

# Gettysburg

Our College's Magazine

## WOMEN'S LAX CLAIMS 2nd NCAA TITLE



## From the president

In last year's magazine, we featured our new strategic plan, *The Unfinished Work: A Strategic Direction for Gettysburg College*. This plan focuses on advancing our students' personal and intellectual development, and specifically preparing them for living, working, and making positive contributions in an increasingly interconnected and fast-changing world.

Of paramount importance to this preparation are academic and cocurricular programs that emphasize critical thinking, effective communication, the integration of knowledge, and an appreciation for and understanding of different perspectives that develop from different life experiences. The delivery of this education requires talented faculty and staff who are dedicated to mentoring our students. It also requires a commitment to the upkeep and renovation of our facilities to meet the needs of this vibrant College community. Over the last few months, we have been engaged in some significant facilities projects.

As prospective students visiting the College campus for the first time, many of you passed through the Eisenhower House Admissions building. Although the Eisenhower House provides a nice first impression to our visitors, an applicant pool of over 6,000 each of the last two years has stretched this

facility far beyond its capacity. I am pleased to announce that as you read this magazine, we are getting ready to open our new Fourjay Welcome Center—a 4,500 square-foot addition to the existing building—thanks to the generous philanthropic support of **Geoff Jackson '91** and his family. This addition will provide a beautiful reception and gathering space for our prospective students and their families, as well as additional interview rooms and offices. The space will also be available for campus lectures, receptions, and other events when not in use by admissions.

This summer, we also kicked off a substantial renovation of our College Union Building, as we replace the old swimming pool and Bullet Hole snack bar with a 26,000 square-foot addition. This addition will allow us to provide a central location and increased space for the Center for Career Development and the Garthwait Leadership Center, two programs that are attracting many Gettysburgians. In addition we will expand the capacity of our Bullet Hole and provide space for our student activities offices. Over the summer we also completed an addition to the west side of our dining hall that will serve as a temporary Bullet Hole while the CUB is under construction. Next year, this addition will allow

for a much-needed expansion of student seating in our dining hall.

As we move through the current academic year, we also have plans to pursue a number of smaller-scale facilities upgrades related to our inclusion and internationalization efforts—enriching the facilities for our Office of Multicultural Engagement and our Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and relocating our International House.

There's no doubt that construction makes a mess on campus while it's in process, as those of you who navigated the orange fencing on Reunion Weekend know very well! But it also creates excitement about the future—and, most importantly, each of these projects will enrich the Gettysburg experience for our students. I encourage you to come visit to see what's new.

As always, thank you for your loyal support of Gettysburg College. It truly makes a difference!

Sincerely,

Janet Morgan Riggs '77  
President

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Cover: Gettysburg Women's Lacrosse hoists its second national championship trophy after a 6-5 victory over top-ranked The College of New Jersey.

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# Closing the INTERNSHIP GAP

In today's competitive job market, internships are essential. They enable students to build their network, bolster their resumes, and even land entry-level positions.

But internships also require considerable resources.

According to the *Class of 2016 Student Survey Report* (National Association of Colleges and Employers), only 56 percent of students who participated in an internship were paid for their services. This pay gap is a serious issue for many Gettysburgians.

That's why Neil '82 and Jennifer Fisher '82 Bryant made a \$100,000 commitment to support internships for first-generation students at the College.

"There is a need to help first-generation students taste the workplace prior to graduating, and we felt compelled to jump in and help as best we could," said Neil, vice president of sales development for Carestream Health. "Our hope is that this scholarship simply provides opportunities for these students to experience different perspectives, learn more about themselves, engage in a setting that might be new for them, and perhaps ignite a possibility of where they may choose to invest themselves upon graduation."

Through this commitment, the Bryants want to send a clear message to all first-generation



Neil and Jen Fisher Bryant, both Class of 1982, at the dedication of the press box at Clark Field in their honor

students on campus: Gettysburg alumni are in your corner.

"I hope that those students who benefit from our gift will understand that they're connected to, and supported by, the entire Gettysburg network—and that they'll value their internship experience as an important step in building their own post-graduate life," added Jen, an acclaimed author and poet who recently won the 2017 Schneider Award, given by the American Library Association, for her biography *SIX DOTS—A Story of Young Louis Braille*. The \$100,000 is the latest in a series of gifts by the Bryants to the College, supporting a variety of initiatives—from athletics to scholarships to operations.

The Bryants are active volunteers on campus, devoting their time and talent to the Garthwait Leadership Center, Orange & Blue Club, the 1982 Reunion Committee, and a number of boards and initiatives. Jen was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees.

"Gettysburg College feeds two of our needs," said Neil. "One is the desire to be connected with something that is larger than ourselves, and the other is to feel that we are making a difference in the lives of students. We are proud to be associated with the caliber of individual and quality of learning that the College provides." ■

## Prof notes

Environmental Studies

# salma MONANI

### The spark

I went to a small liberal arts college and took a geology course to fulfill a requirement. That was the spark that got me thinking about environmental geology. Geology helps me wonder about the world. There is something so awesome, in the real sense, that we are all connected in an earth system. This adds the perspective to environmental issues that what we do here has a potential effect somewhere else.

### The insight

I went to graduate school for geology and, later, for creative writing, because I realized there was all this science out there, but when you talk to people, they don't know about it. I thought there had to be a way to make science accessible to people who don't see themselves as scientists. I just love when students get fired up, when I see them make connections between the sciences and humanities.

### The intersections

I've been lucky to be a part of a pioneering field called ecocinema studies, joining environmental studies and film studies. My focus is working with contemporary Indigenous communities, especially on their work with fictional films. Fiction has a way of making you think, without preaching at you.

### The shades

In my classes, I use sunglasses to get students to think about how important different ways of thinking and interdisciplinarity are. I say, "You have the chance to switch your sunglasses and see things from different

perspectives." And we laugh, because although the sunglasses serve as a metaphorical prop, there is a literal environmental aspect to this exercise—I use sunglasses that I found on campus; they are someone's forgotten or discarded litter. It's neat to see students immediately pick up on the connections between ideas and action.

