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PROLIFIC PREPARATOR OF PHYSICS GRADS

The American Institute of Physics listed Gettysburg College among the nation’s top producers of undergraduate physics majors. The College is among only 74 schools that graduated 10 or more physics majors each year, between 2012 and 2014. The list includes schools of all sizes—including several large universities—where a bachelor’s is the highest degree offered in physics.

“Our alumni go on to do a variety of things—supporting NASA missions, engineering green spaces for urban areas, working in ophthalmology, running microbreweries, designing full-immersion audio hardware, just to name a few,” said Prof. Sharon Stephenson, W.K.T. Sahm Professor of Physics and department chair.

Here are ways a few alumni are applying their major, today:

Alana Allen ’15
Allen teaches high school physics at People’s Preparatory Charter School in Newark, New Jersey, through Teach For America.

“In my first year at Gettysburg, I learned about basic physics and physics concepts, and that’s what I emphasize with my students, because they can use it in so many classes. And when they get frustrated, I remember being there. Even at Gettysburg, I remember thinking ‘this is too hard,’ but there was always one of my professors there to push me to do more, push me to keep working hard—so I try to do those same things for my students.”

Russell Composto ’82
“Prof. Richard Mara was the best educator I ever had across the years, including my time at Cornell,” said Composto. “The enthusiasm he had for the subject matter influenced me to attend graduate school.”

Composto is Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education and a professor in materials science and engineering at the University of Pennsylvania. He returned to Gettysburg to give a lecture and said that as a dean, he specifically looks for engineering students who come from liberal arts schools.

“We don’t know where the future of technology or science is headed, so core skills in the future of technology or science is headed, so core skills in the sciences are necessary,” he said. “A liberal arts education sets you up with a foundation for your career.”

Michael Booz ’16
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Peter Christ ’17 and Prof. Sharon Stephenson

PHYSICS GRADS

Prof notes

CAROLINE HARTZELL

Mentoring
I went to a liberal arts college, myself—the University of Puget Sound. It hadn’t occurred to me to get my PhD until I had faculty who said, “So, when you go to graduate school…” To have that kind of influence on someone is harder at a big institution. You can get to know students here.

The Gettysburg Cycle
In fall, we kicked off the first of a four-year cycle of themes based on policy issues. Each topic has global, national, and local implications; each can be considered through multiple lenses; and each can connect the academic and co-curricular. This year, we are looking at food and food justice. Next year, health will be our theme.

Research and teaching
My research is on contemporary (post-WWII) civil conflict, which I became interested in because my mother is from Colombia—a country that has had more than one civil war. I specialize in looking at negotiated settlements and, in particular, power-sharing agreements to end civil war.

My research is very important to me, in part because of its policy implications. Connecting to the relevant policy communities can be something of a challenge when one teaches at a liberal arts college, but Gettysburg College has been very supportive.

Prof. Caroline Hartzell is founding director of the College’s Globalization Studies program, current director of the Center for the Study of Global Issues, and editor of the journal Conflict Management and Peace Science. Her courses center on international relations. More about the Year of Food and the Gettysburg Cycle can be found online.
Internship
SIRIUS-LY
a win-win

I t’s just before 10 p.m. on a Tuesday night, when Josh Hamilton of the Texas Rangers hits his fourth home run in a game against the Baltimore Orioles. He’s just the 16th player to do that in Major League Baseball history. Within 30 minutes, I have him on the phone for a live post-game interview on SiriusXM satellite radio.

I was two years removed from Gettysburg College and this was among the first of many adrenaline rushes on the job. In the four years since, I’ve covered national championships in college basketball and football, traveled to nearly 20 different states, and produced special programming with Mike Krzyzewski, the U.S. Olympic men’s basketball coach, and the team.

None of that would have happened without internships, my Gettysburg College experience, and hard work. As an undergrad, I wasn’t entirely sure what I wanted to do with my career. My liberal arts education allowed me to test the waters of many subjects, and it also challenged me with chemistry, philosophy, and statistics.

Most important, I was able to secure internships (for credit) that helped me discern what to do after graduation. As an intern at SiriusXM, I logged baseball games, edited highlights, and saw what life in a radio studio was like. I worked late, said yes to everything I was asked, and made connections that paid off very quickly for me.

At Gettysburg, I learned the value of hard work, and my various internships built on that foundation. Out of my SiriusXM internship came a part-time position during my senior year, and since graduation I was hired full time and then promoted to a management position, running SiriusXM College Sports Nation.

English major Olivia Branco ’10 studied abroad in Denmark, lettered in field hockey, completed the Washington, D.C. semester at American University, worked on G-burg TV, and held internships with USA Weekend, USA Today—and the College’s web communications office. She is executive producer of SiriusXM College Sports Nation. 

• A watched cell phone never gets the text message returned.
• Double-check the batteries in the recorder. Then, triple-check them.
• Always answer the phone with a smile on your face. Every day working in sports radio brings some new challenge, opportunity, and experience. I am proud that my Gettysburg education prepared me to solve problems, think on my feet, and work hard to achieve my goals.

The 411
Mary Clare Lagno P’12

Nittany Lion • Mother of Robert ’12 and Elizabeth • volunteer and philanthropist • Retired Sr. VP for Aetna • College trustee since 2012 • married to Christopher • Visionary Gettysburgians and Cupola Society • lives in NYC

Most important life lesson
When you manage people, each is motivated uniquely, in their own way. In order to be a great leader, you must know and live this principle.

Supports G-burg because
I was impressed with how happy my son was while at Gettysburg College. I like President Riggs’ leadership. I believe a liberal arts college education changes young people’s lives.

Why G-burg’s future is great
New strategic plan, envisioning Plank as a global pavilion, research opportunities with professors, career immersion programs, and its historic location.

Greatest influence
My mother. She celebrated her 90th birthday in October!

Most likely to be found
Walking around Manhattan, especially the East River Promenade every morning.

And listening to
Jazz, Beatles, Steely Dan

Last seen on campus: October 2016
Africana Studies at 30

Founded in 1986 by economics Prof. Derrick Gondwe and history Prof. Frank Chiteji P05, the Africana Studies program (AFS) is an interdisciplinary program with a long reach.

“AFRICANA Studies has served as the black intellectual center on campus for the last 30 years,” said Prof. Jennifer Bloomquist, chair of Africana Studies. “The founders were visionary in creating AFS, and I’m proud of the work the program has done, together with the College, to cultivate and grow that vision.”

And that work has been considerable. Faculty have led immersion projects to Selma, Alabama, and New Orleans, Louisiana, assisted with the Leadership Institute trip to Little Rock, Arkansas, completed fieldwork in Trinidad, advised student clubs such as the Black Student Union and African Student Alliance, held informal social gatherings, and served as panelists for campus events.

The Derrick K. Gondwe Memorial Lecture, honoring the memory of the first black person awarded tenure at the College, was co-founded by AFS and economics and funded by a gift from the Keeter family. The event brought Charlotte Vuyiswa McClain-Nhlapo, a global disability advisor for the World Bank Group, to campus in 2016.

The program’s annual Emerging Scholars Conference is a hub for rising Africana Studies scholars from across the country.

“The aim of the Emerging Scholars Conference is to think about how younger scholars are building upon the foundations of Africana Studies and shaping their research agendas in response to contemporary demands, while also charting the course for the future of this vibrant and expansive field of study,” said English and Africana Studies Prof. McKinley Melton, one of three professors helping to plan the conference.

“As we celebrate the end of our first 30 years at the College, Africana Studies is looking forward to our near 30 and beyond,” said Bloomquist. “We’re committed to following in the footsteps of our founders by providing the diversity of experiences, perspectives, and philosophies that embody the mission of Africana Studies. AFS faculty have long served as campus leaders in the advocacy for equity and inclusion at every level of the College, and we will continue to work tirelessly to help Gettysburg College provide a vibrant learning and living community for every one of our members.”

More about the program and anniversary events are online.

Snapshots

Planning for summer
The College offers summer camp programs for high school students in a variety of fields, including psychology, language, writing, technology, and more. Information is available online.

Bad connections
Last summer, the Republican and Democratic presidential conventions each hosted 50,000 visitors, including 15,000 members of the media—all with pressing technology needs. Terabyte by terabyte, Jack Duffy ’79, a 37-year veteran of AT&T, led the team that kept communications seamless.

Good conversations
“Please run for office. Go into politics in the future because you all will have the experience and the passion to lead!” said Chris Matthews, (Hardball!), after he and Howard Fineman (The Huffington Post) met with students on campus. The media experts came to learn more about the millennial vote. “You guys really know your stuff,” said Matthews.

