The light at the end of the tumble
From the president

I am proud to say that despite a declining number of U.S. high school students and despite headlines that continue to question the value of a college degree, Gettysburg College continues to draw tremendous interest and great talent. This was a record-breaking year, as we attracted nearly 6,400 applications for the Class of 2019, the most applications we have ever received in our history. Those student applications arrived from 47 states and 108 countries, and we look forward to welcoming about 720 of these students to our campus in the fall.

This strong interest in Gettysburg signals our reputation for high academic quality and an exceptional 24-7 learning environment, something in which we should all take great pride. Our success can be attributed to a community of faculty and staff who provide a tremendous educational experience to our students—and to our alumni, parents, and friends who support Gettysburg College in so many ways.

However, in today’s challenging higher education climate, we should not take our success for granted. We are very focused on doing all that we can to assure that we will be able to sustain excellence at Gettysburg going into the future.

One component of this sustainable excellence process is an ambitious fundraising effort that is helping us to continue to improve our programs and to close the gap between the cost of a Gettysburg education and what we charge. I am happy to say that Gettysburg Great: The Campaign for Our College has gathered tremendous momentum since our public launch in September; since we began this work in 2011 we have raised more than $95 million in cash and commitments! I thank all of you who have contributed to date, and I invite you to read page 11 to learn more.

A second component of our sustainable excellence process is thoughtful stewardship of the resources we have. Over the last year, we have undergone a careful examination of our budgets which has led to a reduction in expenses of $1.2 million that will be redirected annually to financial aid and other strategic investments. We will continue this budget review process into the future, ensuring that our resources are being used to support the student learning experience in the best way possible.

Third, we have begun to explore cost- and resource-sharing opportunities with partner colleges through the Pennsylvania Consortium for the Liberal Arts, a group we have recently established with 10 other Pennsylvania liberal arts colleges. We are grateful that the Mellon Foundation has provided us with some funding to get this consortium off to a strong start.

These three steps will help to secure Gettysburg College’s strong position as an excellent liberal arts college and our ability to deliver on our mission going into the future. The world needs Gettysburgians—graduates who are prepared to be critical thinkers, creative problem-solvers, hard workers, excellent collaborators, and responsible citizen-leaders. I continue to be very proud of our graduates as they go on to do great work in graduate and professional school, in a multitude of careers, and as global citizens.

Thanks to each of you for your volunteer and financial assistance, your help in recruiting excellent students, and your enthusiasm for the Garthwait Leadership Center foster resilience as an important skill for student leaders.

Sincerely,

Janet Morgan Riggs ’77
President
Record gift to the sciences

It was his first gift to Gettysburg College, and it will sustain great science instruction at the College in perpetuity.

A $5 million bequest from the estate of Harrison Dickson ’48, the largest single gift for science at the College to date, will fund an endowed chair in a natural sciences department and student research opportunities. Increasing support for faculty and engaged learning are two of the priorities of Gettysburg Great: The Campaign for Our College, a $150 million comprehensive campaign, which has raised more than $95 million (see page 11).

To honor his parents, Dickson created the John McCrea and Lois Jordan Dickson endowed chair in a natural sciences department and student research opportunities outside of class. The College established the Cross-Disciplinary Science Institute to equip students with the skills required for modern research. Students have also been generating and analyzing genomics data as part of the HHMI Science Education Alliance (SEA) PHAGES program.

By the time he entered Gettysburg College, Dickson had earned three Bronze Stars with the medical battalion of the 84th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army and been through the Battle of the Bulge.

At the College, Dickson excelled in biology, graduating with Beta Beta Beta and Phi Beta Kappa honors. Working on the Gettysburgian and Mercury student publications flexed his literary muscles.

Graduating at age 19, Dickson went on to teach biology and conduct research while working on his PhD from Brown University. A medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and surgical residency with the Mayo Clinic followed, leading to seven years in a private surgical practice. Dickson left private practice to join the international health care service Project Hope as deputy chief surgeon and later became a medical officer in the U.S. Coast Guard. He was predeceased by his wife, Lois Jordan Dickson.

To learn more about the Gettysburg Great campaign go to www.gettysburg.edu/campaign or contact Development, Alumni and Parent Relations at 717-337-6543.

My recent research, conducted in collaboration with Gettysburg College psychology majors, focuses on identity in Muslim-American adolescents. I became interested in this topic after spending a year as a Fulbright scholar in Cairo, Egypt. There I was struck by the discrepancy between the wonderful Egyptian-American friends my children met in their international high school in Cairo and the anti-Muslim rhetoric prevalent in some American media. I discovered that few developmental scientists are studying Muslim youth in the United States, and I initiated some studies examining identity development in this group.

In one project, we’re exploring how Muslim-American teenagers describe themselves. Compared to a sample of non-Muslim high school students, Muslim-American teenagers are far more likely to label themselves with various cultural categories, including both “Muslim” and “American.” They also distance themselves from anti-Muslim stereotypes by saying that they are not terrorists or extremists. This work suggests that Muslim teenagers in the United States have a great deal about who they are and how they fit in a complicated world.

In another project, we’re asking Muslim-American youth in our studies view themselves not as would-be terrorists, but as global citizens trying to contribute positively to the world around them.

Prof. Cain serves as chairperson of the psychology department. Her research interests focus on children’s and adolescents’ social-cognitive and emotional development. As a Fulbright scholar in Cairo, she worked at the Institute of Postgraduate Childhood Studies at Ain Shams University.
Steve Cloetingh ’81

Business administration major • Tau Kappa Epsilon brother
Independent consultant • College Trustee
Chairs the executive committee of Gettysburg Great: The Campaign for Our College • Married to Carolyn, father to Kristina, Andrew, and Kevin

Gained from G-burg

The broad learning coming from the liberal arts.

Most influential professor
Derrick Gondwe.

Life’s proudest moments
My marriage, the births of our children, sale of our company to the right partner who treated our employees, our friends, the same way as we did.

Supports Gettysburg College because
“Support is needed. And the Gettysburg experience contributed to who I am now.”

Strongest College memory
TKE fraternity life.

People would be surprised
That I am heavily involved on boards and councils at a prep school and two colleges (I sort of missed a couple of classes while at G-burg!).

Gettysburg’s future is bright because
“The students are so much more focused than we ever were. They get it. They are so bright and confident.”

Bucket list
Visiting the three Gs: Galápagos Islands, gorillas, Great Barrier Reef.

Define “living a good life”

Last seen on campus: February 2015. Board meeting and networking dinner with the senior class.

Science & service from Gettysburg to Yale

Two BOLD (Burgians Of the Last Decade) alums have joined the ranks of Gettysburgians who find Yale University a good fit after Gettysburg.

Amanda Pellowe ‘12 and Jeremiah Johnston ’13, both biochemistry and molecular biology (BMB) majors, are graduate students at Yale. Pellowe in biomedical engineering and Johnston in molecular biophysics and biochemistry.

“I knew of previous BMB majors who had been accepted for graduate work at Yale. I also liked that Yale had a supportive faculty like at Gettysburg, and many of the students I met there reminded me of my peers at Gettysburg,” Johnston said.

Pellowe and Johnston laid the academic groundwork for their graduate studies in classrooms and labs.

Importance of research

Pellowe worked with chemistry Prof. Don Jameson P’17, exploring different techniques for making molecules.

“The summer I was in Prof. Jameson’s lab was also my first exposure to research, and that experience showed me that grad school could be a really great option for me,” she said.

Amanda Pellowe ’12 (center) and Yale SCHOLAR students.

Teaming up on outreach

They are both dedicated to advancing science through outreach.

Pellowe was the coordinator of engineering courses for Yale’s SCHOLAR Program, a two-week summer program to prepare New Haven youth for success in college. She and Johnston created a course on tissue engineering, which was such a hit that they will repeat it this summer.

“It was great to be able to teach the students that science isn’t just something you learn, it’s a way of thinking and problem solving through the scientific method,” Johnston said. “It was fun to interact with students who may be going down the same path I’m on in the not-too-distant future.”

Pellowe is the founder of the Yale chapter of ManyMentors, a nonprofit organization aimed at promoting women and minorities in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields. Johnston is involved in the Yale Science Diplomats, educating the public about science issues that affect them and encouraging scientists to become engaged in the political process.

Pellowe also explored other career options at Gettysburg. Job shadowing and other experiences confirmed that medical school was not the path for her. After graduation, Fulbright-funded study in the biomaterials lab at the Haukeland University Hospital in Norway pointed her toward clinical research and her program at Yale.

Johnston studied the feasibility of targeted drug delivery in Prof. Luke Thompson’s chemistry lab at Gettysburg. He also spent a summer at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro examining how oxygen gets released through photosynthesis.

Amanda Pellowe ’12 (center) and Yale SCHOLAR students.
I n Copenhagen, Denmark, J esper Rosenkrans ’07 heads up the team responsible for the procurement and active trading of fuel for A.P. Møller Maersk, one of the world’s largest global shipping, trade, and energy enterprises. “We are chiefly responsible for ensuring all of the vessels receive the fuel they need in a timely manner,” Rosenkrans explained. “From there, we trade around that physical position to optimize the price exposure in the group.”