*As an environmental humanities scholar, Prof. Salma Monani explores the interconnections between culture and nature and how cultural media shape—and are shaped by—environmental issues. In 2015, she was awarded a prestigious writing fellowship from the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society in Munich, Germany. ■*



# MAKING MUSIC FOR THE MOVIES



It's date night at the movies, and **Allison Geatches '09** and her fiancé Lucas are watching *The Accountant*. The camera pans to Ben Affleck and the music builds—first synths, then strings.

Geatches leans over to Lucas and whispers, "I wrote that."

Her work with acclaimed composer Mark Isham has earned credits on films such as *Dolphin Tale*, *42*, and *The Longest Ride*, as well as on television's *Once Upon a Time*. And Geatches is a graduate of the Sunderman Conservatory of Music.

"The first time I stepped foot on campus was my first day of classes," said Geatches. "But it lived up to all my expectations—the campus was gorgeous, and the people were wonderful."

A music and religious studies double major and German minor, Geatches reflected on the encouragement she received from faculty, such as music **Profs. John "Buzz" Jones** and **Jocelyn Swigger**.

"They taught me a lot of life lessons—how to practice, how to learn, and of course, time management," said Geatches, who participated in concert choir, college choir, and Camerata.

"One thing that made the Conservatory so special was having constant access

to learning and growing musicians. As a developing composer, I could always ask, 'Hey, can you play this on the French horn? I want to hear how it sounds.' Sunderman students are all super helpful and so excited about what they do."

Later, Geatches studied at Columbia College Chicago, recorded her thesis score at Capitol Records, and met Isham, her current boss and mentor.

"Before my internship with him, I was asked to come out to LA early. That's when I did my work on *Dolphin Tale*," she said. "Later, many on the team were in London to record the orchestra for the score, so while they were away, I took the initiative to organize the studio. When Mark returned, he loved it and said it was very helpful—honestly, it might be why I got that internship and ultimately this job!"

In addition to writing music, she is responsible for music preparation, managing workflow, and translating to notated score.

"I remember [award-winning composer] Michael Giacchino saying how every day in this industry is fun—I feel the same way. It is a hard job, but if you're willing to put in the work, it's consistently rewarding." ■

Political science major • Alpha Delta Pi, Student Senator, Model UN, First-Year Orientation Leader • G'burg Alumni Board of Directors • College Career Connector • NY Leadership Group • 2005 Young Alumni Career Achievement award • MBA from NYU • Director of Major Gifts, Young Women's Leadership Network • married to Andrew Regier • lives in NYC

### Gained from G'burg

Objective, out-of-the-box thinking. Problem solving. Broad perspectives.

### Supports the College because

Alumni giving and volunteering affirm we value our college experience and reflect our pride and gratitude. I pay it forward to give new generations of students a great liberal arts education.

### What makes G'burg Great(er)

The commitment to increasing the diversity of the student body; public service programs and trips; new and innovative courses and programs on leadership, entrepreneurship, foreign languages, and international studies.

### Most influential profs

**Ken Mott** and **Shirley Anne Warshaw**

### My work matters because

I get to connect people and resources to programs that work and give a high return on investment. At YWLN/CollegeBound Initiative I have seen so many amazing young people get accepted to, enroll, and thrive at Gettysburg College.

### People might be surprised

By the streak of adventurer and outdoorswoman in me. I worked for Outward Bound USA for five years, spent my honeymoon traveling across the Silk Road of China (riding camels and sleeping in tents in the Gobi Desert and hiking and sleeping in a Yurt in Mongolia). Yet to come? A trip to India and running a half-marathon before I am 50!

Last seen on campus:  
April 2017



Photo by Jason Minick



# Alumni Association honors great work

Two former members of the Skeptical Chymists club were the 2017 recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Chemistry major **John A. Hohneker '81** is a medical oncologist whose work in drug discovery and development led to the introduction of 14 new drugs to treat cancer and other serious diseases. Hohneker is president of research and development for FORMA Therapeutics.

**Inga Holl Musselman '82**, professor of chemistry and interim provost at the University of Texas—Dallas holds—or has pending—six patents for scientific innovations. Her advanced microscopy methods and study of materials structure have garnered numerous prestigious research grants.

Distinguished Alumni Awards are presented on Commencement weekend. Later in May, alumni gathered to recognize six honorees at Reunion 2017:

**MacGregor "Mac" Jones '67** and **Sarah Hitch Burdi '87** were



recognized for Meritorious Service.

Young Alumni in Service awards for volunteer support of the College were made to **Troy M. Cassel '02** and **Frederick D. Reimer '07**.

Young Alumni Achievement in Career Development awards went to **Kimberly Wojcik '02**, a special agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and **Alan Manning '02**, an executive

vice president at the nonprofit Planetree and cofounder and vice president of Kisses from Katie. ■

*The Alumni Association welcomes the assistance of all alumni in identifying candidates for future awards. Complete the online form or contact us at [alumni@gettysburg.edu](mailto:alumni@gettysburg.edu) or 717-337-6518.*

# Change in the chaplaincy

Beginning this fall, **The Rev. Dr. Kristin Largen**, dean of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, will also serve as associate dean of religious and spiritual life and chaplain at Gettysburg College. She succeeds **The Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Donnella II**, who served as College chaplain from 1997 until his retirement in May.

In an announcement to the campus community, **President Janet Morgan Riggs '77** said

Largen is known for her scholarly work and experience with interfaith perspectives.

"In her role on our campus, Kristin will help expand spiritual care and interreligious dialogue, embracing students, faculty, and staff who bring to our community a diversity of religious beliefs," wrote Riggs. "Specifically, she will attend to the religious and spiritual needs of our students, oversee a group of advisors who work with student religious organizations, provide pastoral counseling, expand opportunities for dialogue and discussion about issues of faith and belief,



and work on policies and programs to enhance awareness of and respect for diverse religious traditions."

The Lutheran seminaries in Gettysburg and Philadelphia recently merged to form the United Lutheran Seminary. Largen will share the deanship of the new seminary through 2017 when a permanent dean is appointed. ■



## Snapshots

### Hall of Athletic Honor

**Seth Bendian '87** (baseball, football), **Sue Cannon '82** (field hockey, lacrosse), **Samantha Chereb '93** (basketball, volleyball), **Wendy Elles '96** (soccer), **Todd Peters '98** (swimming), and **Greg Stevcic '98** (soccer, swimming) are the 2017 inductees who will be honored as part of Homecoming Weekend on September 15.



