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A portrait of a man with dark hair and glasses, smiling. He is wearing a dark grey plaid suit jacket, a blue dress shirt, and a striped tie. He has his arms crossed and is wearing a white smartwatch on his left wrist. A small pin is visible on his lapel. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm tones.

Global Fellow turned
Fulbright Scholar

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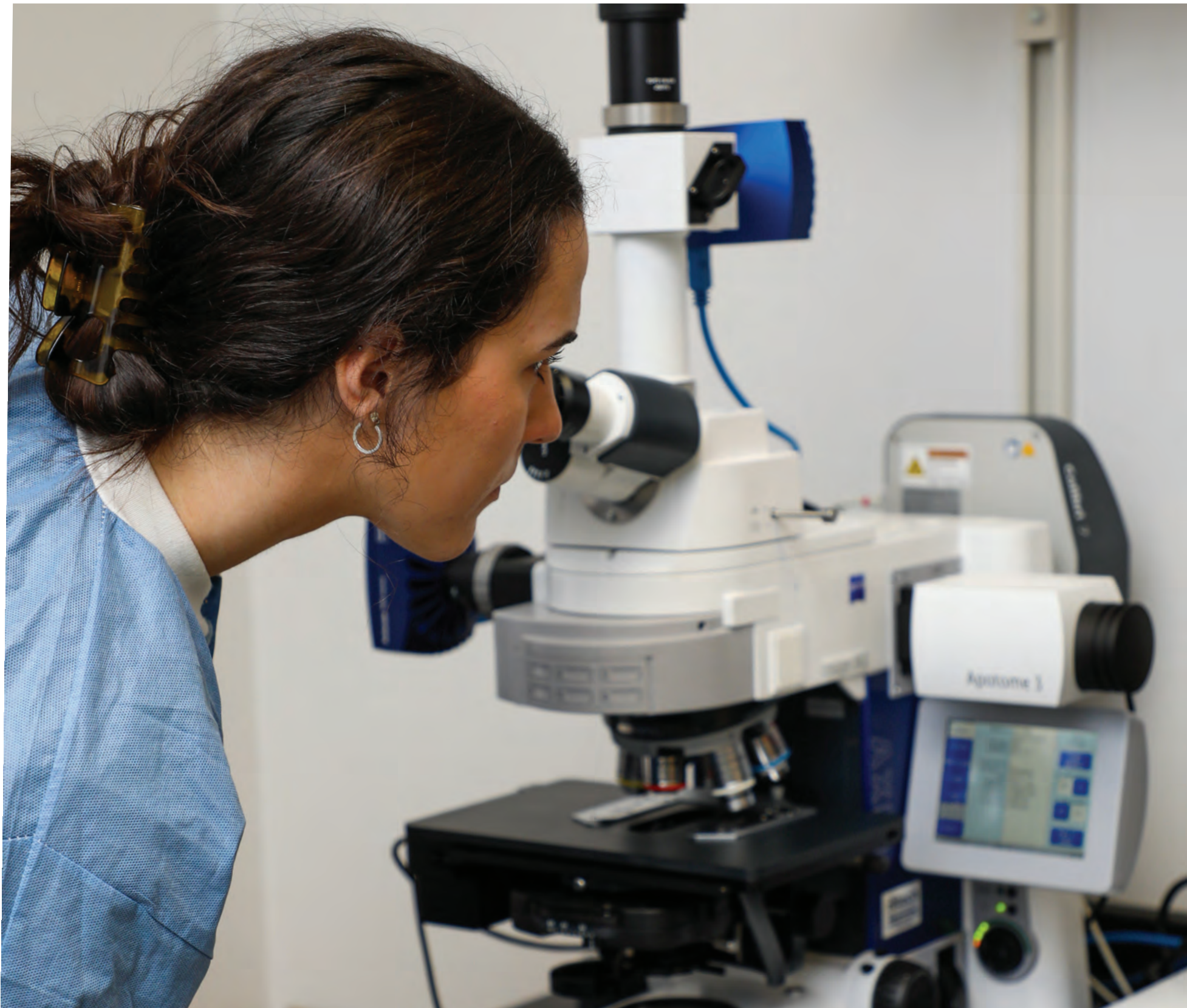
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*On the cover:
Ravi Patel '20 reflects on how his liberal arts education helped him gain an appreciation for his global upbringing.*

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Junior Molecular Biology major Haley Livingston is one of the first students to use the ZEISS Axio Imager M2 microscope to photograph zebrafish embryos during summer research in Cheng Huang's Biology lab.

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“One of the highlights for me each summer is the opportunity to spend time with many faculty and students who are participating in McDaniel’s on-campus summer research program.”



Dear McDaniel Community,

I hope you have been enjoying a relaxing summer, full of special moments with family and friends. One of the highlights for me each summer is the opportunity to spend time with many faculty and students who are participating in McDaniel’s Student-Faculty Collaborative Summer Research Program. Our students are up to some pretty amazing things!

Here are a few highlights from this summer’s visits: Dr. Randy Morrison is working with two students to prove that domesticated geckos can differentiate between the calls of dangerous birds, even though they have never encountered them in the wild. Two students are working with Dr. Allison Kerwin to study the metabolic properties of bacteria isolated from upside-down jellyfish and the extent to which the gender of the jellyfish determines the prevalence and processes of those bacteria. And, three Computer Science majors under the guidance of Dr. Paul Lin are applying machine learning techniques to the study and identification of symbols in American Sign Language videos.

But our students are doing much more than learning technical skills or applying the scientific method to research questions in their fields of interest; they are also learning the important skill of translating disciplinary complexity in terms understandable to a lay audience. One particularly astute group of Chemistry students led by Dr. Stephanie Homan successfully explained to me the life cycle of a project involving the synthesis and photophysical characterization of novel nontoxic and biocompatible quantum dot nanocrystals, which are used for biomedical labeling and imaging. That’s no small feat!

The summer’s projects also extend beyond the classroom laboratory and into the physical world beyond. Eight talented summer research students are stationed at the McDaniel Environmental Center (MEC) just a few miles from campus. There, they are characterizing pollinators of native plants, establishing a forest garden, and pruning invasive plants from the stream banks to make room for native species to flourish. The MEC has also been a wonderful space for community service and celebration as well as classroom-based experiential learning over the years. We’ve got lots of exciting news to share about new capital and programmatic investments at the MEC in the coming months.

Collectively, our summer research program is a beautiful reflection of the life-changing education that takes place at McDaniel every day. The connections that are being formed in this space, both intellectually and personally, are sure to last a lifetime.

As you read through the pages of this summer edition of *The Hill* you will have the opportunity to learn even more about the lasting impact of the quality relationships built in the classroom and out in the field. And as you read through these stories, I hope you have the opportunity to reflect on your time on the Hill and fondly remember the relationships that helped shape you into who you are today.

Sincerely,

President Julia Jasken



Start (or continue) a family tradition with the Alumni Legacy Scholarship

Have you always dreamed of having your child or grandchild follow in the footsteps you left behind on the Hill? We can help make that dream a reality with the Alumni Legacy Scholarship.

In honor and recognition of our Western Maryland College and McDaniel College bachelor’s and master’s graduates, children, stepchildren, and grandchildren of alumni are eligible for the Alumni Legacy Scholarship.

The scholarship is open to new first-year and transfer students who will be full-time and living on campus. The total value of this award is \$120,000 over four years, distributed annually at \$30,000 for a maximum of four years for full-time students who live on campus.

Students who wish to commute will be eligible to receive a scholarship of \$20,000 annually, with a four-year value of \$80,000.

If you have a child, stepchild, or grandchild who is beginning the college search process and is interested in McDaniel, fill out our Alumni Legacy Scholarship interest form at admission.mcdaniel.edu/register/ALS-InterestForm or go to mcdaniel.edu/AlumniLegacy for more information.

We’d love to welcome your family back to the Hill for years to come!

Have a great summer, keep in touch!

Remember writing that in your friends’ yearbooks before the end of the school year? Well, we want to keep in touch with you here on the Hill, too, and you don’t have to wait for your graduation year’s class column to come around every two years to update us on what’s going on in your life.

- Have you recently moved?
- Gotten married or had a Tiny Green Terror join the family?
- Maybe you’ve been promoted, completed another hard-earned degree, or started a new job?

Don’t be afraid to brag! Your family on the Hill wants to know about the big things going on in your life so we can celebrate right along with you.

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Don Mohler '72, M.L.A. '77 honored with Trustee Alumni Award

On May 6, Don Mohler was named the recipient of the Trustee Alumni Award, the highest alumni honor given at McDaniel in recognition of alumni career and service achievement. Mohler earned both a bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1972 and Master of Liberal Arts degree in 1977 from the college.

Mohler, a resident of Catonsville, Maryland, spent his entire career in public service. He was appointed as Baltimore County executive in 2018, representing the third largest county in Maryland. Prior to his role as county executive, he served as communications director and chief of staff to Baltimore County Executives Jim Smith and Kevin Kamenetz.

Formerly with Baltimore County Public Schools, he served as key advisor to four superintendents. Mohler worked as a central office administrator, including as assistant superintendent for communications and community outreach; area superintendent, where he directly supervised 32 schools in the northeast area of Baltimore County; and executive director of student support services. Prior to those roles, he was principal at Catonsville High and Sparrows Point Middle schools, assistant principal and chairman of the guidance department at Dundalk High School, and guidance counselor and social studies teacher at Lansdowne High School. He began his career in 1972 teaching social studies at St. Mark School in Catonsville, Maryland.

"My entire career has been influenced by the relationships that I made at WMC, both with classmates and professors," Mohler says. "I am equally proud of the current McDaniel College, particularly its diversity."

Currently, Mohler is president and CEO of Mohler Communication Strategies, where he provides community engagement strategies and consults on media and communications, including guiding crisis communication efforts.

Since retiring from serving Baltimore County, he has co-hosted the "Baltimore Positive" podcast with locally known radio personality Nestor Aparicio, interviewing major political leaders, business leaders,



civic leaders, and members of the media across Maryland and the nation. He also publishes "The Front Porch" blog.

In addition to his degrees from McDaniel, Mohler holds a Master of Education from Loyola University Maryland and a Doctor of Education from Nova Southeastern University. He has also taught as a faculty member at Nova Southeastern University and Goucher College.

New scholarship established for graduate students in Human Services Management

A \$25,000 scholarship has been established by Target Community & Educational Services Inc., in honor of McDaniel College's 10th president, Julia Jasken.

The Dr. Julia Jasken Endowed Scholarship is for a graduate student in McDaniel's Human Services Management master's degree program. The scholarship will be awarded to a new student once they are admitted as a candidate into the program.

McDaniel's M.S. in Human Services Management is a one-of-a-kind graduate program designed to train individuals for leadership positions in community-based human services programs.

Graduate students in the program receive free tuition, an annual stipend, free room and board, and health care benefits in exchange for working an average of 40 hours per week while completing a two-year live-in internship supporting adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through Target Community & Educational Services Inc.

President Jasken, who became the 10th president of McDaniel College on June 1, 2021, was officially installed as president during the April 9 inauguration ceremony. She serves as an executive committee board member for Target Community & Educational Services Inc.



Graduate Coordinator Mona Kerby honored as distinguished alumna at Texas Woman's University

Mona Kerby, the L. Stanley Bowsbey Endowed Chair at McDaniel College, was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award from her alma mater, Texas Woman's University (TWU) during the annual Pioneer Alumni Association Awards ceremony held April 30 in Denton, Texas. This is the highest and most prestigious award presented for alumni contributions by TWU.

Kerby coordinates the School Librarianship program at McDaniel and also serves as coordinator of the Writing for Children and Young Adults and Learning Technologies Specialist certificate programs. She started as an assistant professor at McDaniel in 1994 and has dedicated more than two decades in higher education at the college. Kerby is also an award-winning author of 15 books ranging from fiction and nonfiction to picture books.

About her time at McDaniel, TWU stated, "There she has cultivated graduates who have achieved success as professors, professional writers, school superintendents, and, of course, librarians — two of whom have been named Maryland School Librarian of the Year."



MICHAEL WOLACIO PHOTOGRAPHY

McDaniel students join James Reddan '99 at Carnegie Hall

In May, Senior Lecturer in Music Kyle Engler took nine members of the McDaniel College Choir to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Alumnus James Reddan '99 is the choral director at Western Oregon University and was invited to guest conduct alongside the New England Symphonic Ensemble at Carnegie Hall in conjunction with Mid-Atlantic Productions. Reddan invited McDaniel's choir to join him to perform "Serenade to Music" by Ralph Vaughan Williams and "Missa Brevis in C Major, K. 220" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

The students included Anjali Finn, senior Social Work major; Jordan Greene, junior Cinema major; Kate Jacob '22, Biology major; Rhema Jones '22, Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies and Music major; Tommy Kormann, senior Psychology major; Lauren Logue, junior Health Sciences major; Tyra Pritchett, junior Psychology major; Margaret Riekenberg, sophomore Theatre Arts major; and Julia Roman '22, Elementary Education major.

"The experience of performing great works in such an iconic space as Carnegie Hall was beyond our expectations," Engler says. "The collaboration with alumnus conductor James Reddan, other choirs, and professional orchestra and soloists made the entire experience memorable for both participants and the audience alike."

While in New York, Engler and the choir members were also treated to dinners by Reddan and Hannah Martin '13.

Faculty celebrated with end-of-year awards

Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award:

Sociology Professor Linda L. Semu (pictured on right)

Since 1995, The Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award has recognized inspired classroom work and dedication to students. In her 16 years as a professor of Sociology at McDaniel, Linda L. Semu has cultivated enduring curiosity and a passion for lifelong learning in her students. She founded the Urban and Community Studies minor and her commitment to students extends to her advisory role with campus groups such as Africa's Legacy, Heroes Helping Hopkins, and Alpha Kappa Delta. In 2021, Semu was recognized as a Charles A. Boehlke Jr., Engaged Faculty Fellow. In 2020, Semu earned the Special Achievement Award for her voluntary service in founding and leading the Malawi Washington Foundation and the Malawi Diaspora Network.

Ira G. Zepp Teaching Enhancement Grant:

History and Art History Professor Gretchen McKay

The Ira G. Zepp Teaching Enhancement Grant recipient for 2022 is Gretchen McKay. McKay is currently a professor in the History and Art History department and also serves as the faculty mentor for the Green Terror football team. McKay's project centers around experiential learning in curriculum design and its applicability and translation into career readiness for students. She will participate in the semester-long Curriculum-to-Career Innovations Institute presented by the American Association of Colleges and Universities during Fall 2022. Then, she plans to introduce virtual reality capability into her courses, which would allow students to have immersive experiences with international museums. Not only will students experience virtual reality in this context, but they will also create a digital and virtual exhibition in order to experience how the future of art and art history will take place in a digital environment.

Shelton Adjunct Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence: Adjunct Professor in Education Brenda J. Conley

Brenda J. Conley, adjunct professor in Education, has provided significant support to McDaniel Education majors and minors while they pursue enriching internships in teaching. For over 10 years, Conley has taught the Jan Term course Internship in an Ethnically Diverse Setting, which places Education majors in schools with diverse populations for a 75-hour internship. In



2021, the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted internship placements for many students, so to make up for the loss, Conley designed a new virtual course that featured visits from working educators, providing her students with valuable skills despite the loss of internships.

Distinguished Scholars Award:

Assistant Professor of Kinesiology Diane Williams

The Distinguished Scholars Award provides additional time for faculty members to pursue projects that are exceptional in nature. Diane Williams, assistant professor of Kinesiology, will use a Spring 2023 course release to work on a book related to the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (IAAW), the organization that created and facilitated women's intercollegiate athletics from 1972 to 1982.

Nora Roberts Faculty Service Award:

Lecturer in English and Director of the Writing Center Vanessa Flora-Nakoski

The 2022 Nora Roberts Faculty Service Award recipient is Vanessa Flora-Nakoski, lecturer in English and director of the Writing Center. She will be using the award to formulate community engagement events that underscore the importance of linguistic justice, an important branch of racial and social justice. Numerous student tutors from the Writing Center will be trained to design workshops and panels that are to be hosted by invested community partners, culminating in a public on-campus guest lecture on the importance of linguistic diversity and its place within a vibrant and just community.

double take

Sights worth a second look

“WE PRACTICED
HARD AND PLAYED
EVEN HARDER.”

- JOHN “J.P.” PATRICK

In 1979, Green Terror men’s lacrosse tri-captains Jack Kendall ’79, Wayne Birely ’79, and John “J. P.” Patrick ’80 were riding high after back-to-back championship seasons. Forty-three years later, they reunited with each other and their teammates back on the Hill to reminisce and rekindle friendships.

“We played as a team, our coaches knew how to get the most out of us as a unit, and we did not want to disappoint them or the students, faculty, and parents that showed up for both home and away games,” recalls Patrick. “We practiced hard and played even harder, and our trainers and managers also kept us squared away. We were a very tough group both mentally and physically.”

Birely remembers the grit and trust the team had that was integral to their success. “We were a tight-knit group with one common thread in those years: We never gave up if we were down in a game because we trusted each other and would refuse to lose,” he says. “We always got it done, and it gave us a great sense of confidence.”

Kendall gives credit where credit is due: “The ’78 and ’79 Middle Atlantic Conference Championships were the result of great coaching from Hall of Famer Bill Thomas, hard work and dedication from my teammates, and most importantly, the outstanding support of our managers, the athletics office, administrators, and the entire student body.”

The teams have been getting together off and on over four decades. Patrick says they remain very close friends and enjoy telling the same stories over and over. “Some of them are even true,” he says.

“The older we get, the better we all were!” says Kendall. “Western Maryland (McDaniel) College will always remain a special place in my heart.”

“Our common bond of success as a group has never faded and is rekindled every time we get together,” Birely says. “It always seems like it was just yesterday when we are together.”



From left to right in both photos: Jack Kendall '79, Wayne Birely '79, and John "J. P." Patrick '80

Ravi Patel '20

Fulbright English Teaching Assistant to Mongolia at the Mongolian University of Life Sciences

A “third culture kid,” Ravi Patel '20 was born in the U.S. but spent his formative years in the U.S., his mother's native Mexico, and European countries. His father is of Indian descent born in Kenya while it was a colony of the British empire and was raised in the United Kingdom. With a background like that, it might seem he was destined to pursue an education in International Studies (his specialization within his Political Science major) with a double major in Spanish and end up working abroad after graduation. The Bates Prize winner for the most outstanding male graduate in the Class of 2020 and a Global Fellow, Patel immersed himself in a variety of classes and organizations on campus. Now stationed in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on a Fulbright scholarship, he looks back on his global experiences before college and during his time on the Hill.

“Even on the other side of the planet, I remain thankful for McDaniel and its faculty and staff, which called me out of darkness and into the light, ‘E Tenebris in Lucem Voco.’”

A multicultural and global beginning

I grew up in three or more different cultures, often going between cultures multiple times in one day. At school, I was in an American environment; at home, I was in a Mexican cultural background; and when I was with my dad, I got to experience a British-Indian mix. Being a third culture kid had excellent benefits, such as traveling the world at a young age. However, as I grew into my teenage years, I started to view that upbringing with resentment. I never “fit in” because sometimes I was the only person of color in a class and was almost always the only multicultural kid. It was not until I reached McDaniel College that I could harness all those cultural and globalized experiences into something positive.

A college that changed my life

When I first arrived at McDaniel, I had a clear goal in mind. I wanted to study international relations, get a minor in history, and prepare to become a political consultant or work somewhere in government. I never intended my college experience to be a self-reflective journey that would empower me. During my first year, my advisor and Associate Professor of Political Science Francis Grice recommended that I apply for the Global Fellows program. I then met Dr. Amy McNichols, who encouraged me to explore more cultural aspects of my life. Dr. McNichols and Doctora Maria Elena Campero also convinced me to pursue a double major in Spanish, a decision that transformed my college experience and made me an even better person and professional. Through the mentorship of many, I finally realized that I had an expanded worldview and cross-cultural intelligence and was well equipped to adapt quickly to different environments and conditions. This reframing would aid me in excelling at McDaniel and beyond.



The small school difference

McDaniel's small size allowed me to get one-on-one guidance from professors and establish excellent relationships with them. However, I was also able to develop links with other organizations at McDaniel. Especially the Center for Experience and Opportunity (CEO) and the associated International Programs Office (IPO). I studied abroad in Buenos Aires for half a year, got a dream internship in Barcelona, Spain, and applied for my Fulbright scholarship. I was pleasantly surprised that I was not just another student to the CEO and IPO; they took the time to get to know me personally. Because of this, I felt comfortable approaching them with my concerns, dreams, and goals, and they did a great job helping me highlight aspects of myself that I did not even think were noteworthy.

The international pursuit of knowledge, reason, and compassion

I first heard about the prestigious Fulbright program as a kid. Funded by the U.S. Congress, the mission of the Fulbright program as set by Sen. J. William Fulbright is to “bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship.”

I was ecstatic that before I graduated, I had been named a semifinalist and then a finalist for a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship position in Indonesia. Due to the pandemic, my departure was delayed for over a year, and I was transferred to Fulbright Mongolia, where I have been since January 2022.

This cultural exchange has given me a window into Mongolia, and Mongolians get a view of the U.S. Often, I am the first American people have met or talked to, and I am almost certainly the first American of color they have ever met, whether in the classroom or when assisting the U.S. Embassy with cultural and language events.

Without my time at McDaniel, I could not have become a Fulbright Scholar or have been able to apply to take part in so many unique experiences and seen success just two years after I graduated. Even on the other side of the planet, I remain thankful for McDaniel and its faculty and staff, which called me out of darkness and into the light, “E Tenebris in Lucem Voco.”

We are McDaniel

MEET THE CLASS OF 2022

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Photography by David Sinclair '00

McDaniel's Class of 2022 are trailblazers and change-makers. They invite new challenges and use every discipline to find innovative solutions. Bold and adventurous, passionate and caring, they've left their mark on McDaniel and will make an impact in all that they do.

We're proud to call them alumni and prouder still to share a selection of their stories here — told as only they can tell them, in their own words.



ANNA JEZERSKI
ACCOUNTING | BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
ECONOMICS | AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

ANNA JEZERSKI, a triple major in Accounting, Business Administration, and Economics with a minor in American Sign Language, was able to pursue all of her passions on the Hill. With hands-on experience as a STEM tutor, SASS tutor, and with Conference Services, Anna will be remembered for her tireless work ethic and endless team spirit.

Faculty or staff member who most influenced who I have become: Professor Kerry Duvall has gone above and beyond for her students. After my first exam in her Principles of Accounting I class, she asked me to consider an Accounting major. After just one class with her, she began helping me look for internships, which led me to get the job I wanted after college.

Most mind-boggling idea I learned at McDaniel: I was amazed by the close-knit volleyball community McDaniel has. Being part of the volleyball team all four years, it has been a privilege to meet the alumni who have played before me, especially those that have truly paved the way for women's athletics at McDaniel. Many alumni come back to support the volleyball team and have even come back to watch our games, even after graduating 40 years ago. It has been great to see the players before my time here be recognized for their athletic achievements in the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame.

KASSIDEE WRIGHT is confident in her path after completing two capstone projects for her dual degree in Psychology and Communication — a combination she was glad to find was easy to pursue at a liberal arts college. Determined to have a career as a counselor, she will be completing McDaniel's master's program in School Counseling. Having traveled to Paris for Jan Term and interned at the Boys and Girls Club of Westminster, Kassidee gained plenty of professional experience both locally and internationally.

My favorite spot on campus: My favorite spot on campus is the tennis courts. Going out on the courts when it's warm is so fun, stress relieving, and always makes my day better.

What's next: I plan to finish my graduate program in School Counseling here at McDaniel and then become either an elementary school counselor or a high school counselor.

If you received financial aid, what did that mean for you and your family? Receiving financial aid made it possible for me to attend college and expand my knowledge and passion for working with kids and helping others. I am extremely thankful that I was able to receive this aid, and I worked my hardest to learn as much as I could and excel in my classes while doing it! Without my financial aid, I would not have had the college experience I had.



KASSIDEE WRIGHT
PSYCHOLOGY | COMMUNICATION



HYOSIK KIM
BIOLOGY | CHEMISTRY

HYOSIK KIM traveled to McDaniel from Seoul, South Korea, and found his place on the Hill as a Biology major specializing in Molecular Biology and minoring in Chemistry. When he wasn't busy doing research in Biology and Chemistry, Hyosik tutored in the STEM Center and made cultural connections with the Asian Community Coalition.

Footprints I'm leaving on the Hill: As an international student, people might ask, "Why did you come to McDaniel? How did you find McDaniel?" Whatever the reason was, I liked this small community with strong bonds with professors and peers.

Faculty or staff member who most influenced who I have become: Dr. Susan Parrish. First, I have taken all of her classes. Second, she was very open to students, making us feel comfortable to visit her office. Third, she always made sure we were not behind and tried to explain things as thoroughly and easily as possible.

My favorite spot on campus: The hill looking down over the football field. Wide open, and I'm able to see all of the football field in one sight.

Most mind-boggling idea I learned at McDaniel: My first time seeing a real football game. It was pretty intense, and I enjoyed watching people become one in support of our school.

GIULIA PIRES knew she was on the right track with her Health Sciences degree and a minor in French after loving her job at a local physical therapy office and conducting an independent study in sports medicine. Closer to her goals than ever, Giulia put her practical skills to work in her final Health Sciences capstone “Effects of Exercise on Cognition.”

My aha moment: I learned I wanted to be a physician assistant in the basement of Gill Center. I was sitting with Dr. Angela Bryant, who at the time was the nutrition professor, and she was telling me about how she was a PA and owned a gym with her husband. Eventually, I also fell in love with weightlifting, and I hope to open my own gym one day.