Rosenkrans grew up in Denmark and Indonesia before enrolling at Gettysburg College. He majored in economics, political science, and globalization studies. “My [Gettysburg] professors taught me to look at the world from different angles and to structure a well-reasoned critical approach to a task, which just happens to be important in the line of work I’m in,” he said. “The most important lesson from Gettysburg for me was that constraints are often perceived rather than real. During my time at Gettysburg College, I realized the world very seldomly tells you ‘no’—but equally seldom are things handed to you.”

Rosenkrans offers opportunities for other Gettysburgians, meeting with students studying abroad in Copenhagen. He also provided a summer internship to economics major Lionel Hong ’12, giving him the chance to broaden his global perspective and implement his classroom studies to the massive trading operations of Maersk Oil.

“I think it is important to provide students with the opportunity to express themselves work-wise during their studies so they can start honing in on what they want to do after Gettysburg,” he said. “I also have a self-motivation mentoring; meeting up with current Gettysburg students and alumni allows me to refile my fond memories and hear the latest news from campus.”

Gettysburgives: $1.27 million in 36 hours

T he back flap of the envelope provided instructions: “Do not open until Feb. 12 [at] 10:01 EST,” ensuring that the gift inside would count toward the 36-hour Gettysburgives Challenge held Feb. 12–13.

Not only that gift, but 2,100 more arrived via phone, email, the web, and surface mail. Gettysburgians—generous and competitive by nature—gave into the spirit of the challenge to benefit current students.

Profs. Rim Baltaduonis and Steve Gimbel, Coaches Barb Jordan and Mike Rawleigh ’14, Jeffrey Blavatt ’88, Keira Kant ’95 and other College notables answered calls and retweeted messages. Donors used social media to share news of their gifts and spur on classmates and friends, making the most of their Gettysburg connections—and the #Gettysburgives hashtag.

After meeting the Gettysburgives goals for total gifts, commitments, and the establishment of recurring gifts (automatic monthly, yearly, and semiannuall gifts to the Gettysburg Fund or Orange & Blue Club), the College received a $700,000 gift from Trustee David Brennan ’75, P’00 and an additional $15,000 gift from Trustee Eric Lin ’80 to encourage a final-hour surge by donors.

Annual gifts through the Gettysburg Fund and the Orange & Blue Club are an important source of voluntary support, this year and every year. Make your gift online or call 1-800-238-5528 before May 31 to ensure an exceptional educational experience for current students.

Snapshots

Teams perform swimmingly

The men’s swimming team broke into its fifth consecutive Centennial Conference (CC) title, helping to garner CC Men’s Swimming Coach of the Year for Mike Rawleigh ’14. Women’s swimming took third place in the conference. Five of the men advanced to the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships, finishing 12th in the nation. Follow the Bullets online.

Success after Sunderman

As the conservatory’s 10th anniversary approaches, recent grads Robert Whipple ’12 and Sarah Tuttle ’13 discuss how a conservatory experience in harmony with a liberal arts tradition prepared them for careers and graduate school. They tell their stories through videos on the College website.

Careers in context: health

Students explored health-related career choices beyond patient care during winter break, visiting the U.S. Department of State, United Nations Development Programme, World Bank, and Pan American Health Organization with the Center for Career Development (CCD). Read more about their global career possibilities online.

Basketball abroad

Caroline Murphy ’14 is one of 13 Victory Scholars sponsored by Sport Changes Life. The former Bullets basketball player is in graduate school at Ulster University in Northern Ireland. She works with youth groups in local Belfast communities, coaching players with various degrees of skill and adjusting to the international style of play.

Career connections matter

Bullets running back Paul Lowry ’16, a presidential scholarship recipient, worked with the Center for Career Development to arrange a job shadowing with fellow Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) brother Judge David Ashworth ’77, P’06. Lowry reflected on the mentorship and the value of the Gettysburg network as he prepares for law school.

For links related to these and other stories in this issue, visit www.gettysburg.edu/links

Lincoln Prize goes to Holzer

The 2015 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize was awarded to Harold Holzer of The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York for Lincoln and the Power of the Press: The War for Public Opinion (Simon & Schuster). The prize is awarded by Gettysburg College and The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Holzer was chosen from 114 nominations. He received $50,000 and a bronze replica of Augustus Saint-Gaudens’ life-size bust “Lincoln the Man” in a ceremony April 23 in New York City.

In his book, Holzer examines Abraham Lincoln’s lifelong relationship with the press and explores how—in the age of Lincoln—the press and politics often functioned in tandem as a single, tightly organized entity.

Read an interview with Holzer at www.gettysburg.edu/links and learn more about the prize.
RENEWING THE LEGACY

“What’s new in my department?” That is a question many alumni have and in six departments, the answer includes a newly tenured faculty member.

Diverse in their backgrounds and academic interests, they are as passionate about their research as they are about teaching and mentoring students. They join their departmental colleagues in providing excellent instruction and collaboration in and out of the classroom.

In the past 10 years, the number of faculty members at the College has increased by about 20 percent, to more than 190 professors.

ECONOMICS

With connections to labs and institutions of higher education across the world, Prof. Rimvydas (Rim) Baltaduonis offers his students global opportunities and perspectives. As an economist, he examines the energy sector as well as experimental and behavioral economics.

He has worked with two or three research assistants each year, from first-year students to seniors. Students have helped develop his research questions, conducted literature surveys, and programmed software.

— Rimvydas (Rim) Baltaduonis • BA, Vilnius University (Lithuania) • MA, PhD, University of Connecticut

EDUCATION

Prof. Divonna Stebick started in the education department as a lecturer in 2003. She still spends one day a week working in the field with teachers to keep up her skills and stay informed on teaching practices. Stebick’s research interests are centered around literacy, special education, and education policy.

— Divonna Stebick • BS, Indiana University of Pennsylvania • MS, McDaniel College • PhD, Union Institute & University

I was in a tenure-track position at a larger institution before coming here, and I wanted more of a connection with students and autonomy over my research.

Comparing Gettysburg to my other experiences, what stands out is how closely faculty work with undergrads. Those opportunities to engage at a deeper level and do more research-based education have been valuable to me.

One of the most satisfying experiences I’ve had since I’ve been here is when I took students to a conference with me. Things came full circle, and they could see that I’m an action researcher. I don’t just preach; I practice.

PHYSICS

Prof. Kurt Andresen’s research in biophysics analyzes how DNA packs in our bodies. The active parts of our DNA may “turn on” a disease like cancer; for example, Andresen hopes to figure out how active and passive DNA determinations are made and how to modify the packing of the DNA—relevant to research on diseases. He spent a recent sabbatical at Leiden University in the Netherlands and engages a number of students in his research.

— Kurt Andresen • BA, Boston University • PhD, Cornell University

I have been able to develop courses that benefit from my research and offer students exposure to a variety of topics and contexts.

As a student of physics, you’ll need to do research at some point—that’s how we create science.

A lot of people don’t know what this kind of school is all about unless you’ve experienced it. I knew the psychology department here was particularly strong and that I would have good colleagues here.

HEALTH SCIENCES

Prof. Amy Dailey is proud of the public health focus she’s brought to the health sciences department since she came here in 2010. The former epidemiologist in Florida’s Duval County Health Department hopes to expand the public health offerings and her community-based research in Adams County, which has involved a number of students.

— Amy Dailey • BS, Alma College • MPH, Tulane University • PhD, Yale University

In nearly every field, the body of knowledge is increasing and evolving. Professors need to keep current and respond with new approaches to their subject matter, while continuing to provide students with the kind of personal attention that awakens great achievement. It is the relationship between students and faculty as learners that is the hallmark of a Gettysburg education. This College values teaching above all. Support for Gettysburg College’s faculty is a priority of Gettysburg Great: The Campaign for Our College.
Great work, great life

Life as the public face of Johnson & Johnson is hectic in a crazy, globetrotting, changing-lives way, Sheri Woodruff '87, vice president of communications for global public affairs and policy, found ways to thrive at Johnson & Johnson and in prior corporate posts with TE Connectivity (formerly Tyco Electronics), Tyco International, and General Motors.

Love your work
"I always wanted to work for a company I felt proud of and that makes the world a little better every day," said Woodruff, "so I love my work at Johnson & Johnson."

The company’s credo challenges employees to always put the people they serve first. "Countries around the world are interested in social responsibility to positively affect their citizens," said Woodruff, who recently visited China, Singapore, and India to meet with patients, physicians, and government heads about their citizens’ health care needs.

Use a global lens
"I have had a global role since my second job with General Motors and the experience has made me a better professional. It opened my mind to more than if I had only worked in the U.S.," she said.

"When I was building a team in China for Tyco Electronics, one employee and I had an especially strong connection. She spent so much time explaining Chinese culture to me—family, industry, communication—that it helped me to better understand how to recruit people in those cultures, how to advertise, how to tell our story, and how to understand our audiences. This is invaluable. You can come up with real solutions with an eye to individual needs in the area."