### Brenneman award

The Lavern H. Brenneman '36 Award for Exemplary Service to Gettysburg College was presented to **Trustee Emeritus David LeVan '68** at Commencement 2017.



### Gilman scholars

Congrats to **Sarah Rivera '18** and **James Arps '18**, awarded Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, to study abroad in the United Kingdom and China, respectively.



### Fast forward

After Gettysburg and earning his master's degree from Oxford University, **Jan Cerny '11** returned to his native Czech Republic to work at Skoda Transportation. He went from financial specialist in the office of the CEO to a member of the board of directors in five years. Learn more, online.



### Supersonic career

Mechanical engineer **Brad Garner '08** works on fighter jet engines at GE Aviation in Boston and said watching a jet engine work in afterburner is "cool." In an online video, the economics major and religious studies minor recounts his wild ride.

### Health and public policy

At Gettysburg, a course in medical anthropology and Mellon research on health care access in Adams County got **Alyssa Foxx '13** thinking about links between health and public policy. With her master's degree in public health from Yale, she works at CipherHealth, an IT start-up focused on improving the efficiency of health care for low-income populations.

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# TECHNOLOGY, RACE...AND COMIC BOOKS

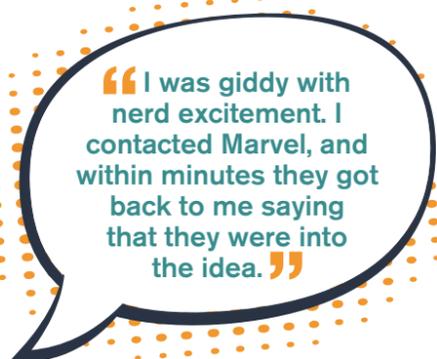
When **Xavier Harding '12** was a reporter for the *Popular Science/PopSci* magazine and website, his favorite assignment revolved around a comic book—Marvel's Ta-Nehisi Coates-led reboot of *Black Panther*. The project appealed to his inner comic book nerd.

Harding was intrigued by the advanced technology portrayed in the fictional East African nation of Wakanda—technology that outpaced the already advanced Marvel multiverse, filled with scientific-experiments-turned-superheroes like Iron Man, Captain America, and the Hulk. Moreover, he was interested in the intersection of science, technology, and race. *Black Panther* is Marvel's first black superhero, and artist Brian Stelfreeze draws upon African culture and history throughout the series.

"I was giddy with nerd excitement," Harding explained.

"I contacted Marvel, and within minutes they got back to me, saying that they were into the idea. I was talking with the lead artist less than a week later. When I think of all of the stories I've written, that's the one I had the most fun writing."

Today, Harding is a tech and gaming reporter for Mic, a media company catering to millennials. The New York City native knew early in his college career that he wanted to go into digital journalism. His interests focused his individualized studies



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major (journalism in the digital age), his career exploration (including internships with both *LAPTOP* magazine and *The Gettysburg Review*), and his study abroad in Mérida, Mexico (studies in journalism and media and immersion in Mexican and Mayan culture).

On campus, Harding was a member of the improvisation group Shots in the Dark and participated in the Latin American Student Association, WZBT radio station, the Office of Multicultural Engagement, and intramurals.

"Meeting so many different types of people at Gettysburg and

being able to spend a semester in Mexico, those are experiences that added up to something more than the sum of its parts," Harding said. "I'm able to talk to and relate to many different types of people—it is a skill that has gotten me far, and Gettysburg has definitely helped me do that."

Harding finds ways to combine his interests in science and equality-related issues, beyond his *Black Panther* story. He seeks stories that elevate people, products, and perspectives that might not otherwise break into mainstream news—like his story on the CEO of Black Girls Code, one on visually impaired gaming, and another on the depiction of black characters in video games.

"When I was working at *PopSci*, it really became clear to me that I need to cover science, technology, and gaming from a lens of race and inclusion," Harding said. "Everyone uses these products, but if you don't have people from all walks of life influencing the design, it won't work for all of the people who are intended to use it." ■



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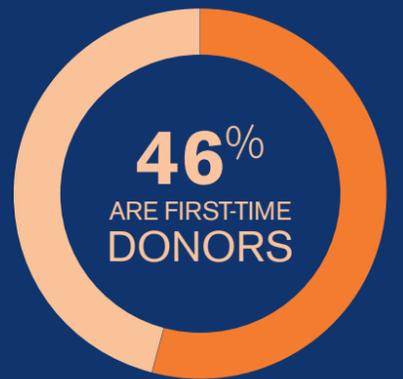
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## Four join the Board of Trustees

**Lauren Wise Bright '90**, president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and deputy general counsel and director of legal in the Washington, D.C. office of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Bright resides in Alexandria, Virginia, with husband William E. Bright III and sons Aaron and Erik.

**Jennifer Fisher Bryant '82**, author of award-winning and highly

acclaimed poetry, nonfiction books, and novels. Bryant received the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the College in 2013, and she lives in Glenmoore, Pennsylvania with husband **Neil O. Bryant '82**.

**John F. Fay P'15, P'18**, chief executive officer of INTTRA, Inc. John and **Elizabeth A. Fay** are members of the Parents Leadership Council and parents of **John '15** and

**Patrick '18**. The Fays live in Bernardsville, New Jersey.

**Terri L. Garnick P'15**, senior vice president and chief accounting officer with Glenborough LLC. Mother of **Devin '15**, Terri and **Lawrence D. Garnick** are former members of the Parents Leadership Council and live in San Mateo, California. ■

Campaign update (as of August 1, 2017)





# HARVARD'S CRIMSON HUE FROM ORANGE & BLUE

There are places where you feel the energy beneath your feet, knowing you walk the same grounds as the leaders who helped to shape our nation's history.

Becca Johnson '14 knew this sense of place at Gettysburg, and she found it again, at Harvard.

"It's hard not to get inspired when you recognize all those who came before you," said Johnson,

a current Juris Doctor candidate.