As the first in your immediate family to attend college, what has the experience meant to you? It has meant a lot to me to be able to attend and, more importantly, graduate from college with my Health Sciences degree. I feel so fortunate to have gotten my education and to have people around me who supported me throughout the process. Knowing that my parents’ sacrifices have paid off is incredibly rewarding for me.



GIULIA PIRES
HEALTH SCIENCES | FRENCH



JOSH SPROUL
KINESIOLOGY

JOSH SPROUL will remember the McDaniel basketball courts as a place of inspiration, as a Green Terror student-athlete and Kinesiology major. With multiple opportunities to shadow physical therapists and membership in the Pre-Health and Kinesiology Clubs, Josh is ready to leap right into a physical therapy doctoral program.

Footprints I’m leaving on the Hill: I want other students in the future to know that it is possible to be a dual-sport collegiate athlete, while maintaining a high GPA. As long as you manage your time effectively, you can be successful in athletics and in the classroom.

Faculty or staff member who most influenced who I have become: Gregg Nibbelink, the head athletic trainer, has most influenced who I have become because he has instilled a level of confidence in me that I never had before. I have learned so much from him that I will take with me as I move on to graduate school.

If you received financial aid, what did that mean for you and your family? I was raised by a single mother, so being able to receive financial aid means so much to my family and I. Words cannot express how thankful I am to have received this financial aid.

DALANDA DIALLO joined McDaniel as a transfer student with dual Political Science and self-designed French Studies majors, and interned for a U.S. senator and at the United Nations Refugee Agency. A member of the Honors Program and a Global Fellow, National Security Fellow, and Green Ambassador, Dalanda immersed herself in every opportunity to get real world experience at McDaniel.

My aha moment: I learned to not let imposter syndrome stop me from applying to opportunities and experiences that I may have thought were out of my reach in the past. I became more confident in my knowledge and abilities, and I made sure not to become my own barrier.

Faculty or staff member who most influenced who I have become: Cathy Gunther was my supervisor for the Home on the Hill Program, and she is truly a fantastic person. Having her as a supervisor allowed me to practice my advocacy skills as I spoke about the Home on the Hill program, the purpose of the pantry, and who we serve. Being the pantry manager also helped to make me a better member of the McDaniel community.

My favorite spot on campus: My favorite spot on campus would be the gazebo with the fairy lights. It has a really great view, and it’s a nice place to sit down for a little bit after a walk around campus.



DALANDA DIALLO
POLITICAL SCIENCE | FRENCH



RAQUEL SOBCZAK
HISTORY | RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RAQUEL SOBCZAK’S positive outlook and global engagement have served her well in her role as president of the Honors Program, intern at the American Embassy in Budapest, and worker in the Admissions office. Raquel balanced her extracurriculars with her academic work as a History and Religious Studies dual major.

Footprints I’m leaving on the Hill: I want to be remembered as the silly lady who is always in socks and sandals, who is always willing to help support others and is not afraid to take on anything that is thrown at her. I hope the structures I have built in multiple organizations and programs will live on and provide support to students and student leaders. I hope students see some of the “Be Kind” signs I have painted and hung up and choose kindness when interacting with each other.

Faculty or staff member who most influenced who I have become: Dr. Brad Stoddard in the Religious Studies department helped me view the world in a different lens and Dr. Bryn Upton in the History department helped me understand that I should not limit myself because I think I can’t do something!

What’s next: I’m embarking on a two-month-long road trip across the country to see as many national parks as possible. I’m super excited! After I travel, I am going to apply to Ph.D. programs in History.

To meet these new alumni in video and read more profiles from the Class of 2022, go to mcdaniel.edu/magazine or scan the QR code.



Commencement Wishes: FOLLOW YOUR BLISS AND FACE YOUR FEARS



MORE THAN 500 NEW GRADUATES WELCOMED TO THE RANKS OF McDANIEL ALUMNI

Cheered on by family and friends, 506 bachelor's and master's degree candidates crossed the stage in the Robert Joshua Gill Center to receive their degrees on May 21. President Julia Jasken, presiding over her first Commencement Ceremonies as the 10th president of McDaniel College, welcomed the Class of 2022 and their guests.

THE CLASS OF 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

From 10 countries and 23 states and the District of Columbia, the graduates ranged in age from 20 to 66 years old.

Bachelor's candidates completed studies in 44 programs, the most popular of which were Business Administration, Kinesiology, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, and Political Science. Nineteen members of the Class of 2022 are legacy graduates, meaning that a parent or a grandparent also graduated from the Hill.

Master's degree candidates completed studies in 19 programs, with the most popular being Curriculum and Instruction (now Innovations in Teaching and Learning), Counseling, School Librarianship, Educational Leadership, and Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages. Eighteen of these graduates hold McDaniel bachelor's degrees.

Nine undergraduate students received the designation of Global Fellows on their diplomas, indicating their completion of the program designed to enhance students' understanding of global issues, develop heightened intercultural competency, and cultivate the skills and attitudes important to leading successful lives in a global context. Additionally, the Class of 2022 included the first six graduates of the National Security Fellows program, which provides students with robust knowledge, skills, and experience in national security, the first three graduates of the M.S. in Data Analytics program, and the first graduate in the Actuarial Science major, both of which launched in the fall of 2020.

"You are McDaniel's Class of 2022, and you are ready to change the world. I am confident of this because you have already overcome unforeseen obstacles during the past few years, just as people are often called to do when they live a life of meaning and purpose," Jasken said. "And when you do face those future hurdles, I encourage you to remember the words of Nelson Mandela, who said, 'May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.'"



Award Highlights

TOP GRADUATE AWARD

During the Graduate Commencement Ceremony, Deaf Education major Rosa Yoder Vader Wyse was announced as the recipient of the B. Jill Brooks Hodge Professional Development Award for her demonstrated academic excellence and service to individuals who are Deaf or disabled.

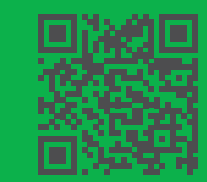
TOP UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

During the Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony, the Edith Farr Ridington Writing Award was presented to English major Rebecca H Halaney and Physics major Kaitlyn Marie Bowser.

The Argonaut Award for the highest cumulative grade point average in the class was given to five graduates: Jessica Marie Avila, Kaitlyn Marie Bowser, Kaitlyn Nicole Holstein, Jonah Warman Ruskin, and Cara E Woolston.

On the evening prior to Commencement, The Bates Prize and The Mary Ward Lewis Prize were announced at the Senior Investiture and Honors Convocation. Jessica Marie Avila, a Political Science and Marketing major, received The Mary Ward Lewis Prize as the outstanding female member of the graduating class, while Andrew Gabriel Witten, a Business Administration major, was awarded The Bates Prize for the outstanding male graduating senior.

To relive the celebrations with the Class of 2022, go to mcdaniel.edu/magazine or scan the QR codes below.



Grad Ceremony



Undergrad Ceremony

FOLLOW YOUR BLISS

Dan Rodricks, a longtime columnist for The Baltimore Sun and former radio and television host, was the speaker for the Graduate Commencement ceremony. He was also awarded an Honorary Doctor of Journalism.

Rodricks shared his perspective on choosing a career to love, as someone who has worked in journalism for 50 years. Beyond his advice to “follow your bliss,” he also stressed the importance of having courageous values and the responsibility of being role models.

“To build a better country, a better civilization, we all need to be role models — however incomplete or inadequate we feel, if not officially, at least in the way we walk through this life,” he said, encouraging graduates to act with intention. “Being a volunteer, being generous with your time, lending a hand to someone in need, doing things — large or small — that others will remember when they write your epitaph.”

“You have so many choices; some will bring you closer to comfort, some will bring you closer to happiness, to growth.”

— Michelle Poler

FACE YOUR FEARS

Author and social entrepreneur Michelle Poler was the Undergraduate Commencement speaker, and she shared her story of facing fears and finding happiness. She is the founder of Hello Fears, a social movement empowering millions to step outside of their comfort zone and tap into their full potential, and the author of “Hello, Fears: Crush Your Comfort Zone and Become Who You’re Meant to Be,” an honest, empowering guide to living alongside what scares you.

Poler asked the audience to think about their earliest fears and about how they have remained in or challenged their comfort zones throughout their lives.

“Have you ever been in between two choices, and the one you want the most is the scariest one?” Poler asked. “I bet that’s how you are feeling today. You have so many choices; some will bring you closer to comfort, some will bring you closer to happiness, to growth.”

Giving the Class of 2022 one last assignment to complete, Poler asked graduates to think about one box they’d like to check in the upcoming years.

“Now, I want you to ask yourself this question: If you achieve that one thing, but you can’t tell anyone, would it still make you happy?” Poler said. “If the answer is no, then that item shouldn’t even be on your list.”

While she believes checking “society’s boxes” is not inherently wrong, she wants McDaniel’s graduates to do that in their own time,

under their own terms, and in a way that feels authentic to them.

“So many times, we end up adding things to our list because we want to impress others, please others, or belong. Checking those items will bring you closer to comfort, but further and further away from happiness,” Poler said. “I want you to add to your list only the things that can bring you happiness! Even if no one knows that you’ve accomplished those things.”

Poler completed her speech by asking everyone to face a common fear together: dancing like no one is watching.

Following Poler’s address to the graduates, Jeff Rosenberg, former director of NPR Worldwide and father of McDaniel graduate Robert Rosenberg ’12, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. Rosenberg has been a passionate advocate for and supporter of McDaniel’s Student Accessibility and Support Services and the Department of Political Science and International Studies over most of the past decade, particularly in the planning of Jan Term trips abroad.

President Julia Jasken congratulated the newest members of the ranks of McDaniel College alumni on their accomplishments on the Hill. “I am excited to see where your creativity, resilience, and hopes take you in life, and I can’t wait to hear your stories when you return home to the Hill,” Jasken said. “McDaniel is changed because of you, and I have no doubt you will make the same impact as you follow your hopes into the future.”



A DECADE OF

COLLABORATION, TRANSFORMATION, AND GROWTH

The Huang lab celebrates 10 years of biology research

By Caitlin Wilson

When Cheng Huang joined the McDaniel faculty in 2012, the associate professor of Biology and chair of the Biology department launched his research lab with a goal of creating transformational opportunities for undergraduate students.

Since then, ambitious Biology students have honed their skills with summertime experiments in the Huang lab. This June, alumni returned to share their insights with current student researchers on how Huang's lab and classes prepared them for Ph.D. and medical school programs.

For the last decade, the Huang lab has been dedicated to exploring "cell fate" — a fascinating developmental biology concept that even inspired a poem by Huang's friend, Professor Emeritus of English Kathy Mangan, in her book "Taproot."



During this summer's research in Huang's lab, junior Biology and Kinesiology major Sebastian Whipple has been working on the molecular cloning of the *neurexin 2a* gene.

A CRASH COURSE ON CELL FATE

During vertebrate embryonic development, a single cell must divide to give rise to trillions of cells, each of which specializes into one of hundreds of possible cell types — a red blood cell or a neuron, for example.

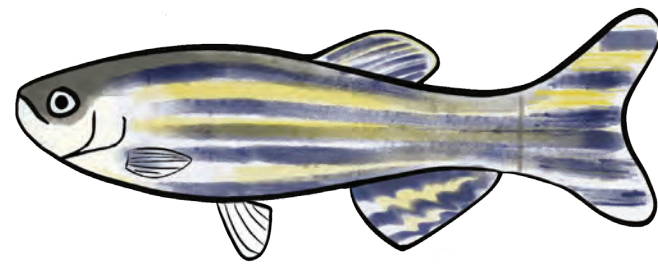
Cell fate, then, refers to the specific cell type a particular embryonic cell will eventually give rise to despite multiple possibilities. Huang studies the genetic regulation of cell fate specification by focusing on blood development of a widely used genetic model organism: the zebrafish.

Genetic model organisms such as the zebrafish and the fruit fly are necessary because experimenting with humans is neither ethical nor feasible. Most human genes, in fact, were first discovered in genetic model organisms.

"I study blood development," Huang explains. "The beauty of the blood system is that it is a specific, feasible experimental system, yet it contains many different types of blood cells, thus addressing cellular diversity, which is the broad question. Every student in my lab has a project that relates in some way to cell fate in zebrafish blood development."

Generations of students have furthered this ongoing research. For many, joining the Huang lab family forms close-knit bonds, and lab alumni often return to share their advice with current students.

For Huang, building his lab's alumni network goes back to his days as a Ph.D. student and post-doctoral fellow.



ZEBRAFISH

LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR MEANINGFUL RESEARCH

The first time Huang was ever on an airplane was on his journey from Shanghai to the U.S. to start his Ph.D. studies at Missouri's Washington University in St. Louis. After cycling through labs to choose one for his Ph.D. research, he chose Kerry Kornfeld's lab, where he studied the genetic regulation of aging in roundworms, another widely used genetic model organism.

During his post-doctoral research at the University of Chicago, he began studying cell fate specification in zebrafish blood development and identified the gene *neurex1*, the foundation of the research his students now conduct.

Huang's approach to undergraduate research is to provide his students with an opportunity to do cutting-edge research just like in his Ph.D. and post-doctoral labs, though with fewer employees — a fact that doesn't worry Huang. "I joke with my students that I'm the principal investigator, the postdoc, and the technician," he says.

In fact, he had only one regret about not joining the faculty of an R1 (Very high research activity) institution: having no Ph.D. students of his own to mentor. Back in 2012, he couldn't imagine that desire for mentorship being fulfilled in another way.

Huang says he chose McDaniel rather than a large research university because the latter often places so much pressure on students and faculty to publish their research and win grants that it forgets its primary existence as an educational environment.

As he further explains, that system prioritizes experimental outcome over scientific training, not to mention that it often leads to failed student-faculty relationships.

"I was extremely lucky to have received excellent scientific training from and to have an excellent relationship with Kerry," Huang says. "But I want that to be the norm in the institution I work in, not the exception."

"I tell every batch of students coming to my lab in the summer, 'This is not U Chicago, and that's a good thing. Even when your experiments fail, and we don't get to publish, that's OK. But you are really going to learn how to do science.' That's what I care about the most."

By providing research experiences in an environment that values the students and their growth as scientists, Huang develops long-lasting connections with alumni, who often join Ph.D. programs. Because of this, Huang's one regret — missing out on mentoring Ph.D. students — is a thing of the past.

PUTTING HUANG'S LESSONS TO WORK BEYOND THE HILL

This summer, alumni shared their gratitude and growth at the Huang lab's 10-year reunion. One was Peyton Fair '21, who is pursuing her medical degree at Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. She shared the key skills she learned in the Huang lab that directly support her work as a lab technician — like safety.

While it had felt like a hassle to don goggles as an undergraduate using minor-risk materials, it was crucial working with COVID-19 samples during the pandemic. She remained healthy because of the safety precautions Huang had ingrained in her. "The things I've learned in lab have prepared me to become a doctor," Fair says.

Harrison Curnutte '19 is in his first year of a Ph.D. program in Cell, Molecular, Developmental Biology and Biophysics at Johns Hopkins University. Like many others, he spent multiple summers conducting research with and learning from Huang. "I learned that it is OK to make a mistake, because learning from it means you won't make that mistake again," he says.

While a student in the lab, Curnutte's abstract for the 2017 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students was in the top 5% selected for oral presentation among 2,000 presenters.

The first class that Brandon Rozanski '19 walked into as a first-year student at McDaniel was Huang's Principles of Biology. It was there, he says, that he was challenged to "rely on my own power and resources to get to an answer."

Now, he puts those capabilities into action while pursuing his dream of becoming a military physician at the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.



Harrison Curnutte '19, Brandon Rozanski '19, Cheng Huang, Luoluo Chen '18, and Peyton Fair '21 reunited this summer to celebrate 10 years of Huang's research lab on the Hill.

Differentiation

by Kathy Mangan

My friend Cheng, geneticist (how swiftly we're defined by what we do!) explains his diagram of what he calls *cell fate* — the way a single zygote will foreordain its future functions (muscle, neuron, lens) by assaying millions of cleavages. The cell proliferates as it sends cues to nearby cells, stringing lineages microbiologists can trace to inquire: *How does one cell adopt one fate and not another? What part of fate is desire, I wonder. From what choices are we wrought? Which divisions make us ourselves, alone in our own skin, our brain, our blood and bone?*

from "Taproot," Passager Books, 2019



Luoluo Chen '18, a current Ph.D. candidate in Cellular and Molecular Physiology at Johns Hopkins University, started her path from McDaniel to her Ph.D. program with challenges in her Biology courses that taught her as much about herself as they did the subject matter.

"Dr. Huang's classes are not easy, but I kept taking them, and I learned to step out of my shell and reach out for help," Chen says. Her determination to learn prompted Huang to invite her to the lab, and that first summer was full of opportunities for growth.

"Right away, I knew she was missing something in her experiment, but I wanted her to experience that," Huang says. "It's my style not to tell students right away, because I want them to be the owner of their project, which is very important. And she figured it out herself."

At the end of that summer, Chen won Best Oral Presentation in the Natural Sciences Division at the 2016 Seven Rivers Undergraduate Research Symposium.

"The judges told me that the reason she won is because she had an unusual understanding of her project compared to most undergraduate students," Huang recalls. "I had to smile at that because she really did. When you figure out your own mistakes yourself, you form an understanding like no other."

"When students fail their experiments, I tell them, 'Good, you made a mistake, now let's figure out the lesson to be learned here.' Mistakes are one of the most valuable learning opportunities."



Junior Molecular Biology major Haley Livingston and sophomore Molecular Biology major Nakayla Lawson worked together this summer on a research project to better understand *in situ* hybridization. Lawson said the research experience was made better by working with her peers who "understand how it feels to learn what I'm learning, at my level."

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I want to train them so that they leave my lab having become good scientists. Today's world needs a lot of them.” - CHENG HUANG

SUMMER RESEARCH HAS A TRANSFORMATIONAL EFFECT

As Huang has noticed over the past 10 years, active thinking and inquiry flourish when students have personal ownership of their projects. Students who don't know what questions to ask in class suddenly begin questioning everything.

Huang designs each project himself to guarantee that they meet the caliber required by future employers or R1 institutions. Once he hands it over to a student, however, it's up to them to decide how to complete it.

This summer, three students conducted research in the Huang lab: junior Molecular Biology major Haley Livingston, junior Biology and Kinesiology major Sebastian Whipple, and sophomore Molecular Biology major Nakayla Lawson.

Livingston and Lawson worked on better understanding *in situ* hybridization, a complex technique employed to visualize gene expression. Their project will shed light on the mechanism of action of the *neuer1* gene.

The best part of research for Livingston, who plans to go to medical school, has been "learning from my mistakes and applying what I learned to reach my goal." Livingston added that she also

admires Huang's "relentless willingness to teach. Even if you don't want to learn, he will teach you. And that's just how it is."

For Lawson, one of the perks of the lab is working alongside peers like Livingston, because they "understand how it feels to learn what I'm learning, at my level."

Whipple is engaging in the molecular cloning of the *neurexin 2a* gene, which is a potential candidate gene that directly interacts with *neuer1*.

"I've been completely in control of how I go about my own experiments, and that's been super exciting for me, especially as a rising junior," he says.

And that's how Huang knows his vision has come true.

"At McDaniel, I can focus on the students rather than the experimental outcome. Obviously, I would be thrilled to make important discoveries and continue my scholarship, but that's secondary to training undergraduate students," says Huang. "I want to train them so that they leave my lab having become good scientists. Today's world needs a lot of them."



Current Green Terror softball Head Coach Phil Smith (left) spoke at the dedication ceremony for the George Dix (right) scoreboard in April.

A LASTING TRIBUTE TO A LIFE-CHANGING COACH

Green Terror softball coach George Dix was honored with a new scoreboard this spring

BY CHRISTINA GOODMAN

Throughout four years of training and competition, college coaches often leave a lasting impression. From practices to travel for games and tournaments, coaches and student-athletes — particularly at close-knit Division III schools — can become like family, and many remain connected long after leaving the Hill. This is certainly the case for former softball coach George Dix and his players. Dix led Green Terror softball from 1989 to 2004 and remains one of the winningest coaches in NCAA Division III history.

As a tribute to Coach Dix's unforgettable legacy on the Hill, the Green Terror softball community came together to honor him with a lasting tribute. On April 30, the George Dix Scoreboard, funded by alumni and families, was dedicated at the softball field with dozens of alumni in attendance.

The event, held between doubleheader games against Ursinus College, included remarks from President Julia Jasken, current softball coach Phil Smith, Athletic Director Adam Hertz, as well as Dix himself. "That was the most amazing day of my life," says Dix. "I felt so appreciated, and it was special to have so many players back to celebrate with me."

President Jasken shared Dix's numerous accomplishments with attendees, highlighting his lasting impact on Green Terror athletics and his players. "For those who played for and worked with Coach Dix," remarked President Jasken, "his influence was immense."

When Dix took over the Green Terror softball team in 1989, he inherited a team that had struggled for several years. His impact was immediate, and the team began posting winning records by his second season. The program would go on to achieve 15 consecutive winning seasons; Middle Atlantic Southwest Section Championships in both 1992 and 1993; and the overall championship in 1993. When the Green Terror joined the Centennial Conference, they became co-champions in their first two years, and a third championship in 1998 led to their first NCAA appearance.

Dix's leadership led to success both on and off the field for his student-athletes: He guided a total of 77 All-Conference players, seven Conference Players of the Year, and seven All-American or Academic All-American players.

After 16 years of dedication to Green Terror Softball, Coach Dix retired in 2004 as the 12th winningest coach in NCAA history — also leaving an indelible mark on the history of Green Terror athletics. He was inducted into the Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame in 2008.

If you would like to support Green Terror softball or any of our athletic teams, visit mcdaniel.edu/SupportGreenandGold. And save the date for our annual Green & Gold Athletic Challenge, Sept. 26-Oct. 3, and see which Green Terror athletic team comes out on top!



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GIVING FROM THE HEART

Susan Horner '73 Fulginiti is thinking of her future — and the future of the Hill — with a planned gift scholarship

BY LINDSAY SHERMAN

As a financial advisor, Susan Horner '73 Fulginiti has always preached the importance of preparing for the future with her clients, whether that was having enough life insurance, putting a will in place, or making estate plans. Now, with a recent planned gift to McDaniel College, she's putting her money where her mouth — and heart — is.

"I've been supporting McDaniel along the way, but never in a huge way," Fulginiti says. "But now I have created my estate plan and I wanted to take care of the institutions and the people that I love."

The Hill is near the top of the list of these institutions for all that it gave her in her life. "After living at home for 18 years, WMC provided independence and gave me an opportunity to grow up," she says. "The faculty members pushed me into opportunities that I know I wouldn't have had at any other institution, largely due to the small size of the college."

Fulginiti admits that she, like many others, may not have fully appreciated that at the time. But looking back at her college experience as a Music major, her 10 years teaching, and her 34-year career in finance, she realized that there are many things she would not have known without the education she received on the Hill.

"Sometimes, the longer you're away, the more you appreciate the value of what you had," Fulginiti says. "And it's important to make sure that other people will have those same advantages in the future."

By establishing The Susan Horner '73 Fulginiti Scholarship as part of her estate planning, her gift is intended to provide renewable scholarship support to students who have demonstrated academic excellence by having a GPA of 3.5 or higher.



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While Fulginiti initially declared a major in Math and then switched to Music, her three decades in financial planning has inspired her to prioritize this scholarship for students majoring in Business Administration or Accounting, which she says she would have studied if it had been offered at the time.

"Charitable giving comes from the heart," Fulginiti says. "If my fellow alumni, like me, have found that their time at Western Maryland/McDaniel ended up being the cornerstone or foundation for their careers and their lives, I encourage them to find a place in their estate planning or annual budget for a gift."

DID YOU KNOW?

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Accounting and Business Administration majors — who will be given preference for Fulginiti's scholarship — have multiple opportunities to advance their careers on the Hill, such as Interviewing Day, which Lauren Doutrich '22 (left) and Joseph Conklin '21 (right) both participated in during the fall 2019 semester. Pictured in the center, students also took the Starting Your Own Business class during Jan Term 2020.

alumni updates

Association news & class notes



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Dick Clower finally broke out of the COVID-19 cocoon in July and made a 5½ hour visit to the magnificent new National Museum of the United States Army just south of D.C. From there, he and **Sherry Albright Clower '94, M.S. '99** headed farther south to Asheville, North Carolina, to tour the fabulous Biltmore estate. Along the way down and back, they stopped at the National D-Day Memorial, a Civil War museum, and the Shenandoah Caverns, which they called “a most welcome relief from our self-imposed isolation.”

Suzanne Hall Coons is still living in the home that she and Earl built in 1953, but by herself since Earl died two years ago. Her son and grandchildren live near her, so she has help every day. “Can’t go anywhere due to COVID germs and I walk very poorly, but am thankful for all my blessings,” she says. “Yes, I am in the ‘boondocks’ of Somerset County, Maryland, thus no email. I love the country and peace of the area.”

Priscilla Lankford West says life is sedentary for her and her husband, Bill. He celebrated 100 years in September. They’re still living at home with excellent 24/7 help. Priscilla enjoys playing card games and talks to **Rachel Ennis Estep** occasionally.

Bill and **Lois Sauter Yeager** are happy to continue living in their waterfront home in Easton, Maryland, where they can enjoy nature year-round and have short visits with family and friends.

June Graf, M.Ed. '67 Hale and her husband, Frank, have been living in an apartment at Plum Creek Retirement Center in Hanover, Pennsylvania, since 2005. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in April 2022! “Gave up golfing; now play mah-jongg, bridge, other card games, plus craft activities.”

