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On January 25, 2020, the Majestic Theater hosted composer and pianist Damien Sneed's *"We Shall Overcome: A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."* for the 40th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration in Gettysburg.

"We come together on evenings like this to not only mark our past but also because we understand it to be a moment of reflection—a moment to assess where we are as people and the distance we need to travel between our aspirations and our realities," Gettysburg College President Bob Iuliano said.

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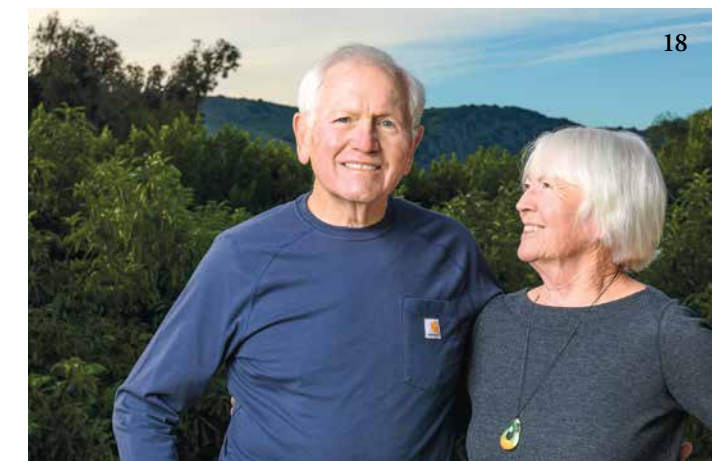
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“EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD.”

These enduring words by the late Nelson Mandela speak to an orientation deeply rooted within the liberal arts experience, and more specifically the education we have long provided and endorsed at Gettysburg College.

Our students graduate with a sense of responsibility to the greater good, and an impulse toward meaningful action. When coupled with our distinctive history and geographic assets—including our close proximity to Washington, D.C.—we have a special opportunity to advance this essential work, and to spark real and lasting change within our society.

Teaching students to think broadly and critically is integral to the pedagogy of any top-notch college or university in our nation and world today. Yet, from my early impressions on campus, and in dialogue with our dedicated faculty and passionate alumni, I have learned that what makes Gettysburg's academic approach so unique—and so powerful—is that we also help students discover *how* to use their education to have a direct impact on the lives of others.

This takes a civic education, an understanding of the tools of government, social structures, public policy, and communications, so that ideas can be translated into purposeful work. It requires a championing of diversity, and the related ability to navigate, bridge, and find strength from difference. But, perhaps above all else, it demands a commitment to look inward, to grow, and to step forward in service of something bigger than oneself.

Inspiring Gettysburgians, like the change agents highlighted in this issue's feature story (beginning on page 42), remind us that—whether we are fighting for equal rights, environmental protections, or any number of consequential issues within our public discourse—progress is possible, if we confront the defining challenges of our time with courage and conscience.

Today, we have a variety of programs, both in and outside of the curriculum, that inform our students' perspectives and judgments. This allows students not only to determine for themselves where they stand on a contested issue, but also how they may work toward effective solutions. From peace and justice studies to the Center for Public Service to the Eisenhower Institute, these Gettysburg College offerings—and so many others—provide our students with hands-on experiences that prepare them for wherever life may bring them—and to have the tools to make a difference in their communities, workplaces, and beyond.

My job affords me such a wonderful view of our students and faculty at work in the pursuit of knowledge, personal growth, and social transformation. It inspires me every day.

Sincerely,



Bob Iuliano
President



Following his installation, President Bob Iuliano embarked on an inaugural tour in Washington, D.C., New York, and Philadelphia.

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THE LAUNCH OF A COLLEGE PODCAST

by Molly Foster

Recorded beneath the Cupola of historic Pennsylvania Hall, a new Gettysburg College podcast, *Conversations Beneath the Cupola*, brings attention to our students, faculty, and alumni who are living lives of meaning and service today—and since our founding in 1832.

Hosted by **President Bob Iuliano**, each podcast episode features interviews with Gettysburgians and thought leaders, ending with an anecdotal “slice of life” at Gettysburg College, told through the president's perspective. In our first episode, Iuliano reflected on a touching interaction he witnessed between Hall of Athletic Honors inductee **Joe Cordova '97** and his son during the induction ceremony.

Listen and subscribe by visiting gettysburg.edu/podcast or by searching for *Conversations Beneath the Cupola* on your preferred podcast platform.

EPISODE 1: THE FUTURE OF LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION WITH LAWRENCE BACOW
President Iuliano discusses higher education, the liberal arts, and the future with Harvard University President Lawrence Bacow.

EPISODE 2: THE LEGACY OF DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER WITH SUSAN EISENHOWER
Susan Eisenhower discusses the legacy of President Dwight D. Eisenhower at Gettysburg College through the lens of the Eisenhower Institute, the state of the current political climate, and her new book.

EPISODE 3: THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF STUDENT INVOLVEMENT WITH BEN PONTZ '20
Ben Pontz '20, *The Gettysburgian's* editor, touches on the breadth and depth of opportunities available to students at Gettysburg College.

EPISODE 4: THE LASTING IMPACT OF FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS WITH PROFESSORS DARREN GLASS AND KATHY CAIN
Glass, Cain, and two first-year students—**Katherine Schmitz '23** and **Demaro Ricketts '23**—highlight the innovative nature, purpose, and lasting impact of the College's First-Year Seminar program.

Send your comments and suggestions for future podcast topics to news@gettysburg.edu.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

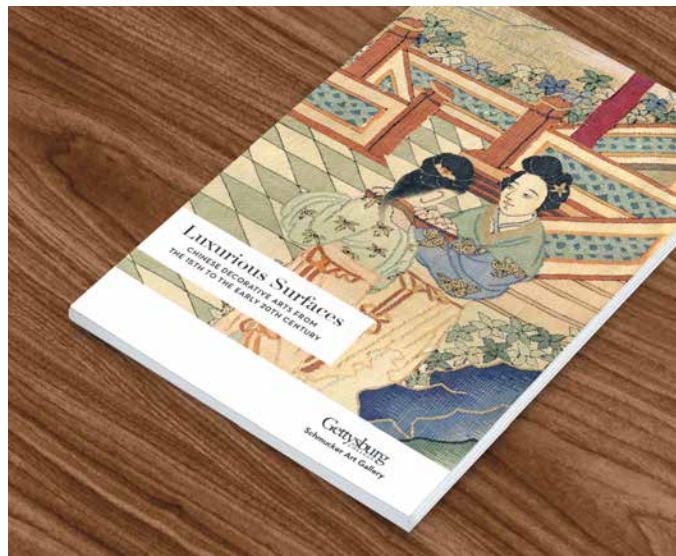
I commend the new design of the magazine. The size, paper stock, and overall appearance is inviting. I especially like the blend of short clips with feature-length articles for those who like to go deeper into a subject. My only criticism is the tiny font size.

On a visit to campus one cold, rainy afternoon during exam week, I was delighted to see it looking so wonderful. It was interesting to enter Glatfelter Hall and note the subjects now taught, to view the fabulous collection of *Prof. Frank Kramer, Class of 1914* (he was a friend of my classmate's father) in Schmucker Art Gallery, and to enter Huber Hall and be welcomed into my corner dorm room by the current occupant. It seemed so much smaller than I remembered, but perhaps that was because of the added drop ceiling.

I'm proud to be an alum of a college that has grown academically richer and more tuned into the world we live in today. I only wish I could start again.

Joanne Dearcopp '62

Editorial note: Many of you wrote to us commending the new look of the magazine but said the text was too small! We heard you and have increased the font size.



Depicted on this cover is the Kesi tapestry depicting Emperor Xuanzong and Yang Guifei, a gift of the Estate of Prof. Frank Kramer, Class of 1914.



Before we taste the warm, steamy cup of cocoa, the delicious chocolate baked treats, or the creamy chocolate chip ice cream, the chocolate we are eating has passed through many hands. Each set of hands has a compelling story to tell about what we ultimately know as chocolate.

As *David Borghesani '84* points out in "The Sweet Life" (Fall 2019), "a true love of chocolate cannot thrive without an awareness of its history." He adds that his work centers around the connection between people, places, and times.

Chocolate's story begins where it's grown—from the beans that are selected to the farmers who plant and harvest the beans. The journey continues from the plantations where the beans are grown to processing plants where they are converted to cocoa powder and then shipped to ports around the world. All of these elements are part of chocolate's often untold story.

I encourage the Gettysburg community to seek out and buy fair trade chocolate because the fair trade label tells us that the chocolate is sustainably grown and that a fair wage was paid to the cocoa farmers. The fair trade designation also tells us that the chocolate is produced without child labor or forced labor.

Jane Barlowe P'14

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Send your comments about what you read in this issue to alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu and we may print them in an upcoming issue.

SOCIAL MEDIA

READ WHAT GETTYSBURGIANS ARE READING AND COMMENTING ABOUT ONLINE.

We're reflecting on 2019's top moments that show our growth as an institution and our triumphs both individually and together. Did we forget one of your favorites? Share your top Gettysburg College moments with us on social media.



THIS YEAR AT GETTYSBURG: 2019 IN REVIEW

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"I think the launch of the alumni networking portal was a HUGE accomplishment for Gettysburg College. I know folks like **Brendan Ripp '99**, **Bob Allen '89**, **Robert Schwartz '92**, **Kelsey Markiewicz '14**, and **Maggie Robertson '16** are all excited to connect with fellow Gettysburgians to collaborate and network about the advertising and media business."

[in](#) Nick Johnson '90

"Graduation festivities were pretty special!"

[in](#) Jennifer (Blount) Sanford P'19

Read more about Gettysburg College's top moments online. Information about connectGettysburg, the College's official online engagement and mentoring community, can be found on page 10.

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"Over the last 12 years, our Sunderman Conservatory of Music has successfully placed 100% of its music education majors in careers or graduate school programs."

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"As a Class of '71 music education graduate, I too was very well prepared for teaching vocal and instrumental music at all levels. As a soloist with the concert band, student director of the marching band, and director of the brass ensemble, I had opportunities for leadership that aided in my professional jobs in school leadership. Thank you, *Prof. Bob Zellner* and *G'burg College*."

[f](#) Phil Taylor '71

IN THE MEDIA

WAS 2019 THE 'BEST YEAR EVER'?

Responding to journalist Nicholas Kristof's article, "This Has Been the Best Year Ever," College Chaplain and Associate Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life **Kristin Largen** wrote a letter to the editor of *The New York Times* in which she negated Kristof's declaration.

President Bob Iuliano was a guest on WITF's Smart Talk podcast, in which he shared his vision for Gettysburg College and offered thoughts on the higher education landscape as a whole. In an op-ed he wrote for Inside Higher Ed, he affirmed the importance of access and diversity in higher education.

SPEAKING UP

Activate, a National Geographic series that showcases the Global Citizen movement to end extreme poverty by 2030, featured **Monae Evans '15** in its second episode, "Ending Cash Bail."

Reflecting on air about her father's incarceration for a nonviolent drug offense, she shared her efforts as a campaign manager with Global Citizen to petition New York Governor Andrew Cuomo to end cash bail.

"If I continue sharing my story, then maybe people will start to open their eyes to some of the injustice and inequity within the system," Evans said.

She now serves as a senior analyst for the New York City Mayor's Office of Operations.

[Read more about Evans online.](#)

"I've always wanted to work at NASA, so it was a dream come true. An alum ... spoke about his experience there, and I felt more inspired to apply."

In a Q&A profile by the *Chicago Tribune*, **Alyssa Kaewwilai '20** shared reflections on her internship at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and her post-graduation plans. NASA also published a Q&A with summer 2018 intern **Abigail Major '19**.

PHOEBE DOSCHER '22, PRESIDENT OF GETTYSBURG COLLEGE'S CHAPTER OF STUDENTS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA, WAS FEATURED IN *ABC 27 NEWS* AND *CBS 21 NEWS'* COVERAGE OF A VIGIL HELD TO REMEMBER THE VICTIMS OF THE SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MASS SHOOTING.

[Read more about Doscher's story on page 46.](#)

CHOCOLATE, VIDEO GAMES, AND SELFIES CAN MAKE YOU HAPPIER, RESEARCHERS SAY

Research conducted by Psychology **Prof. Brian P. Meier, Sabrina W. Noll '14**, and **Oluwatobi J. Molokwu '17**, about chocolate's anecdotal association with an increase in happiness, was referenced in a *CNBC* health and wellness article.

NEWS

LAUNCHING A NEW MAJOR

Building upon our history of preparing students for success in the business world, Gettysburg College was proud to announce the launch of a new business, organizations, and management major in October 2019.

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Pictured: Alyssa Kaewwilai '20

HALLMARK MOMENT

English **Prof. Kathryn Rhett** and her sister co-wrote the Hallmark Channel's first original "whodunnit" mystery movie of 2020.

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RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

The College's sixth annual Gettysburgives Challenge in February attracted a record 3,486 donors.

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NEW FOOTBALL COACH NAMED

Maurice Banks, former assistant coach at the University of Pennsylvania, was named the new head coach of Bullets football.

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PRESIDENTIAL

INAUGURAL TOUR

On October 22, Gettysburgians gathered in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the inauguration of **President Bob Iuliano** and listen to a panel discussion entitled “Reaching Across the Aisle: Civil Discourse in Today’s Politics.”

The panel of alumni and faculty experts explored how civil discourse has changed over the generations and what steps we can take—regardless of individual political leanings—to bring about a renaissance in our practice of politics.

Lauren Bright '90, the chief counsel for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, facilitated the panel, which featured **Jamie Fleet '02**, U.S. House of Representatives staff director; **Ryan Woodward '12**, a senior legislative assistant for Congressman Peter T. King; Psychology and Interdisciplinary Studies **Prof. Sabana Mukherjee**; and Political Science **Prof. Bruce Larson**.

Subsequent tour events were held on March 3 at the Union League Club in New York and on March 18 at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.

ON CAMPUS

NEW DATA SCIENCE MINOR

In December 2019, Gettysburg College announced the addition of a new data science minor, which was made available to all students beginning in January 2020. The minor is designed to prepare students for success in a data-driven world.

This minor, paired with any major, will enhance students’ approach to real-world problems in their careers. It will allow them to learn various data analysis techniques, including modeling and identifying trends, as well as gain statistical, programming, and data management skills.

PUBLICATIONS

COURAGE OF A LEADER

With immigrant roots, John Kemeny, former president of Dartmouth College during the 1960s and 1970s, developed into an ideal leader, according to **Stephen Nelson '69**. Nelson’s most recent book, *John G. Kemeny and Dartmouth College: The Man, the Times, and the College Presidency*, details the leadership qualities Kemeny displayed during challenging times when topics regarding diversity, equity, and economics surfaced.

ON CAMPUS

JOIN CONNECTGETTYSBURG

Unleash the power of the Gettysburg Network. The College’s official online engagement and mentoring community, connectGettysburg, connects current students, as well as alumni, to alumni, parents, and friends of the College. You can register through your LinkedIn, Facebook, or Google account.

VISIT [CONNECTGETTYSBURG.COM](https://connectgettysburg.com) AND DOWNLOAD THE APP. IT’S AVAILABLE ON ANDROID (“CONNECTGBC”) AND IOS (“GRADUWAY COMMUNITY”) DEVICES.

PUBLICATIONS

FACULTY BOOKS

At Gettysburg College, exploration happens beyond the classroom through research, hands-on learning, and creative pursuits. In 2019, 10 professors published 13 major works that build upon their professional interests, ranging from textbooks and audiobooks to novels and music. Book topics include Arabic grammar, the legend of King Arthur, Civil War politics, embodied cognition, the Veterans Treatment Court movement, and more.

READ MORE ONLINE.



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PUBLICATIONS

CELEBRATING PENNSYLVANIA PLAYWRIGHT

Feed Your Mind: A Story of August Wilson is **Jen Fisher Bryant’s '82** new children’s book about a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright. Honoring the style of Wilson’s plays, Bryant writes in two acts, using free verse poetry to capture Wilson’s journey, from his struggles of racial prejudice and bullying in Pittsburgh to becoming one of the nation’s greatest playwrights.

ALUMNI

GAME CHANGER

Amanda Fasenmyer '09 is building a better tomorrow.

As the director of growth and strategy at Steinberg Hart, a global design, architecture, and planning firm, she helps design physical spaces that shape lives in California.

For her work, the *Silicon Valley Business Journal* honored her with a 40 Under 40 award and *Gentry Magazine* named her a “Changemaker.”

“The game changers of tomorrow will be systems-thinkers who understand the complexity of an increasingly connected, dynamic world,” Fasenmyer said. “The advice that I would give to those future impact-makers is to understand how to catalyze the forces around them to advance the common good.”

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FACULTY

MAGICAL MYSTERY

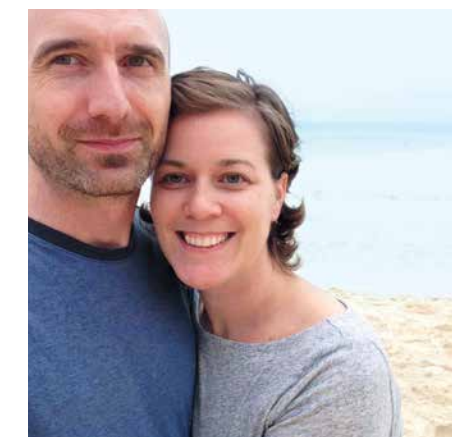
English **Prof. Kathryn Rhett** and her sister, Cecily, co-wrote a Hallmark Channel movie called *Crossword Mysteries: Abracadaver*, starring Lacey Chabert and Brennan Elliott. The murder mystery, which premiered January 5, follows a plot that throws illusions at a crossword puzzles editor and NYPD detective, who team up to uncover clues and determine the cause of a magician’s death.

ALUMNI

LEARNING STRENGTH

In November 2012, **Abigail Letts O’Brien '98** was diagnosed with breast cancer, which resulted in months of chemotherapy, a double mastectomy, lymph node removal, and weeks of radiation. In May 2018, it progressed to metastatic breast cancer that spread to her spine and pelvic bones.

But throughout her battle, she learned to find her inner strength—and the Susan G. Komen Foundation recognized it. After reading her personal blog, “My Life in Pink,” the nonprofit invited her to write a blog and record a podcast for its platforms. In her first article, she references cancer as both a curse and hidden blessing: “As my grandmother always said,” O’Brien wrote, “when God closes a door, s/he opens a window.”



3,486
*the record number of donors
 who made gifts during the
 Gettysburgives Challenge*

\$1M+
*raised, our second highest
 Challenge total to date*

OUR COLLEGE

GETTYSBURGIVES CHALLENGE

During the College's sixth annual Gettysburgives Challenge on February 12-13, donations poured in from every corner of the globe—all in support of Gettysburg students and the exceptional education we offer.

The Challenge raised a grand total of \$1,000,002 from a record 3,486 donors. Gifts came from a wide range of destinations, including Santa Fe, New Mexico; San Diego, California; and Beijing, China.

Gettysburg College would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to our generous Challenge sponsors: *Barry '65* and *Barbara Wenger '65 Shaw; Dave '65* and *Claudia '66 Radin; Bob Parker '84; P. Robert '90* and *Kimberly Moran '90 Barnett; Lauren Alizio '16; Helena* and *Charlie Rosenberg P'18; Greg* and *Marcy Rost P'20; Joe* and *Lauren Rieger '21*; and our Parents Leadership Council. Your gift—no matter the amount—creates new opportunities for today's students and strengthens Gettysburg College for future generations. Thank you to all who helped to make our biggest fundraising event of the year such a tremendous success!

ON CAMPUS

NEW BUSINESS MAJOR

A new major in business, organizations, and management—an evolution of the rigorous organization and management studies (OMS) major—was announced in October and is available to students beginning in the 2020-2021 academic year.

Grounded in the liberal arts, it is designed to provide students with exposure to the fundamentals of business within a dynamic global environment. A distinctive component of this major is the Critical Action-Learning Experience, which encompasses an internship, global study experience, or a community engagement project.



READ MORE ONLINE ABOUT CURRENT ALUMNI EXCELLING IN BUSINESS CAREERS AND WATCH MANAGEMENT PROF. HEATHER ODLE-DUSSEAU EXPLAIN THE MAJOR'S DESIGN ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL.

ON CAMPUS

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER ANNOUNCED

Michael Brown, co-founder of City Year, will speak at Gettysburg College's 2020 Commencement ceremony. The 1983 Harvard College and 1988 Harvard Law School graduate was named one of America's Best Leaders by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Brown, along with Marian Wright Edelman and Jean Driscoll, will receive an honorary degree. Edelman is the founder and president emerita of the Children's Defense Fund and Driscoll is a U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame Paralympian.

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ON CAMPUS

LINCOLN PRIZE

Gettysburg College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History have named Elizabeth R. Varon, author of *Armies of Deliverance: A New History of the Civil War*, as the 2020 Lincoln Prize recipient. Varon's winning work anchors the Civil War narrative in the defining moments that occurred on the battlefield, while simultaneously integrating the social and military history of the time period.

The award includes a \$50,000 prize and a bronze replica of Augustus Saint-Gaudens' life-size bust, "Lincoln the Man."

David Blight, author of Pulitzer Prize-winning *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom*, was the 2019 Lincoln Prize recipient. In November, Blight spoke at the College's Lincoln Lyceum Lecture.



ALUMNI

YOUNG INNOVATORS

Bethany Foxx '16 was named one of Washington, D.C.'s 2019 *Inno* Top 20 most accomplished young entrepreneurs under age 25.

Foxx, who is a customer success manager at Quorum, helped the technology firm recruit organizations such as Anheuser-Busch, Coca-Cola, and Walmart. In 2019, she led the launch of Quorum International, earning her a promotion to product manager.

ATHLETICS

NEW FOOTBALL COACH

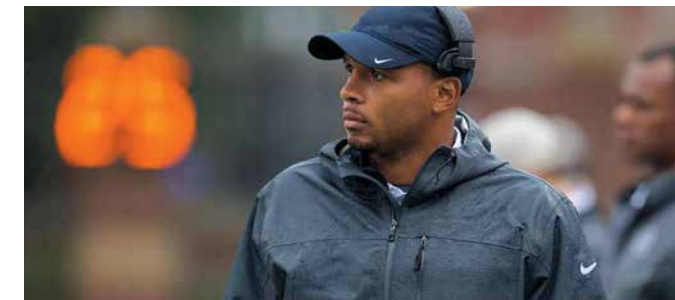
On February 3, *Maurice Banks*, former assistant coach at the University of Pennsylvania, was named the new Bullets football head coach. After spending the last six seasons coaching at the Division I level, Banks becomes the 26th head coach in the program's 130-year history.

At Penn, Banks assisted with the development and implementation of defensive and special teams schemes. He spent the prior five seasons at his alma mater, Georgetown University, where he coached defensive backs and was special teams coordinator in his final two campaigns.

Banks also brings a wide and varied background as a player and coach beyond the collegiate atmosphere in Austria, Brazil, and Italy. After graduating from Georgetown with a degree in sociology, the former Hoyas' All-Patriot League captain spent time as a defensive back and quarterback with the Marburg Mercenaries in Germany.

"I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to begin my career as a head football coach here at Gettysburg," Banks said. "It is an honor to become the first minority head coach of the Bullets football program and something that I do not take lightly."

READ MORE ONLINE.



ATHLETICS

SOCCER SUCCESS

Men's soccer and women's soccer made triumphant returns to the NCAA tournament after extended absences.

Earning an at-large bid to the playoffs, the men's team made its first trip to the national stage in 18 years. The Bullets shut out No. 22 Oglethorpe 5-0 in the first round before falling 3-2 to No. 11 Washington and Lee in their next game.

For the first time in five years, the women's team also went dancing, facing the two-time defending national champion, No. 24 Williams, in a tough 2-0 first-round loss.

41
*goals scored
 by men's soccer
 in 2019*

35
*goals scored by
 women's soccer
 in 2019*

Photographers: (top) David Sinclair; (bottom) Julia Monaco



For the first time in program history, Gettysburg College swept the top awards from the Centennial Conference in 2020. **Kate Crilly '20** of Shrewsbury, New Jersey, was named Outstanding Performer of the Meet, **Talia Moss '23** of Toronto, Ontario, earned Outstanding Rookie Performer, and **Head Coach Greg Brown** landed Coach of the Year in his inaugural season with the Bullets.