The photos in Harvard Law School's Wasserstein Hall tell the story: Barack Obama, Michelle Obama, Rutherford B. Hayes, Antonin Scalia, Elena Kagan, John Roberts, Anthony Kennedy, Janet Reno, Ralph Nader, Mitt Romney, and the list goes on.

Johnson hopes to one day join this distinguished company. She's

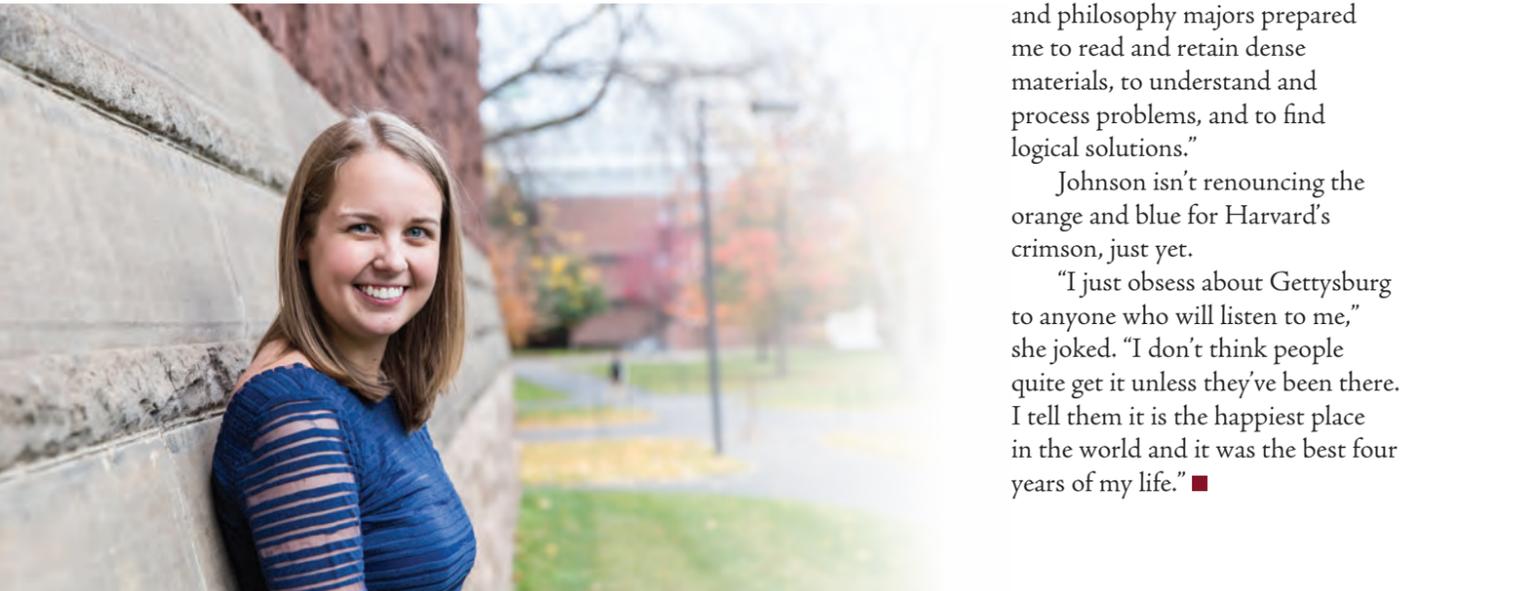
developed a passion for litigation, as well as labor and employment law, through her demanding course work and an internship at Fox Rothschild LLP in Pittsburgh.

"I found that I really enjoy legal research and writing. It's a fun puzzle to look at the case law and determine the best way to represent your client," Johnson said.

"Gettysburg prepared me really well," she said. "My English and philosophy majors prepared me to read and retain dense materials, to understand and process problems, and to find logical solutions."

Johnson isn't renouncing the orange and blue for Harvard's crimson, just yet.

"I just obsess about Gettysburg to anyone who will listen to me," she joked. "I don't think people quite get it unless they've been there. I tell them it is the happiest place in the world and it was the best four years of my life." ■



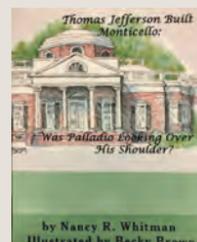
## Media notes



### The Warden's Daughter

This latest novel by Newbery Medal winner Jerry Spinelli '63 (*Maniac Magee*, *Stargirl*) is the story of Cammie O'Reilly, who lost her mother when she was a baby and grew up in the prison where her father is warden. Recalling the time of her 13th birthday, an older

O'Reilly reflects on the unique changes and struggles she faced in her coming of age.



### Thomas Jefferson Built Monticello: Was Palladio Looking Over His Shoulder?

In this illustrated nonfiction book for ages 9 years and up, Nancy Whitman '79 explores classical elements of architecture and the influence 16th century

Italian architect Andrea Palladio had on Thomas Jefferson in the United States, two centuries later.

# BUILDING THE GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS A NEW HOME

Engineering major Stephen Collins '87 never imagined he would make a career in sports and entertainment, much less gain a National Basketball Association (NBA) championship ring. Each happened—the latter, twice.

Collins is the chief operating officer at the Golden State Warriors arena, a \$1 billion privately financed development in San Francisco. He has been in the business for almost three decades, holding executive positions at Madison Square Garden (MSG) and managing venues like the MSG Arena, Radio City Music Hall, Beacon Theatre, Chicago Theatre, and the Los Angeles Forum.

He started in New Jersey's Meadowlands complex and quickly worked his way up to become the point person for hundreds of events from concerts to home team sports (New Jersey's Nets and Devils) to the NCAA Final Four.

In 1992, Collins earned a promotion that launched his now-24-year career in operations.

He joined the Madison Square Garden company and completed the renovation of Radio City Music Hall, although he said managing the \$1 billion renovation of the MSG Arena complex and the \$140 million renovation of the Los Angeles Forum (former home of the Lakers and Kings) were two of his biggest career challenges.

"We couldn't relocate the teams. The only way...was to perform most of the work during the off-season. We would close the building at the end of the NBA and NHL season and reopen in October," he said. "It was probably the most challenging thing I'd ever done."