Sara Lee Larmore Brohawn sends greetings from Tyaskin, Maryland, on the Eastern Shore! She has been busy watching the sunsets on the Nanticoke River, listening to **Don Brohawn '48** play the piano and organ in their three little churches, and enjoying family visits.

Edith Sanner Parlette's daughter-in-law, **Nancy Turner '82 Parlette**, shared that Edith is still kicking at 95. Her three sons watch over her well. She has eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. “We all recall how much she loved WMC/McDaniel.”

Peg Riely Brannen writes that there is not any astounding news, what with the pandemic, but she is well: “Maybe a bit slower. I still drive and am fairly active at our Episcopal church. It is beautiful here in the mountains, though as everywhere, Highlands and area is growing.”

On May 6, 2022, more than 100 Green Terror student-athletes volunteered for the 31st Tournament of Champions, an event put on to assist local school children with disabilities to participate in adapted physical education activities.

All submitted class notes are edited multiple times, first by the designated class reporter, then by the college. Submitted notes may be edited for length, clarity, cultural sensitivity, or any reason deemed reasonable by the class reporter and/or editor.

Kit Reese '62 Hartzler and her husband continue to work full time in the family funeral business with their two children as fifth-generation directors.

Alfred Bright retired only two years ago. He was a financial planner for individuals and businesses. He traveled to many places before the pandemic, but now plays bridge frequently and golfs when weather permits. Life has been good with two children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Charlie Hammer writes, "I'm still vertical and enjoying life here in the Pacific Northwest. My son and I took a cruise on the Mississippi, from New Orleans to Memphis, in May 2021, visiting three former plantations and several Civil War battlefields, the most interesting being Vicksburg."

I, **Marion Auld, M.Ed. '80 Geyer**, enjoyed hearing from everyone! I am getting some help these days from wonderful local caregiving staff that visit me in my apartment for a few hours each day. With their help, I still enjoy living independently at Carroll Lutheran Village. My three daughters visit often and help me get to doctor appointments and family visits on holidays. Not much bridge or bingo these days due to the repeated pandemic surges, but I enjoy reading and streaming on my iPad and smart TV!

*Marion Auld, M.Ed. '80 Geyer
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Here we are, having just celebrated our 60th Reunion! My, how time flies. Since our last column two years ago, many changes have taken place. Not the least of them is in the vocabulary we have become accustomed to. I remember when *zoom* was an expression of how fast your car was going and being *boosted* meant your friend was helping to lift you up over the wall or fence. Wearing a *mask* was what you did at Halloween. I have been confused and vexed, but now I'm *vaxxed*!

Seriously, we've all seen many changes because of COVID-19. I pray that you and your loved ones have survived the virus and are on your way to enjoying some sense of normalcy. Thank you to all who responded. And now the news.

Nancy Turner Berigtold had a mild heart attack in March 2021 but is doing well now. She enjoys her two daughters and three grandchildren. Nancy also reported that **Nelson Berigtold** died in January after being ill for some time with heart and lung problems.

Rachael Wentz has moved from her condo in Westminster to Carroll Lutheran Village, where there is quite a crowd from Western Maryland, meaning there are lots of opportunities to connect with old friends.

From Weeki Wachee, Florida, **John Grove** writes that the sun continues to shine and he and his wife are enjoying good health. The Groves have lived in Florida since 1996, almost as long as John was on active duty in the Navy. The Groves enjoy their annual trip to their timeshare in Cancun and their family week in West Palm Beach, Florida. They also make occasional trips to Cincinnati to see their son. John is in touch with **Charlie Snyder** and **Harry Rumberger** and was sorry to hear of the death of **Connie Cohen**. Connie and John were fraternity brothers and Duke Divinity School classmates.

Kit Reese Hartzler and her husband, Dan, continue to work full time in the family funeral business and are blessed to have their two children, Jeb and Sandy, as fifth-generation directors. Business has been a challenge the last two years serving families while adhering to state and county COVID-19 mandates. The Hartzlers have been busier than ever with the volume of business, but they are grateful that their physical and mental conditions have enabled them to be involved. Kit writes that traveling has been minimal and her activities within her church were curtailed due to no in-person church, women's groups, or choir for many months. Kit also shared her sadness at the death of her college roommate, **Barbara Walker VanDenburgh**, who died in March 2021 of COVID-19 pneumonia. In Kit's last communication with her, Barbara was elated that restrictions had been lifted enough to allow someone to come to her retirement village to provide the vaccine shots.

Kay McKay Rongley tells of the wonderful adventures she and her husband, Ray, have had. They traveled on the Trans-Siberian Railway and spent two weeks in Ireland ending with the international Motorcycle Grand Prix. They also spent two weeks in Egypt with a fantastic guide. The Rongleys have also taken their grandchildren on graduation trips, traveling with each granddaughter to Europe and South America. They are planning another graduation trip for Ray's grandson in July to Hawaii, what Kay calls her first "home away from home." Currently the Rongleys are living in Lake Placid, Florida, with plans to sell their Virginia home. They still enjoy Audubon, DAR, and many other local organizations.

Carolyn Bowen Thurber said that since her travel plans in 2020 didn't happen, she has been staying home except for trips to the grocery store and walks with her volksmarching club. She's making scrapbooks of her travels and continues to do genealogical research. She attends church via Zoom and enjoys visits on Sundays from her son, who helps with yard work and computer tangles.

Harry Rumberger has been in Dallas for 46 years. Being vaxxed and boosted, he recently ventured out on cruises to the Caribbean and Alaska. In his words, Harry "keeps his carcass flexible with tai chi" and his mind alert with challenging puzzles. He still plays with stock options to keep afloat and is trying to streamline his life with fewer physical possessions, but he has kept a huge inventory of memories, including many of classmates.

Mil Dickey Thomas and **Jim Thomas '60** were not able to make our Reunion because they were returning from Hawaii the day before. Like others, the Thomases have found the last two years to be quite challenging. They stayed at home most of 2021, but did manage some driving trips, including to Estes Park and Breckenridge, Colorado, and Sedona, Arizona. They also drove to southern California, spending time in Newport Beach, San Diego, and Cathedral City. In California, they visited with **Don, M.Ed. '72** and **Carol Westerfield '60, M.Ed. '79 Rabush**. They took three days to get home, stopping in Winslow, Arizona, to stay in a restored Harvey Hotel. Mil and Jim's family is doing well — grandchildren are growing and they now have a college senior, college freshman, high school junior, and high school sophomore, who are all doing outstanding work with their studies. Mil has been doing a good deal of substitute organ playing for various churches and is playing with a string trio just for fun. Both activities keep her fingers limber and her brain working. She and Jim are both healthy, although they move a little more slowly.

Snowbirds in Florida, **Lea Hackett Hartman** and her husband, Dean, have begun traveling again. In addition to heading south each February, in November the Hartmans went to Nashville to visit grandson Aaron, who was externing as a chef in the dining rooms at the Opryland Hotel. He will graduate from the Culinary Institute of America this spring. Lea says all of the grandchildren are growing up too fast, and she misses the little ones.

Betty Beall Rommel also spends her winters in Florida. Betty and I have a Dundalk, Maryland, connection. She was teaching in Dundalk High School many years ago and I was sometimes her substitute. Our Dundalk connection was rekindled when Betty related that when she settled a lawsuit after husband John died, she now owns a roller skating rink there. The rink has been there for many years and now she and her daughter oversee it. Betty says it has been a fun project in her old age.

Some of us have been retired for quite a while, but **Manetta Willett Pusey** just retired this year. She had been working part time since 2009, and full time for 34½ years. She enjoyed working, but things had

changed and she was becoming a bit slower. Manetta has been in the same house for 52 years and has no plan to move yet. All is well with Manetta's children and grandchildren. Since one of her daughters can retire in a few years, Manetta thought she should retire ahead of her. She says that the house keeps her busy, she is fairly active with church and some social activities, and considers herself blessed.

Judi Meredith Reichard writes that she is still living in Annapolis, Maryland, in a senior living community. Her two daughters live nearby — one in Laurel, Maryland, and the other on the Eastern Shore of Maryland — and her four grandchildren are local as well.

Many of our classmates have had some incredible adventures. **Carol Latham Philpot-Jensen** wins the prize for amazing ones. Carol writes that the last few years of life at the Jensen household have been dominated by health issues (mostly of her husband Tom, but some of Carol's as well). Carol retired 20 years ago from her private practice as a family psychologist and marriage counselor and a career in academia, culminating as dean of the School of Psychology at the Florida Institute of Technology. Carol attributes the wonderful adventures on which she embarked to the advice she received from her mentor to do everything you want to do in life before you're 80 because then your body falls apart! Heeding that advice, Carol and Tom bought a 36-foot trawler, which they sailed up and down the Intracoastal Waterway for seven years. They played golf in every state in the U.S. plus in American Samoa, Australia, the Yukon Territory, Ontario, Nova Scotia, and Scotland. They lived in Greece for nine months while Carol wrote a book, and in the French Alps for two months before driving through 12 countries in Europe and Great Britain. After they sold their boat, they cruised extensively for 10 years on ships crossing the Atlantic Ocean eight times and the Pacific three times, circumnavigating both South America and Australia. On one trip they traveled 33,740 miles in 114 days. They visited every continent except Antarctica, sailed in every ocean, crossed the international dateline, prime meridian, and the equator multiple times, crossed the Arctic Circle, traveled through the Panama Canal five times, visited the northernmost point in Europe and the southernmost tip of South America, and rounded both the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Horn. Carol has documented all of these adventures in 15 books so far.

Marlene Zimmerman Petry writes that after our graduation on June 4, 1962, she moved to Annapolis, Maryland, on June 5 and started her first job on June 6. She worked in the social work field at the Anne Arundel County Department of Health. Later she transferred to the Carroll County

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Department of Social Services. While raising her three sons, Marlene got into sales with Beeline Fashions and Avon. She has earned lots of trips that she and her husband, Larry, have enjoyed. She's still selling Avon, now with Larry's help. Marlene says that she can't seem to stop working because her job keeps her mind and body active. Marlene sends greetings to all of her classmates.

From the Pacific Northwest, **Carleen Ritter Minor** writes that life is still great in Oregon. Carleen keeps busy teaching music and managing investment properties. Her daughter and family live in Canada, and Carleen visits as much as possible. Having a second home on the coast has been a lot of fun for the Minors.

Jim Waddel says that it's hard for him to accept that five years have passed since we last met. Jim and his "lady," June Tietzeer, still live in Pelican Preserve in Fort Myers, Florida. Looking ahead to the inevitable aging process, Jim and June also have an apartment in the nearby continuing care Cypress Cove Community. They enjoy spending time in both places. The COVID-19 pandemic has limited Jim's traveling and visiting friends. Jim and June did get back to the Hill last summer and explored those wonderful familiar walkways and structures. As always, they dined and bought apple cider and other Carroll County farm goodies at Baugher's. Jim even had an outside draft beer at what we called the Pit. Jim always mentions his love of these Carroll County landmarks. Jim plans to resume trans-Atlantic cruising in October and looks forward to returning to old times with his sons near Frederick, Maryland, and small-town life in Laurel, Delaware.

Peggy McIntyre Bowman writes that she and her husband have moved to a retirement community. They are still in Greenwood, South Carolina, where they have lived for 20 years. This was a really hard move, but Peggy said they thought it was time.

Downey and Edna Bent '63 Price provided eye care to more than 175,000 patients over 49 years. Downey did not intend to stop his ophthalmology practice at age 80, but did so because of the threat of COVID-19. During his 49 years of practicing medicine, he went from being a single practitioner to being part of a large group practice in ophthalmology, to founding the Benevolent Missions International, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission was to provide pro bono medical and surgical eyecare to underserved people around the world. With the help of churches, pharmaceutical companies, Lions Clubs, and individuals, they have built clinics and surgery centers in Belize, Bolivia, and El Salvador as well as equipping eye clinics and surgery centers in American Samoa, Fiji, Costa Rica, Burundi, and Central Africa. Edna has been involved in many facets of Downey's work. In

addition to administering Downey's offices of doctors and group practices, she has been a leader in several positions in the community.

Betsey Fontaine Plantholt and her husband, Jim, are doing fine and being extra careful about staying home during COVID-19. Betsey misses her monthly meetings with the genealogical society, DAR, and political group, as well as classes at a local college, her book club, and luncheons with friends. Betsey and Jim missed their granddaughter's college graduation and may miss her wedding in Tennessee if the virus has not receded. In the meantime, Betsey reads, takes walks around the neighborhood, and works in the yard, planting pansies and daffodils. Presently, Betsey is writing her memoir. The Plantholts have been in the Florida panhandle for 58 years and enjoy good health in the pleasant temperatures of the Gulf Coast.

Courtney Jones McKeldin and Ted have been married 61 years, are retired, and stay busy taking classes on Zoom and exercising at their local gym. They were planning a cruise to the Great Lakes in July and will be in New London, New Hampshire, in August. Great news about Courtney's granddaughter, Claire, who was co-winner of Princeton's highest award, the Pyne Honor Prize. Next fall, she will be a full-time employee of the Rocky Mountain Institute, which is an environmental think tank in Boulder, Colorado. Their grandson loved his freshman year at the University of Maryland, College Park. The McKeldins are very proud of their grandchildren.

Don, M.Ed. '72 and **Carol Westerfield '60, M.Ed. '79 Rabush** are doing well in California. Don says the weather is great and they are enjoying their new digs.

Ned Cueman and **Trinka McGibbeny '63, M.Ed. '84 Cueman** are still holding forth on their two-acre property that their daughters named Dogwood Acres. Ned continues in his planning practice, Mason Dixon Circuit Rider, and tells people he's partially retired. Trinka and Ned are in weekly contact with their girls and their families via phone and text: Carrie from Hutchinson Island, Florida, on the east coast of the state and Jennifer on the Gulf Coast. The Cuemans rendezvous at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Having served as county planning director from 1971-1995, Ned proudly shares as noteworthy that this past fall at the annual Fall Harvest Day at the Farm Museum, the Carroll County commissioners held a celebration for reaching the milestone of 75,000 acres of permanently preserved agricultural land. This effort began in 1980 with a goal of reaching 100,000 acres before it would be too late to sustain the county's No. 1 industry, agriculture and agribusiness. That goal is now in sight. The achievement is the realization of the overriding significance of preserving the county's prime farmland.

Warren Watts reports that he and Maria are healthy and productive in Hedgesville, West Virginia. Maria is finishing the watercolor and gouache illustrations on the children's book she has written. Warren notes that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Pastoral Counseling Service in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. Warren and his staff provide a valuable service as enablers of healing and growth in a place where wholeness is made possible for struggling people in a troubled world. Warren says that they have served over 45,000 people, including 15,000 children, and he is thankful for God's guidance, as well as the foundation he received at WMC, which helped him to accomplish his lifelong dream of this ministry.

James Timothy "Tim" Bowling retired from Bank of America in 2002, having worked in the banking industry for almost 30 years. After retirement, he worked part time as an assistant distributed antenna system engineer. He retired a second time in 2019. During retirement, Jim volunteered as a spiritual support person on a team led by Chaplain Joe Hart at GBMC hospital. Jim and Karen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and enjoy their three grown children and two grandchildren. Jim and Karen are still taking life easy in Parkton, Maryland, where Jim enjoys reading, amateur radio, and church activities.

Bill Deaner and Suzie are in their 19th year in Williamsburg, Virginia. They have sold their home and are in the process of moving to Windsor Meade, an independent living facility. Bill and Suzie continue to play in two duplicate bridge groups, and Bill still plays golf on any day that ends in "Y."

While many of us are slowing down and complaining of senior aches and pains, some of us are amazingly active. **Susan Hogan Lomax** is certainly an example of one of the active ones. Sue shares that she has been living at Shannondell in Norristown, Pennsylvania, for over six years. She is happy to be there and is involved with many activities, many of them performance-based. She helps run a reader's theater in which the members read a variety of plays and occasionally perform them for the residents. Sue takes five dance classes a week: ballroom, line, belly, and two tap classes. Tap ends with a performance. Sue sings with the chorus, two shows a year, and plays chimes, two shows a year. The actors theater does an original show every nine months, and in the last one Sue sang a solo, danced three different numbers, and sang two choruses. She is also involved in an outside singing group that is once again beginning to take bookings. Sue has also started a Shakespeare reading group. She recently spent a week in Palm Desert where she hiked the trails with her friend Don. As if this weren't enough, Sue does a water routine at

least five days a week, as well as walking nearly every day. She enjoys many good friends at her new home and has an active social life. She is also entertaining more, something she has always enjoyed. Life is good for Sue, and she is making the most of every minute.

Art Alperstein spent time in the U.S. Army, becoming a captain working with operations for all MP activities. In 1967, Art began his distinguished career as a Baltimore attorney, prosecuting many cases of murder, robbery, and drug distribution. In 1970, Art joined a law firm and became a defense attorney. Art also had many civic achievements: he represented his district in the Maryland House of Delegates; he was appointed to the Judiciary Committee; he became chairman of the State Motor Vehicles Laws Committee; and he served as chair of the Baltimore County Delegation of the House of Delegates. Later, he formed his own law firm with his partner, Judge **Alfred Jerome Diener '42**. Art has collected many honors during his law career. He and his wife, Sonya, are the parents of two sons, Andrew and Warren, who are also attorneys. All three of the Alperstein men have been listed in Baltimore magazine as "super lawyers" as selected by their peer group.

It's been a delight to reconnect through email with **Peggy Hiller Sternfels**. Peggy and I were in first grade together. A Methodist pastor's daughter, she moved away in elementary school. What a surprise to find her again at WMC. We have had such fun remembering funny experiences from elementary school and sharing the delightful events of children and grandchildren.

It's a joy to hear of the many activities our classmates are involved in and the many kindnesses they lavish on others. On our home front, our lives are similar to many of yours. We are in good health, although we've had a few bumps these last two years. Stan had quadruple bypass surgery last year, and I had thyroid cancer surgery earlier this year. Both of us have fully recovered. God is good! Our children are doing well. Having a blended family allows us to enjoy many children and grandchildren. Twelve grandchildren ranging in age from 14 months to 29 years keep us busy with school and sports activities. Our travel plans were thwarted during the height of the pandemic, but we are scheduled for a trip to the passion play in Oberammergau, Germany, in July. I was saddened by the death of my roommate **Suzanne Fossett Browning** in September last year.

Our 60th Reunion was held shortly after the column was submitted. We were few in number, only 12, including seven of us on the reunion committee, but we had a great time sharing stories and catching up on children and grandchildren. **Don and Janice Mooney '63, M.Ed. '78 Hobart** hosted a cocktail party

Susan Hogan '62 Lomax takes five dance classes a week: ballroom, line, belly, and two tap classes.



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Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Emeritus
Jack E. Clark died on March 21, 2022, at the age of 81. Clark resided in Dunmore, West Virginia, with his wife, Judith Anton Clark M.L.A. '79.

Clark joined the Mathematics faculty of then-Western Maryland College (WMC) in 1978, teaching a variety of topics including calculus and chaos theory. He retired in 2006 and was honored with emeritus status at that time.

During his time on the Hill, Clark inspired passion in his students for problem solving, music, outdoor cycling, and mountain climbing. He started the WMC Problem Solving Group, and together, he and his students submitted solutions almost every month, throughout the 1980s and 1990s, to The American Mathematical Monthly journal. An avid nature buff and photographer, Clark often took his family backpacking in remote mountain areas of the country. He also enjoyed bicycle racing and once won the bicycle race to the summit of Mount Washington in New Hampshire.

A member of the Greater Washington Go Club in the 1980s, Clark had an interest in the ancient game Go, or Weiqi, which he taught in Jan Term courses and at on-campus competitions that he sponsored for students and community members. Clark arranged for WMC to be the site for the first-ever U.S. Go Congress in 1985.

Clark earned his bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1964. He then moved cross-country to Stanford University, where he earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in Mathematics in 1972.

at their home on Friday evening and then we enjoyed a reception at the college on Saturday evening. We were privileged to attend the inauguration of McDaniel's 10th president, Dr. Julia Jasken, on Saturday afternoon. Those of you who were not able to be with us missed a grand weekend, and we hope to see more of you at our 65th Reunion in 2027!

As you will note, the list of those we've lost has grown. We share our grief and are reminded once again to cherish those dear to us. Since our last column, the following friends have died: in 2020, **James Lohr; Sharon Boyer Taormina; Barbara Yingling Jobson; David "Peanut" Warner, M.L.A. '76; Connie Johnson DeMott;** and **Helen Buehm Crumpacker;** in 2021, **Barbara Walker VanDenburgh, Conrad "Connie" Cohen, Lynn Wickwire, Caroline Drechler, and Suzanne Fossett Browning;** and in 2022, **Juanita Heil Hyson.** These were special friends; they will be sorely missed.

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Harvey Broodno writes, "Things are basically mediocre. This is not due to COVID-19. Life was bland before and will be the same afterwards. I am neither upbeat

nor depressed. I challenge my classmates to come up with a more nondescript self-evaluation. In closing, I neither love nor hate the Hill. Somewhat yours, Harvey."

After living in Maryland for more than 38 years, **Don and Mandy Hutson '69 Keefer** will be moving to North Carolina. Mandy grew up there and they both went to UNC Chapel Hill after WMC. Every year, they go to the Outer Banks, North Carolina, and the Smoky Mountains. Don taught his last Vertebrate Anatomy class at Loyola University this fall and his focus now will be on woodworking and stained glass hobbies.

Steve Jones has continued to enjoy most of his activities, including golf, reading, bridge, and lots of walking. Last year, he averaged 7.5 miles per day walking, and 6.8 miles per day the year before that. "Walking is my quiet time when I have time just to relax and think about things." He says that Susan has been extremely cautious during the pandemic, so she sent him to the grocery store, drugstore, Costco, wherever! "That works out just fine for me since I get cabin fever in about one day!" The only trip in the past two years was a five-day golf outing with his son to Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Alabama. He is doing adult paint by numbers, which he finds fun and relaxing. "I also recently updated my coin collection that I started back in the '50s."

This year at three-quarters of a century old, **Linda Berry Van Hart** retired from

teaching at McDaniel College. She spent 40 years teaching in the Art and Art History Department, with a total of 52 years teaching art, including in public school. She continues to teach jewelry workshops at the Waterford Craft School in Virginia, for Common Ground on the Hill, and occasionally at Peters Valley School of Craft. She is active in her metalsmithing studio and shows at Off Track Art Gallery in Westminster and NOMA Gallery in Frederick, Maryland, where she will have a two-person show in September. She says it has been such a pleasure reconnecting with collectors now that craft shows have resumed this year. Travel has been limited to visiting her family in North Carolina, but she hopes to tour Australia and New Zealand in 2023.

Bob and Barbara Linton Morris drove through New England in the fall, spending a splendid week in Bar Harbor, Maine, where they hiked every day and enjoyed dining in the evening. They've also driven down to Atlanta, Georgia, to spend time with son Josh and grandsons Coltrane and Emmett. "Hiking, skiing, soccer, baseball, and other outdoor sports, along with online and in-person education and amusement, are keeping us all grateful for every day." Barbara has a qigong group two days a week, a Forever Strong exercise group (which Bob also attends) two days a week, and Duolingo German lessons every day, where she maintains "legendary" status. In between, she manages to cook

great, healthy meals and single-handedly thwart any porch pirates that might dare to target their street. Joli, their 14-year-old mini labradoodle, and Bob keep each other trim with five walks a day, between which he fits his daily workouts, good books, music (he dabbles on the banjo), and social media debates. They're planning upcoming trips to Atlanta, then another cross-country round trip (the first in their Tesla), and finally a beach week at Hilton Head, South Carolina, in July.

Dan Gottleib and **Lynne** traveled to Melbourne, Florida, to see Lynne's mother, who turned 90 this year. They also made a trip to Rochester, New York, to see grandkids and stopped by Maryland to enjoy **Splinter Yingling's** 75th birthday party. They enjoyed the reunion with many WMC grads.

Gordon Bateman '65 writes, "It is a sad moment for me to inform you that my wife, **Jill Butterfoss Bateman**, passed away on Feb. 3, 2022. I met Jill while we were both students at WMC, and we were married for 55 years and have two children, Julie and Jeff. Jill was an elementary school librarian for 30 years and became a published author upon her retirement. Two of her books are on Amazon: 'Flying Forts and Tall Dutch Tulips: A Year at War' and 'Mariela and the Bird of Seven Colors.' Her last book is a Puerto Rican fairy tale dedicated to the Puerto Rican children who were uprooted from their homeland, whom she taught with the goal of not losing their culture and heritage."

Linda Sullivan Schulte is beginning her sixth year at the beach studying the effects of climate change on the spin rate of golf balls, the evaporation rate of red wine (especially those aged in bourbon barrels), and the hospitality traits of ospreys. Her goal for finalizing her study is 2032, which happens to also be the exact year that her home will become oceanfront due to rising tides. Her hard work doesn't prevent her from coordinating occasional WMC alumni meetings with **Doug '69** and **Lynn Coleman '70, M.Ed. '73 Smart; Nini Sloan Gibson; Fred '69** and **Jan McDougal Schroeder;** Jim and **Joan Dowell Winship;** and **Rick Boswell.** "We are still looking for someone to take copious notes of the meetings."

Carol Weigandt Eberhart retired from Raytheon, where she was a principal software engineer. She and her husband are enjoying life in the Borderland, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Carol plays a lot of bridge and plays violin in a community orchestra, which she loves.

Jeff Cohee shares his second update since graduation. He says that he is still alive and in good health, still does not own (and never has) a car, computer, or smartphone. He is retired from the University of Iowa for several years now, and really enjoying reading, riding, and trav-

eling. Jeff still goes to Ocean City, Maryland, each year and stayed in 2021 for a month for lots of great swimming, body surfing, and walks.