Shark!
Natalie Pittman ’17 knew she wasn’t supposed to get too close to the whale shark. She was only allowed to swim with them because of her research and the connections of her research advisor, Australia’s leading whale shark expert. Read more about her work on Australia’s Ningaloo Reef, online.
Campaign update (as of August 2016)

HERE IS WHAT THE CAMPAIGN HAS ACHIEVED SO FAR:

CREATED
CHAIRS, PROFESSORSHIPS, AND EXPERTS-IN-RESIDENCE FUNDED
32

SCHOLARSHIPS
ENGAGED
LEARNING
129,052,232

• RESEARCH
• CAREER EXPLORATION
• IMMERSION TRIPS

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GOAL: $150 MILLION

$1,29,052,232

Annual Giving
$34,635,775

Scholarships
$39,135,473

Faculty Support
$9,896,389

Global Initiatives and Facilities
$10,919,394

Engaged Learning
$17,734,210

Other
$16,730,990

Accelerated Master of Human Resources Management (MHRM) degree

Gettysburg College and the School of Management and Labor Relations at Rutgers University have entered a partnership that enables graduates of Gettysburg College who majored in Organization and Management Studies to complete their Master of Human Resources Management (MHRM) degree in approximately three semesters of additional full-time study.

Eligibility criteria include completion of specific undergraduate courses. Those who earn the combined BA/MHRM degree will be prepared to assume responsible positions in the field of human resource management. For further information, alumni should contact the School of Management and Labor Relations at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
Glenn Cain ’07 excelled as a Bullets athlete. The eight-time Centennial Conference (CC) Medalist still holds two school records in track and field. In football, the defensive lineman was a four-year letter winner, finishing with 36 tackles.

Then, an injury sidelined him after football season during his senior year.

“I was hoping to have a really great season in track and field that year, so when I got hurt, I was devastated,” he said.

To keep actively engaged with the team, the health sciences major helped with training.

“In hindsight, it was almost a blessing in disguise—it was my first experience doing what I would be doing later down the road,” Cain said.

Today, he is the athletic performance coach for the men’s basketball team at the University of New Mexico. Cain says his injury and the support of health sciences Prof. Dan Drury inspired his career.

“Going into my senior year, if you had asked me whether or not I was thinking about grad schools, I would have said no. Prof. Drury really made me think this was something I could do.”

Cain applied to Springfield College, one of the nation’s best programs for exercise science, and he earned his master’s degree.

He has worked with hundreds of student athletes at some big-name institutions: University of Kansas, Rutgers University, University of Connecticut, and Frostburg State University. Cain is hailed as one of the up-and-coming professionals in athletic performance strength and conditioning.

And even after almost a decade away from Gettysburg, he said the lessons he learned here still guide him.

“In everything you do, you have to know who you are and make decisions based on yourself. Know yourself, be true to yourself, and don’t be afraid of failure.”

The Hatter Planetarium was renovated last summer with the support of the George I. Alden Trust and donors, including Richard Ellis ’52. The new space doubles as a classroom, complete with a full-dome digital projector and technology with uses for a variety of disciplines—from looking at planets light years away from Earth to zooming in on organs inside the body. Pictured: lab assistant Chris Soverini ’18 (foreground) and Ian Clarke, planetarium program director.

Reserve a place under the stars or view the planetarium’s schedule of shows, which are open to the public, online.
Conversations

What’s wrong with this picture? Nothing on the cover version but it was flipped inside the issue. Thanks to Jane Sherman Anello ’73 and other readers who noticed our not-so-ambidextrous orchestra.

And Geoffrey Thulin ’82 pointed out that the photo on our first two pages was, indeed, a view from the College toward the Lutheran Theological Seminary.

The Sunderman Conservatory of Music story prompted James Krum ’56 to ask:

- Is there a major and/or a minor? There is a minor and three degree programs: Bachelor of Arts in Music, Bachelor of Music in Performance, and Bachelor of Music Education. At least half of the Bachelor of Arts in Music students pursue double majors in disciplines across the sciences, humanities, or social sciences.
- How has it changed the cultural life of the college? There are videos and student profiles online that speak volumes to that question. Or take in performances throughout the year—many are also streamed online, in real time.

On social media
College faculty are on Facebook Live. Executive Director of Alumni Relations Joe Lynch ’85 has held lunchtime chats with Prof. Ken Mott, Shirley Anne Warshaw, Caroline Hartzell, and Dan DeNicola. Viewers can post questions during the live session. We’re trying to determine the best timing for these, as well as topics, so let us know your thoughts.

Drop the Octave’s impromptu lunchtime performance in the library on Facebook Live attracted an impressive 310 viewers.

Follow the Gettysburg College Athletics page on Facebook for season and game previews and postgame interviews with G-burg coaches and student athletes, some Live, some on video.

After 22 years with Servo, Sue Noel retired in November. You’ll likely remember her swiping your dining card and will enjoy reading the good wishes on Facebook.

Allison Erskine ’12 posted: “Thank you for smiling at me every morning; for learning my name; for being the best gatekeeper Servo ever had….You were a welcomed sight any day at Gettysburg and I wish you all the best in retirement.”

And Prof. Ken Mott P’07 retired, after 50 years of teaching at Gettysburg and I wish you all the best in retirement.”

Carey Brown Kerney ’91 wrote, “Dr. Mott, wow— I can’t imagine the number of students whom you transformed over 50 years.”

Back in August, residents of third floor Huber 1972 came to campus for a reunion weekend. Photos of their visit were published as a Photo of the Day, on Instagram, and on Facebook. They also produced their own video.

Reflections on Gettysburg College is a Facebook destination “where Gettysburg College alumni can ‘awaken fond memory’ by sharing reflections and photos from their days on campus.”

On campus

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And in the news
Eating chocolate increases positive mood and the positive effects are heightened when the chocolate is eaten in a state of mindfulness, Prof. Brian Meier reported in confectionarynews.com, The Daily Mail, and Fox News.

W’HYY in Philadelphia conducted a Q&A on the complexity of staging debates with Prof. Allen Guelzo, director of Civil War Era Studies and Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era. Guelzo is the author of Lincoln and Douglass: The Debates that Defined America. Guelzo was also coauthor of “In Defense of the Electoral College,” which appeared in The Washington Post.

A piece by history Prof. Michael Birkner ’71, P’10, Benjamin Franklin Professor of Liberal Arts. “Echoes of a campaign in Toomey-McGinty race” appeared on The Philadelphia Inquirer’s philly.com website. Birkner was also quoted in “Pearl Harbor moves from memory to history,” by David M. Shribman, executive editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Political science Prof. Shirley Anne Warshaw, Harold G. Evans Chair of Eisenhower Leadership Studies, provided expert commentary to Voice of America and The Globe and Mail for election-related coverage.


Another opinion piece by Garnett, on writing, appeared on The Philadelphia Inquirer’s philly.com website.

Calls to action
Jeanne Scott Robinson ’57 is seeking stories and photos for a biography of 1909 grad and chemistry Prof. John Zinn. Contact her at jeanne@thesoldbank.net, 443-415-3938, or 7511 Birargrove Lane, Glen Burnie, MD 21060.

Do the liberal arts matter? Some say that the liberal arts are under attack. Others say that education in the liberal arts and sciences has taken on fresh urgency in a complex world. What do you say? Did your Gettysburg College education matter? Would you do it again? How has your Gettysburg College education influenced your personal, professional, and/or civic life? We’d like to hear from you for an upcoming story via the alumimagazine@gettysburg.edu email address.

Keep reading, keep liking, keep sharing, and keep the Conversations going on social media or by sending alumimagazine@gettysburg.edu your thoughts. ■
Gettysburg College is dedicated to advancing our students’ personal and intellectual development, their sense of social responsibility, and their ability to take effective action in service of the greater good. Our students will:

• Engage in high-impact research, creative, and leadership experiences from their very first year on campus.

• Benefit from outstanding mentorship from the Gettysburg College community—alumni, parents, friends, faculty, and staff.

• Capitalize upon Gettysburg’s close proximity to Washington, D.C., and our professional global network of Gettysburgians to launch their professional, civic, and personal lives.

• Prepare for today’s technology- and science-driven society through a greater curricular emphasis on science and its connection to other disciplines.

Gettysburg College is committed to cultivating a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming campus community that is prepared to contribute to an increasingly globally interconnected world. Our students will:

• Engage with faculty and staff on issues of social justice.

• Experience a more domestically and internationally diverse Gettysburg College than ever before.

• Partner with College leaders to enhance our community’s cultural climate, now and into the future.