His present challenge will thrill Warriors fans: building a permanent home for the team in San Francisco by the 2019–20 season. Collins is responsible for developing the 11-acre tract that will house the 800,000-square-foot arena, as well as significant office and retail space.

"I was extremely fortunate to be offered this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I am surrounded by amazing people and get to work for an organization that is so beloved by the entire Bay Area," said Collins. "They have really become a national phenomenon."

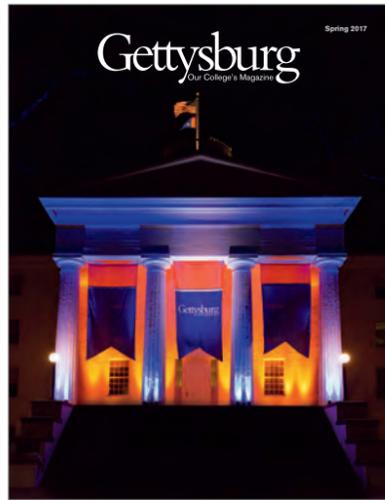
Collins was already on board when the Warriors won the 2015 NBA Championship. "One of the highlights of my career was riding in the parade through downtown



Oakland with my son, surrounded by 1 million rabid Warriors fans. The passion the people have for this team is incredible." Championship honors went to Cleveland in 2016 and were reclaimed by the Warriors in 2017.

"Gettysburg helped me... I didn't pigeonhole myself into one area," he said. "It was a broad, diverse environment that focused on a more well-rounded education, which allowed me to cast a wide net when looking for a career." ■





# C onversations

Upon seeing Prof notes with **Len Goldberg**, **Charlie Frankenbach '85** wrote, "Among a number of other epic English profs, Len stands as maybe the most formative guy for me. He ran the senior honors class, where he turned me onto the poetry of Wallace Stevens, and I've been afflicted ever since. His framing of Stevens as an American Romantic was revelatory for me and influences how I teach the stuff today."

Email and Facebook brought notes (edited for space) about recent retirees:

## Stephen Edelstein '69

"My mentor **Ken Mott** [see page 20] has retired. I started at Gettysburg in 1965; Ken started in 1966. I took his very first political science course, and it is no exaggeration to say that it changed the way I looked at things.

"To be sure, Ken taught us the usual political science stuff. For example, he taught me to hate James MacGregor Burns. He taught us how to think—how to challenge not just what we could see on the surface but how to root out and recognize the

underlying assumptions on which the surface was constructed. This one lesson—the most valuable thing that any teacher has ever imparted to me—remains with me today in law and in government and in politics and in life.

"What happened outside the classroom was, in its own way, just as important as what happened inside. Ken and I spent a lot of time together, both while I was his student and for many years afterward. We lived through many things—the assassinations of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr., an era of student protests (at Gettysburg, not so much), some golf (his good, mine awful), a lot of parties, and some difficult and some exhilarating personal times. We collaborated on a couple of published articles. He taught me how to trim a Christmas tree. He helped me grow up.

"And over the next almost 50 years since I graduated, the discipline of political science evolved and became more concerned with statistics. No matter. Ken was what he always was—a teacher of the way to see the world. The best teacher."

## Ben Streeter '13

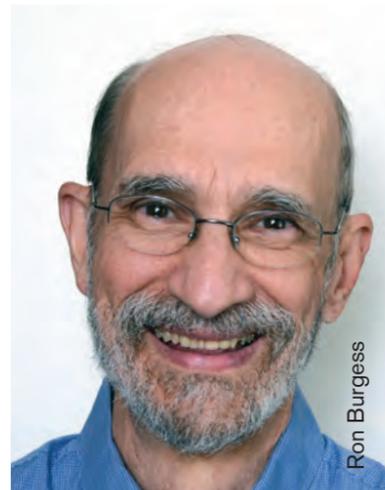
"While I can't speak impartially as his grandson, off the record Prof. Mott was the most talented, storytelling professor I ever saw. He was so good at keeping the class engaged.

"On the record, **Kathy Williams** helped me figure out my career



Kathy Williams P'07

path. I am now an editor working for Pew in D.C. When I went to her for help, I had no idea what I might want to do after college. She took the time to talk to me and helped me figure things out."



Ron Burgess

## Autumn Taylor Yates '04

"As a Spanish major, I was sad to see that my former department

would be losing two wonderful individuals this year.

"I took two upper-level Spanish classes with **Ronald Burgess**. He always started off each class by asking us to share any interesting news that we had going on in our lives (in Spanish, of course). Prof. Burgess cared about us as individuals. I also recall at least one class where he was speaking so passionately about one of the plays we were studying that he suddenly jumped up on the table in the center of the room. His classes were always lively and interesting!

"I didn't take any classes offered by **Dorothy Moore**, but I spent a year working as her teaching assistant. I learned so much from her about how to teach another language to students with learning differences, and I keep her suggestions and strategies in mind to this day, as I near the end of my eleventh year as a Spanish teacher."

## John Nicoletti '86

"My first class at Gettysburg was a political science course, which, on day 1, covered Plato. This class opened things up enough or me to want to dedicate my studies to philosophy. **Donald Tannenbaum** piqued my imagination; I saw learning as something visual."

## Debbie and Dave Posmontier P'11

"We want to thank **Buzz Jones** for the many kindnesses he showed us and our son, **Alex '11**. From music classes to performances to trips abroad,



John "Buzz" Jones P'03

Buzz was the rock who held things together. We are so grateful for the wonderful experience Alex had and for the kind and loving mentoring Buzz provided."

## Scott Abrahamson '96

"[Prof. John W. "Buzz" Jones P'03] gave me a chance to be in the jazz ensemble, despite the fact that I had no prior training. Prof. Jones encouraged me and even welcomed me to the band room for individualized lessons in improvisation. Before I knew it, I was excelling along with my fellow students, and we were the jazz ensemble that he took to the Montreux and North Sea Jazz Festivals in Europe in 1993. The memories and experiences of that trip remain with me today, and the knowledge of jazz that Dr. Jones taught me served me well in my career as a music educator.