Susan Faulkner Rea is still being very cautious because her 97-year-old mother lives with them. Grocery runs in their electric car are their idea of fun; so, no foreign trips or great concerts to report. She says, "After 48 years of marriage and two years of divorce, Thomas and I remarried and will celebrate our anniversary on St. Patrick's Day. (He is a Cork man.)"

Ron Wood continues to live in Worthington, Minnesota, on Lake Okabena. This year marks 24 years in Minnesota. He is staying busy in retirement by serving on the Nobles County Historical Society Board and assisting in the care of the Pioneer Village, which has 34 buildings and an event barn. Sandy and Ron have become ranch rats, pushing cattle and trail rides 10 weeks out of the year in Wyoming, Montana, and Arizona. "Slowed down to walking and trotting from a lope though," he says.

Joe Anthony is finally a retired CPA tax accountant, although they let him in the office "sort of as a mascot for comic relief during tax seasons." Joe tries to stay in touch with **John "Omar" Heritage,** "but for some reason he doesn't always return my calls. Been in touch with Vegas **Al Phillip Feigelson** a few times, which is nice (he does call me back). Feeling great and looking good (if I do say so myself) and anxiously look forward to every day when I wake up in the morning," Joe says.

Wayne Laessig and **Lynette** got to spend time at their Truckee cabin, just when 10 feet of snow fell in less than a week! But, they had plenty of wood for some great fireplace time; great venison, elk, duck, goose, and fish in the freezer to enjoy; and plenty of snow shoveling to stay ahead of each storm.

Elaine Piatt Myers says that "Mike keeps me honest with an occasional email to see if my feet are still on the right side of the grass. We finally got the nerve to go to Hawaii (didn't hurt that it was a friend's Kauai timeshare and that we had air miles to spare). Lost a few Vietnam friends, and that helped a bunch of AC-119 air and ground crew and families decide to hold a reunion in Florida that was good for all of them — plus no one came with, or left with, COVID!" Elaine is still doing volunteer stuff with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and helping with the AC-119 Gunship Association and Reunions. At 75, she had her first book published, "Iron Pants." It was released by Vanguard Press in January 2022 and is available on Amazon. The book is based on her mother's life as an orphan growing up in rural North Carolina and the transformation she experienced when she had to fight to remain with her older sisters.

"Like our experience in Westminster, the teachers and students at mother's Thomsville orphanage enabled life- and talent-affirming possibilities." Esther Smith would be proud of the storytelling embedded in the book's narrative.

Don Heath sends greetings from sunny Georgia, where he has lived since June 2020 in a very nice retirement community called Celebration Village. He is in a large apartment with a west-facing view so he can watch the sunset every night with a beer in hand. Not long after he moved there, he joined a group called the Outlaws. No choppers, but a lot of assistive devices. So, he started Honest Don's Easy Finance Rollators, Walkers, & Wheelchairs. Every unit Don sells has a cupholder with a Natty Boh in it. He also valet parks the Rollators at dinner. Actually, there's a woman in his building from Baltimore. As soon as they each sell a kidney to afford it, they're going to have some good Maryland crabmeat shipped in, and "we'll show these southerners what a real crab cake is. I miss the Crab Guys except, of course, **Dave 'Hotdog' Frankforter.'**

Linda Flinner Collier writes, "Can it really be almost 58 years since we first gathered at WMC? Hard to imagine. Hunkering down, vaccinations, boosters, Instacart; one big blur! In San Diego County, the lockdown was a little easier due to mild weather most of the year. Our daughter Lisa and her family made a cross-country RV trip in the summer of 2020; Michael and I traveled to visit family in D.C., Virginia, New Jersey, and Missouri. Checked in with **Ann Bailer, M.Ed. '71 Fisher;** kept in touch with the David House gang via email; and caught up with **Barbara Thomas '70 Shelton** at a local Starbucks one morning! Looking forward to a 55th Reunion in 2023!"

John Cordyack and **Marianne** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2021 and have lived in Reston, Virginia, for 50 years. They love their town. Their adult children and five grandkids live close to them.

Certainly, the pandemic cramped **Joan Dowell Winship's** style and kept her and her husband very close to home, too often even away from family and friends. Luckily, they were still able to see **Linda Sullivan Schulte, Nini Sloan Gibson,** and **Jerry '65** and **Pam Gebhard Wicklein.** Their only travel, for which they were extremely grateful, was once in June and then at Thanksgiving to visit their son and his family in Seattle. "After eight years living in Tokyo, they got back to Washington ... only the wrong Washington! Luckily our daughter and her family live close by." Joan continues to serve on and chair the Calvert County Commission for Women. This allows her to continue to work on issues and programs that she cares about greatly. Otherwise, Joan and Jim are grateful

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Wedding vows exchanged this season:

Wendy Zerwitz '86 to **Kenneth Epstein** on **May 23, 2021.** They reside in **Pikesville, Maryland.**

Sarah Biggs '92 to **Darren Henderson** on **June 26, 2020.** They reside in **Westminster, Maryland.**

Lauren Angelini '04 to **Bryan Hiebler** on **Oct. 2, 2020.** They reside in **Dundalk, Maryland.**

Molly Barker '10 to **Kevin Landers** on **March 20, 2020.** They reside in **Middletown, Delaware.**

Victoria Steele '10, M.S. '12 to **Jackson Reynolds** on **July 25, 2020.** They reside in **Brunswick, Maryland.**

Andrew Smith '10 to **Alissa Troxell** on **Oct. 16, 2020.** They reside in **Las Vegas, Nevada.**

Allison Donnelly '10, M.S. '12 to **Darrell Canty** on **Feb. 21, 2021.** They reside in **Burlington, New Jersey.**

Kate Delenick '10 to **Al Samarias** on **Oct. 23, 2021.** They reside in **Arlington, Virginia.**

Megan Reilly '12 to **Paul Donoghue '11** on **Oct. 23, 2021.** They reside in **Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.**

alumni updates

Cary Woolfson '68 biked 4,800 miles in 2021.

they weathered the pandemic well, got all their vaccines, and are still together going on 52 years!

Howard Goldberg and his wife, Sue, are going to celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary in August. They started dating when he was a sophomore at WMC and got married while he was in law school. They live in Pikesville, Maryland, and spend a lot of time in the summer in Ocean City, Maryland, and travel in between. Howard and his daughter, Robin, have a small boutique law firm, and they specialize in construction law. He is slowly reducing his active practice and looks forward to continuing his service as an arbitrator and mediator with the American Arbitration Association. He aims to increase his participation in a number of professional organizations, including the American College of Construction Lawyers, the American College of Trial Lawyers, and the National Academy of Construction.

Chris Connelly '67 Resau, Diane Hare Cooper, and **Donna Downs Gayhardt** had a nice long lunch together, and that is what reminded Donna to submit a class note. Jim and Donna survived having their grandsons at home last year for virtual school; however, don't think virtual kindergarten was very successful. Last year they adopted a 182-pound English mastiff. He is a gentle giant. Donna chats frequently with **Carol Pinckney Morrison**, who is still living in Toledo, Ohio.

It's been 2½ years since **Janet Martin Kelly** was able to visit Megan and her family in France, but she was planning a visit in May. They were planning a family holiday in Ocean City, Maryland, this summer with both daughters and their families. Janet is still living in Westminster just two miles from the Hill. She and Bill celebrated 56 years of wedded bliss in December. Their granddaughter, **Ella Zahn '24** is a legacy student at McDaniel and enjoying all it has to offer.

Sherry Redinger Whitt, M.Ed. '73 was super busy getting ready for their good friend Mary Ann's wedding. Having no daughters of her own nor any experience in wedding planning, it is quite an eye-opener. She was looking forward to traveling in her motorhome this spring and summer.

Dave Harper came out of retirement, and for the past three years he has served as priest-in-charge of a small Episcopal church in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. That will end soon. Dave and his wife, Donna, are keeping very, very busy with "age-appropriate activities" with the family, which keeps growing. Christmas gatherings in their tiny ranch house are a hoot when the family gathers together with their 16 grandchildren ages 3 to 23. They keep asking for more time with Grammy and Boomp. "Somehow, I inherited that from the old Jimmy Stewart film 'Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation,'" says Dave. They

are still living in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where Dave grew up and where they retired the first time in 2013.

Mimi Yarrison Heisey shares that she and Mel are doing well. On Feb. 19, 2022, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. With COVID-19 precautions in mind, they decided to celebrate with their sons and their wives and their five grandchildren. They had a wonderful time and shared some "How I met your dad" stories. Mimi retired from Lockheed Martin after 52 years of service in November 2020. As much as she wasn't sure about retiring, she was given a wonderful opportunity: to spend three days a week with her two grandsons, helping them learn what they needed to know to enter second grade and kindergarten in August 2021. "It was great fun, and I even taught the youngest how to read. By August 2021, the youngest was deemed very prepared for kindergarten by the teachers at his elementary school. Success! The older grandson had virtual lessons from his school, so I just helped him fill in the gaps to wrap up his first grade class. The opportunity was truly a great blessing."

Hanns Vandrey writes: "Pat Wilkinson '69 Vandrey and I are still livin' the dream in beautiful Havre de Grace, Maryland. One of our favorite pastimes remains traveling. We managed to squeeze in a ski trip to Utah in February 2020 before COVID-19 took the country by storm." They were also able to take a fantastic two-week trip to Italy in September 2021 during a short-lived downturn in COVID-19 cases. In addition to enjoying the history and beauty of the country, the exceptional — and generously portioned — food turned Hanns into an immediate gastronomic convert. As he wrote this note, they had just returned from a rescheduled ski trip to Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado. Although he stopped skiing several years ago, he still goes for the camaraderie of the Harford Ski Club, great food, and adult beverages. Their three grandchildren continue to occupy much of their time. Sleepovers, soccer games, and family dinners bring them continuous joy. Pat is also thrilled to accompany them to local ski resorts, where it is becoming increasingly challenging to keep up with the kiddos. Hanns still looks forward to the monthly Crab Guys get-togethers, despite many of the meetings over the past two years being canceled due to the pandemic. Our gracious host, **Gordon Shelton**, didn't want to be accused of hosting a super-spreader event. Also, naysayers insisted that it was impossible to eat crabs and drink beer and still be in compliance with CDC guidelines. To counter the heresy, Gordon, fully gowned, gloved, masked, and wearing a face shield, produced a training video to demonstrate the proper technique for eating steamed crabs during a pandemic. The video received rave reviews by Maryland's crab-eating demographic.

Mike Ward and **Anne Read '69 Ward** continue to thrive in Keene, New Hampshire, where they were visited by **John and Sue Mawby '69 Heritage**. During the visit, John and Mike discussed a possible baseball road trip with **Jim Resau**. This would be their third such trip. Anne continues to paint in her basement atelier and has had some luck selling her art in local coffee shops. Their younger daughter, Katherine, and her fiancé, Mike, and grandson, Jesse, live on the second floor above their digs, which is a nice arrangement. Email is their sole lifeline to other WMC friends as they live far from the Baltimore area so keep those emails coming, friends!

Cary Wolfson shares that the past year, much like the one before it, was marked by a certain amount of lassitude and frustration along with a handful of distinctive highlights. In 2021, he decided to pour even more of his effort into cycling. Cary bought a bunch of cold-weather clothing and decided he was going to power through winter on his bike as much as possible. It paid off with a personal record of more than 4,800 miles on the road. He says he would have made it to 5,000 but for a cracked frame that required laying off for two weeks until it could be replaced. In November, he added a very nice e-bike to his riding options — definitely a good alternative for a geezer rider. On one of their rare forays out of town, Cary and Nancy rode in the Tour de Vineyards in Palisade, Colorado, which was a nice weekend getaway, although they didn't drink nearly enough wine. Cary has kept up with his Spanish studies online, although he is still far from fluent, and plans to return to Mexico for on-the-ground immersion that previously failed to materialize. They were in the midst of planning a 12-day trip to Portugal in the coming months. Since the future is always uncertain, he decided that the best policy is to eat dessert first. "I'm also very much looking forward to a resumption of in-person Common Ground on the Hill at ye olde McDaniel this summer after two years of a far less satisfying online experience." Blues from the Red Rooster Lounge continues to air on two stations, in Chicago and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. At some point, Cary will decide to pack it in, but for the time being he still enjoys radio. That enjoyment extends to Groovin' for Geezers, his bimonthly eclectic music show on Boulder's KGNU, which he's been doing for over a decade. Remarkably enough, he still gets the occasional royalty check from an archive in New York that licenses Blues Access magazine, his labor of love from 1990-2001. Finally, but by no means least, Nancy and Cary will celebrate 50 years together (45 of them "official") this fall. They moved in together the day of a memorable Baltimore Grateful Dead concert in September 1972.

Since no other woman seemed able to put up with him for more than six months, he considers this a major accomplishment.

Since retiring to Florida in 2009 from the Ole Miss College of Pharmacy, where **Bob Speth** was the chair of the Pharmacology Department and general manager and chief financial officer of the Kosciusko and Southwestern Railway, he is busier than ever as a professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Nova Southeastern University and adjunct professor of Pharmacology and Physiology at Georgetown University, where he continues to make radioactive ligands to study receptor pharmacology. He coauthored a five-year grant from NIH last year and another grant from the American Heart Association that just got funded, so Bob has no plans to slow down. He also was an expert witness in the class action lawsuit against the makers of Prevagen for false advertising. Sadly, the out-of-court settlement resulted in only making their advertising less deceptive. Their home backs up on a linear park that gets him almost half way to work, so he rides his bike to work.

Walt Michael is still "at it" at McDaniel as artist in residence and executive director of Common Ground on the Hill, now in its 28th year. He figures if the Rolling Stones can do it, so can he. They have been designated the Mid-Maryland Folklife Center by the Maryland State Arts Council and have pivoted virtually for the past two summers, and now prepare for a return to a face-to-face Traditions Week, two virtual weeks, and an on-campus festival on July 16. "It may be the first time you drink beer legally on campus. Speaking of beer on campus, my office is Dean Laidlaw's old dean's cottage. Go figure." He doesn't have retirement plans, but spends good times at his cottage on the bay, fishing, crabbing, and sailing. The Four Musketeers, **Ralph Wilson, Will Davis, Jeff Davis '70,** and he manage to put together a Bay Week every so often, and it looks like **Bill Dudley '69** will join them this September when they will play four-on-one basketball games — knowing that Dudley won't pass anyone the ball. "My great wish is that the world will figure out how to grow up," Walt says.

Judy Stup is still at Homewood in the independent living apartments. She likes it because it allows her the freedom to come and go as she can. She did get to Maine last summer and plans to go again this summer. Judy spends a lot of time with her grandchildren, and she gained two new grandchildren in the past couple years when her son married. Her daughter is enrolled in a graduate program at McDaniel.

Terry Walters started his fourth year in Rock Steady Boxing. He just launched a music-based podcast called Alex and Terry's Boomer Podcast on Spotify. They are lucky to be only six minutes from their daughter and three grandkids.

Louise Ramsey Andres says that things are OK, but she has some memory problems. She has gotten into a clinical trial for Alzheimer's. Steve is a rock for her. She is doing pilates, cooking, Rotary, and church. And she got a new knee. They are flying around, going with their granddaughter to Africa, where Louise has a lot of friends!

Pam Gebhard Wicklein shares that she and her husband, **Jerry Wicklein '65,** love to read the class news. Fortunately, Jerry is in great health, while Pam has a few issues, mostly interrelated. Their daughter, **Abbi Wicklein-Bayne '94,** has a new job with the National Park Service. She is now the northeast region program manager for media development and works out of the Harper's Ferry Center. Their grandson, **Jack Bayne '22,** graduated this year with a degree in Environmental Studies. Jack was so fortunate to receive the Educators Legacy scholarship since his father is a teacher. Their granddaughter, **Sadie Bowman '25,** just completed her first year as an honors student at McDaniel and is also a military scholarship recipient. "We spend many hours watching baseball (Jack) and lacrosse (Sadie)! The Hill is a huge part of our family!"

Rick Gray moved from Annapolis, Maryland, to Frederick, Maryland. He and his wife, Susan, live in the Worman's Mill community. Susan is recovering from open heart surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She is doing well, but it is a slow process of healing and rehab. They are up to nine grandchildren, with one more due in September.

Jim Resau says that after living and working in Michigan for 20 years, **Chris Connelly Resau '67,** and he returned to their home state of Maryland just in time for the onslaught of COVID-19. They now live in Towson, which means he is once again close to good friends **Gordon Shelton** (for crabs, beer, hunting, and many hours of reminiscing), as well as **Miles Cole '67** (Civil War history tours and great food), **Rick Boswell** (monthly lunches in Westminster), and **Ralph Wilson** (baseball games). Also, being back on the East Coast has made visits with **Mike Ward** more frequent. Chris and he spent a lovely fall weekend with Mike and **Anne Read '69 Ward** in New Hampshire. While there in Keene, New Hampshire, they visited and had a short hike with **Gary '69** and **Jane Butterbaugh '70 Shapiro**. Jim and Mike were hoping to resume their annual baseball trip with **John Heritage** this summer.

Will Davis took a two-week Mexican vacation and buying trip for his gift shop, The Lucky Monkey. They have survived two years of COVID-19 and are making the best of a very challenging situation. Will lost his sister, **Carol Davis '64 Blankner** this summer from stroke-related issues. She was one of the founders of SOS and went on the first library installing project to

the Philippines in 1963. She was a strong woman and is survived by three daughters and four grandsons! Will did spend a short week at the end of summer 2021 with good WMC pals **Walt Michael, Ralph Wilson,** and brother **Jeff Davis '70.**

Tim and **Barb "Zimmie" Zimmerman Jolly** wanted to share that their dear friend **Carter Seibel** passed away at home on Dec. 28, 2021. He was a quiet member of our class, a true Renaissance man and gentleman, and their dear friend. He and wife, **Cindy DeWitt '69 Seibel,** were known for their beautiful old house in Delta, Pennsylvania, where the Jollys enjoyed many graciously appointed meals and drinks served in a style that made you feel you were a most honored guest worthy of all the best in cuisine, table settings, and conversation. He was smart, kind, and truly a good person. He will be sorely missed.

MaryAnn Julia Kaveski doesn't know where the time has gone! Didn't we just graduate a couple of years ago? She and Nick have been full time in Fort Myers, Florida, since 2013. MaryAnn continues to take classes at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) as a "senior scholar," and this semester it was a psychopathology class. She volunteers as a math tutor at FGCU Adaptive Services Office and as a "decoy" for TSA at the Fort Myers airport (really fun and interesting!). She keeps in touch with our classmate **Gail Lentz Gratzick**. She and her husband are keeping busy with golf and pickleball.

Charlotte Hannemann Bennett says the pandemic has kept them from traveling, dancing, and socializing much, although they did go to a wedding in Michigan and then to a brother-in-law's lake house. Their immediate Indiana and Illinois family members met her sisters and their husbands from Maryland and Pennsylvania at Carter Caves, Kentucky. Their grandson accompanied their local family to his first Phish concert. After Christmas, their grandson and his parents made their first trip to New York City and a Broadway show. This summer they all hope to get in some more western national parks.

Barbara Payne '70 Shelton and I are on our 52nd year of marriage at our home in Towson, Maryland. We tried to take a 50th anniversary Rhine River cruise two years ago but with COVID-19, we took a one-hour paddle boat ride around Capon Lake near our cabin in West Virginia. The captain was sober, the engine worked fine, the food wasn't much, and we saw no castles, but the price (\$16) sure beat anything Viking could offer at the time. During pandemic, Barbara assumed the role of the mask crusader, making over 3,000 masks to donate to various organizations, doubtless saving many lives. Her sewing skills continue with many beautiful quilts, lots donated and lots adorning our house and cabin. They are truly magnificent! I

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Family additions this season:

River Thomas Melhorn on April 6, 2021, to **Ryan '04, M.S. '13** and **Cristen Calgary '07, M.S. '15 Melhorn.**

Palmer Frances Simon in September 2021 to **Kayla** and **Justin Simon '04.**

Nicholas Michael in December 2021 to **Heather Seavolt-Michael '04** and **Chris Michael.**

Lyla Ann Ward on Nov. 26, 2020, to **Chris** and **Sara Thomas '04 Ward.**

Violet Ruth Ward on May 14, 2022, to **Chris** and **Sara Thomas '04 Ward.**

Frances Ann Barr on March 21, 2022, to **Chris** and **Emily Trainor '08, M.S. '13 Barr.**

Olivia Reynolds on May 30, 2021, to **Jackson** and **Victoria Steele '10, M.S. '12 Reynolds.**

Hallel Simcha Adams on May 27, 2021, to **Keith '10** and **Naomi Raphael '10 Adams.**

Simon Patrick Landers on Aug. 27, 2021, to **Kevin** and **Molly Barker '10 Landers.**

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Army Col. Claudia Henemyre '92 wins Military Health System Leadership Award



(L-R) Fort Belvoir Community Hospital (FBCH) Director Colonel Kathleen Spangler; Claudia Henemyre '92, director for clinical support services at FBCH; and FBCH Command Sergeant Major Dedraf Blash at the town hall meeting where Henemyre was presented with her award.

As a board member at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, Army colonel and biochemist Claudia Henemyre '92 has been exceptionally busy since 2020 "with all things COVID-19." In June 2021, she moved to a different directorate and is now the director for clinical support services with oversight of the departments of pathology, pharmacy, public health, radiology, and medical readiness. She was honored for her hard work with a 2021 Military Health System Leadership Award in the ancillary services, senior non-provider category.

The awards acknowledge and honor military allied health professionals in the field at the tactical and operational level. They have demonstrated exemplary leadership along with outstanding clinical or non-clinical skills. "The awardees reflect the best of our Military Health System and their accomplishments improve our ability to effectively deliver high-quality health care to our warfighters, retirees, and their families," said Dr. David J. Smith, who is performing the duties of the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "These awardees epitomize the superb talent that we have in the MHS and give me great faith and confidence that we are well equipped to thrive in the years ahead."

am now in my 50th year of full-time private dental practice, which I continue to enjoy very much. I'm a lucky guy to have made the right career choice those many years ago and particularly lucky to have majored in Biology at WMC. Lots of hiking and hunting, eating wild game about five nights a week. One of my best friends and I explored Antarctica a few years ago and will be hiking this summer for five days in the Rocky Mountain National Park. The Crab Guys have come out of hibernation after COVID and are now back in full bloom, if there was ever such a thing in the first place. Such luminaries as **Jim Resau, Rick Boswell, Ralph Wilson, Hanns Vandrey, John Haker '69, Eugene "Ue" Lindsay '72, Earl Dietrich '69, Splinter Yingling, Walt Michael, Steve Pound, Miles Cole '67, Charlie Turnbaugh '66,** and a recent mystery guest, none other than **Cornelius Darcy M.L.A. '85,** grace the crab table, along with many others, who I likely forgot to mention. Barbara and I hope to take the real Rhine River cruise this August.

Remember the good times of the past and anticipate those yet to come, keep moving forward, stay in touch, and, most of all, ENJOY!

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Like so many others, **Roy, M.Ed. '78** and **Barb Anderson, M.Ed. '77** Angleberger have been staying close to home the last two years. Fortunately, their son and his family live nearby so they can see them often. Roy says the best that they have, besides each other, is their two grandkids, Kaitlyn, 7, and Jack, 3½, who are such a joy to be with. Grandpa is already teaching Jack how to play racquetball! With over a year of virtual school for Kaitlyn and some preschool closings for Jack, Barb and Roy have been able to spend more time with both of them — a blessing for sure.

Kathy Rigger Angstadt retired in September 2018 and started to find out who she was in this new part of her life. She has volunteered at her church, traveled within the U.S., gotten to do more biking, pickleball, sailing, skiing, and just learning how not to be rushing everywhere. She treasures her high school and college friends and enjoys adventures with them. She is also the proud nana of four amazing and fun grandsons and is enjoying building memories with them and her two grown children and their spouses. COVID-19 changed her volunteering into assisting with the grandsons now and again. Her motto is "if you stop, you drop," so she is trying to stay active and live on the positive side of life.

After 10 years in Houston, Texas, Jeff and **Ellen Gould Aresty** moved to Waco, Texas, to be closer to their daughter and her family. Ellen is making jewelry and other creations in silver, copper, and enamel as well as weaving scarves, blankets, and dish towels. Jeff is still working to help people in other parts of the world to give them the tools to support themselves.

Nellie Arrington's travel highlight of the past few years was a small-ship cruise on the Seine from Paris to Rouen in December 2019. Despite a national strike that ended plans to tour Versailles, it was a wonderful 10 days. She is looking forward to more travel since her older daughter's Navy officer husband has orders for England for three years. They, their 8-year-old son, and twin boys born on Nellie's birthday in October 2021 plan to move there from Nevada in summer 2022. Nellie looks forward to visiting them and using it as a jumping-off spot for destinations in Europe. When the pandemic hit, real estate agents in Maryland were deemed essential. Like many others, Nellie upped her Zoom game quickly, showed properties by smartphone to people she never met in person until handing them the keys at settlements, and mastered the art of e-signatures. Social media videos went from being fun diversions to one way to reach out to clients in lieu of appreciation events. And her area of service expanded from predominantly Howard County to all of central Maryland. Meanwhile, Nellie is still gardening, is back to swing dancing, and is dusting off piano and art skills that she's ignored far too long!

Bev and **Larry "Cheese" Bocchese** are still enjoying retirement and watching their two granddaughters. Son Steven and his wife, Jill, bought a house in Audubon, New Jersey, and he is working on his Ph.D. at Catholic University. Their other son, Matthew, and his wife, Julia, just purchased a home in Cheltenham, Pennsylvania. They are expecting their first child in August. Matt is completing his year as a chief resident at Temple University Hospital and will begin his fellowship in cardiology there in July. The Bocchese family is thriving and looking forward to new adventures this year.