Crilly closed her career winning the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle with program records and placed second in the 200 freestyle. She also contributed to the gold-medal winning 200 medley, 400 medley, and 200 freestyle relays, helping the Bullets set new school standards in all three events. Moss (pictured) opened the meet by winning the 200 individual medley and added a silver medal in the 200 breaststroke and a bronze medal in the 100 breaststroke. Both Crilly and Moss earned all-conference honors.

Photo by David Sinclair

ON THE TOPIC OF GRATITUDE

WHEN WE EXPERIENCE AND EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION,
HOW DO WE GROW AND SHIFT OUR WORLDVIEW?



Hakim Mohandas Amani Williams

Professor of Africana studies, education, globalization studies, and public policy, and director of peace and justice studies

I grew up in Laventille, Trinidad, the firstborn of three children. My family didn't have much materially, but I sure made up for that with an abundance of imagination. I would chalk the concrete steps in front of our home, pretending they were my students. I'd teach math, English, or any subject I fancied. I recount this story often as a meditation on my life's calling as an educator, despite wanting to be a medical doctor growing up. I enter my classroom with purpose and vigor, issuing my faintly mischievous, but glee-filled greeting: "Good morning, critical thinkers!" Students know me as a professor who challenges them from the first day of class until the very last moment of our semester together. I contextualize this challenge as one that necessarily emerges from my gratitude for the privilege and responsibility we all have to be at a place like Gettysburg College! Most days, I utter to my ancestors, "Thank you for gifting a poor, queer, immigrant kid from Laventille the treasure of being a college professor who gets to learn with, and from, some amazing students who want to craft a more just world. *Asé!*"



Amy Dailey

Professor of health sciences

In 2019, more than 1.7 million people were projected to receive a new cancer diagnosis. Despite these overwhelming numbers, cancer death rates are on the decline, meaning more and more people are surviving cancer. The stories of survivors involve serious pain, fear, and anxiety. But you will also hear stories of gratitude, hope, appreciation, living for today, and reprioritization. Some survivors report feeling grateful for their treatments and doctors, noticing a heightened sense of appreciation of people and beauty, learning to see the positive in situations, and enjoying friends and family more. Some go as far as to say that cancer helped them to live more in the present, moving beyond the past, and not putting valued opportunities off for a later time. To be clear, being diagnosed with cancer and undergoing subsequent treatment has serious physical, psychological, and social implications. At first glance, it may seem insensitive to write about positive aspects of having cancer, but we have much to learn from listening to cancer survivors' perspectives on gratitude and hope.



Kristin Largen

College chaplain and associate dean of religious and spiritual life

Usually, we experience gratitude as an episodic response to something good that happens—we receive some unexpected kindness or a happy surprise. In that moment, we are grateful for our good fortune. However, gratitude also can be an overall disposition that can positively shape our outlook on the world and our relationships with others. Experienced this way, gratitude becomes a habit that enriches our lives and the lives of those around us, too. How do we do this? A good place to start is with mindful attention. When we pay attention, life's wonders begin to appear, and we become more thankful for the goodness we experience, not just once in a while, but every day. Gratitude begets more gratitude. Then, from this internal experience, we can turn our feelings of gratitude outward into words and deeds of thankfulness to share with others. A life of gratitude is simple, really. To paraphrase Mary Oliver: Pay attention, give thanks, and tell others.



Churon T. Lanier-Martin '20

English major and peace and justice studies minor

Accepting the reality of Murphy's Law—"what can happen will happen"—helps my optimism. This perspective is something I have begun to acknowledge recently, after studying abroad in Bali, Indonesia, and observing how Balinese people live firsthand. One's quality of life is largely internal, and our thinking shapes our realities. For example, my host father in Kerambitan, to whom I referred as "Bapak," and I met at his farm the first day I moved in with the family. [Over time], I learned that [in addition to farming], he was also a teacher at the local primary school. He even hosted, what I assume, were after-school tutoring sessions in their home before dinner. He was never too tired to lend an ear to one of his three daughters or warmly welcome me home from the program center. It was a joy to see his leadership as a role model of both sacrifice and gratitude. I have come to understand that my attitude dictates my experience, and being grateful is central to maintaining a balance between positive and negative stress. Life is a treadmill, not a ladder.

Read more about Lanier-Martin on page 47.



Kathleen M. Cain

Professor of psychology

While the psychological research on gratitude is relatively new, the findings are consistent with millennia of religious and spiritual teachings. Those who are grateful for something—anything—are able to take a broader perspective on whatever is happening at that moment. Gratitude lifts us out of ourselves and orients us toward a bigger picture, a larger good. It helps us keep our own importance in healthy perspective, and it helps us find our way through difficult times. Abundant evidence shows gratitude promotes psychological well-being, physical health, moral behavior, and positive relationships. Simple practices such as saying three good things that happened each day or keeping a gratitude journal can have remarkable effects. When someone expresses gratitude to another, both that person and the recipient benefit. Gratitude binds people together, and it even promotes positive outcomes for those who merely witness gratitude expressed and received by others. Gratitude, in short, is a key part of human flourishing.

"I've realized that anyone can tell you to reflect on your life and think about what you're grateful for and what you can do for others, but Coach [Carol] Cantele didn't just tell us. She showed us how."

Macauley Milkes '17

Read more about the Stoles of Gratitude tradition on page 24.

CONNECTIONS

MOST INFLUENTIAL G'BURG CONNECTION

Charles R. Wolfe, Gettysburg College's dean of admissions at the time, admitted me to the College before the start of the spring semester in 1958. That decision started me on a path to receiving my bachelor's from Gettysburg College, and later a master's and PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. It also enabled me to pursue a career that included teaching economics at the college level, serving as the chief economist at one of the largest commercial banks and financial holding companies, and a long career with the Federal Reserve System.

IMPORTANT COLLEGE MEMORY

In early March of 1960, I was elected to membership in the Iota Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, along with 19 of my fellow classmates.

WHY BOB AND BRENDA SUPPORT G'BURG

Among several reasons is the College's emphasis on providing a first-rate liberal arts education. Also, we are convinced that without the support and direction I received from my years at Gettysburg, my professional life would have been very different and possibly less rewarding and satisfying.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

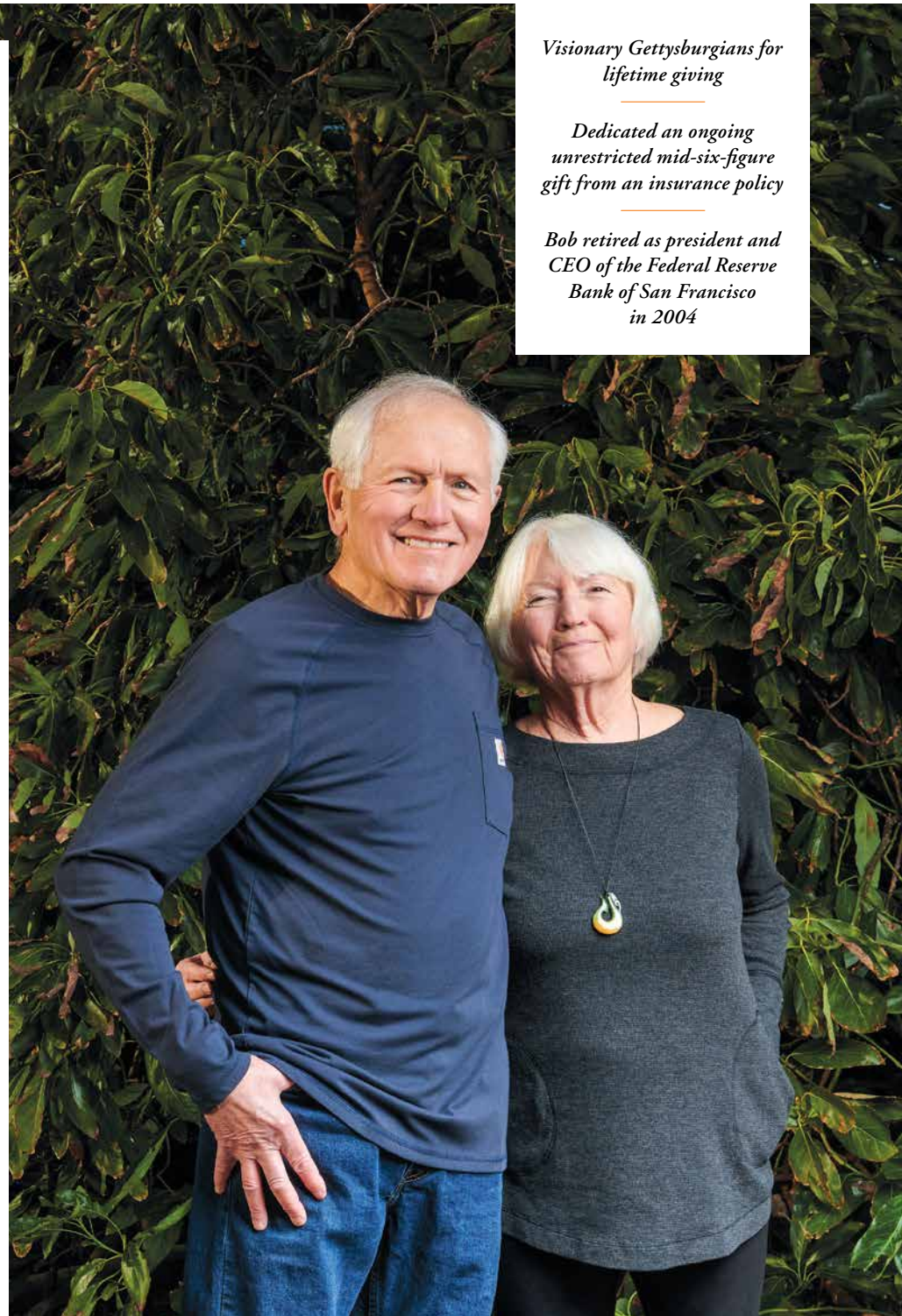
Serving as a member of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) of the Federal Reserve System for more than 18 years—first under Chairman Paul Volcker and later under Chairman Alan Greenspan. The FOMC is responsible for the formulation and the implementation of monetary policy for the U.S. economy.

BOB '60 AND BRENDA PARRY

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Bob retired as president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco in 2004



Photography by Lonnie Timmons III

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BUILDING A BRAND WITH A BARREL

With an entrepreneurial spirit inspired by family and strengthened at Gettysburg, *Roby Burch '17* turned a college idea into a trademarked business.

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Since 2004, Stoles of Gratitude have served as symbolic reminders that generosity doesn't go unnoticed. Stories of hardship, hope, and growth emerge from a beloved tradition.

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BUILDING A BRAND WITH A BARREL

by Molly Foster



The trees were just starting to change colors and turn brittle as fall came to the rolling hills of Gettysburg. Roby Burch '17 said his goodbyes to his parents who visited him for his last Family Weekend at the College. In that moment, his mind turned back home, recalling fall nights around a firepit on his family ranch, where he grew up in Montana. The hot, crackling embers gave rise to storytelling, roasting food over the fire, and enjoying good company.



"I remember that day clearly. I felt like sitting by a fire. I wanted to hang out with my buddies, burn some wood, and grill some food, but the firepit I was envisioning didn't exist," Burch said. "Well, there was one product, but it was \$2,000 and 500 pounds, so that was sort of out of the question for a college kid. So, I made something of my own. I went to Tractor Supply, got some chains and tow hooks, and threw something together."

The barrel firepit began as a project that Burch saw solely as "fun to work on," but now fully crowdfunded and trademarked as the Burch Barrel, it has evolved from a makeshift smoker into a portable and functional tripod barbecue, that with the lift of a lid, doubles as a firepit.



Burch grew up in an entrepreneurial family that tracks back to his grandfather who went from selling someone's industrial equipment to making and selling his own. Surrounded by successful entrepreneurs, Burch's family was a natural network for him, but his network grew at Gettysburg College.

"From the very start, I always felt that it was important to surround myself with smart people who were able and willing to give me guidance and feedback," Burch said. "Gettysburg helped connect me to its panel of mentors and alumni through the Gettysburg Network, and this proved to be such a valuable resource. They taught me that there is no rush. No one is expecting you to know all the answers right now, and it's OK to take your time and figure out what you want to do. I carried that mindset with me."

Prior to his creation of the Burch Barrel, Burch was awarded a 2016 Entrepreneurial Fellowship for his launch of Blue Truck, which was a service company that assisted customers in running errands, moving furniture, painting, and other small tasks.

"I thought Blue Truck would still be what I'd be doing after Gettysburg. At the time, I thought it was my end all, be all," Burch said. "Even though my family's entrepreneurial experience is diverse, the main core of it is consumer products and brands. I was talking with my dad one day, and he said to me, 'Listen, if you want to build a brand, make that barrel something that can be iconic and something that can really get people's attention. Get people excited about the brand, then you can put your logo on anything you want.'"

Heeding his dad's advice, Burch realized that the barrel had potential to make grilling a more interactive and inclusive experience than the setup of a standard grill allows. This core idea of creating a sense of community has driven the brand's ethos.

From its beginning, the Burch Barrel rekindled many warm memories for Burch and led him to what he considers some of his most memorable College experiences. He hopes it can be a source of memories—both new and old—for others, too.

"In a way, the barrel is a hearth because it brings people together," he said. "It's a warm place with savory moments, aromas, and things that are instinctual to human beings." **G**

Visit burchbarrel.com to learn more about Burch's latest venture.



Roby and friends at the ranch



Roby's first working barrel in use



Roby tending the current barrel design

Opposite page: original barrel created while at Gettysburg College

TRADITION *a* of GRATITUDE

by Molly Foster
Photography by
Shawna Sherrell

“THE STOLES OF GRATITUDE ARE A NICE WAY TO REMEMBER THE STORIES OF THE CONNECTIONS THAT HAPPENED AT GETTYSBURG COLLEGE. THESE CONNECTIONS LAST A LIFETIME.”

Dean of Academic Advising
Anne Bucher Lane

Gratitude is not always expressed verbally. Sometimes, it comes and goes unsaid in a fleeting moment—thought, but never spoken. Gratitude can be a soft smile, a returned favor, or a thoughtful gift.

At Gettysburg College, gratitude is a tradition.

The Stoles of Gratitude tradition began in 2004 as a result of the vision of *Donald W. Burden '63, P'00*, who was the president of the alumni board of directors. Graduating seniors wear their Stole of Gratitude during Commencement, afterward presenting it to the person whose support was most instrumental in leading them to that day—often a loved one, a mentor, or an important professor.

Others have made the tradition their own by draping their Stole of Gratitude around two individuals, crafting it into several commemorative gifts, and even thinking beyond people to the experiences that stuck with them the most.

A Gettysburg College experience is multifaceted and made up of many defining moments and influential people. It's easy to trivialize the effect of one moment, one word, or one act of kindness on someone's life, but Stoles of Gratitude are a symbolic reminder that generosity does not go unnoticed. It gets paid forward.

Everyone has a story of gratitude—a time when someone touched one's life and changed it for the better. Seven Gettysburgians share their stories of hardship, hope, and growth.

MUSSELMAN LIBRARY'S SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

THE JACK PEIRS COLLECTION

PRESENTED BY MEGHAN O'DONNELL '18



“I mailed my Stole of Gratitude to *Amy Lucadamo* [College archivist], one of the major leaders of the digital history project for which I was a student worker. She placed it inside the Jack Peirs collection in Special Collections for safe keeping. This project preserved and brought to life the letters that Jack, a World War I soldier, wrote back to his family during the war. We released these letters online 100 years after the day that they were written. My job was to upload the letters and keep the website running, but I also had the opportunity to do a lot of my own research with the letters and write commentary on them.

In March 2018, we took a research trip to France to trace Jack's footsteps during one of the major battles. Working on this project was one of the defining projects of my undergraduate career. It's one of the experiences that I learned the most from, as I was able to work hands-on with archival material, in this case, letters and ephemera from Jack's military service. I learned the mechanics of doing historical research, which was a practical skill for me since I'm now working toward my PhD in history. On a broader scale, it taught me the value of collaborating, telling stories, and preserving memories. This experience was special enough to me that I wanted to commemorate it in some way, and giving the Jack Peirs collection my stole was a way for me to do just that.”

HEAD WOMEN'S LACROSSE COACH **CAROL DALY CANTELE '83, P'15**

PRESENTED BY MACAULEY MIKES '17

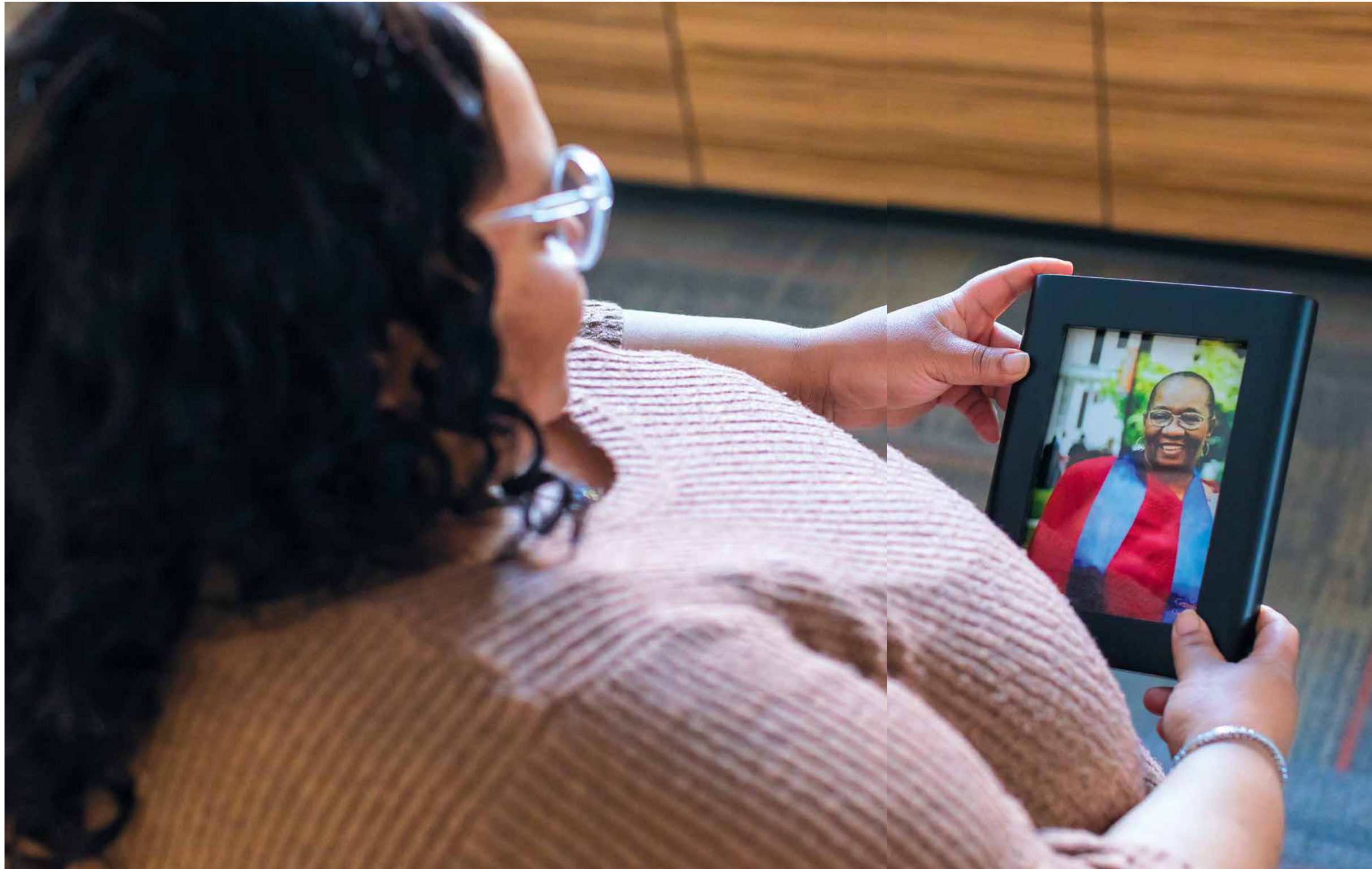
“During my four years on the lacrosse team, we made it into the NCAA tournament every year, but we didn’t make it to the Final Four tournament until my senior year. When I was a junior, *Coach [Carol Daly] Cantele '83, P'15* really began encouraging me and my teammates to reflect on ourselves individually and together, both inside and outside of lacrosse. This daily reflection brought a mental and emotional aspect of the game into play that made us look beyond the physical. We were all focusing on what we were grateful for and what we could do to make the world a better place. This mindset carried over into my senior year. You could see a clear change in momentum from the season before.

Even though we ended up losing the Conference Championship game, we still had a really good feeling about the rest of the season. That was the year we made it to the Final Four and won a National Championship. I think the success we had that season had a lot to do with how Coach brought us closer as a team. Looking back, I’ve realized that anyone can tell you to reflect on your life and think about what you’re grateful for and what you can do for others, but Coach Cantele didn’t just tell us. She showed us how and made the time for it. She always reminded us of our potential, how good we could be as people, and how great we could be as players.”



HER GRANDMOTHER, MYRA C. PERRY

PRESENTED BY MONIQUE GORE '06



“My grandmother, Myra C. Perry, raised me since I was two weeks old. She didn’t have the opportunity to attend school beyond the ninth grade, and because of that, education was vital to her. She wanted to make sure I received an education, and she saved \$4,000 to help me pay for college. I secured a full ride to Gettysburg College, and when I did, she generously gave me that money to buy a car. It was just the kind of person she was. She always thought of others.

When it came time for my graduation, it was a huge deal to her and the family. As a first-generation college graduate, they were all excited for me. My grandmother purchased a new outfit for Commencement, a new hairpiece, and even went out of the way to have a new set of teeth made. Before the ceremony, I went to the store and bought her a fresh flower corsage and gave her my Stole of Gratitude so she could wear it as I received my diploma. The stole meant so much to her that I swear she didn’t take it off for a week. She still had it on at church that Sunday. She just wanted to show everyone and share with them this great accomplishment.

In 2007, the year after I graduated, my grandmother had a stroke and was sick for many years. When she passed away in 2018, my grandfather found the Stole of Gratitude in a box of her things, and we laid her to rest with it. It meant so much to her, and it meant so much to me that I could give her something to be proud of.”

Monique Gore '06 is the director of multicultural programming and outreach at Gettysburg College.

DINING SERVICES/SERVO

PRESENTED BY SCOTT MAGERS '15



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT Lisa Snyder, Donnie Brill, Amy Flickinger, and Lisa Waysack

“Every time I went to the dining hall, I left happy. I enjoyed starting each day off right by getting a big, fresh breakfast and then eating lunch and dinner at Servo. I also liked to eat some meals at the Bullet Hole (like chicken finger Fridays).

Overall, Servo was a hub of memories for me. I always looked forward to Servo Thanksgiving, where I could enjoy a sit-down meal with my friends, pass food around, and be grateful for each other and the food we were eating. But beyond it being a place to eat my meals, when I would study for finals or tests, Servo was my go-to place. I would hunker down at a booth near a plug, charge my laptop, and study with plenty of food and drink to keep me going. I truly think I wouldn't have experienced the success I had at Gettysburg College, or had my happy, positive college experience, if it hadn't been for all the memories, studying, and nutritional support given to me at Servo.”

DEAN OF ACADEMIC ADVISING ANNE BUCHER LANE

PRESENTED BY CHRISTIAN AWE '18



“Much of the guidance I received from **Dean [Anne Bucher] Lane** wasn't even directly related to academics. She was constantly going out of her way to help me. During my junior year, my dad had a stroke. That day, I boarded a train back to Rhode Island, where he was in the hospital. Dean Lane came to my dorm when my mom called her. I was obviously very scared, but she made sure I was OK, and called to make sure I made it home. I returned to school almost two weeks later, and then my dad's health turned worse. I needed to get on a train and come back home.