"I recall **Deb Shockey** as being extremely kind and personable, and she always stopped to ask me about my progress in classes. She took great pride in her job keeping Stine Hall clean (which was no easy feat). Her husband **John** was in housekeeping and maintenance in Schmucker Hall, so I was able to get to know him too

and equally appreciated his kindness and interest in my success as a student." •

## And in the news

*African Miracle, African Mirage: Transnational Politics and the Paradox of Modernization in Ivory Coast* by Africana Studies **Prof. Abou Bamba** was listed in *The Washington Post's* TMC African Politics Summer Reading Spectacular.

English **Prof. Rob Garnett** described how U.S. Navy Adm. Nimitz's daring gamble led to the U.S. defense of the Battle of Midway, in *The Wall Street Journal*.

CSPAN provided two days of live coverage to the **Civil War Institute's** summer conference.

**Steph Colson '19** scored the first and last goals in the NCAA national championship game and made *Sports Illustrated's* "Faces in the Crowd."

Political Science **Prof. Shirley Anne Warshaw**, Harold G. Evans Chair of Eisenhower Leadership Studies, was interviewed for an analysis of the Trump presidency in *The New York Times Sunday Review* and on the Canadian Broadcasting Company (CBC) news network.

**Prof. Allen Guelzo**, director of Civil War Era Studies and the Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era, spoke about the Battle of Gettysburg on a national network of radio programs. •

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# SENIOR-LED BULLETS CAPTURE NATIONAL TITLE



## TALE OF A TITLE

For those who recall the 2011 title trek, the path to 2017 had some familiar vibes:

Following a timeout with 18 seconds left and with her team clinging to a one-goal advantage over The College of New Jersey in the NCAA Division III Championship, **Emma Christie '17** strode confidently to the far side of the field in front of the Gettysburg fans, nodding her head up and down the whole way.

The women's lacrosse team knew this was their moment of glory. Despite being deep in their own territory, the sure-handed Bullets passed the ball away from the scrambling Lions as the seconds ticked away and the final horn blared across the Roanoke (Virginia) valley.

That confidence and poise in the heat of the moment from Christie and her four teammates helped steer Gettysburg College to its second national title in the sport of women's lacrosse.

"They've been an outstanding group," said **Head Coach Carol Daly Cantele '83**. "I think their greatest quality is they've never—ever—made it about themselves."

The quintet—**Christie, Caroline Jaeger '17, Shannon Keeler '17, Macauley Mikes '17, and Katelyn Neillands '17**—had come close to the semifinals three times before. But despite winning Centennial Conference championships and ranking among the nation's elite, the team didn't get to the national championship.

That all changed this spring. The seniors built a strong team culture

centered around the idea of living in the moment—not worrying about the past or the future, but focusing on the here and now.

When the team fell behind 5–4 with eight minutes left, that season-long mindset dominated. The seniors rallied their teammates with shouts of encouragement and heady play on the field.

"The seniors led in very different ways and different manners," noted

**"It was a hard-fought victory: two exceptional teams giving it their all, battling to the final finish."**

**—Carol Daly Cantele '83**

Cantele. "They distributed their leadership equally and no one had any extra burden. I think that made for a unique and special group."

After climbing to the top of their sport, the graduates are headed off on very different journeys. Christie went to Boston to join the Beacon Hill Staffing Group as a junior staffing

consultant. Jaeger didn't stray too far from Gettysburg, taking a position as community engagement associate for a local minor league baseball team, the Lancaster Barnstormers. Keeler joined a host of recent Gettysburg grads at AT&T in its Business Sales Leadership Development program. The three of them majored in Organization and Management Studies. The two health sciences majors, Mikes and Neillands, have their sights set on careers in physical therapy and optometry, respectively.

They hoisted the trophy and capped their lacrosse careers on May 28, returning to the greetings of a grateful gang of revelers and the familiar lights of Clark Field. On Monday, they quietly departed campus, leaving behind the trophy, memories of a dream season, and a legacy to be continued. ■

## GOT GEAR?

Championship hats and t-shirts are available from the College bookstore, in person or online.

# 2011



Overall Record:	.....19-4
Centennial Conference record and finish:	..... 8-1 (2nd)
Rank entering NAAs:	.....7th
Score against F&M in CC championship (last loss):	.....6-7
Beat nation's top offense:	.....Adrian College (25-10)
Beat Salisbury University in regional championship:	.....14-13
NCAA Most Outstanding Player:	.....Hannah Church '12
First off the bus at Gettysburg was "Mac:"	.....Laura McIntyre '11

# 2017



Overall Record:	.....21-3
Centennial Conference record and finish:	..... 8-1 (2nd)
Rank entering NAAs:	.....7th
Score against F&M in CC championship (last loss):	.....6-7
Beat nation's top offense:	.....Rhodes College (19-1)
Beat Salisbury University in regional championship:	.....10-2
NCAA Most Outstanding Player:	.....Steph Colson '19
First off the bus at Gettysburg was "Mac:"	..... Macauley Mikes '17

# BECOMING BAT-MAN



## TELLING SCIENCE'S STORIES IS BOTH ART AND SCIENCE



Looking for his first job after college, **Huanjia Zhang '17**, a biology major and studio art minor, knew he was setting his sights high by interviewing at some of the top research labs across the country. But Zhang found he had a competitive advantage.

"Recruiters were amazed by my research experience," he said. "For Gettysburg, [conducting research] is normal, but they were impressed."

Zhang could point to his presenting research at a conference in his native China with biology **Prof. Ryan Kerney**. He could produce a paper released by Kerney and fellow researchers about the vertebrate-algal relationship between green alga and the spotted salamander, which drew national media attention. Zhang is listed as a co-author.

"One recruiter said most undergraduate college students list technical skills on their resumes that they learned and practiced only once or twice in class," said Zhang. "But they were confident with my experience that I had been practicing and actually using the skills I listed."

He received multiple job offers, including one from his top choice, the PennCHOP Microbiome Program, part of the Perelman School of Medicine and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Zhang is working as a science technician.

"[In addition to my research experience], they were also amazed by my science communication skills," he said. Zhang, who learned English as a second language, compares communicating about science to translating a language. It can be challenging. And frustrating. But in today's world of social media and fast-paced communication, scientists are competing for attention and need to be able to explain the impact of their research.

In his senior year, Zhang sought a project to flex his communication skills. Environmental Studies **Prof. Salma Monani**, [see page 3] agreed to be his capstone project advisor.