Joe and Sharon Spainhour Booker downsized this year — but just through a door in their home! The Bookers had cared for both Joe's and Sharon's moms while they lived in the in-law apartment of their house, and now it is their turn to live there. Their son, his wife, and their 1½-year-old daughter, Evie Grace, now live in the Bookers' former house. Joe and Sharon keep Southwest airlines in business visiting their children and grandchildren in Orlando, Florida, and Houston, Texas! Joe enjoys Zoom-tutoring high school algebra and trig with their grandson in Asia and

granddaughter in Florida. He also tutors some homeschooled students. Sharon says, "God has abundantly blessed us, and we are so thankful for His mercy and grace."

Joe '73 and **Mary Connor, M.S. '92 Carter** are in their 13th year of retirement in North Carolina. Joe is still playing golf several times a week and Mary plays tennis and pickleball. Mary did travel to Maryland six times during 2020 and many times in 2021 to tend to her 97-year-old mother, who still lives by herself in Easton, Maryland. She enjoyed flying to Maryland on mostly empty planes with short lines, cheap prices, and when she arrived in Maryland, hardly any traffic. They visit with their girls and grandchildren whenever they go to Maryland. And their daughters and families visit in North Carolina several times a year, and they still enjoy the Carters' July 4 celebrations on the lake. Joe and Mary celebrated their 50th anniversary on March 24. Their daughters, sons-in-law, and grandkids had an early celebration for three weeks in Anna Maria Island, Florida, this winter. The girls planned a celebration night with dinner, old family videos, and a private boat ride to see dolphins and the sunset. Joe and Mary still remember the day of their wedding. Both of them had three midterms that day. That evening, their friends came out to help celebrate their wedding at Little Baker. Mary says almost everyone thought they were crazy, but they are still enjoying themselves and are so thankful for God's blessings.

Wayne and Nancy Fishpugh Cassell still live in Colorado and have mostly been staying close to home. Wayne has become quite competent in doing things one-handed. He had surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff and tendons in his right shoulder in the spring. He was restricted from driving for quite some time due to his car being a five-speed. Nancy had to serve as chauffeur and aide. After months of PT, he has fully healed. Nancy continues to take OLLI classes via Zoom. (OLLI is Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and there are programs across the country.) She was happy that she was able to join other OLLI members on some trail walks in the area this fall, exploring some new parks and open spaces. Her OLLI group is trying some in-person classes in the spring, but most classes will continue to be via Zoom. Wayne decided learning Russian via online classes was not going to work for him. He found some in-person classes that are conducted in small groups with an instructor who is a native speaker and he is much happier learning that way. The Cassells hope to do some short road trips this year, but probably no trips to Maryland for now.

Dave Cole and his wife Pam are enjoying their four grandchildren (their two daughters each have two children) and family get-togethers. Dave has been retired

for five years as the dean of students at Shepherd University. He currently works occasionally at the dump in Washington County! He secured this part-time job to keep him busy, and out of his king-sized chair. A high school friend of his recommended this venture to help him stay connected with folks, like he was accustomed to during his time at Shepherd University. Dave says that retirement is not easy without a plan. If you are used to interactions daily with others, retirement can be difficult to navigate. Dave did report that he and his wife, as well as his sister Karla, and her husband, **Skip Chambers '76,** went to visit **Bill and Carol Swift** in Ocean City, New Jersey, in October 2021. They all had a great time as Bill is the consummate tour guide!

Mark Corke is enjoying retirement! He retired from dentistry in June 2021 after 23 years in Fort Myers, Florida. He is now finally enjoying his home on Sanibel Island, Florida. Terry and Mark are enjoying competing in country line dancing and country couples dancing at different venues around the country.

Mary Catherine "M.C." DeRosa and her hubby, Paul, have moved up to the mountains of New Hampshire in a small town without a spotlight! Not so many people, not so much COVID-19. She retired from her doctoring job in November 2020. She was running a menopause program for a healthcare system in Rhode Island. She loved the job, loved the patients, and it was fun, but the pandemic was not. So now M.C. is up north providing a little consultation service for the menopause group. She is learning how to garden and enjoys being able to get into the dirt and watch things grow. She is knitting and is part of a women's art collective, selling her knits under the name Mary Cate Knits. Paul has built an art studio in their barn and has gone back to his painting. So, they are doing this artsy right brain thing in the mountains!

Anne Stubblefield Dill and her husband, Harry, continue to enjoy retirement in a residential airpark in central North Carolina with the community's private runway just 250 feet from their front door. Trips in the Mooney to Wisconsin and Virginia to visit the "kids" (youngest just turned 40!) and grandkids (youngest just turned 2!) are without the hassle of commercial air travel. Both are still active and healthy. Anne keeps busy volunteering with their HOA, keeping up with the house and garden, spending time with friends, playing golf, and a little reading or streaming without feeling she should be more productive. Harry became a certified flight instructor, added a Decathlon to the hangar, and loves teaching other private pilots who want to improve their skills and add to their ratings.

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Those who will be missed:

Mrs. Betty Baker '46 Englar of Boise, Idaho, on Nov. 30, 2021.

Ms. Doris Holmes '49 of Anacortes, Washington, on June 8, 2022.

Mrs. Elinor Price '50 Weaver of Wilmington, Delaware, on Jan. 16, 2022.

Miss Dorothy Shindle '50 of Westminster, Maryland, on March 31, 2022.

Mr. David Myers '50 of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on June 1, 2022.

Ms. Dorothy Von Briesen '51 Zahringer of Silver Spring, Maryland, on Dec. 1, 2021.

Mr. Lawrence Loper '51 of Hanover, Pennsylvania, on March 31, 2022.

Dr. John Loper '52 of Cincinnati, Ohio, on Feb. 2, 2021.

Mrs. Jane Buettner '52 Stevick of Mill Valley, California, on Jan. 21, 2022.

Mr. Michael Rentko '53, M.Ed. '59 of Easton, Maryland, on Jan. 24, 2022.

Mr. John Becker '53 of Laytonsville, Maryland, on Feb. 10, 2022.

Mrs. Lisabeth Davis '53 Little of Perry Hall, Maryland, on March 27, 2022.

Mr. Dickinson Gardiner '58 of Troy, Pennsylvania, on March 22, 2022.

Mr. David Baker '58 of Southampton, Pennsylvania, on May 3, 2022.

Mrs. Anne Offutt '59 Miller of Holly Springs, North Carolina, on Oct. 13, 2021.

Mr. Robert Piavis Sr. '60 of Wapwallopen, Pennsylvania, on March 28, 2022.

Ms. Jill Brown '60 Hurlbrink of Towson, Maryland, on May 10, 2022.

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Charlotte Lent '74 received the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal upon her retirement from the Department of the Army.

After nearly 10 years as a widower (**Pam Furness '75 Engel** died in May 2012), **Alan Engel** married Joanne Dorrett of Lutherville, Maryland, in July 2021. They bought and moved into a new home in a 55-and-over neighborhood in Ellicott City, Maryland.

David and **Karen Birkmaier Ermer** love entertaining their grandson, 7, and granddaughter, 6, with treasure hunts, crafts, and imaginative play. Oma and Opa are a change from iPads. They also have a granddaughter, 3, who they visit in Virginia Beach. They have become quite familiar with playgrounds, state parks, and wildlife refuges in that area. David continues working for the Maryland Department of the Environment. He is able to work from home at least half of the time. Retirement is coming into sight though. Karen continues sewing, reading, and visiting the homebound from her church.

Glenn Fell has been retired for a few years. He and his wife spend half their time in Delray Beach, Florida, and half in Hanover, Pennsylvania. They have a son and his family down in Florida, and a daughter and her family in Hanover. At each place, Glenn volunteers at a golf course one shift a week so he can play golf as much as he wants for \$5 a round. Glenn and his wife have started to play some pickleball as well as riding their bikes various places along the shore in Florida and along the trails in Pennsylvania and Maryland. The Glens were planning a cruise to Alaska in May and Glenn has tickets to the Masters Tournament that have been rolled over for two years.

Karen Gallagher is still living in Punta Gorda, Florida, after 25 years and the weather is not difficult to enjoy. The little town on the water has grown and is extremely busy with an influx of newcomers and snowbirds. In 2019, Karen completed a Master of Science in Herbal Medicine at the Maryland University of Integrative Health, and in 2020 completed a Post-Master's Certificate in Nutrition and Integrative Health. She has a clinical practice where she can see clients either in person or remotely, and she taught classes on herbs at Florida Gulf Coast University until the pandemic. In addition, for one of her M.S. classes, Karen and a colleague formulated an organic, gluten-free tincture product for cognition and focus and had it bottled in an herbal pharmacy in California. They are selling in retail and wholesale markets. The feedback she is getting is positively wonderful. She travels to Maryland at least twice a year and in December, Karen and her son drove around Westminster to see how it had changed. She says that she misses those hills.

Michael and **Susan Fowler Hallowell** both had to deal with cancer the last couple of years, and navigating therapy during the pandemic was challenging but it really helped that Michael is a

physician. Susan's Renaissance music group, the Susquehanna Consort, finally retired because of the pandemic. Shades of being in the WMC marching band for four years, Susan dusted off her clarinet, and after 47 years started playing again, and discovered that playing and marching is still wonderful. Susan joined a mummer's string band and was really enjoying life until she tripped in the third parade on July 4, 2021, and broke her arm in two places, which made for a slow summer and fall with few activities. After a month in a sling and 22 weeks of aggressive therapy, she was able to resume her activities and march again. She was proud to march in the New Year's Day mummer's parade in downtown Philadelphia. Although the pandemic has greatly restricted fun travel for the Hallowells, they still enjoy biking, kayaking, and geocaching, and were tickled to find some of **Al Woltz's** geocaches in the Bel Air, Maryland, area recently.

Sandy Johnson Hartsock is coming up on the 10th anniversary of her retirement after 33 years as a forensic scientist supervisor. It also means the 11th anniversary of husband's, **James Hartsock '68** death. Jim has missed so much. The family has grown to include five grandchildren, four girls and one boy, ranging in ages from 2 to 18. Sandy is active in a local GriefShare group, where she found solace after experiencing the deaths of a number of loved ones that compounded with the loss of Jim. For the past 2½ years, she has become one of the leaders. She is still the small-business owner of See Sandy for Posh, selling Perfectly Posh pampering skin care products made from naturally based ingredients, although she has lost money the last few years. COVID-19 closed not only the store Sandy was part owner of, but also all of the vendor events she participated in. Those events are starting to pick up again, so hopefully 2022 will be better.

Gary Hanna is still practicing law in Allegany County and trying to play as much golf as he can. He is a 5 handicap and just shot his age last year! **Mike Getty's** office is right across the street and **Greg Getty '69's** was right around the corner until he retired. Gary runs into **Slug Armstrong '73, M.Ed. '75** a lot on the golf course and still keeps in touch with **Tom Yates** and **Gary Wright '73**. His daughter is now a tenured professor at Frostburg State University and Gary spends a lot of time trying to keep up with his three grandbabies and their activities.

After a long wait for a first grandchild, **John** and Susan **Harbold** got two for the price of one in June 2021. They welcomed twin boys, Howie and Robin, to the family, sons of their daughter, Laura, and her husband, Tony. They have been a great joy to the Harbolds, as any baby would be, but two are really magical! Of course, they keep a whole platoon — mom, dad,

two grandmoms and a nanny — very busy, and they give John and Susan's creaky joints and ligaments a workout. John and Susan moved to New Windsor, Maryland, in 2020, a short hop from their home of 31 years south of Westminster. They had considered, like many others of our generation, an exodus to somewhere more moderate in climate and lower in taxes, but staying close to their kids, and now grandkids, has worked out well.

Jean Scott Holloway says that there are no big changes for her. She is still working for the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, serving small communities in Maryland and Delaware.

Ed Humphries says there is not much to report from Kansas. Jan and Ed are assembling their kit to try their hand at backpacking. They have been enjoying some longer walks in the area and hitting some of the trail systems. One day they'd like to attack at least a part of the Appalachian Trail. Ed says he is looking forward to the reunion in 2024.

Lynne Hulse Javier, M.Ed. '75 says that her most exciting thing for her is that she can sing again! Her chorus, Harbor City Music Company, is back to live rehearsals and had a regional competition in late April. In June, the chorus planned a concert at the Guinness Brewery. Vinnie and Lynne reconnected with **Bill '73** and **Monika van der Berg '73 McCormick** and look forward to sailing with them in Annapolis, Maryland, as the weather improves. In the past two years, the Javiers have been blessed with two more delightful granddaughters, so now a total of three! Finally, they are set for a Rhine River cruise in September.

Sandy Schindler Jensen still lives in Fayetteville, Georgia, and is enjoying retirement. She has two grandchildren now and is spending a lot of time traveling to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to visit. She is also spending as much time as possible at her son's house on Saginaw Bay, Michigan. It's a great way to beat the heat of Georgia summers.

2021 was a terrible year for **Dottie Hitchcock Keene**. Her husband of 39 years, John Keene, died suddenly of strokes caused by undiagnosed cancer. Exactly three months later, her college roommate, **Roberta Schrom**, passed away of stroke with Dottie by her side. Two of her favorite people were gone. Grieving has been incredibly hard for her, but she feels she has grown in the process. She is so grateful for the love and support and strength shared by so many friends, neighbors, and family members. So, it's on to the next chapter of her life, which is sure to include retirement, travel, laughter, love, and much time with her two gorgeous children and their families. Hugging grandchildren Edward, Andrew, Lucy, and Teddy is Dottie's favorite thing, while watching them grow and helping them become good, kind people.

Charlie Keil and his wife, Chris, moved back to New Jersey from Myrtle Beach in 2019, mainly to spend more time with their four granddaughters. Right after they moved back, Chris suffered a heart attack, collapsed unconscious, and suffered a brain injury when she fell. She was revived four times, in a coma for seven days, and spent a month in the hospital. She's considered a miracle patient by her doctors. She's been undergoing rehab ever since. The Keils live in a 55+ community that has a fitness center in the clubhouse, so Charlie accompanies Chris to her rehab sessions and works out as well. Charlie worked at a golf course near their house but has since retired; he spends a lot of time babysitting his granddaughters. They keep him hopping, since they are all under age 6! Charlie accompanies his son and 38 others on a golf trip to Pinehurst, North Carolina, every spring. It's called the "Grip It and Sip It" Tour! Plenty of golf, even more drinking!

Dennis Kirkwood continues to enjoy retirement and his quest to see the world, especially the many places he taught about as a science educator. He was supposed to have visited his seventh continent, Antarctica, by now but COVID-19 stepped in. He is scheduled for November 2022, when he can check off another bucket list item. Birding continues to be a main focus, as Dennis has seen over one third of all the bird species in the world. He still manages the family farm along with help from his daughters and their husbands. His four grandchildren (three boys and one girl) are all under 7 years and bring him lots of entertainment and humility. He talks with and visits **Phil Cibrowski** on a regular basis as he is now retired and still living in Colorado.

As of March, **Scott Krieger** and his wife, Becky, have been retired for five years. To fill his time, Scott has rediscovered his love for photography, wildlife in particular. He bought a longer zoom lens and has been photographing foxes, deer, and birds behind his house and eagles at Conowingo Dam in Darlington, Maryland. Scott and Becky have taken several day trips to wildlife refuges. Last year, their son and his wife bought a house four doors away from the Kriegers in Bel Air, Maryland. They love having them, including two of their three grandsons, so close. Cass and Cypress are currently 4 and 2 years old respectively. Their daughter's family still lives in Oakton, Virginia. Her children, Harper, 13; Weston, 10; and Laurel, 5, are happy to be back to in-person schooling. They are all involved in sports: soccer, swimming, ice hockey, and basketball in particular.

On Aug. 3, 2021, **Charlotte Lent** retired as a Department of Army civilian industrial engineer after more than 42 years in the Packaging, Storage, and Containerization

Center. Her specialty was hazardous materials packaging testing, where in the 1990s she designed and tested a frozen specimen shipping container for the NIH Division of AIDS (Dr. Fauci's people). A similar packaging on a larger scale was needed for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. While the creative requirements of her job brought recognition to her over the years, Charlotte was shocked to be recognized by the Secretary of the Army with the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal on her retirement. Since Charlotte retired, she has the time to renovate her 1901 farmhouse that Fred and she bought in 1987 as fixer-upper that never got fixed up.

Gary and **Louise Mattocks McCrorie** are still living in Charlotte, North Carolina. Louise retired as a social worker from Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services for Adults in December 2019 and planned on volunteering at Loaves & Fishes, a local food pantry. Then COVID-19 happened and she was asked to work full time as the social services coordinator. She continues to try to balance that full-time job and working part time as a house manager at the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center and as a head usher at Ovens Auditorium. She worked 32 performances of "Wicked" in August. Gary is retired and is the transportation, chores, and yard person in the household, and calendar coordinator! He continues to manage the finances and health care for his mother, who is in the Methodist home in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and celebrated her 100th birthday on Thanksgiving! Gary now has hearing aids and Louise had cataract and eye muscle surgery recently. The parts are wearing out.

Tim Meredith retired in 2020 from being a full-time judge on the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. But he is continuing to work part time as a judge on that court pursuant to Maryland's system that permits retired judges to hear cases on a part-time basis. Tim and Kathy celebrated their 40th anniversary last year, and they are blessed to have both of their children and all six of their grandchildren living within walking distance of their home on the Magothy River. Although they limited their travel during the past two years because of COVID-19, they are looking forward to spending more time visiting their second home, on Amelia Island, and seeing other places in the world.

Chip Rouse continues to work at Stevenson University, but in a much different capacity. She was ready to retire in June 2019 after 36 years of teaching there, but was "recruited" by the athletics department to serve part time as an academic coach in athletics for Stevenson's NCAA student-athletes. She spends her days helping student-athletes perform well academically. She says there is a lot to learn,

and many wonderful athletes and coaches to get to know. Chip moved in June 2021, about three blocks away from her previous home of 28 years, to a wonderful condo that's almost as big as the house.

Leon and **Judy Gardner Salzman** are both retired and enjoying life in beautiful Williamsburg, Virginia. They enjoyed reconnecting with college friends at the Phi Delta Theta reunion event this spring.

During the pandemic, **Linda Reeser Sappington** learned how to work with Zoom, Facebook stream, and VideoPad editor. She loves being able to participate in meetings without leaving her house. Linda really doesn't like to drive and this lets her leave the car in the garage. Linda has been making 14-by-16-inch mats from woven plastic bag yarn (plarn). The kids at John Wesley United Methodist Church love to see how large a ball of plarn they can make for this project. Folks use these mats to sit on, kneel on, or wear under their coats for extra insulation. The Washcloths for Wellness ministry packages a cotton hand-knitted washcloth with soap in a plastic bag. The Health Department, It's a Blessing to Be a Blessing, and REACH of Washington County love these for their clients. Linda loves to binge watch TV and work on these two hand projects. Linda is able now to go to C. J. Senior Center to play bingo and card games with the residents. Linda's folks live near Tampa, Florida, and she flew to visit them in April.

As he suspects is true with many classmates, **Dick Schwanke** had heard for a dozen years that his cataracts were slowly "ripening." In a single year, they suddenly went to "get them fixed now." Two operations later, he is hoping that other classmates in the same situation will have results that were as wildly successful as his. Dick continues to teach part time at Harford Community College for both credit and continuing education courses. The pandemic-induced enrollment drops common to all Maryland community colleges cut his work hours in half. Teaching remotely from the basement computer worked but was, overall, not so enjoyable. In spring 2022, the hands-on/lab courses resumed, as did half of Dick's math courses. Family health and pandemic concerns canceled all of his bigger travel plans mentioned in our last class column. Dick is still getting out on his bicycle 28.7 days per month, but his average speed has fallen by a third and total distance by a half. He says it still beats the alternative.

According to **Karen Georg Quillin Sirian**, the secret is out. Winding River Plantation in southeast North Carolina is one of the best places to live, and retirees are moving there from all over the country. Bob and Karen bought a home there in 2018 and since COVID-19,

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Mr. Jacob "Jan" Siehler IV '61 of Cumberland, Maryland, on March 25, 2022.

Mr. Lewis Goodley '63 of Cedar Park, Texas, on April 18, 2022.

Mr. William Myers '63 of Aberdeen, Maryland, on April 24, 2022.

Mr. James Miller M.Ed. '63 of Glenville, Pennsylvania, on June 1, 2022.

Mrs. Evelyn Trovinger M.Ed. '64 of Hagerstown, Maryland, on July 24, 2021.

Mr. J. Carter Seibel '68 of Delta, Pennsylvania, on Dec. 28, 2021.

Mr. Stephen McSweeney '72 of Longmont, Colorado, on March 18, 2022.

Mr. Thomas Shade M.Ed. '72 of Frederick, Maryland, on April 5, 2022.

Mr. Lawrence Appel '73 of Owings Mills, Maryland, in July 2020.

Mr. Nelson Shaffer '73 of Marco Island, Florida, on May 9, 2022.

Mr. Gary Appel '74 of Ocean City, Maryland, on March 25, 2021.

Mr. William McCloskey '74 of Ellicott City, Maryland, on May 31, 2022.

Mr. Canie Steele Jr. M.Ed. '75 of Monrovia, Maryland, on May 14, 2022.

Mr. John Bream M.Ed. '76 of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on Feb. 23, 2022.

Mrs. Katherine Chason '76, M.S. '03 Trimmer of Hanover, Pennsylvania, on March 2, 2022.

Mrs. Eleanor Duvall M.Ed. '76 of Punta Gorda, Florida, on May 6, 2022.

Mr. Rogers Clements '76 of Charlestown, Maryland, on May 14, 2022.

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Scott Dahne '80 set up an endowment to fund students working on R&D projects in the Chemistry department.

the place is booming with new houses being built! They love the new friends, the weather (most of the time), the interest groups, the amenities, the activities, the medical system, the seafood, its proximity to airports and — that's all she is going to say about that. She wants to keep it a secret. Their grandkids love coming to visit because of the beach. Their ages range from 18 months to 18 years old, and their kids are all in their 40s!

Bob Sklar is working at Quickbase as a software performance engineer. He loves the work because it keeps his mind active and involves solving challenging problems. Bob is still wondering when would be the right time to retire.

Rodney Sewell wrote that he has his own YouTube channel. His collection includes selections from classical, jazz, R&B, soul, and the Big Band era.

Rick Spink visited friends in Oregon to celebrate Independence Day 2021, and then proceeded to Colorado, where Rick and two friends ascended Badito Cone, an arduous climb to the mountain summit — not too shabby for an advanced sexagenarian! Rick keeps in decent physical condition playing the increasingly popular sport of disc golf, often with **Bob Noland**. Rick does a lot of house/cat-sitting for vacationing friends, including Bob and **Lucinda Newby '73 Noland**. He has been healthy for the duration of the pandemic, supplementing his nutrition with vitamins/minerals pertinent to immune system. He played **Bill Fries** in four online chess games last summer; as well as competing in a match with **Gary Appel's** oldest brother. Sadly, Gary passed last year. Rick helped him and his family bury brother **Larry Appel '73's** ashes near their favorite fishing spot in summer 2020. Bob, Bill, and Rick were all members of the nascent WMC chess team.

Daniel Stubbs (pen name Danny Erhardt) has written a book titled “The Theory of Evolution Is a Joke.” It has 240 quotes from some of the world's leading biologists, micro-biologists, scientists, physicists, etc. Danny says, “It has hundreds of scientific facts and evidence that destroy this theory.” Danny lives in Severn, Maryland.

Bill and **Linda McHale '75 Thomas** are still living the life in Westminster, Maryland. Three of their eight grandchildren have graduated from McDaniel. Bill is in his 40th year of ministry and his 11th year as pastor of Hereford Faith & Life Church in Hereford, Maryland. Linda is still raising their flock and quilting every chance she gets, which isn't often! Their youngest daughter, Maia, is a 10th grader at Westminster High School and their youngest son, Jerry, is in his first year at Carroll Community College. Bill and Linda adopted Jerry and Maia in China when they were just over 1 year old,

and they keep them young at heart and on the move! They both enjoyed attending **Bob Watson '73's** 70th birthday party on campus, with wife **Donna Herbst Watson** and a handful of Preachers who came to see what a 70-year-old looks like. During the pandemic, the Thomases were able to get together with **Mark** and **Penny Parsons Gole** a couple times. Now “Grandpa” (Mark's frat name) is a real grandfather! Bill had a surprise guest show up at their Christmas Eve service, fraternity brother **Reggie Lee '75**, who Bill hadn't seen since he left living in the Preacher club room when he had to add an extra semester to his senior year to student teach! Linda and Bill currently have nine grandchildren who keep them busy as well.

Like many of our fellow 1974 graduates, **Dave Volrath** was fortunate to celebrate his 70th birthday this year. **Patty Eyre '75 Volrath** and Dave continue to live in Ocean Pines, Maryland, where they play all summer and travel most of the winter. The Volraths are blessed with five grandkids, wonderful friends, and good health. On most days, Dave's four-footed canine friend drags him around six miles while Patty pulls him through a mile of water in the pool. It's a tough competition the rest of the day for golf, boating, the beach, cocktails, dinner, and the occasional nap. Dave and Patty regularly travel to California to visit their second son's family and to Bel Air, Maryland, to visit their first son's family. On top of that, they still find time for several scuba trips, the Outer Banks, North Carolina, Florida, Mexico, and Disney. Dave has continued to work as a consultant since retiring from the State Department of Education, currently with children living in poverty in rural California. At 70, he says he finds his view is more in the rearview mirror than the windshield. He remembers fondly the friendships and lessons of WMC and he thinks about the multitude of people all of us have touched.

