campus and also had a brief stint teaching at John Hopkins Carey School of Business at the Rockville campus. His favorite course to teach is Ethical Issues in Information Systems, a challenging topic where much of the discussion and research is drawn from current events. He mentioned that before everything shut down, he and his wife attended many WMC/McDaniel public school and church venue musical performances throughout the community, and wondered what the college's elimination of a music degree will mean in reference to the quality and frequency of these programs. Their three children and their families live nearby, and the seven grandchildren are either college graduates, in college, or about to enter college.

Karen Helbig Whiteside writes from Greensboro, North Carolina, that she and her husband have had both shots and are eagerly waiting for the pandemic to be over. She hopes all is well with everyone.

The upcoming weddings of two grandchildren, Christopher Kaylor Cooper in July 2021, and Jaclyn Jean Martin in fall 2021, and the birth of their first great-grandchild, Lucy Johnson, was the good news shared by **Tom Kaylor** and his wife, Jean, who live in Frederick, Maryland. The new baby arrived just in time to be included in Jean's book, "My Life Story."

Writing from Montrose, Colorado, **DonnaLee Brown** announced that her 12-year writing project, "Telluride Mountain Woman, Henrietta Cloud Brown, 1854-1941," will be available this year. Her next book will be "Chinese Women Rising," stories of the progress of her 1991 students. She keeps fit by being outdoors every day, swimming and walking, and mentioning that she sees every type of walking stick and walker, and even people with small oxygen tanks out on park trails. Recognizing her friends is distracting "with all those clever, artsy masks!" She included news of the Spaars: marriage in September for Will,

who will then move to Denver, where Kayla Spaar already lives. **John Spaar '81** and Emmy Spaar visited, and Sherry Spaar's son, Rocky, moved to Western Slope from Chicago, starting a new chapter with the Colorado Yurt Company. (We are encouraged to consider one for a getaway!) She adds that she "never could have imagined such migrations; they seem to accept a tree-hugger Grandmother Brown."

COVID-19 has certainly slowed all of us, was the way **Warren Schwartz** began his news, a sentiment we can all agree with. He's been doing a lot of reading and playing some golf. Travel has been limited with trips only to Ocean City, Maryland, and South Carolina, and adds that he "feels pretty good for an 83-year-old!"

Sherry Phelps Jackson writes that she and Roger continue to enjoy living in the Catoctin Mountains. They welcomed their first great-grandchild, Mack Robert Butler (father **Woody Butler '12**). Grandson **Jacob "Jake" Butler '13** married Dr. **Laura Barbour '13** in September 2020 in an outdoor ceremony after making adjustments for COVID-19. Sherry has been Zooming with **Joanne Filbey, M.Ed. '80 Neil**, **Pat Schaefer Anderson**, **Ellen Richmond Sauerbrey**, and **Cathy Sewell Johnson**. She finds that Zooms have been spirit-lifting during these unusual times.

Kay Payne Beckett moved to Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina, five years ago after buying her grandmother's 150-year-old house. She works for a CPA during tax season doing tax preparation and is also treasurer for the local historical museum. She has ridden her motorcycle twice to Key West, Florida, and to Arizona via Route 66, plus local rides with a group. She plans to stay in Mt. Pleasant for a few more years, then move to a retirement community to be closer to her children in Durham, North Carolina.

Allen, Hon. S.T.D. '81 and **Gwen Narbeth '64 Spicer** have moved to Bethany Beach, Delaware, from Towson, Maryland. They enjoy the quiet winter life there, hiking in lower Delaware and Assateague Park and love hosting friends and family in non-pandemic times. Their townhouse is at the edge of a pond in a golf course community and the visiting wildlife are fun to watch. They are planning to attend two graduations: Katie's in Huntsville, Alabama, and Maddi's in Ithaca, New York, either virtually or in person.

The COVID-19 lockdown has not been as severe as in other places, writes **Dorothy "Dot" Gross Grim** from Granbury, Texas. The churches remained open along with stores and restaurants so her life has not been too restricted. She enjoys good books, gardening, her piano, limited travel with her family, and "loves following the crazy political scene." She sends greetings to everyone.

Marti Williams enclosed the sad news that her husband, Jim Augustine, passed away unexpectedly in January 2019. She lives in Orlando, Florida, and sends good wishes to all.

Mary Lou Maddox O'Brien, was part of the Class of '59 for a year and a half before transferring to the University of Maryland to be with her "lifelong love," Jim O'Brien. They have settled into a senior living facility in Brandywine, Pennsylvania, and are anxious for COVID-19 restrictions to be over so that they can enjoy all the great activities available there. She sends greetings to everyone she knew at WMC.

Another sad note was from **Marlene McGraw Dawson**, who lives in Boise, Idaho. She lost her best friend, Jack, three years ago but is grateful for all her memories. She doesn't come East very often but on a trip a few years ago, she went to Baugher's and had a "CMP" sundae and then visited Vetville. She commented that it was amazing that it looked better than ever. She sends greetings to her friends from the second floor of Blanche Ward.

Steve Callender and his wife downsized and moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to a senior cottage community (Piper Trail) operated by Lutheran Life Villages. They have wonderful neighbors, and he is delighted that he has no more lawn care or maintenance issues. He adds that he is a lay worship leader ("a fancy name for a lay preacher") and has been called to conduct services at a number of small churches that are without a pastor. It keeps him busy writing sermons each week.

Bruce and **Melba Nelms Lee** are in Spring Hill, Florida, and are doing well with only a few age-related interruptions. Both are in remission from cancer in 2018. Melba has almost recovered from her fall at our Reunion and facilitates a weekly home Bible study, which she's done for 22 years, and Bruce golfs as often as possible. They still travel in their motorhome every summer (even during COVID-19) as well as taking yearly cruises. They also enjoyed visiting with **Fran Giove M.S. '85 Miller** (**Tom Miller's** wife) in January on Anna Maria Island, Florida. Their son, **Dwayne Lee '83**, and his wife and their other son, Scott, and family all live within an hour or two drive from them. Their daughter, Cheri, and her husband, no longer foreign missionaries, live in Texas where she has received a master's degree in business. Bruce adds that they have two grandchildren in college, two doing graduate studies, and two in careers in Texas and Missouri.

Marsha Reifsnnyder McCormick and her husband live in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Santa Fe has partly open COVID-19 restrictions, but they still find things

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rather boring. Thanksgiving and Christmas were spent with their son, Jon (who did all the cooking!), and his wife.

Solomons Island, Maryland, is home to **Larry Langfeldt** and his wife, who enjoy the activities of their homeowner's association and of the yacht club. They have been quarantined in their condo but are now planning to cruise the Chesapeake Bay to places they were unable to visit last summer. He still receives commissions for his portrait drawings, and Robin enjoys drawing landscapes. He sends best wishes to everyone.

In August 2019, **Teresa "Terry" Mancuso Albright** sold her small farm in Kingsville, Maryland, and moved to Erickson Senior Living Community in Parkville, Maryland. She feels blessed to be there with so many opportunities at her doorstep, including being invited to join the chorus. She is looking forward to resuming earlier activities and embracing new ones.

After living in Carroll County, Maryland, for 46 years, **Ted** and **Joanne Filbey, M.Ed. '80 Neil** moved to Caledonia, New York, in 2018 to live with their daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Paul Webster. They are thankful for the wonders of electronic communication that keep them in touch with their scattered family. The Webster granddaughters are Hannah, who graduated from Edinboro University, works in health care in Los Angeles, and is involved in COVID-19 programs and assisting the homeless, and Abby, who is in graduate school after graduating from SUNY Syracuse and is focusing on the impact of climate change on freshwater harmful algal blooms. Their son, Doug, and his wife live in Los Angeles. Their daughters all chose East Coast colleges: Erin graduated from Barnard in 2021; Kerry will graduate from Georgetown in 2023; and Tara will be a freshman at Georgetown this fall. Ted and Joanne are anxious to get back to being involved in church activities, book club, and exercise class, and she has not given up on making a dent in her quilt fabric "stash." They send wishes to all for happiness and good health.

Betty Edington Haworth writes that after marrying Alvin Haworth in 1957, she was able to complete her bachelor's degree in General Home Economics seven years later while raising two children. Her daughter is a professor in Minnesota and her son runs a dog therapy group in Washington, D.C. Her husband passed away after 57 years of marriage. She is looking forward to seeing some familiar names in this column.

Shirley Ream Dewey sent an interesting message that she has escaped COVID-19 but that after her second shot, she experienced every possible side effect for several days but is now well. She adds that "this past year's COVID-19-preventative house arrest enabled watching and listening and learning so much about

our government processes. Good grief, it's akin to a virtual graduate class." She explained that her first adult job was with the Republican National Committee in Washington, D.C., and she was a staff member at the 1960 National Convention in Chicago. So, she adds, "it stands to reason that 60 years later, I spent a lot of hours watching and listening to the 2020 campaign coverage, election coverage, and the ensuing craziness, some of it was too awful not to watch!" She is so happy to move on!

There is sad news regarding **Pat Cooper McCoy**. Her husband wrote me a note that she passed away in April 2020. Pat and I roomed together our junior and senior years, and I remember sharing so many good times.

Dan and I continue to be well. We've both had our shots and are looking forward to better times. We are grateful that two of our children live nearby, Mark in Kensington, Maryland, and John in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Mark's two boys are seniors at Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C., and are currently in the college selection process. They were a great help in shoveling all the snow and ice we had in February! Their sisters are in college: Maggie at MICA in Baltimore and Erin at Kenyon College in Ohio. Mary Beth and her family have moved from Richmond, Virginia, to Spartanburg, South Carolina, where Jeff works in the corporate offices of Eggs Up Grill. Their three are all in college: Danny at Virginia Commonwealth, Emma at the University of South Carolina, and Katie at Virginia Tech. John's two children are out in the world of work. We are looking forward to traveling, hearing wonderful music, not having book club via Zoom, going to see the Nats play, and all the other things that we enjoy. Best wishes and good health to everyone!

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It has been great to hear from all of you after this difficult year. Everyone sends their best wishes for a better year and good health for all.

Tom Bloom is still glad he is in Maine rather than New York City, where all his artist friends are out of work. He is now fully vaccinated, and planning a trip in April to New York and then on to Washington, D.C., for a road trip with a great old friend from the Navy. He is hoping there will be some chance to revive

his big theatre and photography projects, which suddenly came to a stop a year ago. The last acting venture he had was a movie in Sandusky, Ohio, last summer called "Swan Song." It has probably been postponed in development, so not on the horizon yet. Tom recently got a commission to shoot studio portraits of two Alexander Calder sculptures and is working on them. He can shoot in his studio alone for that, so no danger of visitors. Before the pandemic hit, in November 2019, he had a nice visit to Deer Island in New Brunswick, Canada, a nice exploration to a sparse beautiful island. Other than that, just passing the days, doing photos, shopping, playing the piano, gardening, and taking long walks.

Barbara Nolan Haroz is retired from her position as senior researcher in the office of institutional advancement at Brandeis University, where she worked for 22 years. She lives in the beautiful New England town of Shirley, Massachusetts, where she enjoys cooking, gardening, and entertaining. As the former president of the International Affairs Club in college, she continues to study military history and international relations. Her son, Carim, is employed as a residence counselor at a group home for disabled adults in Somerville, Massachusetts. He visits frequently to enjoy the local lake and to ride his many motorcycles.

Nancy Whitworth McIntyre writes to cover her news from many years. Her husband, John, to whom she was married for 43 years, sadly died in 2009 of pancreatic cancer. They had lived in Baltimore for almost 35 years, after moving 10 times due to his naval flight service training (during the Vietnam War), and then orthopedic surgery and hand surgery training in Louisville, Kentucky, Memphis, Tennessee, and Oswestry, England. He later was in private practice in Baltimore at Johns Hopkins Hospital. After John's death, Nancy moved to Annapolis, Maryland, where they had a summer home, and worked for the state legislature for four years. After getting her Master of Social Work in Denver, she worked at Baltimore Friends School as an admissions counselor for 13 years. John and Nancy had four sons, and she is now "Nana" to 11 grandchildren — six boys and five girls, ranging in age from 3 to 19 years old. The oldest and youngest are sets of twins. Nancy loves visiting and entertaining the grandchildren and keeps busy with swimming, tennis, reading, and needlework. She also plays piano for a Baltimore retirement community every Christmas season. Before COVID-19, she did some traveling, including a trip to China with **Mara Dilson Walter** and a trip to Cuba.

Gil Smink met his significant other playing pickleball in Arizona. They now reside in Prescott, Arizona, which has a very mild climate. Their house sits at

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Former Trustee Donald Fleming Clarke '50 of Devon, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully at home on May 31 at age 94. He was the beloved husband of the late Elsie Jean Murray '47 Clarke, whom he married in 1947, and the loving father of five children, including Elizabeth Clarke '87 Werwinski. He is also survived by nine grandsons, three granddaughters, and four great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Dorothy Clarke '44 Schafer and loving uncle to her three children.

Clarke graduated from then-Western Maryland College in 1950 and went on to Harvard Law School, where he graduated with the Class of 1953. As in-house counsel, he had a successful career spanning many years with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and its subsidiaries and successors in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, New York, Delaware, and Pennsylvania, before retiring in 1985.



Clarke devoted himself to his family, his church, his community, and many social justice causes, emphasizing civil rights. He will be remembered by all who knew him as someone who enjoyed his Sunday paper, tinkering with antique cars in the garage, and as a tireless volunteer. He served as a church deacon, a trustee of McDaniel College from 1982 until 1994, and on his local school board. He also provided pro bono legal services to those in need.

about 5,700 feet in elevation, which Gil says is about perfect for us retired folks. They can't wait for us to reach herd immunity.

Carolyn Dowell Mohler and her husband, Philip, have fared well during the pandemic and have learned that it is possible to eat outside with family in 30-plus-degree weather and to enjoy it. Carolyn has taken advantage of this time to catalog her mother-in-law's 27,000-plus genealogical and historical file cards relating to Calvert County, Maryland. **Ailene Williams Hutchins '39** was meticulous in the documentation of her research. The records will be turned over to the Calvert County Historical Society, of which Carolyn is now board chair.

Jerry Wicklein continues in the ministry at Salem United Methodist Church in Hampstead, Maryland. He has served this small rural church since retiring from full-time work and is completing 55 years as a United Methodist minister. **Pam Gedhard '68 Wicklein** has retired from her counseling practice and continues with her love of music as music director in their church and singing in two groups outside the church. Their daughter **Abbi Wicklein-Bayne '94** and her family live nearby where Abbi is a National Park Service ranger at Fort McHenry and Hampton Mansion in

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Baltimore. Her husband, Scott, teaches English at Parkville Middle School and they have two sons, Jack and Brady. Jerry and Pam's daughter Sarah is an assistant state's attorney in Connecticut. Her husband Russ is a captain in the Coast Guard and works as senior associate dean of academics at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. They live in Old Lyme, Connecticut, with their daughter, Sadie, and son, Cooper. Jerry and Pam's oldest grandson **Jack Bayne** is a junior at McDaniel and their granddaughter, Sadie, will be a freshman in the fall of this year. Jack is on the baseball team and Sadie will be playing lacrosse. The Wickleins continue to live in Timonium, Maryland, with their Old English sheepdog.

In his retirement, **Mike Schlee** is enjoying daily walks by the beach in the many state parks in Sussex County, Delaware. Cheryl is still working in the medical field in the Washington, D.C., area. Daughter, Lauren, and her husband, Andrew, relocated for a career move to Charlotte, North Carolina, last year with sons Riley, 17; Evan, 15; and Travis, 12. Son Chris, and his wife, Charlotte, are in their 20th year in New Market, Maryland, and he is teaching in Frederick County. Their son **Cory Schlee '21** graduated from McDaniel this spring and son Collin is finishing his sophomore year at Kent State on a football "ride."

Sandra Roeder sends greetings from Cumberland, Maryland. She returned to her hometown two years ago and looks forward to seeing everyone at the next reunion.

Judy Hobart Pearson says that she and **Dan Pearson** have now been inoculated against COVID-19. Using weekly Zoom meetings, a group of "ol' WMC girls" have been able to reconnect and enjoy each other's company in this time of widespread isolation and separation. Who knew one of the silver linings would be a "college ties can ne'er be broken" experience? Every two years, Danny and Judy return to the Hill for Homecoming and the Bachelor reunions. In addition, they have been able to visit with **Tony Magnotto, Jim and Marti Terlizzi '68 Shaw, A Weller Leishure '64,** and **Connie Bue Schlee**. Danny stays in touch with other fraternity brothers via the magic of email and upon occasion they have gathered for a weekend of laughter and the retelling of old stories. In August 2019, they traveled to Michigan delighting in the luxury of a two-night stay at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Later in the fall, they enjoyed a marvelous round-trip river cruise from Paris to the beaches of Normandy with unforgettable experiences. Other highlights from their traveling days have included a hot air balloon ride over the Serengeti, standing in the River Jordan, sailing on the Sea of Galilee, walking the Great Wall of China, climbing the steps of the Potala Palace, and the ladder to the top of Angkor Wat. They still

cherish the memories of the fun-filled eight days in 2009 that they spent rafting down the Colorado through the Grand Canyon with nine other alumni from the classes of 1962 through 1965. They remain hopeful for future travels and are planning a western trip with some whitewater rafting with their older grandchildren for the summer of 2021. Their grandchildren range in age from 4 to 20 years old. The 4-year-old is the son and only child of their 55-year-old son. They live on the West Coast so they have missed the in-person hugs and kisses, and joys and discoveries of a toddler.

Barbara Petschke Broadbent reports that this year was definitely a stay-at-home one. They had to cancel trips to Germany and Portugal and U.S. destinations as well. A bright travel spot was a week spent in Hilton Head, South Carolina, with girlfriends including **Carol Morelock '66 Patterson** right before the shutdown. Barb really misses being with family and friends, going to the grandchildren's activities, and socializing with card games, lunches, and dinners out.

Debbie Dudley Michaels writes that this past year has been a difficult one for everybody. Many of us have experienced losses. Debbie's biggest loss was her college sweetheart, the love of her life, her husband and very best friend, **Tom Michaels**. But he left her with 58 years of fond memories to cherish. Debbie has also been blessed with the comfort and support of relatives and friends, including her brother, **Bill Dudley '69**, his wife, Lois, and their three children. Several of Tom's Gamma Beta fraternity brothers visited with them at Johns Hopkins including Tom's roommates, **Ed Feinglass '66** and **Rob Hendrickson '66**. Rob was there for support almost every day for two months along with several of their Annapolis, Maryland, sailing friends. **Nancy Whitworth McIntyre** kindly offered her home and hospitality for rest and recuperation. Debbie eventually returned home to Florida just before life under COVID-19 began and was grateful to have two loving kitties for company and kind younger neighbors who volunteered to help in so many ways. The last week of February 2020, Debbie welcomed visits from **Joyce Russell Miller** and her husband, Jim, as well as **Nancy Whitworth McIntyre**. Debbie received many cards, emails, and phone calls from classmates with fond recollections of good times together on the Hill. Then, in August, she totaled her car on a trip to Annapolis to close on the sale of their Cape Dory sailboat, Sunshine, and spent the next 12 weeks recovering from a couple of fractures. During the many months of isolation, one of the highlights was a call from **Dianne Briggs Martin** inviting her to join a weekly Zoom group of more than 11 female classmates.

Elaine Gardiner Taylor says life acquired an (unwanted) "more even keel" in March 2020 when all her weekly landmarks van-

ished. By crossing off each date on the calendar, she knew the name of the day. Their big November cruise has been rescheduled two times and they hope to go to sea in March 2022! She and John did fly to Albany, New York, for three weeks at Lake George during a very colorful October. Their older son gave them a new daughter-in-law in September, and their younger son gave them a third granddaughter in November.

Since **Ron Liebman** stopped practicing law, he and Simma have spent as much time as they can at their Maryland Eastern Shore home. Prior to the pandemic, their place was a magnet for their kids and grandkids, and they are looking forward to the time when they can again all safely visit. Ron also misses the Bachelor reunions on the Hill and looks forward to seeing the guys once the coast has finally cleared. When not fishing or hunting waterfowl, he continues writing novels in his study, while Simma spends her days painting in her studio. (Or, as she is fond of putting it: "I married you for better or worse, not for lunch.") Ron's most recent novel is "Big Law," and he is putting the finishing touches on a new book.

Greg Tassey writes that it has been eight years since he and Susan moved to the Seattle area to be near their daughter and two granddaughters. After living most of their lives in Maryland, it was quite an adjustment. But the Pacific Northwest is beautiful and the people are great. Greg hooked up with the Economic Policy Research Center at the University of Washington and has continued his research and consulting in the area of economic growth policy. The only classmate he knows of who also lives in Washington is **Art Lange** (in San Juan Islands, a really beautiful spot). Greg says he works out regularly and enjoys the great seafood of the region. Susan has a horse, which she boards nearby.

This has not been a good year for **Colin Thacker**. He had two medical crises and had to cancel a trip to Hungary and Transylvania. In August, he had congestive heart failure and had a triple bypass. He went through cardiac rehab and is doing better. He lives in a retirement community with great neighbors, but the virus has prevented them from getting together. He and his wife miss traveling and are looking forward to a long trip. Meanwhile, Colin stays busy fixing watches for six charity thrift shops. In the past year, he has repaired over 3,000 watches. He also spent a lot of time playing with his stamp collection.

Margorie Engel wrote that after a hellish fall of 2020 — Steve died in September and she had a hospital stint battling COVID-19 and pneumonia — she decided to give up the delightful Arizona warmth and sunshine to move back east. Her family and daughters will be nearby when she moves to Charlestown Retirement Community. Time to reunite with East Coast friends!

Bob and Char-Lu Swenson Dinger continue to enjoy life in Chico, California, even in this time of the coronavirus pandemic. They miss visiting with their three sons and families, but are looking forward to the return of normal times. Their oldest son, Keith, recently retired from his job as a geophysicist at the University of California at Riverside; Geoff is a fire captain in the Mountain View, California, fire department; and Eric is an insect ecologist with the National Park Service in Ashland, Oregon. In October 2019, Bob and Char-Lu traveled to London to visit with three of Char-Lu's cousins, and then flew on to Rome to board a ship for a cruise to the Amalfi coast and the islands of Greece. The pandemic postponed any travel plans for 2020 and at least the first half of 2021. Bob did manage to go backpacking with Eric's family in southern Oregon in October 2020. Otherwise, Bob continues his woodworking, and Char-Lu her knitting and genealogy.

Neal Hoffman tells us all is well in Westminster, Maryland. He was admitted to the Maryland State Bar almost 52 years ago and is currently the managing partner of his law firm. He also has the distinction of being the oldest member of the Carroll County Bar Association. Nancy and Neal celebrated 43 years of marriage in January 2021. Their son is a partner at Deloitte & Touche and has blessed them with three wonderful grandchildren: Lindsey will graduate from Tulane in May and is pursuing a graduate degree in nursing; Josh is a sophomore at Northwestern University; and Ethan is a junior in high school. Neal and Nancy are looking forward to spending some time in Ocean City, Maryland, this summer if we get a grip on COVID-19.

Ray '63 and **Marilyn Hahnefeld Wockley** are still enjoying life in southern Delaware. In 2019, Marilyn visited their son and his family at his State Department post in Belfast, Northern Ireland, in January, and returned with Ray in April. They had some beautiful weather including a warm, record-breaking Easter Sunday. They were happy to have both of their children and their families visit the beach that summer. After spending time during the holidays with their daughter, things fell apart. Thank goodness for Zoom. Their children and grandchildren continue to thrive. Marilyn feels blessed to be at the beach where there are plenty of safe outdoor diversions including her garden and annual "pet" hummingbirds. They also have a 5-year-old curly-coated retriever who loves daily trips to the beach to play fetch, even in the winter when it is bearable. Marilyn says 2020 really gave her time to reflect on her life and appreciate the many people with whom she has interacted over the years. Her college friends are quite special to her. She wishes everyone happy, healthy days ahead, and Ray and she would love to hear from anyone coming to the Delaware shore.

Carole Price Frederick has been staying with her mother every night and half of the morning. She is almost 95 and has dementia. She knows Carole and all six of her siblings, but cannot remember anything else for three minutes. That's really not entirely true because she remembers all nursery rhymes and most of the prayers in the Book of Common Prayer. Carole is treated to her concerts in the middle of the night because she remembers all of the songs of the 1940s and belts them out. Other than that, Carole has been Zooming piano lessons for a friend's grandchildren and playing at being the editor of the Kent Island Heritage Society's quarterly newsletter. She says "playing" because she has never had any training in that; she was a music major. She also has contact with some of the girls from the Class of 1965 and they're planning another outing for a weekend as soon as the virus permits.