Dean Lane drove me to the train station. She was a shoulder for me to lean on as I was going through this life-changing experience. My dad passed away that week, and I ended up being away from school for around three weeks. I knew it was going to be a crazy, difficult time to get caught up, but I needed to go back. After going through the most difficult moment in my life, Dean Lane, with her guidance and communication with my professors, helped me put things back into place, continue to succeed in my courses, and graduate on time. Giving her my Stole of Gratitude was certainly insignificant compared to what she did for me. I wouldn't have been able to get through it without her. But, I hope that when she looks at the stole, she realizes just how influential she was for me during my time at Gettysburg.”

EAST ASIAN STUDIES PROF. JUNJIE LUO

PRESENTED BY LUCAS GAYLOR '17

“I studied abroad in Beijing my sophomore year, during which I earned a full year of language course credit. The semester I returned, I had already earned credit for the Chinese language courses being offered, so I wasn’t enrolled in any. Curious as to why I wasn’t taking any language courses, **Prof. [Junjie] Luo** reached out to me, and after hearing my reasoning, he graciously offered to run a course just for me that we tailored to my individual language needs and goals. Meeting three times a week for 50 minutes at a time, he sacrificed so much of his own time to benefit my language learning and career goals. That showed me how much he cared not just for my language acquisition, but also my future beyond Gettysburg.

This one moment in particular truly exemplifies who he is, not just as an educator, but as a person: we had one of my one-on-one sessions scheduled for a Wednesday afternoon. I received an email from him the night before around 11 p.m. The gist of it was, ‘I may not be able to make our class tomorrow. My wife just went into labor and I’m not sure if I’ll be back on campus by that time.’ The fact he was still thinking about when he’d get back to Gettysburg for our class, even as his family had such a beautiful and exciting event, showed how much his students meant to him.

I gave Prof. Luo my Stole of Gratitude after Commencement. Since he had only been on campus for three years at the time, I was one of the first people to give him a stole. The surprised and touched look on his face when I gave it to him is an image that I will never forget.”




HISTORY AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES PROF. **IAN ISHERWOOD '00**

PRESENTED BY EBEN "PETE" FINNEY '11



"I took Ian's first-year writing class. I remember that he assigned a personal reflection as a writing prompt. It was something along the lines of 'where do you want to be in 10 years?' or 'what brought you to where you are today?' It made me look in the mirror and reflect on my life. I still have that paper, and it's still a reminder of my time growing up, growing into myself, and figuring out academically what I was capable of and where I fit in the liberal arts scene.

I also took Ian's history writing course and several others. They were not directly related to my coursework—I was a French major—but I kept taking his electives every year because not only was his subject matter enthralling, but he also had a raw sense of humor that humanized him.

Giving my Stole of Gratitude to Ian meant he was the person who had the most profound influence on me, and whom I was closest to over my four years. Amid myriad 'X factors' that could make college feel disjointed at times, he did a great job of making sure that it felt cohesive for me. He helped me connect the dots and realize there's a larger purpose of the Gettysburg College liberal arts education. Finally, he opened my eyes to the opportunities and success that it prepares you for, both inside and outside of your major, as you move forward." 

**DO YOU
HAVE A
STOLE
STORY TO
SHARE?**

Send your story about someone whom you gave, or would have given, your stole to at alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu and we may mention it in an upcoming issue.

The campus event

that drew attention from

Washington

by **Michael J. Birkner '72, P'10**
Professor of History



When **Stephen Nowlan '72** was a first-year student, he had the idea for Symposium '70. The series of events would earn its place in College history—and receive official recognition from POTUS—for facilitating discussions around pertinent issues during a notably tumultuous period in U.S. history.

College historian Michael J. Birkner '72, P'10 shares the Symposium's making.

Symposium '70, one of a series of student-driven movements at Gettysburg College during the peak era of activism, was the brainchild of **Stephen Nowlan '72**. A natural politician, Nowlan conceived the idea of turning the annual campus "awareness week" into something much bigger. Classes for three days in March 1970 would be canceled for speeches by, and discussions with, leaders in politics, media, education, business, race relations, philanthropy, and social activism.

Nowlan began pitching the idea almost from the moment he arrived on campus as a first-year student in September 1968. It was a wildly ambitious concept, but Nowlan's idea of an alternative to the disruptive student behavior on other campuses had legs. As *Junto*, the publication of the College's chapel council, put it in October 1969, "It's more than canceling classes for three days and rapping with your roommate. It is an opportunity to show the world that we have accepted our responsibilities as college students. ... It will give us a chance to share our ideas and ask the questions that are confronting our generation."

Symposium '70 gained traction with Student Senate leadership, several trustees, and faculty (notably Philosophy **Prof. Norman Richardson**, Religion **Prof. John Loose '51**, and Political Science **Prof. Kenneth Mott P'07**). Trustees, the Class of 1969, and the Senate provided seed money. Nowlan and a small cohort, including **Douglas Stewart, Jr. '72**, **Anthony Yanketis '71**, and **Donald Smith '71**, compiled lists of potential donors and well-known speakers. It seemed, for a time, that the idea might catch on with President Richard M. Nixon and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, given their antipathy toward what they considered to be destructive student protests. Despite Nowlan's contacts in Washington, that did not quite work out, though Nixon and Agnew each sent letters commending the enterprise.

Gettysburg College **President C. Arnold Hanson** was skeptical about the ability of students to pull off such an ambitious plan. But support for Nowlan's idea was sufficient that Hanson grudgingly endorsed it.



The electricity was palpable.

During the fall of 1969, when thorny logistical and public relations issues arose, it seemed that things might fall to pieces. *Gettysburgian* editors criticized the effort as an ego trip. Anticipated corporate donations were not coming in. And Nowlan was in deep academic trouble, having devoted virtually all his time to planning the Symposium. By December, Senate President **Geoffrey Curtiss '70, P'04** stepped in to steer the ship to port in the face of serious headwinds.

The event turned out to be a historic success. Virtually every contracted speaker showed up for the Symposium between March 11 and 13, participating in formal lectures that drew upwards of 800 people and smaller discussions, held in virtually every space available on campus. The electricity was palpable. Nationally syndicated columnist Carl Rowan, socialist writer and activist Michael Harrington, former U.S. Interior Secretary Stewart Udall, and former Attorney General Ramsey Clark drew among the biggest crowds.

Perhaps the most meaningful action occurred in the small-group sessions with Sunset Strip preacher Arthur Blessitt, Chicago-based community organizer and author Saul Alinsky, *Village Voice* writer Nat Hentoff, and the head of the Boy Scouts of America, among others.

A reasonable estimate is that 80 percent of Gettysburg students attended one or more of the Symposium's events.

Bob Cox '71 recalled "the unique bonding that took place between students and faculty as both groups mingled in classrooms, dorm lobbies, fraternity houses, and private living rooms listening to real-world heroes relate real-life experiences. This exposure helped expand our consciousness beyond southeast Pennsylvania without focusing on southeast Asia, where so much of our energy was directed in those days."

President Hanson made clear to all concerned that this event was a one-off. There would be no Symposium '71, nor another awareness week. But what Nowlan, Curtiss, Smith, and company pulled off was memorable and meaningful. Student activism, they proved, could produce civil, productive dialogue across a wide spectrum of viewpoints. Sensibilities were impacted. Minds were opened about ways to pursue constructive changes in an imperfect society. Sounds like the best of a liberal arts education. **G**



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Geoffrey Curtiss '70, P'04

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PREVIOUS SPREAD

LEFT PAGE Michael Harrington addresses a full house in the SUB (as the College Union Building was then known) ballroom.

RIGHT PAGE 1 Fletcher Byrom (left) talks with students including **Bruce Johnson '70** (center) and **Wendelin Watts Whitfield '72**.

2 Stewart Udall (left) speaks to a packed house in the SUB ballroom about environmental issues.

THIS SPREAD

ABOVE Saul Alinsky speaks, as Symposium '70's CEO **Geoffrey Curtiss '70, P'04** looks on. **RIGHT** Arthur Blessitt



JOCELYN SWIGGER

Tacked to the bulletin board outside of Sunderman Conservatory of Music **Prof. Jocelyn Swigger's** office is a handwritten chart entitled "Your Piano Lineage"—essentially, a musical family tree. By their association with Swigger, students come from a line of musicians that includes Swigger's teachers, their teachers, and so on, back to Ludwig van Beethoven.

At the bottom of the page, where the word "you" is circled, three more circles branch out: "your other teachers," "your students," and "their students."

"We are descended from our teachers, who are descended from their teachers in the same way our students will descend from us," she explained.



MUSIC was in the air in Swigger's house growing up. "My mom was a choir singer. First thing in the morning, my dad would turn the radio to a classical station and the radio would be the last thing he'd turn off before bed," she said. "Now, music is completely a part of how I live each day. My morning wakeup routine with my 9-year-old son involves tapping rhythms on one another."

Swigger believes in the power of music to create **SOCIAL CHANGE** and has written several pieces inspired by activism. "Music is a basic human need," she said.

"During the Women's March in Washington, D.C., I was on the Mall, standing for hours before finally shuffling along the march route. Everyone in my group was getting cold and tired and thirsty and hungry, and everyone had to pee. Then we got within earshot of some drums and brass instruments, and it was electric: everyone's energy brightened. I realized, at that moment, we needed music more than food, shelter, water, the bathroom, and rest."



As an undergraduate, Swigger initially thought she would become an English professor and play music on the side. "In my junior year, I spent the semester in London. I went to plays and museums—it was my first time living in a big city, and I loved it. But I only had access to a piano for four hours each week. I spent so much of my semester in London—during which all these wonderful things were happening—crying because I missed the piano. That was when I decided I had to **PURSUE IT AS A CAREER.**"

Swigger begins every class with two minutes of silent **MEDITATION**. "I think that's one of the most important things I can teach my students, not just for being a musician or performer, but also for being a human being. If you're not listening, the audience has no reason to listen to you. If you're not listening, nothing beautiful can happen."



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age Swigger started taking piano lessons

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number of Chopin's virtuosic etudes performed and recorded by Swigger

2008

the year Swigger spent a summer on a Fulbright Scholar Teaching Grant in Asunción, Paraguay

750K+

views of Swigger's TEDx talk, "How I Memorize Piano Music"

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podcasts Swigger hosts: "Play It Again Swig" and "Just Piano Improv"

CHANGE AGENTS

Since its founding in 1832, Gettysburg College has cultivated a culture centered around action and ruled by conscience.

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by Megan Miller



ON NOVEMBER 24, 1963, RICHARD HUTCH '67 AND HIS CLASSMATES BOARDED A BUS TO WASHINGTON, D.C., TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS TO THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. DURING TUMULTUOUS TIMES, THE COLLEGE'S SEEMINGLY SIMPLE ACT OF ORGANIZING A BUS TRIP TO D.C. FUELED HUTCH'S DESIRE TO ADD VALUE TO THE WORLD.

When "goodness was struck down [and the president was assassinated], some students started to change the conversation on campus," he reflected in 2015, during a campus presentation for a symposium on the American civil rights movement.

"In a matter-of-fact way, Gettysburg College helped me get into the wider world of what it meant to be an American," Hutch said. "Just by getting on that bus, I was on my way."

Two years later, a rally cry reverberated throughout the nation after the murder of Jimmie Lee Jackson in Selma, Alabama. Gettysburg College's Chapel Council, then known as a "beacon of light" for social commitment, according to Hutch, brought a group of recruiters from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to Gettysburg to speak about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s civil rights movement in the Deep South.

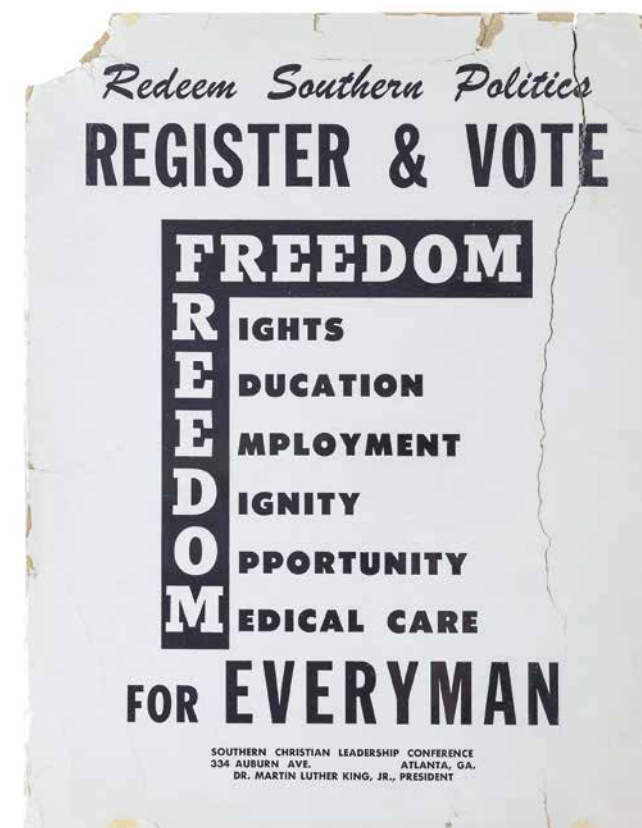
"Then and there, I decided I must go south," Hutch said. "My conscience permitted no other choice."

The famed protest song "We Shall Overcome" had taken hold in Hutch, as yet another bus was organized by **Rev. Dr. John Vannorsdall '72** to Atlanta. There, Hutch and fellow classmates joined students from other colleges and universities to receive nonviolent activism training before their deployment to an Alabama county. Their intention was to encourage black individuals to register to vote at the courthouse. Hutch took beatings and shotgun pellets to the leg, yet—inspired by the history of his College in the north, including Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address that took place 100 years before his first year at Gettysburg—he knew there was no turning back on "all that yet needed to be done."

"This was my duty," he recalled.

On the day Hutch returned home, August 6, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law.

"Coming back to Gettysburg and the entire Gettysburg community, I was beginning to try to envisage King's beloved community in an ever-expanding mode," Hutch said. "The summer of 1965 changed my life in profound ways, as fate pulled me further into the future."



ABOVE, CLOCKWISE Campaign buttons worn by voter registration workers during the summer of 1965, as members of Martin Luther King Jr.'s organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); SCLC poster used in rural communities
OPPOSITE PAGE 1969 March to the Eternal Light Peace Memorial

SHIFTING PERSPECTIVES

DURING HIS INSTALLATION CEREMONY ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2019, GETTYSBURG COLLEGE PRESIDENT BOB IULIANO SPOKE OF KING'S OBSERVATION THAT "WE ARE CAUGHT IN AN INESCAPABLE NETWORK OF MUTUALITY, TIED IN A SINGLE GARMENT OF DESTINY."

Here, Gettysburgians, past and present, enter a path shaped by civic engagement, one that can strengthen that garment. They strive to make a difference across the globe, becoming leaders of action and integrity, looking to examples set by those such as Lincoln and President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

But those moments of action prove unique to each student who steps foot on campus.

When **Leon "Buddy" Glover '71** entered the College in 1967, there were few students of color, he remembered. In fact, he was the lone person of color to graduate from his 500-member class and only the 12th overall in the College's history. The first was **Rudolph Featherstone '56**.

"There just didn't seem to be a conscious pattern to make it any different," Glover told archives assistant **Devin McKinney**, during a campus visit in 2015 for Musselman Library's oral history collection.

So, Glover launched a newsletter called "Black Awareness," for which he wrote a majority of its content as the editor. Inspired by King and the Malcolm X Black Hand Society of the World, he summarized racial issues in his introductory column, noting: "Blacks can no longer send whites anywhere to speak for them. We must step forward and speak for ourselves."

"Sometimes you've got to come at it hard in order to get people to listen—even the administration," said Glover.

"I will never forget the first day when this newsletter came out and the impact that it sent across the campus," added Glover, who became Lancaster County's first black principal in 1987. "We only ever [published] two issues—that was enough."

As society evolves, so does the College's responsibility to engage with it.

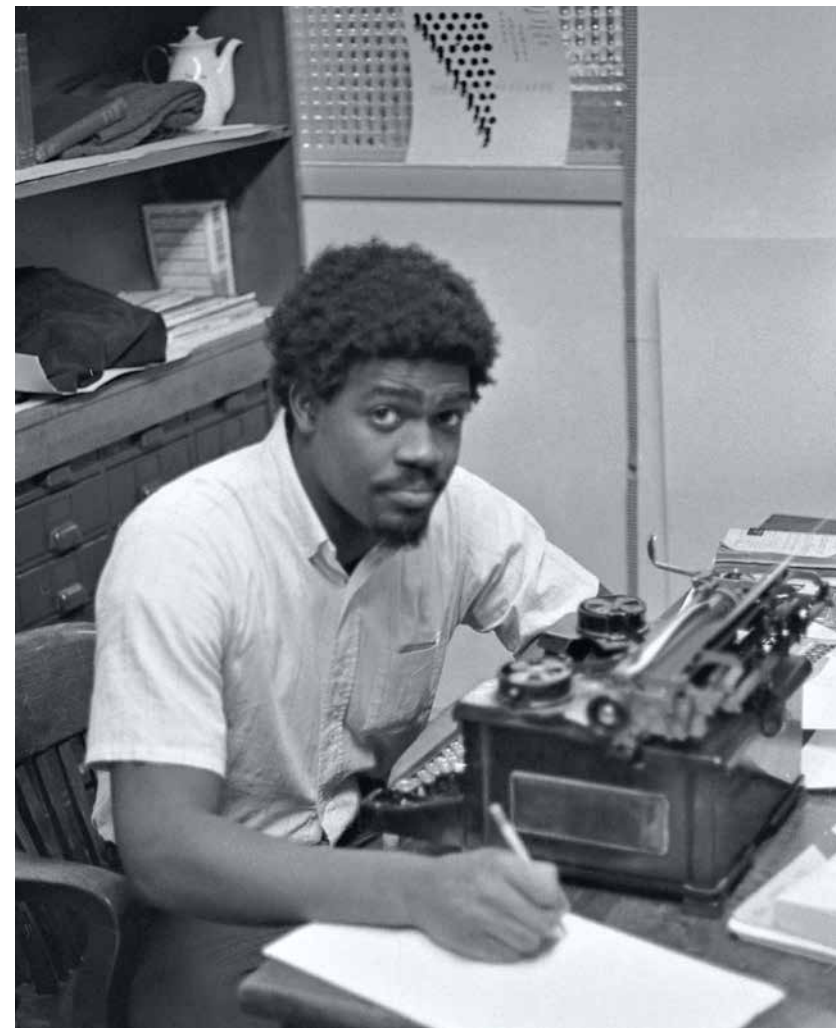
"Over time, the definition of civic engagement has changed," said **Ivana Lopez-Espinosa '19**, who was the first student worker in the College's Diversity & Inclusion Office and is now pursuing a master's degree in higher education with a concentration on diversity and social justice. "In the '70s, the College had the Knoxville Exchange, [an immersion trip to Knoxville College to encourage students to engage in interracial dialogue]. The Center for Public Service has been around since the '90s. Students have been vocal about their needs, so activism has been present. I think it grows and is redefined as society progresses."

Early Lutheran presidents of the College, then known as Pennsylvania College, were committed to "raising young people to give back to society, to strengthen society," said **Josh Stewart '11**, who, after six years with the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, currently works for Fahe, a nonprofit devoted to ending poverty in Appalachia.

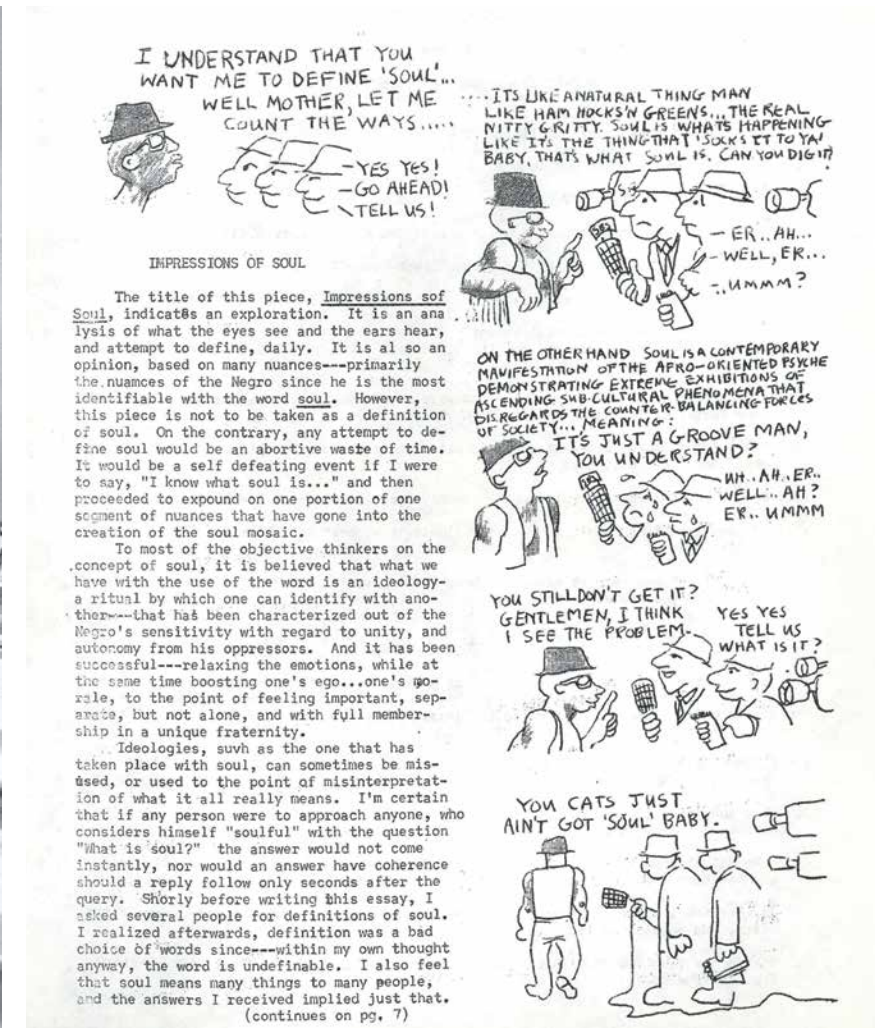
In 1933, one of the first two women who graduated from the College, **Margaret Himes Seebach, Class of 1894**, known for being a pioneer for the College in many ways, organized 200 alumnae from 20 states to sign a petition to make Gettysburg fully coeducational.

"Not all of us are frontline activists, but you do it in your own way. It's because of this belief. It's in our culture," said **Jean LeGros '73**, associate vice president emerita of alumni relations at the College—and the first to hold that position—who researched the admission of women to the College. "Care and advocacy for others were part of [Seebach's] making... Gettysburg College is a wonderful place to foster that."

"It's our obligation to go out into the world both as students and alumni and carry that forward," LeGros continued. "We're much better as people when we look outward, rather than inward."



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE **Leon "Buddy" Glover '71**; Interior page from the first issue of "Black Awareness"; Knoxville Exchange; **Margaret Himes Seebach, Class of 1894**



From protests of the Vietnam War in 1970, to the Student Senate addressing issues in support of the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community in 1991, to campus-wide discussions on climate change in 2019, the issues may change over time, but Gettysburgians remain engaged on issues that matter.

“Civic engagement is not just big-world questions, but it’s also what’s happening in your community,” said **Marc Fialkoff ’10**, a regulatory specialist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, who serves as a global expert on nuclear transport laws and security for the International Atomic Energy Agency. “Civic engagement is scalable, from issues of the College to helping countries in Central Asia and around the world transport nuclear and other radioactive materials securely. Gettysburg, in that sense, provides a microcosm of how to engage.”

In Lopez-Espinosa’s second year with the Office of Diversity & Inclusion, she created a timeline of “firsts” to document accomplishments of underrepresented students at the College. As she researched, Lopez-Espinosa described herself becoming more aware of the conversations Gettysburg College had



around diversity. As a first-generation student and an immigrant Mexican woman who joined her parents at weekly English classes through the Center for Public Service, she initially thought the odds were against her. She vowed to be receptive of new experiences, asking questions and conversing with others to welcome reflection.