Pat and **Frank Wagner** have a busy retired life. They volunteer with local food banks, do some math tutoring at the high school, and enjoy the trails and activities around Reston, Virginia. Frank continues to be involved with their church in supporting two schools in the central plateau of Haiti. Unfortunately, they have not been able to visit since February 2020 due to the pandemic and widespread protest but are hopeful for a visit this year. Frank's friends in Haiti are some of the kindest, most generous people he has met. The Wagners have a little travel trailer and enjoy camping in state and national parks. They are looking forward to being camp hosts at Assateague State Park for the month of October. They recently bought a condo on 38th Street in Ocean City, Maryland, and hope to see some old friends at the ocean.

The last time **Donna Herbst Watson** wrote to our column, everything was humming along for Bob and her in South Florida, where they thought they had retired for life. When COVID-19 hit and they couldn't see their family for over a year, the Watsons made the decision to build a house 20 miles from their daughter and her family in Westminster, Maryland. Donna has been homeschooling their granddaughter three days a week, which has been fun for both of them and makes up all the time they spent apart. Bob is a Civil War buff, and they've spent a lot of time in Gettysburg. In October, Donna gave Bob a surprise 70th birthday party in the Art building on campus with a lot of Preacher brothers and wives in attendance, including **Andy** and **Cindy O'Neal '76, M.L.A. '80 Keefer** and **Bill** and **Linda McHale '75 Thomas**. Their daughter **Chloe Watson '07 Irla** is now a tenured professor in the Art Department at McDaniel. The Watsons are happy to be back in the area, and look forward to reconnecting with other alumni as they get settled in.

Ann Swope Williams wrote that she enjoys living close to Hickory, North Carolina. Her husband, Don, and she celebrated their 39th anniversary in January 2022. Their five children are spread out among Washington, Colorado, Virginia, and South Carolina. Ann recently spoke with her first college roommate, **Kathy Martin Bitzel**. She married **Dan Bitzel's** brother, David Bitzel. They are doing well and live in Westminster, Maryland. She also spoke with **Chip Wright**, who lives in Annapolis, Maryland. He is staying busy enjoying his retirement from the ministry. It is with great sadness, that she shares with us news of the passing of her first husband, **Floyd Twilley '74** (his married name was Ian Floyd Merchant). He passed away suddenly on Oct. 24, 2021.

Al and **Peggy Taylor '76 Woltz** weathered the COVID-19 storm without incident. Unfortunately, it curtailed their traveling for the time being. Prior to the pandemic, they were cruising about twice a year to various places like the Mediterranean, Alaska, Hawaii, the Caribbean, Canada, the British Isles, Norway, Iceland, and Russia. They delayed their bucket-list trips to Australia, Antarctica, and a riverboat cruise down the Nile until the world becomes safe to travel again. They spent time last summer with **Debbie Blount '73 Richards** while spending their family vacation in Ocean City, Maryland. Additionally, the Woltzes had a wonderful visit with Peg's brother, **David Taylor '78**, while visiting his family in Wisconsin for Christmas 2020. Al and Peg are retired, though they both work for an international company, SERCO, as PTOC (part time on call) employees to assist the company in writing and editing proposals.

In closing, I am truly grateful for health and freedom, in light of the past two years with COVID-19 and for what is happening in Ukraine. We are a blessed people to live where we do and to have the opportunities that we do. That said, I continue to work four (sometimes five) days a week as the office manager of a dental office in Towson, Maryland. Several of our patients are WMC grads. It's always fun to see them a few times each year.

It is always fabulous to hear from you. I hope all of you have a wonderful and healthy 2022. I'll look forward to hearing from you in the future (and seeing you in June 2024 for our 50th!).

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Chrissy Moore Aull and her husband **Ned Aull '75, M.Ed. '80** purchased a home on the Corsica River in Centreville, Maryland, in 2014. They are always grateful for the view, serenity, and recreation that comes with the river. They spend hours and days maintaining their 2.5 acres, which they see as good fitness activity. Chrissy loves to garden and each year their bounty is larger. They spend a lot of time with their two grandkids who live nearby. Chrissy's big news is that after 18 years, she retired as founding head of Centreville's Wye River Upper School. With the school in a strong position in all ways, it was time for her to step back and allow a younger leader to step in. Her retirement was well timed, as she only had to deal with COVID-19 and the shutdown for a few months. Ned had just retired after 38 years with Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory so they figured out how to hunker down together in a shutdown. They get together with **Kris Chromy Tyssowski** and her husband, **Joe Tyssowski '76, M.Ed. '79**, who are also enjoying retirement. She stays in touch with **Leslie Bullock** through social media. Not as much fun as rooming together but still a nice way to stay connected!

Patrice John '79 Baugher reports that she and **Tom Baugher** remain Hoosiers. Tom continues to work for Raytheon but plans to retire soon and enjoy fishing on their boat at nearby Lake Wawasee. They are really looking forward to traveling this coming year, including a trip to Disney World with their grandsons and several back to Maryland to celebrate family and friends' special events. Visiting the WMC campus (along with getting a good crab cake) is part of their plans, and while it will certainly have changed in the decades since they last walked the campus, nothing can change the memories that they have of their time there.

Scott Dahne and his wife, Natalie Natche, have had a busy year. Finally getting past the WMC name change, and meeting and developing a friendship with Dana Ferraris, chair of the Chemistry department, in May 2021 they set up an endowment to help fund students working on R&D projects in the Chemistry department. They were very sad when President Roger Casey retired, as his friendship with them was what helped bring Scott back into the fold after the school's name change, but having met President Julia Jasken, they are sure that the school is in very good hands moving forward. They welcomed two more grandbabies in August and November last year, bringing their total to seven. They love filling their older grandkids with candy and letting them stay up until midnight when they sleep over, and then sending them back to their parents completely wired. They love saying “that's the fun of being grandparents, getting even for what your kids did.” Scott had been enjoying a life of semi-retirement, where he spent most of his time riding one of his two Harleys. In January of last year, one of Scott's friends decided to spin out an AI technology company and asked Scott to join him in the endeavor as the COO/CFO. He's now one year into the venture and having a blast being back in the thick of things. The company is completely virtual, and they have people from across the world — from the U.S. to Australia and Bali to Ukraine. Natalie is still running her accounting practice as well. They have both had COVID-19 twice, with very mild cases each time. Throughout everything, they have managed to take several trips, including Costa Rica, which they've visited a number of times; Idaho and Montana to ride the Harleys; Washington to visit some of the kids; and back to Maryland to visit family, and WMC, of course.

Rick and **Kathy Smith Gambino** report that their big news is that after 37 years of dentistry, Rick sold his practice and retired in August 2021! He has become a homesteader, growing vegetables, making fresh tofu and pasta, and milling his own wheat to make bread. He's also a gourmet cook. Kathy gets served delicious meals every night! Kathy still teaches at Stony Brook University School of Nursing. This summer, they hope to take their boat to Rhode Island or Cape Cod.

Gail Spunt Garner, M.Ed. '82 writes that although she is “retired,” she has never been busier! She tutors students in high school and college, works with three groups learning ASL, interprets at two different churches in Delaware, and serves as steering committee chair for a nonprofit she helped start! Deaf Outreach Inc. serves residents of Delaware who are deaf or hard of hearing. Their biggest project thus far has been updating a visor communication

card used to facilitate communication with law enforcement and creating a wallet version of the same card. These cards are distributed, free of charge, to any resident who is deaf or hard of hearing who applies. They have also supplied a copy for every member of law enforcement in the state. Their next project will be to create a similar communication tool for interactions with EMS. On a more personal front, Gail and her husband celebrated their 20th anniversary on Valentine's Day and are enjoying sharing music with residents of local senior communities and nursing homes.

Jon Hackbarth retired as an administrator with Catholic Charities in 2018. Since then, he and his wife have traveled a lot, most recently to Iceland, Las Vegas, and Key West. John has stayed busy doing some training and consultation, walking dogs, hiking, golfing, playing guitar, and periodically seeing his daughter and his 1½-year-old grandchild in Newport News, Virginia. John and his wife, Arlene, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in October and continue to enjoy life in Monkton, Maryland.

William Hamilton writes that as of June 2022, he has lived in Connecticut for 40 years. It is where he met his wife, Sue, and they have been married for over 35 years. William has worked for Aetna, Travelers, and Conning here in Connecticut, in IT for 40 years. William and his family are Christians and the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ means everything. William and his family have been part of a church in Willimantic, Connecticut, for over 35 years now. It is such a joy to gather weekly with those of like faith, he says. The church did not close down for a second during the pandemic. William says he would greatly like to hear from **Jon Hackbarth, Blaine Osborn, Kent Pickard, Howard Goodie, Tony Eckard '79, Tim Stump '81, and Dale Bowman**.

Five years ago, **Sam Hopkins** was part of a group of seven individuals who started a new biotechnology company in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. The company, Asklepios BioPharmaceutical Inc., is dedicated to treating rare genetic diseases through the use of viral-mediated gene delivery. They have expanded to five locations worldwide, and as of last year, the company was acquired by Bayer Pharma AG for \$4 billion. It is now the world's largest gene therapy company having recently hired its 700th employee. Two of those employees are graduates of McDaniel College, **Thao Tran '09** and **Kevin Webster '19**. Retirement seems to be nowhere in sight because he can't imagine stepping away now given the research opportunities in front of the company. Sam is now an empty nester with his oldest, Ray, on his way to graduate school at the University of Florida; son Will graduated from Gettysburg College in May; and his youngest, Claire, is serving as an Army combat medic stationed at Fort Lewis in Washington.

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Mrs. Jeanne Backhaus Davis M.Ed. '78 of Leland, North Carolina, on **May 7, 2022**.

Mr. Joseph Michael Garner M.Ed. '83 of Frederick, Maryland, on **April 8, 2022**.

Mrs. Karen Green '85 Grebenstein of Laurel, Maryland, on **April 19, 2022**.

Ms. Susan Hottle-Schultz '86, M.L.A. '97 of Annapolis, Maryland, on **June 1, 2022**.

Ms. Joanne Westerman M.L.A. '03 of Joppa, Maryland, on **Aug. 10, 2021**.

Mr. Frank Wright '03 of Westminster, Maryland, on **April 6, 2022**.

alumni updates

Julia Logan '80 Kearney and her husband own a small wood flooring retail store in Timonium, Maryland.

Nancy Menefee Jackson reports that in March she joined The Great Resignation by leaving her position as editor and communications manager for a university research center. Her new position, which will be full time for the next several weeks, is that of grandma to 9-month-old Tess, assuming she can figure out how the stroller and sippy cup work. Nancy was saddened to read of Dr. Panek's death; her ability to edit is thanks to his instruction, sometimes in the form of caustic comments in a blue book. She'll honor him by reading detective stories.

Julia Logan Kearney writes that she and her husband, Bill, are still in Lutherville, Maryland. They became self-employed years ago, and currently own a small wood flooring retail store in Timonium, Maryland. Julia runs the store with a coworker, and Bill does the books and spends a lot of time refereeing volleyball. They have flexible schedules and try to do as much traveling as they can, most recently limited to the U.S. given the pandemic. This year they look forward to going a bit farther!

Phyllis Landry moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland in October 2021 and says that it is a great place to retire! They built their home near Church Hill, Maryland, and love their new neighborhood, being close to Chestertown, Maryland, and for Phyllis, being near where she grew up. Phyllis's other big news is that she became a grandmother in April 2021. Hazel Anne has brought her such joy. She gladly babysits two days a week. Who would have ever thought that being a grandma could be so much fun?

Robin Lee Lawson notes that despite 2021 being another pandemic year, she and her husband, **Keith Lawson '79**, welcomed the birth of two new grandbabies, Finn and Lily, sibling and cousin to their 4-year-old granddaughter, Riley. Needless to say, they are loving being grandparents and grateful to have both of their sons and their families living nearby. Their travel in 2021 was mostly curtailed with the exception of an extended road trip to Cleveland, Ohio, for the induction ceremony to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (RRHOF) and visit to the RRHOF Museum in late October. It was a treat to see Carole King among others inducted! Aside from visiting their place at the shore, they mostly stayed close to home in Bethesda, Maryland. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in June 2021 with family, but will plan a trip later on down the road. So far this year, they have been fortunate enough to see some of WMC friends at a retirement party for **Jay Cooke '78**, including **Chuck Boehlke '78**, **Judd Miller '78**, **Mike Cottingham '78**, **Skip Seidel '78**, **Mike Modica '79**, and **Wayne Birely '79**.

Linda Piccirelli-Maher is working as an assistant dean, Biology instructor, and assistant golf coach at Rowan College of South Jersey. She transferred into the academic world about 12 years ago. She traded in her tennis racket about 10 years ago for golf clubs, and her goal is to golf in every state — 20 more to go! She has been slowly working through the golf courses at Pinehurst and surrounding areas in North Carolina. She has tickets to the Open Championship at St. Andrews this summer, so she hopes to play in Scotland.

Karin Olfson Mewbourne wonders (as do many of us) whether it has really been 42 years since graduation. She and her husband, Dee, are finally retiring from the Navy. "We," she says, because the whole family serves. She is incredibly proud of Dee and his amazing career with nine commands from planes, carriers, and some desk jobs, leaving as a three-star admiral. Her life has been filled with mentoring young Navy spouses and raising their three wonderful children. Her family has grown to include five granddaughters and a sixth on her way. They are currently stationed at Scott Air Force base just outside of St. Louis, Missouri, but looking forward to a summer in Annapolis, Maryland, while Dee job hunts. Karin's life is filled with lots of MiMi time, caring for her parents, and lots of arts and crafts! She hopes to make it back on the Hill soon.

Ginger Wilson Remian and her husband, Eric, plan to retire this summer and relocate from their home in Germantown, Maryland, to their lake house in Delmar, Maryland, where they can fish from their docks in the backyard and use their four boats more often. It will certainly be a change from their careers in commercial real estate, but they are looking forward to a less hectic pace of life when the only deadline will be happy hour at 5 p.m., overlooking the lake and watching the birds and turtles. Ginger planned to cruise to Italy, Croatia, and Greece in May with her daughter after a two-year travel delay. Their son, Jake, and daughter, Katie, are both married and relocated out of the D.C. area, so Ginger and Eric look forward to more road trips in the future to visit family and grand-dogs.

Jim Slack retired from his ophthalmology practice and after moving to Pasadena, Maryland, is looking forward to sailing on the Magothy River and spending more free time outside.

Susie Tucker Taylor is in her 42nd year of working for the Maryland State Public Health Laboratory with probably at least one more to go before she retires and puts her energy elsewhere. She is still planning what that might be. Since March 2020, Susie and the lab have been busy managing a work-

load of COVID-19 specimens that far surpassed anything seen in her career. Prior to COVID-19, 100 to 200 flu specimens per day was a lot. By the fall of 2020, the laboratory was processing 2,000 to 3,000 COVID-19 specimens per day. The rest of Susie's time is spent with family, church, the gym, and whatever outdoor fun she can fit in. She stays connected with WMC friends through a weekly Zoom call that they started because COVID-19 was interfering with their get-togethers. It has been great because they can include out-of-towners and share more of their life stories in real time.

I think most people know that since my last letter, **Rebecca "Becky" Martin**, long a fixture in WMC athletics died in June of 2021.

My husband, **Mike Cantrell**, continues to work as an attorney with McCabe, Weisberg, and Conway representing mortgage lending companies. In mid-March, we had brunch with **Kathi Hill** and her husband, Dave Warner, at a small restaurant in Bethany Beach, Delaware. At the time, Kathi was preparing for a trip to India with plans to see snow leopards in the Himalayas. Kathi has done the most amazing travel of anyone I know. I also spent a lovely afternoon with Unitarian Universalist minister **Linda Hart** a few months ago. Linda, who lives in Olympia, Washington, continues to be a pastor to the lovely Tahoma congregation and a knitter of amazing socks. I continue to work in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Maryland. I spend the best parts of my clinical time making visits in Baltimore, providing services to people with psychiatric diagnoses and many needs. Mike and I are not planning retirement just yet as we continue to enjoy our jobs.

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Thank you to everyone who submitted updates. It really is a pleasure to compile them for publication and to be able to stay in touch with so many classmates. While social media can be misused, our class page on Facebook is what social media is meant to be — a place where we can all reconnect and share news, photos, and events with each other. Find us at Western Maryland College Class of 1986 and click to join. Note that I also allow anyone in a class year near ours to join.

Laureen Pearl Anagnos, M.S. '93 continues to be a first grade teacher in Howard County, Maryland, working with classmate **Karen Buttling Donegan** as her team

leader, joking, "I'd guess we could still be considered roomies!" Laureen is thrilled to announce that there will be another Green Terror in her family as daughter Kallie has committed to McDaniel's Class of 2026. Laureen is looking forward to sharing traditions and experiences on the Hill.

Still teaching eighth grade math at Severn Middle School in Arnold, Maryland, **Angie Tissue Cartron** says she could not ask for more wonderful students and families. Angie is still living in Laurel, Maryland, with her husband, Pete. Their son, Alex, is completing his residency in dermatology with Penn State at the Hershey Medical Center and their daughter, Jenna, who graduated this past May from Johns Hopkins with a major in Materials Science Engineering, is moving to Nashville, Tennessee. Angie has taken up backpacking and hikes whenever she has the chance.

Great to hear from **Valerie Borrer**, who writes that she received her M.Ed. (Education/Reading) from the University of New Hampshire and worked as a reading consultant from 1987 to 2019. She is married and has raised three sons. Currently, Valerie is enjoying her "retirement job" as a para (teacher's aide) at the local high school in Durham, New Hampshire, where she lives.

Gordon Digby has moved to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, and is serving as the general manager of Palmetto Hall Golf and Country Club.

Leslie Stinchcomb Dolan, M.S. '88 is in her 34th year as an itinerant teacher of the Deaf and hard of hearing for Prince George's County Public Schools. Even though she could technically retire, with two of her three children still in college, she says that's not happening any time soon. Leslie continues to work part time at the PG Trap and Skeet range to help with those tuition payments.

Jerry Donald, M.S. '91 reports that he is also in his 34th year of teaching, the last 19 years at Middletown High School in Frederick County, Maryland. Jerry also sits on the Frederick County Council and is hoping to be reelected in November. With all three daughters grown and flown, Jerry and his wife are officially empty nesters, and they occasionally get together with **Dave '87** and **Sharon Pierce '88, M.S. '92 Reith**.

Karen Buttling Donegan is in her 30th year of teaching, adding that while it's been a roller-coaster ride in education these last two years, she is still enjoying all the challenges thrown at her — especially since she teaches across the hall from her partner in crime, **Laureen Pearl Anagnos, M.S. '93**. Karen and her husband, Peter, haven't been able to travel much but they do enjoy trips to Karen's sister's house in Kiawah, South Carolina. The Donegans are currently gearing up for a big kitchen renovation and are planning the wedding of daughter **Katie Donegan M.S. '20**.

For someone who hates change, **Wendy Zerwitz Schenker Epstein** had a pretty busy 2021. The year began with Wendy moving from the house she had lived in since 1991, followed by her getting married in May (with her son, Robbie, walking her down the aisle), and then in August being appointed by Governor Larry Hogan as an associate judge on the Circuit Court for Baltimore County. Wendy adds that it was great to see some old friends at our 35th Reunion.

All is well for **Jane Manlove Garrett** in the big town of Perryville, Maryland, where she continues to enjoy working from home three days a week, although she does admit to being a bit jealous of her husband's retirement status. Jane notes that it is her plan to hang up her calculator and spreadsheets at the end of 2023. The Garretts continue to travel to Disney, noting that although COVID-19 has presented travel challenges, they have managed to stay safe. On a sad note, Jane lost her dad last year after a long illness.

After more than 30 years in accounting and finance, a lot of which was traveling internationally, both **Kendra Heyde** and her husband John have retired. While they have more time to travel, it is now on their own dime! They get together with **Lisa Monroe Passarello** and **Sue Maywalt '87 Williams** several times a year and always have a blast.

Currently serving as the chief audit executive of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board is **Barbara Neckere Holmes**, who lives in Northern Virginia but spends a lot of time in Bethany Beach, Delaware. After more than 10 years, her kids have finally left Virginia Tech and Blacksburg, Virginia, with her youngest daughter recently earning her master's.

Greetings from Scottsdale, Arizona, writes **Joan Lemeshow Horton**, who with her husband, Mike, moved from New Jersey in March 2020. Joan adds that they bought the Arizona house as their "retirement" home, but then the world went crazy so they thought they would stay a few weeks and go back to New Jersey, but that never happened. The Hortons' new golden retriever puppy, Bob, keeps them busy. Bob and newly retired Mike go on daily hikes and dog park trips. Joan continues to work remotely as a marketing program manager with Bank of America.

Becky Nave Hub enjoyed catching up with classmates at our 35th Reunion. Becky has since retired from practicing optometry, and she and her husband, Roger, are looking to move to North Carolina for their next chapter. Until then, they are spending time with family and friends, including a great family vacation at the Finger Lakes last August.

Stewart "Stew" and **Jeanene Owens Johnston** continue to reside in Delaware, and despite having had their share of health issues, they both are doing well. The Johnstons

built a second home in Lewes, Delaware, settling in last October, and welcome friends to visit. They have reconnected already with **George '85** and **Robin Adams Brenton**, **Sarah Burton Boling**, **Lucy Powell '87 Leonard**, and **Lisa Abbey Wilking**. Their kids are doing well, and retirement is looming, Jeanene adds.

Michael McInerney reports that he officially retired from the U.S. government in 2016 and the U.S. Army in 2018. While he may be retired, Mike continues to keep his hands in the business as a program manager for Academi, providing security services to Department of Defense schools in the Middle East. Mike also bought 45 acres of land in 2017 and established the Gray Wolf Ranch, noting that he just completed building a log home on that land last November. Recently, he reconnected with his first girlfriend, who will soon be joining Mike and his two furry lads (Sam and Finn) to live out the rest of their lives together. Mike states that he would like to express his gratitude to all of the WMC/McDaniel College alumni who have served and/or continue to serve in our nation's military.

Cindy Rasberry Minnich writes that she and her husband, Scott, are mostly empty nesters since their youngest is a freshman at Grove City College. Their middle child graduated from Wheaton College last May and decided to remain in the Chicago suburbs, and their oldest is working in Philadelphia for the federal government as a public health analyst. Both Cindy and Scott continue to work at The Salvation Army Harrisburg, Cindy as a fundraiser and event planner and Scott as a self-sufficiency case manager. Scott also has a marriage counseling business called The Marriage Mechanic, because all relationships require maintenance. Cindy and Scott celebrated their 30th anniversary last year with a special trip to Saint John, U.S. Virgin Islands. Cindy loves staying in touch with **Nairy Ohanian**, **Liz Henry '87 Bennett**, and **Gail Sadler '85 Jones**.

Linda Strandberg Morrison says that they have survived the pandemic without any major issues, although both of their kids had to endure virtual college, which was not the best for them. Linda says that she is enjoying her two part-time jobs, adding she works for two friends who both run small, women-owned businesses, and that it is a joy to help them thrive. Her oldest, Mason, graduated from college during the pandemic and is now living and working in Massachusetts, while Ben is a junior at College Park. Linda says it was great to see friends at the Reunion, despite the rain, and receives many compliments on the Green Terror face mask she got there. She also has lunch with **Tim, M.S. '89** and **Linda Bancroft Pyle** a few times a year.

Ahlan! Hello from the Nile, writes **Nairy Ohanian**, who is wrapping up six years in Egypt as a crisis counselor/chaplain for a Christian nonprofit, providing mental health

Wendy Zerwitz '86 Schenker Epstein was appointed by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan as an associate judge on the Circuit Court for Baltimore County.

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Dwain Woodley '86 is currently the assistant district attorney of San Diego County, California.

and spiritual support for the ex-pat, humanitarian aid community. While Nairy says that she does see and hear a lot of suffering, she also fills her life with much beauty and goodness. She is grateful to God for great friends, family, church, outdoor fun, watercolor art, creative cooking, and treasured memories of 30 years around the globe.

While **Lisa Monroe Passarello** has been with Carroll County Public Schools for many years, this year she took on a new role as a behavior support specialist and is enjoying the new challenge. Daughter, Allie, is 24 and in her second year of dental school at University of Maryland. Twins Nick and Patrick are 21, with Patrick a senior at University of Maryland. College Park (majoring in Aerospace Engineering) and Nick, who has epilepsy, is learning life and work skills via an adult agency. Timmy, 20, is a junior at University of Maryland, College Park, majoring in Criminal Justice. Lisa and her husband, Tim, have had many fun vacations with and often see fellow Phi Sigs **Sue Maywalt '87 Williams** and her husband, **Chet Williams '85**, and **Kendra Heyde** and her husband, John Krucenski. They also catch up at the beach with **Estelle Almogela Stefanelli** and her husband, **Andy Stefanelli '87**. Lisa also enjoys many girls' trips and playing golf in a ladies' league with **Beth Harlow '89, M.S. '95 Buckalew**.

Jim Ralston started at WMC in 1978 and finished nontraditional in 1986. He says that his fellow classmates were always welcoming through his journey, which, he adds, was a bit longer than some but worth the effort. Reflecting, Jim enjoyed his pursuit of theatre. After a career in third-party logistics inventory control, Jim settled down working as a cashier in a hardware store in his hometown of Ellicott City, Maryland. While he still likes to be creative and paint, he began doing some model train displays and found it to be a very relaxing diversion during COVID-19.

Rick and Kathryn Boyer Rockefeller are living in Millersville, Maryland. Rick is with the Northeast Parts Group, a privately owned group of NAPA stores in Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York, handling everything from operations and sales to finance and more. Kathy is still with Anne Arundel County Public Schools, working at the district level to implement restorative practices. Kathy and Rick will soon be grandparents! Their grandparenting nicknames? "Grammy" and "Grumpy," of course.