Harvey Lempert says he has been slowing down since his wife died. Before the pandemic, he took a drawing class and had been playing chess.

Bob Addy reports that like most of us he has little to report except that so far he is safe and healthy. All his travel plans for 2020 were canceled. Staying home for a whole year has been quite a change for him. On the upside, he has been doing lots and lots of reading. The county library has been a real blessing. You can't go in but they're providing curbside pickup. His four years working at the WMC library has stayed with him!

Ginny Krebs Wright and her husband, Steve, moved to Naperville, Illinois, in May 2017 to be near their daughter, whose family has now moved to Orlando so the kids could go to school in person, swim with the team at Trinity Prep for Dylan, 16, and dance for Haley, 14. It was a fast decision in August since nothing was happening in Illinois with no school and no sports. They will be there for Haley's confirmation. Dylan is looking at colleges as well. Kevin continues to work from home while their daughter, Kim, teaches barre classes. Their son and family are moving from Chicago and to Frankfort, a nice small town with great schools. Both he and his wife work from home now and are expecting their third child, making 4-year-old Wesley and 1-year-old Mackenzie a big brother and sister. Steve and Ginny had a fantastic time in Ireland and Scotland in May 2019, as well as fall visits to the parks out west. They loved the Tetons! They had to postpone their next Europe trip to the fall of 2022, which will include Italy, the Alps, and a Viking River Cruise to Amsterdam. In 2020, they made it to Florida but had to stay inside, at the pool or beach during the last two weeks of March, then headed home. Luckily they could still go to the lake where the family formed a "pod" so they could spend time together. Ginny continues to quilt, after making over 175 masks for the

local hospital, and is cranking out many quilts, including those for Quilts of Valor.

Pamela Wolfe Roblyer writes from Annapolis, Maryland, that since retiring from her full-time job as a proposal writer at IBM, she has done some proposal consulting and some pro bono work for service organizations. Until the pandemic turned the world upside down, she attended book discussion groups at Old Fox Books, where she frequently led discussions, and also took seminars in literature at St. John's College.

Some of these events have returned in virtual form but are not quite the same. She is still living in her 1910 house in the historic district of Annapolis, where she has lived for 34 years. In spite of the difficulties of taking care of an old house and the need for repairs and restoration, she is reluctant to give up her prime location and the ability to walk to many places. She had considered moving to a retirement community but is now happy to have her comfortable and spacious house during these times of being shut up inside. It has been 16 years since Pamela lost her husband, Jerry Allen Powell. Her daughter, Nicole Fickes, is a musical theatre director, singer, and voice instructor who also works as an academic coordinator at Franklin & Marshall College. She lives in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with her husband, Andy, and children, Quinn, 13, and Laurel, 11. Pamela's son, Giles Roblyer, is a lawyer at Procter & Gamble and a writer. He lives in Cincinnati with his wife, Meredith, and children Nicholas, 14, and Kai, 10. Pamela's stepson, Allen Powell, is a doctor in Dallas and has two children, Bram, 27, and Brianne, 25. She has not seen any of them during the past year or so but is hoping to see them again soon.

Bruce Knauff says 2020 would have been pretty uneventful at the Knauffs' because of pandemic restrictions. One ongoing event for the family was that Bruce's wife Leslea was in rehab from a stroke she had in December 2019. It caused some aphasia and rendered her right leg nonfunctional, but the many months of outpatient and in-home therapy have her getting around well with her walker. She has been putting up with Bruce's microwaved dinners for long stretches, which has motivated her to create some nice entrees for dinner. Yes! For Bruce's part, he had to have a new pacemaker with defibrillator implanted in September. All seems to be going well. Their son, **Ridge Knauff '96**, is now back at work in Towson's Crackpot Seafood Restaurant, which was closed for nearly a year due to renovation and COVID-19. Their ex-pat daughter, Amy, still works in Rome but at a new job with the UN's food/agricultural branch there. Bruce hears from former roommate **Byron Stevens** but hopes to hear from other classmates also.

Elizabeth "Liz" Hansen Cockerham and Kent are still in Lanham, Maryland.

family

WE DID!

Wedding vows exchanged this season:

Jan Woolley '13 to John Critzos on July 31, 2020. They reside in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Laura Barbour '13 to Jacob "Jake" Butler '13 on Sept. 12, 2020. They reside in Baltimore.

Julia Jacobs '15 to Christian Alvarado on Sept. 18, 2020. They reside in Stevensville, Maryland.

Alison Lafferty '19 to Matthew States on Jan. 22, 2021. They reside in Beaufort, South Carolina.

Charles "Chase" Bowden '20 to Hailee Twigg on June 20, 2020. They reside in Davenport, Iowa.

alumni updates

Ed Daniels '65 and Sally moved to Northern Baja, Mexico, from Delaware and absolutely love the border life.

They are both slowing down a bit and considering ways to make the house a bit more senior friendly. Kent is still able to keep their cars on the road, though getting up off the garage floor tends to be interesting sometimes. Liz continues to be active in a Greenbelt knit/crochet group which donates items to various organizations. Their children are all well and busy. Heather and her husband, Arian, live in Annapolis, Maryland, now. She is manager of the Broadneck Public Library in Arnold, Maryland, and Arian is with the National Archives. Jenny lives close by in Greenbelt, Maryland, and they see her frequently. She is the scenic charge at the Round House Theatre in Bethesda, Maryland. She has stayed busy doing Zoom summer camp for the theatre and was working on online productions this winter. David and his wife, Digna, have three children: Charles is 17, Hillary is 16, and Devin-Linh is 5. They moved to Puerto Rico two years ago to care for Digna's mother.

For **George Harmeyer**, 2020 was indeed disruptive. All five of his Warriors Afield Legacy Foundation events had to be canceled, although they were able to maintain email contact with a number of young wounded warriors. They plan to have just three events in 2021, and hope to start the last week of June on the Big Horn River in Montana. Phyllis and George stayed in Texas most of the year, not venturing out much due to COVID-19, but George was able to play enough golf to maintain his 24 handicap. They drove back to Virginia, and stayed a couple months in the summer for annual physicals (all OK for another year!), and to visit family. They did manage to drive from Texas to Montana through that snowstorm at the end of October to visit friends and hunt pheasants for a couple days. The more time they spend out in the mountain west, the better they like it, and plan to travel there more often. They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 2021 by taking a Viking River Cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest with their son and daughter-in-law, as long as COVID-19 doesn't cause a postponement.

Susan Snodgrass, M.Ed. '84 Case says travel plans were put on hold for her. She remains involved in the McDaniel Alumni Council, specifically the Green and Gold Committee. Each sport has one or more "ambassadors" to bring alumni, coaches, and current athletes together to support teams. Check out the activities planned on the college website. A positive result of the pandemic is reconnecting with several members of our class through weekly Zoom talks. Her family is in all parts of the U.S. Granddaughter Anna is at the University of California, San Diego and granddaughter Meredith is at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Both are attending classes virtually. Grandson

Tommy is at University of Massachusetts at Amherst, playing soccer and attending classes virtually and experiencing the New England winter for the first time after Oregon's much more temperate climate. Grandson Henry is a sophomore in high school in Washington, D.C. Like many classmates, Susan is so optimistic about our future based on the accomplishments of many young people.

Joyce Russell Miller and Jim managed to get in one quick trip to Florida before everything shut down. They are fortunate to have two of their three daughters nearby, so they created a bubble and could have some contact. Summer was spent largely at the beach where they could socially distance. Then when fall arrived they turned up with COVID-19. They thought they had been so careful, but this stuff managed to invade their territory postponing a scheduled hip replacement for Joyce. Then things got complicated as the first surgery resulted in complications requiring another surgery and two weeks in rehab facility. Recovery will progress; as Joyce's 7-year-old granddaughter says, "Nana is a warrior!" COVID-19 also managed to take Joyce into the Zoom world, and she has enjoyed everything from board meetings to an hour every week of sharing stories with a dozen classmates from WMC.

It was great to hear from **Joy Holloway DeLopez** after all these years. She says she will try to put her news in a telegraphic nutshell. After four years of missionary work in the Bolivian jungle, it was back to New York and teaching in Harlem until she met José one summer in Mexico. She then went to Mexico for a master's degree and a wedding certificate. José is a retired engineer and Joy is a retired professor after 35 years at the National University of Mexico. They have two children. Their daughter, Joanna, and her husband have been living in Shanghai for four years, but she has recently been transferred to Singapore. Their son, José Ramón, works for Intel in Guadalajara, Mexico, and is a happy bachelor. José and Joy live on a hill outside of Mexico City in a place called Vista del Valle (Valley View). Right now, they are happy to be retired and look forward to more traveling than they were able to do this past year. One of the pleasures of this lockdown, however, has been a "re-encounter" with friends from university days. What a pleasure it has been to catch up after all these years and to share our thoughts each week.

Eric Wagner and Lynn are still living in Calabash, North Carolina, near Myrtle Beach. Due to COVID-19 and Lynn's foot surgery, they did not travel much in 2020 with the exception of visiting their son and daughter and three grandchildren. A new granddaughter, Peyton Grace Wagner, was born on March 17, 2020, in Virginia. In 2019, Eric and Lynn did have a great trip

to Alaska. They both are active with their church, and Eric still plays golf at least twice a week. Eric has tried to stay in touch with some classmates including **Denny Noble, Ben Laurence, Greg Tassey, Frank Kidd, Doug MacEwan, and Ed Daniels**.

Ed Welch, Hon. D.H.L. '12 is enjoying retirement, despite the pandemic lifestyle. Thanks to a \$5 million gift from Truist Bank to reduce drug deaths in West Virginia, he helped start and continues to serve as CEO and board chair of the West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute. These are challenging times. The pandemic increased the terrible outcomes of opiate use and addiction. Ed hopes all of his classmates are staying safe and getting vaccinated.

Along with all the challenges that COVID-19 brought in 2020, **Ron and Joan Smith Garvin** initiated even more lifestyle changes. After 13 wonderful years in Vermont, the time had come to scale down in house and property size and move back to a milder climate. Following several years of exploring options up and down the East Coast, all the pieces finally came together, and they moved from Vermont to Shepherdstown, West Virginia. In Shepherdstown, they found the perfect combination of a charming college town, rural atmosphere, and reasonable proximity to conveniences and their siblings. They are loving it there, just 2 miles from the Potomac River, and a short distance to Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. Ron and Joan will be making frequent visits back to Vermont to see their two sons and their families, including their four grandchildren, who are now excelling in college and high school. Ron and Joan have been blessed with good health, which enables them to remain active. They continue to enjoy motorcycling around the country together. In their new home, Ron plans to continue his hobby collecting cars and Joan is looking forward to creating flower gardens. Fortunately, they were still living in Vermont this past October and able to attend the Celebration of Life for **Bo Knepp**. It was great to connect with **Frank Kidd** there and to meet Bo's family and neighbors. They learned more about Bo's life after WMC, including how involved he was in his local volunteer fire company, something they never would have expected. They reminisced about their Preacher fraternity parties and working in the dining hall with Bo. It was a delightful casual celebration in Bo's back yard, complete with chili, hot cider, and a bonfire ... apparently Bo's favorite kind of gathering.

Stan Makover is doing well and his extended family is safe and healthy. They were planning to get the vaccine and head down to Florida to finish out the winter season.

Jerry '64 and Fran Sybert Baroch continue to reside in Sarasota, Florida. Thanks to the beautiful weather, they continue to

enjoy their outdoor activities of golf and tennis in spite of the ugly virus. They're so fortunate that they and their friends and family are well. Their happy news is that they have leased an apartment in Washington, D.C., so that they can spend more time with their one-and-only grandchild, 2-year-old Porter. He is the son of their daughter, Amy, and her husband, John. The highlight of their Christmas was babysitting!

Alice "Bunny" Krizek Bafford and Bob survived having to move at the same time the pandemic broke out, and they had no way to easily downsize with all the donation centers and even the landfill closed. They are now happy to be in Frederick, Maryland, and near their daughter. When they can again socialize, Bunny will see **Alice "A" Weller Leishure '64** at the Toy Project, where they both regularly volunteer.

Ed Scheinfeldt writes from Texas Hill Country, an hour northwest of Austin. During this past winter's snowstorms, they experienced major power outages lasting several hours at a time. There was also significant damage to their water supply. No electricity, no water, and freezing temperatures for five days was no fun. He and Mary fared better than their plants, though Ed thinks the beautiful Texas bluebonnets survived and was hoping for a nice display in the spring. If you get down his way, he would love to hear from you.

Charles, Hon. L.L.D. '05 and Sherry Fischer, Hon. D.H.L. '79 Manning are living a new normal in Sandpoint, Idaho, a small town in northern Idaho, the home of Schweitzer Mountain ski area. They are minutes away from their son and his family, living in a condominium that their architect daughter, Kelly, designed for them, overlooking Lake Pend Oreille. Charles had a stroke about a year and a half ago, but with therapy and exercise, he is doing extremely well. They continue to manage their real estate in San Francisco and look forward to getting through this pandemic so they can once again visit friends and family and travel a bit.

In 2018, Sally and **Ed Daniels** moved to Northern Baja, Mexico, from Delaware and absolutely love the border life. Enjoying the climate, the gracious people and culture, the fabulous cost of living, and the easy access to California — they are only 15 minutes from the border. Ed has turned over his psychological testing practice to his associate but continues to administrate referrals by internet; they continue accommodations eligibility testing for University of Pennsylvania and other Philadelphia universities, as well as Columbia University in New York. After COVID-19, they will explore Mexico further, as well as the U.S. West Coast. Meanwhile, Ed is simply being laid back and enjoying playing golf 12 months a year and loving the magnificent sunsets!

During the past year of lockdown, **Dianne Briggs Martin** has managed to keep her

self pretty busy in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, thanks to Zoom. Fortunately, her son and daughter and their families are nearby, so they have been able to stay connected as a family. Dianne continues to teach computer ethics in the spring and fall online for The George Washington University and now for University of North Carolina. She has been leading exercise classes over Zoom twice a week and now has an outdoor class in her neighborhood parking lot each week. New COVID-19 skills include learning tai chi and taking piano lessons over Zoom. A group of 12 friends from the Class of 1965 has been meeting over Zoom each week to stay in touch. They call themselves the McDaniel Divas and look forward to their postponed reunion on the Hill. Dianne has been mainly keeping active, wearing a mask to protect herself and others whenever she is out, and looking to the light of 2021 after the dark tunnel that was 2020.

As for me, I had just become fairly comfortable flying when all travel plans were canceled. I did get in a Viking cruise from Prague to Berlin in 2019. I was looking forward to a cruise in April 2020, mostly because the ship left from Baltimore so there was no flying involved, but that was canceled. Both my offspring are doing well and both still live in Maryland. Take care, everyone!

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So ... this is 2021. How in the whatever did that happen? Seems like we were just heading for a GIGIF at Little Frocks, avoiding Dr. Whitfield's wrath, trying to make curfew, or marching down Main Street protesting the Kent State massacre and the invasion of Cambodia. And, suddenly, it's 2021. We are now "Gold," becoming one with half the college's color scheme. What a long, strange trip it's been!

Our adventures and exploits since leaving the Hill would fill several volumes (some of them highly reduced), and so many adventures still await. From the news Arrow and Artemis have passed along to me (my willingness to make stuff up if I don't hear from folks has prompted a veritable landslide of missives), we're right in the middle of some pretty cool adventures right now. Excitement abounds!

And speaking of excitement, the feline assistants brought me a note that said: "Pam, you might register this as my 'once-every-50-years update.'" I held my breath, and then realized that **Randy Hutchinson** was in the house!

Randy has lived in Germantown, Tennessee, since 1991: "I moved here to take a position with a Memphis bank, after the bank I worked for in Maryland (I also managed their credit card bank in Delaware) for 16 years went through one too many mergers and decided they didn't need me anymore. After working another eight years as a senior vice president managing credit card and consumer lending programs in Memphis, I got tired of banking." Randy took a few years off to do some consulting and go back to school to hone some technical skills, and then joined the Better Business Bureau of the Mid-South as president and CEO in 2002, with territory covering parts of Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas. "It's a good gig," he says. "I spend much of my time doing TV and radio interviews and writing columns for three newspapers. I'm in pretty good health given all of our advanced ages and have no imminent plans to retire. (I might if I thought I could play golf every day of the week.)" Randy's wife of 33 years, Karen, passed in 2006. He has a son, Matthew, who is single, has no kids, and lives nearby. Randy says the two of them travel back up to the Maryland area on vacation every other year or so. And then, with a "Take care," he was off! Thanks for checking in, Randy. Arrow and Artemis will be waiting to hear from you sooner than 50 years from now.

The feline assistants often take bets on who will be first in the gate, and I saw them exchanging some catnip after checking the email, so somebody obviously had chosen **Chris Spencer** as the winner of the "first to check in" award this time around. "Now is (and was) the year of our discontent, made glorious by November's vote," he writes. Along with all people adapting to this year in limbo, Chris hunkered down to enjoy being close to home with his usual extended travel aborted, visits curtailed, and habits altered. Luckily, he got back from Scotland, France, and Hawaii just as the "fit hit the shan" but had to cancel other summer trips to Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire, his annual schooner races off Maine's coast, and his adventure back to Africa. Chris did have time to put in a big vegetable garden, work on the property, and write. He wasn't kidding about the writing. His third book came out last year and his fourth book has just been published. You can find them on Amazon. Number five is half done. He was planning to celebrate 30 years of retirement in some exotic locale — yes, Chris figured out how to retire before any of the rest of us — but that is on hold, as is his search for a Talbot-Lago automobile to tool around in. I had to look up that one. Let's just say my 2008 Scion is not in the same category! Chris bemoans the fact that "being on a West Coast island keeps my fellow classmates at a great distance, but as our

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Family additions this season:

Wren Elizabeth Albertson on Jan. 20, 2021, to **Chad '96** and **Kate Albertson**.

Connor Alexander Englebrake on May 21, 2020, to **Chris '02** and **Jackie Leazer '01 Englebrake**.

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

Carter Greene Ehret on Jan. 8, 2021, to **Andrew and Britnie Greene '07 Ehret**.

Zachary Daniel Salemie on March 16, 2020, to **Danny and Melissa Magnuson '07 Salemie**.

Kelly Mikaela Ciorletti on Nov. 19, 2019, to **Michael and Caitlin Potter '07 Ciorletti**.

Maeve Alana Gingrich on Dec. 18, 2020, to **Matthew "Matt" '07** and **Brittany Gingrich**.

Emma Jordyn Clark on Dec. 30, 2019, to **Phillip and Chelsea Phillips '07 Clark**.

Wyatt David Beall on Aug. 14, 2020, to **Jessica Schisler '10** and **Bradley Beall**.

Camden Navy Silcott on Oct. 4, 2020, to **Blake and Morgan Koopman '13 Silcott**.

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James Vaughn “Capt’n Jim” McMahan Jr. ’60 passed away on April 14 at the age of 82. A retired colonel in the U.S. Army, Col. McMahan was casually known as “Capt’n Jim” from his days as a radio show host.



He was commissioned from the Green Terror Battalion on June 6, 1960, and dedicated his life to the military. His active commitment spanned 31 years and was rewarded with the Army Commendation Medal, the Department of the Army Commanding General’s Medal for Public Service, the State of Maryland Meritorious Service Medal, and the French National Defense Medal, Gold Echelon. Col. McMahan was the commander of midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy for the annual French Monument Ceremony for over 15 years. His last assignment was G3 on the staff of Gen. Hall Worthington, CG Maryland Defense Force. In November 2018, Col. McMahan received the “Soldier for Life” designation, presented by MG Randy Taylor, senior commander at Aberdeen Proving Ground. He also served as the emcee for The Army ROTC Green Terror Battalion 100th Anniversary Gala in April 2019.

Col. McMahan was nominated in January as a Harford Living Treasure, honoring residents of Harford County, Maryland, who have lived in the county for at least 40 years. He served on the Harford County Council, the Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs, the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners, and the Bel Air Chamber of Commerce.

50th Reunion approaches, I’ll rethink the trip east.” We’ll be expecting you, Chris! Think of it as an adventure!

Speaking of the Pacific Northwest, **Susan Seney** calls Seattle home these days. And she sent me two notes! The first said, “Pamela, I swear I will send you something soon. But right now, the sun is shining, and I want to prune the apple tree and plant wildflowers along the edge of my garden.” I admit to thinking that this was the news I was going to get, and mind you, I was grateful for it. But another email soon arrived. Susan says that she and her wife, Dorothy Van Soest, are keeping active in and around Seattle and beyond through Zoom. They are practicing their Spanish and traveling through books right now. Missing their families, and especially their grandchildren terribly, may be coming to an end as Susan and Dorothy are now fully vaccinated and hoping they will be able to visit again soon. Susan gardens, cooks, and such, and Dorothy works with the Poor People’s March, the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, and writes novels. Three of the four now have a social worker protagonist. “Yea!” says Susan (find them at Apprentice House, local bookstores, or Monster). They participate in Senior Village (a national movement to keep seniors in their homes) through a range of social, intellectual, and physical activities. Pickleball and trail walks are non-Zoom escapes, and they are meeting so many interesting folks and making new friends, Susan says,

as they stay in their home and appreciate the help and caring of kind neighbors. She’s looking forward to seeing what adventures other folks have been up to and sends health and peace to all.

Shirley Stroup’s adventure over the past year was learning how to Zoom. In February 2020, she says “I knew nothing about using Zoom.” Now Zoom and other video chat platforms have replaced face-to-face social outings with friends. Shirley’s “grateful to still be here and moving along in this current world.”

Gary and Carol Jones ’72 Schanche “broke into” Hawaii last year. Now that’s an adventure! My cats’ pleading got to Carol, so news spilled forth. She and Gary are living very happily in Sun City Peachtree in Griffin, Georgia, (if you don’t count COVID-19, which canceled their three trips last year). Their first grandchild was born Jan. 1, 2020, and they headed to California to meet her. Their next personal contact with said little one was in March 2021 in Hawaii, where she turned 14 months old. (“Breaking into Hawaii these days is like breaking into Fort Knox.” Carol says, parenthetically, providing no details whatsoever!) Their second granddaughter was born in spring 2021 to their son and his wife. In Canada. With closed borders. “Is the universe trying to tell us something?” they wonder. Nonetheless their good humor remains. “Aside from the s***storm that was 2020,” Carol writes, “we are well (and vaccinated) and hope to get back to our fun soon.” Golf is ongoing, but they miss the bridge,

billiards, and friend gatherings that usually make up their lives. Gary’s sister and her husband have just bought a house in their community, so big family gatherings will get more frequent and more manageable. “Huzzah!” Carol exclaimed. She and Gary think often and fondly of their WMC days and send warm greetings to all.

Enjoying retirement in Winter Garden, Florida, “where the skies are not cloudy all day,” **Joe Powell** has taken up photography to document as many birds as possible. “I have about 100 now, of the 150 birds I’ve identified over the years,” he says. Fifty more photos and you’ll have to ID some more birds, Joe! Florida has a lot of northern birds in the winter but come spring they head back to their breeding grounds. Joe played tennis at WMC and still plays three times a week “with a group of old goats, like me.” (I had fun picturing actual goats with tennis racquets ... but I digress.) Joe and his wife, Linda, are fully vaccinated and are finally getting to go to New Jersey to see the grandchildren. Meanwhile, “**Don Schenk** and I have communicated for the first time in 50 years, catching up on highlights of the last half century; **Dave Moore ’70** and I exchange opinions on Facebook on how the country should be run,” Joe says, and “Now, I’m going to go out to my back yard to watch a rocket launch.” All in a day’s work!

“I’ve decided to stay as positive as I can in this update,” **Dave Clark** says. “Overall, we are doing well, are vaccinated, have a good home, and are loving life.” Dave and Colleen’s children are grown and continue to deliver new lives into the world. Last year, Dave says, they were blessed with a new granddaughter, bringing the total number of grandchildren to 21, ranging in age from 1 to 17. Wow! The Clarks are close enough to enjoy all the developmental and growth stages within that age range. They can cuddle a baby, enjoy a trip with one family to Longwood Gardens at Christmas, discuss “Romeo and Juliet” with a granddaughter reading Shakespeare for the first time, and become a sounding board for a grandson considering joining the National Guard next year. Before the pandemic, Dave and Colleen attended a weeklong yoga retreat in Baja, Mexico, led by their daughter Christa. What a great experience! As a retired Episcopal priest, Dave served several congregations while their clergy were on vacation and another congregation while they searched for a new priest. He and Colleen continue to read, garden, enjoy the koi pond, and binge watch TV.