• Expand their worldview by incorporating diverse perspectives into all of their academic coursework.

• Prepare for global citizenship in a state-of-the-art global center located in the newly renovated Plank Gym.

Gettysburg College is devoted to an institutional culture that fosters creative thinking and innovative practices in teaching, learning, research, and collaboration. Our students will:

• Become lifelong learners, inspired by innovative teaching and learning practices.

• Develop into bold thinkers who are skilled in working on challenging problems that have no clear solutions.

• Ignite their entrepreneurial spirit and discover new ways to make a positive impact.

• Leverage new technologies to communicate and collaborate.

• Transform into lifelong learners, inspired by innovative teaching and learning practices.

—Mike Baker

The full plan and additional information are available online.

“In 1863, our College community witnessed President Abraham Lincoln share his immortal Gettysburg Address, a call to our nation to rededicate itself to the unfinished work before us.

Today, it is clear that this great work is far from over. Our problems are big and they are complex—from inequality and discrimination to terrorism, climate change, hunger, and disease.

Our world needs a new generation of leaders: creative thinkers who can confront multifaceted problems, engaged professionals able to translate good thinking into meaningful action, and dedicated citizens who are committed to uniting us, rather than dividing us.

Inspired by President Lincoln’s legacy, Gettysburg College’s new strategic plan focuses on three key themes:

• Impact
• Inclusion and internationalization
• Innovation

‘The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.’

‘Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.’

‘As our case is anew, so we must think anew, and act anew.’

—Mike Baker

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Arriving in Israel after a 12-hour flight from the United States, Gettysburg students pile into the bus that will take them to their hotel. A man in T-shirt and jeans greets them. His name is Avi Melamed. Melamed, he will later explain, means "teacher" in Hebrew. The name fits both his personality and profession. He is the group’s teacher and the leader of the Inside the Middle East (ITME) program of The Eisenhower Institute at Gettysburg College.

“Welcome,” Melamed says, gesturing to the first glimpse of Israel’s landscape through the bus windows.

“This is my sky. This is my home.”

Pride lights up his face, and it’s clear the students can feel it, despite their fatigue from the flight. Melamed is an expert on the Middle East—a former Israeli intelligence official and senior official on Arab affairs. Israel is where Melamed grew up and where he lives. It’s home. So, to see Melamed’s sky means to understand that the complexity of the Middle East is not just about learning history or even about understanding conflict. It is also about understanding the people who live there now and the humanity that ties all people together.

In the classroom

ITME is a year-long program that begins on the Gettysburg campus and culminates in a learning tour in the region. Its uniqueness lies in preparing undergraduates with the analytical skills necessary to approach a contemporary understanding of the Middle East. The trip to Israel provides students with first-hand experience and the opportunity to hear a variety of perspectives from those they meet.

Enrollment in the program is competitive, and the high demand by students is a testament to its quality. Students do not receive academic credit. The size of the group is intentionally small, like a seminar of 12 to 15 students. Participants come from a variety of backgrounds and majors, including environmental studies, computer science, political science—any Gettysburg College student may apply.

Throughout the year, the group attends discussions with Melamed, learning the language of the intelligence community and necessary skills, such as how to evaluate the credibility of
Israel is about the size of New Jersey, and the group tries to see and experience as much of the area’s culture as possible in 10 days. They do the expected—visit the Old City of Jerusalem, tour religious sites, visit local markets, attend a traditional homemade Shabbat dinner—but the meat of the trip consists of the unexpected, including daily briefings on the region by Melamed and conversations with Israelis and Palestinians of diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

The days are packed, long, and never dull. The itinerary is designed to provide students with the wide array of perspectives of people living in the region. Many of the people they meet are connections Melamed has made over the course of his career. And many of the places the students go would be out of the comfort zone and reach of average travelers—including visits to the Palestinian territories and politically and militarily significant areas like the border of Lebanon and the Golan Heights, on the border of Syria.

“It is important for students to see a direct, non-littered approach to people on both sides and to be exposed to multiple narratives,” said Melamed. The trip included:

- conversations about identity with Israeli and Palestinian secondary and college students;
- a presentation from a business man building the first planned Palestinian city;
- a session with high-level experts at the Institute for National Security Studies;
- Palestinian journalists, activists, and venture capitalists;
- Israeli ecologists and scientists; and
- a briefing at the headquarters of Israel Defense Forces.

A more complete picture

“This is a region that defies the idea of a single narrative. After every meeting we had in Israel, I thought I had the full picture, and then we’d meet someone else who’d shake up that picture,” said August Umholtz ’18, a computer science and public policy double major from West Newbury, Massachusetts.

“It’s important not to ignore the human element—everyone has an emotional state,” said Micaela Edelson ’17, who is an environmental studies and public policy double major from Oregon. “To understand conflict, you need to listen at the personal level. Everyone’s experience is unique, so that’s the best way to get an all-encompassing perspective.”

Several students said the trip to Israel allowed them to get a more complete picture of the region, and that the in-person meetings were important. One example: in 2003, the government of Israel built a wall separating the West Bank from the rest of Israel, saying that it was necessary to prevent suicide bombers from carrying out attacks on Israeli citizens. On the trip, students heard from speakers who referred to the wall as a “security fence” necessary for protecting lives. Others referred to it as a “land grab” and “separation wall” intended to separate and alienate people. These kinds of subtle politics are learned from people and language, not from books.

Traveling with the group were three former Israeli intelligence officers, not much older than the students themselves. They shared their experience serving in the military in Israel, where conscription is compulsory for both men and women. Also along for part of the trip were Jeffrey Blavart ’88, the executive director of The Eisenhower Institute, and Beth Goldsmith, who donated the funds for the students’ travel expenses for the learning tour.

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“Lightness and darkness

Toward the end of the trip, the group traveled to Sderot. Sderot is a city and former development town in the western Negev, located less than a mile from Gaza. Over the past decade, Sderot has been hit by more than 8,000 rockets and mortars. On the trip, the only visible clues of danger were the concrete bus stops that double as bomb shelters, placed at frequent intervals along the streets. Lunch was at a sun-bleached restaurant with a breezy, seaside-like feel—despite being in the desert.

Afterward, the group met with Anat Maoz, and her husband, Itai, in the common space of Kibbutz Nahal Oz. The sunny patio had the same easy feel as the restaurant. Less than 1,000 yards separate the kibbutz from the Gaza Strip, where the scene is much different: building rubble, dust, dirt, and the dismantled remains of buildings formerly used by Hamas to shoot rockets. Hamas, a Palestinian Sunni-Islamic fundamentalist organization, controls the Gaza Strip.

Sitting on pillows, watching flowers sway in the breeze as Maoz talks, it’s hard to believe that only two years ago a four-year-old boy was killed here, from a mortar attack initiated by Hamas. In 2014, nineteen families left the kibbutz for good, fearful of more attacks. In 2016, twenty new families have moved in.

“This place is coming back from a place of darkness,” Maoz said. “I believed in coming home even though it could cost me my life.”

In contrast to the lightness that marked his welcome of his students to Israel, here at the kibbutz, Melamed grew serious and reflective. Here, he asked students to reflect on this juxtaposition of violence and peace—even the short distance between normal life and unexpected tragedy in Israel and the Middle East.

“This is the lunatic reality,” he said. “There are real people on both sides of the conflict here,” he said. “And breaking circles of hatred requires people working from all circles, from bottom-to-top and top-to-bottom.”

Inside the Middle East is a program designed to cultivate understanding of these complex issues and prepare students to be leaders who can make a difference. And as Melamed’s comments were a call to action for the future work taking place in his home, under his sky.

—Carina Sitkus

Learn more about ITME online. To provide financial support for ITME students or to be part of a learning tour, led by Avi Melamed in the Middle East this September, contact Fred Brown at fbrown@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6515.

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Participants learn about the formation of The Ramon Crater, or Makhtesh Ramon, a prominent feature of Israel’s Negev desert.

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Insights & Skills

“I’ve been writing blog posts for the Common Cause website. In response to the nightclub shooting perpetrated in Florida by ISIS, a lot of American politicians were calling for the implementation of an Expatriate Terrorist Act. Inside the Middle East helped with my research capabilities and taught me a lot about being skeptical. When I dissected the legislation, I was able to red flag it and write the article from a critical perspective. I really owe a lot of that to all of the work I did while practicing intelligence skills in the ITME program.” —Julia Kerr ’18

The ITME program is less than five years old, but alumni and students are applying their experience to employment, internships, and continued study:

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MOMENTS

With 105 Centennial Conference titles to its credit, Gettysburg College has no shortage of spectacular championship memories.