Never stop improving
"Always try to have a variety of experiences where you’re immersed in different things—media relations, internal and external communications, financial communications, private and public sector," said Woodruff, a former English major. "It makes you a stronger professional and the diversity of experiences will serve you well throughout your career."

Strive for balance
"This past year, I changed jobs, my wife changed jobs, we both sold houses, moved, and renovated a kitchen. I traveled to eight countries, we had a wedding, and our dog had surgery—I’d recommend you don’t try to cram all of that into the same year," she said.

Reflect with gratitude
But before professional success and leadership positions, she remembers serving as an intern in Gettysburg College’s Public Relations Office (today’s Communications and Marketing Office).

“Looking back, it was just a wonderful experience. My most influential mentor was in the PR Office in the mid 80s—Linda Lagle, a former associate director of PR. She took me under her wing and gave me the opportunity to grow,” Woodruff said. "She had a joy for working with the media and opened up a variety of skills within me that helped me get my first job out of college."

Sheri Woodruff '87

Photo provided by Sheri Woodruff

NEH Challenge Grant enhances Civil War Era Studies

A challenge grant of $500,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) will help to establish an endowed chair in Civil War Era Studies (CWES). This permanent endowment will secure the future of CWES by increasing the level of involvement by faculty in other departments and attract more students. College funds freed up by the endowment will support a new tenure-track position in war and memory studies. The College created CWES in 1998 with support from the Henry Luce Foundation. Prof. Allen Guelzo, the director of CWES, will hold the newly endowed professorship.

The NEH grant must be matched on a three-to-one ratio by the College to result in a $2 million endowment. Fundraising efforts through the Gettysburg Great campaign have secured $1 million toward the $1.5 million required to receive the full grant. To make a gift or learn more, go online to www.gettysburg.edu/campaign or contact Development, Alumni and Parent Relations at 717-337-6543.
It turns out that in addition to Geoff Jackson '91, Buckeye County (PA) artist Alan Ferrer has a number of friends and acquaintances within the College’s network. His gracious Facebook post depicting the winter 2015 issue of Gettysburg brought kudos from alumni and others familiar with the iconic visions of Gettysburg in his paintings.

President Janet Morgan Riggs ’77 wrote that “Anything” is her response when asked what a liberal arts college graduate can do. When asked about this in 1988, Riggs ’77 wrote, “During my 35 years of teaching ethics and social philosophy... I lived with the constant challenge of the question, ‘What’s a philosophy major good for?’ Trying to answer the question is like trying to persuade someone how good your favorite ice cream flavor is, when that someone has never tried that flavor. The solution is a little like Aristotelian suggestion that one becomes a moral person through habit—not through external justification. Thanks for keeping the question before the Gettysburg community, and, of course, its prospective new members.”

It’s time to take a look at the College’s Sunderman Conservatory of Music. On social media The Princeton Review ranked Gettysburg College 11th in the nation for internships, and 995 of you liked that on Facebook! Brian Malferette ’04 posted, “Absolutely true. My career began from an internship 13 years ago. It came from when I went to the Career Center. Whoever was working there went above and beyond and made the call with me to check if there were any internships available.”

Thank you to those who spread the word about the Gettysburgies Challenge (see page 7) in February. Along with many thank-yous and progress updates, some of you shared personal messages. Rebecca Deffler ’13 said, “Scholarship donations made my incredible college experience possible. So happy to make an impact, even with my small gift.” See #Gettysburgies to relive the day on Twitter.

And last we forget, 2015 brought plenty of the ever-popular campus snow shots.

And in the news

Prof. Anner Dorman of the College’s Sunderman Conservatory of Music was cited in The Boston Musical Intelligence and The Boston Globe in conjunction with the performance of his composition Astrolatry by the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The New York Times and The Associated Press reported that Harold Holzer’s new book and the Power of the Press won the 2015 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize.

The Philadelphia Inquirer ran op-ed editorial by Civil War Era Studies Director Allen Guelzo (’Slavery’s End Deserves a 150th Celebration”), Associate Director of the Civil War Institute Jill Ogline Titus ("Link Racial Past to the Present”), and Mathematics Chairperson Darren Glass ("On Pi Day, a Serving of Why We Need Math”). History Prof. Michael Birkner ’72, P’10 was a writer with the Concord (New Hampshire) Monitor at the time of the 1988 New Hampshire primary election and wrote his recollections for The Boston Globe.

For the Gettysburg Times annual “Progress edition,” President Janet Morgan Riggs ’77 wrote of the College’s responsibility to prepare students for careers and live as socially responsible citizens in a globally connected world.

Specialty college counseling website Music School Central recognized Gettysburg College’s Sunderman Conservatory of Music in its “Top 10 Hidden Gem Music Schools in the U.S.” list. “Perhaps a hidden due to its relatively new inception, this music school housed at Gettysburg College should be a top consideration for many music students, especially those looking to get a solid music education at a top liberal arts college,” they said.

Alumna Becky Zartman ‘07, assistent rector at St. Thomas’ Parish, an Episcopal church in Washington, D.C., was interviewed by The Washington Post for its “Beliefs” series. Zartman mentioned a famous lawyer and the service experiences that led to her beliefs entering the seminary. Lego Says You Can’t Build That—‘Because of Politics’ by Anthony Palmer ’13 was published on National Public Radio’s “It’s All Politics” blog.

A photo of philosophy Prof. Steve Gimbél during the filming of a course accompanied a piece in The New York Times on the trend for lifelong learners to turn to education in their leisure time.


Keep the Conversations going on the College’s Facebook, LinkedIn, or Twitter accounts or send a note to alumni@magazine@gettysburg.edu
The light at the end of the tunnel is the thing of quotes and allegories. Resilience. Grit. The ability to bounce up/back/forward from adversity.

We seek resilience as a personal trait for a good and happy life. We value it as a vital capacity in our leaders. The wealth of articles, books, and tools available to cultivate and measure resilience confirms that we are, indeed, students of managing hard times.

One of the many roles of Gettysburg College’s Garthwait Leadership Center (GLC) is to foster discussion of current issues in leadership among members of the campus community. To that end, last fall Andy Hughes, director of the GLC, led a campus reading group and discussion on stress drivers and how leaders build resilience.

“The way I have seen resiliency used in relation to leaders, leadership, and leadership development is as a strategy or skill for managing stress,” said Hughes.

“They’re expected to do everything, be engaged, and exceed.” He explained that for many students, the first time they fail will be at college. “The ability to bounce back from a first failing grade, for example, can be an important marker of student success, alternative thinking to transferring out of school, or worse yet, depression,” said Hughes.

He added that the GLC employs many resources on the subject of resilience in their work with students, staff, and faculty, such as the Center for Creative Leadership and the Positive Psychology Center at the University of Pennsylvania, which is led by Dr. Martin E.P. Seligman, a widely recognized authority on resilience.

“I believe that aspects of resiliency have always been a part of leadership,” said Hughes. “There is an abundance of knowledge to be gained from experts in the field, but the insights of people we know whose lives otherwise model success—the personal stories—stay with us when we need them.”
Someone once said, “In the real world, all rests on perseverance.” And for me, now in my seventh decade of life, it has been a long walk of perseverance. In dealing with the many challenges and uncertainties of life, I have found perseverance to be the single, most important trait in overcoming adversity.

For me, adversity came early in life. At age five, I was stricken with paralytic poliomyelitis (polio) or infantile paralysis as it was called. This acute virus paralyzed my right leg from waist to toe. The doctors told my mother I would never have full use of my leg again and that I would have to use a brace and crutch the rest of my life. After six months in the hospital, I was discharged and placed in an outpatient protocol status of weekly hydrotherapy. After months of treatment, I began to regain use of the leg and relied less on the brace and crutch. Muscle development and movement came slowly, but I persevered.

I was determined to be the child who walked the farthest without falling during the unassisted “walking races” held at the local polio clinic. The doctor told my mother, “He is pushing too hard and should rest more.” But I had other ideas. I wanted to get out in the street and play stickball and try out for the seventh grade football team. It was my father, a World War II veteran, and a no-nonsense person, who said to me, “Put that crutch away and stand on your own two feet.” I did. I fought the effects all through high school. I managed to play lacrosse and participate in the ROTC program at Gettysburg.

On graduation day, I was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. For me, a young infantry officer, it was about “being all you can be,” including proving to my many West Point peers that I could do all that they could do.

I went on to become a paratrooper and Ranger, all while overcoming the polio that plagued me as a child. I volunteered for the 82nd Airborne Division—the toughest and best outfit in the Army. The high morale, esprit de corps, and clan of the airborne was something I admired and wanted to be a part of. Ranger training is the best and toughest leadership course the Army has…and I wanted that training and experience. Today, one leg is atrophied, significantly less muscular, and a little shorter than the other. I walk slowly, but I persevere.

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Where I am today doesn’t exactly align with my answer to “Where would you like to be in five years?” after my graduation from Gettysburg. Yet, I’m very grateful.