Cindy Ebert Russo just celebrated her 27th year working at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital in Baltimore and is still keeping busy with her kids. Her two daughters attend school in New York City, and her two sons are at home with her. Cindy enjoys hearing from WMC friends, and she especially enjoyed seeing everyone at the Reunion.

Jonathan "Jon" Shipley continues his career teaching English to high school students at an international school in Germany. Even though the pandemic put a crimp in many hopeful travel plans, Jon was able to meet up with **Andy Robey** and his wife, Nancy, as they were traveling through Europe last year. Jon adds that he hasn't ventured very far in the last two years, but sometime soon he plans to come out of hibernation and visit his daughter in Washington, D.C., and son in London.

Living with her husband, Steve, in Marshfield, Massachusetts, **Amy Farrell Stern** reports that she enjoys living on the coast. She works for the American Thoracic Society to improve immunization for high-risk adults, and Steve owns a home care business. She stays in close touch with **Eve Al-Arnasi** and **Chris Gray '85 Aiello**.

Andrew and **Abbie Hume Stump** welcomed their first grandchild, Hattie Chandler Stump, born to son, Drew, and his wife, McKenzie. While the new granddaughter and family live in Nashville, Tennessee, newly retired Abbie is hoping to make regular visits to see them as well as traveling more with Andrew. Daughter Holly lives in Charleston, South Carolina. Andrew was excited to be able to attend the Phi Delta Theta reunion in April.

Joe Thomas is in his 34th year with Howard County Public Schools as an athletic administrator. Joe visits his son, Joey, at West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia, nearly every weekend, acting like Rodney Dangerfield in "Back to School."

Lisa Abbey Wilking reports that she is "partially retired," working very part time from home doing accounting work. Lisa and her husband, Kevin, keep busy with their daughters' sports: Caroline is rowing at Washington College where she is a freshman, and Kate plays soccer, basketball, and lacrosse at Notre Dame Prep, where she is a freshman. Kate is also starting the college recruiting process for lacrosse. The Wilkings made an impulse COVID-19 purchase in July 2020 and bought a second home in the Bethany Beach area of Delaware, where they spend as much time as possible in the summer. Lisa writes that she and **Robin Jones '84 McDuffie** get together at the beach every few months, and she also recently met up with **Jeanene Owens Johnston** for dinner.

So great to hear from **Dwain Woodley**, who is currently the assistant district attorney of San Diego County, or as he says, he's No. 2 in an office of over 1,000 employees and 330 DAs. Dwain reports that his son just graduated from Columbia University, and that he misses his friends from the Hill and can't wait to come back from California to visit.

Cathy Orzolek-Kronner provided her update as well as an update on her WMC friend group (aka Party Squad) that cer-

tainly gave me a chuckle. With permission from each person mentioned, here is Cathy's update on them: "Greetings to all. I thought that I would provide an update as to how the ol', now old, Party Squad is doing. Let's begin with the really old gals—Maggie, Sharona, and Lolly, Class of 1985 but 1986 wannabes, but a five-year plan was out of the question. **Maggie Schiffhauer '85 Giardina** is traveling everywhere. She has her own personal chef in the DR and has changed her name to 'Poppie.' She's not retired, just married to a sugar daddy, and we are looking forward to celebrating her son's upcoming marriage. **Sharon 'Sharona' Rowley '85 Gomes** continues to reside in Connecticut with her adorable dog, and her heart continues to grow as a social worker as does her concern for our youth. She sat next to Kevin Bacon at a concert a few years ago, so if you know Sharona, you are now just one degree away from Kevin Bacon! And then there is **Kristin 'Lolly' Lathroum '85 Lister**. Lolly continues to work on the Hill in Elderdice with the ghost. She continues to maintain that so-called polyamorous relationship with the Phi Sigs and the Phi Alphas, although as skunks we think this stinks but we accept this! BTW, did I mention that she is a grandmother of two grandbabies? Oh, and did I mention that she will be going to South Africa in December to celebrate her oldest daughter's marriage to a South African rugby player who lives in the States. Now, let's move on to the Class of 1986. **Meg McCollom Vickers**, like Maggie, is all over the place in her travels. In fact, I think they had the same chef in the DR, although at different times. I believe Meg had to prepare her own meals or eat out most recently during her travels to Hawaii. Poor Meg! **Julie 'Vern' Jurd-Sadler** is celebrating her divorce and fostering puppies as she is an empty nester. Her podiatry practice is thriving and several of us are now wearing relatively unfashionable—but very comfortable—Vern-recommended sandals. She will have to expand on the accomplishments of her children as it makes me jealous! 'Frenchie,' **Renee Dietz-Schiffhauer**, survived, truly just barely, the fires in Louisville, Colorado, where she lived this past year. She also survived another season of skiing. She probably should have participated in the Olympics this year, but she has an aversion to Chinese food. She has cultivated a taste for everything French, as her nickname would imply, but especially French wine. Well, she also appreciates wines from Italy, California, Oregon, Chile, Argentina, pretty much anywhere, including wine made from a field of dandelions. Speaking of wine, let's talk about **Laurie Dollar Seivold**, better known as 'Buck.' Buck is continuing to vacation, I mean live, in California. She goes to wine country like we on the East Coast go to Target. She continues to look like a

million bucks even though we just call her 'Buck!' She will be celebrating her 25th wedding anniversary this summer in Bali. **Laura 'Rodante' Rogan** is the young mother of the bunch or, rather, the parent with the youngest children. She spends lots of time with the family in their RV; a true camper she has become. Her job keeps her very busy traveling, but unfortunately not like the other aforementioned elites. Rodante has turned 'granola' despite living along the Eastern Shore. My dear roommate, **Dee Kemmer**, has now re-named herself 'Dixie,' but she does not like when you one-syllable her name. She continues to run a kitchen and catering business; love her dog, Abbie; tolerate her cat, Julia; and spends most of the day looking for objects she has misplaced—much like she did in college. She continues to be everyone's best friend, including **Jamie DeGraff '85**, who we see from time to time. Finally, there is me, **Cathy Orzolek-Kronner**. I continue to operate under the pretense of a college professor here at McDaniel, and no one has yet noticed that I am really still here because I never graduated, working on a possible GPA. My boys are now young men, who I am very proud of, but still wonder where their journeys will take them. Now I know how Jack Kerouac's mother must have felt when he ventured off without direction but a wish to find purpose. Back to the Party Squad. It is curious to see all the various paths we have taken, always knowing that every year we will all end at the same place for several days during the summer in which we attempt to relive our college experience—within reason, that is. This year, we are heading to the Finger Lakes. I would like to tell you more about these reunions, but then you know what would have to happen... Before I conclude, I want to acknowledge the passing of my sorority little sister, **Gayle Adamecz '88, M.S. '90 Pickhardt**. Gayle gracefully left this world this past year, leaving a legacy of kindness, inspiration, authenticity, and hope. As Gayle knows, she will be missed, but never forgotten."

As for me, **Maureen "Mo" Carroll Martin**, I have been working for a small survey research company for the past 20 years, and I continue to stay involved in the McDaniel College Alumni Association, where my heart is. My daughter Molly is 25 and finally on the road to recovery from some illnesses that have caused major roadblocks in her life. My other daughter, Annie, is 23 and graduated in May 2021 from American University with a B.A. in Communications/Public Relations with a minor in History. And, after working in radio for more than 35 years and his station being sold out of the blue, my husband, John, is now working for StudiGo, an actual TV studio on wheels. Major networks contract with the company to host a guest of their show in the studio van, which has been extremely popular since the pandemic hit. He has met many interesting



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Meredith Bowen '98 and Faith Walker '97 want to reframe the staffing industry

Meredith Bowen '98 and Faith Walker '97 had known each other while attending then-Western Maryland College, but when they ended up working for the same staffing company after graduation, they quickly became friends. After they both left that company, they kept in touch and in fall 2019, Bowen reached out to Walker with a business idea. "It turns out she had the same thoughts," Bowen says. "So we began putting a plan together to get it off the ground."

That plan turned into Walker Bowen Talent Partners, which launched in December 2019. With more than 20 years of combined experience in the staffing industry, Walker and Bowen have a wide range of expertise, including education, learning and development, corporate wellness, marketing, retail, healthcare, and professional services.

"As working moms, we loved our jobs and loved working, but also wanted work-life balance and to still be able to provide for our families," Bowen says. "We found the staffing industry to still be very male-dominated and geared toward a 24/7 on-call type of mentality without remote flexibility that makes it difficult for working parents to find a strong work-life balance. We knew we could change that and set different standards for the industry."

"Even prior to the pandemic, we valued remote work and the flexibility it gave us as working parents. We had a vision to create a distributed team of like-minded people who could work independently on their own schedule, effectively and efficiently produce, support our clients, and still feel like a united team. We also wanted to place a focus on diversity and inclusion internally, with our clients, and with our candidates."

The bulk of Walker Bowen Talent Partners' business to date is in IT across various industries including healthcare, technology, travel, and finance. "We have been truly grateful for the personal and professional relationships we have made over the years, as our business success is a direct result of those," Bowen says. "Our initial launch was greatly supported by McDaniel alumni and business owners Shane Ireland '97 and Quinn Salamandra '97 of Corporate Brokers LLC."

With two full-time recruiters and three part-time recruiters, Walker Bowen Talent Partners places candidates in roles in the United States, South America, the United Kingdom, and Europe.

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Bob Pick '92 is in his ninth year with Tokio Marine North America, leading their technology team as executive vice president and chief information officer.

people and is enjoying this new phase of his life. Please feel free to friend me on Facebook, join our class page, or email me with any news you have to share.

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Rick and Amy Callan recently celebrated 27 years of marriage and live in Eldersburg, Maryland. Their last child graduated high school in the spring, so their house will be quieter this fall. Rick has been working as an insurance underwriter for 17 years. He and his family have taken some recent trips to Dallas, Texas, and Clearwater, Florida, and some summer trips to North Carolina and South Carolina. He attended a Sig Ep reunion in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in September 2020, which was a lot of fun. He recently got together with **Jason Rippon** and **Dave Wetherson '91**. He was out of town for our 30th Reunion, but was in the gym at McDaniel in June for his daughter's high school graduation. Rick says hello to all his Sig Ep brothers!

Stephen Harlan writes, "I finished my brigade command tenure of the 210th Regional Support Group in May. I also hit 30 years of Army Reserve service that month. I don't yet know my next assignment. Our children entered middle school and have been doing well, and keep us busy with sports, dance, and Scouts. I was able to have a few video group chats with fellow ROTC and Delta Upsilon alumni during this past year. My wife and I will celebrate our 20th anniversary this November. We do hope we can make it to the Hill for Homecoming."

In June of 2020, **Sarah Biggs Henderson** married Darren Henderson on a farm in Carroll County. Alumni attendees were **Jessica Barlow Howell, M.S. '99**, **Wendy Gayo '93 Pardoe**, and **Erin Thompson '93 Strovel**. **Katie Shepherd '93 Dredger** was there in spirit as she was unable to attend. Sarah is looking forward to retiring from teaching in Carroll County in a few years!

Army Colonel **Claudia Henemyre** serves on the board of directors at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital and moved to a different directorate in June 2021. She is now the director for clinical support services with oversight of the departments of pathology, pharmacy, public health, radiology, and medical readiness. She has been extremely busy with all things related to COVID-19 and was awarded for her efforts with the 2021 Military Health System Leadership Award, Ancillary Services, Senior Non-Provider. Her son, Nathan, is a sophomore at Bucknell University. Claudia continues to hang with her best friend in the whole wide world and WMC roommate **Leslie Mullendore Chaney**. Leslie and her hus-

band, Eric, relocated to Sanibel Island, Florida, where they are just minutes away from one of the best shelling beaches in the U.S.

Rob '91 and **Jessica Barlow, M.S. '99 Howell** celebrated 18 years of marriage in September. They've enjoyed living in northern Virginia since 2003 and raising their two daughters, now 17 and 15. Jessica works as a part-time reading teacher in Fairfax County and has added in tutoring, being a ZYIA Activewear independent rep, and working at a winery as a wine educator.

"Howdy again from southeast Texas!" writes **Jonelle Leith Jozwiak**. "The Jozwiak family is well. **Mark Jozwiak '90** is still coaching and teaching in Baytown. I have taken some time to see if I want to retire as a PT or just take a rest. At this point, I am just doing things around the house and trying to take care of myself! I am also going to tennis matches to watch Emily. She is talented! I think she got that from my mother. I was never able to play it too well. Wesley is working for a generator installation company and is planning on becoming an electrician. We are still a fishing family, as Mark's friends will remember."

Andrew Krevolin is still living in Natchez, Mississippi, and working as a physical therapist. He and his wife, Sarah, have been married for 18 years and have a son, Jack, who will be a high school senior next year. He is looking forward to continuing his education and playing baseball at the collegiate level. They have a dog, five cats, and a fish at their home.

Laura Walker Pak is a part-time teacher in Charlotte, North Carolina. The flexibility this gives her is crucial as her husband, Yong, is a new partner with IBM. "Thank goodness my daughter, Melina, recently got her license and can now drive herself to the constant soccer practices and club activities she is involved with," Laura writes. "We moved during the height of the pandemic and are now going through a complete kitchen gut and remodel. Keeping things clean and everyone fed is a challenge under these circumstances. Like everyone who goes through home renovations, I just hope the end result will live up to my expectations. I keep up with my Phi Mu sisters via Facebook and love visiting with friends who find themselves in North Carolina!"

Bob Pick is in his ninth year with Tokio Marine North America, leading their technology team as executive vice president and chief information officer (CIO), based in Philadelphia. Tokio Marine is a Japanese-based global insurance carrier with a revenue of \$15 billion in the U.S. and \$45 billion globally. Bob was recently named the first global deputy group CIO outside of Japan for Tokio Marine Group as a whole. While COVID-19 has restricted travel, he has enjoyed the opportunity to travel extensively in India, Eastern Europe, Japan, and Central America to visit his teams around the

world over the last decade. He is also vice chair of the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra Music Institute, which houses one of the most renowned youth orchestras in the country and provides much-needed arts and music education to underserved communities throughout Philadelphia. Bob has been married to his high school sweetheart, Heather, a mostly retired firefighter and EMT, for almost 27 years. They reside with their two basset hounds near Skippack, Pennsylvania. Their daughter, **Reagan Pick '25**, recently completed her freshman year at McDaniel and performed in "Sherlock! The Musical" in WMC Alumni Hall. Bob says hello to all former Levine Hall lurkers!

Tom Quirk is still leading the Retirement & Investment Group in Catonsville, Maryland. He's going into his 28th year now in the business. He has been recognized by Forbes as a "Best-in-State Wealth Advisor" for Maryland and has several McDaniel College Founders Society members as clients, including retired faculty and alumni. Tom manages around \$370 million in client assets and also ranks No. 149 of 19,500 at LPL Financial among financial advisors around the country. He has decided not to run for a fourth term on the Baltimore County Council, where he continues to serve as the Spending Affordability Committee chairperson, and his last day in elected office is Dec. 4, 2022. Tom looks forward to more "quality of life" time with his family and continued full-time focus with his retirement and investment job. In his spare time, Tom enjoys time with his family in Oella, Maryland, hikes in the park, vacations in Maine and the Caribbean Islands, and reading about the markets. Tom keeps in touch with **Niccolo Amodeo** and **Brett Cohen** and several retired and active professors. **Dave Weaver '91** recently joined up with Tom's retirement team. Dave is a Chartered Financial Analyst with deep and broad experience in financial services and is married to **Sue Parker Weaver**.

Doug Rettburg accepted a position as a gym manager at Elevate Fitness and Wellness in Hunt Valley, Maryland, back in 2020. He also plays in a classic rock cover band called Best Regards Band. You can see them play in the Baltimore area, including Carroll County.

John '91 and **Kim Bergen Sullivan** are still happily living in Massachusetts. Their daughter Nora is attending St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, and Margaret is a sophomore in high school. For the past two years, Kim has been working with a fine gardening company after becoming a Master Gardener. She can't wait to reconnect with her Omega sisters. Looking forward to seeing **Valerie Funk McAuley**, **Coleen Klasmeier '93 Lawson**, and **Patricia Duffy '93 Murray**.

On June 17, **Mark Titus** completed his 25th school year at Carl Sandburg Learning Center. He has been dealing with the

challenges of staffing shortages as well as absences created by COVID-19. He was also busy helping to plan our 30-year Reunion that took place on April 9 and was looking forward to seeing classmates! In December 2021, he enjoyed attending the Montgomery County, Maryland, alumni event at Brookside Gardens to see the holiday lights.

Bonnie Engelskirch Skane, M.S. '97 enjoyed helping many high school dropouts and inmates in a correctional facility earn their high school diploma as an adjunct teacher for Anne Arundel Community College's Continuing Education Program night classes. She says, "It was fun to help others improve their lives. Education improved my life and helped others improve theirs. My years of service were a joy, and I thank all those who taught me and McDaniel College for investing in me."

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Meredith Bowen and **Erik Larson '03** have kept busy with their son, Finlay, as he progresses in skateboarding and has begun competing. Erik recently completed his M.B.A. from West Chester University. **Meredith** and **Faith Walker '97** are busy growing their permanent placement staffing firm, Walker Bowen Talent Partners. Meredith feels fortunate that she was able to see **Danielle Dickerson**, **Chrissa Moyer**, and **Jeannine Dabb** in the past year.

Michelle Crow Feracci has been married to **Nick Feracci '99** for the past 18 years! They have lived in Lutherville, Maryland, for the past 12 years. Michelle is working as the business services supervisor for Johns Hopkins University. Over the past year, the Feracci family traveled to the Grand Canyon; Sedona, Arizona; and Turks and Caicos Islands. Michelle and Nick's daughter, Madison, turned 16 years old and has started driving! She also has started to consider colleges, and the family has taken her to visit colleges in the Southeast. Michelle and Nick's son Dominic, 15, is a high school freshman at Loyola Blakefield and plays baseball for the junior varsity team. When Michelle and Nick are not watching Dominic play baseball, they are watching both of their children swim competitively. Michelle enjoys keeping in touch with fellow Omega sorority sisters **Laurie Giorno Mace**, **Sarah Sheckells '97**, **Cindy Slaughter '96**, **Jen Doetsch '97 Yeager**, and **Shana Burdick '95 Hospelhorn**.

Laurie Giorno Mace and her husband, Drew, continue to enjoy living in Fallston, Maryland. They also love visiting their beach house in Bethany Beach, Delaware, as much as they can. Laurie is in her 22nd year of teaching at Youth's Benefit Elementary School in Harford County, Maryland. Laurie's oldest daughter Adrianna loved her freshman year at Gettysburg College where she is a Psychology major and made the dean's list. Laurie's youngest daughter, Sophia, is a sophomore at Harford Technical High School and is enrolled in the school's sports medicine program, which she loves. Sophia's favorite sport is basketball, which she plays year round and hopes to play in college. The Mace family has a sweet 7-year-old yellow lab named Finn, and added a mini bernedoodle named Zoey to their family last year. Laurie continues to enjoy getting together as often as she can with McDaniel College alumni, including **Sarah Sheckells '97**, **Jen Doetsch '97 Yeager**, and **Toni Randle-Cook '97!**

Nathan Henry and his wife, Christine, reside outside of Richmond, Virginia. The happy couple celebrated their 20th anniversary in 2021! Nathan has transitioned to be the coordinator of the Mathematics and Science High School at Clover Hill (coincidentally nicknamed The Hill), and is enjoying the new challenges outside of the classroom. Nathan and Christine's oldest son, Ethan, is attending Moravian University, which is Christine's alma mater. That said, Nathan still holds out hope that Liam or Porter, his younger sons, will attend McDaniel College so there can be another Green Terror in the family. The Henry family looks forward to returning to the Hill in the future.

Christopher Kulp still lives in Montoursville, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Gail. Chris is in his 14th year as a professor of physics at Lycoming College. In 2020, the textbook Chris co-authored with retired McDaniel College Physics Professor Vasilis Pagonis was published. They are writing another textbook together, which is due to their editor in 2024. Chris also has begun writing science fiction and is currently seeking a publisher for his first novel.

Nathan Michael continues to live in Ijamsville, Maryland, with his wife, Kim; 9-year old son, Jack; and 7-year-old daughter Kate. In summer 2021, on their way to the beach, their car broke down close to McDaniel College. While waiting for repairs, Nathan provided his family a tour of his old haunts around campus, which was topped off with dinner and a round of milkshakes at Baugher's! Nathan continues to enjoy his job at the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, where he conducts investigative crime analysis and forensic video analysis.

Kimberly Suski Petry was promoted in 2021 to acting deputy assistant secretary of spent fuel and waste disposition in the

Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy. She leads a large team of federal and national laboratory staff to support the mission of developing and implementing a system to sustainably and responsibly manage the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

Cecilia Sanchez May lives in a small town in rural Alaska and loves it! She is working in the petroleum industry and loves that as well. If anyone wants to visit Cecy, please reach out to her.

Jonathon Shacat continues to be impressed by the overwhelming support for his book "The Toughest Job I Ever Loved: A Peace Corps Memoir," which is available on Amazon. For the past 3½ years, he has been working for the Food and Drug Administration, where he is a manager of a medical writing and editing team.

Marlene Wagner Stanton, M.S. '05 and her family are doing very well! Marlene reported that teaching high school health classes virtually during COVID-19 was something that no one could prepare for; however, she and her students survived, as did her three sons who also had to learn virtually during the pandemic. Marlene and her husband were able to complete some home construction projects with all of the time at home that COVID-19 provided. Marlene is happy that school has returned to a more traditional learning environment! With that normalcy comes some change. After 17 years of coaching high school sports, Marlene has stepped down to coach and officiate for her sons in multiple sports activities. When she's not coaching or teaching, Marlene enjoys seeing **Kim Tower '99 Kostelis** several times a year, especially in the winter to enjoy skiing with Kim and her family. She also lives close to **Heather Arnold '00** so the two connect often. Marlene was able to return to the Hill in summer 2021 to take her goddaughter on a college visit to McDaniel College. Marlene said that it was great to be back! She loved the feeling of walking the campus and remembering the great times she had on the Hill. Of course, Marlene made sure to take her goddaughter to Baugher's after the tour ended. Marlene was thrilled to report that her goddaughter was accepted into McDaniel!

Kim Walter Eckley still lives in Winchester, Virginia. For the past five years, she has been working for the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a management and program analyst and contracting officer's representative. When she's not working, she loves to attend concerts and support her local music scene. She also enjoys traveling with her two children, Jonathan, 13, and Genevieve, 11. Kim still is involved in chili competitions as a cook, scorekeeper, and organizer. In February 2022, she organized a cook-off that raised \$5,500 for the youth grief

Kimberly Suski '98 Petry is acting deputy assistant secretary of spent fuel and waste disposition in the Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy.

alumni updates

Christian Wilwohl '98 is now the dean of global education at Providence College in Rhode Island.

program at Blue Ridge Hospice, a local hospice in Winchester.

Christian Wilwohl moved to Providence, Rhode Island, in June 2020 with all the madness of COVID-19 going on! After eight years in the Hudson Valley, New York, where he worked at State University of New York New Paltz, Christian is now the dean of global education at Providence College.

As for me, I still am an associate general counsel at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). I now am a deputy chief in our Mission Center and Operations Division, where I help to lead a team of attorneys who provide legal guidance on all operational activity conducted by the CIA. When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my sister, **Danielle Grandimo '96**, who lives in New Jersey close to our family. I also enjoy spending time with fellow McDaniel College women's soccer alumni **Jessica Mongrain** and **Natalie Hannibal '99 Gaieski**. In addition, I enjoy playing recreational league soccer.

*Niki Grandimo
1998 Class Reporter*

2004

Lyndsay Bare Kuzmak lives in Finksburg, Maryland, with her husband and four kids, ages 5 to 9. "The kids definitely keep us busy with all their extracurricular activities," she says. She is a partner in a family and cosmetic dental practice in downtown Westminster, Maryland. She continues to remain active with the Maryland State Dental Association, serving on its Board of Trustees and having been named as the Carroll County Dental Society's nominee for vice president-elect of the Maryland State Dental Association. In addition, this year she has earned Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry.

Samantha Abrams Campo, M.S. '06, M.S. '07 is entering her 17th year of coaching in the Centennial Conference. She is currently finishing her 10th season coaching softball at Ursinus College. She and her husband, Mark, are busy with their two children, Mia Jean, 6, and Mitchell Curtis, 2. They spend a ton of time outdoors and love visiting and hanging out with family and friends. They have enjoyed taking trips to Disney World; Boston; and Staten Island, New York, for pizza! She can't wait to see some McDaniel friends soon!

Lauri Gann Greenberg reports that after seven years as a stay-at-home mom, she recently returned to the workforce for Carroll County Public Schools in the special education field. She left the mental health field to go after a dream of working with kids. "I just adore it," she says. Her family spends as much time as they can at their second home on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The fam-

ily is leaving Carroll County after 11 years and moving to Montgomery County due to a job relocation for Lauri's husband. Their two children, ages 9 and 6, are active in sports and love to drive through the McDaniel campus. Lauri is pursuing a master's degree in Elementary Education and Special Education. "I'm hoping to become an advocate for families pursuing IEPs," she says.

Krystle Weeks Gabele offers greetings from Fort Worth, Texas! She has been a freelance senior copywriter and social media advisor for the past six years, working for several nonprofits helping them craft content for their websites and direct mail fundraisers. She has also returned to the classroom after several years away, as she pursues a master's degree in Strategic Communications from the University of Oklahoma. Outside of work and school, she loves hanging out with her 7-year-old son, Jacob, and running marathons. She completed her first marathon, the Marine Corps Marathon, in 2019.