“Once I understood the power I held as a student representative with a direct link to the administration, it was important that I foster relationships with students to understand the changes they sought,” said Lopez-Espinosa, who also served as vice president for the Latin American Student Association and as secretary for the Muslim Student Alliance during her senior year. “I knew that my experiences weren’t reflective of the student population. If I wanted to improve the experiences of students, I couldn’t base it on my own thoughts.”

When **Phoebe Doscher ’22** arrived on campus in the fall of 2018, she witnessed “a change-making energy” to transform ideas into action. Political clubs encouraged everyone to register to vote, others connected with the library to shed light on soaring textbook prices, and most recently, a student petition circulated to increase student wages.

As a native of Sandy Hook, Connecticut, Doscher entered college with her own powerful perspective. Her younger sister survived the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2012.

Dealing with tragedy, trauma, and healing in a new environment in her first year, Doscher supported Team 26, a group of bikers hosted by Gettysburg for Gun Sense that was making the trek from Sandy Hook to Pittsburgh to raise awareness of gun violence prevention and legislation. Then, as a sophomore, she penned a powerful opinion piece for *The Gettysburgian* on gun violence, cofounded a new club with **Emily Dagleish ’22** called Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and joined Gettysburg for Gun Sense in a meeting with U.S. Senator Bob Casey of Pennsylvania.



“I found my voice here and became mobilized in my passions of writing and acting, so I took on the next passion of ending gun violence,” Doscher said. “Gettysburg College faculty, staff, and students work to actively listen and lift up students to proactively seek solutions to issues.”

Doscher’s advocacy for gun violence prevention grew with the hopes of protecting her new community and preventing any community nationwide from experiencing what her hometown did in 2012.

“I think the same goes for many advocates at Gettysburg who act not only for themselves, but to improve others’ lives,” Doscher said. “We have clubs like an environmental awareness group (GECO), Democracy Matters, and Butterfly Coalition, which was recently established to support undocumented students on campus. They all raise awareness of issues because students seek the betterment of both their lives and the lives of those around them.”

It’s these passions that shape how Gettysburgians lead their lives.

From **Laurie O’Byron ’82**, currently serving as an adjudication officer at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, to **Churon Lanier-Martin ’20**, presenting on poverty at an international symposium in October 2019 in East Java, Indonesia—alums and students alike approach engagement with passion, driven by community.

It may take time for Gettysburgians to find their calling to act, like it did for O’Byron—it took her 10 years, giving up a law career in Washington, D.C., to make the first leap into pro bono advocacy work in the Philippines with Legal Assistance for Vietnamese Asylum Seekers—but Gettysburg College provides the foundation for purposeful discovery.

“I’m a big supporter of the liberal arts education, and I think that creates an environment for people to explore and to grow,” said O’Byron, who received a Distinguished Alumni Award in 1998 for her work on the U.S. Campaign to Ban Landmines with the Jesuit Refugee Service. “I think the size of the College allows for a certain sense of community that might be more difficult in larger schools. Now, there are so many outlets within the College for engagement between majors and clubs. The school is structured in a way to really encourage and engage people.”

According to Hutch, Gettysburg College opens the door to the world.

“We graduate a lot of committed public servants for some reason—and that’s down to the College,” Stewart said.

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OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM LEFT Josh Stewart ’11 and Ben Carson; Phoebe Doscher ’22 (center) with Julia Sharapi ’22 (left) and Emily Dagleish ’22 (right)

FUTURE GROWTH

“WHY NOT ME?”

Throughout his career, Stewart pondered this question. Because neither of his parents attended college, he felt drawn to advocacy work to better our country and world. That included writing a bill favoring homeless veterans that was signed into U.S. law in December 2016.

“It’s hard to get away from experiences that either open your eyes to inequality or this sort of idea of duty to others,” he said. “There are citizens of this country whom we are failing. We are not living up to our promises as a nation. We’re not living up to the idea of democratic egalitarianism, and someone needs to do something about it. Why not me?”

As our nation enters another election cycle, political conversations grow increasingly divisive and more personal. To promote productive civil discourse, the Eisenhower Institute, with locations in both Gettysburg and Washington, D.C., kicked off 2020 by establishing a series to foster deeper, more reflective, and more respectful ways to address disagreement. Here, Gettysburgians learn firsthand from Lincoln that “a house divided against itself cannot stand.”

“Without the actions taken by President Lincoln, there is no way to know how the nation would have evolved,” Lanier-Martin said. “As Gettysburg College becomes more diverse, there are increasingly more opportunities for more groups to be afforded resources to both learn and advocate for causes and communities in need.”

Since arriving on campus in July, Iuliano has been inspired by Gettysburgians who have used their education to make a difference locally, nationally, and internationally. Through offerings such as Eisenhower

Institute programs, Center for Public Service opportunities, and Garthwait Leadership Center lessons, Gettysburg College remains steadfast in its commitment to preparing its students to tackle today’s challenges.

“This orientation toward action and engagement is a defining aspect of the College,” Iuliano said. “It’s also one that traces its roots to our distinctive history and location. As I look ahead, an important responsibility for the College will be to continue to evolve our curricular and cocurricular programs to equip students with the skills and understanding to deploy the political, cultural, and social mechanisms that can bring about change.”

When Iuliano echoed the need for students to remain engaged with the world in September, relying on them to exercise their voices “with courage and conscience” for the betterment of our civic institutions, former Gettysburgians got “goosebumps,” said O’Byron.

“Very few institutional leaders in higher education will come out and be on record stating that publicly,” Hutch said. “That’s the glory of the four-year liberal arts college in America. ... That is a unique seed for generating, teaching, and developing citizens who are ruled by conscience rather than political expediency. I was proud to hear him say that—very proud indeed. ... [He’s] embedding within the culture of Gettysburg College to sustain that lifelong fostering of conscience in students and staff.”

Thus, as Hutch puts it, when Gettysburgians want to make their impact, they get on that bus, “whatever bus that will take [them] into the future.”

DANDELION DAY

THIS EARLY 1900s TRADITION BEGAN AS A WAY TO REPAY THE EXCEPTIONAL GENEROSITY OF A GETTYSBURG COLLEGE COUPLE

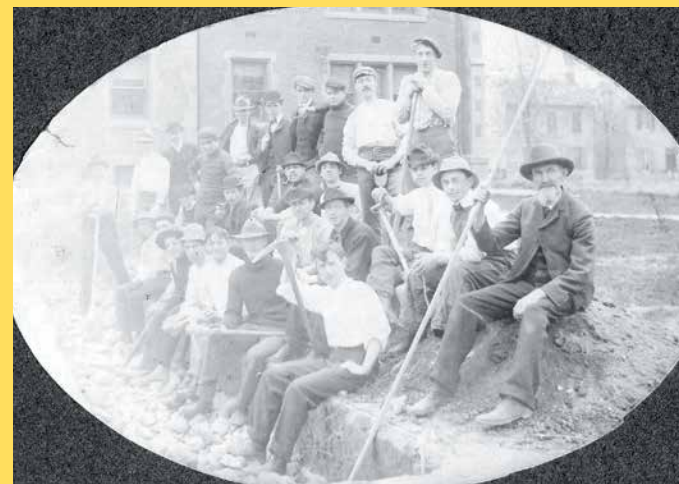
by Molly Foster

Before the establishment of the College's modern facilities operations, one man was tasked with maintaining the entirety of campus. From 1876 to 1906, it was **Adam Foutz**, with the help of his wife, Catherine.

Students were quite fond of the Foutzes, often referring to Adam as "Gov" or "Jan." They even created a celebratory day for the couple—"Dandelion Day." During this spring tradition, first-year students would help strip the lawns of pesky dandelions to save Adam from the tedious task of cutting the lawns by hand with a scythe and to repay the couple for their countless gestures of kindness.

While it was not a part of their official duties, the couple voluntarily cared for students who were sick, homesick, or otherwise in need. One record in *To Waken Fond Memory: Moments in Gettysburg College History*, a compilation of essays written by former College librarian **Anna Jane Moyer**, noted Adam's habit of meeting students at the train station with a wheelbarrow or baggage cart to help carry their belongings back to their dormitories.

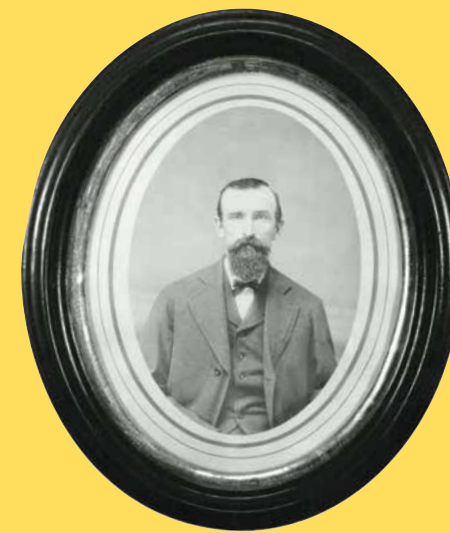
When Adam died in 1911, the *Gettysburg Compiler* wrote: "He was good nature itself to all the boys, patient and long suffering and when he pretended to be cross at some pranks of the boys it was always with a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his lips. ... And when a boy was ill it was 'Jan' who was always ready to do all in his power, and there are many, many students who will dearly cherish to the end of their days the memory of his acts of kindness." **G**



THIS PAGE, TOP Students pick weeds during Dandelion Day in 1912.

BOTTOM Adam Foutz and students take a break during the construction of a campus building (image courtesy of Adams County Historical Society).

OPPOSITE PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP Adam Foutz; Catherine Foutz; Adam's bowtie and wallet, and Catherine's coin purse (in background)



WHAT DID YOU SAVE FROM YOUR G'BURG DAYS?

We are looking for the secret things you have stored in the backs of your closets that bring back good memories. Send an image of your cherished keepsake and the story that goes along with it to alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu and you may see it featured in "From the Archives."

MAY 16

*Spring Honors Day
Distinguished
Alumni Awards
Baccalaureate*

MAY 17

Commencement

MAY 28-31

*Alumni College and
Reunion Weekend
Meritorious Service and
Young Alumni Awards*

MAY 29

*Gettysburg College
Orange & Blue Golf Classic*

MAY 31

*Gettysburg Fund
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OCTOBER 23

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Recipients of the College's highest honor must be individuals whose achievements are well-documented, have lasted over time, and will have an inspirational impact on others, especially our students. The Office of the Provost is accepting nominations for honorary degrees to be awarded at Commencement. The nomination form and guidelines are available online: gettysburg.edu/commencement/traditions/honorary-degrees. Nominations and questions may be directed to **Maureen Forrestal** at honorarydegree nominations@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6820.

CLASS NOTES

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Farewell to four remarkable Gettysburgians: **M. LeRoy Ziegler Jr.** passed away on Sept. 23, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Susan Peterson, two daughters, and his brother, Thomas Zeigler, of Adams County, PA. At Gettysburg College, Dr. Ziegler was a member of Kappa Delta Rho. Following military service during the Korean War, he served as an officer in the medical service corps. He received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia (now the Sidney Kimmel Medical College). He ended his medical career at Polyclinic Medical Center, where he served as a staff anesthesiologist. **Leonard "Bud" Nugent**, 92, passed away on Oct. 22, 2019. Before retiring, Bud was the owner of the family business (TF Nugent, NY). Upon graduating from Gettysburg College, he served in several professional organizations. He was an Army veteran during WWII. **Maude Elizabeth Aurand McDaniel** passed away at her daughter's home in LaVale, MD, on Aug. 11, 2019. A graduate of Gettysburg College, Maude always said she would have sought a divinity degree to become a Lutheran minister had it been possible "back then." She earned a degree in sociology from the United Lutheran

Seminary in Gettysburg. As a lyric soprano, she was involved in voice music for nearly her entire life. She also wrote a novel [*Spite the Devil*] and contributed columns to many newspapers in the areas she lived. I could go on to elaborate on her musical and other careers. **Robert E. O'Brien**, 92, passed away Nov. 15, 2019. Bob ("Obie") was predeceased by his wife in 2004. In high school, Obie played football, baseball, and basketball, and he was a member of the state championship basketball team. In WWII, he served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps. He earned a degree in physics from Gettysburg, where he was president of the Physics Honor Society during his senior year. He was also a member of SAE fraternity. For 33 years, he worked for the RCA Solid State Division (SSD), where he held various management positions. He was a member of the board of directors of the Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund, the Pennsylvania Economy League, and the United Way of Wyoming Valley, and he was selflessly active among other public organizations. After graduating, he was on the advisory council of the Orange & Blue Club and the Alumni Association Executive Board, as well as the board of the Adams County Library System. His family declared that he was "a most devoted husband, parent, and grandparent." He will be sorely

missed by a full range of people who knew him.

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Time for class notes, and I would like to be able to write some news other than obituaries. Please write to me! I have four obituaries this time. **Ed Partikian** died in May 2019. While at Gettysburg College, Ed was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha. He was the editor-in-chief of both the *Spectrum* and *Gettysburgian*, and he appeared in *Who's Who*. He and his wife, Joyce, had two sons, David and Drew. Joyce passed away in 1997. **Marianne Bracey Holston** died in July 2019. She grew up in Gettysburg, and after graduating from Gettysburg College, she met her husband, Frank, when they attended a summer course at Towson State Teacher's College (now Towson University). She and Frank had three children, five grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. She enjoyed knitting for family, as well as hats and booties for newborns. Frank died after 52 years of marriage. **Jacob M. Yingling** of Westminster, MD, died on Sept. 14, 2019. He was married to his wife, Genevieve, for 68 years. Jacob grew up in Gettysburg and met Genny during his junior year at Gettysburg Area High School. He was a history major and a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. They lived in MD, where Jacob served in many roles—most notably as a representative in the MD House of Delegates. Jacob was very civic-minded and served on many boards. He is survived by his wife, Genny; two sons; and five grandchildren. **David Hersh Keller** of Doylestown, PA, died on Sept. 14, 2019. David attended Valley Forge Military

Academy and College on a music scholarship, but he graduated from Gettysburg College with a degree in economics. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea. After the service, he received a degree in government from the U of PA and a law degree from Temple U. He had a career in trust banking and retired from PNC Bank after 30 years. He had a love of the arts and was a member of Phillips' Mill Community Association, where he was a director and performed in musical productions. He was predeceased by his wife, Joanne Barbara Pijawka, and by the mother of his children, Susan Hunsberger Stevenson. He is survived by his three children and four grandchildren. **Samuel DeSimone**, a Korean War veteran, educator, and respected jurist who served on the Superior Court of NJ for a quarter century, died in Oct. 2019. Sam was the only child of parents who came to the United States from Italy. He was a graduate of Paulsboro High School and Gettysburg College. He served in the U.S. Army Infantry as a second lieutenant, was commanding officer of a rifle company deployed along the demilitarized zone in Korea, and was decorated for his overseas service. Sam left his mark as a respected 25-year veteran of the bench before stepping down in 2000 and practicing law for another decade with his son, John. He was recognized in the field of dispute resolution. "He was called 'Settling Sam,'" his son said. Sam and his wife, Eileen, went to Italy 20 times during their 64-year marriage, and in 1973, they took their seven children. Sam is survived by his wife, seven children, 21 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. How about some news?

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Carolyn Rumbaugh Barger sent the following thoughtful comments: "I was looking at some words of Philip Roth the other day, and he said about life, 'You tasted it. Isn't that enough?' Almost, say I, and continue to taste 'it' by taking classes at this point in my life in Aristotle, Late Roman and Indian philosophy, and Isaiah, and by being a member of a poetry circle, in which we concentrate on a selected two poets for a fall, winter, and spring session. Who knows what the next semester will bring? This way, I hope to keep a more spiritual and thinking part of my life active as I continue to dream about revisiting some of the places which I served as a foreign service officer and as the spouse of a diplomat—Nicaragua, Egypt, Israel, and Palestine—and as a desk officer for, among other places, South Africa, Burundi, and Rwanda. One never knows what life will turn up next." Our class poet, **Kearney Kulthau**, sent along his latest. Here's an excerpt: "I have some news, I regret to say. I broke my leg the other day. I was down in VA just hunting the hounds. ... I ran to catch up and be part of the fun. Alas, I tripped in a ditch, and my hunt day was done. My foot is in a boot for six weeks 'til it heals. Meanwhile, I'm confined to a chair with two wheels." Contact Kearney or me for the complete poem. We hope by the time this issue reaches you that Kearney will be back to walking on two legs without wheels. **Henry "Hank" Lush** and his wife, Jean Wolfe '57, attended the ANTEKES of the '50s luncheon at the College in Oct. 2019. **Ralph Fischer** and his wife were

there also. Following lunch, Joe Lynch '85, executive director of alumni relations, and retired Gettysburg vice president Bob Smith gave an update on what is happening at the College. Hank notes, "The group agreed that the 1950s and '60s were the 'golden years' of the College." Jean and Hank are very active in various Galeton organizations as well as their church. Hank also continues his work as the National Weather Service (NWS) observer for the Galeton area. This is his 53rd year, and he never misses doing his morning report to the NWS and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Quite a record, Hank. Keep up the good work! I'm sorry to report the death of **James A. Rost** in July 2019. After graduation, he did postgraduate work and served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. Following his service, Jim held several executive offices. He was CFO and a member of the board of directors of ARA Services. He became president and CEO of Interstate United and followed that by becoming president and CEO of the National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA), from which he retired in 1998. Jim was active in numerous business and civic organizations. He loved to travel. He is survived by his wife, four children, several grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

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65TH REUNION YEAR

It's so good to hear that some of our classmates are still active. **Phyllis Berger Byrne** recently published a book that covers 150 years of the history of North Wales, PA. She was a U.S. Army wife, married to John Byrne '53, and returned from Europe, where she studied at Heidelberg U. She and John settled in the PA town, which grew from farms on land originally purchased from William Penn. Her new book, *Whispers of the Past*,

includes tales that "reveal connections to the world and national events" together with local lore. Phyllis has a background in teaching, public relations, writing, and design. She enjoys visiting her son, John Jr., in Bethlehem, and her daughter, Susan, in Boston. Phyllis has two granddaughters, Rachel and Jamie Lynn. I received a nice phone call from **Richard Baker**, who inquired whether there will be a reunion of the College Choir in 2020. He was a fellow warbler in that campus organization, under the direction of Parker B. Wagnild. Dick resides in Brehan, TX, with his wife, Marjorie. For more than 20 years, a cadre of 1950s and '60s TKE grads have gotten together over lunch several times annually. It all began at the suggestion of Ralph Fischer '54, Bob Fischer '54, and Jay Carlbom '54. Ron Fink '58 took over for Ralph during the last several years. Each time the group meets, the stories seem to get embellished. Now these ANTEKES find it more difficult to get around, so they met for their concluding luncheon fittingly at the College, courtesy of the alumni office. Our class giving total for 2018–2019 was \$8,795 for all gifts to the College. That's a good average for 26 donors. Yet, surely we have more living grads than that in our class. Let's see if we can increase both the support and the number of contributors in the coming year. We received word of the passing of **James William Kephart** in Aug. 2019. Bill met **Diane Kennedy** during their first week at Gettysburg, dated during the four years, and were married shortly after graduation. Phyllis Berger Byrne notes that Bill served in the U.S. Air Force before he and Diane settled in the Houston, TX, area. Phyllis added, "Diane and I kept in touch through the years and always had happy memories of the great college days we shared. We both met our husbands at the College." They had three children. **Marilyn Huzzard Benson** died July 29, 2019, in Kennett Square, PA. She received a BS degree in chemistry at Gettysburg and was employed at the DuPont Experimental Station, where she met her husband, Kenneth. They had two children: Carl Benson (Kimberly), of Crownsville, MD, and Kate Benson Ho

(Troy), of Jenkintown, PA, as well as two grandchildren. Marilyn was a Girl Scout leader and volunteered at the Settlement House in Wilmington and several other agencies. **Henrietta Velecky Lang**, of New Milford, NJ, passed away Sept. 1, 2019. Henrietta was born in Austria, immigrated to the Bronx, and graduated magna cum laude in economics from Gettysburg. She was predeceased by her husband, Arnold Lang, and her son, Alan D. Lang. She is survived by her devoted son, Steven (Mary) of Oradell, NJ. She was grandmother of Michael and Catherine, and a loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. **Richard I. Brubaker** died Oct. 9, 2019. He was the beloved husband of **Cynthia Garrow Brubaker**. Dick spent several years in the U.S. Air Force, piloting 747 cargo planes during the Vietnam War, and later was one of the Air Force One pilots. He was employed by Wright-Patterson. He and Cynthia settled in Dayton, OH, where both were involved in volunteering at the National Museum of the United States Air Force nearby. Cynthia has logged 26,000 hours in that capacity! They have four daughters, living nearby in TX and CA. **Irvin Milton Loose** died Oct. 11, 2019, in Reading, PA. He studied business at Gettysburg. Following his service in the U.S. Army, he was employed by Lucent Technologies for 25 years. He enjoyed music and was active with the Reading Civic Opera Society, serving as treasurer from 1965–2002. He is survived by a niece, Susan M. Loose (Dale), and great-nieces. He was preceded in death by a brother, David B. Loose. Our belated condolences are extended to these families.

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A postcard from **Stuart Carswell** shows a selfie of him at an elevated height. He is at the 2,500-foot summit of Temple Mountain in NH along the Appalachian Trail. He was participating in the annual National Audubon Society bird count of hawks and geese during their southern migration. They fly just below him at the summit by the hundreds. From a less lofty height, another note tells of recent demands on retired U.S. Army Col. **Robert Sieck's** 23-year-old heart transplant. An auto mishap—no injuries—made for some “whackiness” of his otherwise well-balanced control of diabetic medications. It made for a real challenge for the doctors to understand and address. We hope all is well with Bob now. **Rodney A. Gatzke** died Nov. 22, 2019. After Gettysburg College, he graduated from United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg. He was the pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Baltimore. From there, he opened the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Bel Air, MD. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn, and two children, Michael Gatzke and Heidi Buckler. He had seven grandchildren and a brother, Arthur, who kindly sent along this sad news. Our condolences go to the Gatzke family.

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I am glad to hear that mini reunions are still going on. **Elaine Bonnet Molnar, Cokie Machetzki Rohrbaugh, Joyce Hamm Elsner, and Joy Steidle Graeb**—dubbed the “Buehler girls”—met in Hanover, PA, for their annual two-day gathering last Aug. TKE alumni from the '50s and '60s have met for the last 22 years or more. Under the leadership of **Ron Fink**,

they had their last gathering in Oct. 2019. It seems that it's harder to gather together, but hopefully people are still staying in touch by telephone. **Cokie** also had a great trip down the Danube in Sept. 2019. Would you believe that she met a gentleman, **Rick Funk '60**, wearing a Gettysburg Bullets sweatshirt? She so enjoyed talking with him—small world! Speaking of traveling, **Bonnie Bankert Rice** had a great trip to France with her daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter, while being entertained by her son-in-law's French family. **Bob Harcourt's** great-nephew, **Danny Harcourt '19**, was a two-time All-American on Gettysburg's golf team, and his brother, **Jimmy '21**, is now a junior playing golf at Gettysburg, too. **Bob** is quite a letter writer and still very active in the Santa Fe, NM, community. **Janet Varner Gunn** lives in Portland, ME, and continues to do senior teaching at the U of Southern ME. She hopes to publish one more book, as she has written two other books on autobiography theory and her own practice. She has quite a few graduate degrees and education credentials, continuing an interesting life. **Norma Wieland Young**, married to **Frank Young** for 61 years, was a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, having enjoyed life traveling as a U.S. Army wife, educator, and pursuing several hobbies. It is always sad to lose classmates, so be sure to keep in touch with friends. I hope you're enjoying the new edition of the alumni magazine.