“Oh, egad!” started **Gloria Phillips-Wren’s** note. “We all have been helping each other out during this terrible time. It’s one of the blessings and burdens.” Gloria has been teaching kindergarten to her 5-year-old grandson two days a week and university courses to graduate students three days a week. “The yin and yang puts me in dif-

ferent universes,” she says. Her son, who lives in San Francisco, is working virtually, so he has been harboring from COVID-19 in rather rural Harford County in Gloria’s basement. “We are fortunate that we have family, and the compound is secure. So far, we are avoiding the virus.” Gloria was glad to get to a mini-Sigma reunion at **Donna March Zeller’s** house last summer. That was fabulous. Gloria loves to travel, and this past summer was supposed to be a whirlwind in Europe and Africa. “Oh, well! Here’s looking to better days ahead,” she says, “I’ve found that I look forward to my walks of about three miles a day, even when it is cold. Maybe we’ll take up hiking as a long-term hobby. I hope that all of you are well and safe and finding pleasure in simple things.”

Speaking of Sigmas, **Mary Lou O’Neill Hoopes** says, “It certainly has been a year of overcoming challenges and trusting the Lord for protection and blessings.” While traveling was a bit restricted, Jim and Mary Lou did take a trip to the Smoky Mountains and Blue Ridge Parkway to enjoy the fall foliage and hiking in the mountains without face masks! They also enjoyed a September family vacation with their children at a home in Cape May, New Jersey, when the beach was empty. As Gloria noted above, **Donna March Zeller** hosted the annual third-floor Blanche Ward mini reunion in the summer. The TRIPPLE (**Donna March Zeller, Candy Cooper Fairbanks, Mary Lou O’Neill Hoopes**) were joined by **Gloria Phillips-Wren, Janet Schroeder Meeks ’69**, and sundry husbands. Due to COVID-19, **Susan Hanna Martin ’69, Wendy Cronin ’69**, and several others were unfortunately not able to attend this year. It will be interesting, she says, to see what happens with our 50th Class Reunion this year. When not on the road or hanging out with Sigmas, Mary Lou is very involved in different areas of ministry and leadership at her church and even preaches occasionally. Mary Lou also typically prepares over 200 corporate, partnership, trust, and individual tax returns to keep her occupied over the winter months and to “exercise” her brain cells. “Those cells should get a workout this year as it’s an interesting season with lot of new tax law changes. It gives me an opportunity to pray with my tax clients and encourage them,” she says. Mary Lou sends Psalm 91 protection and blessings to everyone.

Another resident of the TRIPPLE, **Candy Cooper Fairbanks** also sent along some news. (I can always count on this crew!) “The good news,” Candy says, “is that I’m alive and well in North Carolina.” She’s managed to stay COVID-free in spite of working more often at a Walmart pharmacy to cover for fellow workers who have contracted the virus. One of her co-workers lost her husband after a brief battle with the disease. “It’s a sad and scary time for our whole country,” she says. As with the rest of the Sigma gang, the highlight of 2020 for

Candy was the mini-WMC reunion at the home of Kent and **Donna March Zeller** in Pennsylvania in August. Everyone enjoyed a fun afternoon of good food and fellowship in Donna’s back yard, and they all survived with no one contracting the virus. Candy enjoyed a few extra days with Donna and Kent helping with preparations and just having a good time. She also attended an informal, outdoor family wedding in West Virginia in August. Candy was back in West Virginia for Thanksgiving with her sisters, but didn’t get to see son Eric and his family because his wife had COVID-19 (luckily not severe) at the time. A late Christmas celebration in mid-January with them followed. Lots of adventures safely squeezed in here! When she wrote, Candy was still trying to get vaccinated for COVID-19. With a large retirement population in her county, the vaccine supply was not keeping up with the demand. Her own pharmacy was not yet dispensing the shots. She planned to be at the front of the line when they start. The highlight of 2021 so far is the wedding of granddaughter Alyssa in June. Speaking of 2021 highlights, Candy is looking forward to our 50th Class Reunion, whenever it happens!

“The most exciting thing for me,” **Carol Graves Koffinke** writes, “is the completion of a major choral composition for which I am searching for a conductor to premiere.” (Any conductors among us?) It is called, “Journey to God” and it consists of four movements that explore the phases of our life and our eternal quest for the answer to the existential question, “Who am I?” Exciting stuff, indeed. Carol sold her business in 2018 and is now retired and enjoying writing music, golfing, volunteer mentoring through the SCORE program, and walking her golden pup with her significant other. (Drat ... no details here.) With good cheer, Carol exclaimed “I know there is light at the end of this tunnel, so hang in there everyone!”

Are you noticing that even when we retire, we seem to be even busier than before? Sounds like we can’t stop having new adventures! And we are not to be dissuaded.

Like **Steve Grant**, for example. In the summer 2019 column, Steve said he was going to retire and run away to California. Then COVID-19 hit. But now it’s on! “I retired at the end of February after 27 years at the National Institute on Drug Abuse and nearly 50 years of brain research,” he says. “Time flies when you are having fun.” So, next up, Steve is really moving this year to Santa Barbara, California, and by the time you read this he should be settled in! “Oh no,” he says, “I’ve said too much. I haven’t said enough.” Sort of a three bears kind of quandary!

“All is fine here,” says **Corinne Klein, M.Ed. ’75 Vinopol**. “We have been pretty well hunkered down since COVID-19 started. We had three trips in a row in December 2019

and January 2020, after which I said that I needed a travel break. Didn’t have this lockdown in mind!” Another case of be careful what you wish for. During those pre-COVID trips, Corinne went to Las Vegas to visit with her daughter and her crew, then to Florida to give a presentation at the Assistive Technology Industry Association Conference, and then to New Orleans to celebrate her 70th birthday. Being a huge art fan, she was not only enamored with the architecture but also with the amazing sculpture garden at the New Orleans Museum of Art. She also took in the National WWII Museum, which was extremely well done and helped her to understand what her father had endured in the Pacific. Sounds like an amazing experience. Corinne continues to run her company IDRT, which fortunately has online services (myASLTech) to help educators and parents make instructional materials with sign language images and videos. They gave away thousands of free memberships in the spring to help people get through the initial impact of the pandemic resulting in the need to work remotely. She also continued work as a mentor and advisory committee member of the IMPACT Center in Pittsburgh, a grantee of NIDILRR, that provides training and guidance to assistive technology R&D personnel to help them bring their inventions to market. “It is so invigorating to see the cool products that are being created,” she says. Another way she stays out of trouble (or so she claims) is as a governor appointee of the Maryland Citizens Review Board for Children. The board provides oversight of the welfare of foster children throughout the state specifically, and the children of Maryland generally. Part of the challenge this year has been moving the reviews online from in person, a strategy that Corinne had been advocating since the outset. She is also spearheading a special education sub-committee to look more deeply into the welfare of foster children who qualify for or should receive special education. Are y’all getting tired yet? The woman is a dynamo! When not working, Corinne says, “I am babysitting my two younger grandchildren, one in Las Vegas and one in Virginia, online. The younger likes to play Barbies and Cinderella, so I had to get my own complementary toys and often have to dress up for the ball. The last time we played Cinderella, I was the prince. When I asked the granddaughter in question to marry me, she said, ‘I don’t have time for that.’ When I tried begging, she replied, ‘I would rather live with the stepsisters!’ I got nuthin’!” Ha! Corinne notes that she should “mention that monitoring my husband and Jack Russell mix also might qualify as babysitting. Both are hyperactive and get into mischief. Jackson (the dog) has decided that the robo-vacuum requires supervision. For two hours a day, he pulls aside the curtains, lifts the rugs, and moves the furniture out

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Those who will be missed:

Mrs. Gladys Crowson ’42 Crabb of Lakeport, California, on Jan. 29, 2021.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gable ’43 Kantruss of Wenonah, New Jersey, on April 12, 2021.

Mrs. Dorothy Clarke ’44 Schafer of Sykesville, Maryland, on May 3, 2021.

Mr. Joseph Ward ’48 of Danbury, Connecticut, on March 24, 2021.

Mr. James Collins ’49 of Catonsville, Maryland, on June 24, 2020.

Mrs. R. Joyce Hinkle ’49 Collis of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Oct. 2020.

Mrs. Florence Rice ’52 Dunlop of Endwell, New York, on March 3, 2021.

Mrs. Marilyn Worden ’53 Elliott of Oviedo, Florida, on Aug. 23, 2021.

Mr. William Manlove ’56 of Earleville, Maryland, on March 10, 2021.

Mrs. Grace Fletcher Pipes ’57, M. Ed. ’72 of Fairfield, Vermont, on March 12, 2021.

Mr. Glenn Lenhart ’57 of Woodsboro, Maryland, on April 14, 2021.

Mrs. Louise Clark ’58 Fothergill of Colonial Heights, Virginia, on March 5, 2021.

Mrs. Nancy Jones ’59 Clark of Middletown, Maryland, on Sept. 20, 2020.

Mr. Gary Rupert M.Ed. ’60 of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, on Feb. 27, 2021.

Mr. David Clark ’60 of Selbyville, Delaware, on March 27, 2020.

Col. James McMahan, Jr. ’60 of Bel Air, Maryland, on April 14, 2021.

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alumni updates

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of its way, skills that Ron (the husband) has yet to acquire.” Despite the challenges of the pandemic, it has been an interesting year for Corinne. As I read her email, she was heading off for her first vaccine shot! “Hooray!” she says, “Can’t wait!”

Keith Muller writes, “Thankfully, Stephen and I have been vaccinated and are doing well. We took advantage of timeshare weeks to visit Orlando in April and Palm Springs in May. Our next cruise should hopefully be happening in July, but time will tell.” Keith says living in South Florida may seem like living in a place where COVID-19 does not exist, but it does. For the most part, their area is “open,” and they are enjoying walks, restaurant eating, and the pool. “We miss cultural activities and traveling but are content for now to simply be well,” he says. Keith and Stephen are exploring their next phase in life and will most likely be moving into a continuing care community (John Knox Village) in Pompano Beach, Florida, in 2024. New residential towers are being built and they will be moving into one of them. Both keep busy working when they want, reading, and enjoying friends and family.

“I loved teaching,” says **Viveca Mum-mert Michaels**. “That’s why I did it for 42 years. And I never stopped admiring my fellow teachers for all the work and effort they put in. Better late than never, they finally are getting the appreciation they deserve from parents, rather than being taken for granted and their work dismissed as baby-sitting.” But with 2020 and this year, Viv says has never been happier to be a retired teacher. She’s social distancing and filling her time with good books and puzzles to wait out the pandemic.

A quick two-sentence note came in from **Brenda Murray, M.Ed. '77**. Her big news is that she moved from the farm where she spent her entire life to a 55-plus community in Manchester, Maryland. She really enjoys it, especially when someone else removes the snow and mows the grass!

Robert Gagnon is still semi-retired, working on engineering expert witness cases and as an advisor to some engineering firms. Luckily, COVID-19 has not affected his work, since most of it is code research and review of evidence and depositions. Bob has been working with the McDaniel Alumni Council and the Western Maryland College Heritage Society for some time now and really enjoys it. This past year, a significant change occurred, moving the Alumni Council from the Institutional Advancement Division to Enrollment. One of the efforts under the new arrangement was helping to virtually interview entering McDaniel students for Presidential Scholarships. This was wonderful, exciting work,” he says, “permitting alumni to meet the best of the student candidates for the fall semester of 2021. These students are bright, innovative people, with poise and a level of excitement

that will ensure the success of McDaniel College as it grows and becomes nationally noted for being one of the very best liberal arts schools. We should all be proud that our alma mater is in such good hands!” Agreed, Bob!

“Okay, okay,” says **Dottie Insley Ansell**, replying to Arrow and Artemis threatening to set me, and my whining, loose on y’all. “The best news is that I am, like most of you are, fully vaccinated.” She is looking forward to things like dining out, shopping in person, and visiting with other vaccinated people being options again. Just before all of this began, Dottie bought a mountain house near Asheville, North Carolina. “It’s a very artsy area,” she says. “One of my neighbors is a glass blower and Penland School of Craft is only a few miles away.” Dottie is making beautiful jewelry these days, using fused glass, silver, and other metals. It is really gorgeous. You can check it out at Dorothy’s Glass Jewels on Facebook or at windmillhillstudios.com. (I’ve got my eye on a pair of earrings!) Dottie is looking forward to spending the summer at the new place. Her dog, Max, not so much. Seems there is a large neighborhood cat that hangs out at the new house and terrorizes him. Max is six pounds, and the cat is twice his size. Dottie’s now corresponding with Artemis and Arrow to help Max deal with the feline beast. Seems Max is having his own set of adventures.

Jim and Kathy Walter '73, M.Ed. '76 Hobart are facing some difficulties these days. Jim has Parkinson’s disease and is really struggling with the effects. The truly uplifting part of this news, Kathy says, is that a series of very close WMC friends are constantly supporting her and Jim in more ways than you could count. The list is long and consists of many, many graduates from the Classes of 1971-1974 ... and they are eternally grateful. All of us in the Class of '71 are sending our thoughts and best wishes their way.

At least I remembered whose email begins with “growler” and could talk the feline assistants down when they got his email. “Hope this finds everyone well,” writes **Hugh Carew**, acknowledging that the last two years have certainly been different. In 2019, **Sue Ball Carew** and Hugh went on a Caribbean cruise with retired detectives and their spouses from Washington, D.C. “The detectives and I had worked together for decades and it was a fine time,” he says. Then they headed for **Charlie and Carol Hoerichs '70 Moore**’s Black and White reunion. A bit later, the Carews headed to Croatia, joining their Aussie friends for a multi-week tour that was outstanding. “We left there and went to the U.K.,” Hugh writes. “We visited the town where Sue’s grandparents lived and worked, and from whence her father left for the U.S. Then we visited with our U.K. friends in Nottingham for a bit.” After being

home for some weeks, Hugh and Sue headed for Delhi, India, for a high school reunion with Sue’s alums. “Touring India afterward was interesting,” Hugh says. They got home and then the “other” year started. COVID-19 hit, and travel was pretty much curtailed for 2020. They did go to Alabama for a family reunion and to celebrate their 50th anniversary. “Pretty good,” smiled Hugh (I could tell he was smiling), “for starting out as a blind date for the Hopkins Party.” Their only recent travel has been a couple of trips to Mt. Airy to see their new grandson. Their son, a D.C. officer, got through all the disturbances in the city OK. Their daughter was selected as her school’s teacher of the year!

If you thought the **Carews** did a lot of traveling, **Steve Kaplan** may just have them beat, living as he does in adventure central. He writes, “Before the ‘COVID-19 Curtain’ descended upon us all, in May 2019, Marilyn and I went to Germany for six weeks. When we were leaving Berlin, headed to Dresden, I noticed that **Keith Muller** was posting on Facebook that he and Stephen Plescia were in Berlin headed for Dresden! We managed to meet in Dresden in our hotel lobby for a couple of hours to catch up after 48 years. It’s amazing how that many years can fly by but you can still reconnect. After Dresden we were going to Munich where we had a pre-planned meeting with my sister-in-law, **Sue Rudrow Carlson '76**, and her husband, Drew. The four of us spent two weeks traveling together in Bavaria and Austria.” But wait, there’s more! In August, Steve and Marilyn flew to Maryland to go to **Charlie Moore**’s crab fest. Of course, Steve has family there, so it wasn’t just about the crabs. (Uh, sure, Steve!) It was his first time at the Black and White Crab Feast, though, so there were a lot of guys he hadn’t seen in forever. Now that the Kaplans were back home in the U.S., they attended a family reunion in mid-September in Emerald Isle, North Carolina, and then flew to Boston to spend 10 days visiting Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire. It was Steve’s first time there and helped him catch up with Marilyn with 49 states visited. They both lack Alaska, but more on that later. The leaves in New England were good but not quite at peak. The lobster, however, did not disappoint! Gotta love New England lobster! In November, they drove to New Orleans with Marilyn’s sister and her husband. He wanted to see the National WWII Museum, which Steve highly recommends. “Plus, how can New Orleans ever be bad?” Steve wondered. You might want to get a drink or a snack about now ... there’s still more! After the “COVID-19 Curtain”: Travel is a major part of Steve and Marilyn’s lives as we’ve seen, so this was an interruption in their schedule. A planned trip to Spain over spring break with Steve’s daughter and granddaughter didn’t happen. Undaunted, the Kaplans drove to Big Bend National Park instead. As soon as

they arrived, the state of Texas shut down, but this was by the order of the governor for COVID-19 reasons, not due to electrical grid issues. The park was there and the Kaplans were there, but there were no park rangers. It was a long drive home! As Steve has shared before, you don’t want to be in Oklahoma — where he actually lives — in August (it’s hot there). So, he and Marilyn rented a cabin in South Fork, Colorado, and did some hiking and driving around the mountains. It was so “cool,” he says. By October, they had to “get out of town” again and two of their daughters and their families shared that thought. They rented a beach house in Port Aransas, Texas, and spent a week on the beach and did all their own cooking except for a catered shrimp boil on the beach with a starfish-shaped bonfire. There was very minimal contact with the outside world. By November, the “itch” was back, so they rented a condo in Santa Fe, New Mexico, the next destination. The morning they left, the governor of New Mexico closed the state down! They had one dinner out before everything was shuttered. After three nights of takeout food and cooking in the condo, they gave up and went home. “Now what,” he asks, “would cause two somewhat sane people to keep attempting to travel in a pandemic-stricken world?” (I’m beginning to question the “somewhat sane” part.) Maybe it was because their five-week trip to France in May 2020 was canceled, their cruise to Alaska in August was canceled, and so was their trip to West Point to see The University of Oklahoma play Army. They are still stuck on 49 — states, not years. Never quitters, Steve and Marilyn have gotten their Global Entry cards renewed and booked a trip to Australia and New Zealand for December. And Steve says, “I forgot to mention Moderna shot No. 1 was Jan. 5, and No. 2 was Feb. 2. Oklahoma is doing a great job with the jabs. Grandchild number 11 joined us on Inauguration Day, Jan. 20. Matilda Belle Geiger born at 3 lbs. and nine weeks early but doing just fine now. Hoping for a safer world where we can gather again as friends,” Steve signed off. **Chris Spencer** may have some competition in the short story category! Seriously, this was fun, and I think I need to take a nap after the whirlwind tour of the globe.

Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks is now among the feline assistants’ favorite correspondents, having addressed them as “amazing, sweet, smart kitties.” They want desk plates with said descriptors. But back to Tan. “Joe and I sold our Ohio home this summer,” she says, “and moved into the home we’ve had in Kitty (mew, mew) Hawk, North Carolina, the last three years. We’re full-time North Carolinians now and loving it.” They’ve been active in the local Presbyterian church, finding opportunities for ministry. Tanta transferred her master gardener’s certification there, has gotten involved with

League of Women Voters (“What a political year this has been!”), and works with an organization that advocates for women’s education around the globe. She also serves on the board of directors for the county homeless organization. Joe has had complicated medical issues, which have, thankfully, been treated. He has several other procedures ahead, but the outcome looks good. Mostly, he walks the dog and watches ESPN. “Ain’t retirement grand?!” Tan says, and adds, “We’ve had both COVID-19 vaccines and hope that soon everyone will, too. Praying for health and wellness for all.”

“My wife, Pat, and I have had a very quiet year,” reports **Joe Slert, M.Ed. '75**. They’ve both been vaccinated and attend lots of meetings on Zoom but not in person. Active in the Rotary Club, they both work as advisors at the local hospital. Meantime, Joe and Pat really miss seeing everyone. I must admit to being jealous of the great photo of Joe with Brooks Robinson on his Facebook page.

John Skinner has really settled into his new community in City Island, The Bronx, New York. He sings with a 10-person group called the Gracetones, and he attends and volunteers his time with Grace Episcopal Church in City Island. Their liturgical path has been quite circuitous this past year as the pandemic required ongoing changes in how services were delivered and had a lot of folks learning how to use technologies that in many cases were beyond unfamiliar. But they made it through and seem stronger for it. John figured out what the church needed, ordered it, and installed the internet service at Grace to allow for live streaming. He told the story about their passage through the pandemic in an article he wrote for *The Island Current*.

“Awesome kitties,” exclaims **Melissa “Lissa” Marten Pecora**, racking up points with said felines. “**Tom Pecora '70** and I are good,” she says. Their Seven Lakes Golf and Tennis community has been minus several Canadian friends due to travel restrictions. Snowbirds were a bit sparse this year. On the exciting side, however, their golf course is brand new, and on opening day Lissa “truly racked up a hole-in-one.” She had to buy the beer for the crowd gathered in the Tee Room bar. “Doesn’t seem quite right that the hole-in-one honoree has to buy the beer!” she observes. I agree. Anyway, now that all five kids and spouses are back on the East Coast with a total of 13 grandkids, Lissa and Tom are always on the go. They are frequent fliers and drivers to MacDill Air Force Base; Summerville, South Carolina; Leesburg, Virginia; and Columbia, Maryland. They’ve had a few WMC moments, meeting up with **Mike “Zippy” Elliott '70** and his wife, Rose, and connecting with **Jim '70** and **Karen Prichard '72 Barnes**. Tom and Lissa are also coordinators of the Owners Golf Association Scrambles with all sorts

of activities such as libations, celebrations, and an end-of-year formal dinner dance. “Actually,” Melissa observes, “We never left the restaurant catering and nightclub business! Still planning events here in Ft. Myers, Florida. It’s in the blood!” Her sign off? “Take care, kitties, and keep the Zap under control! Cats rule!” Arrow and Artemis laughed uproariously. As if anyone could really keep me under control!

“Tell your cats that their desperate emails and texts work on some people. Me, for example,” says **Coe Sherrard**, who adds “I actually feel guilty when I don’t respond.” I’m sure the little beasties enjoyed reading Coe’s response! “**Jean Castle Sherrard** and I have no real new news,” he told me, “so just say we checked in and are doing fine in retirement in beautiful Edinburg, Virginia. **Dave Harrison '70** and his wife, Joan, finished their getaway home in our neighborhood last month, and we see them quite a bit.”

Echoing Coe, **Lynn Gallant-Blume** says that, “Thanks to the pandemic, nothing exciting is happening with **Randy Blume '70** and me, but somehow we always seem to be busy.” Funny how that happens. Lynn and Randy babysit their granddaughters, Addy, 6, and Emmy, 4, once or twice a week, helping (minimally) with virtual learning and driving them on school days. Lynn is financial secretary for her church, which is an easy commitment since it’s a small church with a small budget! On the exciting side, Lynn and Randy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Instead of a trip (canceled) to celebrate the event, they had dinner with daughter, Kirstin; son-in-law, Steve; and their granddaughters. All of them (except the girls) are fully vaccinated. It was definitely a low-key celebration, “but better than last year,” Lynn reports, “when we planned to celebrate our 49th while watching the Northern Lights in Tromsø, Norway. Instead, we found ourselves stuck in Oslo as the country shut down. Dinner was at the panini kiosk in the train station, the only place open. Now we’re planning for the 51st. Hopefully the world will be open again for traveling!” It certainly was an adventure though, right, Lynn?

“Well, if you thought my last response was boring,” **Bob Merrey** warned me, “being pretty much homebound for the last year hasn’t helped much.” But at least it was a different home! Bob says the biggest thing in his and Karen’s life was that in June they moved from their Baltimore County home to a new home in Chester, Maryland, on Kent Island. Clarifying their location, Bob explains “Kent Island is the land that the eastern side of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge sits on. Since we are an island, I guess we are not technically on the ‘Eastern Shore,’ but we are enjoying the ‘shore life’ just the same. There really is a different lifestyle here and we had to adjust somewhat.” Bob

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Mrs. Barbara Walker '62 VanDenburgh of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on March 3, 2021.

Mr. Richard Steen '65 of St. Michaels, Maryland, on Jan. 14, 2021.

Ms. Betty Fleming Young '66, M.Ed. '85 of Westminster, Maryland, on April 18, 2021.

Dr. Brian Charlton '67 of Lockwood, New York, on Feb. 15, 2021.

Mrs. Donna Cushen '76 Michlin of Conowingo, Maryland, on March 6, 2021.

Mr. George Thomas Boyle, Jr. '77 of Rockville, Maryland, on Dec. 8, 2020.

Mrs. Deborah Cannon Tomes '79, M.Ed. '80 of Loveland, Ohio, on Sept. 16, 2021.

Ms. Kathleen Black Young M.Ed. '81 of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, on May 2, 2021.

Mr. Robert Brown '84 of Westminster, Maryland, on April 26, 2021.