I am the founder of Brown Coaching and Consulting, L.L.C., an organization that creates learning partnerships with nonprofits, high schools, colleges, and community groups to promote confidence, resiliency, and achievement. I am also studying for my master’s degree in the Educational Leadership, Politics and Advocacy program at New York University. I am a columnist for Noodle Education and Idealist Careers; am a Big Brothers and Big Sisters workplace mentor; and am close to becoming an entry-level improv instructor for other educators. Oh, and except for the writing for Idealist Careers, I had none of these accomplishments eight months ago.

In fact, eight months ago, I had no job. And not much else either. After about a year and a half in my last job, I was let go. My unexpected exit had nothing to do with my performance. Quite simply, I desired to grow in my contributions and responsibilities, but my aspirations didn’t align with the organization’s. Armed with a clear articulation of goals, a fresh elevator pitch, my ambition, and an inability to look back, I focused on the best ways to move forward. I cold-emailed my way to calls, coffees, and meetings with decision-makers in my industries of interest. I used my network of Gettysburg contacts and mentors. Four months after being let go, I had received four job offers—three at the manager or director level.

While I haven’t closed the doors to corporate work, I am committed to the success of my company and the students it serves. I talk to my students a lot about confidence—not the superficial sort—but the kind rooted in character. Too often we attribute confidence solely to our successes without understanding that our confidence (or assurance in ourselves) is inextricably rooted in character. Too often we attribute confidence to our accomplishments eight months ago. In fact, eight months ago, I had no job. And not much else either. After about a year and a half in my last job, I was let go. My unexpected exit had nothing to do with my performance. Quite simply, I desired to grow in my contributions and responsibilities, but my aspirations didn’t align with the organization’s. Armed with a clear articulation of goals, a fresh elevator pitch, my ambition, and an inability to look back, I focused on the best ways to move forward. I cold-emailed my way to calls, coffees, and meetings with decision-makers in my industries of interest. I used my network of Gettysburg contacts and mentors. Four months after being let go, I had received four job offers—three at the manager or director level.

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I give myself permission to aim and permission to miss not only because both are rooted in action, but also because there is genuine advantage in either outcome. I’m committed to being honest and accountable for my failures because without them my story lacks context and my accomplishments lack catalyst. This past year has been transformative. One of the most useful tools I’ve developed is my ability to reframe failure. Failure is not terminal, as Henry Ford noted, “It is the opportunity to begin again, this time more wisely.”
Stories of resilience:

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One of the first things I had to do in my first job as a manager was to hire a new sales representative for a vacant territory in my newly assigned district in Chicago. I had gone through “interview training” and felt prepared to push forward quickly, conduct several interviews, and make a decision. Which I did. My first hire.

However, the person I hired was not the right one for the job, and it started to become evident during the initial training period. I had made a mistake but found myself unwilling to admit it. I believed that because I had made the decision to hire the person, it was my personal responsibility to get the person to be successful. A self-fulfilling prophecy. For me.

And it took me much longer than it should have to face the facts and deal with the reality of the situation properly. After working with this person for many months, I finally saw that I was investing more and more of my time and energy and not seeing results. He was struggling. And I recognized I was not spending enough time with other members of the district, and that was also affecting performance and morale.

One of the experienced sales managers on our team—a peer—took me aside and pointed out some pretty obvious things that I just wasn’t seeing. My regional manager was letting me learn on the job, though in the end, he held me accountable. It is a lesson that I remembered throughout my entire career as I made decisions about people. I always tried to remember the importance of being realistic and factual when considering people and the roles I felt they could play in an organization. It definitely impacted my work with other hiring managers as I took on more organizational responsibility.

Eventually, I joined another small firm, and we began to grow a bigger firm. One morning 10 years after that life-altering experience of losing my job, I got a very different call. It was from New Jersey’s governor-elect Chris Christie asking if I was interested in a position on his senior staff. I accepted and eventually moved to the position I have today.

I have one message that I tell interns or young employees. You never know who you may need down the road or who might be in a position to help you in times of need. Treat everyone with respect and be mindful that friends you have, every business colleague you work with or interact with, have their own issues in life. Whether you can help them or not, the effort is what matters because someday you may need their help.

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On her first trip to Europe from her home in Berlin, Pennsylvania, junior Julie Day ’16 traveled 3,700 miles to Salamanca, a historic university town in northwestern Spain. Here, she shares her story of living and learning in a different culture.

With stiff limbs and eyes heavy from jet lag, I descended the steps from jet lag, I descended the steps of the autobús that brought me to Salamanca, both eager and tentative to find what awaited me at the bottom. What I found were both the arms of my Spanish mother, Pilar, and the beginning of what would become one of the most profound experiences of my life. From the moment I first stepped foot on Spanish soil, the familiar I’m becoming more comfortable in my new casa, where I, along with another American student, live with our host mom and her Yorkshire Terrier, Jaco. With my new family, I have been able to thoroughly appreciate and experience everything the traditional Spanish lifestyle has to offer. La comida has become one of my favorite parts of the typical Spanish afternoon. It is the largest meal of the day and is held in the home between 2 and 3 p.m. What I enjoy the most is not only tasting and savoring the new flavors and dishes, but watching Pilar cook and learning the names of popular Spanish cuisine like chorizo and paella.

What’s even better is having the entire extended family over for la comida, where we share plates of tortilla de patatas and jamón, and the only sound is laughter and the clicking of silverware on plates. Trying new foods is only part of the experience—la comida is a time to spend with family and to get to know one another.

Enjoying family has become an important part of my life, as well as spending time with other Salmantinos. Through the help of an organization within the University of Salamanca called Intercambio, I have been able to meet fellow Spanish students and share a language and culture exchange over a warm cup of café con leche.

The foreign I am also taking courses in linguistics and literature at the university. This by far has been one of my most difficult challenges, being the only extranjera in a sea of native Spanish speakers. Salamanca is known as one of the best cities in Spain to meet people from all over the world. Thousands of international students study at the university annually, making it an extremely diverse and culturally rich atmosphere. I have also met students from across the United States in the IES program, affiliated with Gettysburg College. The distinct cultural climate of Salamanca has also allowed me to come into contact with a variety of activities like Spanish rap concerts, hiking trips, theater productions, and opportunities for volunteerism with the local cultural center, Centro Cultural Barracas.

And my experiences have not stopped in Salamanca—I have been able to travel with my program to Segovia, Zamora, Toledo, and other cities within Spain. These trips provide students with the opportunity to learn and take part in new experiences. But they also allow students—to travel with my program to Segovia, Zamora, Toledo, and other cities within Spain. These trips provide students with the opportunity to learn and take part in new experiences. But they also allow students to form close bonds in the absence of their native language and culture.

While at first the transition from an American culture to a Spanish one was strenuous, I have become more comfortable with each passing day—from the rhythm of the streets to interacting with other Salmantinos. As a Spanish major, the most rewarding aspect of this experience has been the opportunity to take the skills I have learned from my time at Gettysburg beyond the walls of the classroom and immerse myself in my passion.

But study abroad is not just for language majors. Meeting people from all over the world and experiencing other viewpoints and backgrounds has provided me with a better understanding of how vast the world really is, helping me to become a more empathetic and aware individual.

—Julie Day ’16
Musselman Library—the place of stacks and study carrels, databases and Special Collections—has been expanding its borders in recent years, via the Internet. The library’s website and GettDigital collections are informative and intriguing to online visitors, offering access to images, documents, and artifacts within Special Collections and College Archives.

And now there is more, and even more to come. Open access is shorthand for a movement sweeping many of the world’s libraries, and it speaks volumes about the choice many authors are making to help increase the visibility and impact of their work. Librarians have been important voices in exposing the issues and increasing the potential for information and data sharing.

Prior to the digital information age, scholarly writing and research were shared through print journals. Publication timelines were subject to the processes of selection, review, printing, and distribution. Access was governed by subscriptions—often high-priced subscriptions. Even with the introduction of digital publishing and its accompanying efficiencies, many scholarly journals kept to fixed publishing schedules, and costs remained high.

Scholars, learners, and librarians began to question why, and interest in open access gained momentum. Speaking broadly, open access stands for free and unrestricted access to and use of original work, allowing others to build upon and share it legally. Open access challenges the barriers previously separating scholars and learners from the information they need.

For Musselman Library’s Janelle Wertzberger, director of reference and instruction, these were exciting times. “We knew the publishing landscape was changing very quickly. There was a role for the library in making the scholarship produced at Gettysburg College more visible and to increase its impact,” said Wertzberger.

Wertzberger says Musselman Library has been amassing and publishing original research and creative works produced by faculty, students, and other members of the Gettysburg College community. Gettysburg’s online institutional repository, The Cupola, is the College’s foray into the open access movement.

Sharing great work elevates the visibility of the College by making the latest thinking and research of the faculty—and the great work of the students—available to other researchers, scholars, students, and the public.

“Often when I talk to students about this I reference Google,” said Wertzberger. “Have you ever found a publication on Google or Google Scholar and been surprised that you were asked to pay to access it? You probably didn’t pay. Paywalls inhibit access. We want to be sure that scholarship produced by Gettysburg College faculty isn’t trapped behind a paywall and that anyone can read it, use it, and cite it.”
Long-distance connections

Anthropology Prof. Julia Hendon said researchers in her field have long been concerned that the work they publish be available not only to other researchers but also to stakeholders in the locations they study.