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Bruce and I were glad to be on campus for the installation of the new College President **Robert W. Iuliano**. The weather was perfect for the event on the steps and porch of Pennsylvania Hall (Old Dorm to

some of us). With our son living in York, and a granddaughter as a happy Gettysburg sophomore, we seem to find it easy to visit campus for a special event. We often can include a stop in Lancaster where **Marge Mills Carpenter** and her husband welcomed us. **Lindsey Hammond '22** is our granddaughter and has the job of calling alums to give to the Annual Fund campaign. If any of you get asked to contribute, be sure to tell **Lindsey** who you are and be generous! **Bruce** and I were happy to meet up with classmate **Guy Edmiston** on campus. Again, I end with a sad note—the deaths of two classmates, **Paul Williams** and **Benjamin Beal**. **Bruce** and I still try to get in a trip each year, and this past year, we enjoyed a trip on the Mississippi River on a paddleboat. As usual, being an Elderhostel trip made it an interesting adventure. I'll be waiting to hear from some of you with your good news.

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60TH REUNION YEAR

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The snow and cold are gone, and we're looking forward to a lovely spring. My mailbox has been very lonely this winter and only you can help. **Carol Hirst Clark, Freya Wikfeld Bloom, Sally Foreman Reed**, and I spent two lovely days (one in Nov. and one in Dec. 2019) in NYC. **Carol** visits NYC regularly to attend meetings for a professional organization.

That's the business part. The fun part is that we enjoy lunch, see a show, enjoy a cocktail, and talk about wonderful times at G'burg and what we're doing now. There is quite a bit of laughter. We look forward to these special days. Our condolences go to the families of the following: **Austin Lane "Jim" Crothers Jr.** passed away on Aug. 3, 2019. **Ronald D. Frederick** passed away on Sept. 7, 2019. Condolences to the family may be sent to www.rwilliamsfuneralhome.com. **Herb Moulton** passed away on Sept. 12, 2019. I have more information about **Ron** and **Jim**, but **Herb** wanted no fanfare. Please contact me, and I will forward it to you. I would enjoy a stuffed mailbox.

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'62

I've taken over the class correspondent job made available by the passing of **Denise De Pugh Kelly** on Oct. 14, 2019. **Deni** taught Spanish for many years, was beloved by many students, and served as a department head. She also taught at Millersville and Shippensburg U and was an ESL and adult basic education teacher at the Dauphin County Prison. Unfortunately, my first foray into reporting class news consists of the deaths of several classmates. I guess we can expect this in our eighth decade. It seems that the SAEs have their own “Big Chill” get-togethers. Their first took place in 1987. This year, they met in Santa Fe, NM. Those attending were **Jay** and **Charlotte Baker Johnson, Phil** and **Jane Fillmore '63 Wargo, Joe** and **Barb Brattig '64 Trexler**, and **Irv** and **Dottie Lindley. Rocky Burnett** and his wife **Sue** normally attend, but not this year. **Rocky** is a hospital chaplain in Salisbury, MD. **Holly Achenbach Yohe** gets together often with the **Lindleys** and **Dr. Terry Hake**. **Terry** is an endodontist in Williamsburg, VA. He is a Civil War buff, collects Civil War memorabilia, and visits

many Civil War battlefields. The **Lindleys** live nearby in Portsmouth, VA, in one of the town's historic homes. As for me, after 16 years of wintering in Bonita Springs, FL, we decided to stay home in Warren, VT. My golf game, one of the reasons for wintering in FL, has gone steadily south even after scoring two consecutive holes in one in the same round a couple of years ago. Now I prefer to be at the bridge table. There's another “Big Chill” group meeting as often as possible, the North Dorm fourth-floor residents. We try to get together every year when possible. They include me (Warren, VT), **Holly Achenbach Yohe** (Williamsburg, VA), **Mary Lou Hoffman Swan** (State College, PA), **Joyce Andrews Ellwanger** (Fort Myers, FL), **Mary Hotchkiss Dolan** (Point Pleasant, NJ, and Fort Myers, FL), **Ginny Russo Lang** (Skillman, NJ, and Sarasota, FL), **Thelma Aitken Newman** (Basking Ridge, NJ, and Naples, FL), and **Lovey Birdsall Walter** (Broomfield, CO). News of the following deaths was passed on to me. **Claire Kreutz Moyer** passed away in June 2019. **Claire** was active in her church and community by serving on several boards and advisory committees. She served on the Board of Fellows of the College. She was a 50-year member of American Association of University Women (AAUW), maintained beautiful gardens, and enjoyed playing golf. **Rev. Irv Straw** passed away in Sept. 2019. He served as a pastor of various congregations and as a supply pastor at numerous Lancaster County churches. He was interested in visiting historic sites, loved anything to do with trains, was active in the Boy Scouts of America, and was a volunteer firefighter. **Marvin Fink** passed away in Aug. 2019. He was a CPA. Prior to his retirement, he was co-owner with his son of **Fink & Co**. He was very interested in sports activities and in attending band and orchestra concerts in which his son and daughter participated. **Mike Kitz-Miller** passed away in July 2019. In addition to graduating from G'burg, he also had a degree from the U of MD. He had a career in sales, real estate, insurance, and served as an NCO with the 101st Airborne Division. He published several books dealing with sales, marketing,

his life as an airborne ranger, and his service with the famous “Screaming Eagles.” **Stephen Bonney** passed away in Nov. 2019. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard and continued his career in the nonprofit and transportation sectors. He was active for many years with the Masons and Shriners. **Shirley Wertman Daniels** of Westminster, MD, passed away in Nov. 2019. She worked for Howard County Recreation and Parks. She enjoyed quilting, painting, genealogy, pottery, and singing in her church choir. **Charles F. Trunk III** died suddenly at home in Nov. 2019. He was a well-known Frederick, MD, banker; trust officer; philanthropist; and community leader. He was a lover of classical and sacred music and was a longtime supporter of the Trunk Memorial Organ Concert Series at his church. That's all I have for now. Please send me your news—good, happy news preferably!

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Dear classmates, I will begin with sad news. **William Slezak** passed away in Oct. 2019. **Bill** was married to his wife, **Loretta**, and was a U.S. Navy veteran. He taught for four years and then worked in the transportation department at Bethlehem Steel for 31 years before retiring in 1998. **Bill** was an avid golfer and loved attending sporting events of his grandchildren. He is survived by stepdaughters **Laura** (Gary) and **Lisa** (Frank); stepson **Richard** (Marlene); grandchildren **Leslie, Caitlin, Angela, Barret** (Kristen), and **Lydia**; and great-grandchildren **Alice** and **Ella**. **Bill** is also survived by his sister, **Billie Marie**. **William Trakat III** passed away in Sept. 2019. After graduating from Gettysburg, **William** earned his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) in 1977 and a certification in family practice in 1986. **Dr. Trakat** worked from 1978 to 1993

with the Lansdale Medical Group and served as assistant professor of the family practice department with Mercy Suburban Hospital in Norristown, PA. He retired in 2002. William liked to hike in NH and was a longtime education volunteer. He also volunteered with the Kent County (MD) Humane Society. During his daily walks, he could be seen enjoying bird-watching and mushroom picking. Woodworking in the traditional Shaker style was one of his special talents. William is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sandra Nyce; daughter Heidi; granddaughter Jessica; sister Gerry (Larry); and nephew Chris (Lori). And now for happy news. **Ray Truex**, MD, a retired physician from Berks County, was named the 2019 recipient of the PA Medical Society's (PAMED) Distinguished Service Award. This award is considered the highest honor a member can receive from PAMED. Ray worked in the community as a physician for more than 50 years and served as board chair of the Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society for nine years. He is a past president of the PA Neurosurgical Society and has received the Caron Foundation's Jasper G. Chen See, MD, Medical Professional Award and the Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching from Temple U. After retiring in 2017, Ray assumed a part-time medical director position with Pennsylvania Physicians' Health Program, providing outreach to physicians and health professionals who suffer from stress, burnout, mental health issues, and addiction. Congratulations to Dr. Ray Truex for his understanding of doctors in recovery and his dedication and support to all the people he served. That is all I have for now. Let me know about anything you would like to contribute to the column.

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Ruth Ehrman Sacco is the proud grandma of a recent college graduate. She moved to Ann's Choice retirement community in Warminster, PA. She and **Lynda Engel Meade** get together several times a year when Ruth visits her FL condominium in Bradenton. **Robert L. Wagner**, formerly of Glen Rock, PA, died Nov. 14, 2019, at Spirit Trust Lutheran, The Village at Shrewsbury. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam era serving as a lieutenant. He was employed as a machine operator, retiring from AMP, Inc. in 1995. Prior to that time, he was employed with Caterpillar Co. in York from 1969 to 1984. Bob also worked as a tour guide for Gettysburg Tours and was active in Boy Scouts, where he was an Eagle Scout, served as a Cubmaster for Pack 48 and Scoutmaster for Troop 48 in Glen Rock, and received the Boy Scouts of America's highest award, the Silver Beaver Award. He also served as an administrator with Boy Scouts of America in Bradford, PA, for several years. Active in the community, he volunteered as an EMT with the Glen Rock Ambulance Club and as a transporter at WellSpan York Hospital. He was a member of the Shrewsbury and Stewartstown Historical Society and had received the Glen Rock Jaycees Good Citizenship Award. **Jan Hagen-Frederikson** died on Apr. 11, 2019, in Mechanicsburg, PA. He was born in Koege, Denmark. After graduating from Gettysburg, Jan was a linguist and taught high school German, then followed a career at Glatfelter Insurance Group. **Norma Maidment Bourdin** of Millsboro, DE, formerly of Severna Park, MD, passed away on Mar. 14, 2019, at the Delaware Hospice Center in Milford, DE. She attended Gettysburg, but transferred to Upsala College, where she studied French abroad. She also conducted seminars for other language teachers at UMBC. She was recognized by the state private schools (Association of Independent Maryland & DC Schools) as

a master teacher. **Carol Reynolds Whyte** and her husband, Bob Whyte '61, have had many good times in Sun City—Hilton Head, SC, with their friends **Angela Gravino Estes** and Jere Estes '65. They meet quarterly with former Gettysburg College President Charles Glassick and his wife, Lois. Carol and Bob enjoy visiting **Bob "RJ" Durst** and his wife, Sandra, in Sun City. During their travels, they reunited with **Liz Wakefield Kelsey** and her husband, Jerry. They also see **Paul Folkemer** each year at Silver Bay on Lake George, NY.

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Also, read about an annual golf reunion in the Class of 1967 notes.

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55TH REUNION YEAR

I write these words two weeks before Christmas. Our 55th Reunion will be at hand by the time you read this. The obituaries shared here will be almost a year old. That's the reality of publishing deadlines. But the reality is also true that I (and I hope you) consider so many of our classmates to be part of your family in one sense or another. I admit it—I love our Reunions. Perhaps this time, we won't see you face to face, but if not, please send me a note that I can share with others when we gather. Really—it's not hokey. It's family. Concerning the classmates whose deaths I report, their lives were of such significance that only a bit is posted here. Please Google their much fuller life stories online. **George Newman** completed a PhD in experimental pathology and an MD at SUNY Buffalo. He practiced medicine for 43 years in Hagerstown, MD. He retired as the chief medical officer of Western MD Hospital Center; served on the board of trustees for

St. James School, the board of directors for the Medical Mutual Liability Insurance Society, and the judicial nominating committee for the Circuit Court Judge of Washington County, MD, for two years; and was a member of the ethics committee for the Washington County Public Schools. **Timothy McMillin** died from complications due to a 2014 diagnosis of glioblastoma multiforme. Tim worked for 25 years at MD National Bank (MNB), rising from the level of trainee to executive vice president. After his long tenure at MNB, he spent the next decade as a CFO for a variety of companies around the country, including Metro Networks and the Four M Corporation. Prior to his retirement, he was an investment banker who helped owners of midsized businesses sell their companies. **Robert Garson** earned a master's degree in English from Villanova U. He taught English and creative writing at Queen Anne's County High School in Centreville, MD, for 41 years, as well as creative writing at Chesapeake College. Bob worked as a counselor for adults with developmental disabilities for two years. He hosted a local radio show for senior citizens, playing their music and discussing their issues. He was also a gifted published poet. **Bill McEwan** was captain of the soccer team and served as both secretary and president of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. After his overseas U.S. Air Force service, he received his JD degree. During his career, he appeared before the CO Public Utilities Commission in numerous rate case hearings, drafted legislation and appeared before the state legislature, and successfully argued for his client before the U.S. Supreme Court. He was passionate about CO and AZ Special Olympics, college sports, reading, traveling, antiquing, and stamp collecting. Our sympathy is shared with their families and with you who knew and loved them on campus.

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Theta Chi has been holding a golf reunion in Pinehurst, NC, for almost 20 years. Attending this year were **Craig Disher**, **Dick Mole Myers**, **Henry Mollenhauer**, **Bill Allport**, **Rich Sawyer**, **Stu Lebo**, **Bob McCoach**, and **Ron Adams**. Musselman Library Special Collections has embarked on a project to obtain oral histories from alums who served in the military during the Vietnam War. This is a very important project. It can be done by phone and only takes about an hour. I urge you veterans to participate. Contact Devin McKinney at dmckinne@gettysburg.edu. **Janice R. Frick** passed away on Oct. 31, 2019. A cum laude graduate and member of Delta Gamma, she served as both class historian and class treasurer. After teaching in NYC; Atlanta; Lisbon, Portugal; and Madrid, Spain, she returned to Philadelphia and founded a school, Partners for ESL, which she devoted 30 years to as director. The school taught English and prepared immigrants for their citizenship test. She was rightly proud of the many new Americans she helped to reach their dream. She loved to travel in both the Mediterranean and the Caribbean, along with travels to Ocean City, NJ.

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'67

Each year, a group of Gettysburg College TKE alumni attempt to get together for what they call their annual Distelfink Golf Reunion. Last year, eight TKE brothers met in Yardley, PA, for three days (Oct. 22–24) of nostalgia, golf, and reminiscing. The group included Flip Archard '66, Ed Southworth '64, **Bruce Wilson**, **Steve Satir**, **Tom Carroll**, Walt Wimer '66, **Tony Volino**, and **Tom Duggan**.

On several much sadder notes, I've received word of the passing of the following Class of 1967 classmates. **Roger A. Hicks**, 74, of Riverton, WY, passed away on Aug. 26, 2019, at the Help for Health Hospice. Roger worked for MD Public Broadcasting from 1972 until 1982. He worked for WY Public Broadcasting from 1982 until his retirement in 2003. He started his own business, Hicks Piano and Organ, which he operated from 2005 until 2015. Roger enjoyed photography, flying airplanes, railroads and model trains, and playing music on guitars and keyboards. **Dwight Dallas Hering**, 74, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Aug. 23, 2019. After graduating from Gettysburg, he earned a master's degree in music from Temple U. Dwight shared his passion for music by teaching vocal music at Warwick Township and Hatboro-Horsham school districts. Later in life, Dwight became an addiction counselor working for the Caron Foundation for 19 years before retiring. During his free time, he enjoyed cooking, reading, gardening, and cheering on Philadelphia sports teams. **Charles Joseph LaGrutta** passed away peacefully on Aug. 2, 2019, in Chicago due to complications following surgery. After graduating from Gettysburg, he earned a master's degree in English from Fairleigh Dickinson U and taught school briefly before enlisting in the U.S. Navy. Serving for a time on Guam, Charles trained as a Chinese linguist and began what became a lifelong interest in Chinese language and culture. After finishing his military service in 1974, Charles moved to Chicago where he earned a master's degree in library science from the U of Chicago. Charles remained a Chicago resident for the rest of his life and a favorite outing was walking along the lakeshore.

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Diane "Terry" Brownlee writes that she and her husband Joe enjoyed a great cruise in Oct. 2019, traveling to Alta, Norway, in search of the Northern Lights. After three cold and snowy days above the Arctic Circle, on their last night there, the skies cleared and they saw the lights! She comments that it was amazing how the lights dance all over the sky, turning and weaving through the magnetic forces. They feel lucky to have seen them, and they've put a big check mark on their bucket list when getting back home.

Phil Klemmer retired as professor of medicine from UNC School of Medicine—Chapel Hill and now does clinical research at Duke U Medical Center. The project involves mega data analysis of 60 years of biochemical data from 16,000 patients who were enrolled in Duke's Rice Diet program. This dietary program was initiated prior to the availability of drug therapy and was highly successful in controlling benign as well as malignant hypertension. Phil said that what is important is not what is in the diet but, rather, what is not in the diet: very little salt, fat, protein, and phosphate. The kidneys are placed "on vacation." Today's processed food environment is contaminated with all four additives. They hope the study will motivate the United States to follow the lead of Great Britain, Finland, and Ireland in mandating food producers to reduce these four genome-unfriendly additives. The project's motto is "Food is medicine." Sadly, I must report the death of **Ken Diable** in Sept. 2019. After G'burg, he earned both a Master of Divinity degree from the United Lutheran (formerly the Lutheran Theological) Seminary, Gettysburg, and a PhD in Old Testament studies from Drew U. Ken started his career as an English teacher and later became a Lutheran minister for various churches, as well as serving as a professor at Grand View U, St. Francis U, and Mount Aloysius College. He also served as a campus

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Gettysburg College Class of 1968

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I'm happy to say I've got some news, but I'm always looking for even more! On their return in late summer from a wonderful week at Chautauqua Institution, Bob and **Carol Bryson Emrich** met **Marga Cummings Hill** and Bob Hill '68 in Medina, OH, for lunch. It was a quick trip from the turnpike, and it sure beat the fast-food options at the turnpike stops. They raved about the 50th Reunion—the numbers, the fun, the activities, and the conversations. The Emrichs plan to make that short detour more frequently on their trips east. Rev. **Donna Osterhoudt Schaper**, senior minister at Judson Memorial Church in NYC and former Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, was featured and quoted in an interesting *New York Times* real estate story about the temptation to sell church properties in the five NYC boroughs. Search for the article entitled "For Churches, a Temptation to Sell." Congrats to Dr. **Ron Myers**, who knew the names of the 14 men whose names are etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which is part of the new addition to the CUB, i.e., Janet Morgan Riggs Student Center. (It was a contest on Bullet Points.) Ron is also a former recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award. Please send me your information and updates so that I can share them with our classmates.

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1970

50TH REUNION YEAR

I hope everyone had a very happy holiday season! **Sherrie Gible** wrote that she was a deputy attorney general of NJ for 29 years and ended up as a section chief in the civil division. In 2005, she started working for a legal services company. She worked from home and said she met a lot of strange people! Sherrie married a man from Jordan in 1992. She is now a stepmom to four grown children and step-grandmom to 10 grandchildren. Sherrie had surgery on her cervical spine in 2015. She now has limited movement of her head. She hopes to be able to attend our Reunion next May. **Kathie Klemmer Holliday** wrote that she and her husband Barry visited Scotland last May. Being a gardener, Kathie described all of the lovely plants that were blooming at the time. I hope you got your flower beds at home weeded, Kathie! **Jay Anderson** wrote that he joined the Peace Corps after graduation and worked with the World Health Organization's (WHO) Smallpox Eradication Program in Ethiopia. Later, he worked as a WHO consultant in that program in Bangladesh and India between attending Towson State U in international studies. Jay pursued a career in public health, earned a master's of public health at the U of HI, and worked for the U.S. Public Health Service for a year on a national health survey. He then joined the U.S. Agency for International Development in 1978. After a few years in Washington, he went overseas in 1981 and was a health and family planning officer with U.S. Agency for International Development until 2008, designing and managing U.S.-funded maternal and child health programs in Ecuador, Nepal, Switzerland, Uganda, Bangladesh, and Honduras. Jay said he was abroad for 31 years and is now retired since 2008. He lives in Rio Rancho, NM, which is near Albuquerque, with his wife of 38 years, Laurel. They have one daughter, who is a sommelier at a fine dining restaurant in

Chicago. He and Laurel travel around the western United States. They both enjoy photography. Thanks so much to **Robin Wrightnour Hodgson** for calling me on the phone! Robin spent two years at G'burg as a biology major, changed her major to psychology, and then transferred to Syracuse U. She said she enjoyed her time at G'burg and wanted to keep in touch through this column. Robin lives in Hendersonville, NC, and just published a book of poetry, available on Amazon. The book is entitled *Love Songs for a Hungry Heart: A Life of Poetry*, a collection of poems she wrote over the past 50 years—a poetry of love, longing, hope, faith, and freedom. The poems reflect what she was thinking and feeling at the time. After college and marriage, Robin lived in various places in the Midwest for eight years, then moved back to NJ for the next several decades. She has two grown children and four grandchildren. She is a retired massage therapist. **Stephan Ash** is professor emeritus of history at the U of TN. He had his latest book, *Rebel Richmond: Life and Death in the Confederate Capital*, published by UNC Press in Oct. 2019. Remember that our 50th Class Reunion will be May 28–31. Please do your best to attend!

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Gettysburg College Class of 1970

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It must have been a busy fall for everyone because I did not have any correspondence from classmates. Thank goodness for our class Facebook group where I learned that **Ellen Stevenson Francis** celebrated a tremendous victorious milestone before the end of 2019. She posted, "Finally! Thanks to all who offered encouragement and moral support. Now for a relaxing next few days. I just reached mile 2019 in Run the Year 2019 journey. That's 2019 miles y'all!" I just looked at my WOOF dashboard to learn that my dog Lily and I walked over 400 recorded miles this year to raise money

for one of my favorite animal rescue groups. I received a holiday note from **Paul Koehler** as follows: "**Luray Gross** and I are well and still living in Doylestown, PA. We celebrated our 43rd anniversary. Our children have long since fledged, but we enjoy the company of our cat, dogs, goats, and many friends and colleagues. Our daughter, Chelsea, and her family live in nearby Mount Airy, MD. She teaches middle school English and coaches cross country at Germantown Friends School (where our good friend Helen "Timmie" Marter '72 taught and administered for many years). Our son, Jesse, lives in Toronto, where he works for a consulting firm as an urban and transportation planner. Luray continues to work as a teaching artist, bringing poetry and storytelling to schoolchildren of all ages, primarily in NJ. Her fourth volume of poetry, *Lift*, was published last year by Ragged Sky Press. She also serves on the board for Discovery Service Projects, a local nonprofit, and as a judge of elections here in Bucks County, PA. I continue to enjoy the challenges and satisfactions of my psychotherapy practice, which in recent years I have augmented with supervising and teaching. The book I recently co-authored, *Suffering and Sacrifice in the Clinical Encounter*, published by Phoenix Publishing House, London, is due out in Feb." Send along the news of what keeps you busy if you have left the paid world of work. Who else is publishing books or crossing things off the bucket list? Please look for our class group on Facebook. Simply notify one of the group administrators that you'd like to join, and you'll be invited. Please remember the **Nick MacElree** Book Scholarship fund administered by the Chester County, PA, Community Foundation. The fund honors our former class president, Nick MacElree, and provides \$1,000 to subsidize the substantial cost of textbooks for a deserving Gettysburg College student. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please contact the Nicholas R. MacElree Scholarship Fund c/o CCF, 28 W. Market St., West Chester, PA 19382. You can also get more info and see some photos of recipients on their website. I hope to hear from more of you. Best wishes to all for a great year 2020!

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Gettysburg College Class of 1971

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Stu Lippsett started his winter skiing right after Thanksgiving and spent another delightful winter enjoying the VT snow. Stu also reports that **Patty Mack Groer** and **Barb Gifford** went to the Albuquerque Hot Air Balloon Festival in Oct. 2019. Albuquerque sounds a bit more user friendly than VT just now. Hope the winter and holidays were wonderful for everyone!

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'73

Dear classmates, it is with great sadness that I report the passing of our class president, **Rich Zuraw**. Rich resided in Clinton, CT, and died Oct. 18, 2019, after a long battle with Huntington's chorea. He was born in Derby, CT, and he attended schools in Shelton. After graduating from Gettysburg College, Rich received both his master's degree in social work and his sixth-year degree from the U of CT. Rich spent his entire professional career working in Regional District 4 for 35 years, both as a social worker and assistant principal at both the middle and high school. He was selected as "Teacher of the Year" in 1988 in his district. We remember Rich as we celebrate the memory of him and our other classmates who have passed from this life. Keep sending your updates, and I will include your news in the next issue!