On the science side, he learned from his faculty advisor, biology **Prof. Alex Trillo**, that the population of bats is declining, not only globally, but also locally, in Pennsylvania. Zhang thought that would be a good place to start.

Coining it his "bat-man project," he created a communications plan to raise awareness about endangered bats and to teach the general public how they could help.

In addition to learning about bats, Zhang learned what goes into effective science communication. He focused on science journalism, audio production, and video production, and he created a website devoted to interpreting science. In all caps, the homepage reads: **SCIENCE IS FOR EVERYONE.**

Monani recommended Zhang read and analyze top science articles.

He learned how to write a good lede and how to tell a story to interest readers. He drafted the script for a video to teach people how to make bat houses, which can aid in conservation. He listened to podcasts and studied their structure (as any good scientist would) to improve his blog posts. He interviewed state expert Mike Scafani from the Pennsylvania Game Commission and found out how challenging transcription can be.

Zhang said it was hard work, but the purpose and process of the project taught him vital skills.

"The experience was not so much like a [senior capstone], but I was completing a project together with Prof. Monani," he said. "One thing that's important to me is I want to know I [have the skills] to teach myself after I graduate. Before educating others, we educated ourselves. That's something all good journalists do. And the idea of breaking things down to understand them—that's the scientist in me."

In a few years, Zhang plans to go to graduate school, perhaps in an aspect of biology. He will also continue to pursue his passion for science communication. "I don't want to spend the rest of my life doing bench work in a lab without letting people know what science can do or influence society," said Zhang. "There's an information gap between scientists and the general public. That's something science communication can fix." ■

—Carina Sitkus

# BULLETS

# RAY Y TO DEFEAT ALS

## TAKE ALS YARD RAISES \$55,000 IN FIVE YEARS AND IT'S PERSONAL

In the fall of 2012, members of the Gettysburg College baseball team's leadership council gathered with head coach **John Campo P '07** for what they thought would be an ordinary preseason meeting.

It would lead to a philanthropic effort that is still going strong.

Two years earlier, **Tommy Kirchhoff**, a friend of the Gettysburg College baseball program, was diagnosed with ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), otherwise known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Kirchhoff was the son of **Bill '63** and **Jean Kirchhoff '64**, generous supporters of the baseball program, for whom the Bullets' home field is named.

Campo was inspired by a fundraiser held by a student-athlete at Tommy Kirchhoff's high school alma mater, and he floated the idea of starting a similar

initiative at Gettysburg. He asked for someone to take charge, and **Nate Simon '14** jumped at the opportunity.

"I think we, as a team, were troubled to hear about Tommy's diagnosis and wanted to express our support to him and the rest of the Kirchhoff family," recalled Simon. "The situation was much bigger than baseball. We wanted to make a difference to the Kirchhoffs and other families who have had to deal with this terrible disease."

So, since 2013, the baseball team has been dedicated to the off-the-field initiative **Take ALS Yard**, its name a clever use of baseball jargon for hitting a home run, or "going yard." Now an annual event, the project has raised over \$55,000 for Project ALS, a national organization dedicated to ALS research.

Shortly after the creation of Take ALS Yard, **Robert Borman P '05**, father of **Rob Borman '05**, a former baseball team captain, was diagnosed with the same disease. Take ALS Yard honors his memory, as well. Kirchhoff and Borman passed away within five months of each other, in 2014–2015.

A different player assumes leadership of the project each season. After Simon had served as the point person during its first two years, it was handed off to **Cory Karagozi '15** in 2015, **Luke Lawrence '16** in 2016, and **J.J. Lucido '17** this year.

Before each season, the team purchases Take ALS Yard hats and shirts to be sold at every Gettysburg home game. Donations are also received online at [takealsyard.com](http://takealsyard.com). All merchandise bears a "TK/RB" (Tommy Kirchhoff/Robert Borman) insignia, also emblazoned on the back of the team's batting helmets.

This past fall, the baseball squad joined up with the softball team for a joint home run derby for Gettysburg students. All of the proceeds raised were split between Project ALS and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, which the softball team supported this past year. Many athletic teams at Gettysburg regularly engage in philanthropic endeavors.

"We are very honored by what the team and the College has done," said Bill Kirchhoff, "especially since it has been perpetuated each year. It's so important to keep awareness of this horrific disease in the forefront. Tommy was a very humble person, and he was incredibly honored by what they did."

"I strongly believe that this effort is a clear extension of the culture that Coach Campo has created within the baseball program," said Rob Borman. "Winning is the goal, but equally important is the preparation for life. The fundraising campaign is an incredible piece of a well-rounded college experience. It's an amazing effort, spearheaded by an amazing group of student-athletes, parents, and coaches."

"I think it's important that their legacies are not forgotten," said Campo. "Also, I think it makes our players socially aware and puts things in perspective for them. I know it certainly does for me."

Valerie Estess, director of research at Project ALS, said the funds help allow some of the world's most effective researchers to double down on experiments, including ALS drug testing and stem cell disease modeling. "We are especially grateful to coach John Campo and his scholar-athletes for continuing to play and work in support of research that will touch us all," she said. ■

—**Braden Snyder**



Left to right: Bill and Tommy Kirchhoff and Nate Simon in 2013.



Take ALS Yard merchandise is sold at home games.



Coach John Campo P'07

# THE FEEDING *and* FLEXING OF AN OPEN MIND

**F**or free speech to be most valuable, it must reach open minds. Open-mindedness suggests an ability to see a perspective outside of one's own.

"It's being willing at the very least to have your own viewpoint challenged. Also, to test your thinking a bit," said Political Science **Prof. Kenneth Mott P'07**, by way of definition. It's early in the morning on May 3. Mott is finishing up some work in his Glatfelter Hall office before embarking on a much-deserved family

vacation. Mott retired in August after teaching 51 years at Gettysburg College.

Gettysburg's curriculum and learning environment are designed to cultivate the type of critical thinking that makes open-mindedness possible.

"The liberal arts encourages—I'd stop short of saying it forces—that, if you do your coursework, you're going to get other viewpoints, and at the very least it, will help you sharpen your viewpoint," said Mott.