Case in point: in 2009, Hendon participated in a workshop organized by the Honduran Institute of Anthropology and History to bring researchers together with people who lived near archaeological sites, encouraging local engagement with preservation, protection, and sustainable economic development.

“I met a lot of people who lived close to Cerro Palenque, the site I have been working on for many years,” said Hendon. “We had a very good interaction; they were very interested, and they formed their own organization. Then things fell apart in Honduras, and they formed their own organization. A few years later, Hendon reconnected with them via Facebook, and she realized she had shared through The Cupola.

“Wagner notes that the College is in the forefront among undergraduate liberal arts libraries in the move toward open access and that Wertzberger is sought after as an expert in the field. In January, Gettysburg College became the first liberal arts college to join the Open Library of Humanities. For you, The Cupola offers a connection to the great work that is taking place on campus—for your information, enrichment, or both. Search by keyword, browse by department or discipline, explore collections like College authors or faculty books, or take a shortcut via the top downloads, recent additions, or the paper of the day.

The more than 2,700 works available on The Cupola, said Wagner, are more closely examining and retaining their rights as authors in favor of a degree of openness.

Who benefits? For faculty, publishing in The Cupola ensures that their work is readily available to a wider audience. Other researchers and scholars can build upon or cite the work, expanding the academic network, not only nationally but also globally. Publication in The Cupola safeguards the author’s rights and copyright ownership.

The Cupola also meets the expectations for data sharing of some grant providers, such as the National Institutes of Health.

For students, The Cupola pursues forward only the best academic work, work that has been either nominated or reviewed by the faculty. The permanent URL assigned to each piece makes the work easy for students to share on their résumés, graduate school applications, or LinkedIn profiles. Gettysburg faculty regularly engage students as research collaborators and coauthors—you’ll see names of students, faculty, and research collaborators from other institutions on bylines in The Cupola.

For you, The Cupola offers a connection to the great work that is taking place on campus—for your information, enrichment, or both. Search by keyword, browse by department or discipline, explore collections like College authors or faculty books, or take a shortcut via the top downloads, recent additions, or the paper of the day.

The more than 2,700 works are tagged as faculty scholarship, student scholarship, student journals, art catalogs, and audio essays. In the past year alone, there were more than 102,000 downloads. There is a wealth of great work available—entire books, book chapters, research papers, student journals, art catalogs, and educational resources like lab manuals and open textbooks.

Long-lost readings

From 1947 through 1969, all first-year Gettysburg College students took a two-semester course called Contemporary Civilization. The course was developed at President Henry W.A. Hanson’s request with the goal of “introducing the student to the backgrounds of contemporary social problems through the major concepts, ideals, hopes, and motivations of Western culture since the Middle Ages.”

Gettysburg College professors from the history, philosophy, and religion departments developed a textbook for the course. The first edition, published in 1955, was called An Introduction to Contemporary Civilization and Its Problems. A second edition, refined Ideas and Institutions of Western Man, was published in 1958 and 1960.

The library is working to put as much content from the second edition as possible in The Cupola. The copy that is digitized is from the Gary T. Hawbaker ’66 Collection and the marginalia are his. Recent additions from Section III, “The Medieval Church,” include entries written by Profs. Robert L. Bloom, Basil L. Crapster, Harold A. Dunkelberger ’36, Charles H. Glasfelter ’46, and Richard T. Mara ’48. At right is an excerpt from “The Church’s Bid for Intellectual Leadership” on higher education:

We have already noted the Church’s claim to teach “in all its fulness every doctrine that men ought to be brought to know, and that regarding things visible and invisible, in heaven and on earth.” During the Dark Ages it was too busy with other problems to be able to concern itself much with education. While there were sporadic attempts earlier, it was only during the eleventh and twelfth centuries that the Church turned more seriously to the problem of educating its members. This work was carried on primarily in the monastery and cathedral schools. But, because the monasteries of this time were mainly concerned with their own internal problems of reform, and because they were ill-equipped to take care of students who might not be monastically minded, the work of education fell mainly on such cathedral schools as those at Canterbury, Paris, Chartres, and Toledo.

The curriculum of these schools included the trivium (triple way) and the quadrivium which, when taken together, were called the seven liberal arts. Grammar, rhetoric, and logic made up the former. Arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, and music made up the latter. There were two major factors which helped to change these early schools into what we know today as the medieval universities. One was the demand made by the Church and the rising states and cities for an enlarged understanding of legal theory and practice commensurate with their expanding administrations. The other factor was the appearance of obscure beginnings of new materials, which eventually superseded the old. Before the Crusades there was a revival of interest in Roman law and medicine in the older Italian schools. There were also some points of contact with the Moslem East through Spain and Sicily, which the Crusades served to expand.

Download the full text at http://cupola.gettysburg.edu/contemporary_sec3/4/
When is a family legacy more than a family legacy? When loyalty, spirit, and memories connect to an even greater College family.

In the past 90 years, at least 14 Mowery relations have attended the College. And if there wasn’t a Mowery in your class, there might have been a Johnson or Brenneman or Cooney.

The Shearer-Mowerys

This past fall, three sisters competed together as members of the Gettysburg College field hockey team. Lexie E. Mowery ’15 garnered all-conference accolades as a defender, while her sister Haley ’18 earned the job as the team’s starting goalie. Older sister Ashley guided her two younger siblings from the sidelines as an assistant coach.

But that’s just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the Mowery family and Gettysburg College. Cheering for the three sisters from the stands was an assortment of fans, all related and all with ties to the College. Leslie, Haley, and Ashley are just the latest in a family legacy of at least 14 Gettysburgians, dating back more than nine decades.

Haley is the most recent member of her family to attend Gettysburg. Since birth, the three sisters have been surrounded by orange and blue.

“Ever since I was a little girl, Gettysburg was the only college I ever knew,” recalled Lexie. “My mom would sing her sorority songs to me as lullabies.”

“Everything at our house is Gettysburg,” said Haley. “I guarantee every single day one of us is wearing something that has the Gettysburg logo on it.”

Outside of their parents, Harold F. Mowery III ’76 and Teena Stewart Mowery ’79, the sisters have learned about their family history at Gettysburg through their grandmother, Phyllis Shearer Mowery ’53, and their great aunt, Winifred Shearer Kost ’57.

Both were busy collegians as members of Chi Omega and the theatre department. Phyllis, who was married to the former Pennsylvania State Senator Harold Mowery Jr., still recalls her unconventional introduction to the school courtesy of her father, Harold ‘Whitey’ Shearer ’24.

“I had very little input about where to go,” recalled Phyllis. “My dad knew President Henry W.A. Hanson and we walked right to his door without an appointment, and with my knees knocking, my dad informed him I was coming to Gettysburg College. I found a second home at Gettysburg, and I loved every minute of it.”

Phyllis and Winifred’s father was the first to start the legacy. Like his ancestors, Whitey had many talents, earning a degree in electrical engineering, joining Sigma Alpha Epsilon, participating on the track team, and designing sets and props for the theatre department. Many in the family share connections to the Owl & Nightingale Players and athletics.

Despite the abundance of Gettysburg influences, each member of the family made their own decision to come to Gettysburg.

“Gettysburg has always been known for its friendliness, its highly selective academics, competitive athletics, active Greek life, and its morals and ethical values,” said Phyllis. “What a myriad of happy memories!”

Whether attending Gettysburg College is a deeply rooted tradition or a happy coincidence in your family, drop us an email at alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu to tell us your stories and share your memories.
As part of their year-long fellowship, The Eisenhower Institute Undergraduate Fellows spent five days in Belgium and France studying integrated national security strategies with Prof. Shirley Anne Warshaw, the Harold G. Evans Chair of Eisenhower Leadership Studies. The group visited the European Commission, the U.S. Embassy, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Brussels.

"Our trip to Brussels and Paris culminated an amazing semester that included a trip to the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency and a meeting with the director," said Warshaw. "We are extremely grateful to Keith Masback ’87, CEO of the U.S. Geospatial Intelligence Foundation, for his assistance with our five on-campus panels, introducing us to a wide range of national security experts, and helping to set up our Brussels connections."

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"Part of my experience at Gettysburg had to do with that sense of being part of a minority group," said Michael Reichgott ’61, MD. "From a life-learning perspective, it was helpful to me to be appreciative of cultural, racial, and ethnic difference and being able to factor that into the way I relate to folks now."

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

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Her husband Rob ’52, and had changed mates! Happily that is how it worked out, according to Carol. We received Rob’s notes, I reported that he was coming back from winter break. Does anyone know of a way to get the students to airports to pick up the students flown into the area? While in New York, the driver told us that they run shuttles to airports in the area. We all appreciate keeping in touch with classmates. I am looking forward to hearing from you and some news from your next issue, so please respond. We will post a new list for each issue. To avoid being on the list, you may write on your own. I am looking forward to spring and hearing from you.