In 1981, eight like-minded institutions banded together to form a football-only conference. Play began in the fall of 1983 and the Bullets promptly captured at least a share of the first three football titles, winning the title outright in 1985.

In 1992, the league became the all-sports Centennial Conference (CC). A former member of the Middle Atlantic Conference, Gettysburg was one of 11 charter members sharing the vision of a well-rounded educational experience and strong academics.

It didn’t take long for the Bullets to assert themselves as a force to be reckoned with, racking up nine conference titles in the CC inaugural season in 1993–94 and another nine the following year.

Since then, Gettysburg teams have earned the College a reputation as a consistent winner, earning multiple CC championships every year. Gettysburg became the first school to win 100 CC titles, when the women’s golf squad captured the 2015 league crown.

Gettysburg teams have performed well across the board, with 18 teams winning at least one title. The Bullets have won the most CC championships in men’s lacrosse (15), men’s swimming (14), women’s swimming (14), volleyball (11), and women’s lacrosse (10), and are tied for the most titles in women’s golf (7).

“As one of the founding members of the Centennial Conference, Gettysburg College has shown that rigorous academics and athletic success can go hand-in-hand,” remarked Steve Ulrich, executive director of the Centennial Conference. “Bullets teams have represented the College and the conference in the best light on and off the field, and the Centennial could not be more proud.”
Men's soccer 2001

"What sticks out in my mind is that in the championship game against McDaniel, we didn’t allow any shots on goal. I remember looking up at the scoreboard and someone took a picture of it—I have it somewhere in my office. We had quite a few and they had zero. It was a real dominant performance by us defensively."

Coach David Wright ’08, ’13, ’16 (now assistant vice president for athletics) on the team’s 2–0 victory over McDaniel College in the 2001 championship game.

Men’s golf 2002

"The men’s golf championship used to be held at a course in Ocean City, Maryland. At one championship, we were in total darkness, waiting for the sun to come up, to finish the second round. It was a rain-shortened conference title and we won."

Coach George Petrie on the CC men’s golf tournament in 2002, which the Bullets won by 14 strokes over McDaniel College.

Men’s basketball 2002

"[I remember] Curtis McNeil ’02, with that Magic Johnson smile, knocking down the free throws at the end of the game as we became the first team to win back-to-back Centennial Conference men’s basketball titles."

Coach George Petrie, on McNeil making three free throws in the final 2.7 seconds to seal the 60–47 victory at Franklin & Marshall College and the 2002 men’s basketball title.

and 2009

"In 2009, the two most memorable things are Dan Capkin ’09 knocking down shots and Chris Nevolo ’09 hitting a late 3-pointer from the corner that was dramatic."

Coach Petrie on the 73–65 victory at Franklin & Marshall to win the 2009 title. Capkin set a CC tournament record with eight 3-pointers and scored 26 points.

Women’s golf 2014

"Kara McNulty ’14 had a tough first round and it was her senior year. Lauren Sobotka ’15 had a great first round and played in the number one spot the second day. I believe a player from Dickinson was in the lead with Lauren second and Kara third. I talked to both that night and Lauren handled the pressure of playing number one fabulously and finished second while Kara made a great come-from-behind individual victory. It was a great 1–2 finish to lead the team to victory."

Coach Sue Konstalid, on the 2014 title. McNulty shot a career-low 77 on the final day to rally for her third-straight individual title. Konstalid has led the Bullets to seven conference titles since 2008, including the last six in a row.

Men’s lacrosse 2015

"We hadn’t won it in a few years, and it was a little bit of a long time coming. Our kids had a vision before the season of winning the Centennial Conference title on a beautiful day at a sunny Muss. To do that, we would probably have to go undefeated in the conference to get home field, and we did. It was really exciting to see that vision come through for them."

Coach Hank Janczyk, on the 11–10 win over Ursinus to win the 2015 title at home, under sunny skies on Shirk Field at Musselman Stadium. Janczyk has led the Orange and Blue to 15 CC crowns.

Field hockey and women’s lacrosse

"They’re all incredible in that it’s so exciting and so fulfilling for them to reach the goals that they’ve set and to see the fruits of their labor be materialized through a conference title. It gives you goosebumps to see their celebration and their joy. All of them have their own unique memory, but the commonality is it’s just the kids all achieving what they set out to go do."

Coach Carol Daly Castelle ’83, who has led the Bullets to 15 conference titles (5 field hockey, 10 lacrosse).

Men’s and women’s swimming

"It has been a real privilege to have been a part of a number of Centennial Conference championship teams over the years at the College. Each one was uniquely different because it is always as much about the people and the journey to the championship meet, and each year, the people and journey are a little different. There have been exceptional swims, occasional heroic swims, and some lousy swims—but for the most part, good solid swims. Those are what win championship meets. For my part, I have always enjoyed watching a group of people work together to achieve a common goal. It has never been dull!"

Coach Mike Rawleigh P’14, who has guided the Bullets Men’s and women’s swimming to 28 conference titles (14 men, 14 women).
Connecting college and communities
THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

One evening, Mary Claire Lagno P’12 heard President Janet Morgan Riggs ’77 share the story of Stephen Warner ’68, a young history major and social justice activist. Warner died in the Vietnam War and left Gettysburg his GI insurance “to create intellectually controversial activities” at the College.

His gift would provide support for the initial programming and eventual founding of the Center for Public Service (CPS) by Karl Mattson in 1991.

“That [story] just really got me,” said Lagno. “That was the beginning.”

Lagno, who was a member of the Parents Advisory Board at the time and is now a College Trustee, also reflected on her son Robert’s involvement in CPS.

“I saw he was growing through it,” said Lagno. “I’ve talked to students who’ve completed immersion projects and they were just blown away. I think experiences like that are very impactful.”

Lagno and her husband, Christopher, established The Bonner-Lagno Endowment Fund for CPS to provide financial support for students who participate in immersion project experiences.

As CPS celebrates 25 years, it honors the support of donors like the Lagno and all those who have helped sustain and expand its impact.

“Over the last 25 years, 1,047 individuals have built the foundation of CPS through more than $1.6 million in financial support,” said Kim Davidson, the director of CPS.

“Today, that translates into endowments that make it possible for over 120 students to participate in immersion projects, 12 students to partake in the CPS Summer Fellowship, and multiple opportunities for students to create innovative community-based projects through small groups.”

An early donor to the CPS Summer Fellowship and an ongoing supporter of CPS programs is Jim Heston ’70.

The CPS Summer Fellowship provides students with the opportunity to engage in community action work through partnerships with communities in Kenya, Nicaragua, Gettysburg, Nepal, and Alabama. Heston traveled to Nicaragua to observe the CPS Summer Fellows in action.

“The great thing about the gift that Jim gave us is that he not only invested his monetary resources, he really invested himself,” said Gretchen Carlson Natter, executive director of CPS.

CPS has been the recipient of significant investments over the years—of time, money, and energy. Most have a personal connection: moved by a Vietnam soldier who started it all, participating in an immersion project, speaking with students. There is no shortage of inspiration.

Trustee Enid Wedemeyer ’69 and James ’99 Corkran P’96 helped establish a partnership with the Kisanu Medical and Education Trust (KMET) in Kenya. Corkran had been working with KMET for many years prior and personally traveled with Davidson to help make the arrangements.

“Enid’s personal connection sparked a meaningful partnership,” said Davidson.

Since their initial visit in 2012, 15 students have participated in the CPS Summer Fellowship in Kenya, and KMET staff members have also visited Gettysburg to share their expertise.

Public service has defined the life and career of Carol Bellamy ’63. She held several leadership positions, including director of the Peace Corps and executive director of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF). She served five years in the New York State Senate and was president of the New York City Council, the first woman elected to city-wide office in NYC.

Bellamy endowed the Carol Bellamy ’63 Fund for the Center for Public Service to ensure that all students, regardless of their financial means, have the opportunity to engage in meaningful service opportunities through CPS.

“Public service makes stronger citizens,” Bellamy said. “It is of utmost importance that everyone has some experience serving others, whether it’s halfway around the world or in one’s own backyard. Our country—and the world—needs informed and educated citizens who are willing to engage and make a difference.”

Lori Kono ’73 and Dudley ’72 Clapp want to help students find a passion for serving their communities. During Lori’s senior year at Gettysburg, Coach Bob Smith invited the men’s and newly formed women’s swim teams to teach children with developmental disabilities how to swim.

“That experience sparked what became our life-long passion for volunteering with organizations,” she said. “We believe CPS offers students opportunities to become the doers, problem solvers, and leaders needed to make the world a better place. We hope more students will be able to take advantage of those opportunities and perhaps find their own passion for serving their communities now and in the future.”