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Gettysburg College Class of 1973

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A number of us from the Class of '74 attended the impressive inauguration of Robert W. Iuliano, the 15th president of Gettysburg College, on Sept. 28, 2019. **Alison Raab Ruth** and I were present along with **Bill Heyman**, **Debbie Clapp**, **Paul Seale**, **Tom Boll**, and **Chris Esgar**. Tom, an adjunct professor at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse U, walked in the inaugural procession and represented Syracuse. Tom spent much of his career as a journalist working for several newspapers before joining the faculty at Newhouse. **Gary Boguski** was named the 2019 Camden County Harvey M. Mitnick Professional Lawyer of the Year in Sept. 2019. Originally a sole practitioner, Gary has partnered for the last 30 years with Michael A. Taylor at the law firm of Taylor & Boguski in Mount Laurel, with a practice concentrating on criminal defense and municipal court defense. He earned his law degree at Georgetown U. **Donna Tremble Leitch** continues to make Bermuda her home, where she and her husband Jim have lived for over 30 years. Donna has two children living in Bermuda with their spouses and children (that makes four grandchildren for Donna on the island). She also has a son living in England, north of Birmingham, with a new baby girl and a daughter who moved to Islington in London in Oct. 2019. My son, Peter Lansinger, and his wife also live in Islington—small world, as Donna and I were roommates at Gettysburg! If you received the 2020 Gettysburg College calendar, take a look at the photo for the month of June. Pictured are **Carolyn Hand McGarvie** and her husband, Paul '73, walking on campus during Reunion Weekend last summer when our class celebrated its 45th Reunion. Carolyn still has her “dink” from freshman year and can be seen wearing it in the photo, along with her orange and blue outfit—great photo!

Please be sure to send me any news you may have. I will also reach out to those of you we haven't heard from in a long time.

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45TH REUNION YEAR

I received a very welcome update from **David Yost**. David has provided a lifetime of service to his fraternity, Alpha Chi Rho. At the latest fraternity convention, held in July 2019, he was elected president of the national fraternity. Prior to this, David served as AXP's national chaplain for 13 years and as national VP for four years. He reports that his service is made a bit easier given that the fraternity national headquarters is located in Neptune, NJ, about an hour from his home in Lumberton, NJ. In preparation for this election, David and his wife, Sandra Edwards Yost '78, visited every one of the 32 AXP chapters, as well as the academic deans in charge of fraternity life on each campus. As I look at a map, their trip covered most of the eastern states from far upstate NY, west to IN, and down to SC. In his spare retirement time, David also serves as a writer and consultant for the Armed Forces Heritage Museum in NJ, a museum on wheels, which highlights NJ's role in America's wartime conflicts. He and Sandra also enjoy spending time with their three grandchildren, ages 8, 4, and 2! I hope to hear from more classmates as we approach our 45th Reunion year.

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Hello, classmates. I have the pleasure of reporting on an experience of my own. I visited PA to see family the first week of Oct. 2019. I visited **Deb Nardi Swann** and her family, as usual. They were able to secure admission to a box at Lincoln Financial Field for the Eagles vs. Jets game on Oct. 6, 2019. What a thrill to attend a game for the first time at the Linc where I also got to try on an authentic Super Bowl LII (52) ring. And now on a sad note: **Brian Keith Weller** of Berwyn, PA, passed away on July 21, 2019, at the age of 64 while golfing and fishing with friends in VA. A memorial service was held on July 27, 2019, at Paoli Presbyterian Church, which was attended by many Gettysburgians. He was a member of SAE fraternity and a graduate from Gettysburg and Widener U Delaware Law School. Most recently, he was the founder and owner of Global Safety First, a marketing company that promoted new products in the safety industry. He is survived by his wife Marcia, his sons Jonathan and Daniel (and their wives), his grandsons Mason and Brady, his brother Curtis, and his father Paul. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

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No news this time around. May 2020 bring you everything you wish for and more! We'd love to hear from you!

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'78

This issue's notes remind me that we are not invincible as I process the news that a dear friend and classmate, **Alice Cave**, passed away in Oct. 2019. Alice, fondly known by many simply as “Hobbit” due to her diminutive stature, was recently retired and married to the love of her life, Rick Fletcher. Her life was taken too soon following heart surgery last summer and complications thereafter. Alice was a fun-loving person who regularly attended our class Reunions every five years. She will be missed. **Fran Cannon** wrote to tell me of his eventful year—a grandson, Owen, born two months early and weighing less than 3 lbs. to his younger daughter, Liz. Fran is happy to report that, after a month in the hospital, Owen is doing great and is the love of his life. Not to be outdone by his grandson, Fran decided to have heart surgery at the end of the summer to deal with AFib, a condition from which he has suffered for over five years, causing him to be cardioverted (shocked) six times. Yikes! That doesn't sound like fun, Fran. I'm glad you had that taken care of so you can continue to watch your speedy daughter, Mary, compete in marathons as a nationally ranked runner! The bottom line message is to please take care of yourselves and continue to exercise, eat healthily, and take your Lipitor, high blood pressure medication, or whatever it takes so that we'll see you in four years at our next class Reunion. Oh, and don't forget to write to me and tell me how you're doing!

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'79

To celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary, **Sheryl Dyer Smith** and her husband Vince spent four days in Vancouver and then took an AK cruise that stopped at Sitka, the Hubbard

Glacier, Juneau, and Ketchikan. **David Stein** had a big part in the Tyler Civic Theatre's (TX) production of *Newsies*. A former member of the Commissioners Court, former president of the local Republican club, and current chairman of the government affairs committee for the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce, Dave announced his candidacy for chairman of the Smith County Republican Party. In Mar. 2019, **Jane Anthon** visited Kanta, a reputable elephant sanctuary in northern Thailand that rescues and rehabilitates elephants. While there, she made and hand-fed medicine balls to the elephants. She also bathed them in the river and was “showered” with affection! **Mary Miller-Zurrell** was busy during the fall. In addition to serving two congregations, she taught Religion 101 at Lenoir-Rhyne U. **Anne Nogatch Phillips** was nominated by the Lancaster County Chapter to be the 2019 Coach of the Year for the Special Olympics. **Joanna Feer Macauley** was in NYC over the Thanksgiving weekend to sing the *Messiah* in Carnegie Hall with the Trinity Episcopal Church Choir and several other choirs. **Stuart May** and his wife celebrated 36 years of wedded bliss in Aug. 2019, and their oldest daughter was recently married in Beaufort, NC. **Leslie Flexer Allen** and her husband Mick visited Ireland during the fall and were especially taken with the amazing Cliffs of Moher. **Bill Geating** is in his 35th year of teaching math and coaching volleyball and track at a public school near Philadelphia. He and his wife live outside of Oxford, PA. They have four grown children and five grandchildren. Bill still sees Lambda Chi Alpha brothers **Mark Dottavio** and **Pat Barnes**. **Lovette Eichelberger Mott** shared that her husband, former Political Science Prof. Ken Mott, was honored on the occasion of his 80th birthday with a plaque in recognition of his 51 years of teaching political science at G'burg. **Jean Pugh Shipman** retired again at the end of the year from Elsevier. She and her husband plan to move to Wintergreen, VA, where they are building their dream house, which, incidentally, is closer to G'burg! **Sally Nanas** has lived in Sterling,

VA, for 27 years. Since college, she has had three careers, one in sales and marketing that spanned 20 years, and another in elementary teaching for 12. Now she is a middle-school secretary. In her leisure time, Sally enjoys theater, travel with her son (a recent Penn grad), and visiting wineries. **Susan Johnson Hunter** wrote that she, **Mary Richardson Zahn**, **Jennifer Worme Peterson**, **Ginny Crowley Hals**, **Charlotte Heverly Luy**, Janette Guarisco Scott '77, and Laurie McDonough Mitchell '77 got together in Annapolis, MD, for a fall weekend of reminiscing. Many of them lived together in Huber's “Pit” (Janette and Laurie were dorm counselors), so there were lots of fun memories about their times there, as well as subsequent years in Apple Hall. Finally, congrats to **Josh Dare**, who was certified in Dec. 2019 to teach English as a foreign language by TEFL Toulouse, France.

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1980

40TH REUNION YEAR

Greetings, Gettysburgians! I am writing this as I sit by a roaring fire at the Biltmore in Asheville, NC. There is not much time between receiving your latest copy of the alumni magazine to correspondents having to turn in notes, so after you read this issue, please email me your news! **Shirley Geerling** retired from GSK last year after 32 years. She still does life sciences consulting on her own but primarily enjoys having the flexibility to do other things. Of course, Shirley still runs a lot and also swims with the local masters team. Her oldest daughter, Juliana, received her Master of Public Health degree and now lives and works in Philadelphia. Daughter Marielle is a graduate student at Columbia U. Shirley has lived in Wayne, PA, for the past six years. **Craig Swanson** retired as a

senior VP from SAIC in Nov. 2017. Since then, he went back to school, earned a teaching certificate, and finished an assignment at Herndon High School. Craig's goal is to be a full-time teacher this coming fall. He is also in his second year of serving on the Gettysburg College Board of Trustees. He has been married for 38 years, is the proud parent of three children, one son-in-law, and two grandsons. **Lisa York Mellen** and her husband Bill reside in Easton, CT, and were blessed with two new additions to their family. Grandson Jack was born Feb. 2, 2019, to their eldest son, Brendan, and his wife, Kar. Daughter Erin married Carlton Davis a month later on Mar. 2 in Charleston, SC. The newlyweds settled in D.C. Bill still works and has no interest in retiring. Lisa works at the middle school, but she has decided that becoming a grandmother is the best thing ever! **M'Liz Scotton Riechers** reports "our nest" finally emptied in Aug. Her youngest son, Will, is a freshman at Villanova studying mechanical engineering. Katy studies psychology at George Mason U. The older kids live in the Raleigh area. Meg completed a master's degree in public health and works for the NC Health Department. Meg's husband Jon works for Epic Games, keeping Fortnite from crashing. M'Liz's oldest son, Mike, is a senior director at KPMG and is married with two kids, ages 7 and 3. She loves being a grandmother. M'Liz's husband Gene retired briefly, but he is back working for Sands Capital, while M'Liz volunteers through her church, mostly focused on serving the homeless and hungry. In Mar., M'Liz went on a 12-day women's pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The highlight was getting to spend the night at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre—locked in with 10 others—maintaining a vigil at Jesus's tomb. For the first time in 13 years, the Riechers didn't host the College's First Year Send-Off for the D.C. area because M'Liz was recovering from a hip replacement.

In Sept., **Sue Speakman Murray, Laura Burke Heckler, Susan Schmitt Bryja**, and their husbands met in Venice, Italy, for a few days before they cruised to Croatia, Slovenia, and Montenegro. In Nov., Sue, Laura, Susan, **Pam Gaborko Neighbors**, and **Karen Ziegler Goldfine** attended the wedding of Emily Bruce, daughter of **Lisa Morton Bruce** and Rick. Special congratulations to Pam and Carl Neighbors, who officially adopted Stephan after many years of serving as his foster family. **Liz Parker Sablik** and her husband Paul live in Vienna, VA. Their two sons are Daniel (26) and Luke (21). Liz teaches preschool, arranges flowers with the National Cathedral Flower Guild in D.C., and volunteers for her church. She's looking forward to our 40th Reunion in 2020. **Dave Shaffer** and his wife Susan are almost empty nesters. Their oldest son is out on his own, their middle daughter is a sophomore at Salisbury U, and the youngest is a senior in high school but has wheels and is rarely home. They spent some time with **Scott Erickson** during the summer and are looking forward to attending the 40th Reunion!

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Lots of mail from the Class of 1981! First, **Stephanie Burt Pelcher** is enjoying retirement, family, consulting work, and travel. Stephanie tells me that sadly, after a long battle with cancer, **Kathryn "Kathy" Ann Johnson** died on Aug. 12. Kathy had a distinguished career with IBM and will be sadly missed. **Wendy Brown-Arnold** reports that she and nine others—**Barbara Latham Marley, Jan Kull Kreutel, Karen Brotsker Granito,**

Lynn Harris Melson, Donna Yocum Parrish, Meg McElhaney Hartwell, June Forsyth Miller, Leslie Barber, and Peter Brown—gathered in Philadelphia to celebrate their collective 60th birthdays and reminisce about their G'burg days. They came from as far away as NC and MA to discuss and argue about who roomed with whom and for how long and whether the Servo food was good or bad, while catching up and enjoying each other's company. **Gary Rotenbury** writes that he just celebrated 35 years with Chubb Insurance group as a manager of the global tax department in Philadelphia. In his spare time, he and his wife Silvia enjoy their grandsons, keep busy in their local church, bake, and follow the drum corps activity. Gary recently got together with Jim Zarrella '79 and his wife Cathy, who works at the College. Jim and he were roommates at Gettysburg, and the four of them get together and vacation frequently. **Phyllis Leopold** was taken to dinner in Ridgefield, CT, for her 60th birthday last May by Linda Hartford Fournier '82, Jennifer Pierson Case '82, and Cynthia Sharshan Neale '82. Later, Phyllis, **Carol Shelly, Laura Lee, Barb Spillane, and Barb Bittner** rented a house for a week in Rehoboth, DE. Carol Shelly celebrated her 60th birthday in Nov. with a Gettysburg group brunch in NYC before they went to see a Broadway play. Participants included Phyllis Leopold, Laura Lee, Barb Spillane, and Barb Bittner. Linda Hartford Fournier '82, Jennifer Pierson Case '82, and Cynthia Sharshan Neale '82 also attended. **Sarah Babylon Dorrance** writes that, in Aug., **Carol Janser Willenbrock, Nanette Witter Jordan, Donna Meriam Prostrack, Karen Davison Rodino, Donna Verichio Ewing,** and Milly Tome Elrod '79 gathered together at the beach. Carol, Nanette, and Donna are all retired music teachers and continue to have their hand in music in some way or another. **Tom Jordan** stopped by, too. He and Nanette both continue to play gigs at

various places. **Donna Varriccho Ewing** continues to teach music, and her band wins awards all the time for their excellence and abilities. Karen retired from teaching Spanish and lives in FL with her husband, Pete Rodino '79. Karen and Sarah connected with **Donna Strack Chambers**, who has her PhD from Georgetown and is the department chair for Spanish and French at Penn State Berks. Last, Sarah decided to step down from leading a very large UMC church so that she could have time to be a grandmother. She continues to do ministry in coaching other clergy and a healing prayer ministry. Last winter, she launched a book on her experience of walking the Camino de Santiago. You can find her writing on Amazon or at sarahdorrance.com. Thanks for all the news. Keep in touch.

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'82

Hello! I hope this finds you well. This is a friendly request to send me some information for our next column! It could be related to travel, family, business changes, retirements, alumni gatherings, volunteer work, relocations, etc. Boring or mundane news is much better than "no news at all," right? Drop me a line via email or find me in our Facebook group: search Gettysburg College Class of 1982. Or, you can send news directly from the College website. Visit the alumni section directly at www.gettysburg.edu/alumni, then click on "Share News" in the right toolbar to pull up a class notes submission form! Happy 2020, friends. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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'83

It's mid-Dec. and the chilliest day of the year as I write this. I hope you're all enjoying the spring and 2020. Thanks once again to **Bob Noddin** for passing along some news. Last summer, Bob and his wife Janette, along with a few Class of '83 grads, were in Seattle for the wedding of **Larry Vignali's** youngest daughter, Emma. **Steve Rand** and his wife Patty, and **Mike and Karen Ercole** joined Larry and Jacky Vignali at the festivities. Bob said it was a great event and plenty of G'burg stories flowed. When I asked, Larry wrote that he liked his new son-in-law, whose father is a Phi Delt from the U of WA, so he knows he came from good genes! Larry also said that freshman year third floor of Rice Hall was proudly represented, and they partied responsibly, without the need of an RA! I'm sure Larry was a super father of the bride. Now I wonder if they did one of those funky father-daughter dances? I'm very sad to pass along that **Mark Robbins** passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 26, 2019, in Charlottesville, VA. Mark received his BA in biology summa cum laude from Gettysburg and then attended the UNC Medical School, where he earned his medical doctorate in 1987. Following his residency and fellowship at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and UNC, he began his medical career at the UVA Medical Center, specializing in pulmonary and critical care. In addition to many awards and publications in the medical field, Mark was an avid cyclist and triathlete, challenging himself in national competitions. He was an active member of local cycling groups and had a special fondness for the rural roads and landscapes in VA, never missing a photo opp. He enjoyed playing piano and chess and had an affinity for Civil War history. Mark is survived by his wife of 31 years, Amy Gustaveson Robbins; his three sons, Luke Gustaveson Robbins, Jefferson Chase Robbins, and Jonathon Eric Robbins; one sibling, Dr. Pelle (Paul) Robbins; his parents, Alice and Dr. Jerry Robbins; his brothers-in-law, Eric Gustaveson and Mark Gustaveson; his

sister-in-law, Kathy Gustaveson; one uncle, Charles Starbranch; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family would like to continue Mark's love for human life as well as the beauty of our surroundings by donating to a cause of your choice, including mental health, substance abuse, clean air and water, preservation of our natural resources, trail systems, and bike paths. I'm sure everyone in our class joins me in sending our sincere sympathies to Mark's family and friends. My husband Brad was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma this past summer and just finished his chemotherapy treatments this week. Luckily, his last scan showed no signs of the cancer that was throughout his body. It's made us extremely grateful to be alive and treasure the time we have left. I hope you're all enjoying every moment! Write and tell me how.

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'84

Hello, dear friends of the Class of '84! I hope you have survived the snow palooza of the winter and are enjoying the glimpses of spring and new life around us! Since our last column, I had word from several sources of the death of **Bill Coventry**. His obituary read as follows: "William Wallace Coventry Jr., 57, passed away in Denver, PA, on July 29, 2019, after a long illness. He is survived by his mother, Linda Coventry, of Louisville, KY; his sister, Susan Coventry (Brad Asher) of Louisville, and their children, Lila and Lucas; his sister, Leigh Burke (Ed) of Fairfax, VA, and their children, Anna and Thomas; and his brother, Jim Coventry (Pam) of Stroudsburg, PA, and their children, Steven and Rebecca. Born in Nyack, NY, Bill moved with his family to parsonages in NY and NJ before the family settled in

Middletown, NJ, when his father, William Sr., was called to serve as minister at Middletown Reformed Church. After attending school in Middletown, Bill graduated from Gettysburg College and went on to earn his master's degrees from the U of VT and Clarion U. He served as night circulation manager at Franklin & Marshall College for a decade. Bill was passionate about music, film, and furthering his education via online courses. Donations can be made to Middletown Reformed Church, 121 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748." Twelve of Bill's Theta Chi brothers got together in RI last Oct. to remember Bill and celebrate his life. We also received word from **Cheryl Denise Sistrunk Bradley** (cherylbrad@gmail.com), who was part of our class for freshman year. She transferred to and graduated from James Madison U. She has many special memories of that year, she reports. If you think of a newsy item or have something to share memory-wise, please be in touch with me at either my email or cell (text) below. Thanks! I pray all is well with you and yours!

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35TH REUNION YEAR

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'86

It is again with a heavy heart that I received news of another fallen classmate. **Gail Enright Greene** wrote to let me know that **Peter Travis**, her dear friend since junior high school and Phi Psi brother, passed away in Nov. 2018. Pete lived in the Hamptons prior to moving to Portland, ME. He used his wit and art to land jobs in advertising before going solo and writing for the *Late Show with David Letterman* back in the '90s. After Letterman, Pete wrote editorials for a local Hampton paper while doing freelance photography. Many of us may remember Peter for his impeccable fashion and his infectious laugh. Gail and Peter were friends for more than 40 years, and she treasured every moment of that close friendship. Peter will be missed by all who knew him, and our prayers go out to his friends and family. Godspeed, Peter. Gail is married with a teenage son and two beagles, and she lives in Carmel, IN. Although this column will not be published until spring, as I am writing this, it is the holiday season, which to me is a time to reflect and be grateful for all that we have. I wish you all good health and nothing but happiness in 2020.

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'87

Doug Lucht shared a good story with me. Doug's daughter plays hoops at Montgomery High School (NJ) and happened to be in the gym for the second game of the girls and boys state playoff doubleheader. He heard James Anderson (my son, Middletown High School South) introduced in the starting lineup, and he

knew I was from that area. Doug looked around the stands and could not find me. He figured I was just the deadbeat dad who does not come to see his son play. However, he did not fully investigate the bench area where I was and still am the coach. I had last seen Doug and his Crate crew roaming around Pittsburgh after a Pirates game about six or seven years ago. I merrily joined them for some sodas after the game. Doug's crew has continued their get-togethers at various major league cities, and they have been to Chicago, San Francisco, Oakland, Boston, D.C., and St. Louis. I have not had much news come in from other '87ers, so I wanted to mention a recent fundraiser that many in the Gettysburg community attended. Our very good friend from the Class of '86, Andy Coen ("the Tan Man"), has recently been diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease. Due to this disease, Andy had to resign after a successful 13-year run as the head football coach at Lehigh U, where he was the school's all-time winningest coach. Classmates Tom Azelby '86, Bob Lewis '86, Mike Milstead '86, and Miguel Yanes '86 recently organized and ran a golf tournament fundraiser at Silver Creek Golf Club in Bethlehem, PA, to help allay medical and educational costs for Andy, his wife Laura, and their three kids. At this outing were many of Andy's friends from high school (Cherry Hill, NJ) and from other work posts such as the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point) and Lehigh. But the most impressive showing was the huge outpouring of support from the Gettysburg community. Many of Andy's teammates and friends were in attendance. They included fraternity (Phi Deltas, SAEs, and TKEs) and sorority (Gamma Phiis and DGs) members, as well as some of the coaches from Andy's Gettysburg days. It really said something about the ties that Gettysburg College has helped to foster and connect. It was one of those proud moments to say you were a Gettysburg alum. Those present from the Class of '87 included me, **Seth Bendian**,

Sean Murphy, Jim Myrtetus, and Matt Rockstroh. We even had Skip Hrin '86 make the trip from AK to support Andy. If you want to contribute to Andy and his family during this trying time, please reach out to me. He also loves phone calls and catching up. We are all praying for a cure to help out our good friend.

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1990

30TH REUNION YEAR

I hope you all had a healthy and happy holiday season. Our 30th Reunion committee members—including me—are looking forward to our upcoming Reunion and busy planning fun events. I am hoping to see many of you in Gettysburg the weekend of May 28–31. We are kicking off our Reunion Weekend with Friday night happy hour at the Mason Dixon Distillery—more details to come! Over the summer, **Jenn McMahon** took a celebratory trip with her two daughters to celebrate Jenn's 50th birthday and her younger daughter's graduation from high

school. They were accompanied by her sister Christine McMahon Reeser '93—two sets of sisters off to visit the homeland! They spent 10 days touring Dublin and the west of Ireland. Jenn describes the country as "wild, stark, and beautiful beyond description. The food was immensely good, and the beer and whiskey were even better!" She keeps in touch with **Amy Santangelo Bower**, and they are both planning to be a part of the 30th Reunion in May. Sounds great, Jenn! Last summer, **Tracey Clark Celentano** and her husband traveled with several family members to England and Scotland for a few weeks. Tracey felt very lucky to have the experience as they visited historic sites such as Stonehenge, cathedrals, castles, lochs, fairy pools, and white chalk cliffs. The family ate fish and chips on the Thames and even got to pet Coos (Highland cattle). They traveled from London and Whitby to the Isle of Skye, then down to Cornwall, and they ended their time in Sussex. Now the family is preparing for their son's graduation from Elon U in NC. It sounds as if you have lots of exciting things going on, Tracey. Congratulations! Stay well, everyone, and keep the news coming. Please make your plans to be with us in Gettysburg at the end of May.

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'91

Doug Steinhardt was named by *Insider NJ* to its *Insider* 100 Power list for NJ, coming in at No. 13. The history major is a named partner in a law firm, as well as the chair of the NJ Republican State Committee.

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In Oct. 2019, **Judy Ostronic** married Geoff Cotton at the Congressional Country Club in Potomac, MD. Judy and Geoff met while working in India five years ago at an expat party. They moved to Hong Kong where they spent three years, and last fall, they moved to Queenstown, New Zealand, where they are settled in with their dog, Audrey. I was lucky enough to celebrate Judy and Geoff on their wedding day, along with fellow Bullets **Jennifer McCaskill, Erin McAvoy, Margaret Crutchfield Robertson**, and Kevin McMillan '93. It was a beautiful day and a super fun celebration, especially with the addition of Geoff's Kiwi and Aussie pals. Judy would love to welcome visitors from the USA. I hope you are all enjoying the year of celebrating our collective 50ths!