Mr. Randolph Roberts M.S. '90 of Owings Mills, Maryland, on Dec. 19, 2020.

alumni updates

Barb Shipley '71, M.Ed. '76 Guthrie is a member of the southern Delaware alliance for racial justice, which has created and delivered modules addressing racial and social justice.

says it's been really hard on Karen that they haven't been able to visit the grandkids (2, 4, and 6 years old) but that is changing soon. They both received their second vaccinations on the day Bob wrote to me, and in exactly two weeks they were heading to Chicago to spend Easter with them. Bob and Karen have also booked a trip to Florida after they return from Chicago. "It seems like it's been such a long time since we could even talk about traveling," Bob says. "We will be driving to both destinations; we're still not ready to get on a plane, even with the shots." Bob missed both hunting and fishing seasons because of the move, but his mission for this summer is to find local places for both. All in all, Karen and Bob have been well and active. There have been many great places to hike and bike, and they are out every day weather permitting. "I wish I had more news for you, but I don't want to go your route and make stuff up," Bob says. I don't know, but looking back over this news, it seems like they've done pretty good for being homebound. Bob is looking forward to reading news from friends "who actually have interesting things to relate."

Arrow and Artemis are getting good at this. **Ellen Cook Nibali** says their note "did a good job of making me actually want to answer!" Ellen went on to say, "The past two years, even with COVID-19, have been okay. Family and friends have been stellar." Her sweet 14-year-old puppy passed away on Valentine's Day, but even during the dreariest days, she says, she could walk daily with neighbor friends to raise her spirits. She also had an incredibly exciting project to keep her going. Namely, Ellen says, "I've written songs and libretto for a historical musical, 'On National Road,' based on my area, Ellicott City." She started adding to a few old songs about 15 years ago with no clear idea how it could all be used. Then she learned that the 250th anniversary of Ellicott City would be in 2022, with a year-long celebration in the works. A perfect fit! So, Ellen wrapped up the musical, and EC250, the organization spearheading the celebration, is excited about premiering "On National Road" in September 2022, assuming all goes as planned. "The musical has been nothing but fun so far, but I am way outside my wheelhouse!" Ellen says. Soon the professionals will be jumping in, but Ellen hopes to see many old friends in the first row — or at auditions! Mark those calendars! What a grand adventure. Ellen says she was almost afraid to talk about the project, "because if there is one thing life and COVID-19 has taught me, it's to be very humble about thinking plans are writ in stone. Still, it's super exciting." And besides, she adds, "It's spring, and people with vaccinations are popping up like crocus. Heady days."

Cathy McCullough Shultz says she always has "good intentions to write in response to Arrow and Artemis' entreaties,

but alas I invariably miss the deadline." I understand. I always miss my deadline, too! Egad! Cathy says she and **Mike Shultz** are well and looking forward to the end of the pandemic. But they have had a few adventures in the meantime. They enjoyed 2019, celebrating 70th birthdays, their 50th wedding anniversary in Hawaii, and taking three teenage granddaughters on a trip to Maine. There was no travel in 2020, and Mike and Cathy really missed gathering with family and friends, especially this winter, although they did enjoy some chilly firepit evenings. Having Thanksgiving and Christmas alone was a new experience, but a good one, punctuated by the joy of seeing family on Zoom in their homes. Cathy noted that Zoom meetings are both a bane and a blessing. (Ain't that the truth!) On the plus side, her book club again includes members who had moved away. And until soccer shut down, she and Mike enjoyed watching their granddaughters play. Their daughter and her family left Manhattan in March and stayed close by through August, so there were more visits than usual, albeit at six feet distance and outdoors. Once the prohibition was lifted, sailing was a good, safe diversion (they live in Annapolis, Maryland), and Mike took up hand tool woodworking, a Cornell bird-watching course, and is building a 7-foot wooden dingy. They have both enjoyed watching lectures and theatre online. Cathy admitted to spending way too much time watching MSNBC in 2020. Me, too, Cathy! "We now live a quieter existence," she says. Like elsewhere, the pandemic caused a lot of harm to Cathy and Mike's community. Cathy has been working with ACT (Anne Arundel Connecting Together), Feed Anne Arundel, and their church to provide food to communities. ACT is a 2-year-old, nonpartisan group of 26 faith- and community-based organizations that works to build community power to effect change. ACT worked to get internet access and the necessary hardware to families so children could continue to learn during the pandemic. Among other actions, ACT is building coalitions to influence the next county internet contracts so universal, reliable, and affordable internet access is available throughout every part of the county. Cathy says she and Mike are "looking forward to seeing people this summer. Give us a call when you're in Annapolis."

"So, I guess we are all getting to the point where we really need to decide what we want to do when we grow up, because I think we are there," observes **Richard Anderson**. Ha! Still a lot of things I want to try, Richard ... growing up can wait! After a long career as a commercial photographer, Richard gradually focused more and more on documentary film as the place where he wanted to be work-wise. He's completed three films and hopes he has a few more ahead of him. "This year was somewhat of a setback," he says, "and I had to put my

current film project on hold. However, I was able to do some commercial video projects, most notably for Notre Dame of Maryland University and a Christmas concert for the International Women's Brass Conference. Both projects were tricky to do because of the COVID-19 precautions we had to take, but after many negative tests, I'm still standing. I'm hoping that I can get a COVID-19 shot within the next month or so (and so can everyone else), and then I feel like the film can be put back on the schedule." His son, Nicholas, is a junior at St. Mary's College of Maryland. "I know, I know. I got started late!" admits Richard. "He's doing okay but would really like to actually attend classes in person for his senior year." Nick got some work experience with an internship during winter break, which bodes well for the future. Richard's wife, Valerie, has more or less retired her web design business, but she will still do websites for his films for the time being! Richard sends best to everyone!

Confession time: **Barb Shipley, M.Ed. '76 Guthrie** sent news to Artemis and Arrow and they forwarded it to me. Somehow, I don't know how, I made it disappear. The feline assistants were not amused. So, after fruitless searching, I hastily emailed Barb and asked if she could possibly resend her missive. I had this in my inbox the next morning!

"We're in the car heading to North Carolina so this may be very disjointed. And it's 6 o'clock in the morning," Barb wrote. OMG! Now that's a good friend! "Even though we just are coming off a whole year of the pandemic, I've been able to stay busy down here in Delaware. I've been a member of the southern Delaware alliance for racial justice, and this past year we've created and delivered modules addressing racial and social justice. We have students from three schools who have been participating and they have been intelligent, articulate, and compassionate. We are also awarding scholarships to students who have been promoting justice in the school and community." The southern Delaware chorale has been singing via Zoom (now that's a challenge!) and Barb is right there with them preparing for a live performance in June in a large venue. She's also a member of the HOA community board and, of course, they dealt with all the pandemic issues. Barb's daughter Laura is a pupil personnel worker in Carroll County (Maryland) Public Schools and Jessica is a French teacher in Harford County (Maryland) Public Schools. Sam graduated from University of North Carolina Wilmington in May. Barb's husband **Steve Guthrie M.Ed. '84** is retired (for a second time) since August and working on many house projects. Finally, Barb says her dog Sunny is a beautiful 14-year-old best friend. Not disjointed at all. I owe you one, Barb!

"Dear Arrow and Artemis," writes **Don Schenk**. "I have pined away in Michigan, longing to receive missives from you on behalf of Zap of B-more, now Union whichever-it-is. My wishes were recently answered. So freakin' good to hear from you." And now, this ... Don and **Janet** are both healthy in Michigan, and like many of us they are patiently (cannot speak for those who are impatient) awaiting the easing of the restrictions of the past year. They are thankful that their lives have only been moderately inconvenienced with no close friends or other family members directly impacted. As with so many others, their lives have been changed and their plans for the last 12 months and coming year put on hold. Their older son and his wife, Joshua and Elizabeth (both Michigan State grads from 2013), moved back to Michigan from Chicago, and Don and Janet are pleased to spend time with them. Zachary is completing his last semester at George Washington University graduate school. With second doses of the vaccine administered, Don and Janet are waiting for herd immunity to take hold. The past year's election season had them fully engaged locally and nationally. Don also participated in a 71st birthday challenge to raise money to fight ALS in which several of the Class of 1971 assisted, and for that he remains humbly grateful, having raised \$9,700 while biking 600-plus kilometers through Southeast Michigan in 14 days. (As a cyclist, I know what an amazing feat this was ... you rock, Don!) Other travel plans being pretty much halted, Don and Janet have remained close to home in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Don was able to get on campus in February 2020, where he continues to work with Phi Deltas as their chapter advisor. In that, he is ably assisted by our classmate **Charlie Moore**, as well as other WMC/McDaniel alumni: **George Phillips '74, M.Ed. '85; Gary Ahrens '77; Matt Baker '83; Calvin Benevento '15; Matt Hines '15; Kevin Smith '15; and Michael Rigoli '18**. Don is also hard at work planning the Golden Anniversary of Phi Delta Theta on the Hill, but it has recently been postponed from April 2021 to April 2022. He's looking forward to seeing many Class of 1971 and later alumni at that great event as well as our Class of 1971 Reunion.

"Continuing the Saga of the Sojourning SeEVERs," began **Sue Shermer SeEVERs**, and I felt an adventure or two coming on. Little did I know. In April 2019, Eric and Sue; Sue's mom, Betty; and their miniature dachshund, Ramona, braved the wet spring weather for a two-week trip to Vermont. Not content to just go and stay in one place, Sue planned their trip with several other stops on the way to and from Vermont. Eric has a National Park Passport, so to add another date stamp to that, the first stop was at the Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton, Pennsylvania. There they reviewed the

history and rolling stock of the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad. Next, they headed to the Finger Lakes of New York to visit the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls. Sue was disturbed by how many more rights Native American women had than European American or African American women at the time of the Women's Rights Convention in 1848. "Thank you to those brave women of all races who fought long and hard to gain the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution!" said Sue. On a happier note, the Shermer/SeEVERs also saw a bridge that locals claim is the one used in Eric's favorite movie, "It's a Wonderful Life." Sue loves lighthouses, so the next stops were along the coast of Lake Erie to see the Sodus Bay and Oswego Lights. Two Revolutionary War forts were on the agenda, Fort Ontario and the Fort Stanwix National Monument. Eric also quilts, so several stops were at quilt shops to collect specific fabrics and designs created by each for a quilt challenge. Finally, in Vermont, Sue indulged in another passion, viewing covered bridges. Several days were spent chasing down elusive directions to find another one or two. Oh, yes! The point of going to Vermont was so Eric could take four days' worth of baking classes at King Arthur Flour. During the week, he created savory hand pies, many loaves of sourdough bread, pretzels, crackers, English muffins, and oatmeal-craisin cookies! Yum! Sue, Betty, and Ramona made a rainy trek to the Vermont Country Store while Eric was busy baking. Of course, one can't go to Vermont without sampling the cheese, apple cider, and maple syrup! On the way home the trio (quartet?) made an interesting stop at the Springfield Armory National Historic Site in Massachusetts. This armory and the one in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, were the manufacturers of many of the rifles used during the Civil War. On the more peaceful side, the last major stop on the way home was in New York, at Val-Kill, Eleanor Roosevelt's cottage. There, she encouraged young women in cottage industries to gain skills and finances. In addition, she and Franklin entertained their family and royalty with picnics on the beautiful grounds. FDR especially enjoyed the swimming pool, where he could hold his own against other swimmers. So, what travels did the rest of 2019 and 2020 hold in store for Eric, Sue, and Betty? Sue and Betty made regular trips to Baltimore and twice to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, for scrapbooking with friends. (Had to make albums of all those previous trip photos!) Eric joined them to visit daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren in Maryland several times. Then the COVID-19 pandemic hit! Wow! That really damped down any travel plans! Not only was it a challenge to go to the grocery store, so were the logistics of seeing out-of-state family or friends. So, in 2020,

the trio (quartet with Ramona along) visited with kids and grandkids just four times, in July to celebrate birthdays, twice in September for Labor Day (two family groups), and in December to celebrate more birthdays and Christmas. These visits, too, were carefully choreographed, with each family group wearing masks and/or on opposite sides of the driveway or yard. In the meantime, all have gotten better at using Zoom, for weekly family meetings, Bible study groups, and scrapbooking gatherings! Church has been through several iterations, first online via YouTube, then meeting in the parking lot with preacher and singers in the picnic pavilion and the congregation in cars or lawn chairs (chilly in March!), then with masks and widely separated seating in the church building. "Hopes are rising as the three of us have now had two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Hugs soon!" Oops! Missed an important trip! In October 2019, Sue and daughter Ellen went to the International Quilt Show to celebrate Sue's 70th birthday. (Can you believe it?) This is held yearly in the Houston convention center (five football fields long and three floors!). The bottom floor is half vendors and half quilts on display. That and the classes Ellen and Sue took were wonderful! Now, in October 2019, not only was the quilt show in Houston, but the Washington Nationals (Sue's home baseball team) were playing the Houston Astros in the World Series! Guess where? They were down to games six and maybe seven of the series and playing in Houston! Sue didn't have tickets to the game, but she had a TV in the hotel room and a picture window that overlooked Minute Maid stadium across the parking lot! On her birthday, Sue was cheering on pitcher Steven Strasburg as he confounded the Astro batters, the Nats team worked together, and they won game six! One to go! They won the series! Woo-hoo! Sue was wearing her Nats shirt jumping up and down in the window cheering! Wow... I'll bet Ramona, the dog, took some long naps when she got home.

The Class of 1971 is still well represented on the Board of Trustees at McDaniel. **Bill Westervelt, Charlie Moore, and Phil Enstice** are making sure things are going well on the Hill. They must be busy, 'cause not one of them answered my pleas for news. Each time you don't respond, Phil, that's another case of Berger Cookies you owe me. Just sayin'. **Barbara Payne Shelton '70** is also a trustee, and even though she left us early, graduating in 1970, we still love and claim her! Barb had made some amazing samplers and quilts over the years and lately has been using her sewing skills to make face masks. I'm proud to wear the Ruth Bader Ginsburg mask she made for me, all black with white lace just like RBG's judicial collar. Barb donated all the proceeds from her masks to the American Civil Liberties Union.

Barbara Payne '70 Shelton sewed face masks and donated proceeds to the American Civil Liberties Union.

alumni updates

Pamela Zappardino '71 works with the Carroll County NAACP, Carroll Citizens for Racial Equality, and the Carroll County Coalition of the Maryland Lynching Memorial Project.

“Well, Pam, the news is that there really is no new news,” says **Eileen Sechrist Ott, M.Ed. '87**. Like everyone else, Eileen and her husband have been socially isolating from friends and family since the pandemic began. Luckily, they were able to take trips in their 25-foot motorhome, mostly visiting campgrounds in Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, and Tennessee. The beauty of an RV has been the ability to get out of the house without interacting with other camping folks. The Otts have lived in northeast Florida for the past seven years. “Florida was one of the first states to emerge from quarantine last summer, and there’s been no going back ever since,” says Eileen. “It’s been a mixed bag around here; senior citizens seem to be dedicated mask wearers with the younger folks, not so much. The Moderna vaccine became available in our county in early January, and it was a big relief to receive our ‘shot’ card.” After a year’s absence, Eileen’s little town of Green Cove Springs reopened Food Truck Fridays in the local park, and lots of folks sat outside to listen to local music and enjoy some food. “We were all happy to be out and about again, social creatures that we all are. I know the northern states are still in partial lockdown mode, but hopefully, that will soon change as the COVID-19 vaccines become more available,” Eileen says. “Til then, stay well!”

In early January 2020, **Carol Sims Nupp** drove the two hours from Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, to Melrose, Massachusetts, to help her daughter-in-law with grandkids, Cody and Dylan, while her son Josh was on a business trip to Europe. (Little did she know that she wouldn’t see any of them again until the end of June, for one hour, masked, and outdoors in a park.) Once back home, Carol enjoyed community concerts, movies and restaurant meals with friends, her chorale’s rehearsals for a Beethoven concert in May, church choir rehearsals, in-person church, and indoor farmers markets. Early February brought a long overdue trip to San Diego to visit Navy friends, followed by a stop for a few days in Golden, Colorado, to visit son Jason, his wife, and grandsons Jackson and Bodhi. Carol and Jim had no idea that they wouldn’t see them again until early November. Jim had already planned a solo trip to the Galapagos Islands and disregarding Carol’s concerns about the new COVID-19, he flew in early March. Meanwhile back in New Hampshire, decisions were already being made to cancel in-person choir and church, chorale, and numerous upcoming music events, fairs, fireworks, parades, and fundraisers well into 2021. Thankfully, Jim was able to return from his trip shortly before the borders were closed in Ecuador. Lots of mask-making, staying at home for safety, cancellations of medical and dental appointments, beginnings of virtual meet-

ings, closure of hair salons, and stores hit with a fury! During the four months Carol missed at the hair salon she decided it was time to embrace her gray permanently. No regrets at all! “As we moved from winter into spring and into summer (in the oldest summer resort in America), we embraced frequent walks on local rail trails and in neighborhoods, enjoyed local town beaches and swimming in the lake, and lots of socially distanced outdoor visits with friends, socially distanced outdoor farmers markets, socially distanced lines for ice cream, and a few other opportunities to meet our Boston son’s family for outdoor fun. I especially missed the weekly outdoor concerts down at the bandstand and the Fourth of July parade and fireworks! Without a doubt, the highlight of the year was a family get-together at the Nupp home in early November. Jason and Jackson, 10, minus Joanne and Bodhi, 7, flew east as Josh; Lindsey; Cody, 7; and Dylan, 5, celebrated Jim’s birthday. The unbelievably beautiful stretch of weather made it possible to open doors and windows, have a cookout, and enjoy lots of outdoor activities. Christmas 2020 was supposed to be celebrated here with all 10 of us but was a Zoom event just like several earlier family birthdays had been.” Carol was able to join in a Zoom reunion with several Blanche Ward WMC friends in mid-August. Hosted by **Donna March Zeller**, it included **Candy Cooper Fairbanks**, **Mary Lou O’Neill Hoopes**, and **Gloria Phillips-Wren**, as well as **Janet Schroeder Meeks '69** and **Susan Hanna Martin '69**. **Eileen Sechrist Ott, M.Ed. '87**, Carol’s roommate in Blanche Ward Hall didn’t join in, but they keep in touch by phone several times a year. “May we all stay safe and healthy in 2021!” Carol closed. “It is amazing 50 years has already passed from good times spent together on the Hill.”

Speaking of roommates, as soon as I saw **Pat Callbeck Harper’s** opening, “Hey darlin,” I could hear her walking into our room on second floor McDaniel saying the same. A lot of the women in our class lived on that floor our senior year ... mostly Delts on the front hall and Phi Alphas on the back hall with other great women sprinkled in. It was a great place to be, full of adventures and wild frivolity that is best left unspoken. Our room had a view of the gazebo.

Whoops, was time traveling there for a moment. Back to 2021! The year 2019 found Pat and Rusty “active in the state chapter and local Helena groups of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense ... and in the state of Montana and its legislature that’s considered ‘hazard duty!’ My mom, Irene, passed away at 92 in June in Baltimore, but I got to spend many weeks with her, my sister, and brother at ‘home’ in Maryland that spring. Zap and Charlie

were constant and generous hosts (we were so glad we could be Pat’s B&B) when I needed to crash. The fall of 2019 was the last time we would see our daughters Robin and family (Boulder, Colorado) and Molly and family (Seattle) for over a year because of COVID-19.” This past year found Rusty and Pat learning to Zoom (although if you’ve ever tried to keep up with Pat, you’ll know that she’s been zooming a long time ... dating at least all the way back to WMC) and working with their United Methodist congregation adapting to virtual outreach, organizing, and perfecting a video ministry that now reaches over 400 households each week. They are getting their vaccines and hope soon to travel to Maryland, Seattle, and Colorado. Their amazing 20-foot camper trailer kept them sane, retreating to the mountains and rivers of their beautiful state, a perfect pandemic strategy. Pat sends greetings to the feline assistants, best wishes to all in our class, and hopes to be together for our big reunion this year.

This year’s shortest note took me way back to a game at Baltimore’s Memorial Stadium and a discussion about a certain young baseball player’s ability. I knew he was going to be good. **Johnson Bowie, M.Ed. '74** said he’d never make it. Johnson’s note this year said, simply, “Zap, I was wrong about Mark Belanger.”

I still love baseball. And lots of other things. Like goats. Yes, goats. Last March as the pandemic started closing everything down, our little historic village here in Carroll County, Maryland, welcomed two new residents: Sassafras and Root Beer. Friends just down the road adopted two baby goats as they were now working at home and able to raise them. Those guys have gotten me through the pandemic thus far. On our everyday walk, Charlie and I stop and visit the guys and bring them snacks of chopped veggies, pine branches, and blackberry leaves. Communing with goats is good for the soul. I melted when they started to recognize my voice and come running! When not communing with goats, we commune with lots of students. Charlie and I started teaching online for the University of Rhode Island (URI) when we moved back to Maryland 20 years ago. Who knew we were ahead of the curve? We both still teach for URI, and I’m teaching at McDaniel as well. This semester, I’m teaching Nonviolence: A Creative Act! For some strange reason, my students think that the food in the dining hall must have been so much better back in our day than what they have now. Um ... can you say, “mounds of joy?” I’m also the adjunct faculty union rep at McDaniel. I’ve found labor organizing and union work fascinating, and quite the adventure. I spent years doing community organizing, but this has been a new adventure. Charlie has been teaching

at Baltimore City Community College and loves it. “Walking” into a virtual classroom is an adventure all unto itself.

The Ira & Mary Zepp Center for Non-violence and Peace Education also keeps us busy, doing trainings and workshops, facilitating conversations, and leading groups with Bernard LaFayette (Freedom Rider, Selma organizer) on trips down south to sites of nonviolent campaigns in the civil rights movement. We had to skip this past January, but hope to be on the road in January 2022, if the pandemic behaves. It’s a fantastic way to delve into our country’s past and get a grip on what’s happening now, with a busload of folks who become good friends before you get home. If it piques your interest, get in touch! I’m also working with the Living Legacy Project, another organization that provides programming about the civil rights movement and offers longer pilgrimages throughout the South.

In 1998, Ira Zepp handed Charlie and me a Common Ground on the Hill catalog and said, “You need to do this.” We’ve been at it ever since. While lots of summer programs closed down last summer, Common Ground on the Hill decided we could gather virtually and gather we did. Director **Walt Michael '68**, the staff, and those of us on the board, spent a lot of time figuring out how to make it happen. Despite some truly hysterical moments, we pulled it off. More music and art and interesting conversations than you can imagine, all online. We’ll be doing the virtual thing again this year. My longed-for adventure to Sicily didn’t happen, of course, last spring, and neither did a visit to friends in Scotland, but through the magic of Zoom, a lot of our friends abroad were also teaching at Common Ground last summer and will be again. Check out www.commongroundonthehill.org to see what’s happening. And once we’re back on campus, you could even check out the dining hall food for yourself.

Since I can’t seem to stand downtime, I work with our local community foundation, the Carroll County NAACP, Carroll Citizens for Racial Equality, and on the Steering Committee for the Carroll County Coalition of the Maryland Lynching Memorial Project. Charlie and I both sit on the Carroll County Public Schools’ Equity Council. And when I can’t face one more Zoom meeting, I pick up my mountain dulcimer and the music keeps me going.

The feline assistants are reminding me that the Alumni Office needed this yesterday, so I guess it’s time to wrap it up. Our daughter, Siana, and her husband, Mike, are doing well in Rhode Island where Siana is a nurse working in health care quality control. And Arrow and Artemis did ask me to thank you for all the greetings and good wishes you sent their way, they love hearing from you. And so, do I.

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Coach Rebecca “Becky” L. Martin '80, M.Ed. '81 passed away June 8 after a long illness. For nearly four decades, Martin was coach of the college’s women’s basketball team.

A stand-out student athlete in both volleyball and basketball, Martin took over the reins of the women’s basketball program in 1981, just a year after graduating from the college, and was a staple on the Green Terror sidelines for 37 seasons prior to her medical leave in 2018. With her career 554-369 record, she is the winningest coach in Centennial Conference (CC) history.

Martin led the Green Terror to 18 league playoff berths, one Middle Atlantic Conference division title in 1985-86, its first-ever CC crown and NCAA playoff berth in 2002, a feat she repeated twice in the next three seasons. Her team posted 20-win campaigns in six straight seasons (2001-07) and advanced as far as the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament.

In January 2019, the college honored Martin by dedicating and naming the court in Gill Center as The Rebecca L. Martin Court.

As a student-athlete at McDaniel, the Westminster, Maryland, native helped the college win three straight conference titles in volleyball (1977-79). A 5-9 center from 1976 to 1980, Martin became the team’s first 1,000-point scorer (1,299), led Western Maryland College to its first conference title in 1979-80, and won the division MVP award as a senior. She still holds program records for scoring average in a season (23.0 points per game in 1979-80) and career (19.1). She also still holds the mark for most points in a game, scoring 39 against Ursinus in the final game of her career.

Martin served on many committees, including the ECAC Division III Women’s Basketball Mid-Atlantic Championship Committee, and chaired the Centennial Conference Women’s Basketball Committee and the college’s Sports Hall of Fame Committee, of which she served as master of ceremonies during the induction ceremony for many years.