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**1953**

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The Class of 1953 news is the latest I received on a Christmas card, which I received each year, from Dan and his wife Beth. Dan told me that they are doing well. They have two children who also graduated from Gettysburg. They are enjoying retirement and spending time with their grandchildren.

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**1954**

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A correction in the winter class notes, I reported that my brother Robert Hunt enjoyed visits with friends, and I made a wish of their names, leading people to wonder if some had already went. Happily that is not the case, and we learned that my brother, Frank Barone Johnson and his wife Rob ’52, and Marion Spinneman Walden and his wife Burt, Ralph Fischer and his wife Eva hosted a number of Gettysburgians for dinner, last fall. They entertained with magic and music. They also entertained with a variety of foods at the end of the evening. They were wonderful hosts, and we enjoyed having dinner with them.

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**1955**

60th Reunion Year
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We appreciate keeping in touch with a few of our classmates here in Baltimore. We are looking forward to hearing from you, and some news from the next issue. I would love to hear from you.

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**1957**

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An after Christmas note from Bruce Frank brought rad tidings. Bruce’s wife Kay died during surgery in Mar. They lived in their new home in CO to FL to visit her sister June, and they plan to live near Lititz, PA. They were entertained by “Cokie” Machetzki and Bert and she and Joe ’55, Bob ’56 and Jeanne’s Way.

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**1959**

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Sad, our column is blank, as I have not heard from anyone; so the word is spread that this year we will want to take this opportunity to again thank Rich for being the catalyst for this project. It has been a real asset to Gettysburg College. An update on Marian Davis ’60 her serious pedestrian accident in Gettysburg, she is in a rehabilitation in a rehab hospital, doing well. Bruce and I look forward to traveling to Boston where alumni are gathering for a reception and then going to a Boston Symphony concert. President Janet Morgan Riggs ’77 is to be a guest at the reception. We hope to see some folks from our era there.

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**1960**

55th Reunion Year
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Lynda Leonard Confessore
enjoyed hearing about your volunteer activities (hurt, hurt) and tells me that she was awarded the 2014 Quac with Bowl for service to her Long Island, NY, community. She has served the village in several capacities over the years, but her main interest is the Quac as an advisor to the library. She has some family in the area, and a friend of hers has hosted her for a number of years. She is a trustee for 15 years and now serves as President. She is proud of its growth and now has a large collection of rare books. The library is now 100 years old and doubled its size in 2000 and needs more space again. Lynda is enjoying her time in the library. She continues to be married in 2013, and Lynda now has a step-granddaughter and a granddaughter. Lynda’s little library is in a one-story house. She is indeed great fun. Rod claims I’m having trouble retiring since I installed a Little Free Library in front of our house. It’s about the size of a large birdhouse and holds 12 to 15 books for passersby to take or to leave. It’s been fun to watch what people will drop off and what they pick up. Little Free Library online and see if you want to put one at your house! Marian Davis continues to improve and sends her thanks for all of your cards, calls, and prayers.

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**1961**

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We received this in search of a new card. Thanks to all; Keep those cards, emails, and phone calls coming. Class notes is the first place we all look, so let us know what you are up to. At 70 years old, George Hilliard has had two heart attacks and needs more surgery. He is a retired air force officer and the other in the Myers Beach golf industry (the latter sounds interesting as a five-star library. The library is now 100 years old and doubled its size in 2000 and needs more space again. Lynda is enjoying her time in the library. She continues to be married in 2013, and Lynda now has a step-granddaughter and a granddaughter. Lynda’s little library is in a one-story house. She is indeed great fun. Rod claims I’m having trouble retiring since I installed a Little Free Library in front of our house. It’s about the size of a large birdhouse and holds 12 to 15 books for passersby to take or to leave. It’s been fun to watch what people will drop off and what they pick up. Little Free Library online and see if you want to put one at your house! Marian Davis continues to improve and sends her thanks for all of your cards, calls, and prayers.

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**1964**

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more like fun). Helen and George had an eventful 2014. Three of their grandchildren were born, and one got married. Traveling through six National Parks in CD and UT, having a high-rent replacement bungalow indented into the Myrtle Beach Golf Hall of Fame, and, oh yes, retirement kept the Hilliards very busy. George wishes he had a classic good health, something we all treasure. Before Thanksgiving, Sherm and Carol Seibel ’63 (Mendix enjoyed lunch in Escondido, CA, with Steve Munsinger, who is still teaching orchidology and natural history at a college and going strong. Sherm and Carol are enjoying retirement and travel. There’s a lot to see. Enjoy! Mike Reichelt, who has been a generous donor to the College and to many good causes, was awarded the 2014 Liaison Committee on Medical Education (CME) Distinguished Service Award. The organization accredits all of the medical schools in New Mexico. Mike, you earned this 50th Reunion note to us. Congratulations on the prestigious award!

1962

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Class of 1962

In 2000, Rick and Linda Rockefeller retired to Wheaton, NY, located on Lake Ontario in Canada. Since that time, they have long beautiful country winters. Rick is a snowmobiler along with son Todd and the “younger set.” Rick also has a small vineyard in the winter, and tennis and golf in the summer. He enjoys snowshoeing and platform tennis that would be me! One of the seventh grade classes I worked with last winter was reading Maniac Magee. I told them I had books, but they needed to look for “soaked grandparents.” While wintering in FL, the Langs see Joyce Andrews, Mary Hotchkiss, Thelma Alkens, and Betty Reeds. They also see Fred ’63 and Ginger Yingling. Joe notes that he and Nancy Yingling, Vince and Laura Coulton Trossello, Jack and Judy Curchin Vidovdiner, and Joe Jole Nickell Jakobter. They write, “I guess the exciting news that is we get up in the morning and appreciate life’s blessings. It’s been a great ride, and it isn’t over yet! All are invited to this beautiful spot, but please don’t eat all at once!” Sue Hermann Williams wrote that Homecoming Weekend 2011 included events for the launch of Gettysburg Great: The Campaign for Our College. “There was much interaction with students, faculty, and alumni, which made me smile for four days!” She is proud that our students and faculty are doing amazing things in research labs, involved in projects around the world, and are engaged in public service and travel to help others in need. Sue was elected a director of the Alumni Board for a four-year term. Congratulations! She attends lectures, sports events, and musical performances on campus and at the Majestic Theater. She even runs into Pete Yingling now and then. She has two children, Laurel and Christopher, as well as four grandchildren ages 4, 6, 8, and 10, and a granddaughter ages 8, 8, and 10. It was 814-548-7648 Bellefonte, PA

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many old medieval walled towns with narrow cobbled streets, wandering from one plaza to another. They also visited old Roman ruins, including the palace of the Roman emperor Diocletian. The weather was great, and since they were traveling in the off-season, the crowds were small. They had the opportunity to talk to Croatians about the days of Tito and Yugoslavia and about the Serbian War of the early to mid-90s. It was very interesting to hear that point of view and personal experiences.

Please be aware that our 50th Reunion is in June 2016, not that far away.

1967

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Several Phi Gams gathered to celebrate their 50th anniversary of being initiated into the fraternity, included were: Bill Triplett, Dick Shirk, Bob Shirk, Julie Myers Unsworth '64, Steve Selengut, Craig Market, Pete Smith, David Atwood, Nancy Tnanotch, Ray Goodwin, Bill Huganir, Ted Rabold, Bill Andrews, Joe Egrestis, and Mac Jones.

Please send in news, classmates, or your year may get dropped from the magazine (just kidding).

1968

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Gettysburg College Class of 1968

Sadly, I must report the death of Sadie Cantone Pouder in Oct. Sadie had numerous careers: mother, mental health counselor at the Adams County Prison, associate pastor at Trinity United Church of Christ in Lancaster, and chaplain at SCI Camp Hill Men’s Prison. Our thoughts and prayers are with Michael Pouder and family.

1969

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Many Caraskand, renowned sleep researcher, appeared on an NBC Nightly News feature in Nov. about the Class Reunion. Fred Schumacher continues running and is now #2 on the all-time list for finishing the JFK 50K with 37.3 brushes. He also qualified for the National Senior Games in Minneapolis, MN, in July.

In Sept, Fred organized a 26-hour run in honor of the 200th anniversary of Francis Scott Key’s writing of the “Star Spangled Banner.” On a sad note, our sympathy and condolences to the family of classmate Rob Rittenhouse, who died in Jan. from pancreatic cancer. Rob was a realtor in San Ramon, CA. Please let us know what’s happening in your lives so I can share the news with in future issues of the magazine.