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'93

News flooded in from the Class of '93. Where to start? **Michelle Corsulich Giordano** shared that her daughter just started at Gettysburg College and will graduate in 2023, 30 years after our class. Her advisor, Prof. [Shirley Anne] Warshaw, was Michelle's favorite professor. **Christopher Boron** lives outside of Baltimore these days with his partner, Annie. By day, Chris works as a storage engineer, and by night, he rocks the bass with DeadEye Stare, a modern rock cover band. Check out their Facebook page and catch a concert—**Robert Duncan** gave his seal of approval (high praise indeed). **Christina Folz** lives in the D.C. area with her husband Mike. She is a senior writer at the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and recently ascended to president of the Association Media & Publishing. **Gretchen Guttendorf Tucker** is in her second year of a PhD program in

gerontology, studying at the U of MD–Baltimore and UMBC. **Bridget Kelly Baily** teaches fourth grade in VA. This fall, the fourth-grade class at her school welcomed National Park Service Ranger and former classmate **Jen Epstein Rudnick**, who presented to the class a great program on the national parks. At the conclusion of the program, each child was given a special pass allowing the children and their families free access to all the parks for a year. This is the fourth time they have been able to collaborate. After leaving the health and fitness industry to raise her three daughters, **Jeanne Ozanne Tamagny** started a successful dog-walking business, 4 Paws Pet Services. After retiring from teaching fourth and fifth grade in the Baltimore City Public Schools, **Billy Michels** started his own photography and videography business, Billy Michels Photography. Based in Baltimore, he travels nationally and internationally. **Tam Bray Atwood** started a new job in 2019 with Curriculum Associates in Billerica, MA, where they develop and improve educational software projects for K-8 grades. Finally, **Eric Sonn** hosts vacation retreats with his business, Eat.Yoga.Drink, and is always looking for classmates to join in the fun.

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I hope everyone is having a great spring! If you have news you'd like to share in this column, please email me.

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Happy New Year, Class of 1999! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are settling into the new decade! **Val Katzmar McAdoo** co-founded an acting school, Actors Co-op, in Swarthmore, PA. Through a variety of fun exercises and techniques, the Actors Co-op is creating a safe and inclusive environment for kids, teens, and adults

to encourage creativity and the beauty of storytelling, and to explore the craft of acting, specifically for film and television. If you want to learn more, visit them at theactorsco-op.com. **Erin Hardy Burns** is still very active with advocacy and fundraising with Save Josh. Save Josh funds a “pantry” at the Ronald McDonald House—The Josh Hardy Pantry. Save Josh also is connected with the St. Jude’s Super Hero project that supports the Fairy Godmother Project in Fredericksburg, VA. It helps families facing pediatric cancer. Erin also had her modeling debut with Motherchic, which is a clothing collection with the Gibson brand that will be sold at Nordstrom. The collection, which debuted in May 2019, is comfortable, casual, chic, and effortless. You can learn more about the collection by reading this article: themotherchic.com/2019/04/03/coming-this-may/ or by visiting the store. **Leigh Rauseo Craighill** has written and illustrated a children’s book, *Georgette Has a Cold, Adventures in Avignon*. Georgette is a young girl who lives in Avignon, France. She has plans to venture into Provence with her *maman* (mom) for the day when she comes down with a terrible cold. Visit Amazon to get your copy. I had a busy end to the year. I was elected onto the Alumni Board of Directors. I look forward to serving Gettysburg College in this new capacity. I also welcomed a son into the world by the gift of adoption on Sept. 27, 2019. George Harmer Bottone is 3 months old and is already wearing orange and blue!

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2000

20TH REUNION YEAR

Greetings, classmates! I hope you’ve saved the date for our 20th Reunion, May 28–31. We are planning an amazing weekend, so please mark your calendars and plan on coming to campus. We’d also appreciate it if you’d consider a gift to the College in honor of this special occasion. Think about all that the College has given you (a great education, experiences you could have only had there, memories, the fountain, Pizza House, friends for a lifetime, and possibly your soulmate), and we hope you’ll join the committee in making a gift to celebrate being a graduate of the ‘Burg. In case you missed it, **Lauren Cooney** is killing it. She was appointed to the *Forbes* Business Council this past fall, collaborating with them on certain projects, and she will be writing for the publication. Lauren wrote, “I’m also doing leadership strategy work for executives and some high-level coaching. If anyone wants to reach out to learn more, they can email me at lauren@sparklabsco.com.” **Paul Smith** left Credit Suisse after 18 years to join BNY Mellon as a specialist application developer. Congrats, Paul! Congratulations to **Chris Pryor**, who was inducted into the Gettysburg College Hall of Athletic Honor this fall. Chris wrote, “I’m currently helping the team by serving as a member of the Soccer Alumni Council. It’s an initiative to mentor the current players and to help them network as they seek internships or employment post-graduation. My wife Lauren and I have two children, Emma (9) and Anderson (7). I’m working at their school, the Congressional School, as the assistant head for advancement.” If anyone is interested in taking over our class notes responsibility, please let me know! I’m happy to move aside so someone else can volunteer one’s time and talent. See you in May!

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On Nov. 1, 2019, Kyley and **Jason Weida** were blessed with their fourth child (third daughter), Hollis Grey. What great news! Please feel free to send along any updates you would like to share with our class.

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'04

Hello, Class of 2004! **Jaimie Bagatti Indiveri** and her husband Sean celebrated the birth of their third son, Asher James, on Dec. 19, 2018. Asher has two proud big brothers, Trey and Jace. **Carla Roehrich Flynn** shares the good news that she and her husband Will welcomed their second daughter, Elle Coco Flynn, on Nov. 18, 2019. She joins her proud big sister Ania. **Brian Malfettone**, Merrill Wealth Management advisor, was recently named to *Forbes*’ 2019 “Top 250 Next-Generation Wealth Advisors.” This is the second time he has been named to this list. **Tara Schellhorn** has been named as a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute’s 2019 Class of 40 Under 40. Tara is an attorney at Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP. Keep your updates coming!

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15TH REUNION YEAR

Class of 2005, can you believe that we are celebrating our 15th Reunion this May? We hope to see each of you back on campus. **Adrienne Gilbert, Marc Sorresso**, and **Shanna Charles**, your committee co-chairs, have lots of great events in the works. They are so excited to see you! **Katharine Newberg** and her husband, Josh Israels, welcomed their first child, Nathaniel Francis Israels, who was born in Walnut Creek, CA, in July. Everyone is healthy and doing well. **Amy Fisicaro** and her husband welcomed their second little girl, Paige, on July 7, 2019. Her big sister, Faith, loves her new role. Amy is teaching middle school math and has taken on the role of the varsity field hockey coach at Bordentown Regional High School in NJ. **Andrew “Smitty” Smith** and Sarah Payne Smith ’01 are excited to announce the birth of their second child, Leyton William Smith, who arrived on May 12, 2019. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and happy 2020! Please continue to send updates. Your classmates enjoy hearing from you.

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'06

Hey there, Class of 2006. You have all been very busy adulting. **Kacie Brinker Sheftel** and her husband Andrew welcomed their son, Logan, on Nov. 2, 2018. **Kathleen Kruczynski Louis** and her husband Mike welcomed baby Andrew on Mar. 6, 2019. William (3) is thrilled to be a big brother! **Crystal Ebert Parker** and Jason Parker ’09 welcomed their second child, Thomas, on June 20, 2019. **Chrissy Jarcewski Connelly** and her husband Paul welcomed their second child, Gemma Marie Connelly, on Aug. 19, 2019. They reside in Baltimore, MD, with their son, Marshall (3). **Carlo Testa** accepted a new position as assistant

principal at Collegium Charter School in Exton, PA. He is also now the director of educational outreach with K'uhul Balam, a nonprofit that serves to improve the quality of life in Petén, Guatemala. **Hillary Jackendoff** stated, "I actually use my degree in philosophy every day in my work. I teach meditation for a living and facilitate discussions around suffering, consciousness, the mystic experience, and the nature of the self and reality...yep...I am effectively a self-employed modern philosopher. So weird. Lisa Portmess '72 and Kerry Walters, thanks for guiding my path." I, **Monique Mathews Gore**, had the pleasure of hosting two alumni on campus this fall. **Ola Carew** held a workshop on self-care. She taught students how to make their own body butters and scrubs. She is the creator and owner of 29andbel.com; check her out. **Bethany Hortsman Cannon** and her spouse Charlie were on campus for two days in a series of workshops on the intersections of identities around queerness. We are always excited to host alumni. Please email me if you have an interest in coming back to share your wisdom. If you haven't already, please join our class on Facebook.

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'07

Congrats to **Kristen Leatherbee LeRoy** and her husband Tim, who welcomed June Catherine on Oct. 11, 2019. June joins her big sister Linley, who is already her little sister's No. 1 fan. On Nov. 5, **Wesley Heyser** was re-elected to serve a second four year-term on the Gettysburg Borough Council. Wesley, his wife, Christine Nemetz '08, and their daughter Eleanor reside near campus in Gettysburg. **Jamie**

Leiter Cannon is thrilled to have joined NYC-based fresh pet food startup, The Farmer's Dog, as its first director of humans. **Cory Heselton** and his wife Jenny welcomed their second son, Everett Earl, on Aug. 4, 2019. **Amanda Kulp DeFalco** left Gettysburg in Jan. 2020 and moved to New Haven, CT, to accept a development officer position at Yale U. **Meghan Reid** married Vadim Galperin on Oct. 27, 2019, at The Garrison in the Hudson Valley, overlooking two of the couple's favorite hiking spots. **Joe** and **Maura Downey Chongpinitchai** welcomed their second baby, Anthony Joseph, in July 2019. The family also moved to a new house last Oct. 2019. **Jessica Haines** and **John Rudy** welcomed their daughter (and future member of the Gettysburg Class of 2042) Abigail on Aug. 27, 2019. **Laura Chamberlain Smith** and her husband Tyler welcomed their second child, Jackson Smith, on Aug. 18, 2019. Jackson weighed in at 8 lbs. 13 oz., and his big sister Layla was super excited about his arrival! **Nicholas Campanile** and his wife Chelsea welcomed their son Nicholas Anthony in the wee hours of the morning on Dec. 9, 2019. Baby Nick weighed in at exactly 6 lbs. and is doing great. **Chris Berleth** was promoted to executive director of membership at the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce. The promotion recognized his part in a chamber-wide success story—the opening of a new community college satellite campus, which earned the chamber the PA "Chamber of the Year" Award by the PA Association of Chamber Professionals. After the statewide win, Chris was honored to be offered a position on the PACP board of directors, which he happily accepted! Finally, a huge shoutout to one of my favorite Gettysburgians: **Jamie Burgess** and his beautiful wife Lane welcomed their first child, Polly Claghorn, on Nov. 29, 2019, at 12:48 a.m. The lovely little lady (who just couldn't wait until her xmas due date to meet her family) weighed in at 5 lbs. 9 oz. and is just gorgeous. Cheers to a terrific spring and a summer that can't be beat!

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Gettysburg College Class of 2007

'08

I heard from **Cristi Farrell Garfield**, who got married last Labor Day, Sept. 1, 2018, to Roger Garfield of Northville, MI. Cristi's very best friends from our class, many of whom were also Red House roommates, were in attendance: **Caitlin Murphy Osborne** was a bridesmaid, and **Katherine Corkhill Barthelmeh**, **Megan Moore Dunne**, **Kara Tammany Castleberry**, **Callie Gates**, **Jennie Howell Picconi**, and **Leslie Hynes Smith** also attended. In addition, **Sarah Latta Carter**, another one of Cristi's Red House roommates, read the eight beatitudes during the ceremony, and **Michelle Marsnick**, Cristi's fellow field hockey teammate, was also in attendance. The ceremony was held at Cristi's hometown church of St. Anastasia in Newtown Square, PA, followed by a reception at The Sheraton Society Hill (now the Philadelphia Marriott Old City) in Philadelphia. **Meghan Peck Aronson** and **Seth Aronson** had a baby girl. Her name is Ellie Carroll Aronson, and she was born in Concord, NH, on Apr. 5, 2019. In the fall, **Monica Charpentier** started a new position as an urgent care and emergency medicine pediatrician at Seattle Children's Hospital. Monica continues to love exploring the Pacific Northwest through hiking, backpacking, mountaineering, kayaking, sailing, and biking. **Julie Lindenman** married Dayne Jervis on June 29, 2019, in Hudson Valley, NY. **Blaire Nolan**, **Ashley Dexter Allatt**, **Rebekah Greenberg Roper**, and **Elizabeth Lucas Higgins** served as bridesmaids. Bekah remembered to bring along a Gettysburg flag which made it into

some photo booth shots. **Nick Lorenz** and his wife Amy welcomed their first son and future Bullet, Zachary Grant, born July 24, 2019, at 7 lbs. 7 oz. and 20.5 in. long. Zach joins his big sister Cecilia (2), who loves him very much and requests photos be taken of them together nearly every day to prove it. The family of four is doing amazing and moved this past year, residing close to King's Island in Cincinnati, OH. **Sarah Moddel Christian** and Tom Christian '07 welcomed their first child, Charlotte, on Aug. 27, 2019. The future Bullet is already proudly sporting her G'burg onesie.

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Gettysburg College Class of 2008

'09

Greetings, Class of 2009! **Stacey Seiler** married Jacob Fromhart on June 29, 2019. The night included a gigantic dance party at the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore. Gettysburgians in attendance included bridesmaid Cassie Sanford Leggiero '10, Rebecca Brown Thyssen '10, Jacquelyn Sargenti '08, **Allison Rague**, **Kate Judd Calendar**, and Leah Stancavitch McCabe '07. **Amanda Fasenmyer** was recently named as a 40 Under 40 by the *Silicon Valley Business Journal* and a Changemaker by *Gentry Magazine*. In the *Gentry* article, she mentioned her Gettysburg first-year seminar on homelessness. **Jason Tercha** and **Laura Caruso** were married on Aug. 17, 2019. They were lucky to celebrate the occasion surrounded by family and friends, including 12 other Gettysburg College alumni. As always, please send your updates to be included in the next issue of the magazine—we love hearing what other alumni are up to!

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Gettysburg College Class of 2009

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10TH REUNION YEAR

Alice Howlett and her husband Rich are happy to announce the birth of their son, Thomas Alan, on Nov. 21, 2018. **Molly Hall** and Andrew Hall '08 are excited to announce the arrival of their daughter Natalie in Apr. 2019.

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Gettysburg College Class of 2010

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Katherine Kunkel Halstead welcomed a new baby girl to her family. Brielle Alaina Halstead was born on Aug. 6, 2019, and weighed in at 9 lbs. 7 oz. Congratulations! Given we all have different circles and connections from the Gettysburg days, if anyone else would like to take a turn being our class correspondent, please let me know. I'd be happy to step aside to let someone else gather exciting information from classmates and friends. Have a wonderful spring and summer!

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Hello, Class of 2012! Some news from **Hannah Tenenbaum**—she is an agent at Paradigm Talent Agency in the brand partnerships department and was named to *Forbes* 30 Under 30 list in marketing and advertising for 2020. Please contact me with any news you have to share; I'd love to hear from you!

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Gettysburg College Class of 2012

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Hello, Class of 2013! It was a busy fall. I got married in Oct. 2019 in Hackettstown, NJ. The bridal party included **Mariah HallBilsback**, **Casina Malinchak**, **Elizabeth Poorman**, **Liz Williams**, and **Ashleigh Zicker**. Also in attendance were Anna Baldassarre '14, **Rebekah Oakes Ryer**, and Sarah Lowy '16. **Ricardo Purita** started a PhD program at FSU studying higher education. **Rebekah Oakes Ryer** married Benjamin Ryer in Warrenton, VA. The bridal party included **Gabby Hornbeck**, **Colleen McCutcheon**, Megan McNish '16, Avery Lentz '14, and **Emma Sheffer**. Also in attendance were **Amelia Grabowski**, **Mariah HallBilsback**, **Kavya Kumar**, and **Casina Malinchak**. **Emily Aiello Wisniewski** is finishing her pediatrics residency and was named chief resident for the upcoming year. **David Wisniewski** finished his PhD in biomedical science and now works at NIH doing cancer research.

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Hello, Class of 2014! It was so good to see many of you at our five-year Reunion at Gettysburg back in Oct. 2019. Here are some updates from your classmates. **Rebecca Johnson** is an associate of the commercial litigation and class action groups at Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP. Prior to joining Pietragallo, she worked at the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball (MLB). Rebecca earned her BA, magna cum laude, in philosophy and English with a writing concentration from Gettysburg and her JD from Harvard Law School. During law school, she participated in a variety of activities including the *Journal of Sports and Entertainment Law*, the Women's Law Association, and the Committee on Sports and Entertainment Law. **Amada Crespin** is pursuing her MS and PhD in justice and public policy at American U School of Public Affairs. She was recently promoted

to program manager at CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) DC after developing a program called EMPOWER, which handles abuse and neglect cases in the juvenile and family court involving human trafficking and sex crimes.

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Thank you to everyone who sent in updates. It's hard to believe that we've been out of Gettysburg for the same number of years that we attended, but from reading all of your updates and seeing pictures, I think that we've done Gettysburg proud! Check out all of the amazing things that your classmates have been up to recently. **Bethany Foxx** was included on D.C.'s 2019 *Inno* Under 25 for her work at D.C. public affairs tech firm Quorum as a customer success manager. **Kyle Labowski** and his wife welcomed their third child in Nov. 2018 and have moved back to Erie, PA, where Kyle works as a controls engineer at Wabtec Corp. **Emily Lunardi** received her master's degree in clinical mental health counseling with a specialization in drama therapy from Lesley U and is now the lead clinician at a partial hospitalization program for LGBTQ+ adults in Boston, MA. **Alexa Kowker** graduated from Lynchburg U's physician assistant program in 2019. **Josh Rubinstein** is in his second year

at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. **Taylor Bury** will graduate from U of MD's School of Dentistry in May 2020 with her DDS. She will then attend a residency program at WellSpan York Hospital in PA. **Lee Friendman** graduated from his master's degree program at Georgetown. **Sarah Martineau**, **Frankie Arigo**, **Erin Meachem**, **Katie McCoubrie**, **Laura Meyer**, and **Lucy Riley** have kept the Gettysburg spirit alive, reuniting over the winter for a fun-filled weekend in NYC. Sarah also celebrated her one-year anniversary as an employee at Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices Companies. **Dan Mallozzi** lives in Philadelphia, where he co-founded a small business accounting firm. In his free time, he also coaches collegiate swimming at Widener U. **Brian Calatozzo** works for Boeing in Ridley Park, PA. **Courtney Morrow** works for George P. Johnson, a global experiential marketing agency, as an associate event manager on their Google account. Courtney helped produce her first Google event in Brooklyn this past winter and will continue to travel and put together developer relations programs for their team. **Anna Stewart** is at AZ State working on her MS in speech-language pathology. **Paul Epler** attended the London School of Economics for graduate work in environmental policy and regulation. **Andrew Glavin** and **Emily Wasson** got married on Sept. 7, 2019, with a number of Gettysburg alumni in attendance!

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'17

Greetings from Gettysburg! I work at Gettysburg College in the Residential and First-Year Programs Office. I oversee Rice, Paul, and Stine. I love being back! **Matt Capobianco** represented his company, Lord Abbett, in joining with

the Movember Foundation to ring the NASDAQ opening bell on Nov. 15, 2019. Matt raised \$18,815 this year. **Anthony Wagner** lives in Brazil, where he serves as a regional leader of the Fulbright ETA grantee group. He recently completed a project, "Rock Paintings in Translation," that took public school students to local Neolithic rock paintings that are around 6,000 years old. More than 50 students participated and discussed the importance of cross-cultural communication, global citizenship, and the preservation of cultural landscapes. **Jennifer Milore** graduated from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) in July 2019 with an MS in counseling and clinical health psychology. She started her doctor of psychology in clinical psychology at PCOM. **Kelsey Meisch** graduated from American U with a master's degree in international relations, specializing in national security and foreign policy. **Kat Krohn** is at Temple U Beasley School of Law. **Cayla Kusnierz** is almost finished with her master's program in speech-language pathology at Seton Hall U. She finished a rotation at the Rebecca School in Manhattan, a school for students with autism and neurodevelopmental disorders. She did her final clinical placement at Mount Sinai Hospital, where she worked in the inpatient setting, mostly with individuals with dysphagia (swallowing disorders) and acquired communication disorders. **Rachel (Wilkins) Mace** graduated from U.S. Army Basic Combat Training in Nov. 2019 at Fort Jackson, SC. She was honored as soldier leader of the cycle. Rach is in officer candidate school at Fort Benning, GA. **Alex Delenko** moved to Long Island, NY, and works as a forensic scientist at American Regent, Inc. **Genie Lavanant** passed her board certification exam and became a certified athletic trainer. She works for Coordinated Health as an athletic trainer at Pocono Mountain East High School in Swiftwater, PA. **Taylor Tims** works at Johns Hopkins Hospital as a registered nurse in the

Comprehensive Transplant Unit. **Ashley Sauer** works as a research assistant for the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine in partnership with the Military HIV Research Program and lives in MD. **Joseph Recupero** works at Truman State U in Kirksville, MO, as an admissions counselor. **Sam Misurell** works as a guest talent coordinator at Disneyland in Anaheim, CA. Her job combines event logistics, educational outreach, and show production. She handles external entertainment that performs in Disney's CA Adventure and serves as their on-site liaison and stage manager. **Lina Zulick** works as a mental health counselor at the Seneca County Community Counseling Center. **TJ Lazo** works as a teacher in Cleveland and has added new responsibilities, working as a special education content specialist through Teach for America. **Hannah Dallman** won Teach For America's "Shark Tank OKC," an educational intervention competition. Her idea, RE.AL OKC (REading ALoud Oklahoma City), is a web-based app designed to benefit families with incarcerated members by creating a safe and meaningful bond through reading bedtime stories aloud and serves as a resource hub for the OKC community.

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Gettysburg College Class of 2017

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Hello, Class of 2018. I hope you all have been enjoying post-grad life and that 2020 is a year filled with success! Our classmates have continued being Gettysburg great, both here in the United States and abroad. **Alexa Krain** works at KWT Global in NYC, a public relations and brand strategy agency for consumer and business clients. She plans on continuing to live in the city and work in the industry for the foreseeable future. **Andrew Cowan** also moved to NYC since graduation. He writes radio

and television ads for various brands and organizations, such as UPS, Dunkin', and Blink-182, just to name a few. He balances this work with taking sketch writing classes at Upright Citizens Brigade. **Skyler Ehly** is studying for his MS in computer science at Lancaster U in Lancaster, England. After graduating, he plans on looking for a job involving research in the UK. Since graduation, **Hailey Royere** has worked toward receiving her law degree at Roger Williams U School of Law, where she focuses on public interest and international law. After law school, she plans on working in D.C. with international law in order to help countries better communicate and understand each other. After Gettysburg, **Thomas Clark** took his economics major and used it to work for SS&C Technologies. He sells different types of software to major players in the financial industry. He has been able to take his passion of running for Gettysburg's track and field team and continues to work out post-graduation. He still enjoys running and follows the Bullets online throughout their season. Make sure to check the alumni magazine in the fall to hear more about what our amazing class has been up to since leaving our beloved alma mater. Send updates my way!