An avid traveler and lifelong athlete who was always up for a round of golf, Becky relished the outdoors. She scaled Mt. Rainier in Washington state, rafted the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, biked the 180-mile C&O Canal Trail, and snorkeled the Great Barrier Reef.

She shared her passion for travel and adventure with her student-athletes, several times taking her basketball team and their families on a whirlwind tour of France for exhibition play and a heavy dose of sightseeing at such iconic stops as Paris, Nice, and Normandy.

alumni updates

After 30 years as a professor of English at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, Nancy Barry '77 has retired from the classroom.

Things at the college are changing as they always do. By the time our reunion happens, McDaniel will have a new president, a new provost and several other new members of the administration. New faculty join us every year. The past two years, our first-year classes have had a record 600 or so diverse students from all over the U.S. and from other countries as well. We've started a college chapter of the NAACP on campus. McDaniel is getting bigger. But no matter the changes, it's still the Hill.

So, 'til next time ... stay safe, enjoy the next great adventure, and if you get the chance ... hug a goat. You'll be glad you did!

Keep on keepin' on ...
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Greetings to all who read this Class of 1977 news column. Most of you contributing to this column have written about the ups and downs of living through 2020, the canceled trips and events, the people we miss being with, economic issues, national issues, global issues, etc., but most have expressed the positive. We can all find things for which to be grateful. That makes me glad. Thank you to everyone who has written.

Rob and Betsy Eline Andrews were busy through mid-March 2020, when the world shut down due to the pandemic. They did go to Denton, Maryland, for Presidents' Week-end in 2020 to have a great time catching up with **Jan Wilder** and **Robyn Kramer Talbott**, and they were able to see **Jerry** and **Cathy Dannenfeldt Landsman** once in early March. Betsy's mom turned 88 in February 2020 and they were blessed to have had a grand birthday party for her at Brightview Assisted Living in Mays Chapel, Maryland. Two weeks later, things shut down and Betsy has only been able to visit her outside once since then. Playing golf has kept them sane through the pandemic. Their club shut down for a few months but outside rounds were still available. They broke their own personal records last year with over 125 rounds! The one upside has been that they are communicating more with dear WMC friends via texts, emails, and Zoom calls. Rob's been getting a flurry of notes from his Phi Delt brothers who are hopeful for a Homecoming reunion this fall. Zoom happy hours with **Jan Wilder**, **Robyn Kramer**, and **Lonni Myers Bechen** are now the norm. It's like having their own virtual GIGIF!

Their kids — Kevin, 35, and Brian, 38, and his wife, Erica — have been working from home for almost a year. Sales and insurance underwriting are still full speed

ahead whether you're at the computer in the office or your "office" at home. Rob and Betsy flew to Seattle twice to spoil their granddaughters, Theona, 9, and Frankie, 4. They also drove up to Chicago to see Kevin around Memorial Day and for Christmas.

John Barnes and his wife, Mary, moved to Ocean City, Maryland, full time in January 2020. John retired in late 2018, but Mary still works as a project manager for Johns Hopkins Hospital (working from home most of the time). Living in a nearly vacant resort town during the pandemic has been a little weird, but once the weather got nice they were able to enjoy daily happy hours on the beach until sunset. Their children and grandchildren still managed a few visits throughout the season to keep all of them sane. The most unfortunate part of the pandemic was that they did not get to spend much time visiting with fellow WMC alums and Ocean City friends **Bruce Anderson '75**, Mike and **Debi Lanius '75**, **Cameron, Randy '74** and **Nan Dove, Chip '73** and **Norma Hamilton '74**, **Graber, Mark '75** and **Patty Higdon, Larry '75** and **Linda Loock '75**, **Schmidt, and Tom '75** and **Kathy Hamilton '76**, **Trezise**. As of this writing, they are in the process of buying a winter home in Lecanto, Florida, (about an hour and a half north of Tampa). So, beginning with the winter of 2021-22, they will become true snowbirds and are not ashamed of dodging cold weather, in case anyone is wondering. Like many people, they had to cancel travel plans in 2020, but are planning to visit Pebble Beach in August to celebrate John's 65th birthday about 11 months late. Better late than never for this bucket list item! Their children are all healthy and doing well. Son Bryan works for University of Maryland, Baltimore County and lives with his girlfriend, Megan, in Baltimore. Son Mike has his own business (Hill Killer Apparel) and lives with his wife, Jennifer, in Reisterstown, Maryland. They also have a small place at the beach. Mary's older son Nick and his wife, Alexis, (who both work for CMS) live in Lutherville, Maryland, with their two sons, Angus, 5, and Odin, 3, along with three dogs and two cats. Those little guys are a real joy and John and Mary cherish the time spent with them. Like all completely exhausted grandparents, however, they understand why God does not let old people have babies. Mary's younger son Matt is a U.S. Marine, now based in San Diego, just returned from a 10-month deployment aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. *Nimitz*.

After 30 years as a professor of English at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, **Nancy Barry** has retired from the classroom. She has become a true Iowan and will remain living in her lovely small town. Her years at Luther were full of blessings: two distinguished professorships (one in women's studies and one in the humanities); a semester spent teaching theatre in London; study

abroad trips from Scotland to South Africa. Her greatest love was helping students engage with the writing process in a meaningful way. Luther College often reminded her of her McDaniel mentors and friends, and she is grateful for the life she has built there.

Matthew Bowers is still in Baltimore and still teaching (masked and virtual) classes at McDaniel as an adjunct lecturer while composing notes of apology in his head to all of his WMC professors. Daughter, **Anna Bowers '06 Shortridge**, recently completed her master's in museum studies at The George Washington University, where she works and is patiently waiting for museums to reopen. Her husband, **Tom Shortridge '07**, edits videos for a defense department contractor.

Dale Brenneman and his wife of 43 years, Cheryl, moved a few years ago from Sykesville, Maryland, to Ocean City, Maryland. Dale still works in the computer software industry. Recently they both had COVID-19; Dale had very mild symptoms but Cheryl was hard hit, resulting in a week in the hospital.

Franklin Caplan reports that his family is healthy and doing well. He still enjoys lawyering full time. Months before the public health lockdown, Frank had a head start working from home, choosing to do so after a torn Achilles tendon sustained, embarrassingly, in a pickleball match. Being homebound has offered him contentment despite isolation. He says if one could pick a place to weather a pandemic, Key Biscayne, Florida, would be a good choice. He walks on the beach most days. (Hear Class Reporter Donna's sigh here ...) He has enjoyed filling time with productive work and all sorts of diversions, too. His commutes either to the kitchen, the dining room, or an outdoor terrace leave ample time for exercise and enrichment, including those online guitar lessons in which "I channel the younger me and Rick Weber practicing 'You Ain't Goin' Nowhere,' hoping to approach Jack Buckley in fretboard dexterity and fingerpicking." And then there is Frank's government service. After being term-limited in 2018, he ran again in 2020 and was elected to serve on his local village council. He says, "It's a small town on an island, but we have our share of complications, like keeping people safe from infection, helping secure appointments for vaccinations, helping our businesses stay viable, and planning and budgeting to keep rising seas at bay." Frank says he and his wife Gina are aging nicely, keeping up with friends and family and coping with the inevitable losses that come with age. Their daughter Cailen, 26, has been able to visit Key Biscayne for extended periods, working remotely on her responsibilities in legal and governmental affairs for the Burning Man organization in San Francisco. Frank remarks here that he "took her to visit McDaniel when she

was considering colleges. We stopped at Baugher's for coffee. She was not familiar with the country music that was playing, which may have created a mental reservation in her mind. She wound up at Colgate." That environment and her positive experiences there reminded Frank of his at Western Maryland in important ways. Frank says he had a great time at our class gathering in 2017. He thought it interesting that many conversations were less about the good old days than about the present, what we were doing, and what we hoped to be doing next. **Bob Hulburd** and Frank took a look backward though, in a conversation Frank still remembers in detail. Frank was very sorry to learn about **Judy Wood's** illness and passing, and is grateful to **Nan Hollinger Gangler** for staying in touch. He enjoyed hearing recently from ex-roommate and still-soulmate **Carl Gold '78**. Carl sent Frank photos of a Washington, D.C., field trip from long ago with **Jeff Mintzer**, looking pensive at the Hirshhorn Museum, maybe contemplating his senior piano recital. What was it, Schubert? Speaking of music, Frank hopes **Terry Holland** will send him her playlist.

Ed Carll writes that it has been over two and a half years since he retired from full-time pastoral ministry serving in the United Methodist Church. He notes that it has been over 45 years since meeting **Ira Zepp '52** at WMC. Ed says, "He invited me to seriously consider history, theology, social trends, and liberation movements! I had never been exposed to his way of thinking ... expansively! It was his influence on my academic and spiritual life that set the tone for my seminary training, quite a few further academic pursuits, and how I went about shaping life-together in the congregations I served in New Jersey. In retrospect, the wake I have left behind seems to have been 'always invitational'; not coerced, forced, or pressured. (Shout out to 'Zeppji', as he dances with the angels!)" Ed now has lots of time for hunting and fishing; time to serve on the board of directors of the United Methodist Communities of New Jersey, bringing abundant life to senior living; singing for one and a half years in the N.J. Master Chorale (pre-COVID-19); and enjoying their new home, along with some relaxing retirement travel with **Gabriele Lesti M.Ed. '77 Carll**. Ed says the past year has been an exercise in endurance and an attempt to stay sane with the political climate, racial climate, pandemic and vaccine issues, and the once-in-a-lifetime experience of celebrating our religious and national holidays virtually via Zoom and Facebook!

Pete, M.Ed. '80 and **Korby Bowman '78 Clark** are very happy grandparents to nine grandchildren ages 2 to 9. Pete is still managing partner (for 20 years now) of The Ranch Golf Club in western Massachusetts. They are lucky they were able to spend most of the winter in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Robin Stifler Cooney writes that what happens when you cannot travel, eat out, or visit with friends is that you walk daily, kayak nearby lakes and rivers, fly (in your own small plane) and enjoy the beauty all around, play with grandchildren, and Zoom a lot. That sums up much of Robin and **David Cooney's '76** past year. They are grateful for good health and are looking forward to wonderful adventures post-COVID-19.

Carla Criss had been enjoying retirement and gardening and travel before COVID-19 hit. Her wife, Beth, also just retired. Carla's mom lives with them as they stay safe and pray for post-COVID-19 life.

Lee Dawkins is working for Mars, Inc., and now living near the ocean in Delaware. He hopes you all liked the M&M Super Bowl spot! He is on the ecommerce side of the pet food world, the Royal Canin and Eukanuba brands. He loves the job and plans to keep doing it for a bit. His daughter was married in October, after three tries, due to the pandemic. The big destination wedding was replaced by a small gathering outside of Philadelphia. His son, who is a lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard, is being transferred from close-by Washington, D.C., to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Lee is the state of Delaware admission partner coordinator for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Normal college fairs and Congressional events were replaced with Zoom interviews of students trying for admission to the Class of 2025.

At the ripe age of 64, **Jack Dyson** started working for globalLead as the director of operations. This is a ministry that provides youth ministry, church leadership, and soul care trainings around the world. They have offices in Kenya, Nepal, and the Philippines and will be opening up an office in Belgium. Jack played competitive soccer until he hit 61 in an over-40 league. He was playing with kids and even got to score a few goals. Twenty years ago, he started putting together baseball tours around Major League Baseball. Through the years, he has been to every MLB stadium at least twice. At the game where Jack finished his second circuit, his son finished his first. It was in Seattle against the Orioles and the O's won. Two of his three grandkids were born in Barcelona, Spain. The Dysons loved visiting their daughter and son-in-law there. Two of the many highlights of those visits were getting to drive both of his grandkids home from the hospital after arriving in Spain early that morning, and going with his son-in-law to watch the Barcelona soccer team play and Lionel Messi score two goals.

Jack Eckles is still working with many leading-edge technologies addressing microelectronics, wild and exciting chemistry projects, pollution prevention and cleanup, and more. He enjoys spending time riding horses in endurance competitions with his wife, Cindy, as well as with his children, Andrew and Kim. He is still out in Wyoming

with a small spread, with plenty of grazing for their horses and neighbors' cattle. Jack also enjoys being a volunteer firefighter and helping folks in the area.

Robyn Furness-Fallin is sure, like many of our classmates, her news from 2020 is slim due to staying safe at home. Robyn and her husband, Bill, moved from Atlanta to their home on the water in Fairhope, Alabama, in July 2019. Robyn started to work from home at that time as vice president of development and alumni relations for Oglethorpe University until she retired in March 2020 and started as a senior consultant with the DBD Group (a consultancy to the nonprofit sector). She has been busy helping a number of nonprofit organizations with their fundraising strategies since then. 2020 also brought two hurricanes — Sally and Zeta — to their front door. Fortunately, the damage to their home was not severe enough to cause them to need to move out. But the wheels of insurance companies and FEMA are slow, so they have just been able to start repairs. Their hope is they will all be completed before the 2021 season starts and that the upcoming hurricane season will be a quiet one in the Gulf! That's our hope for you also, Robyn.

Nancy Schwarzkopf Gaffney and her husband, Tom, are living in Florida and have been enjoying kayaking (sometimes with gators nearby on the shore) and biking. Nancy has taken up pickleball — think doubles tennis for old people on a smaller court with a wiffleball and smaller paddle. Since the pandemic started, the "Munchkins," **Nan Hollinger Gangler, Beth Heckert, M.Ed. '84 Tevis, Terry Holland, Sherry Wensel '78, M.Ed. '84 Bowers,** and **Brenda Eccard '79 Dellinger** have been getting together weekly for a Zoom call. She says it has been great seeing everyone and getting a chance to visit, even if it is remotely. They have celebrated birthdays, played bingo, and had some dress-up parties — anything to add a little something special to their days. Nancy's son is in New York City and so far Nancy only has grand-fur-babies: a cat and a puppy. Nancy is retired now but will work for about six weeks during tax season doing personal tax returns, keeping her skills current but not working full time.

Nan Hollinger Gangler and her husband celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary in June 2020. They traveled to Alaska in September 2019 and enjoyed a wonderful cruise. Their daughter had a baby girl in August, which brings their grandchildren total to seven: four boys and three girls. Nan retired from 36 years of teaching physical education and health in Garrett County in June 2019. Since that time, she has been babysitting, crocheting, and playing her hammered dulcimer (look her up on Facebook to hear her play).

The pandemic curtailed all of **Kim Grove's** singing and travel opportunities for

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[Class Noted]

Nicki Pesik '86 inducted into Academic All-America Hall of Fame



The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) announced the 2021 Academic All-America Hall of Fame, and McDaniel has one of the four inductees who were honored in a ceremony Wed., June 9, during CoSIDA's virtual convention.

Nicki Pesik '86, a volleyball and softball player for the Green Terror from 1982-1986, joins Dr. Myron Rolle, Florida State University (football), Ann (Woods) Smith, University of Florida (women's gymnastics), and Adam Vinatieri, South Dakota State University (football) in the 2021 class.

The 2021 class is highlighted by a Rhodes Scholar (Rolle), the NFL's all-time leading scorer (Vinatieri), a two-sport athlete turned global health leader (Pesik), and an elite gymnast now leading international communications efforts (Smith).

Pesik graduated summa cum laude from then-Western Maryland College with a degree in Biology, where she was a Phi Beta Kappa. As a volleyball player, Pesik was a two-time first-team All-Middle Atlantic hitter in 1984 and 1985 with a career .244 hitting percentage and 202 career blocks. She led the Green Terror to a 155-27-1 record and four NCAA tournament

appearances. As an outfielder in softball, Pesik was a three-time all-conference selection and a career .474 hitter, still tops in program history. She had a .548 career on-base percentage and was 15 for 15 in stolen-base attempts. Her .737 career slugging percentage ranks third all-time.

Pesik earned magna cum laude honors from the University of Maryland School of Medicine and completed her residency at the University of Cincinnati Department of Emergency Medicine as an aeromedical flight physician.

She is currently an associate director at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) where she oversees domestic preparedness and global health. Pesik works with other countries to improve their capacity to prevent and respond to infectious disease outbreaks, supervising and mentoring public health advisors, budget analysts, medical and veterinary officers. She helped keep the nation safe during Africa's Ebola outbreak and worked as the senior CDC official for Zika virus response in Atlanta and Puerto Rico.

Pesik has published numerous articles, book chapters, and abstracts, and has been recognized multiple times by the CDC and the Food and Drug Administration for excellence in leadership. In 2006, she received the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service for her leadership during the response to Hurricane Katrina.

Pesik is the second former Green Terror student-athlete to be inducted into the Academic All-America Hall of Fame. Dr. Claudia Henemyre Harris '92, a softball and soccer player, was inducted in 2005.

Created in 1988, the Academic All-America Hall of Fame recognizes former Academic All-Americans who received a college degree at least 10 years prior, have achieved lifetime success in their professional careers, and are committed to philanthropic causes. The four Hall of Fame inductees will join the prestigious 158-member CoSIDA Academic All-America Hall of Fame.

the past year. His exciting news is that they welcomed their first grandchild on Dec. 4, 2020. Adalynn Sophia Grove was born in Cincinnati to son, Jim, and his wife, Megan. As of January 2021, Carlton Harris still lives in China with his wife and youngest son. His work (mergers and acquisitions) had a good year in 2020 but is slowing down now. He had some really interesting projects last year, in Indonesia and Malaysia, and is now working on projects in Thailand and Vietnam. Unfortunately, he cannot travel to those countries, so it is a little frustrating and moving slower than he would like. He has not been able to leave China (not even to go to his office in Hong Kong) in nearly a year and has done business by Zoom. His wife, Ji Mu, works for Amazon now in sourcing, and is doing well. She works very hard and travels within China a fair amount. His youngest son is 11 now, in sixth grade at Shekou International School in Shenzhen. He is a smart kid with a lot of (sometimes too much) personality. His interests are music, history, and computer games (Anno 1800 and Minecraft are his passions). He is fully bilingual in Chinese and English, but learning Chinese is a lot of work, even for native speakers! He's a great pianist and is currently studying for his G8 ABRSM exam, making his parents really proud. Carlton's other three kids from his first marriage all live and work in the U.S.: Mac, 32, is in Philadelphia; Maeve, 30, is in Los Angeles, and Grace, 28, is in New York City. The latter two have been working from their apartments for about nine months. Mac works for Susquehanna International Group in operations, Maeve for MGM in sales, and Grace for Madison Square Garden Company in public relations. All three have significant others in their lives, but no marriages yet. He was not able to see any of them in 2020, which was sad, but technology, of course, allows them to stay in touch with video calls and chats. Carlton got a toy poodle puppy on Christmas Day 2020, and she has been keeping him busy.

Jeff '76 and Cathy Clayton Heinbaugh's children both purchased new homes this past year and Jeff and Cathy were able to help them move, despite COVID-19 restrictions. They also both had their first children, and Jeff and Cathy are very excited to be grandparents. They were able to spend time with both new babies, getting to know them and helping with the many adjustments new parents have to make. They did have a very low-key family vacation at the beach, pretty much sticking to the house and the beach. Jeff retired in 2019, so they had about eight months of mission trips and vacation travel before everything started closing down due to the pandemic. They have become used to being home together, taking walks for exercise, cooking all of their meals, and spending time working on household projects.

This is one of those years that they would say has been filled with some of the highest and some of the most difficult moments of their lives.

Susan Burgard Hermann says 2020 was to be one of her busiest travel years post-retirement. She had four cruises scheduled (Australia, Lisbon to London, a Vienna river cruise, and a Caribbean cruise out of Miami), a five-day Tauck trip to Nashville, Tennessee, and three weeks of timeshare in Hilton Head, South Carolina. However, everything was canceled due to the virus. She did receive a refund for Australia, but not for the other three cruises. Sue has been staying home, trying to stay healthy while looking after her mother and her cat. She can hardly wait to start traveling again. She has also been enjoying reading Cynthia Longley Kehr's book that was recently published.

Gary and Mary Frank Honeman continue to live in their downtown Westminster, Maryland, home, where they have lived since 1979. Gary wrapped up a 30-year career with the Carroll County Youth Service Bureau in April 2020 and is now an adjunct professor at Towson University in the graduate counseling program and also at McDaniel teaching in the Social Work Department where it all began. Mary continues to work at the Westminster Library, going on 10 years. They enjoy yoga together, and Gary stays active running with the Westminster Road Runners Club. They also find time for picnic drives in their Miata, with the top down in the warm months! They have a beautiful granddaughter, Londyn Blu Honeman (almost 2 years old) who lives with her parents, Chris and Brittny Honeman, in Cambridge, Maryland. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has curtailed visits to the shore since last fall. Their oldest son, Justin, continues to love Colorado where he enjoys the music scene as well as running, biking, fishing, hunting, and all the state has to offer to an outdoor enthusiast. The Honemans stay in touch with Mark and Lori Grimes Horton and Karen Zawacki Pillelts, and are looking forward to more events together in coming years.

Cynthia Longley Kehr has been retired for over five years now and loves it. The time has flown by. The best news is that her family is happy and healthy. Their kids and their spouses are all able to work from home, so everyone is employed and safe. Her biggest news is the Amazon publication of her book "Tales of Twinbrook and Beyond," which is a compilation of stories of her life, written mostly for her children and grandchildren. The process took over two years and was the perfect COVID-19 project since it kept Cynthia blissfully occupied and distracted. Now that the book is finished, she has gotten back to sewing and enjoying extended visits with her three grandchildren. The Choral Arts Society of Frederick performances have been put on hold for

now, but her group is planning to make a virtual recording this spring as part of the semester offerings. She registered for choir through Frederick Community College and now is a college student again. One bonus of pandemic isolation is a weekly Zoom call with eight of her WMC friends from other graduating classes. They have kept up with one another like never before. Cynthia also stays in regular contact with Fred Lister after they met up in Easton, Maryland, several years ago. They visited a few times before the pandemic. Fred's wife, Kay, plays the harp and Cynthia's husband, Alan, plays the guitar, so they had lively concerts with singing and a variety of music. Last summer, Alan and Cynthia stopped at the college on a motorcycle ride. She says it was fun to walk around the gorgeous and nearly-empty campus. Except for some improvements, it looks just about the same as when we were there so many years ago.

In January, after almost three years, Dave Lacquement departed the Department of the Treasury as the deputy assistant secretary for cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection and is looking for his next adventure. He and his wife, Deb, are virtually enjoying their two young grandbabies with two more on the way.

Jerry and Cathy Dannenfeldt Landsman suffered several heartbreaking events in the past two years. In June 2019, they both lost their fathers, after various hospitalizations and hospice care. Cathy's mother went to live in a memory care unit, where she passed away this past December. But there have been blessings, too. Both of their children purchased and moved into new homes in 2020. Amy continues teaching fifth grade in northern Virginia, although virtually right now. Andrew and his family live close by, where he is natural resources program manager for the C&O Canal National Historical Park. Granddaughter Addison continues to charm them with her sense of humor and enthusiasm for just about everything. Jerry has stopped restoring trunks and devotes his free time to buying and selling model trains and Christmas village pieces. Their basement is filled with train and Christmas village layouts. They managed to make it to South Carolina just before the shutdown last March, for one of their semi-annual visits with Rob and Betsy Eline Andrews. They have missed visiting with other alumni friends, but still stay in contact with Bob "Cubby" Mitchell '76, M.Ed. '82, and Rick Weber '76 and their wives, and Ray Ulm '76.

After 35 years, Gay Jewell Love, M.Ed. '85 recently retired from McDaniel College. She held several part-time positions through the years: course instructor, student-teacher supervisor, and most recently, the undergraduate elementary PDS liaison. She says she will miss interacting with McDaniel students, colleagues, and the CCPS teachers. Her husband, Dick Love '78, recently met

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alumni updates

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a young dentist interested in practicing in Frederick County. Instead of hiring him as an associate, they agreed that Dr. Feldman would buy the practice and Dick would work for him. He is loving practicing dentistry without the added pressure of running the business. Gay continues to handle the financial aspects of the dental practice transition. Hopefully her hours will be cut soon. They were looking forward to the arrival of their fourth grandchild in May.

