BEFORE THE CLOCK STRIKES 12…

As you may have noticed, Bullet Points is being sent a day earlier than usual. That's because it's the last day of 2017, so we wanted to provide a friendly reminder to make your tax-deductible gifts to your preferred philanthropic organizations before midnight tonight! Of course, we hope that one of your priorities is Gettysburg College and we thank you in advance for including us in your generosity.

- You can make a secure, online gift to the Gettysburg Fund or Orange & Blue Club, and mailing instructions - as well as other information - can also be found on the page.

- If you are 70 ½ or older, remember the opportunity to give through a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA. Learn more.

- If you have a question, please email gettysburg_fund@gettysburg.edu by 3 p.m. (EST) today and an Annual Giving staff member will get back to you.

- Every gift matters! The percentage of Gettysburgians who support their alma mater is the sole factor in how “alumni satisfaction” is perceived by some outside
organizations, such as *U.S. News & World Report*. So whether the gift is for $5 or $50,000, every gift DOES make a difference!

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**MARK THAT CALENDAR:**

Now that you’re poised to hang your new 2018 calendar(s) on the fridge/office wall/bulletin board (and/or update your digital device), here are some G-burg dates to include:

- **JAN. 15** – Application deadline for potential Class of 2022 members
- **JAN. 26** – *Twilight Hour*
- **MARCH 10-18** – Spring Break (for students)
- **APRIL 7** – Gettysburg College Founders Day – Happy No. 186th Birthday, G-burg!
- **MAY 19-20** – *Commencement Weekend*
- **MAY 31** – Last day of *Gettysburg Great: The Campaign for Our College*
- **MAY 31-JUNE 1** – Reunion Weekend/Alumni College, Orange & Blue Golf Classic (June 1)
- **JUNE 22-27** – *Civil War Institute Conference* (10% discount for alumni)
- **JULY 4** – *Patriotic Pops Concert & Fireworks* on campus
- **AUG. 27** – First day of classes
- **SEPT. 21-23** – Homecoming Weekend & Campaign Celebration
- **OCT. 19-21** – Family Weekend
- **NOV. 19** – 155th Anniversary of Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address (Dedication Day)
GETTYSBURG GREATS IN THE NEWS

- Pete White ’59 has been a popular man in his retirement community since setting up his model train for Christmas. [See how it looks and read why he does it.]

- Major General Bill Matz ’61 has been appointed by President Trump to serve as secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission, which oversees our overseas commemorative cemeteries and memorials. [Learn more.]

- Ed Marable ’77 received the Peter W. Rodino, Jr. “Humanitarian Achievement Award” from the Seton Hall University School of Law last month. His legal work as a public defender and strong advocacy for child welfare issues were central to his selection.

- Kevin Burke ’90 was named as Gettysburg’s new head football coach earlier this month. He takes over for Barry Streeter, who was at the helm for 39 years. [Read more about it.]

- Jim Schultz ’94 worked in the in Trump White House as an ethics lawyer for nearly a year. [Read about what he did and where he went after he left] in a Q&A with John Baer P’01 in the Philadelphia Inquirer. The piece also references Fred Fielding ’61, who has worked in four White House administrations.

- Lukwesa Morin ’14, an environmental studies major, won a “Look-a-Like” contest for her remarkable similarity (in both looks and humanitarian interests) to Meghan Markle, who recently got engaged to Prince Harry. [Read/see more.]

AROUND TOWN & CAMPUS

- For whatever it’s worth… most members of the Class of ’70 will be turning 70 in 2018, while the majority of Class of 2020 students will be turning 20 this year.

- The G-burg women’s and men’s basketball teams will play Centennial Conference games in the mecca of college basketball – The Palestra in Philadelphia – on Sunday, Jan. 14, and you’re cordially invited to witness it in person! [See more info]
and get your tickets today!

- Rwanda, Nicaragua, Morocco, Las Cruces, NM, and Little Rock, AR, are some of the destinations students will visit over the long winter break thanks to immersion trips through the Center for Public Service. See what they'll be studying and doing in January.