1970

Gettysburg Reunion Year

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I hope everyone had a good winter! I do kickball laps in our pool all summer. I joined an athletic club so I could do laps in the winter. Our 45th Reunion is coming up this May 28–31. I hope everyone is all at least considering attending. Reunions are always fun. This past Oct, Tom Wheeler, U.S. Court of Federal Claims Judge, oversaw the trial of AGIS (American International Group Inc.) and its bailout by the U.S. government. I found the article hard to follow, so I hope to do Tom justice. Tom is a regular guy; he sings in the church choir and coaches softball. Yet he was unfazed by the heavyweights who were called as witnesses during the AGIS trial. Tom was appointed in 2005 by President George W. Bush. The court hears financial or contract claims against the federal government. For more than 30 years before his appointment, Tom worked in private practice, specializing in government contracts. He received his law degree from Georgetown U. Joan Hess Grayson always sends an informative Christmas card. She and husband Phil ’93 live on their farm in VA. Joan retired from James Madison U in 2011, but she is still at JMU three mornings a week. She has the VA Child Protection newsletter grant and has students helping her with the work. She also supervises students who tutor foster-at-risk children. Joan was honored in the fall by Voices for Virginia’s Children. She was the first person ever to receive the Carol S. Fox Making Kids Count award. Congratulations, Joan! Phil still teaches at Eastern Montana U. He designs theatre productions and teaches courses. Their younger daughter, Erika ’06, lives in upstate NY and teaches at SUNY Potsdam. She and her husband Kevin have a year-old daughter, Julia. Joan and Phil’s older daughter Martha married. Joan and her husband Jon are faculty members at the U of Richmond. They have a 4-year-old daughter Grace. Donna Springer wrote that she is still teaching aquatic classes at the YMCA and is a part-time nurse. She ran these half-marathons this past fall, one in Niagara Falls and two in Saint Louis where she lives. Kathie Klemmer

Holiday and husband Barry traveled the past year. They visited LA, GA, and Boston, seeing many art galleries and family members. Neither of them have made a home yet. Tom Welland is having a new house built! From the picture he sent, it looks lovely. He now has a keyless building business, operating out of the Town Center of Westover Mall on South of Ocean City, MD. Tom has not retired yet, but it is a lot of fun. Tom’s son Einch got married last Jan. in Belmar. Tom’s daughter Elise and husband David have a young son, Leo Michael, who was born last May. Tom says his grandson is a delightful child. Congratulations! Please write, and please come to our Reunion in May!

1971

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Reunion

Happy Groundhog Day! I tried to say it in PA Dutch, but my tablet will not let me. I got a tablet for Christmas that looks like an Etch-A-Sketch. I am learning to use it now. For Kelly Alsedek’s Birthday, Jane Gallagher and I traveled to Gettysburg and took her to lunch. We also showed her gifts. We want to the Café St. Amour in Gettysburg. The irony of the name of this bistro is that St. Amant is the patron of winemakers and bartenders, but the restaurant is dry. The food was good. In March, Kathy Mack ’72, her daughter Willow, and I went to the Philadelphia Flower Show. It has been a tradition for many years for my sister, Olivia Parr Rud ’73, to take me for my birthday, and Kathy always joins us. After a car accident, her husband has surgery to make her legs the same length, Olivia moved to Boulder, CO. She is a great woman. In February, I went to the Family of classmate Tom Wheeler. From the picture he sent, it looks like a castle. I am learning to use it now. For Jennifer E. Fazakas’ Birthday, her family and friends had a fantastic time. Lenstag got married last Jan. in Belize. Tom says Jennifer is a great woman. Congratulations, Jennifer on your成就! Carol Hegeman was awarded the U.S. Department of Interior award for superior service. Carol has been the supervisory historian with the Eisenhower National Historic Site in Gettysburg since 1980. She retired in 2011. She and her husband travel and continue to contribute to the site’s oral history project. Good luck with your retirement! Keep sending your updates. I will include your news in the next issue!

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40th Reunion Year

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Once again, my tablet is empty. I guess you’re saving up all those great stories to share at our 40th Class Reunion scheduled for May 28–31. There’s a website. (www.gettysburg.edu/alumni/1975) which will be updated as the date approaches.

1979

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I have, finally, everyone I know who is interested. Elizabeth “Beth” Boyce. She, her husband, and two children live on a horse farm in Middletown, MD. They have been restoring this home for the past 20 years. Betty’s husband, Art, is a private practice attorney. Their daughter Emily is a senior at the U of Richmond, and she plays lacrosse. Their son Harrison is a first-year student at UVA. Betty is busy managing the farm and her husband’s law firm. She was happy to get together with some old friends including Rosie, Cyn. Jodie, Sue. Wendy, and Margit. Crenshaw. I reached out to let me know how she was doing. Last year at this time, she was in the hospital for chemotherapy. Today, she says it’s a blessing to be able to see her dear friends at UVA. Her husband, and children are doing well. And yes, I would love to have a 40th Reunion scheduled for May, which will be updated as the date approaches.

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Bruce and Barb Turner White celebrated their wedding anniversary in Dec. Bruce and Jackie Hantz Cattanach (jh/cattanach@gmail.com) are moving to GA as soon as the real estate market is good to them. Jackie’s cousin is Tom Wolf, the new governor of PA. Betsy Munnell and Bruce are moving to town Murray; home in FL. It was great seeing the Gettysburg gang, including Cyan and William Jones, and of course Emily. I am learning to use it now. For Jennifer E. Fazakas’ Birthday, her family and friends had a fantastic time. Lenstag got married last Jan. in Belize. Tom says Jennifer is a great woman. Congratulations, Jennifer on your成就! Carol Hegeman was awarded the U.S. Department of Interior award for superior service. Carol has been the supervisory historian with the Eisenhower National Historic Site in Gettysburg since 1980. She retired in 2011. She and her husband travel and continue to contribute to the site’s oral history project. Good luck with your retirement! Keep sending your updates. I will include your news in the next issue!

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To post news, click myGettysburg at www.gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6800. Communications and Marketing at contact Laura Carr in the Office of 1984 correspondent role, please always, very welcome. Here's hoping you happy accident. Your updates are, as Suzanne Vaughan Simms. She is completing her second master's degree and will obtain her master's in counseling psychology with the plan to become licensed in Oct. She is a bilingual counselor working with two secondary schools in Westminster and is also an intern at a domestic violence shelter. Suzanne has twin daughters who are 21 and are both in college. She and Nancy Pinney Legath are in touch by taking annual trips to Savannah, GA. You can reach her at 678-843-4956. She enjoys doing projects for online for it for a good laugh. Tom and George also stay in touch with a beautiful children, Caroline (15), Morgan (11), and Jackson (8), and was married to fellow classmate, Judy Shelby, for 22 years. After Gettysburg, Becky graduated from the U of Pittsburgh–School of Dental Medicine. She worked locally as a dentist for the past 20 years. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Becky's memory to the Shelby Children Educational Fund, c/o Susquehanna Bank, 2343 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601. To send the family online condolences, please visit snyderfuneralhome.com. We are thinking of you and your beautiful family, Jody. We will always remember Little Shelby, the oldest, Michael, is going to UGA and is president of TP at Georgia Pacific. Pam '88 and lives outside of Atlanta. I have very sad news to share. Nick is married to Becky for her beautiful smile, warmth, and friendship. Rod Edmiston and his wife Jackie recently moved to Vancouver, Canada. They have a new baby girl, Ally Hennicke, born Dec. 1. The couple completed the Sushi 2014 project in April, 2014 after spending three years in Russia working on the Olympic project. Their 2014 spent time in the successful effort to quash problematic responder immunity legislation, and managed the largest and most successful Barge-In ever. He has richly earned this promotion, and we are fortunate to have him on our team as we work to achieve AWO priorities and strengthen AWO's relationships on Capitol Hill. In Craig's mind, his work at AWO has been in an article in the American Waterways Operators Journal. Craig often sees old daughter Olivia live in North Carolina. The couple moved to Arlington, VA. Craig, wife Jennifer, and 6-year-old daughter Olivia live in North Carolina. Craig, wife Jennifer, and 6-year-old daughter Olivia live in North Carolina. I would love to hear from you to catch up! Our class page can be found at www.gettysburg.edu/alumni2/ connect/class_pages/1990/1990. dock. Hope to see you soon!
C'mon, write me!

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Stephanie Carlson Rance and Kristen Leatherbee Leroy served as bridesmaids in their Gettysburg attendees included Corey Schmidt Bruskeiet, Katie Marchetti, Liz Barcenzic, Merideth Fifer, Katherine Walker ’05, Nick Green and Victory Tran ’08 were married on Sept. 6 in Reading, PA. Christopher Miller, Briana Virga Miller, Charles Sutera Tara Sununt, Jeremiah Pittati ’08, Megan Smith ’06, and David Faccenda ’08 were guests of the nuptials.