Harry and **Deb Malone** are still in Clifton, Virginia, and doing fine. Deb babysits their 1-year-old grandson and tutors their 6-year-old granddaughter. They are expecting another grandchild in September, which will be the first for their youngest son and his wife. Harry is still running their consulting firm (Deb is the majority owner) and they just hit a milestone of 10 years! They hope to keep it open and thriving a few more years, then retire. Last year, they postponed their 2020 Viking River Cruise and the Passion Play until next year. This year, they have canceled their 2021 Princess Cruise from England to Scandinavia and St. Petersburg, Russia. They hope to get to Palm Springs, California, this summer to participate in the Corvette NCRS Club National Convention, but it depends on how things progress in California. As for WMC alumni, Harry stays in touch to varying degrees with **Tony** and **Sue Fairchild '79, M.Ed. '85 Sager: Rob Platky '76; Dave Lacquement: Charlie Walter: John Wheatley; Kip and Ellen Scroggs '79, M.Ed. '79 Walton; Curt '75** and **Nancy Dean Mattingly; Keith Dill '76; Tom Lapato '99; Ryan Legge '00; Grayson Winterling '66, M.Ed. '73; Wayne Winterling '80; and Wade Heck '81.**

Since their last update, **Curt '75** and **Nancy Dean Mattingly** have two grandkids, Alexa and Dean, 4 and 2, who, happily, live nearby, in Great Falls, Virginia. They see them often, which makes their life gratefully happy and full. Curt still brews much of the year and continues with his Lutheran Brew Crew, hoping to get back to it once this pandemic is over. Nancy is still a guardian with Honor Flight Chicago, and hopes that they can fly our heroes once again this year to Washington, D.C., for their day of honor. She is also a member of their Lutheran Church Care Ministry, reaching out to people who might be shut-ins, and keeping up with prayer concerns and requests.

Since last writing, **Karen Miller** resigned from her job as academic dean at Oldfields School in order to take care of her mother after she had a stroke several years ago. She called that job "Driving Miss Wanda." They had a few good years together until she passed away in April 2019. Karen has since returned to Oldfields as a volunteer in the library and archives. She loves being there, and it is good to have a purpose, especially in these COVID-19 times. Being around teenagers keeps her young at heart! Because she is working in a school

that is fully open, she has been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and life goes on, although she is still really careful about what she does and where she goes.

Dave Reinecker writes that his family has truly been blessed. His wife, **Cheryl Collins '79 Reinecker**, retired in 2019 after teaching 32 years at Bermudian Springs High School in York Springs, Pennsylvania. Timing could not have been better as the following year they began dealing with the COVID-19 issues. Their family has been healthy as they all curtail public travels. Dave says the pandemic has had a definite effect on the farming economy. Much of their pork and beef was grown for the restaurant trade and that segment of our economy has been affected with lower demand and subsequent price declines. Unfortunately, their production was not easily decreased in a short time frame, so they continue to hope for a return to more normal demand and higher market prices soon. On the crop side, their 2020 summer growing season was extremely dry in south central Pennsylvania with corn and soybean yields averaging 40% of normal. Because farmers are eternal optimists, they hope and pray for more normal and timely moisture in 2021. They welcomed their fourth grandchild in February, making it two girls and two boys. What a joy for Grandpa and Nana, as they all live within 2 miles so they are able to hug them often!

John "Gino" Robinson retired in 2017. He and Mary established residency in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, in January 2020. They returned to Maryland twice during the year for about a month to visit family. In Florida, they live within 9 miles of their son and his wife in Davie, Florida, and about the same distance from their daughter in Hollywood, Florida. They were fortunate to do a lot of traveling before the pandemic, going to Italy, Croatia, California, Texas, and Rhode Island.

Eric Rosenberg writes that all is well in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He says it is hard to believe that he and his wife, Anita, have lived there nearly 20 years since his retirement from the U.S. Coast Guard in 2001. He and his brother, **Mark Rosenberg '79**, are in their 20th year as business partners with Seaside Golf Vacations. Although 2020 was a terrible year for the travel industry, their business managed to survive. During the pandemic and business downturn, Eric was able to get out to play golf quite a bit as the local golf courses were all open with social distancing policies in place. Another great diversion was deep sea fishing! Eric's cousin lives nearby and took him out on his boat on a weekly basis. Eric says it was great to enjoy his company and create some fantastic memories from their successful fishing trips. Eric also enjoyed being out on the water again after nearly 12 years of sea duty with the Coast Guard. While they wish they had seen them in person, Anita and Eric enjoyed FaceTime with their daughter and grand-

son, who live in Tacoma, Washington. Their son lives in Florida, and they were happy to have him visit when they were in Hilton Head, South Carolina, for a long weekend in October, and again when he came to their home for Thanksgiving. Eric and Anita both contracted mild cases of COVID-19 in January 2021. They are thankful they escaped unscathed and extend their condolences to those who lost family members to the pandemic.

Steve Spinelli, Hon. D.B.A. '09 retired as chancellor of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia in June 2018. Steve and **Carol Fulton Spinelli** moved to Massachusetts to be near their grandchildren. Carol left non-profit board seats supporting community music and youth tennis in the greater Philadelphia area, and volunteered for The Philadelphia Orchestra and worked at Villanova University. Steve stayed retired for six months before becoming the president of Babson College. Two grandchildren, Alexander, 5, and William, 3, live in the same town near Boston. Daughter Kate is a full-time mom and a full-time interior designer with Boston-based Isgenuity architecture and design firm. Son Stephen III is teaching at Cornell, won a Grammy, and started a not-for-profit called ONEComposer. This will be the 23rd consecutive summer Carol spends on Nantucket Island. Steve visits as much as he can, and during 2020 spent most of the summer there working remotely.

Robyn Kramer Talbott writes from the Eastern Shore, close to Ocean City, Maryland, that she is teaching special education in Dorchester County, at least for a few more years. She just earned her master's degree in special education (Autism and significant disabilities). She and her husband, Guy, spend most of their free time with their three grandsons (and sometimes their parents) who all live nearby. She gets together with **Jan Wilder** and **Lonni Myers Bechen** several times a year in Bethany Beach, Denton, and Florida ... although that is less lately! **Judy Wood** was also included in the gatherings until she passed away. Judy is really missed.

Kathy McLaughlin Verdi was lucky to spend a few days pre-pandemic in Annapolis, Maryland, catching up with **Ann Jones '76, Debbie Hosey '76 White, Teresa Small Salzano,** and **Anne Duley Small.** While stuck at home over the past year, she read 126 books and completed five quilts for charity.

In August 2020, **Gary Walters** retired from Environmental Resources Management (ERM) after a 30-year career with the company. Although he still very much enjoyed the work he was doing, the work regimen was starting to get in the way of the things he really wanted to do — like fishing and spending more time on the water, playing more golf, traveling, and enjoying the company of his wife of 36 years, Joann. (Not necessarily in that order, of

course.) He also realized that he is a social person who needs in-person interaction, being weary of endless virtual meetings (Teams or Zoom calls) and working remotely from his office above the garage. One of his favorite sayings nowadays is, "I long for a good old handshake or hug." Despite intentions of retiring completely, Gary established an LLC to continue a limited amount of environmental consulting with some select clients. Gary plans to put to use his USCG Commercial Maritime Captain's License he obtained several years ago. In the spring and fall, he plans to do boat deliveries up and down the Intracoastal Waterway. He also plans on working with TowBoatUS (either in the Kent Island/Annapolis, Maryland, region of the Chesapeake Bay or the Englewood area of Florida) "saving damsels in distress" stranded on some sandbar (but figures with his luck it would probably be Larry the Cable Guy, or worse yet, a bunch of intoxicated FBX brothers). Prior to his retirement from ERM, he was asked by the college's Center for Experience and Opportunity to be a member of their Employer Advisory Board (EAB) and is delighted to continue in that role. His participation in the EAB has afforded him the opportunity to meet and work with some great EAB members as well as some extremely talented McDaniel faculty and staff. In spite of the pandemic, Gary continues to stay in touch with a number of alumni, including many FBX brothers, through at least several golf outings each year (**Bob Irvin, Chuck Boehlke '78, Mike Modica '79, Mike Cottingham '78, Judd Miller '78, Terry Koenig '78, Chris Parr '79, Eric Brown '79, Jere Lynch '78, Randy Cole '79, Bob Le Sueur '79, Dale Sillyman '80, Tom Wiederseim '79, Mike Goldstein '81, Bill Brazis '78, and Dick Love '78**). Sadly, however, a key member of the FBX brotherhood and routine participant in those gatherings, **Scott Schneider '78**, passed away in 2020 following a gallant fight with cancer; he will surely be missed by many! After over 40 years, Gary caught up with **Rusty Hess** last summer and spent some great times with Rusty and friends in Saint Michaels, Maryland, and Chestertown, Maryland, during their visits to the Bay from their homes in Pennsylvania. In recent years, several FBX brothers have moved to Kent Island, Maryland, or proximal communities on the Shore — **John "JP" Patrick '80** and his wife, **Nancy Paulsen '78 Patrick**, are now neighbors on Kent Island, and **Rick Morani '81** and his wife, **Ginni Brown '81 Morani**, live nearby in Grasonville, Maryland, so they see each other frequently. In November (mid-pandemic), the Walters attended the wedding of JP and Nancy's daughter, Taylor, at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club on Kent Island. Also attending the wedding was **Stephen Wheeler '76** (JP's cousin and a former roommate of mine). Despite

the logistical issues of holding a wedding during the pandemic, it was a beautiful event that included much reminiscing and storytelling (most of which was true) at the table occupied by the above-mentioned WMCers. Gary says, "If any members of the Class of '77 (or other 'Hill Folks') happen to be passing through either Kent Island, Maryland, or Manasota Key, Florida, please look me up. I've always got a few adult beverages to share and would love to catch up."

Mike Warthen writes that the "traveling Warthens" are moving again, this time from Palm Harbor, Florida, to North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The realtor said they are "halfbacks": people who move to Florida and then move halfway back. They do not want to leave paradise, but they will be within a day's drive from their first grandchild, Emma Rose. A few of the Phi Delt brothers have created an email distribution list, making it much easier to stay in touch and "hurl appropriate insults" at people like **Rick Sause**. Mike is looking forward to Phi Fest at Homecoming 2021, when the virus should be at bay.

Marjorie Feuer Waxenberg recently vacationed in Stowe, Vermont, with her daughter's family, including granddaughter, Madeleine Grace Callery, born on March 11, 2020. Marjorie says she is such a joy. Her daughter works for Google in their advertising/sales department and enjoys it. Luckily she works from home, but taking care of her new baby and working at the same time is quite the feat. Marjorie's son is still living in Minnesota, where he is a market regulations investigator for the Minneapolis Grain Exchange. Marjorie's husband, Steve, is doing well even though he had a heart attack over last Memorial Day weekend. Unfortunately, he's genetically predisposed to coronary artery disease, and so rigidly sticks to the Mediterranean diet. He has lost a lot of weight and looks very thin. In the summer of 2019, Marjorie and Steve flew to Nantucket, Massachusetts, where they met **Steve, Hon. D.B.A. '09** and **Carol Fulton Spinelli** for dinner, catching up on their lives of the past 40 years. Marjorie says they look the same as when we were in school. Marjorie was furloughed from her church choir director/accompanist job recently. She was there for six and a half years and loved to run the rehearsals, but was not crazy about giving up her weekends. She gave up teaching piano back in March when the COVID-19 shutdown occurred.

Rick Williams hit his 30-year mark in the government, working at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as a branch chief in the technology transfer and intellectual property office after leaving his NIH lab 20 years ago as a research virologist. While his office has been working remotely full time during the COVID-19 pandemic, he says it still has been a rewarding experi-

ence working on research collaboration agreements for coronavirus vaccines and therapeutics.

For me, the past several years have been busy. My job has become very busy, to the point that I became a full-time employee in 2020, working many hours of overtime. I am the financial administrative assistant for Intercrossors for America (IFA). This is a nonprofit ministry to encourage prayer for this country and to connect intercessors, across the country and beyond, in prayer. I have been with IFA for four years now. I am also involved as a women's leader in Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-based 12-step program, at a local church. I lead a women's step study once a week and the women's open share portion of the main weekly meeting. The high point of my last two years was the birth of my granddaughter, Abigail Rose. Abi is 2 years old now, and her brother, Nathan, is 8 years old. They live one block from my work, so I am blessed to see them often. Two of my daughters currently live in my home, but our hours are so different that we rarely run into one another. I adopted a rescue dog named Molly two years ago, who is part pharaoh hound, part only the Lord knows. She is a good companion. I have been well so far. I take precautions, but I do not live in fear. May you all stay healthy and well. I hope to see you at our next reunion.

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1983

It's been a year, and as said by Forrest Gump, "And that's all I have to say about that." It was so nice to hear from all of you, and so many people have retired to have fun — hurrah!

Michele Neuman Seburn continues to work from home for Citibank to prevent fraud on our credit cards. She's been there for 34 years so far. Her husband, John, is busy working on his dream of opening the Hagerstown Aviation Museum. They have the site secured and are anxious to get the doors open to the public. They have two children and their youngest, **Scott Seburn**, is in his second year at McDaniel College. Michele enjoys catching up with WMC friends on Facebook.

Mark McCullin, M.S. '83 is celebrating his third anniversary at his retirement job at Brooke Grove Retirement Village working in the human resources department. Mark and **Jennifer Eisberg-McCullin '84** got to spend Homecoming at the home of Ed and **Julie Olmsted '83 Beaudry** with **Ann Blizard '84, M.S. '89 Dell** and her husband, Dan;

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alumni updates

Judy VanDuzer '83 Feeney now lives and works in Aurora, Colorado, and is enjoying hiking and skiing.

Kathy Maxwell Mayne and her husband, Marty; and **Jacki Anderson Stranathan** and her husband, Malcolm. They missed **Bruce Mable**, who was stuck in Canada due to the border being closed, but they got to talk on Zoom. They hear from **Luis Aranaga** from Chicago and occasionally from others on Facebook, which helps them to keep up with things Hill-related.

Judy VanDuzer Feeney has worked for the Department of Defense (DoD) for 35 years. She is building up her retirement account before retiring. Since 2018, she and her husband have been taking advantage of diversity tours through the DoD. They are empty nesters, not because the kids moved out of Maryland, but because they are the ones who moved out of Maryland! They now live and work in Aurora, Colorado. They call Colorado their adventure and are enjoying hiking and skiing.

Dale Dutton and wife, Kathy, continue to live in Northern California wine country and are enjoying a semi-retired life. He does contracting work for the FBI and teaches at the local junior college. His fun job is pouring wine at a local winery. They are empty nesters, which allows them to travel around the country and internationally. Dale is looking forward to our 40th Reunion.

Bob Heckle is the manager at Sol Levinson Funeral Home in Owings Mills, Maryland. He has been there for 35 years. Both of his and **Sheri Bair '84 Heckle's** children, **Zach Heckle '14, M.S. '17** and **Lindsay Heckle '16** graduated from McDaniel College. They stay busy with year-round yardwork. They still enjoy living in Westminster, Maryland, but the sounds of the ocean keep calling them. He hopes that for his next update, he will be relaxed, tan, and living at the beach.

Dwight and **Brenda Jones Eichelberger** had to get something off their chests: “What we did in 2020: shampooed carpets, dusted, washed floors, canceled every last plan we made, sorted through piles of junk, worked on puzzles that made us feel dumb, baked too many sweets, unclogged bathtub drains (challenging!), dusted, reorganized all the bookshelves according to genre, played lots of ‘Pandemic’ (two-player), posted lots of pictures of our cats to Facebook, held two-person celebrations of every major and minor holiday along with all birthdays, rewatched videos, hung all the pictures that were collecting dust behind the bedroom door, read the news on our phones, dusted, shopped for food at 6 a.m., acquired too many face masks, dusted, Zoomed, and went for long walks around the neighborhood avoiding the neighbors. Working from home became living at work. And then we dusted. We would love to hear from anyone from WMC ... or anyone at all ...” I think that we can all relate.

Matt and **Theresa Gertner, M.Ed. '86 Kormann** are doing well. Theresa is working as a music teacher for Montgomery County (Maryland) Public Schools, and Matt is

enjoying retirement. They welcomed their first grandchild, Lucas, in November. Their youngest son, **Tommy Kormann**, continues the WMC tradition as a current sophomore. During the pandemic, they enjoyed long walks at Western Regional Park where they were always amazed at how many WMC alumni they saw. They keep in touch with **Ellen Nash-West, Jim Cook, Nelson Thacker '82, Jeff Stone '82**, and his wife, Vicki, as well as their neighbor, **Wayne Tart '81**.

Peter Norman and his wife, Jane, live in Towson, Maryland. After 37 years in a government job, Peter retired. They have two grown daughters.

Rixey Leberz Hoult is a stay-at-home mom with no kids at home. She also coaches part time for Monocacy Aquatic Club and especially loves teaching 6- to 10-year-olds their competitive strokes, though it has been difficult wearing a mask. She and her husband, Chris, live in Frederick, Maryland, and have two grown children. She hopes to see **Shelley Haydak Sweeney, Kaki Brusca Wynn, Michelle Neuman Seburn, Breeze Holland Anderson, Patsy Moyles, Kathy Norris**, and **Carol Resnick '82** when we can safely gather again.

Mollie King retired in 2018 after almost 35 years in public service, working for the Voice of America and its parent agency, which is now called the U.S. Agency for Global Media. Her husband is also retired, and they are enjoying life in Calvert County, Maryland. She is the chapter regent of John Hanson Chapter NSDAR, and active in various historical and genealogical societies as well as nature and conservation groups. She is easy to find on Facebook, where she spends way too much time!

Stan Murray is slowly retiring by going to part time after 40 years in the building industry. He enjoys golfing and traveling. He and his wife, Chris, were married 37 years ago in Big Baker.

Stacy Procter Shaffer has been able to spend time with her grandson, which is truly the best gig ever. Her law practice has continued to be open even during the lockdown. She stays sane by touching base with my WMC pals **Kaki Brusca Wynn, Peg Houghton Kennedy**, and **Dana Hill**.

Darryl Grant and his wife, Susan, live in Potomac, Maryland. They have two grown sons. Daryl has been a federal employee for 32 years and is currently working for Health and Human Services (HHS) as a customer liaison for a shared service provider that falls under the HHS Assistant Secretary for Administration. Susan works part time as a billing manager for a psychologist and is also a fitness instructor and personal trainer. They are very involved in their synagogue, Congregation Har Shalom, also located in Potomac, Maryland. Though it has been a long time since graduating WMC, now McDaniel, he still carries many fond memories of his years there and reading about the lives of our classmates in *The Hill*.

Cathy Hosley Wattenberg has spent the last year helping her staff transition to remote working. She is the director of publications at the American Association of Immunologists. She still sees the gang—**Nina Blecher, Meredith Zimmerman, Ellen Schaefer-Salins, Karen Messick Street**, and **Alison Warner Good**—on Zoom calls.

Beth White Werrell was fortunate to move her mother-in-law to assisted living from Florida to Carroll County, Maryland, before COVID-19 hit. Beth retired from her position as a marketing copywriter last year. She has been doing some freelance writing and loves pursuing her interests in knitting, quilting, fiction writing, drawing, and painting.

Paul Parlette and his wife, **Nancy Turner '82 Parlette**, celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary in 2021. Paul continues to work for the Department of Defense.

Jerry Balentine and his wife, Victoria, are building a farm in Woodstock, New York. They received official New York State designation and raise goats, chickens, fruit trees, large vegetable gardens, and dogs. Of their four children, they still have one at home. Jerry has been the dean of the medical school for three years but recently took the role of executive vice president and chief operating officer of the New York Institute of Technology.

Angela Jones Lins retired from teaching after 38 years. She and her husband moved to Connecticut to be close to their daughter and son-in-law. She misses crabs, scrapple, and rockfish. She is looking forward to reconnecting with other WMC alumni.

Robin Erickson, M.S. '02 Staub retired from 37 years with Carroll County (Maryland) Public Schools just in time to miss this year of craziness of adapting to teaching online. She and her husband, Joe, were able to reconnect with **Rob** and **Sue Lucy Maseth** for an evening at Old Westminster Winery. They are able to visit their daughter, **Rachel Staub '14**, and two grandchildren often.

Steve Goon continues working as general manager/plant manager for a rubber recycling plant, where they turn old tires into rubber mulch. He enjoys riding motorcycles and playing with his seven grandchildren.

Bob Iber continues to work for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He was very busy with the COVID-19 response and getting the new administration up to speed while working from home. He and his wife have a small farm in Sparks, Maryland, and enjoy long walks with their dogs. He gets to visit his parents often where they live in a nearby nursing facility. He is looking forward to traveling again.

Kaki Brusca Wynn retired in 2017 after 34 years in the financial software industry. She keeps busy volunteering at a local food bank, traveling, reading, and rediscovering the joy of sewing. She and her husband, Patrick, downsized to a townhouse in Oella,

Maryland, to be closer to her sister, Angela. She loved seeing so many faces at our last Reunion and hopes we have another great turnout for the next one.

Melissa Main began working for Bon Secours Mercy Health in Ministry Formation in 2018. Their programs focus on the ministry of Catholic health care and bringing compassionate ministry of Jesus to all patients. She lives in Walkersville, Maryland, with her cat, Lucky. She keeps in contact with **Rixey Leberz Hoult**.

Lisa Stahl, M.Ed. '84 Gastelle retired after 35 years teaching at the Maryland School for the Deaf. She and her husband, Greg, got to travel to Maine and Costa Rica before restrictions began last year. They also spent a week in Florida visiting **Stacie Matzorkis Dashiell** and her husband, Dave. Lisa has been hiking on every trail she can find in a 30-mile radius. She has been in contact with **Erin O'Connell Peiffer; Jane Krug; Annette Horn, M.Ed. '85 Seiler; Lori Stratmann Zentgraf; Debbie Armsworthy Shifflette; Beth White; and Becky Poynter Kirkner**.

Rick Koplowitz moved to Gaithersburg after living for 30 years in Germantown, Maryland. He does IT work as an Agile Coach but has moved over to the consulting world as a global defense contractor. He continues to play guitar, which helped keep him busy while being stuck at home. Look him up on YouTube to see a few of his performances. He keeps in touch with **Greg Peterson '80, Steve Ports**, and **Pete Weller**, all of whom he was in a band with at school, notably writing and performing original songs for credit during Jan Term (“Jamming for Credit”). They have been keeping up with each other on Zoom. **Peggy Stonebeck Beardmore** lives just down the street from him in Severna Park, Maryland. Her husband, Paul, is in a band called Aural Disturbance that practices across the street from Rick's house. Free concerts! Peggy enjoys collecting the works of Laurel Burch, who she met in person and painted a picture just for Peggy. She also met Steve Tyler in person at a fundraiser. If you know Peggy, you know everyone!

After 38-plus years with the U.S. Marine Corps, **Kent Galvin** is hanging it up for good at the end of June 2021. He says it's been a great ride, but it's time to start enjoying the retired lifestyle. Sheila and Kent are planning to pack up an RV and go relax at tons of yet-to-be-decided fun locations! No watch, no timecard, no adult supervision. They are also looking forward to spending time with 10 grandkids (and counting). “Best to all my Bachelor Bros. Life is blessed and good!”

I tried to keep this column light after all we have been through. It's been nice looking through old yearbooks to check on spelling, etc. We look so young, but I still feel that I am 19! Brad and I enjoy our life in Severna Park, Maryland—the wine store is only a block away! That came in handy.

I retired from teaching at Broadneck High School this year, but I at least got to see some students in person during hybrid learning. We enjoyed many long walks and meeting neighbors. We ran into **Patsy Moyles** at a local watering hole, and she continues to enjoy her retirement. Even with the gray hair, she looks the same as she did when we were 19! Bobby and the Believers have not played this year, but have scheduled gigs for the fall, so we are keeping our fingers crossed. Our kids all live close by so we get to see them in person. Our grandson is 5 years old and an expert on dinosaurs and is shocked that I am not! Our nephew, **Cameron Etris**, is a junior at WMC on the basketball team, so we are able to visit campus regularly to see all the changes, especially the Roj Student Center. I keep in touch with **Nancy Zuidema '82 Radcliffe** and **Corjie Simmons '82, M.Ed. '86 Tarlton**. I enjoy writing this very much and thank you for all the encouragement that you give me.

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1989

Greetings to the wonderful Class of 1989! What a crazy few years we've had since my last column! Many of us gathered together in October 2019 to celebrate our 30th Reunion. I saw several of our classmates the night before Homecoming as well as at the football game! It was a beautiful weekend and so fun to be back on the Hill. Then the world shut down! Hopefully you were able to stay safe and still have a wonderful year. With any luck, we will all get together soon now that life is beginning to return to normal! Here's some news from our class.

Sandi Stevens Corbo is enjoying her retirement from Baltimore County Public Schools! She and her husband, Joe, celebrated with a trip to Switzerland and then she went right to work for Senior Move Management Company and is loving it! Their daughter, Maggie, is a junior at the University of Florida. They fill their weekends with hiking and when they have the time, they enjoy trips on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Deborah Ridpath is currently working as an executive producer on the third season of “Welcome to Plathville,” a TV series that offers a comedic commentary on parenting and family life. Deborah still lives in Los Angeles with her partner, Jon Schell, who is a director of photography. They often have the opportunity to work together. Their sons, Hayden, 21, and Adali, 19, live with them while their daughter, Cameron, 23, lives in New York City. She is working for

will.i.am's production company on various projects. Deborah is hoping to get together with **Janine Advice**, who lives in Bermuda, once we are able to travel freely!