- Read the latest news from the Office of Diversity & Inclusion.

- See how Gettysburg stacks up in a variety of national rankings.

- Next November the College will dedicate a memorial to alumni who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces during the 1965-1973 period of the Vietnam War. To help ensure a complete list, this is the LAST CHANCE to please let us know if you are aware of any names that should be added to the following list that's been compiled thus far: Ronald Thomson '60, Edgar Burchell '62, Joseph Murphy '63, John Colestock '65, James Ewing '65, Andrew Muns '65, George Callan '66, Robert Morris '66, Charles Richardson '66, J. Andrew Marsh '67, Stephen Warner '68, Daniel Whipps '69, Stephen Doane '70. In addition to these alumni, ROTC instructor Millard Valerius will be included.

- As usual, the campus and town were decorated for Christmas. See how things looked, including several fraternity houses, Penn Hall and the Square, in December.

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**CAREER CORNER**

- THANK YOU to the many alumni and parent volunteers who are hosting more than 175 students for a variety of experiential opportunities this January through the Center for Career Development, including job shadows and a Career Immersion trip to Florida. These are wonderful learning experiences for current students and we are grateful to have such generous volunteers! Would you like to inspire students in their career path? Learn how you can get involved.

- See what resources are available to alumni through the Center for Career Development, including online assessment tools, resume and cover-letter-writing tips, job openings and more.
CAMPAIGN CORNER

- The final five months for Gettysburg Great: The Campaign for Our College are here! The total goal for the Campaign is $150 million, and thus far – after six years and seven months – more than $143 million has been raised to benefit current and future Gettysburg students. See the latest news, learn about the five priorities of the Campaign, and see how you can make a difference – ALL gifts count and matter!

- One easy way to impact the Campaign is to help support students through an intensive cultural immersion program in Bali, Indonesia this summer. This interdisciplinary course led by music professor Brent Talbot helps students explore the culture, art, language, and music of Bali through hands-on experiences spread out over a month on the island. Learn more about the trip and make a gift today!

January Alumni, Parent, & Campus Events of Interest

Dec 31  Last Day to Make Gifts for 2017 Tax Year
http://www.gettysburg.edu/alumni2/give/many-ways-to-give.dot

Jan 01  Download Desktop Calendar for January
January Calendar

Jan 06  Charlotte, NC, Reception w/ President Riggs
Home of the Edelsons, 4:30 p.m. Register

Jan 08  Philly Club planning meeting
Wegman’s King of Prussia, 6:30 p.m.

Jan 14  Bullets Basketball doubleheader & reception
The Palestra, Philadelphia, 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. games w/ reception in between
| Jan 19       | NYC Club Backstage with Gilder Lehrman Collection |
|             | NY Historical Society, 6 p.m. (SOLD OUT)          |
| Jan 22      | Spring Semester begins                           |
| Jan 24      | NYC Club planning meeting                        |
|             | Location TBA, 7 p.m.                              |
| Jan 25      | NYC Night w/G-burg Athletic Coaches              |
|             | Club Quarters Midtown, 6:30-8:30 p.m.             |
|             | Register                                          |
| Jan 26      | Twilight Hour on campus to welcome Class of 2021 to Alumni Association |
|             | 6:30 p.m.                                         |
| Jan 31      | Adams County Club Basketball Tailgate            |
|             | Bream Gym, 6:30 p.m.                              |

**Trivia Time:**

In 1868 – 150 years ago tomorrow – what was the value of the College’s endowment?

*A t-shirt goes to the first person to email alumni@gettysburg.edu with the correct answer (credit given for first guess within $100,000 of the right answer)!

Congratulations to last month’s winner, Curt Townshend ’81 P’14, who was first to correctly answer that Barry Streeter retired with 196 career victories as G-burg’s football coach.
Bullet Points

Gettysburg College's monthly E-newsletter for alumni, parents, and friends
Suggestions for Bullet Points can be emailed to alumni director Joe Lynch ’85 at jlynch@gettysburg