Louisa Polos ’08 first learned about the Campus Kitchen project when her First-Year Seminar on homelessness, taught by English Prof. Chris Fee, volunteered at D.C. Central Kitchen. She decided to bring what she learned back to campus, and the Gettysburg Campus Kitchen was born.

Honoring that positive experience, Louisa and her parents, Susan and James Polos P’08, established the Louisa Polos ’08 Fund for CPS Immersion Experiences to provide support for faculty who, like Fee, want to incorporate community-based learning into their courses.

Cynthia LeCompte ’84 and David ’85 Salisbury P’15, also inspired by their daughter Keelin’s experience in Fee’s class, endowed funds to support immersion projects and community-based learning.

The mission of the Center for Public Service gets to the heart of what it means to be an active, informed citizen of a community,” said David Salisbury. “What better time in one’s life, in these formative college years, to explore these possibilities and to begin thinking and acting broadly about how we can give back now and in the future.”

—Carina Sirkus

Photos and the anniversary video, written and narrated by Karl Mattson, are available online.
It is the Year of Food in the Gettysburg Cycle, a four-year rotation of annual themes focusing on policy issues of global, national, and local significance. Academic and co-curricular connections allow students to learn about pressing issues through a variety of lenses. Taking an integrated, liberal arts view, the kinds of questions raised on food might be: How is food related to art? What light can anthropology and political science shine on food issues? What about biology? There are connections to be made by nearly every discipline.

Campus and community events like Salsa on the Square and an International Foodfest (pictured), lectures and films on theme-related topics, courses incorporating food-related discussions, food justice awareness programs, and Research on the Cycle (highlighting related student research) are some of the academic and co-curricular connections supporting the Year of Food. More about the Cycle can be found online.

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Pinckney studied in Asia twice before the CLS program placed her in Taiwan. Awarded the Dwight D. Eisenhower—Conrad N. Hilton Scholarship in fall 2015, the health sciences and globalization studies double major studied epidemiology, determinants of health and disease, and traditional Chinese medicine in Beijing. In spring 2016, she was in a homestay program in Kunming, a province in Southwest China, to sharpen her skills in the Mandarin language.

What makes Gettysburg Great

Fulbrights to three

Recent alumnae Anoush Aghababian ’16 and Kim Longfellow ’16 were awarded grants from the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Aghababian teaches English in Yerevan, Armenia, at the Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University and Longfellow teaches English in Germany. Their grant is awarded to those who will support local English-language teachers and serve as cultural ambassadors for the U.S.

Jesse Siegel ’16 was awarded a research grant to continue study he began as part of his German Studies and history capstone project under the guidance of Prof. Kerry Wallach and Prof. Bill Bowman. In Germany, Siegel is investigating the origin of the Sudeten Germans, the cultivation of their narrative, and how it was used to influence the perception of the German and Czech people in the period between 1929 and 1934.
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Send news!
Have something special to share? We want to hear from you. Contact your class correspondent by these deadlines:

Spring issue, Jan. 15 Fall issue, June 15 Winter issue, Oct. 15

Class notes

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I beg you, send me your news so I have 2016–17 choir. They are good, and only after, we commuted over the mountain to be back on the campus for the weekend. We were so pleased. It was good to see old-timers. We had gone with the choir were about 125 alumni back, mostly from Saturday evening at the Chapel. There is nothing in my mailbox or email. Fall Where are you? This is the second time I have received word that I am at 10th Conference for Frontotemporal Dementias (ICFTD) in the fall attending the 10th Conference to all classmates. I spent two weeks in the fall attending the 10th Conference for several USOs. He sends best wishes for the fall “Antekes” gathering at a very nice golf resort. Ralph Fischer and Jay Caribon also were at the fall gathering. One of the happy surprises that can occur on a trip is meeting up with a fellow Gettysburgian, which is what happened to Bob and Denise “Dinny” Haldt Brubrader who met Rocky Fisher while on a business trip. Rocky now lives in Ft. Collins, CO, as do Dinny and Bob, and they get together for meals and sharing Gettysburg memories. Dinny and Bob celebrated their 62nd anniversary this past June. Al Gregson and his wife Joan spent a lovely June week on the Outer Banks with children and family, enjoying beach, pool, and hot tub and seeing the famous wild horses. Their daughter Karen joined them in law firm in York PA, and will be married this year. Their son, David, continues his computer engineering career and is in MA. Alan plans to visit David on Aug. 21 to see the expected total eclipse of this sun. He writes, “A total eclipse is a rare sight not to be missed. Make your plans, classmate!” Buzz Hanson has done most of his traveling recently from home to hospital for a hip replacement and now is home. He, however, get to spend a week at Daytona Beach just before Hurricane Matthew arrived. Buzz is still a hospice volunteer at the VA hospital in St. Petersburg, as well as a volunteer for several USOs. He sends best wishes to all classmates. I spent two weeks in the fall attending the 10th Conference for Frontotemporal Dementias (SFTD) in Munich, Germany, and traveling to Prague, Budapest, and on to Ljubljana. At the conference, I moderated a session on FTD caregiver issues, and I chaired the meeting of the International Frontotemporal Dementia Group. World FTD Unified, FTD is the most common form of dementia for people under the age of 60. My husband Craig was diagnosed with this at age 45, which is why I founded the national organization for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD).}

1956

Georganna Bowman Sibert 729 Hilltop Lane Hixson, TN 37343 Oct 1–2. More than 300 participated in Natter, College choir director, as he hosted the entire College crowd. Kermit Finstad, the former Battles of Gettysburg, and as guest conductor. Dick Baker has been married this year. Six children, eleven grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. Don’t forget our 60th Reunion scheduled for June 1–4. Hopefully I will get to everyone who was there at the 60th Reunion in June in this issue. There were a couple of gentlemen who promised to write when they got home, and guess what? I have not heard from anyone! Russ and Joan Shimmel Baker moved from Harrisburg to Wilkesboro, NC, to be near to the MacRae Village. They love it there with no worries or chesty issues. They enjoy the flowers and many plants on the flowers and the relaxing atmosphere of the area. They would love to hear from anyone visiting the area. Their phone number is 717-981-9339. Give them a call! John Fuss moved to Gettysburg in 1999 after living in Hanover, where he was comptroller of a chief financial officer for an international corporation. Since retirement, he has become a Licensed Bankruptcy Judge and enjoys it very much. John Foor says that he has been blessed with six children, eleven grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild, as well as a good life and great health. Now retired, he has more time for chores around the house and no worries about his health. Mike Cooper loved coming back to Gettysburg for the reunion, remembering nights and seeing old friends. He writes that life has been good to him and his wife Rachel. They have four children and eight grandchildren who all have added a little spice to his life. He met his family specifically on Prince Edward Island and in Canada and has made many new friends there. Anyone in the area should contact him, please, to be a reminder magnet on your calendar and appointment dates on your calendar and appointment. The management might give me a discount when we make our own reservation! I’m going to have a couple reservations for where you will stay? My number is 717-361-3933. Give them a call. John Fuss}

1957

60th Reunion Year
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There have been no recent emails or communications from those of you who want to be heard and pass on to us. However, there is a big event coming up: it is our Class of ’57’s 60th Reunion scheduled for June 1-4. Now that would be a time and place to engage in updating and exchanging of news with classmates, in person, listen to your class reunion reminder magnet on your refrigerator? Have you blocked out those dates on your calendar and appointment books? Save your money by making reservations for where you will stay? My wife, Phyllis Bal’58, and I have always planned the Balzer field a pleasant bed and breakfast and quality to place to stay. Like so many Gettysburg structures, it served as a hospital during and after the momentous Civil War battles. If you proceed to make a reservation there, mention my name. The management might give me a discount when we make our own reservation too! I am going to have a couple reservations for where you will stay? My number is 717-361-3933. Give them a call. John Fuss}

1958

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Dave Kessler was selector of Vieste's 10th Conference. He was married last year and I know you will find this interesting and very informative. What follows is an excerpt of an article sent to the Alumni Office. If you want to get more details, call or email Dave at 850-932-3101 or dkessler72@comcast.net
It was that Bruce and I got to visit Bob Jones. Our first stop was at Anchorage, AK. Driving from CT to PA was a bit easier than going to AK. I received word that he had died in Apr. He was a Ph.D. chemistry major at Gettysburg and I was used to working as a quality control compliance manager at Bayer Health in Myerstown, PA. Our sympathy goes to his wife Shirla and their two sons. Ben Buckley said word of the passing of his Sigma Chi brother James D. Jones who died in Aug. David was a president of Sigma Chi. He served in U.S. Army intelligence and then worked in sales and marketing for the pension group of CIGNA for 25 years. David had a hobby of collecting and restoring antique canoes, skeggs, and furniture. Our sympathy goes to his wife Margot, two sons, and a daughter.