Sarah Voskuhl Ashley and her husband, Joe, celebrated their son Charlie's second birthday on Feb. 9 and can't wait to bring him to visit the Hill!

Sam Boardman, M.L.A. '09 lives in Dedham, Massachusetts, and works with disabled students at Needham High School. Sam and his wife, Kristel, have a 3-year-old daughter, Hannah, who keeps them very busy.

Matt and Erin Cullison, '07, M.S. '17 Wolfe live in Frederick, Maryland, with their two daughters, Tessa, 8, and Piper, 4. They still see **Tom Marshall, Jason Lowy, and Alden Rampmeyer** occasionally.

Andrea Santoriello Phillips started teaching for the English department for McDaniel College this semester. "It's been a true full-circle moment to teach in the same classrooms where I completed my degree," she says. "Much of the faculty from my time on the Hill is still there as well, and it's been an incredible experience to call these beloved professors my colleagues." She still lives in Westminster (five minutes from McDaniel actually) with her husband of 13 years and their three children: Elias, 9; Noah, 7; and Lily, 5.

Beth Chaney and her husband, Noel Schively, are enjoying life in Catonsville, Maryland. "Life really is great in 21228!" she says. In April 2021, a rescue dog named Paloma entered their family and they are both smitten. Beth continues to run, and she finished the Baltimore marathon in October 2021.

Michael Southers, M.S. '13 is still doing private practice psychotherapy in Frederick, Maryland, and is also an adjunct at Hood College's graduate program for Counseling. He has co-presented at the American Academy of Psychotherapists national conference in 2018 and 2021 and also led trainings for therapists.

Ryan Melhorn, MS '13 and his wife, **Cristen Callegary '07, M.S. '15 Melhorn**, reside in Westminster, Maryland. They welcomed their second child, River Thomas Melhorn, on April 6, 2021. His big sister, Emersyn, is now 2. Their 10-year-old golden retriever and 2-year-old golden labradoodle are great with both kids. In the summer of 2020, Ryan left his position as the assistant principal at South Western High School in Hanover, Pennsylvania, for the position of supervisor of secondary social studies for Carroll County Public Schools. Ryan continues to be active with running, biking, and section hiking the Appalachian Trail.

John Reagan is living in his hometown of Colts Neck, New Jersey. He and his wife, Sharon, have three very active sons: Jake, 7; Julian, 5; and JT, 3. John went back to college 13 years after graduating from McDaniel to get his M.B.A. in Healthcare Management. He currently is the director of administrative services for the largest private orthopedic group in Central New Jersey.

Heather Sinclair, M.A. '18 gave birth to her daughter, Raegan (Rae) Emory, in October 2019. She got engaged on Aug. 8, 2021. She and her fiancé are busy planning their upcoming wedding. She is a manager at T. Rowe Price and has been there about 18 years now. Her family resides in Finksburg, Maryland.

Jessica Stewart is now a proud Doctor of Philosophy. Since her time on the Hill, she served as a U.S. Peace Corps rural health and sanitation volunteer in El Salvador (and speaks Spanish now). She is a veteran of the U.S. Army and has been stationed in Texas, Germany, and Georgia. While still on active duty and transitioning from the Army to being a full-time student, she started an M.P.H. program. Between completing her M.P.H. and pursuing a Ph.D., she bought her dream home in rural South Carolina. She met her partner, Courtney, before starting her doctoral program. The couple was married and had two children during the four years it took her to complete the degree. She graduated with a Ph.D. in Applied Health Sciences in December 2020. She just completed the first of a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in epidemiology, and she says that the most exciting recent news is the acceptance of part of her dissertation for publication as original research in the Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine. She has been heavily involved in community outreach initiatives in and around Augusta, Georgia. In her first year as a postdoctoral fellow, she began a new outreach initiative for rural migrant workers in Dearing, Georgia. Aside from all of these accomplishments, life is also busy. She reports that she co-coaches her firstborn's pee-wee soccer team, and he scored a goal at the first game!

Kate Hartman Zedalis and her husband, Brian, have been married 14 years in July

and are always learning something new about each other. Kate currently teaches Spanish at Kent Island High School in Maryland and is working on her master's degree through LaSalle University. Brian started a new job as an office manager for an electrical company in November. The Zedalis have fun raising their three kids and dog on the Eastern Shore of Maryland by playing on sports teams and going on family adventures. They have self-proclaimed their children "best kids in the world," and have yet to be disputed. In their spare time, they enjoy getting together with friends, gardening, challenging each other to games in the cul-de-sac, and gathering around the family table to eat amazing meals cooked on their smoker grill.

Christy Morris-Berry, her husband, Tom, and their kids, Vivien and Everett, moved to Ellicott City, Maryland. Christy is a pediatric neurologist and assistant professor at Kennedy Krieger Institute in the Center for Autism and Related Disorders. She also sees inpatients at Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

Josh Hanlon and his wife, Tori, reside in Washington Township, New Jersey, with their three children, Ryleigh, 8; Carline, 6; and Turner, 2. Josh is thrilled he can give back to his community by teaching and coaching lacrosse. Josh was named the 2021 Washington Township Public Schools Teacher of the Year for helping lead the remote learning transition during the COVID-19 pandemic. Josh is entering his sixth year as a varsity lacrosse coach and was named a 2021 South Jersey Times Coach of the Year by nj.com.

Melanie Pulley is a swim coach for Carmel Swim Club and Carmel High School in Indianapolis, Indiana, and in September 2021, she purchased a new home.

Lauren Angelini Hiebler married Bryan Hiebler on Oct. 2, 2020. The couple is currently living on the water in Dundalk, Maryland, with their French bulldog, Bohregard. Lauren has been working for Agape Physical Therapy and Sports Rehabilitation for the past 16 years as a physical therapist assistant.

Jessica Stinnette Shreve moved back to the area and now resides in York County, Pennsylvania, with her husband and two children, Alex and Abby. She works for Penn State as an outpatient family medicine physician. When not working, she is busy with her church and on her home-stead property.

Mark and Libby Wallace Gorman are starting a new adventure this year. They are relocating to the Mount Airy, Maryland, area for Mark's new pastoral appointment at Calvary United Methodist Church. Mark had been the pastor at Centre UMC in Forest Hill, Maryland, and William Watters UMC in Jarrettsville, Maryland, while also teaching at St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute

in Baltimore, and teaching their youngest child to read. Libby enjoyed her school librarian job at Edgewood Middle School, especially sharing the commute to and from school with their older children. The whole family took vacations to Williamsburg, Virginia, and Deep Creek, Maryland, in the summer of 2021. They have visited with friends **Chris Drupieski, Jennie Callas '03,** and **Lisa Moore '05 Dymond**.

Andrew and Ina Puleri O'Carroll moved to Sykesville, Maryland, last summer to be closer to family. Ina still teaches at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and was recently awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor. She loves working with the midshipmen and has had the opportunity to develop a molecular virology course there. Andrew continues to serve as an officer in the U.S. Public Health Service and has deployed several times to help with the pandemic response. They also welcomed a new cat, whom their children, now 10 and 7, adore.

Heather Seavolt-Michael and her husband, Chris, welcomed their second son, Nicholas, in December 2021. Big brother Wyatt, 4, has stepped into his role without missing a beat. Heather celebrated her 15th year working as a PA at her family medicine practice in January and has expanded her experience in the world of telemedicine working with a virtual urgent care and an addiction medicine practice. She has also completed her doctorate in Organizational Leadership and Global Health. In her spare time, Heather has enjoyed camping with her family at various locations throughout Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee in their RV. The family has travels planned locally and to Massachusetts and Maine this summer.

Beth Harper is living in Catonsville, Maryland, with her husband, Andy Craig, and their 3-year-old daughter, Anya. They are kept busy with their animals Milo (dog) and She-ra and Irie (cats). Beth is working at T. Rowe Price as an email developer and taking on freelance design and illustration work under her business, Beth Harper Design.

Justin Simon and his wife, Kayla, welcomed their second child, Palmer Frances, in September 2021. Now a family of four with Joel Taylor, 3, the Simons continue to reside in Timonium, Maryland. Justin owns and operates Driven Media Group, an advertising and software development firm in Hunt Valley, Maryland. All McDaniel grads are encouraged to apply!

Julia Keene Wilkinson is still enjoying living in Massachusetts with her husband, David, and sons, Eddie, 11, and Andrew, 9. She spends lots of time with her mother, **Dorothy "Dottie" Hitchcock '74 Keene**, who lives nearby and delights in hanging out with her grandkids. Last year, Julia's

father and Dottie's husband, John Keene, passed away unexpectedly from cancer. Their family is thankful for all the support and kind words from the entire McDaniel community. She says life is slowly getting back to a new normal, and everyone is looking forward to what the next year will bring.

As for me, **Katie Champion Riley**, I recently celebrated 10 years at the American Occupational Therapy Association in Bethesda, Maryland, where I'm the assistant director of communications and media. Working from home during the pandemic allowed me to train for and run my first half marathon last spring, and I started Painted & Poised, a small side business out of my garage restoring old furniture. My husband, Rick; our kids Rickey, 12, and McKenna, 9; and pandemic pup Brody, 2, just returned from a first-time vacation to Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and I recently spent a few days in San Antonio, Texas, for work. We are kept busy coaching the kids' sports teams and even coaching youth softball together as "Mr. and Mrs. Coach."

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2010

We start our updates with **Keith and Naomi "Nomi" Raphael Adams**. They still reside in Baltimore with daughter Bina and their pup Milo, but as of last year, they welcomed the addition of their precious pandemic baby, Hallel. Congrats to the growing family! Otherwise, Keith continues to put his musical talent to great use by teaching middle and high school music, and Nomi gives a great service to the city as a social worker for one of the local public schools.

Also growing her family is **Molly Barker Landers**, who married Kevin Landers in a small park ceremony in March 2020, just as the world began to shut down due to the pandemic. The shutdown did not stop Molly's productivity, as she continued to work as a telehealth occupational therapist throughout 2020. The same year, the newlyweds decided to sell their home in the Boston area and move to Middletown, Delaware, putting the two closer to Molly's family. In August 2021, the pair welcomed son, Simon Patrick, and the author can confirm that the bundle of joy is absolutely adorable.

Folks like **Max Robinson** are making career moves as we speak. In November, he left his job with Howard County Recreation and Parks and started a new role as a communications associate with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, a Baltimore-based nonprofit organization that works to help under-resourced children and their families

Andrew O'Carroll '04 continues to serve as an officer in the U.S. Public Health Service and has deployed several times to help with the pandemic response.

alumni updates

Cecil Cummings '16 is now the vice president of Hyatt Commercial Real Estate.

across the United States. In his spare time during the pandemic, Max took classes in Japanese through the Japan Society.

Picking up a new hobby during the pandemic was definitely a theme for this year's notes, and that extends to **Lindsey Browning**, who took up Brazilian jiu-jitsu to stay active! Otherwise, Lindsey is entering her eighth year with the National Association of Medicaid Directors, which helped provide many Americans with access to health care and insurance during the pandemic. On a more personal note, in 2019, Lindsey married her wife, Carolyn Bradley, and together they adopted a pandemic pup, Navi. Even more recently, Lindsey was named president of the Alumni Association of our beloved alma mater.

Joining the club of alumni who are giving back to the medical field, **Danielle Guiffre** recently finished her medical training and accepted a position as a pediatric endocrinologist at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

After much pestering by the author, we managed to get some news from **Michael McNulty**, who resides with wife and fellow alum **Laura Davis McNulty** in Damascus, Maryland, along with their two young children, Hayley and Dylan.

Having two kids is nothing new for **Amy Glock Mazurek**, who, with husband and fellow alum **KJ Mazurek '11**, have "two amazing little Green Terrors" of their own, Theo and Harper. Amy is now a stay-at-home mom, and the family resides in New Jersey, in walking distance of the beach, surely a hit with their little terrors!

Marzak Ahmed is entering year nine working with NCQA, and last year, he was the recipient of the 2021 Customer Service Award for going above and beyond. Marzak still lives in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Making his first contribution to the class notes is **Andy Smith**, and you'll want to enjoy your favorite pint as you read this! In 2016, Andy moved to Las Vegas, where he accepted a position with the top financial advisor in Nevada and one of the top 100 in the country working on the portfolio operations side of things, handling the daily trading and reporting/analysis for clients. Not long after, Andy picked up brewing as a hobby, and even won an IPA competition through Stone Brewing in San Diego in 2019, which allowed one of his original recipes to be featured on tap at a few locations in San Diego and Las Vegas. In 2020, Andy got married, and he and his wife recently purchased a new home, where he has been able to upgrade his home brew setup.

Seven years after earning her master's degree, **Frannia Bryant, M.S. '14** is still a school counselor at the very same middle school in southern Maryland that she attended. Otherwise, she has been enjoying life and just this past year, adopted a new

cavapoo puppy named Riley. She hangs out with fellow alum **Lyndley O'Dell '09, M.S. '12 Andrews** and attended her wedding.

Dawn Aldrich Bittner reports that she and her husband, Luke, are currently foster parents to two incredible children who enjoyed visiting "mommy's college" for Homecoming this past year. Dawn was all too glad to make the trip and catch up with good friend **Kristen McGeeney**. Otherwise, Dawn and Luke are in the process of updating their 150-year-old home in Groton, Connecticut, and Dawn is still able to create and sell art on the side.

Reporting in from Louisville, Kentucky, is **Jen Solomon!** From 2015 to 2021, Jen worked as an expressive therapist at a local inpatient psychiatric hospital, and as of April 2020, she is now a licensed professional clinical counselor in Kentucky. As if that wasn't enough, Jen had her sixth successful heart surgery in June of 2019, and is now also a registered yoga teacher. Soon to combine the two, she will graduate as a cardiac medical yoga teacher as well. She is also enjoying time with her newly adopted pup!

Kirstie Menzies, M.S. '14 Miller writes in from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where she works with disabled students at Easton Elementary School in Talbot County. Four years ago, she married husband and fellow teacher Jordan, and soon after, the two welcomed their son Asher.

Speaking of marriage, **Kate Delenick-Samarinas** can also finally join the club, especially after not just one but two canceled dates during the pandemic! This past October, she and her husband, Al Samarias, wed in a ceremony that included her sister **Kara Delenick '07**, sister-in-law **Paige Willoughby '08 Delenick**, and brother **Joe Delenick '09**. Kate and Al live in Arlington, Virginia, with their French bulldog, Margo. Kate continues to be a math and reading interventionist for Arlington Public Schools.

Also celebrating a pandemic wedding was **Allison Donnelly Canty**, who got married in February 2021. Shortly after, Allie completed her second master's, this time in Educational Leadership, no doubt contributing to her work as an elementary school counselor. Allie and her husband bought a house in June 2021, where the two were able to celebrate their first anniversary.

Warren Herman, M.S. '14 became a Double Terror (a new alumni phrase the author thinks should catch on) in 2014 when he graduated from McDaniel's graduate program. He now works as a mental health therapist in Westminster, Maryland, only minutes from the Hill.

Val Hudson Sullivan didn't feel she had anything "newsworthy to share this time," but noted that her 6-year-old son Dillon (with alumni husband **John Sullivan**) is "a little obsessed" with the Green Terror, even including a picture he drew himself of our



John '10 and Val Hudson '10 Sullivan's 6-year-old son, Dillon, is the Green Terror's #1 fan.

beloved mascot. We sure hope it means he is going to be entering the Hill as a student in 12 years!

Also coming in for her first time in the class notes is **Anna Beers!** She writes, "I wanted to share that I will be graduating with my M.S.W. this summer from the University of Oklahoma! While the plan was to attend in person, with COVID-19 it turned into virtual, but the upside was I had the flexibility to live with my sister in Maine and now my brother in Indianapolis while I did school. That has been an amazing little perk, and grad school is just a great break to reset in general." With this degree, Anna hopes to land a job in community action and social justice. Otherwise, she has found time to catch up with fellow Phi Mu sisters **Kay Dixon Leech** and **Tyler Mullan England**.

Ginny Odierno Cosentino is still working with the National Nuclear Security Administration but has since moved into a procurement analyst role. In other happy news, she married Pete Cosentino in October 2020, and the newlyweds bought a house in Falls Church, Virginia, where they now reside.

Also living in Virginia is **Ashleigh Smith Pritchard**, who now lives in the town of Martinsville with husband and fellow alum, **Adam Pritchard '09**. She is still producing art and creating for her stationery design company, CharmCat Creative, and her art was even featured on the "Today" show!

We are also happy to get an update from **Wendy Dunstan**, who is now in her 13th year working at Members 1st Federal Credit Union, now as a senior internal auditor. In 2019, she obtained her Certified Internal Auditor certification, and in 2020, she went on to receive the NACFU Certified Compliance Officer designation. When not absolutely killing it at work, Wendy spends her free time going to CrossFit and spending time at the barn with her horse.

For this next update, we head back into weddings, this time double! **Victoria Steele, M.S. '12 Reynolds** married Jackson Reynolds a couple times these past couple of years, first in 2020 with a smaller ceremony, followed by a larger celebration in 2021. Also last year, the newlyweds welcomed their daughter, Olivia, in May.

Staying busy with other major life updates of her own is **Jenna Granger**, who moved from Boston to Virginia Beach last year and started working for T. Rowe Price. In October of last year, Jenna had the chance to travel to Italy, and she hopes to continue doing more traveling. This year, she is happy to spend time with her newly adopted puppy, a French bulldog named Betty White.

In another first-time update, we hear from **Jes Osrow!** Though she graduated with her degree in Theatre Arts, she began working in human resources "with a goal of creating fundamental change in people operations." In 2017, she earned an Advanced Diploma in Managing Workplace Diversity and Inclusion from New York University, and went on to co-found The Rise Journey, which helps organizations develop sustainable and equitable work cultures. She also speaks and advocates for invisible disabilities (IDs) and works to build awareness of the effect of IDs on women in the workplace.

As for myself, I have moved yet again, this time to Houston, Texas! With the pandemic changing things up in the world of admissions, I decided to change things up and in July 2020, I found work as a program manager with the EMERGE Fellowship, a nonprofit that guides students in underserved communities to help them enter and graduate from selective colleges from all over the United States. In other words, I work as a college counselor, and it has been truly rewarding to see my students attend wonderful institutions. No one has entered McDaniel yet, though a couple have been admitted! In my personal life, I've made wonderful memories with McDaniel alums all over, including here in Texas! Fellow Phi Kap **Jacob Moriarty-Stone '08** lives right here in Houston, and he even helped me move into my new apartment. I've attended many wonderful weddings, including those of **Megan Reilly-Donoghue '12** and **Paul Donoghue '11**, and **Lauren Handel '13** to husband Stephen Kaiser. I've traveled to other cities in Texas as well, giving me the chance to reconnect with alums I have not seen in a long time. **Anna Donaldson '09** is now in the Dallas area, though she still finds time to visit with me when work brings her to Houston as well. In Austin, I've been able to hang out with **Anne Dorman '13**, who makes cocktails at a couple of the city's newest and classiest establishments, and **Sam Lopez '12**, who has

found her way onto the comedy scene of Austin, performing at many venues across the city and across the country (seriously, check out her act if you have the chance). Basically, no matter where I move, it wouldn't be me if I didn't find the time to socialize and make sure I'm still connected to the wonderful people who made my time at McDaniel as memorable as it was. I'm hoping that Texas will be the last stop for me, so if you ever find yourself in the Lone Star State, or just craving some warmer weather, don't hesitate to reach out. Until next time!

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Congratulations to **Krista Mizell Ebert** who married **Chris Ebert**, on Oct. 2, 2021, in Towson, Maryland.

Cameron Royster works for the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency under the Department of Defense as a personnel security team chief/adjudicator. He loves the job and being able to help mitigate risk within the federal government and investigate those who could possibly damage our national security. Additionally, Cameron continued his education and received a Master of Science in Forensic Criminalistics in 2018 from Stevenson University.

Laura Maurer graduated with her Ph.D. in Chemistry from University of Colorado Boulder in August 2021. She then got a job with CAS and moved to Columbus, Ohio, in November.

Cecil Cummings finished college in December of 2016, but walked with the Class of 2017 in the spring. She is now the vice president of Hyatt Commercial Real Estate and works to help build the company and broker commercial real estate. In her first four years, she brokered over \$89 million in transactions, representing more than 80 clients. She is happy to give back to McDaniel. She just finished a round of donations for multiple programs with **Brittany Adams '18** and worked with **Mike Looney '91** to mentor a student competing in the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Challenge.

We are still looking for a 2016 Class Reporter. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to the Alumni Engagement office at 410-857-2296 or email us at alumni@mcDaniel.edu.

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Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar to join us on the Hill! For more info, registration, and updates, go to mcdaniel.edu/alumni/events.

HOMEcoming 2022

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30-SATURDAY, OCT. 1

Join us to celebrate the Alumni Association Award Winners and Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame inductees on Friday evening. Then come back on Saturday to cheer the Green Terror on to victory during Homecoming while connecting with college friends in the alumni tents!

SHENANIGAN'S ALUMNI EVENT 2022

SATURDAY, OCT. 22

Join fellow alumni, faculty, staff, parents, and friends for a fun night out at Shenanigan's in Ocean City, Maryland. An annual tradition, Shenanigan's owner Greg Shockley '83 has hosted this event for our McDaniel community for nearly two decades.

PARENT AND FAMILY WEEKEND 2022

FRIDAY, NOV. 4-SUNDAY, NOV. 6

Current McDaniel families are invited to join their students on the Hill for events and programs showcasing life on the Hill.

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2023

JUNE 2-4, 2023

A brand-new exciting Alumni Weekend is being planned for all Green Terrors to reunite on the Hill. Milestone reunions for class years ending with a 3 or an 8 will be celebrated. Alumni will also have the option to stay on campus in a residence hall!

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Lessons I took from the Hill



Anthony Baranauskas graduated from McDaniel College in May 2017. After college, he attended the University of Baltimore School of Law. Currently, Anthony is an assistant state's attorney for Harford County, Maryland.

The Road to Due Process

ANTHONY "ANDY" BARANAUSKAS '17

Having grown up in Carroll County, I often thought, "Why would I want to go to college in my backyard?" However, in the fall of 2012, I felt called to accept my offer of admission to McDaniel College. While football was a driving factor in this decision, the academic reputation McDaniel possessed made it a top contender and an easy choice.

I still remember my first class at McDaniel, American Political Institutions. Legendary McDaniel Professor Herb Smith came in a few minutes before 9 a.m. and started talking to the other students before class. As this was my first class in college, I didn't know anyone sitting around me in Hill Hall. Dr. Smith started addressing students asking them about their summer and discussing President Obama's options in dealing with the international crisis in Syria. As he talked to each student, I realized that I was the only freshman in this class, and the only student in a class of 25 who had not had Dr. Smith last year. His eyes slowly turned in my direction and in the most playful tone possible, he said, "Good morning. Well, I don't know who the (expletive) you are." Talk about a warm welcome to college! Dr. Smith instantly became my favorite professor and was a great mentor for me during my time at McDaniel.

McDaniel is a special place. It is not very often that you find a classroom environment that is intellectually stimulating, ideologically challenging, and yet intimate and friendly at the same time. While at McDaniel, I took classes in everything from accounting to Middle Eastern politics to golf. That is the

magic of the McDaniel Plan. The required curriculum to reach a bachelor's degree emphasizes more than just the intellectual dogma of your declared major. The McDaniel Plan focuses on developing you as a well-rounded person who is prepared for a career after your time on the Hill.

I graduated from McDaniel in 2017 and subsequently attended the University of Baltimore School of Law. This summer, I accepted a new position as an assistant state's attorney for Harford County, Maryland. Reaching this transitional phase of my life has allowed me to look back at some of the past accomplishments and lessons I learned during my time on the Hill. The most important thing that I learned is to embrace the challenge. Whether it's accepting a new job, starting a family, or dealing with other personal challenges — we all will go through times of adversity. My time at McDaniel helped mold me into an insightful person with the ability to address problems in a nuanced fashion.

As I advance in my career as a prosecutor, I will look back fondly on my time on the Hill. I will approach difficult decisions by factoring in what I have learned about the law while striving to honor the rights of both survivors and defendants. For me, McDaniel will always be a shining city on the Hill.



A lifelong passion for the Hill,
a legacy to leave behind

At just 5 years old, Corynne Courpas '76 knew she loved the Hill. It began when her dad, an avid Baltimore Colts fan, brought her to the Colts training camp at then-Western Maryland College, and she was determined to someday be a student there.

Corynne credits the strength of her liberal arts education with preparing her for her MBA, career, and life, and her connection to the college and surrounding community remains strong. Through both her volunteerism and philanthropy, Corynne has made a difference in the lives of generations of McDaniel students.

Corynne gives back because she says the college was there for her, offering the financial support needed to make her dream of attending

WMC possible. As a resident of Westminster, she also believes in the richness McDaniel adds to the community and continues to add to her life. In recent years, she has enjoyed attending Jan Term trips to Egypt, Spain, and Morocco, with faculty, students, and other alumni.

Making a planned gift was an easy decision for Corynne: "A planned gift allows me to support causes I have supported throughout my life, but with potentially a much bigger gift than I could make right now." For Corynne, education is a top priority in her will, and she believes she can create a lasting legacy through her estate. "It's really easy and it doesn't impact your life now, but the impact in the long run will be huge," says Corynne.

THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS YOU CAN CREATE A LASTING LEGACY.

To learn more about how you can include McDaniel in your estate plans, contact Lawrence "Chip" Junkin M.S. '15 at cjunkin@mcdaniel.edu or 410-857-2256.

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GLOBALIZED EXPERIENCES INTO
SOMETHING POSITIVE.”**

- RAVI PATEL '20

Read more about how Patel's experiences as a third culture kid led him to Mongolia through the Fulbright program on page 10.