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Following a beautiful graduation ceremony in May, members of the Class of 2019 are off to a successful start to their post-graduate careers! I myself moved to Copenhagen, Denmark, where I work in student affairs for DIS Study Abroad. **Arianna Bacon** lives in D.C. with **Haley Present**. Arianna works as a staffing consultant for Beacon Hill Staffing Group, while Haley works as a technical recruiter at the Addison Group. **Brittany Maronna** works at Kessler doing spinal cord injury research during her gap year(s) before

graduate school. **Christy Havrilla** relocated and now lives in Baltimore, MD, where she enjoys working with M&T Bank in their management development program. **Danielle DeMichael** lives in NYC and began her career as a holistic health pharmaceutical sales specialist for AllergoSan USA. Upon reflecting on her Gettysburg experience, she's grateful that the College offers a complementary and alternative medicine first-year seminar that sparked her interest in holistic health and well-being. **Ellie DeWitt** finished up her first semester at the U of PA's Graduate School of Education, where she is getting her PhD in education policy. **Haley Gluhanich** attends MI State U College of Law with an area of focus in constitutional law. She is proud to say that her Gettysburg education has objectively given her an advantage over her peers! **Haley Skinner** works as a statistician at the U.S. Dept. of Justice in D.C. **Hannah Hellmuth** is a biologist at the Institute for In Vitro Sciences. **Izabella Busher** completed her first semester of graduate school at the PA College of Optometry. **Jon Tracey** continues to work with the National Park Service seasonally while beginning an MA in public history at WVU. **Meg Dietz** started the physician assistant program at the U of Pittsburgh in Jan. **Pat Custer** is a business development associate at Politico. **Sam Engel** lives in Scotland, where he is working on his master's degree in conflict archaeology and heritage at the U of Glasgow. **Samantha Pfeffer** serves with AmeriCorps as a NJ Watershed Ambassador for Watershed Management Area 20. While this AmeriCorps position is run through the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Monitoring and Standards, she is based out of the Tulpehaking Nature Center in Mercer County. **Venissa Ledesma** works as a Peace Corps volunteer in Cameroon, Africa, specifically as a community health educator.

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Gettysburg College Class of 2019

CLASS PHOTOS



1 Jason Tercha '09 and Laura Caruso '09 were married on August 17, 2019. They were lucky to celebrate the occasion, surrounded by family and friends, including 12 other Gettysburg College alumni. Laura Caruso '09 and Jason Tercha '09 are centered in the photograph. Then in the dark dresses in the front row to the left (from left to right) are Trish (Mullinix) Hykes '10 and Beth (Leamy) Gross '10. In the second row from left to right: Anthony Bonsignore '09 (in the suit), Tylor Hykes '10 (light blue shirt), Sandy Keith (not a G'burg alum; Madeline Shephard's husband as of October 2019), Madeline Shephard '09 (in pink/red dress). Finally, in the back row, from left to the far right: Corey Whitby '10 (tall with sunglasses), Matt Gross '10, Dave Thomas '09, Amy Thomas '09, Amy Anderson '09, Kristen Makar '08, and Jessica Tercha '08. (Photo courtesy of Steph Hazel with Hazel-Lining Photography)

2 At the annual Distelfink Golf Reunion, from left to right: Flip Archard '66, Ed Southworth '64, Bruce Wilson '67, Steve Satir '67, Tom Carroll '67, Walt Wimer '66, Tony Volino '67, and Tom Duggan '67

3 Jason Vishio '00, Jon Katerba '99, Josh Rubinich '99, and Chris Pryor '00

4 From the wedding of Julie Lindeman '08, from left to right: Blaire Nolan, Ashley (Dexter) Allatt, Julie Lindeman, Beth (Lucas) Higgins, and Rebekah (Greenberg) Roper

5 Andrew Glavin '16 married Emily Wasson '16 on September 7, 2019, with a number of Gettysburg alumni in attendance!

6 From the wedding of Cristi (Farrell) Garfield '08 and Roger Garfield, Gettysburg grads and their dates, from left to right: Caitlin (Murphy) Osborne (and Kevin); Megan (Moore) Dunne (and B.J., Gettysburg College head men's basketball coach); Sarah (Latta) Carter (and Darren); Michelle Marsnick (and Kyle); Jennie (Howell) Picconi (and Seth, behind the bride); the bride and groom; Cristi (Farrell) and Roger Garfield; Callie Gates (and Casey); Leslie (Hynes) Smith (and Ben); Kara (Tammany) Castleberry (and Jack); and Katherine (Corkhill) Barthelmeh (and Brandon)



IN MEMORIAM

DATES 2019 UNLESS NOTED

- '41 James G. Dickensheets, Aug. 11
Wayne E. Snyder, June 2
- '42 Howard J. McCarney, Nov. 13
- '44 Dorothy Scheffer Hartlieb, Nov. 1
- '46 Kenneth C. Senft, Sept. 21
- '47 Jane Ann Lillich, Oct. 26
- '48 Miriam McCarney Ehrhart, July 31
John J. Inch Jr., June 25
Joseph W. Shuster, Nov. 5
- '49 William G. Atherholt, Sept. 15
Fred W. Bernstine, Dec. 15
William S. Cadzow Jr.,
Nov. 20, 2018
M. Jane Doyle, Nov. 23
W. Newlin Hewson, April 11
Charles R. Shadle, Oct. 1
Charles H. Sourber Jr., July 24
Henry W. Wedaa, Nov. 13
- '50 Donal C. Reeves, Nov. 19
Russell K. Riegel, Nov. 7
Mark S. Tome, Aug. 2
William E. Troxell, Dec. 12
- '51 Maude Aurand McDaniel, Aug. 11
Leonard A. Nugent Sr., Oct. 22
Robert E. O'Brien, Nov. 15
M. LeRoy Zeigler Jr., Sept. 23
- '52 Samuel G. DeSimone, Oct. 10
Marianne Bracey Holston, July 20
David H. Keller Jr., Sept. 14
Edwin N. Partikian, May
Jacob M. Yingling, Sept. 14
- '53 Kenneth W. Hagy, July 15
Pauline Dale Platt, Nov. 9
- '54 Georgeanna Reinbrecht Knisely,
Nov. 8
James A. Rost, July 22

- '55 Marilyn Huzzard Benson, July 29
Richard I. Brubaker, Oct. 9
James (Bill) William Kephart,
Aug. 17
Henrietta Velecky Lang, Sept. 1
Irvin M. Loose, Oct. 11
- '56 Charles E. Davies Jr., Dec. 25
Franklin R. Fesseden, Nov. 12
John M. Fuss, Sept. 25
Alfred L. Teti, Sept. 9
- '57 Donald W. Brandt, Aug. 31
Rodney A. Gatzke, Nov. 22
- '58 Lynn M. Loudon, Nov. 7
Norma Wieland Young, June 19
- '59 Benjamin C. Beal Jr., Aug. 27
Arthur H. Beck, May 1
Donald W. Merryman, Nov. 30
Paul E. Williams, Oct. 26
- '60 Floyd C. Adams Jr., Oct. 15
Sandra L. Dixon, Sept. 24
Michael H. Galassi, Sept. 14
Sally Skomsky Longenberger,
July 13
- '61 Austin L. "Jim" Crothers Jr., Aug. 3
Ronald D. Frederick, Sept. 7
Herbert F. Moulton, Sept. 12
- '62 Stephen B. Bonney, Nov. 1
Shirley Wertman Daniels, Nov. 2
Marvin D. Fink, Aug. 13
C. Robert Keller Jr., Nov. 22
Denise De Pugh Kelly, Oct. 14
Michael B. Kitz-Miller, July 20
Irvin E. Straw Jr., Sept. 6
Charles F. Trunk III, Nov. 26
- '63 William A. Slezak Jr., Oct. 30
William F. Trakat III, Sept. 23
- '64 Robert L. Wagner, Nov. 14

- '65 Robert J. Garson, Sept. 17
William H. McEwan, Nov. 9
Timothy D. McMillin, Sept. 12
George C. Newman II, July 21
- '66 Janice R. Frick, Oct. 31
- '67 Dwight D. Hering, Aug. 23
Roger A. Hicks, Aug. 26
Charles J. LaGrutta, Aug. 2
- '68 Kenneth M. Diable, Sept. 27
- '73 Richard J. Zuraw, Oct. 18
- '74 Michael D. Lee, March 4
- '76 Brian K. Weller, July 21
- '78 Alice L. Cave, Oct. 6
Joyce L. Koury, Dec. 10
William J. Rochette, Dec. 7
- '81 Kathryn A. Johnson, Aug. 12
- '83 Mark K. Robbins, Nov. 26
- '84 William W. Coventry Jr., July 29
Jefferson J. Shipman, Dec. 8
- '85 Curtis J. Paul, July 23
- '86 Peter Travis, Nov. 4, 2018
- '03 Ashley Sadler Huray, Jan. 1

FACULTY

Prof. Yeon-Su Kim, Nov.

RETIRED ADMINISTRATOR

Richard K. ("Dick") Wood, Nov. 1

RETIRED FACULTY

Leslie Gillespie Cahoon, Nov. 10

PROF. YEON-SU KIM

Yeon-Su Kim, associate professor in the Sunderman Conservatory of Music, passed away peacefully in November after an extended illness. Yeon-Su was surrounded by her loving family, including her husband, Eduardo Leandro, in a hospital outside Seoul, South Korea, at the time of her passing.

As the first violinist of the Cosmos Quartet, Yeon-Su delivered performances in Germany, Austria, and England, and worked in residencies under the Amadeus Quartet and the Tokyo Quartet. Her teachers included David Takeno, Syoko Aki, Simon Fischer, and Yuri Mazurkevich. She was the recipient of numerous awards, such as prizes at the Semmering Competition and the Leverhulme Fellowship at the Royal Academy of Music in England. As a recitalist and chamber musician, she performed and taught in festivals in Austria, Brazil, England, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United States. She has given performances on the BBC Radio and the German National Radio.

Above all, Yeon-Su was an inspiring and dedicated teacher who was committed to her students and generous with her time. In 2016, Yeon-Su’s outstanding teaching was recognized by her peers through the Luther W. and Bernice L. Thompson Distinguished Teaching Award.

According to one of her colleagues, Yeon-Su was the type of colleague with whom one could have highly engaging, wide-ranging discussions about music and life. Moreover, she has been described as an insightful musician whose depth of understanding was informed by a long acquaintance with art. Yeon-Su worked for the excellence of the Sunderman Conservatory without drawing attention to herself. She will always be remembered as a very kind and talented person.

Republished from a letter sent by Provost Christopher Zappe to colleagues

ROBERT E. O’BRIEN ’51

Robert “Bob” E. O’Brien, of Gettysburg, PA, died Nov. 15, 2019 at the age of 92. Born in Brooklyn, NY, O’Brien grew up in Bergen County, NJ, and graduated from Ridgefield Park High School, where he participated in football, baseball, and was a member of the 1944 state championship basketball team.

O’Brien studied physics at Gettysburg College, where he was president of the Physics Honor Society, co-captain of the basketball team, and a member of the Gettysburg College Honor Society and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was employed by RCA Corp. for 33 years, where he held various management positions, including plant manager for Power Transistor Operations in Mountaintop, PA. In addition, he was project manager of semiconductors for the MX Missile Guidance and Control System and project director for Technology Transfer Programs at Somerville, NJ.

After retiring in Gettysburg, he volunteered at Gettysburg College for the Orange and Blue Athletic Advisory Council, Alumni Association Executive Board, Commission on the Future, and several other committees. He was selected to the Gettysburg College Hall of Athletic Honor in 1993 and was given a Meritorious Service Award by the College in 1996.

He is survived by five daughters, Anne M. Kupstas, Carolyn L. Austin, Eileen M. Chunko, Catherine E. Pace, Susan E. Wagner, and their families.

RUSSELL K. RIEGEL ’50

Russell K. Riegel, 90, legendary athletic director and wrestling coach, passed away Nov. 7, 2019, in Richmond, KY. Riegel was born in Washington, NJ, and began a lifelong relationship with wrestling at Washington High School. He was a four-time New Jersey high school state finalist, winning state championship titles in 1944 and 1946. He studied history and wrestled at Gettysburg College, where he amassed a collegiate wrestling record of 63-1. He was a four-time Middle Atlantic Conference champion and twice named the conference’s most valuable wrestler. He continued to wrestle in the Navy while obtaining the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade.

Riegel began his career at Hunterdon Central High School, NJ, as the first athletic director and wrestling coach, a position he held for 35 years from 1956 to 1991. In 1991, he moved to Kentucky, where he coached wrestling at Harrison County High School from 1994 to 2010. Riegel was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2002, the Hunterdon Central High School Hall of Fame in 2010, and the Gettysburg College Hall of Athletic Honor in 1984. In 1989, he was

Wrestling USA Magazine’s “Man of the Year.” He coached 12 state wrestling champions in New Jersey and Kentucky. Riegel had five undefeated seasons and his wrestling teams were continually ranked in the top 10 in New Jersey.

Riegel is survived by his wife, Melissa Frances Riegel; three daughters, Kim Eubanks, Debbie Schmidt, and Kelly Hadley; and their families.

HENRY W. WEDAA ’49

Henry “Hank” W. Wedaa, 95, passed away on Nov. 13, 2019, at his home in Anaheim, CA. Wedaa was a longtime Yorba Linda, CA, city councilman and environmental consultant who served in the Air Force during World War II. Wedaa, born in NJ, enlisted in the Army Air Force at the age of 18 and was trained as a bombardier and aerial gunner. After serving in more than 30 missions over Northern Europe during World War II, Wedaa went on to study physics and chemistry at Gettysburg College, and then physics in graduate school at the University of Arizona.

Wedaa’s professional career included being the founder, president, and general manager of California School Book Fairs, Inc., which specialized in providing children’s books to schools in California and other western states. Wedaa was also the president of Valley Environmental Associates, an organization he started that specializes in aviation-oriented environmental impact studies and air quality issues. Wedaa authored and co-authored more than 30 technical papers and reports in the field and has also gained extensive experience through such positions as program manager for environmental impacts studies for Olson Laboratories, project engineer on a nuclear light water breeder reactor program for Aerojet-General Corporation, chief of ordnance at the Martin Company, and engineering department head for Aerojet. In addition, Wedaa served as the chairman of the governing board of South Coast Air Quality Management District, as a member of the SCAG Environmental Quality Committee, as a delegate to the South Coast Regional Coastal Commission, as a member of the North American Clean Air Alliance for Zero Emission Vehicles, and was the co-founder of Fuel Cells for Transportation. In 2013, Gettysburg College acknowledged Wedaa’s professional and civic accomplishments with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

He is survived by his two daughters, Karena (Kree) Bakic and Tina Stevens, and his two sons, Jim Wedaa and Eric Wedaa.

JACOB M. YINGLING ’52

Jacob “Jake” M. Yingling, 88, of Westminster, MD, died on Sept. 14, 2019. Yingling received a BA in history from Gettysburg College and was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

He and his wife, Genny, moved to Westminster, MD, to raise their family, and there, he served the county and state in various roles, most notably as a representative in the Maryland House of Delegates and as assistant secretary for Economic and Community Development for the State of Maryland. A civic-minded citizen, Yingling was pleased to serve on boards for The Maryland School for the Deaf, St. Joseph’s Hospital, Carroll County Historical Society, and Kiwanis Club. In addition, he was a proud member of the Sons of the American Revolution and a member of Door to Virtue Lodge No. 46, A.F. & A.M.

Yingling is survived by his wife of 68 years, Genny; his sons, Stephen and Randall, and their families; and a sister, Ave Maria Staub.

**CLASS NOTES
CORRESPONDENTS
DEADLINES**

6/1 for Fall
12/1 for Spring

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JOHN JAEGER '65

Gettysburg College Honorary Life Trustee **John Jaeger '65** passed away on February 16, 2020, at the age of 76.

Jaeger served on the College's Board of Trustees for 14 years (1998-2012). During his tenure, he was instrumental to advancing our shared mission by strengthening the institution in a variety of strategic areas, including through his leadership and contributions to the *Gettysburg Great Campaign*, *The Unfinished Work Campaign*, the Commission on the Future, the Gettysburg Fund, and the Eisenhower Institute, as well as to several student scholarships and campus facilities projects, most notably the construction of the Science Center and The John F. Jaeger Center for Athletics, Recreation and Fitness.

"John Jaeger was truly one of a kind—a generous and dedicated Gettysburgian who had a lasting impact on our College and our student experience. He was, until his passing, the last of our living Honorary Life Trustees, a distinction awarded to only 11 people in the history of our College," said **President Bob Iuliano**.

"I had the honor of meeting John in my early weeks as president, and was immediately inspired by his deep admiration for, and commitment to, his alma mater. His volunteer service to our College, particularly on the Board of Trustees and the Eisenhower Institute National Advisory Council, combined with his selfless philanthropic support, will continue to have a profound impact on Gettysburg College for generations to come. He leaves a remarkable legacy that will not be forgotten. I join the campus community in expressing my condolences to his family and friends."

A former business major, Jaeger served as the chairman of the DANAC Corporation. As a Visionary Gettysburgian and a member of our 1832 Society, Jaeger's lifetime family giving to Gettysburg College exceeded \$7 million, including a \$2.5 million gift to the John Jaeger Unrestricted Endowment in 2011. In honor of his generous philanthropic support, Jaeger's name was added to our Benefactors' Wall in 2005.

"I am fortunate to have known John and to have been able to call him a true friend," said **Bob Duels '77**, former chair of the Board of Trustees. "Behind his tough exterior was a most generous and humble man. My world is better for having known John."

Jaeger was a driving force behind the Center for Athletics, Recreation and Fitness, which opened in 2009 and was rededicated in his honor in 2012. As the key advocate of the Center's creation, Jaeger spearheaded a Trustee-led

subcommittee that performed a detailed preconstruction review, including project scope and architectural design. Shortly after this intensive work, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the \$25 million project and fundraising commenced. Jaeger delivered the first major gift to the project—and offered to match all future gifts to the Center, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$1.2 million.

Today, the Center serves as an ideal athletic and recreation space for Gettysburg's active campus community. The 55,000-square-foot building connects to the Bream Wright Hauser Athletic Complex and includes a natatorium with eight competition lanes, a four-lane warm-up pool, and 350-seat spectator gallery. The Center also features a 10,000-square-foot weight and fitness room, multipurpose spaces, and a state-of-the-art bouldering and rock-climbing wall.

The John F. Jaeger Center for Athletics, Recreation and Fitness was constructed following a set of standards for environmental sustainability developed by the United States Green Building Counsel, also known as the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System.

Thanks in large measure to the Center, Gettysburg College earned a Top 20 "Best Athletic Facilities" ranking by the Princeton Review in 2015, 2018, and 2019, as well as "Everyone Plays Intramural Sports" recognition by the outlet in 2014, 2015, and 2016.

Since his graduation in 1965, Jaeger proved to be one of Gettysburg College's most devoted volunteers. He served as chair of the Life Safety Task Force, Bullet Land Board, and the Audit and College Life Committees, as well as co-chair of the Athletics and Recreation Facilities Committee. Jaeger also sat on the Finance, Endowment, Vice Presidential Search,

and Steering Committees, among many others.

"John Jaeger's love for Gettysburg College was boundless," said Trustee Emeritus **Bob Joseph '69**. "He had ambitious aspirations for Gettysburg, setting the bar high and continuously asking what he and others could do to help make the College even better. John led by example, through his distinguished service as a Trustee and his very generous financial support, hoping that his actions would inspire others to do the same. We socialized often—on the golf course, bocce court, and over dinner with our wives and friends, where the conversation invariably turned to what was new at the College or the status of the current comprehensive campaign. John will long be remembered by the Gettysburg College community as an alumnus who truly made a difference and by me as a great friend who is dearly missed."

More recently, Jaeger offered his invaluable insights and guiding voice to the Eisenhower Institute National Advisory Council and the EI National Advisory Council Development Committee, helping the Institute to deepen its national footprint and promote its unique brand of nonpartisan discourse and critical analysis to students and policy leaders alike.

"John's unassuming manner sometimes concealed a wealth of compassion, wit, and wisdom; his subtle humor was infectious and mischievous, his spirit was untamed, and his quiet generosity to Gettysburg College and the Eisenhower Institute bespoke of his deep affection for and belief in the value of each of them. And, to be his friend was a rewarding treasure that will be most difficult to ever replace," said **Fred Fielding '61** of The Fielding Center for Presidential Leadership Study at the Eisenhower Institute. **G**

What makes a great
COLLECTOR?




DON SNYDER '62,
A RETIRED SEARS,
ROEBUCK AND CO.
RETAIL EXECUTIVE,
SHARES HOW HE
METICULOUSLY CURATED
A 1,100-SQUARE-FOOT
TOY COLLECTION.

I began collecting toys in December 1966. At the time, I was the personnel manager in the Sears Trenton, New Jersey, store. We had just purchased 200 Lionel complete starter train sets, which we sold for \$6.88. I bought one for our 2-year-old son, and I was hooked. Like most young boys growing up in the late 1940s and 1950s, many of us had a fascination with toy trains, vehicles, soldiers, and cowboys and Indians. Those were the early days of television, the Korean War, and all sorts of new post-war products. Those early interests stayed with many of us as we started our own families.

During my 32-year career with Sears, my promotions relocated our family 11 different times to new cities and states. Fortunately, I am blessed with a wonderful wife, *Linda Giulino Snyder '63*, who was totally supportive of our transfers and always tolerant of my ever-growing collection of toys. Given all the relocations we made over the years, one might think I would ultimately become frustrated and lose the abiding interest in pursuing my hobby. That never happened and it seems to be a similar phenomenon with many other collectors whom I have known over the years. The perennial hunt is often as satisfying as the actual acquisition.

I have at times been asked if I identified any overlap with my hobby and my retail career. In my case, I believe there was. One of the crucial elements in retail merchandising excellence is presentation. This begins first with the overall impression the incoming customer feels about the store layout and appearance. It then carries forward to the actual presentation of the store's merchandise. Is the merchandise displayed neatly with related accessories or add-ons close by? Is the space well-maintained? These are the cardinal principles I emphasized throughout my career from department manager to regional manager positions. This attention to detail carried over to the presentation of my toy collection in many of our homes.

My aim was always to make my presentations as realistic and interesting as possible. For example, I made a village train display with buildings, vehicles, and people. I organized the trains around the walls of my train room by type and the geographic locations they represented. I would be remiss if I did not explain that while the collection occupied 1,100 square feet of our New York home, you could visit us and never even know that the collection was present. It occupied a large bonus room on our second floor and 800 square feet of our finished basement. My wife, Linda, in explaining her husband's passion said, "You can take the man out of retail, but you can't take the retail out of the man." 



ABOVE A sample of Don's collection

COPING WITH CANCER: HOW GETTYSBURG IS A POWERFUL FORCE IN MY FIGHT

My experience at Gettysburg College prepared me for life, for job changes, relocations, and the challenges of leadership and parenting that came my way. I also established lifelong friendships that survive to this day. I quenched my competitive thirst through intramurals and the ice hockey club. Guest speakers, plays, musical concerts, art exhibits, and the historical significance of the campus and the surrounding region all added to the richness and depth of college life.

I did not realize, when I walked across the stage to receive my diploma, that the critical thinking and research skills, openness to alternative opinions, tolerance, and the unquenchable curiosity I developed would also prepare me for unexpected health challenges.

In May 2018, following a month of symptoms I attributed to my annual tiff with seasonal allergies, I was administered a brain MRI based on an increasing frequency of stumbles. A lesion was found on my right temporal lobe. The craniotomy and tumor resection surgery went well, and a few days later, it was confirmed I had a glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) grade IV tumor.

Craig Frost '89, a physics major and mathematics minor, enjoyed a 25-year career at Verizon Wireless before transitioning to a business development role at a family-owned business in 2014. He earned his master's in engineering of technical leadership from Stevens Institute of Technology in 2013. He and his wife, Sue Mitchell '88, have three sons.

The critical thinking skills I honed at Gettysburg were put to the test, leading to what I feel have been important decisions I needed to make along this new journey. I control what I can control. I stay abreast of potential trials, share my story, stay positive, and speak publicly to raise awareness of brain tumors, including GBM, and of Optune, an antimitotic device. Hopefully, in some way, I am able to inspire medical professionals, caregivers, and patients dealing with a variety of cancers to continue their work to find a cure, to live in the moment, and to have hope, even in the face of potentially daunting statistics.

As of the writing of this story, I am approaching 20 months since my diagnosis with no signs of the tumor recurring. I also know that it will recur at some point, and I trust that my care team, caregivers, and I will embark on a new treatment protocol, with our eyes still firmly set on living a full life for as long as it takes to find a definitive cure for GBM.



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