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We are not alone in missing our alma mater. To anyone else who calls you, sharing the good news of your alma mater meant so much. And to you, I would say—Onward and upward!

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Rev. Jack and Marti have a son in Camp Hill who has two children. He has a psychotherapy office in downtown San Diego, where they love having a cool climate.

1967 50th Reunion Year

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1967
lifetime PA hunting and fishing licenses.

John Hemenway, where he continues his Civil War research.

Brandon Beck published a new book, Winchester Three Battles, a narrative of the events in that area which occurred in Winchester, VA. Brandon was head of the history department at Shenandoah Valley.

Howard Hanna (johnellenthomas@howardhanna.com) lives with his wife of 44 years, Harold. They have two sons and are retired and living in North Chesterfield, VA. John is a skilled artisan in stained glass.

This is an annual national award given to the history department at Shenandoah Valley (PA) School District for 22 years and was a skilled artisan in stained glass.

1968

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Gettyburg College Class of 1968

Along with his friends and family, we mourn James Adair who died in May. Jim served for two years teaching English in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia. He served as the maintenance engineer for Coventry Valley (PA) School District for 22 years and was a skilled artisan in stained glass.

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Gettysburg '70

My apologies for not having a class column in the last edition—no one sent me information. The same thing happened this time. I know you’re all doing neat things—please let me know! I had to write a few people so I could write this column. Thanks to those who responded. My husband Bob and I attended our former roommate Carol Infusino-Torker’s sister’s wedding last May at a winery in VA. Jonathan was a Marine at the time and made a very handsome groom! Also in attendance was our friend Joseph Hoss Grayson and her husband Phil ’59. Carol bought an apartment in Ecuador. When I asked her why, she said she had taken a class there and fell in love with the country. Now she has a place to go when she wants to get out of NJ. Bob Carmany has been busy on his farm. He said that he and his wife Katy have 45 broiler chickens in the freezer. They took two pigs to the market, and one pig weighed 246 pounds! They are also growing 24 varieties of acorns to feed the pigs and have cut 16 cords of wood for heat this winter. That’s a lot of wood for those of you who aren’t familiar with the size of a cord of wood.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1971

My freshman roommate, Janet Meyers Schlegel, emailed me about her retirement. She is enjoying spending time with her grown children, ages 7 and 11. It seems she is enjoying her grandchildren like to make stopovers as much as I do. With Whitney Meyers and her wife Sally Bradley Meyers are retired and living in Glastonbury, CT. They collect antiques for Meals on Wheels. Whitney invites you to be church musicians or pianists to go to her website wbenachori.com. There you can listen to and download his hymns and choral music compositions for church choirs. Whitney recently posted his “Good News of the Kingdom—Heaven’s Hymn” on YouTube, featuring the Gettysburg National Military Park. Peggy Schoenherr Shuster and Kelly Aldick joined me in Frederick to celebrate a birthday with Jane Engle Gallagher. It was a busy day for people on the same day. We had a great time at islanda’s Tappas Restaurant and in the interesting stores. I had a busy summer. Our family always goes to the Endless Mountains of Sullivan County.

PA—Jeguys, bere, is exact—for two weeks in the middle of June. In the middle of July, I flew to my sister Marjorie’s home in Ohio. Also, we drove to Boulder, CO, to visit my sister, who lives near Boulder, PA. Oliva moved back to CO a couple of years ago. Jonny’s daughter, Joie, is wonderful! Since Marjorie and I are both retired, we got to see Oliva in her native habitat. Boulder is a wonderful place in the summer. The Daniels are real chill. It’s great if you can afford it. Jeff and I got to Ocean City, NJ, twice—one with the family and once with friends. My final trip was to Djoser, Denmark, to visit my nephew and his family. I had not been to Denmark since 1970, when Kelly, Jan, and I were there. What a magical place! Taxes are high, but everything is taken care of. Everyone is thin and riding a bike. I love to see all those of you who still love to travel. I met many Danish friends to visit her home in Sweden, which we did. A great time was had by all on her historic family farm. I wish all of you in our class and everyone who reads this a happy and peaceful new year. All the arguments to prove man’s superiority cannot shut this hard fact in: suffering the animals are our equals.

1972 45th Reunion Year

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Gettysburg College Class of 1972

Autumn greetings to the Class of ’72. Gettysburg College class officers are getting together with a gathering of ATO alumni in Lancaster, PA. Dudley Clapp and I represented the Class of ’72. It was great to see Dudley and his wife Lori Kono Clapp ’73. They were originally from the Tampa Bay area and were in town for a Gettysburg College Board of Trustees meeting. Dudley retired from his career in the public defender’s office several years ago. Both remained active volunteers. Brian and Cindy Eichelberger Schimpf are celebrating 44 years of marriage, having been married at the College chapel. They both retired in the last few years and currently moved from the Boulder suburbs to a small house northeast of Boulder in downtown. A great place to relax and go sightseeing when they like. And Andy did a great job of organizing and planning our 40th class reunion this past summer. We met at the Albuquerque Opera, and I hope to see you there.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1973

Don Frost sent an update. He has lived in Boston for the past 30 years after getting his MSW from Boston U. For the last 18 years, he has worked for United Health Care in business development. He and his wife of 33 years, Allison, have two children and recently welcomed a granddaughter. Congratulations, Don! I would really like to hear from Ceci Shook. Dave Van Cott. Jeni Lembol, Dennis Maher. Annie Green, Jan, and Louis. Many others. If you feel like revisiting the past, email email Dan don@donofr19@gmail.com. Thanks, Don, for the update! Keep sending your updates, and I will include your news in the next issue.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1974

Hi, everyone! Ritchie Shyrrow wrote a book called Kicking Through the Ashes. My Life as a Stand-Up on the 1980s Comedy Circuit. It is written by Bill Maher and it mentions Gettysburg’s Cam Melchiorre ’75 and Craig Marshall ‘74. It’s both funny and poignant. Buy it; read it. Oderen and Bill Heyman are subscribers. John Yocum and Chuck Johnson. John was inducted into the PA Coaches Hall of Fame in 2007 before retiring from Muhlenberg High School in Reading, PA. In 2008, he was inducted into the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Seasonal Coach recently became second among active coaches in NJ football wins. Congratulations and thank you to everyone mentioned. I’ll see you next time.

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Kathy worked in insurance for the last 11 years and lived in a condo in the water in Beaufort, NC. They just sold their condo and are moving to the Scottsdale/Fountain Hills area in AZ in mid-Dec. They took long drives to the other side of the desert. Thanks so much, Kathy, for getting in touch.

I heard from Kathy Shorb that she will have been married for 40 years in Dec. And she and her husband Tom have a 38-year-old son and an 18-month-old granddaughter. Kathy worked in insurance for the last 11 years and lived in a condo in the water in Beaufort, NC. They just sold their condo and are moving to the Scottsdale/Fountain Hills area in AZ in mid-Dec. They took long drives to the other side of the desert. Thanks so much, Kathy, for getting in touch.
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40th Reunion Year
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Mark your calendars for our 40th Reunion—June 1–4! You can periodically look on campus and online; we don’t know if there are any of you out there. I look forward to your responses.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1979
At Homecoming, there was a great turning of ’79 Lambda Chi brothers for the chapter’s 100th anniversary celebration. Dare Dore served as master of ceremonies. Connie Peterman Donlop and Sue Tall Butler sang with the reunion choir and represented those of us in the Class of ’79 who were unable to attend. Connie, a special education teacher, and her husband Jim ’79 recently moved to Mechanicsburg from Littlestown when Jim was appointed bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Their three children are grown and have blessed them with five grandchildren. Ed Schaefer keeps fit by being an aerobics and hike. He has completed several 20- to 25-mile hikes on trails with 5,000 feet elevation gain.

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Gettysburg College Class of 1983
Hi, classmates! As was my initial worry, I find myself writing repeatedly about the same folks, I know we’re all busy, but I’ve wondered if it’s time for me to pass this baton to someone who may get more responses. Then, after the last edition came out, I got a very kind email from Bob Hummel that reinvigorated me. So I think it’s time for me to pass this column to stories of what we did to celebrate the “big 6–0” this year, I’m dedicating this column to stories of what we did to celebrate our 40th Reunion Year. Bob has lunch occasionally with Drew Downer ’82, and he still works as an attorney in Philadelphia. He left the Arline Ash Foundation in 2013 to become chair of the board of directors of Philabundance, a nonprofit that provides housing for homeless people in the Philadelphia area. He’s an avid supporter of social work, psychological counseling, vocational counseling, and drug rehab, etc., etc.

