Two special ladies and one great place!!

Have you ever wondered what makes Gettysburg College great? There are a lot of special people on this campus who have already retired, or are about ready to retire who just happen to be alumni. One of the nicest, friendliest people you could meet here at the College is our very own Dr. Janet Morgan Riggs. As a student Janet met Ed, the love of her life, who also happens to be an alumnus from 1977. Janet graduated from Gettysburg College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, she then went on to graduate from Princeton University with a Master’s Degree and PhD in Social Psychology. Janet was offered her first position as a faculty member, a one-year position, by Dr. Mudd (chair of the Psychology Department at the time). Who knew then that history was in the making?!

Over her tenure at the College, Janet has served as a professor of Psychology, Interim Provost, Provost, Executive Assistant to the President, and currently as our 14th President of Gettysburg College. Janet and Ed raised their three children (now grown) in Gettysburg while juggling their careers. Janet recalls in the early days being mistaken as a student as she was trying to put materials on reserve in the library.

When asked what advice she would give to support staff, Janet replied, “Staff have a huge impact on our students, and in the way they interact with them. Every person matters. You can’t overstate the value of kindness.” What Janet will miss the most is the camaraderie and the “energy of our students.”

When asked about her plans post-retirement, Janet said she is looking forward to some unscheduled time without commitments. She and Ed will be renovating their own house, going on a beach vacation, and planning additional travel. Janet is looking forward to having time to read and volunteer in the community. One of Janet’s classmates described Janet the best, “No matter if you are a Board of Trustee member or a lecturer, Janet always treats you the same.” When I asked staff members across campus to describe Janet, responses came quickly, such as: unique, friendly, special, a true listener, sweet, understanding, helpful, supportive of the support staff council, knows you by name, and will be missed.

Another very special alumnus is our very own Carolyn Tuckey, Class of 1975, in none other than the Psychology Department. Carolyn, recalling memories as a student told me “the first time I stepped on campus in 1970, it has always been a friendly, welcoming, and inviting place where everybody says hello.”

Carolyn liked “J” term back then. You could take a class just for fun, or one towards your degree in the month of January. Carolyn loved Biology and Art. One of her best times in college was being in the college choir and going on tours around the country. After graduation, she and a group of college friends decided to stay in Gettysburg for the summer and get jobs. Carolyn thought it would only be for the summer. She landed a job at the Lamp Post Restaurant where she met her husband Marty, who was the manager. They now have three grown children. After all these years Carolyn is still asked about the Lamp Post’s French toast recipe, which was never written down. People have tried to duplicate it and always comment it’s not the same. Carolyn’s response, “it’s all about the consistency.”

Carolyn started in the Admissions Office at Gettysburg College in 1994. She later applied for a job in the
Over the years, I’ve used this column to share information about topics of importance to our College community. As I write this last column, I want to offer a simple, but heartfelt, message of gratitude to all of you who are members of our support staff.

In the many years I’ve been at Gettysburg College, I’ve consistently been impressed by the talent, hard work, and dedication of our staff, who contribute mightily to the College’s health and well-being. Equally impressive is your impact on our students through the relationships you build with them and your kindness to them when they need a helping hand. These acts might seem small, but they are significant. Collectively they make our community a very special place for students to get an education.

In fact, our support staff really are the backbone of our College. You provide the support for the College body—binding us together, keeping us strong, and moving us forward. Having had some back issues myself, I never take a healthy backbone for granted!

As I get ready to retire, let me offer my sincere thanks to every one of you for what you do every day to keep that Gettysburg backbone strong. Your support of Gettysburg College and Gettysburg College students is simply extraordinary. My hat is off to you!

Thank you, and keep up the great work!

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Psychology Dept. Can you guess the Chair who hired her?! You got it! Our very own Dr. Janet Morgan Riggs.

Carolyn is described as “wonderful, friendly, amazing, awesome, and an understanding person” by staff and faculty. Carolyn’s advice is to have a listening ear and to try to be a good resource to others. She will miss the faculty in the Psychology Department, other administrative assistants, housekeeping staff, and others she has interacted with over the years.

Carolyn’s retirement plans include enjoying her 10 grandchildren and hopefully some traveling. She also hopes to volunteer with Samaritan’s Purse, helping with their disaster relief efforts, Wounded Warrior project, and Operation Christmas Child.

These two Alumnae have climbed the ladder to greatness and will be graduating again in 2019!

CONGRATULATIONS to two special ladies.

Remember, no matter what rung on the ladder we are on, we can all climb to be Gettysburg great!!
President’s Dinner for Support Staff 2019
January 12, 2019

Click here to view additional dinner photos on Flickr.
Retirees

Michael Arendt  Deborah Rinehart
Jane Cookson    Debra Small
Gary Hummer     Linda Sponseller
Linda Miller    Joyce Sprague
Jan Pasco       Jillane Unger

Support Staff Council

Derek Brenneman, President Riggs, Janey Breighner, Carol Coon, Kathy Ambrose, Rose Taylor, Amanda Whitcomb, Renee Weikert, Mike Redding
Not present: Kristi Waybright
5 Years
Walner Edmond
George Eller
Michael Hochard
Scott Keller
Jesse Mains
Amy Oleksak
Bonnie Plank
Lisa Rynkiewicz
Denise Shaffer
Jenna Showers
Amy Smith
Janet Spangenberg
Sherrie Stiltner
Michele Stoner
Ashley Welty

