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 the 2014 tax year, 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’d like to speak “live” to someone, call 800-238-5528 by 2 p.m. (EST) today.
- 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!
- Congress has extended a benefit that allows people over 70 ½ years in age to direct 2014 IRA distributions as charitable gifts with no tax on those distributions. Learn more.

Thank you again for your connection to, and support of, Gettysburg College.

MARK THAT CALENDAR: Now that you’re poised to hang your new 2015 calendar(s) on the fridge/office wall/bulletin board (or update your digital device), here are some G-burg dates to include:

- JAN. 15 – Application deadline for potential Class of 2019 members
- MARCH 7-15 – Spring Break (for students)
- APRIL 7 – Gettysburg College Founders Day – Happy No. 183, G-burg!
- MAY 16-17 – Commencement Weekend
- MAY 28-MAY 31 – Alumni College/Reunion Weekend
- JUNE 12-14 – Gettysburg Festival (arts, music, culture) on campus and in town
- JUNE 12-14 – 2nd Annual “Alumni Family Weekend” for alumni with kids/grandkids
- AUG. 31 – First day of classes
- OCT. 16-18 – Homecoming Weekend & Class of 2010 Fifth Reunion, Alumni of Color Reunion, Sunderman Conservatory 10th Anniversary, and LGBTQA Gathering
- OCT. 23-25 – Family Weekend
GETTYSBURG GREATS IN THE NEWS:

- Mike Reichgott ’61 received the national Distinguished Service Award from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education for his contributions to the field. [Read more.]
- Don Burden ’63 was re-elected as mayor of Shrewsbury, NJ.
- Tom McCracken ’66 appeared on video on national TV (Fox) during the Eagles-Cowboys NFL game on Thanksgiving. He was catching a pass from Hall-of-Fame quarterback Roger Staubach, who was being featured on the broadcast, during an annual Turkey Bowl touch football game. Staubach and McCracken (who played football at Gettysburg on the ’64 MAC University Division Championship team) are neighbors in TX.
- Paul Seale ’75 will head up the Hershey Medical Center, beginning on Jan. 5. [Read more.]
- Jocelyn Idema ’99 is listed as a “Top 36 Spine Doctor Under Age 40,” nationally, by Becker’s Spine Review. [Read about her.]
- Jon Condra ’11 was interviewed on MSNBC about the Sony hacking story and subsequent threats related to the film “The Interview”; he is Director of East Asian Research & Analysis for Flashpoint Global Partners. [See the video.]
- Add Meghan Berry ’03, Anskar Fosse ’11, Heather Dugan Keaney ’97 and Graham Kinnerer ’08 to the list of Gettysburg alums who ran the 2014 NYC Marathon, while current student Emily Zbehlik ’15 ran the Marine Corps Marathon in Oct. We also heard from Fred Lockenmeyer ’55, who completed his 15th NYC Marathon in 2013! Fred Schumacher ’69 also continues to run like Forrest Gump; this fall he completed his 37th JFK 50-mile ultra-marathon. In addition, Fred organized a 25-hour run in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, where Francis Scott Key is buried, to honor the 200th anniversary of the penning of our national anthem.

AROUND TOWN & CAMPUS:

- Continuing a customary campus tradition, fraternities decked out their houses for Christmas. [See how they – and a few other town & campus buildings – looked.]
- [Check out] how others rated/ranked the College in 2014 – it’s impressive!
- From the premiere of 1000 to 1(now available on Netflix) to the launch of “Gettysburg Great: The Campaign for Our College,” 2014 was a great year. [Review the highlights] and share all that makes Gettysburg and great inseparable with talented high school students you may know.
- Looking for a unique vacation option this spring? The Gettysburg Recreation Adventure Board (GRAB) has organized trekking trips to the Greek Isles and Bordeaux, France this May and June, respectively, which are open to alumni, parents and friends. For something more “outdoorsy,” there are also backpacking trips to the Smokey Mountains and Olympic National Park (a Scotland trip is already full). [Learn more!]
- Allen Guelzo, director of the College’s Civil War Era Studies program, wrote a piece in the Wall Street Journal about a soldier who received the Medal of Honor in 2014 for his courage and bravery at the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. [Read his story.]
Gabor Boritt, retired director of the Civil War Institute at the College, has compiled and edited a new booklet on Lincoln: “The Will of God Prevails: Meditations on God and the Gettysburg Address,” which consists of original Lincoln quotes and writings. Learn more.

The 3rd annual Twilight Walk will take place on Friday, Jan. 23. The entire First Year class is invited that night to process from the CUB Ballroom to the north steps of Penn Hall, where it will serenade President Riggs with the Alma Mater. Janet will also deliver brief remarks, welcoming members of the Class of 2018 into the Alumni Association, for which they qualify by virtue of successfully completing their first semester. Learn more.

At Homecoming in 2015, there will be several events for LGBTQA alumni, including the opportunity to meet with current students. If you would like to be included on the mailing/email list to receive information/invitations, contact associate alumni director Jen Brennan ’01 at jbrennan@gettysburg.edu.

CAMPAIGN CORNER:

- We’re excited to share the news that more than $84 million has now been raised to benefit current and future students through “Gettysburg Great: The Campaign for Our College.” That’s an increase of more than $7 million since the public launch of the Campaign just three months ago, and puts the Campaign 56% of the way toward the goal of $150 million.
- 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! The Campaign was publicly launched on Sept. 20, 2014, following a three-year leadership phase.

CAREER CORNER:

- Is one of your New Year’s Resolutions to be better at staying in touch and networking with people? If so, join the Gettysburg College Professional Network on LinkedIn, home to more than 7,000 members of the Gettysburg community.
- The next free, monthly Career Webinar will be offered Wed., Jan. 7 at 8 p.m. (ET), when Los Ellis presents a session entitled “Grab Your Keys and Drive Your Career.” Register for this and see the other offerings for Gettysburgians that are available online.
- Thanks again to the scores and scores of alumni and parents who are hosting career experiences for current students in early January during the semester break! Learn how you can get involved in future such activities through the Center for Career Development.

IN MEMORIAM: We’re saddened to report the loss of Edwin Freed ’43, who passed away on Dec. 12 at the age of 94. The author of 10 books, he taught religion at the College for 36 years and was also a graduate of the Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg, as well Harvard, where he earned his Ph. D. He is survived by his wife, Anna; they would’ve celebrated their 71st anniversary on Dec. 19.
**TRIVIA TIME:** What class currently has the largest percentage of its members supporting the College in this fund year? A t-shirt goes to the first person to email alumni@gettysburg.edu with the correct answer.

Congratulations to last month’s winner, long-time entrant Keith Talbert ’85, who was the first to correctly answer that Christ Chapel was dedicated on Oct. 17, 1953.

### January Alumni/Parent, Campus & Other Events of Interest

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To see a listing of all campus events visit www.gettysburg.edu/events.

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