1982
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Gettysburg College Class of 1982
Greetings, classmates! This fall’s Family Weekend had at least two of our classmates back on campus, Leslie Auriand Susskind whose daughter is a senior, and Leslie Nieves, whose son is a sophomore and on the swim team. Leslie is the marketing director at Transamerica. Frank Duerr Pinnie and Susan Duerr Pinnie hiked the Camino de Santiago in Spain—another classic NY Jets game (ugh!). Keep in touch. Go Bullets!

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Gettysburg College Class of 1984
I haven’t heard from any of our classmates. Do you want to get me the names of those who would like to have news? I think we all would love to have news from you! We need you! We want you! We need you! We want you! And we love you! I look forward to your responses. Email me! Take care!
By the time you read this, we will be well underway in winter. This fall, I ran into Tim Strickler '86 at the Gettysburg College Alumni Weekend in Richmond. He came across the country from CA to visit his daughter for parent's weekend. It was great to catch up with him and hear that his new job is in IT and is taking off. He told me he was planning to connect with Rich Van Antwerp and Joaquim Samper for a weekend of hiking in Keystone, CO. I’ve heard from Rich that he is enjoying being retired and spends much of his time exploring and writing about his hiking adventures. Is there anyone else from our class who is retired? My husband and I passed through Gettysburg in Oct. on the way to Cooperstown, NY, and I enjoyed catching up with Sue Miller who lives there with her daughter Sophie. Sue is doing exciting things with massage and holistic therapy practices. Joe Lynch treated us to a spin class on campus before we head out of town. It was great to get some biking in, but I wish the weather had cooperated so we could take on his 30-mile trek we took during our last reunion. Brian Wilbur Grundstrom is a composer, and in Aug released his latest CD, An Orchestral. Journey. I have some sad news to report. We heard that Bob Maus and Sonye Wilson both passed away in 2016, both from cancer. This summer, I completed my master’s degree in nonprofit studies from U of Richmond, and I am excited to get back to all those things I put on hold. Now that I have more time on my hands, I need to hear from you so I can pass on your news. Be sure to write.

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Greetings, classmates! Time continues to fly and once again, it is my privilege to bring you exciting news from the Class of ’86! To start this newsletter, I have exciting news from the Class of ’86-Class Page 319-270-2160 33 Lawson Lane 1986 back to all those things I put on hold. Now that I have more time on my hands, I need to hear from you so I can pass on your news. Be sure to write.

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Crutchfield Robertson who lives in Denver, CO. He is married to Erin McKvoy who was also there from NY. Check out our own Kent Barns on Huffington Post when he was working at the college about the search and selection process. Lastly, don’t forget to save the date for our upcoming Reunion the weekend of June 1–4! Co-chair Greg Hoy and our committee member, Kevin Datcher, have been working hard to create a memorable weekend. We can’t wait to see you there.

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Jason Weiels is the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of MA, in Boston, as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. In his role, Jason will represent the United States in a variety of litigation matters in federal court. He lives in Hingham, MA, with his wife Kyyley, their son Bowen (4), and their daughter Aiden (2).

2004
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2006
Adele Lampe Gilbert and her husband Trent welcomed their second child into the world on May 20. Frank weighed in at a healthy 10 lbs. 4 oz. and was 22 inches long. Philip Umbrino ’07 is his godfather. Frank is already making good use of his Gettysburg College bib. Janna Donahue Ryan and her husband Japhet welcomed their third baby girl, Catherine Ann, on Sept. 29. She was welcomed with love by her big sisters Lucille (5) and Vivian (3). John Young recently accepted a new job as a research and development manager for Wacker Chemical Corporation in their new brand facility in Ann Arbor, MI. John resides in Ann Arbor, MI, with his wife and two daughters (3 and 1).

2007
10th Reunion Year
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Gettysburg Class of 2007
Believe it or not, by the time you read this, our 10th Reunion Weekend will be less than six months away! I hope you’ll join me, and many of our fellow classmates, on June 1–4 in Gettysburg for this incredible misadventure! Be on the lookout for information over the coming months, but for now please update your contact information with the College and plan to attend. I don’t know about you, but I could definitely use a new Gettysburg hoodie and some scrumptious Swoop life fare. Congratulations to all of our classmates who recently became parents Jessica Vining Pruttingt and her husband Shawn welcomed a baby girl, Vivid Nennia, on May 2. Amanda Malonea Arnesault and her husband Mike welcomed their first child, Emilia Ann, on June 16. Both mom and baby are happy and healthy! Nelson and Nicole Lennar’06 Avery welcomed their first child, Nelson Joseph, on June 2. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 4 oz. The Avrees make their home in New Orleans, LA. Paul ’PJ’ and Katharine Hargrove Kopp welcomed their second child, Nestor Nathaniel, weighing in at 8 lbs. 15 oz. and measuring 21.5 in. They are “over-the-moon” in love with him, and big brother Kai is excited to have his new role as a big brother. Tony Harper Mogan and her husband Paul welcomed a baby boy, Connor Michael Hogan, on Sept. 22. Alli Hertell Martin and her husband Cameron welcomed a baby girl, Aubrey June Martin, on Aug. 4. Her big sister Macie is so excited to have a little brother. Alli works at a medical school in Auburn, AL, in the autonomy lab. Michael and Morgan Croom recently welcomed Alice Bea this October. Alice’s big sister Jane is thrilled. I hope everyone had a great holiday and a happy new year!

2008
Monique Mathews Gore 63 W. Middle Street Waterloo, IA 50701

Gettysburg Class of 2008
Congratulations to all of our classmates who recently became parents!: Monique Mathews Gore, born on Sept. 23. He joins big brother Paul and big sister Elena are very excited to take care of their new sister. Brooke Kovric and her husband Ivan. Her baby boy, Jackson, on Sept. 29. Big sister Lijana (2) is excited to have a little brother. On July 11, Colleen Sheemeyle West welcomed her second son, Spencer Michael West, with her husband James Walter Jr. He joins his big brother Cameron (2). The family lives in Darby, CT. Colleen has worked as a registered dietitian at Healthy Wellness Center in Brookfield, CT, for the past two years. Shannon Maria Jones, as the “Baker Michaan,” was a guest star on the “Course Grind Podcast,” joining the ranks of Top Chef, Cupcake Wars, and America’s Test Kitchen chefs. Catch her on episode 45 and making a special cameo on the upcoming live recording of episode 50. Keep your updates coming!

2009
20th Reunion Year
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Gettysburg Class of 2002
Jason Weiels is the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of MA, in Boston, as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. In his role, Jason will represent the United States in a variety of litigation matters in federal court. He lives in Hingham, MA, with his wife Kyyley, their son Bowen (4), and their daughter Aiden (2).

2010
Jennifer O’Hara Roche 29 Lakeside Road Danien, CT 06820

Gettysburg Class of 2005
Aubrey June Martin, on Aug. 4. Her big sister Macie is so excited to have a little brother. Alli works at a medical school in Auburn, AL, in the autonomy lab. Michael and Morgan Croom recently welcomed Alice Bea this October. Alice’s big sister Jane is thrilled. I hope everyone had a great holiday and a happy new year!

2011
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Gettysburg Class of 2005
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2012
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my most beloved Gettysburgians, James Jackson, David Landers, John Laurine, Brian McElroy, and Shahna Wright.

2009

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Gettysburg College Class of 2010 Alumni

Alex Hoffmaster received the Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) credential in Nov. 2015 and was promoted to associate director, major gifts at Havenford College in May 2016.

2011

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Gettysburg College Class of 2011 Alumni

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Johnny Nelson is in his second year at the University of Notre Dame, where he is working on a PhD in early American history. Rendino Parilla completed an ACUHO-I internship with the Student Affairs at the University of Maryland College Park at the University of FL. He will complete his master’s degree in education in student personnel this May.

2012

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Gettysburg College Class of 2012 Alumni

Allison Loeb and healthy.
“AJ” Salter, on July 2. Everyone is happy.

The Class of 2008 had a busy July!

Kevin Kulp DeFalco graduated from Mont St. Mary’s U with an MBA and graduate certificate in organizational development.