Jon Bugg is completing his 28th year of teaching math and coaching basketball. He and his wife, Beth, and are still living in Brookeville, Maryland. Their daughter, Olivia, is completing her sophomore year at Salisbury University, where she is in the school of nursing. Jon likes spending time at the beach with **Kent Pearce '91** and **Bryan Lynch**, and he and Beth enjoy dinners and drinks with **Jim** and **Frances Fato Cardea**. Jon is looking forward to another fun gathering at Ryleigh's with the rest of our class!

Hal “Chip” Brandenburg retired from the U.S. Army in the summer of 2014 after 31 years of service all over the world. He spent a year working for the Harford County (Maryland) Public School system while he was transitioning himself from a helicopter pilot to an airplane pilot. He is now flying full time for the airlines. He loves his job and his new home on the Intracoastal Waterway near Vero Beach, Florida. He is currently based out of Philadelphia International Airport. Flying and traveling to visit their kids and grandkids is their current way of life. Chip says, “hi to all” and he hopes to “maybe see you on board one day!”

Patrick Dail spent his last winter in New York shoveling snow! He is leading a few culture-change initiatives on Rikers Island, New York.

Roland McCahan is still living the beach bum life on the beautiful Outer Banks of North Carolina. He is able to get together with **Ted '90** and **Jessica Diller '88, M.S. '90 Graves** when they vacation there each year. He hopes all of the '89ers are doing well, and just can't believe we are in our 50s now! Despite his best efforts, he is still not dating Liz Hurley.

Denise “Dazy” Laudenberger has been working as an office administrator for Hanger Clinic, a company that provides orthotics and prosthetic limbs. If you saw the movie “Dolphin Tale” about Winter the dolphin and her prosthetic tail, that was Denise's company! For fun, Denise enjoys volunteering for a local cat rescue when there's not a pandemic interfering! During this past year, she has taken up running, something she never thought she'd do! She now runs in virtual races for her fanthropy-related running club.

Bob Hutchinson writes that living through the pandemic made this a challenging year! He and his wife, Angela, took her dad out of his memory care unit to live with them for a few months so he wouldn't be isolated during the COVID-19 lockdowns. Their children, Denver and Daniel, went to school virtually for almost a year, but are now back four days a week. Bob continues to work in clinical compliance at Janssen Pharmaceuticals and enjoys daily hikes with their German shorthaired pointer rescue dog.

Heather Smith '89 Ivy has retired from the FBI after being an agent for 24 years.



FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

[Class Noted]

Two-time master's alumna Tracy Hilliard named finalist for Principal of the Year

Tracy Hilliard M.S. '97, M.S. '05 has been named a finalist for The Washington Post's 2021 Principal of the Year. Hilliard, who earned a master's in Curriculum and Instruction in 1997 and a master's in Human Resources Development in 2005, is the principal of Urbana Elementary School in Frederick County, Maryland. Hilliard began her career with Frederick County Public Schools in 1990 as a first grade teacher, and began working in administration in 1999 as an assistant principal. Prior to joining Urbana Elementary, she served as principal at Tuscarora Elementary and Centerville Elementary. She was the planning principal at Urbana Elementary, which opened in fall 2020, and has been serving as its principal ever since. Hilliard was given the news that she was a finalist at a surprise celebration at the school in April. Each year, The Washington Post presents these awards to encourage excellence in school leadership and contribute to the improvement of education in the Washington metropolitan area.

Heather Smith Ivy has retired from the FBI after being an agent for 24 years. She and her family have moved to Knoxville, Tennessee, to build their dream lake house. Her husband, Alan, is still with the FBI but is planning to retire this summer after 25 years of service. Their daughter, Rachel, 19, is a freshman at University of Michigan studying to be an orthodontist, and Mackenzie, 15, is a freshman in high school and is part of the soccer and track teams. "Reach out if you're in Knoxville!"

Terry Dripps Grothmann is still living in Towson, Maryland, with her husband, Bob, and their kids. Terry has been working as a preschool teacher at Good Shepard School, where **Sarah Kimmel Lemon '87** is the director.

Elizabeth Burkitt Leasure and her husband, Ted, had been traveling throughout the southeast in their new Winnebago van! They've spent a lot of time in Florida visiting Elizabeth's dad and Ted's mother. Their next trip will be to the northeast before they venture out west! All three of their kids are graduating from college this year, so they no longer need to plan around the school calendars. When they are not on the go, they live in Darnestown, Maryland. Elizabeth has hosted some fun gatherings with **Mary O'Hara Zorbach**, **Terry Dripps Grothmann**, **Maria Filshie Douglas**, **Katherine Ertz Gloyd**, and **Frances Fato Cardea**.

Jim and **Frances Fato Cardea** bought a beach house in Bethany Beach, Delaware, and are hoping to connect with alumni down there this summer! Jim is a partner with the law firm of Schochor, Federico, and Staton, P.A. in Baltimore. He has been with the firm for over 20 years. Frances is still the controller at the Aspen Hill Club in Silver Spring, Maryland. She has held that position for 28 years. As their girls have gotten older, the extracurricular activities that kept them so busy over the years have slowed down considerably. Jamie, the oldest, has graduated from Penn State and lives on her own in Howard County. Katie is in her third year at Towson University and Kelly is a freshman in high school. Unfortunately, the golf tournament that Jim has hosted since 1998 in his dad's name to benefit the Fox Chase Cancer Center didn't happen last year due to the pandemic. Hopefully, this year the tournament will be back and be even more successful and attended by even more WMC alumni.

Maria Filshie Douglas and her husband, **Dave '87**, have been enjoying being able to work from anywhere! It has given them the opportunity to spend time at the properties that they own in Aruba and Key West, often with their adult daughters, Carter and Jennifer. When they're not traveling, they live in Easton, Maryland.

Bryan Lynch writes that things are well in Toms River, New Jersey. Bryan has completed his 25th year with the New Jersey

State Police, 17 of those years in the executive protection unit. He plans to retire and start another career once things settle down after the pandemic. Bryan and his wife, Kerri, keep busy with their three kids, Madalyn, 18; Gavin, 16; and Camryn, 12. Last September, Bryan and about 40 other Sig Eps gathered together in Atlantic City. Each summer Bryan, **Jon Bugg**, and **Kent Pearce '91** get together in Ocean City, Maryland.

I actually had a great year despite the lockdown! I loved the special time I had with my kids and husband. It was wonderful to slow down our lives a bit. It truly made me appreciate all that I have. We were able to spend a lot of our summer in Bethany Beach, Delaware, and hope to do the same this year. Our kids will both be in college this fall, so we're planning to do as much traveling as we can. I recently got my real estate license and I'm working as an associate agent with Redfin. It's been great being back to work!

Celebrating our 30th Reunion was really amazing! There is truly a bond between all of us that I just cannot begin to explain. We are a special group of people and believe me, we are making a difference in this world. Please keep in touch with me and each other! Stay safe and healthy!

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1995

Kathleen "Kathy" Montgomery Osher and her family live in Denver. After graduating from then-Western Maryland College, Kathleen went to Washington, D.C., for a junior lobbying career. After some advice from beloved German professor Mohamed Esa, she accepted a fellowship to live and work in Germany, working for Novartis AGRO. Returning to the U.S. in 1998, Kathleen worked for the National Agri-Marketing Association in Kansas City, Kansas, where she met her Midwestern husband, Neil Osher. They have been married for 16 years. After over 20 years of being a nonprofit executive, Kathleen joined the public sector and now serves as the director of community services for the City of Littleton, a suburb of Denver. As a member of the executive team, she oversees the planning, building, code enforcement, and economic development departments. Kathleen and Neil's 12-year-old son, Colin, and 10-year-old daughter, Campbell, are seventh and fifth graders at St. Vincent de Paul School in Denver, and enjoy soccer, basketball, and being Colorado natives. An avid golfer, Kathleen plays in two weekly leagues and with Neil and the kids as much as possible. When golf season is slower and the Colorado mountains are

covered with snow, the family enjoys ski days underneath the beautiful blue skies of Vail and Beaver Creek.

Christy McCauley is married to Bobby Watson and they have three girls: Makenna, 16; Riley, 13; and Paige, 10. She is the owner of Elite Physical Therapy, with two clinics in Howard County, Maryland. She loves working as a physical therapist and appreciates her WMC education and experience working in the training room during college. She spends time watching her kids participate in basketball, soccer, and swimming. She and her husband have enjoyed coaching travel basketball for all three of their girls and have loved taking their teams to Holiday on the Hill basketball tournaments at McDaniel.

Angela "Angie" Graybill Wilhide, M.S. '01 is in her 26th year teaching at East Middle School in Westminster, Maryland. Her oldest son, Levi, is an ICU nurse and is getting married in August. She has a new grandpuppy named Remy (named for Remdesivir, the COVID-19 treatment). Her youngest son, Hunter, graduated from high school last year and is now in a welding program at Harrisburg Area Community College. She and her husband celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary in June.

Mike Becketts shares that after eight years in North Carolina, he moved to Northern Virginia in September 2019 to work as the director of family services for Fairfax County Department of Family Services. Mike and his husband just became certified to pursue adopting!

Scott Stout works at Pivot with daughter, **Kayla Stout '20**.

Tyler Wilson had an interesting year as daughter, senior **Mia Wilson**, and son, sophomore **Matt Wilson**, finished up their spring 2020 McDaniel semesters virtually at home. They got to go back in the fall, but there were no football games or visits to the Hill. Both headed back in the spring hoping for a few lacrosse games in Mia's senior year. Mia also started grad school at McDaniel in January. "**Michele Reavy '94 Wilson** and I have laid low and enjoyed the kids home for an extended period."

Kelly Houghton Kurtz still lives in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with her husband **David Kurtz '96**. They will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in November. Kelly and David have two children: Tyler, 18, is a first-year student and finance major at the University of Delaware, and Kayla, 15, is a sophomore in high school. She plays both lacrosse and tennis and hopes to play tennis in college. Kelly loves getting together with her Phi Sig classmates: **Amy Scott-Sarver**, **Heather Baily Volk**, and **Gina Cappi Chen '94**, and she would love to hear from others.

David and Tineka Ilyes Miller have been happily married for 26 years, and David continues to work as a physician for Ascension Medical Group in Wisconsin. Their oldest daughter graduated from high school in

2020 and is attending college in Illinois. They also have a daughter in high school and a son in middle school. As a family, they enjoy biking, hiking, kayaking, paddleboarding, and skiing, and do much of this in beautiful Wisconsin! They purchased a trailer camper in 2020 and camped in northern Wisconsin and Minnesota. They also traveled to Vail and Breckenridge, Colorado, to ski for Christmas vacation.

Tom Gruneberg, M.S. '02 continues to work as a teacher and coach in Howard County, Maryland, and is currently in year 21. His wife, **Sherri Smith '93 Gruneberg**, continues to work as a pediatrician in Catonsville, Maryland. Their oldest daughter (virtually) graduated from high school in May 2020 and is currently a first-year student at Gettysburg College studying political science and public policy. Their younger daughter is a sophomore at River Hill High School and has participated in soccer, indoor track, and lacrosse. Tom tries to make it to Homecoming on the Hill every year and loves seeing some characters from the early '90s!

Argiro "Argi" Garefalaki Magers currently works for the Maryland State Police Forensic Science Division as the manager of the biology/DNA section. Argi received her bachelor's degree in Biology and soon after a master's in Biology with an emphasis on molecular genetics from Towson University. Upon completion of her studies, she worked at Johns Hopkins University for approximately one year doing research. She was hired by Maryland State Police where she started as a forensic chemist in the biology section. She has worked on hundreds of cases and has analyzed thousands of samples. She was promoted to a casework supervisor in November 2005, and in June 2009 she took the position of the manager of the biology section. She currently coordinates the work among the four units of the biology section (two casework units, a database/collections unit, and a technical/validation unit). Argi has been involved in the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners program, the SAKI committee for the State of Maryland, and the training of Maryland collectors of DNA samples from offenders and those arrested for violent crimes. She is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists, a member of American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the forensic specialist for the Maryland National Missing and Unidentified Persons System Team, the current secretary and immediate past president of Mid-Atlantic Cold Case Investigators Association, and a member of the FBI's Rapid-DNA Task Force. She was recently recognized by the Maryland State Police as an outstanding female member of the department's forensic sciences division. She resides in Sparks, Maryland, with her two children, Georgia, 17, and Andreas, 14, and their pitbull, Brix. They love outdoor activities and spending time with each other.

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alumni updates

Heather Arnold '01 was named only the second female athletic director in Anne Arundel Public School history.

As for me, **Julie Lucas Davitan**, I am living in Boston with my husband and working at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is an investor in Bio-Tech Venture Fund. We love to travel and have now visited 72 countries. I loved living in Santa Monica, California, but am happy to be back on the East Coast with my family.

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Like the rest of us, **John Crumlish** is having a hard time reconciling that it's been 20 years since we left the Hill. It's easy to keep track of, though, since he started his long-standing and successful career with Citigroup the same year. He works in the institutional client group, securities services business as a senior project manager. He remains a Delaware guy, residing in Wilmington, and giving back to his community when he can. He is in his 11th year coaching football at Saint Mark's High School as the offensive coordinator.

Dan D'Agostino returned to school and received a certificate in leadership coaching from Georgetown University. Today, he runs 3Sixty Leadership, where he provides coaching and consulting to business owners, helping them to grow their business, transform their leadership, and improve their culture. Reach out if your team could use some of Dan's expertise!

Ashley Jewell is a high school science teacher in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and adjunct faculty in biology at Anne Arundel Community College. She still loves music and is a clarinetist with local ensembles and also plays piano. She resides in the Annapolis, Maryland, area and loves spending time with family (including her three nieces), traveling (when there isn't a pandemic), paddleboarding, downhill skiing, running, and just being outside enjoying Mother Nature.

Paul Oakes has finished his second master's degree and has enrolled in a doctoral program for education. He still has a passion for football, currently coaching at the high school level. He lives with his two awesome daughters in Wilmington, Delaware, and reports that he is "happy, healthy, and in the best place I've been in my entire life. Never stop chasing happiness." That is the kind of note we all need in 2021, Paul!

Brent '03 and **Christa Farrar Kahuda** still live in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, with their two kids, Caris, 10, and Brenon, 7. Brent left his position in digital marketing to join forces with Christa to become sole owners of Charleston Harbor Veterinarians, located in downtown Charleston, South Carolina.

Christa focuses on patient care while Brent manages the practice, and together they are keeping pets and their owners safe, happy, and full of love!

Scott '00 and **Amy Ellis Trader** can still hear the bells from Big Baker Chapel in the summer evenings in their new forever home in the Meadow Creek neighborhood of Westminster, Maryland. 2020 served up a special kind of crazy for Scott as he spent 10 days in the hospital with a gallbladder infection, recovering just in time to be let go after 15 years at Legg Mason when they were acquired by Franklin Templeton. Scott was out of work for a grand total of 30 days and is back at T. Rowe Price, where he spent five years early in his career. Luckily, both Scott and Amy are working for the same company again (where Amy has been for 17 years) and are fully remote, giving them plenty of time to be with their two kids, Caitlyn (McDaniel Class of '31) and Jacob (McDaniel Class of '34). Both kids are active with the WSA travel soccer teams and are pulling down straight A's while taking classes virtually. Since they were all trapped inside, they decided to add Raven, a Boston terrier puppy to the squad. Her AKC registered name is "2012 Super Bowl Champion Raven" which makes their vet laugh every time she goes in for a checkup. They are looking forward to taking their postponed trip to Disney World and cruising with Scott's parents, **John '70** and **Margaret Cushen '70, M.Ed. '71** Trader, his brother **David '03** and sister-in-law, **Lorrie Rejonis M.S. '15** Trader and their kids, Carson and Kenzie.

Lori Schenck Battersby continues to live at the Jersey shore with her husband, Jeff, her son, Jeffrey, and her two step-daughters, Amanda and Alison. They were thrilled to be able to go on a Disney Cruise last January right before the pandemic! Although this past year has been anything but normal, they appreciated the chance to slow down, spend more time together as a family, and have more time to read and take long walks! They also enjoyed spending more time with **Pete '00** and **Lindy Rinck Marshall** this past summer. Lori is still working in the school district that she attended as a child and is currently the learning disabilities teacher consultant for the Child Study Team. This is her third year in this position, and she is loving the new challenges being presented to her every day! Lori, Jeff, and their children are looking forward to a trip to Vermont this summer and hope to plan more trips in the near future.

Carl Taylor has gone back to the work of the intellectual he was on the Hill, this time seeking a Master of Science of Strategic Intelligence with a concentration in leadership and management from the National Intelligence University in Bethesda, Maryland. He juggles this while still serving as Maj. Carl Taylor, a field grade officer with the Army Reserves, bitten by the bug to serve from his ROTC classes while on campus.

He's currently assigned to an Army Reserve Unit at the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C., which also happens to be where he works as a federal government employee. McDaniel also was the place where 21 years ago, he and his line brother, **Wendell Butler '03**, became members of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. The fraternity made history as the first historically Black Greek letter organization to be recognized on campus, paving the way for many more Divine Nine organizations to be hosted on the Hill. Always the trailblazer and visionary, Carl is currently running a campaign to be the next president of the organization (www.th1963.org). He shares, "McDaniel gave me the tools to be the change that I wanted to see in the world."

Jimmy Moore is living in Warrenton, Virginia, with his wife, Lea, and their three children. He is going on his 11th year at the Department of State, and this past summer was promoted to the deputy chief of staff position within the Office of the Procurement Executive. When not running to lacrosse and soccer games, Jimmy still hangs out with Sig Eps from the Hill, like **Rob Taber '00**.

Deena Reynolds, a three-year survivor of breast cancer, currently lives in Rockville, Maryland. She lives life to the fullest each day, complete with the love of two little black-and-white dogs and a large cat.

The year 2020 brought **Heather Arnold** a well-deserved nod as she was named athletic director at Old Mill High School in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, only the second female athletic director in Anne Arundel Public School history! Heather still loves running the Cross Island trail on Kent Island, Maryland, where she lives and spending time with family in Bethany Beach, Delaware. This summer she relived good times on the Hill with a crab feast alongside former Green Terror Field Hockey teammates **Melissa Reynolds '00** Page and **Tammy Fletcher '00** Coleman.

Michelle Bernhardt Young has the privilege of working on the Hill as a member of the undergraduate faculty teaching in the Social Work department. Walking to work, watching the crazy squirrels, and seeing the familiar outlines of Big Baker and Hoover Library as she heads into her office in Hill Hall often has her experiencing a sense of gratitude for the many ways our alma mater continues to touch her life. While this year has brought her many challenges, including learning to teach and engage with her students remotely (while simultaneously helping her own children to learn from home — YIKES!), the meaningful relationships with colleagues as well as current and former students keep her head up. In the classroom, she teaches a First Year Seminar titled Reality TV: What's Behind It, an interdisciplinary class called The Nature of Health and Illness, and several classes for Social Work majors, including Social Work Practice with Families and Small Groups. She also helps oversee the senior

Social Work majors in their practicums in agencies in and around Maryland as director of field education. Her husband, Scott, works as a homicide detective and they have three kids, Ryan, 13; Alexa, 11; and Ashleigh, 7, who keep the family busy with sports, school, and activities. Before COVID-19 shutdowns took effect, Michelle helped coach Alexa's All-Star Cheer squads well as the middle school cheerleading program in the schools of Hanover, Pennsylvania, where the family resides.

Sarah Mae Harper and her husband, Hugo, continue to reside in Southern California. Even though the pandemic upended their lives in many ways, some things remain the same. Sarah Mae continues to manage the Hermosa Beach Library, where they are offering no-contact pickup of materials, printing, tax forms, and even laptops and hotspots. And they continued to be active in social justice struggles with car caravans and socially distant rallies. Like many, they miss spending quality, in-person time with friends and family but hopefully by the time you read this, Sarah Mae will have at least her first shot of the vaccine and will be one step closer to living life like we used to.

Tom Lathroum and his wife, Jessie, will be celebrating their 12th year of marriage this year and their 10th year in Allen, Texas. They have two boys, Cash, 10, and Dean, 6, and two rescue Dobermans. They're hoping to make it to Homecoming this year to celebrate with all of us!

Corey and **Jennifer Haines Tosten** enjoy life in Middletown, Delaware, with their two teenage children, Andrew and Emily. Corey works for Maryland's Department of Natural Resources while Jen owns Jennifer's School of Dance in Chestertown, Maryland. Before the pandemic, Jennifer's dance students had the opportunity to perform at Disney World several times and were preparing to perform in New York on a Broadway stage. Several years ago, they welcomed another Green Terror to the family when Jen's brother, John Haines, married **Dr. Patrick Linz '07**. Corey and Jen enjoy boating and going to their kids' sporting events. At the start of the pandemic, they enjoyed looking at old photos from their Phi Delt and Phi Sig days on the Hill. Corey and Jen will be married 20 years this year, and I can think of no better way to help them celebrate than a full party get-together on the Hill for Homecoming. Can someone say Phi Sig clubroom? Who still has their overalls?!

Chris '02 and **Jackie Leazer Englebrake** welcomed a baby boy, Connor Alexander, on May 21, 2020. Connor joins big brothers, Mason and Logan, and they are now a party of five (cue "Closer to Free"). The Englebrakes made the most of the pandemic, traveling with their boys in their new camper, spending time outdoors, and keeping busy. Mason starts kindergarten

this year, and we all wish him and the rest of the family luck with this milestone!

Jeff Groff is now professor of physics and chairperson of the Department of Environmental and Physical Sciences at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Last year, he was named West Virginia Professor of the Year by the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia in recognition of excellence in teaching, mentorship, leadership, and innovation. His wife, **Amanda Lofton Groff '02**, and their two children, Evelyn, 9, and Elliott, 5, will be going on a family vacation to Yellowstone National Park this summer with **Aaron Heisler '99**, his wife **Christy Addeo Heisler '00**, and their three children, Hazel, 3; Luca, 5; and Sophie, 10.

As for the Kings, life has taken on an abrupt quiet, keeping us and our twin boys, Jonathan and Wyatt, from attending the music festivals and concerts we've grown accustomed to frequenting. We have added a furry friend to the mix, Charlie, a 1-year-old yellow lab rescue, who has us enjoying walks in the neighborhood and swimming in our pool. (Good thing he's a water dog!) I'm still in undergraduate admissions and orientation at University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and **Justin King '02** still serves as controller at Aroseal Windows and Storefront. We look forward to hugging and hanging out with our friends again very soon, hopefully on the Hill watching the Green Terror at Homecoming. Until then, be safe friends, and continue to count your blessings.

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Martin Camper earned tenure at Loyola University Maryland in 2020 and was promoted to associate professor of writing. His first book, "Arguing over Texts: The Rhetoric of Interpretation," was published by Oxford University Press in fall 2017. He continues to live in Baltimore, now with a 2-year-old Boston terrier named Photo.

Caitlin Potter Ciorletti and her husband, Michael, welcomed Kelly Mikaela Ciorletti on Nov. 19, 2019. Caitlin is still working in the School District of Philadelphia as a health and physical education teacher. Last summer, she vacationed with **Erika Wawzyanick '09** Puskas and her family at Lake Wallenpaupack in Pennsylvania. Caitlin tries to get to Maryland as often as she can to visit **Colleen Nugent Chidester**, **Steph Capps Ryan**, **Lee Oliver '08** McWhirter, **Angela Brudis '08** Billock, **Andrea Spahn '08** Habeck, and **Kelly Neel '08**. She is looking forward to the return of Homecoming to take Kelly and all the other Omega babies to Blanche for a wall party.

Betsy Beveridge Cotten is living in Northern Virginia with her family. This winter, she

enjoyed supporting students currently on the Hill with the Global Mentorship Initiative Program to help the students prepare for life after college. In March 2021, she became a certified life and health coach. Betsy has been interested in this career path for a long time and feels fulfilled to be pursuing a vocation that is so rewarding. In her work as a coach, she works with those who feel depleted, defeated, and discouraged to rebuild their lives in confidence, empowerment, and strength.

Britnie Greene Ehret got married in August 2018 to Andrew Ehret; moved to Jefferson, Maryland, in 2019; started a new position with PNC Bank in September 2020; and celebrated 10 years with the bank and had a baby boy, Carter, in January 2021.