Brittany Bloom married Steven Fink on Oct. 4 in Ridgway, PA. Sara Fry served as a bridesmaid, and Joe Joiner. Allison Campbell, Katie Herzberg, and Lauren McLean Zuniga ’06 attended the festivities. The newlyweds are renovating their new-to-them 90-year-old home in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, PA. In Aug., Brittany accepted a position with Bluminger & Gusky, LLP, and practices commercial and real estate law. Katherine Komsa and Russell Komer ’06 tied the knot on May 3, 2014, at the Ashford Estate in Acton, NJ. Lindsey True Caroline Kunkel, Brita Robson, and Megan Buckley served as bridesmaids. Russel’s groomsmen included Erik Lundberg ’08, Nicholas Kuhner ’08, Michael Marcella ’04, Kyle Rogge ’08, Brian Magos ’08, and Andrew King ’08. It was a Gettysburg-fied affair with too many alumni attendees to mention in this short column! Congratulations to Katherine Amestoy, who married Brian Martin on Sept. 20. Katherine recently accepted a position as an assistant attorney general with the VT Attorney General’s Office, Department of Corrections litigation team. Bruce ’06 and Courtney Babiarz Hughes welcomed their first child, Hadley Grace Hughes, on Dec. 5. Everyone is happy and healthy. Mom and Dad can already tell that she’ll be Gettysburg great! Geoff ’08 and Katie Sawyer Calver welcomed their daughter and future Bullet, Kessler Audrey Calver, on Dec. 13. Kessler weighed 9 lbs, 4 oz., and was 21 in. long. Mom, Dad, and baby are done great Congratulations to McLean Donnelly, who completed his MBA from the Opus School of Business and started a new position as the user experience lead for Expedite in Seattle. In Feb., Maribeth Black became the emergency coordinator for the United Nations World Food Program based in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo, where her work will focus on providing food assistance to refugees and internally displaced persons residing in DR Congo. Finally, a huge shout-out to my dear friend Katherine King who graduated with a master’s degree in human resources from the U of Scranton on Aug. 31.

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Hank was raised in Lower Merion and was the point guard on the Lower Merion High School basketball team, leading them to two consecutive state championships in 1942–1943. Following high school Hank served as a signalman in the U.S. Navy for a year and then enrolled at Gettysburg College on a GI Bill of Rights scholarship. While at the College, Hank continued his accomplished basketball career and was cocaptain of the team his senior year. Hank graduated in 1951 with a degree in economics. His athletic accomplishments were recognized when he was added to the Gettysburg College Hall of Athletic Honor in 1992. The Hall of Athletic Honor citation describes Hank with the following: “With the calm, cool precision of a well-trained athlete, Hank stormed the gymnasiums of the East Coast to become one of the finest two-hand-set shot artists in Gettysburg history. He was one of the most consistent players of his day, not only because of his scoring ability, but because of his ball handling and defense.” In addition to his Hall of Athletic Honor induction, Hank remained connected to the College by serving as a member of the Board of Trustees for 12 years, and was named a trustee emeritus. Hank and his wife have enjoyed the last 30 years together, spending much of their time with family and many friends in Dorset, VT, and in Hobe Sound, Fl. Hank was a longtime member of the Main Line Builders Association and was honored with Builder of the Year on numerous occasions. Hank is recognized as the force behind the development of Applebrook Golf Club and was one of the founding members of the club, where he served as president for 15 years, until retiring in 2014.

Paul R. Baird
Paul R. Baird, former professor of economics, died February 9, in Madison, WI, at the age of 94. Baird was raised in Eastern PA and graduated from Connellsville High School in 1937 and from the Pennsylvania State University in 1941. Following graduation, he worked in the business office at Penn State until enlistling in the Army Air Corps in 1942. Baird began pilot cadet training in January of 1943 and received his pilot wings in December of that year. Paul glowed in the miracle of flight, something he passed on to his children and grandchildren.

Baird was assigned to the 95th Bomb Group, based in Hopham, Great Britain, arriving there on June 6, 1944. He flew 29 combat missions over the European Theater of Operations as copilot in a B-17 Flying Fortress. He was decorated for his combat efforts and was very proud of his service to his country.

Upon completing his combat tour, Baird returned to Penn State and earned a master’s degree in accounting. He and wife Mary Ellen settled in Gettysburg, where they raised two daughters, and Paul began a teaching career as a professor in the economics department at Gettysburg College. Baird served as the faculty advisor for Phi Gamma Delta and Alpha Phi Omega fraternities. He taught at the College until retirement in 1985. He was a member of the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, the Elks Club, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He volunteered his time to the Adams County Mental Health Association and Meals on Wheels, and in his free time he enjoyed fishing, playing golf, and watching Penn State football.

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‘29 Daniel A. Bennett, Jan. 7, 1991
‘30 Oscar S. Wagner, Jan. 29, 2013
‘35 Luther B. Arnold, Sept. 19, 2014
‘38 Harold H. Quickel, Feb. 25
‘39 Donald G. Dol, Jan. 7
‘42 Elizabeth Soffer Alpers, Feb. 21
‘47 John G. Bernheisel, Nov. 28, 2014
‘47 Edwin D. Freed, Dec. 12, 2014
‘46 James R. Neely, Nov. 28, 2014
‘50 G. Richard Ridinger, Feb. 13
‘51 Jean Decker Thorburn, Jan. 11
‘52 Earl D. Bosch, Feb. 1
‘52 Harrison M. Dickson, Feb. 1
‘53 Howard J. Hippensteel, Dec. 6, 2014
‘54 Arthur B. McFarter, Feb. 21
‘56 Edward J. Richter, Sept. 11, 2014
‘57 Fried G. Vilsmaus, Jan. 31
‘57 Hank Belber, Dec. 25, 2014
‘58 Raymond I. Bundrick, Oct. 15, 2014
‘58 Howard Samuel Foster Jr., March 5
‘59 John N. Lenker, Jan. 26
‘60 Joseph A. Stevenson, Dec. 2, 2014
‘61 Donald M. Bohn, Feb. 18
‘64 Walter V. Hemberger, Jan. 2
‘65 Daniel D. Oravec, Jan. 16
‘65 William L. Lowe, Nov. 10, 2014
‘66 Suzanne Schmitt Goodling, March 8
‘67 Roy E. Guillford, Jan. 10
‘68 V. Dale Hollanday, Dec. 13, 2014
‘69 John S. Joslyn, Nov. 28, 2014
‘70 Kenneth B. Polak, Dec. 9, 2014
‘70 Kenneth L. Woodhall, Dec. 20, 2014
‘71 Sigmund S. Dicker, Jan. 2
‘72 Carl E. Dungan, Sept. 11, 2014
‘73 Ronald D. Staub, Jan. 12
‘74 Theodore L. Soistmann Jr., Dec. 16, 2014
‘75 William F. Steier Jr., Feb. 5
‘76 Harold E. Nitzchke, Nov. 27, 2014
‘77 H. Robert Laese, Feb. 20
‘78 Jeffrey M. Preston, Jan. 14
‘79 Jon A. Baughman, Jan. 12
‘80 Betty Bonna, Jan. 7
‘81 Richard L. Hofmann, Dec. 9, 2014
‘82 John A. McAvoy, March 11
‘83 Gary L. Edwards, Jan. 14
‘84 Frank M. Morton Jr., Jan. 4
‘85 Stephen M. Poder, Dec. 18, 2014
‘86 Sadie Cantone Pounder, Oct. 25, 2014
‘86 John S. Schreckengast, March 12
‘87 C. Daniel Metz, Feb. 20, 2007
‘88 Robert M. Sassano, Aug. 19, 2014
‘88 Jay R. Bucher, March 18
‘89 Stephen V. Buyer, Oct. 6, 2014
‘90 Barbara Felixbaum Paul, Feb. 14
‘90 Robert G. Glover, Feb. 26
‘91 C. Rebecca Little Shelly, Nov. 22, 2014
‘93 Beth R. Silverman, Nov. 27, 2014
‘94 Kurt W. Mutther, Dec. 15, 2014

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We are obsessed with leadership, yet it seems to be our society’s most elusive quality. We demand leadership in our public officials and get partisan gridlock. We expect leadership in our corporate CEOs and get greed, incompetence, and narcissism. Each day, it seems our leaders disappoint. No wonder so many young people have jaundiced views of leadership. In the museum field that I serve, we are noticing reluctance in emerging professionals to be museum leaders. “Too many headaches for too little reward.” “I am not leadership material.” “I don’t want to walk around with a target on my back.” The excuses are numerous and, I’m sure, similar in many other fields.

Part of our problem is that we have a skewed view of leadership. We perceive leaders in our culture as superhuman, visionaries who inspire the multitudes and shape history based on their charisma. This is an heirloom from World War II: think Churchill, FDR, and Ike. We venerate our leaders, which means they are special, different from ordinary mortals. The characteristics of leadership are therefore rare, available only to a select class that by dint of DNA or circumstance has unlocked the secrets.

However, we are evolving a new conception of leadership, one that aligns with our evolving society and serves it better. In that conception, leadership is not a skill we learn or inherit; it lies within everyone, empowering each of us to improve ourselves and our institutions. There is no duality between leaders and followers. Leadership is part of our universal human makeup, and it is up to us to become aware of the leadership capacity that we possess innately.

Leadership, therefore, is not a position or role, but a state of awareness accessible to everyone. With that awareness, when we are able to channel our inner Churchill, we enjoy greater satisfaction and engagement in our pursuits because we bring greater value to those pursuits and to our lives.

Dan Yaeger ’81 is executive director of the New England Museum Association. He majored in philosophy, art, and English at Gettysburg and completed his master of theological studies at Harvard University. A member of both Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Phi Omega, Yaeger and his wife, Lisa Lamlein Yaeger ’79, live in Swampscott, Massachusetts.

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