2008

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Gettysburg College of 2008 Alumni

The Class of 2008 had a busy July! Matthew and Heather Niles Saller welcomed their first child, Austin Jay “AJ” Saller, on Sept. 15. Everyone is happy and healthy. Allison Loeb married Briggs Saller on July 2 in a ceremony performed by Briggs’s mother, in a professional production of Anne of the Thousand Days. The Chesapeake Shakespeare Company’s head coaching position, McIntyre remains and women’s lacrosse. Along with her new position at Sewanee (U of the South) Tigers. For the third year, she will intern at the University of Florida. She also worked on the Bills’ field hockey team this season. Melanie McFadden is a second-year PhD candidate in psychology. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania. She is currently working as a teaching assistant at the University of Maryland College Park and as a research assistant at the National Institutes of Health. She is also working as a research assistant at the National Institutes of Health.
Rita M. Black '62

Rita M. Black passed away in Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania, on October 17, at the age of 96. Rita's lifelong passions included the ocean, education, and the arts. Rita grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, and frequently visited the Eastern Shore, particularly the Chesapeake Bay region. She attended Gettysburg College and later studied elementary education at Towson State Teachers College, now known as Towson University. Rita taught second grade for two years in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and carried with her an ongoing passion for informal education. Later in life, she worked as a tutor for Blair County Pennsylvania Literacy Council and found great reward in enabling others to read.

Throughout her life, Rita was a great supporter of the arts in Blair County. Using a variety of media, she was an active artist and operated Bloomfield Studios at her home. She was an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church and in her community. Rita volunteered and served on the boards for the American Rescue Workers, Hollidaysburg Free Public Library, and Hollidaysburg YMCA. She enjoyed tennis, gardening, and spending time with friends and family. She is survived by her husband Clyde '62, her daughter Jennifer, her son Brian '86, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Martha E. Dapp Hempt '42

Martha E. Dapp Hempt, formerly of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, passed away on October 22. She was 96. Martha was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a lifelong member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Martha and her last husband Max founded Hempt Farms in 1948. They owned and bred several world champion race horses at their renowned Standardbred horse farm. Martha was a member of various local and national organizations including Chi Omega Sorority, P.E.D. Sisterhood, Junior League of Harrisburg, Hemstock Girl Scout Council, the Hemstock Chapter of the American Red Cross, and a 50-year member of the West Shore Country Club. She was also a volunteer for Holy Spirit Hospital, a past Cub Scout den mother and Girl Scout leader, and an avid golfer and bridge player.

Surviving are her children, Gerald L. Hempt and his wife Lyn, Martha H. Blair and her husband William, Marian H. Semoff and her husband Evan, daughter-in-law Barry, Kathryn Hunger Sanders and her husband Thomas, and Harriett H. Schenck and her husband William; 10 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her late husband Max founded Hempt Farms and her husband William, Marian H. Semoff and her husband Evan, daughter-in-law Barry, Kathryn Hunger Sanders and her husband Thomas, and Harriett H. Schenck and her husband William; 10 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife and by a grandson.

Arthur D. Hunger Jr. '39

Arthur D. Hunger Jr. passed away on September 14 at the age of 99. Art was a graduate of Gettysburg College and Georgetown University School of Dentistry. After graduating dental school in 1944, he served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict. Art opened his dental practice in York, Pennsylvania, and was dedicated to the community and the dental profession throughout his career. Early in his practice, Art was influential in the local and district dental societies of the Pennsylvania Dental Association. He worked to develop the first dental retirement plan for the state and the water fluoridation program in parts of York County. He was a founding member of the York County Medical Dental Bureau and served on the United Way Budgeting Fund Committee. He was a member of the American Dental Association and the Academy of General Dentistry. In January 1990, Art and his wife Jo were recognized by the York County Dental Society for outstanding contributions and dedicated service to the community and the profession of dentistry. He retired at the age of 83 after practicing for more than 56 years. He is survived by his son A. Douglas Hunger III, DDS, and his wife Barbara; his three daughters, Nancy L. Bishop and her husband Barry, Kathryn Hunger Sanders and her husband Thomas, and Harriett H. Schenck and her husband William; 10 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife and by a grandson.

Dates 2016 unless noted

39 Arthur D. Hunger Jr., Sept. 14
40 Mary E. Fries, July 10
40 Martha E. Dapp Hempt, Oct. 22
40 Dorothy Dunkleberger Whitson, Sept. 23
43 John M. Tome, Sept. 4
45 Thomas L. Leisman, Sept. 2
45 Gaetella Ovartichkis Whitson, Sept. 10
46 William H. Eutzy, July 30
48 Roland W. King, July 18
49 John L. Stube Jr., Feb. 10
49 Maynard S. Bambhart Jr., Oct. 19
50 Dennis E. Hendel, Nov. 13
50 Thomas Hunter M, Oct. 7
50 Robert T. Lau, Sept. 14
50 Fred Van Ripar, Aug. 17
50 Sylvester J. Babbitt, April 15, 2011
50 Gene W. Hendel, Dec. 16, 2012
50 Donald W. Holloway, July 19
50 Richard M. Hook, Sept. 30
50 Frank H. Sherman, Aug. 5, 2015
50 Dale E. Yergst, Aug. 11
50 Francis W. Inzborn, Oct. 8
50 Lawrence Johnson, Aug. 25
50 Daniel Klockner III, Sept. 3
52 Barbara Wolff-Campamento Schadel, July 28
52 Michael E. Snyder, Sept. 13
52 John H. Worth, May 5, 2015
50 Art E. B. Cabea, March 24
50 Donald A. Klassen, Sept. 17
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To live GREATLY

For 14 years, newly enrolled Gettysburg College students have processed to the Soldiers’ National Cemetery during the First-Year Walk. Last September they were greeted by Chris Gwinn ’06, who recited the Gettysburg Address and made his own brief remarks, excepted here.

The genius of the Gettysburg Address is in its brevity and in its ability to transcend time. Lincoln spoke for roughly two minutes. He said only 272 words. He didn’t mention a single individual by name. He mentioned no particular place, other than “a great battlefield.” The only date alluded to—“four score and seven years ago”—is 1776, the year of the founding of our country. Lincoln could have been speaking of any moment, anytime, or any place where the struggle to achieve this is the great task that Lincoln speaks of. Americans gathered in this cemetery in 1863 knew that task was victory in the Civil War, the destruction of the rebellion, the preservation of the Union and the eradication of slavery.

But ultimately, every generation of Americans has the obligation to define that great task for their own time. And in the past 153 years the words of Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address have been invoked in times of national crisis and challenge. And this is what the Gettysburg Address charges us to do. It is an active document, not a passive one. It requires something of us, it challenges us, it charges us. There is for us, as Americans, “a great task remaining before us.” We must define it and go about achieving it.

You’ll notice, as you make your way around the campus, the words “Do Great Work.” And, yet, nowhere is it defined.

Like Lincoln’s great task, “Do Great Work” is left for you to interpret and define. Of course, it certainly implies that you will do great academic work. That you’ll study rigorously, apply yourself, and in all that you do, be a great student.

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Like Lincoln’s great task, “Do Great Work” is left for you to define what your great work will be, and in all that you do, to live greatly.

Christopher Gwinn ’06 is supervisory historian for interpretation and education at Gettysburg National Military Park. Photos and video from the First-Year Walk are online.

Philanthropy is A WAY OF LIFE

“Since the day I graduated from our college, I have felt deep gratitude and a sense of obligation to give back. Volunteering for the benefit of Gettysburg College has been forever instinctively natural for me.”

Pat Henry ’71 has been a steadfast volunteer and supporter. Among the multitude of ways she has given back, Pat hosted the Boston/New England First-Year Send-Off for many years. “At the conclusion of each send-off I’d walk away having made new friends and with a sense that this new group of first-year students had grown just a wee bit and that their parents were less nervous to send their children off to college.”

Pat also served on the Board of Trustees, noting that “the satisfaction derived from the work around governance, fiduciary oversight, strategic planning, and implementation of a resourced vision was, for me, an unparalleled experience.”

As Sr. Associate Director of Athletics at Harvard University, Pat has “had the benefit of working at an institution where philanthropy is a way of life. My hope for Gettysburg College is that a growing number of alumni will feel an obligation and realize the opportunity to make a difference through their own benevolence and spirit of pride.”

Coming from a family headed by a young widowed mother, Pat was the oldest of three children. “I was able to attend Gettysburg College because of the generosity of many people and the vehicle of financial aid. Through my personal experience, supporting capable students to attend the college that is ‘right’ for them, no matter their ability to pay, became a compelling goal decades ago. I can think of no better way to achieve that goal than by including Gettysburg College as a beneficiary in my estate plan.”

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