10 Years
Dal Do
Wendee Dunlap
Pamela Eisenhart
Rosemary Goodman
Sally Hill
Timothy Krapf
Jeffrey Miller
Phomma Phanhthy
Noll Slaybaugh
Vikki Slaybaugh
Olga Smith
Duane Staub

15 Years
Kathy Ambrose
Catherine Bain
Brandy Briggs
Stephen Coldsmith
Michael Schallhorn
Lori Walton
Joseph Wheeler
Tammy Wiseman
Sladana Zigic

5 Years
ROW 1: Amy Smith, Jesse Mains, Ashley Welty, Janet Spangenberg, George Eller
ROW 2: Bonnie Plank, Walner Edmund, Jenna Showers, President Riggs

10 Years
Noll Slaybaugh, Sally Hill, Duane Staub, Olga Smith, Pamela Eisenhart, President Riggs

15 Years
Sladana Zigic, Kathy Ambrose, President Riggs, Tammy Wiseman, Lori Walton

20 Years
Michele Klunk
Helen Long
Helen Menges
Stephanie Rye

25 Years
Mickey Lingg
Wanda Shank

30 Years
Michelle Albert
Monya Guise
Tamara Mayers
Jan Sharrah
Carl Yeingst

35 Years
Diane MacBeth

35 Years
President Riggs, Diane MacBeth
A Safer Campus Community

By Lynn Garskof

Watch out! Heads up! Whoops! Oops! Uh-oh! Ouch! Those are just a few things we catch ourselves saying when we make a mistake that leads to an accident. Whether intentional or not, accidents happen and sometimes they happen in the workplace. Occasionally our need for shortcuts and efficiency can lead us right into harm’s way with serious consequences of physical injury, illness, or a fatality.

Established in 2006, Gettysburg College created the Safety Committee to assist in educating, implementing and promoting safety and health awareness throughout the college. The mission of the Gettysburg College Safety Committee is “to further the institutional strategic initiatives through providing a safe and healthful living, learning, and working environment.” The committee is comprised of delegates from across campus who meet monthly and serve as liaisons to share departmental safety issues and concerns as they relate to: procedures, policies, environmental health, and specific workplace incidents. The committee also spends time reviewing ongoing or recurrent safety issues and makes recommendations or conducts safety audits on how to change behavior and implement safer practices. Help us keep each other and campus safe by learning how to incorporate safety rules and procedures into your work environment. If you have a safety suggestion or a concern you would like addressed, please contact a committee member: Regina Campo; chair, Becky Biesecker, Lynn Garskof, Kelly Jones, Jeremy Kuhar, Travis Mathna, Coltt Nelson, Eric Richardson, Carrie Small, Dave Taylor, Cheryl Vogel, or Ron Wiafe.

Employee Enrichment Day

Join us for a fun morning of professional and personal development activities including a behind the scenes tour of our campus facilities, learning how to vacation on a budget, climbing the rock wall in the Jaeger Center, experimenting with Ancestry.com, setting up your own Bullet Journal and many other exciting activities.

Employees are encouraged to bring one item to the picnic as a donation to the Mosaic Cupboard. The Mosaic Cupboard is a program housed in the Office of Multicultural Engagement to support our Gettysburg College students in need. As a thank you, your name will be entered into a drawing for a nice prize. Please drop off your donation at the entrance to the picnic to enter our drawing. Thank you!

Suggested items for donation include: Mouthwash, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Floss, Shampoo, Conditioner, Shaving cream, Razors, Soap, Hand sanitizer, Deodorant, Tissues, Baby wipes, Brush or Comb, Lotion, Vaseline, Lysol wipes, Laundry detergent, Dryer sheets, Cough drops, Chapstick, Sanitary napkins.

Sessions will be 45 minutes in length and will run from 8:30 – 11:15am, leading up to the all-campus picnic.

Registration will be open from April 29 to May 24, 2019. Each session will have limited seating. In order not to miss out on your top choices, please register soon!

Watch the digest for information, including the link to register for your sessions of interest. For each session you participate in, you will enter your name into a drawing to win some fantastic gifts.
New Support Staff Hires
since January 2019

Kelly Brainard  Administrative Services Assistant
Christina O'Brien  Food Service Worker
Derek Tate  Food Production Worker
Christine Kerns  Food Production Worker
Robert Ohler  Project Crew Member
Cynthia Lindsay  Facilities Services Worker I

Staff Transfer to Administrative Position
since January 2019

Jesse S Mains  Budget and Faculty Employment Data Coordinator
Jan M. Sharrah  Administrative Services Assistant

Support Staff Retirees
since January 2019

Susan Moyer  Orange & Blue Club
Theodore Rosenberger  HVAC Services
Virginia Rinehart  Dining Services Office
Nancy Bernardi  Library User Services

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Looking for Upcoming Professional Development Events?
Visit the Human Resources website at for a list of all events.

Accepting nominations for 18-19 Support Staff Council

We’re looking for representatives from all areas of Support Staff!

One open position in each field with a required 2-year commitment and mandatory attendance at regular monthly meetings.
Email Janey Breighner at jbreighn@gettysburg.edu