At the age of 7, Winfield Elementary School reading specialist **Jena Ehmman, M.S. '12** decided she wanted to be a teacher. In May 2020, she was selected as Carroll County Public Schools' teacher of the year. Jena also went on to be named one of the state's eight finalists for the 2021 Maryland Teacher of the Year. While collaborating with other teacher-winners from around the state, Jena continues to deliver personalized and group professional development to staff members. She also models lessons, co-teaches, and provides direct instruction to students. Jena is passionate about meaningful learning opportunities and fosters students' lifelong love of reading. She organizes school events around literacy and works closely with community members to demonstrate how the lessons learned in the classroom extend beyond the walls of Winfield. These events are often celebrated by hundreds of families and have become school traditions.

Lindsey Grieb Graves has had quite the exciting year. She and her husband, Tylar, took their three daughters on an exotic trip ... to a secluded beach house where they could social distance with her sister-in-law, **Jennifer "Jen" Harrington Grieb**, brother, and family. Lindsey received her doula certification just in time to cut back on clients as the hospitals locked down. When not globe-trotting from their house all the way to the Harris Teeter pickup lane, Lindsey has been enjoying time at home learning to strip laundry; mastering Zoom calls with her McDaniel roomies, **Chelsea Phillips Clark**, **Heather Williams Barton**, **Kathleen Woodward Conteh**, **Melanie Scocco Greenway**, and **Melissa Magnuson Salemie**; and stalking websites to book her relatives' vaccinations!

David Greisman joined the Association of American Medical Colleges in 2020 as the new public relations manager. He has only spent two days in the office due to the pandemic but has been grateful to work at home underneath his McDaniel College blanket.

Theresa Hess completed her small animal surgical residency in July 2016 at Las Vegas Veterinary Specialty Center and then moved across the country to Gainesville, Florida, where she worked as a small animal surgeon

Jeff Groff '01 was named West Virginia Professor of the Year by the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia.

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Chloe Watson '07 Irla continues to teach art and design at McDaniel and was named a Charles A. Boehlke Jr. Fellow in 2020.

in a private practice for a little over four years. She recently moved back to New Jersey in order to be closer to her family. She has two Labrador retrievers whom she adores! In 2018, Theresa took a 12-day trip to Iceland with a fellow veterinarian. It was a trip of a lifetime and highly recommended! She hopes to do more trips in the future.

This has been a time of significant advancement for **Ellen Inverso**, both professionally and personally. In 2019, Ellen was instrumental in the establishment of Beck Institute's Center for Recovery-Oriented Cognitive Therapy based in the Philadelphia area. Serving as the center's director of clinical training and implementation, she co-leads a team of psychologists, counselors, nurses, postdoctoral fellows, and research coordinators alongside the originator of the treatment approach the team teaches. She was recognized by the Pennsylvania Psychological Association as the 2020 Early Career Psychologist of the Year for her extensive and transformative work in mental health systems across Pennsylvania and the country. Another major career milestone came in November 2020 with the publication of her first textbook, written in collaboration with world-renowned psychiatrist Dr. Aaron T. Beck. "Recovery-Oriented Cognitive Therapy for Serious Mental Health Conditions," published by Guilford Press, is the first textbook about this evidence-based approach to mental health treatment. She currently leads a free monthly Helping the Helper training series focused on helping mental health providers in Philadelphia navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and sociopolitical events with respect to their various roles, and she has written several articles for the public related to managing these unprecedented circumstances. On the home front, she and her husband, **Mark Wheeler '05, M.S. '08**, are celebrating 13 years of marriage and recently bought a new home in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, where they and their children, Joshua, 11, and Juliana, 6, look forward to making amazing memories for years to come.

Chloe Watson Irla continues to teach art and design courses as an assistant professor of art at McDaniel. She was named a Charles A. Boehlke Jr. Fellow in 2020 due to her successful record of mentorship and involvement in the McDaniel and Westminster community. She also won the Ira G. Zepp Teaching Enhancement Grant in 2020. She and her family moved to Westminster, Maryland, in June 2019 and love living by the Hill.

Scott Koleszar and his wife, **Lauren Schwartzbart '11 Koleszar**, recently moved back to his hometown of Sykesville, Maryland. They're enjoying being closer to family and friends. Now that they live much closer to the Hill, they're looking forward to getting back as much as they can.

Since graduation, **Patrick Linz** has been teaching biology for Queen Anne's County (Maryland) Public Schools. In 2020, he

earned his doctorate in education in Educational Leadership from Wilmington University. Presently, you can probably find Pat enjoying summer with his husband, John, poolside at their residence in Chestertown, Maryland.

Melissa Magnuson Salemie and her husband, Danny, kicked off the pandemic by welcoming their third child, Zachary, into the world in March 2020! Siblings Connor, 7, and Cora, 5, enjoyed the extra quality time together during lockdown and adore their baby brother. Melissa has worked for the Department of Defense for nine years, but in the last year has also mastered not losing her mind during kindergarten and second grade virtual schooling, rediscovered her artistic abilities using sidewalk chalk to entertain neighbors during lockdown, and found ways to safely travel somewhere other than the back yard. Danny is a high school math teacher who has managed to successfully virtually teach his blind students this year and even have fun while doing it! Although far from normal, Danny and Melissa have made the best of virtual game nights with friends, and Melissa is looking forward to eventually having a real girls' night with McDaniel roommates **Chelsea Phillips Clark, Lindsey Grieb Graves, Melanie Scocco Greenway, Kathleen Woodward, and Heather Williams Barton!**

Samantha Hemler-Parthree Schlitzer married Eric Schlitzer in May 2018, and they reside in Hanover, Pennsylvania, with her daughter. She is a chapter leader for the McDaniel College South Central PA Alumni Chapter, which includes residents in York and Adams Counties. If you live in the area and are not part of the group, please seek them out on Facebook. Samantha continues to represent the Hill at the City of Westminster, and in 2019 she reached her 10-year milestone! She recently received a promotion to executive assistant. In 2020, Samantha achieved 16 years of employment with the Department of Campus Safety, where she holds the position of communications officer. Samantha enjoys her regular visits to the Hill and encourages everyone to do so when they have a chance.

Jon Silverman recently moved to Los Angeles, with his new girlfriend, Adden Laughlin. She works in the entertainment industry and got a big promotion, so he decided to jump on the coattails and start anew out there! He and his dog, Fred, decided she's the one for them, and they joined her. Jon is director of sales for Kenshoo, a software company that helps the biggest advertisers in the world do their job better. He plays a lot of golf out there, got a new car recently, and is loving the weather. He and Adden bore the brunt of the pandemic in New York. It was super scary, but it was amazing to see the community come together in times of extreme adversity. Sometimes, there would be days where there wasn't a single hour that went by without the sounds of sirens racing to and fro—it was surreal. Fast forward 10 months, and

they live in the other major city in the U.S., still as expensive, just with sun. Jon wishes all his colleagues around the world well and continually reflects positively on his time at McDaniel, as well as McDaniel Budapest, which changed his life and brought him to Hungary for a couple years after graduation.

Up until 2020, **Kathleen Woodward** was enjoying her full-time general/trauma surgery position and traveling domestically and internationally exploring places she had never been. She volunteers with an organization, Saving Lives Initiatives, that provides much-needed medical and surgical care to the people of Sierra Leone. When COVID-19 hit, all travel stopped, but life in the hospital was about to ramp up. Kathleen was pulled from her physician assistant surgery role to work full time in the ICU as numbers in her local community skyrocketed at alarming rates. Her biggest adventure was to and from the grocery store weekly and, dare she say, a special treat once a month for restaurant pickup. She found a new affinity for wine and enjoys her monthly subscription. She looks forward to the time when she can reunite in person with her fellow McDaniel roommates, **Lindsey Grieb Graves, Chelsea Phillips Clark, Melissa Magnuson Salemie, Heather Williams Barton, and Melanie Scocco Greenway.** Until then, Zoom calls it is!

Greg Wagner and his wife, Jenessa, celebrated four years of marriage in May 2020. Their daughter, Annabel, turned 1 in December 2020. When not chasing Annabel around, Greg continues to advocate for people with disabilities and has kept in touch with the McDaniel community since graduating. Greg previously was a keynote speaker at events about disability awareness for the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce and at Fort Meade, Maryland, where **Jose Flores '06, M.S. '10** serves as the disability program manager.

Jeffrey Zamostny is associate professor of Spanish at the University of West Georgia. In 2021, he published the English translation of Elena Fortún's novel, "Hidden Path," a masterwork of LGBTQ literature from early 20th-century Spain, whose first edition didn't appear in Spanish until 2016.

As for me, **Chelsea Phillips Clark**, your 2007 class reporter, my husband, Phillip, and I welcomed our first child, Emma Jordyn "Emj" Clark, into the world on Dec. 30, 2019. As a result, 2020 turned out to be our best year yet, despite the global pandemic. Don't get me wrong, life with an infant isn't easy (e.g., it took 11 exhausting months and working with a fabulous sleep consultant for Emma to finally figure out the whole "sleeping through the night" thing). But by the time my maternity leave ended and I should've had to go back to my office at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (where I work as a research associate in the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy), everyone was working fully re-

mote due to the pandemic. Thus, I spent 2020 working from home and enjoying bonus baby snuggles that I never would've gotten any other year. Also, I learned that welcoming the first grandchild into the family is a pretty big deal, as my parents and my younger sister and brother-in-law all decided to relocate from their homes in Maryland to Carmel, Indiana, to be near our daughter. When I moved to the Midwest after graduate school, I never imagined that my immediate family would ever be reunited in the same state, let alone the same city! While I certainly miss getting to see my NV 191 roomies (**Lindsey Grieb Graves, Kathleen Woodward, Melissa Magnuson Salemie, Melanie Scocco Greenway, and Heather Williams Barton**) during frequent trips back "home" to Maryland, I am beyond grateful for this new phase of life and feel incredibly blessed to be surrounded by family.

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A common thread in the responses I received from my fellow classmates this year is how much we are all looking forward to a return to normalcy, when we can once again travel, celebrate milestones like weddings and graduations, or even just hug our families. I am happy to share these stories of the Class of 2013 that show resilience despite the challenges we are all facing during this pandemic.

After **Will Haddad** finished his master's degree in Marriage-Family Therapy and Trauma Studies from Pacific Oaks College in 2019, he has worked in the mental health field, accruing clinical hours that will enable him to become a licensed therapist in California. He works at an agency in Glendale that provides psychological evaluations and short-term cognitive behavioral therapy for patients involved in personal injuries and court cases.

Kerry Campbell has accepted a job at a private practice in Dover, Delaware, where she will start seeing patients after graduating from her OB-GYN residency at Christiana Care in Newark, Delaware, in June 2021.

Graham Miles, who works at Wargaming Chicago-Baltimore, was recently promoted to game designer. He works on the console version of World of Tanks.

Lisa Vasapollo, having completed her master's in School Counseling from Wilmington University, is working as the director of admissions and enrollment for St. Joseph Academy, a private Catholic high school in Hammonton,



Announcing your new Alumni Council leaders

On June 1, **Lindsey Browning '10** began her tenure as president of the Alumni Council, the leadership body of McDaniel's Alumni Association. After serving as the chapters chair for the last two years, she takes the helm from Past President **Chuck Sullivan '72**. Browning is the youngest alum to ever serve as the president of the Alumni Council.

Joining her in leadership for this two-year term are:

- **Erin Giles '15 Benevento, GOLD Chair**
- **Corynne Courpas '76, WMC Heritage Society Vice Chair**
- **James A. Felton III '95, M.S. '98, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair**
- **Marilyn Naas '94 Keane, Sports Hall of Fame Chair**
- **Fran McCabe '72, Awards Committee Vice Chair**
- **Kittie DeLuca '00 Pain, Chapters Chair**
- **Steve Ports '83, Awards Committee Chair**
- **Kristin Ramey '05, M.S. '08, Green & Gold Chair**
- **Don Rembert '61, WMC Heritage Society Chair**
- **Dave Seibert '78, Sports Hall of Fame Vice Chair**
- **Chuck Sullivan '72, Past President**

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New Jersey. She married her husband, Steven Gibson Jr., in a small private ceremony in December 2018, and they live in Mullica Hill, New Jersey.

Ben Munyan, who just finished his first two-year tour with the State Department's Foreign Service at the U.S. Consulate General in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, was awarded two meritorious honor awards for his leadership in the immigrant visa unit and for his work on providing emergency consular services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ben and his family just arrived at their second post, the U.S. Embassy Bogotá in Colombia to begin his new assignment as vice consul-assistant attaché in the consular section. He and his wife recently welcomed their second daughter, Eleanor Amelia. Her big sister, Luciana, is thrilled to have a travel companion as they move from one post to the next.

Sydney Kirchhoff, M.S. '15 Knower and her husband, **Chuck Knower '15**, enjoy working together at Northrop Grumman, where she works as an analyst and he is a manufacturing supervisor. They live near Annapolis, Maryland, with their children, Cal and Cora.

Still living in Miami, **Kaitlyn Vadenais** won Employee of the Year for 2020 at her company, SproutLoud. She is engaged to **Garret Nemser '14**.

Jan Woolley Critzos got married to her husband in a small beach ceremony in July 2020. They plan to celebrate with all of their friends and family when it is safe. Recently, they became homeowners when they bought the house they had been renting. Jan is the head JV coach for girls soccer and girls basketball at her former high school, Ephrata High School in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She enjoys her new role in an autistic support classroom there.

Tim McLister, captain and judge advocate in the U.S. Army, is finishing up his executive M.B.A. from Duke University. Currently based out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Tim, his wife, Emilie, and their two daughters, Harper and Riley, are in the process of moving back to the Washington, D.C., area.

Putting her English degree to good use, **Anne Mathews** is the director of Oxford copy editing at financial publisher The Oxford Club, based in Baltimore. She just celebrated her first wedding anniversary with her husband, Sriram Manivannan.

Gregory Nolen works as an administrative assistant with the Maryland Center for Legal Assistance (MCLA) in their Annapolis, Maryland, office. MCLA is a subsidiary of Maryland Legal Aid, where he previously worked part time as a paralegal. He lives with his family in Laurel, Maryland, where he has been primarily working from home.

Gary Smith works for the Baltimore Orioles as an athletic trainer for the minor leagues, spending most of the year living in Maryland, but relocating to Florida for spring training. In the offseason, he works for various high schools, colleges, and events.

For her first three years after graduation, **Rula Zaru** worked in applied research, first as a research assistant at Westat and later as a research analyst at Child Trends. She then spent four years working at a college access program, serving low-income, minority, and first-generation high school students as they navigate the complexities of the college application and financial aid processes. Many of her students even ended up attending McDaniel! During her time serving as a program director at CollegeTracks, she earned a master's degree in Organizational Leadership from The George Washington University. Soon after, she moved to Lubbock, Texas, to attend Texas Tech University, where she is currently a research assistant and a Ph.D. student in Human Development and Family Sciences. Her research focuses on positive youth development, particularly for minority adolescents; youth in the criminal justice system; and foster youth.

Rachel Hoffman, M.S. '14 lives in Ellicott City, Maryland, with her pet hedgehog, Machi. Her seventh year of teaching middle school Spanish has taken place on the computer, but she still finds excitement in watching her students learn.

Karly Ziegler works in the Maryland cannabis industry as an account manager for Culta. She spends her days traveling the state and training bud-tenders in cannabis products and customer service. She is also in the second class ever to enroll at University of Maryland in their Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics master's program. She looks forward to continuing her role in this "budding" industry and helping patients gain access to this vital medicine.

Josiah Guthland married the love of his life, Sara, the summer after graduation, and they have since had three children: twins, Belle and Lilly, born in November 2016, and most recently their son, Josiah, born in January 2020. They have relocated from Westminster, Maryland, to the small, rural town of Detour, Maryland, in western Carroll County. Josiah is finishing up his master's in Higher Education from Messiah University while working as the director of veteran and military student services at the University of Baltimore.

After getting an internship with WBAL-TV during his senior year at McDaniel, **Elec Trainor** was hired as an associate producer. After a brief stint at WJZ, he rejoined WBAL in 2018 as the weekend morning show producer and has been there since. He got married to his high school sweetheart, Kellie Pope, in 2018, and they bought a house together in York, Pennsylvania.

Toward the end of 2020, **Markia Davis Chambers** started a new job as a special education paraeducator with Montgomery County (Maryland) Public Schools. Her rescue dog, Simba, keeps her husband and her smiling, and she continues to bake and enjoy safely sharing treats with others.

Krystina Shultz lives in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, with her boyfriend, Jorge, and their dog, Xena. She's been working at Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region for the past four years as the marketing and communications manager. She's gotten back into jewelry making, inspired by the class she took while at McDaniel. She enjoys working with wire and beads to make tree pendants and bracelets. Krystina is still belly dancing with her troupe, although it's certainly a challenge to stay in time with the music — and each other — when they hold practice via Zoom.

Mara Seibert started a new job as a content producer with Luminos Fund, an education nonprofit whose mission is to ensure children everywhere get a chance to experience joyful learning, especially those denied an education by poverty, crisis, or discrimination. They currently work in Ethiopia, Liberia, and Lebanon, and she can't wait to embrace the photography and videography side of her role when able to travel again. In the meantime, Mara enjoys the mix of writing and design work in her role as she and her husband, Gary, work from their home in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and explore the outdoors as much as possible.

After graduation, **Dani Allen Wales** moved to New York City and got married to her husband, David. Together, they ran a company called Ministry of Culture that produced bespoke research documentaries. Then they moved to Sydney, Australia, where she has been working as a project manager in the creative department of Ogilvy PR. They have a dog named Mr. Puppy.

Kerri Morrison Webb lives in Maryland with her husband and their six cats. She is an associate at Mayer Brown LLP in Washington, D.C.

Laura Nichols was recently promoted to senior royalty accountant. She lives in Seattle.

Michael Byrne graduated with a master's in Computer Science from George Mason University and works as an automation engineer at Gunnison Consulting on a contract with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Sarah Holbrook Heeny went to Ha-

waii with her husband at the beginning of 2020 before everything shut down. She will be starting a new position with Strategic Analytix soon.

Tom '14 and **Sophie Diven Gallo** have been hanging out at home for the past year with their toddler and two dogs.

Ashlynn Parker and her husband just opened Sparks Physical Therapy, a clinic in Maryland.

Nick Galinaitis moved to Los Angeles with his partner and is working for Rosales Organ Builders. He is music director at a local congregation. Nick has been published by Gay and Lesbian Review and Cimarron Review and is working on a novel.

As for me, I still live in Baltimore with my husband, **Charles Mullin**, and our cats, Mindy and Boomer. My pandemic silver lining has been the ability to work from home instead of commuting by train to Washington, D.C., for my job as a commercial litigation paralegal at Perkins Coie LLP. Charles works for Teach for America, where he coaches first- and second-year teachers.

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2019

We're excited to share the Class of 2019's first column in *The Hill*. We still need a class reporter to collect updates from your classmates to submit to the magazine. This is a great way to volunteer for your alma mater, not to mention a great way to stay in touch with your classmates. For more information about this volunteer position, please email the Alumni Engagement office at alumni@mcdaniel.edu or call 410-857-2296. Now let's get to your class notes.

Our first class note came in from **Emily Wixted**. She is a sixth-grade science teacher at West Frederick Middle School in Frederick County, Maryland. This is Emily's second year teaching there and she loves it.

Taylor Bauman graduated from nursing school with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and passed her nursing boards. Taylor also started her nursing career at Lankenau Medical Center near Philadelphia.

After graduating, **Duane Harper** participated as a victory scholar in the Sport Changes Life program, which is based in Ireland. The program consisted of coaching and training local kids in the game of basketball, playing pro basketball, and achieving his master's degree in Strength and Conditioning through one of the program's partner universities in Ireland. The program started in August 2019 and would have gone until May 2020, but due to COVID-19 the program sent all the U.S. students home in March 2020. Since then, he has been working full-time as a technician

for a physical therapy clinic. In addition, Duane started a home goods, nutrition, and skincare business and plans to get certified in personal training this year. In the coming years, he wants to get involved in the personal training industry and coach basketball.

Kiersten Reed is living in Raleigh, North Carolina, and studying for her J.D. at Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. She is participating in the Campbell Law Innocence Project, working with individuals who have been wrongfully convicted and served time for these crimes, as well as the Death Row Visitation program where students correspond with inmates on death row. "With the pandemic, we are unable to visit with our clients at this time, but communication via mail has become our new normal," she says. Additionally, Kiersten is part of the Education Pro Bono clinic, working with special education families during this unprecedented time in education, and the Women in Law group, which promotes diversity and community for women in the legal profession. She is also serving as a Campbell Law Student Ambassador, speaking with incoming 1Ls and sharing her love for Campbell's programs and opportunities.

Since graduating in December 2018 with a major in Economics and a minor in Political Science, **Francis Aubee** worked briefly with the Atlantic Council in Washington, D.C. Francis then moved to the U.K., where he obtained his master's degree in Emerging Economies and Inclusive Development from King's College London, graduating with distinction (first-class honors) in 2020. He is currently engaged in economic research and diplomatic work.

Kaylan Hutchison works as a strategic communications senior consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton. She lives with two friends and her pet rabbit, Trip, in Baltimore.

Angel Petty hopes you are all doing well! Since graduation, she went on to study in the Master of Arts in College Student Development and Administration program at Shepherd University while working as a residence hall director. She has recently accepted a position to work full time in financial aid at Wilson College after graduation. She is relocating to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, along with her boyfriend, Gavin (who Angel met while attending Shepherd), and their dog, Pumpkin. They are very excited to start their next chapter and hope to do some backpacking on the Appalachian Trail this summer! Stay safe and happy, friends!

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Gary Smith '13 works for the Baltimore Orioles as an athletic trainer for the minor leagues.

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Lessons I took from the Hill

Honoring the past, embracing the future

BY CHUCK SULLIVAN '72

My tenure as president of the McDaniel College Alumni Council wasn't quite what I expected when I was approached to assume the role. But then again, were any of us prepared for 2020 and 2021 so far?

Thankfully, I'd been groomed for this leadership role years ago, by then-Executive Director of Alumni Relations Heather Wilensky. She asked me to assist at a variety of alumni and student events, including leading my class's 45th Reunion and joining the WMC Heritage Society.

I quickly found myself impressed with the Heritage Society and its members, many of whom were past Alumni Council presidents. In particular, Don Rembert '61 and Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Otto Guenther '63 were committed to uniting graduates from Western Maryland and McDaniel; their motto was "Honor the past and embrace the future."

It didn't take long for me to get hooked. So, when Debbie Dale '84 Seidel and Alex Ober '63 approached me about the Alumni Council presidency, it was an easy decision. I was eager to elevate my involvement and bring my ideas and energy to the college that I loved so dearly.

As an association, we needed to expand our reach, involve more alums, ensure that we were serving all members of our population, and develop areas where we had been deficient.

We restructured several committees and created the Green & Gold Committee to put a spotlight on our alumni-athletes and current student-athletes. We recruited ambassadors for each team and created activities for each sport that enabled today's student-athletes to interact with those who came before them. With nearly one-third of our alumni having participated in a sport, success in this area was vital to achieving our mission of increased engagement.

I also asked each committee to develop three "Wildly Important Goals" and identify tactics that would be necessary to achieve them. They were charged to focus only on these things and not be distracted by the whirlwind of influences and issues that were outside our mission.

We were enthusiastic and ready to act, and then the COVID-19 pandemic consumed our world. Come March



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2020, we had to pivot, think creatively, and not be paralyzed by the circumstances. Inactivity was not an option, so we shifted to accommodate our mission to support the college and the association, which meant creating some fantastic virtual events and utilizing every bit of creative juices we could muster.

I need to thank Debbie Dale '84 Seidel, Debi Lanius '75 Cameron, Lindsey Browning '10, Kattie DeLuca '00 Pain, Lee Primm '89, Marilyn Naas '94 Keane, Erin Giles '15 Benevento, Alan Lyons '14, and Don Rembert '61, who worked so hard to make a challenging time with no physical contact a success. There were countless others in support roles, like Susan Snodgrass '65, M.Ed. '84 Case; Hugh Dawkins '69; and Barbe Hetrick '67, who helped make lemonade out of lemons. I can't leave out Alex Ober '63 and Don Hobart '62, who are always there as voices of experience.

I also can't say enough about our Institutional Advancement and Alumni Engagement staff support. They were invaluable in improving processes and providing the guidance and assistance we needed.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I left out Board Chair Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Otto Guenther '63, Vice Chair Mary Lynn Durham '70, and the rest of the Board of Trustees. Having witnessed the positive effects of a strong alumni association at other institutions, I was vocal about its intrinsic value to the college. A strong alumni network can help with recruitment right through graduation and beyond. My pleas were always heard and supported by the board, which made it an honor and a pleasure to serve as Alumni Council/Association president.



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How many McDaniel College Commencement ceremonies have been held at Kenneth R. Gill Stadium?

(Need some help on this trick question? This new alum is giving you a big hint!)

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