Gettysburg alumni demonstrate the importance and impact of open-mindedness in a variety of fields and careers. For some, it takes the form of finding new approaches to science research, demonstrated by Distinguished Alumni Award recipients **John A. Hohneker '81** and **Inga Holl Musselman '82** [page 6]. For others, it means working across the aisle in politics or simply being able to work well with people from different backgrounds, like **Xavier Harding '12** [page 8].

If the liberal arts curriculum and environment are part of the science of cultivating open-mindedness, then professors like Mott are the art and flair behind it.

"Ken gave practical meaning to 'don't judge a book by its cover,'" says **Jamie Fleet '02**. "He encouraged people to seek out unusual allies. And he was intentional about creating a learning environment where you could disagree without being disagreeable."

On May 3, as Mott reflects on open-mindedness,

the College is preparing for a visit later in the evening from Robert Spencer, a speaker known for his controversial comments on Islam. Earlier in the week, the Religious Studies department and the Peace and Justice Studies program sponsored a lecture by a Luther College professor, Todd Green, on the topic of Islamophobia. While Spencer delivered his lecture in the College Union Building, a group of students held a solidarity rally in support of Muslim students outside of Penn Hall.

"Maybe that's the essence of open-mindedness. You don't have to be wishy-washy," says Mott. "Nobody who is a thinking person will be open to anything that comes down the pike. But if you don't agree with a [viewpoint], why don't you?"

Across the country, college campuses are grappling with issues of free speech. *What is free speech? How do we protect it? What issues should private, liberal arts colleges consider?* In the spring issue of this magazine, **President Janet Morgan Riggs '77**

# “WE ARE GUIDED BY OUR INSTITUTIONAL VALUES.”

pointed to examples of how the College is engaging in and thinking about these issues. “I am certain that we will not all agree on how to approach every speaker or how to respond to every instance of offensive speech,” Riggs said in her letter. “What I can assure you is that as we face these issues, we are guided by our institutional values and Gettysburg’s mission as a liberal arts college.”

*The Gettysburgian* reported that more than 300 people attended the event in solidarity with Muslim members of the campus community, and

close to 400 people attended Spencer’s lecture, many out of curiosity. Quoted in an article written by **Benjamin Pontz ’20** after the event, **Luca Menicali ’19** said: “I’m interested in hearing what he has to say. Going in, I know what my viewpoints are, and I will critically analyze what he has to say. All in all, I think it was the right decision to have him come and share his thoughts with us.”

One of the College’s core values is “the free and open exchange of ideas and exploration of their ethical and spiritual dimensions.” But

to ensure this speech reaches open minds, other values are also integral. For one, critical thinking skills. That’s where another College value comes into play: “the power of a liberal arts education to help students develop critical thinking skills....” Finally: “the commitment to a diverse and inclusive learning environment,” and “the worth and dignity of all people and the limitless value of their intellectual potential.”

At Gettysburg, having an open mind doesn’t mean opinions shift with the direction of the wind. But each of the College’s values—a free exchange of ideas, the development of critical thinking skills, diversity, and regard for our community’s intellectual potential—work together to cultivate healthy open-mindedness. Gettysburgians learn, as Mott said, to challenge the viewpoints of others, and perhaps most importantly, their own.

Ask alumni who took one of his classes, and they will tell you that one of Mott’s professorial super powers is the ability to make meaningful comments that caused *them* to think, but didn’t indicate what *he* thought.

“I hold much respect for Prof. Mott, whose classes I attended some 45 years ago,” said **Hal MacLaughlin ’71**. “He was polite, courteous, and civil, and always demonstrated the important characteristic of listening to all points of view, never denigrating students or their opinions.”

Mott takes pride in having advised student groups

ranging in a spectrum from the College Democrats to the College Republicans and Young Americans for Freedom. As a constitutional law expert, Mott has always been well-practiced in the approach of looking at issues from multiple sides.

“I used to hear students say, ‘I don’t know where Mott stands on this, and I’d think ‘good for me!’” he said.

But Mott admitted he’s worried about the future, pointing to the example of “electronification.” It’s a term he uses to explain how advances in technology have impacted public discourse and the ways we communicate, or don’t communicate, with one another.

“We communicated by computer, and then we moved to cell phones and that has a kind of atomizing effect,” said Mott. “We become isolated. I think there is some danger lurking—our thinking and our knowledge become a mile wide and an inch deep. There’s a tendency to move away from, ‘let’s go to the library and read some of the great books’ to a tendency to say ‘let’s go to Wikipedia, and that will be the end of our search.’”

“You miss the deep dive. So, you get to an issue like Robert Spencer. How deeply are we thinking about this? The tendency can be to say, ‘Oh, I know what his message is and I hate it and I’ll protest.’ But how about going a little deeper? Let’s say there is the principle of freedom of speech. That’s one thing, that’s just one dimension.”

According to Mott, the type of critical thinking and open-mindedness that

Gettysburg cultivates allows alums to engage the important questions of our time by *asking* the important questions.

“A liberal arts education takes a step back from everyday life and raises the fundamental questions: why are we here, what are we doing, what is our purpose, how does life function in the most basic sense. The *great* questions, in other words.

“So, when, for example, in [the world of] political science where I live, there’s a temptation to deal with the everyday sort of politics—what did Trump say today?—but to do that is so surface level that it will become irrelevant tomorrow morning,” Mott said.

“In a liberal arts setting, you should be asking questions and thinking about issues that are more or less everlasting. Then you can say—having focused on those ‘great issues’—‘OK, what did they say on the news this morning, and how does that fit in the larger scheme of things?’”

Fleet developed his initial relationship with Mott through his first-year seminar in 1998. With Mott’s encouragement, Fleet ran for office while a student and, at the age of 18, was elected to Gettysburg Borough Council. Today, he is a staff director at the House of Representatives, overseeing the operations of Congress, including an over \$3 billion budget and responsibilities for the Smithsonian Institution, human resources, finance, security, and the Capitol building. It’s



Prof. Kenneth F. Mott P'07 has been teaching at Gettysburg College since 1966.

## Funding future great work

Last spring, **Jamie Fleet ’02**, who serves on the national advisory council of the Eisenhower Institute, helped announce the creation of a fund honoring **Prof. Ken Mott’s** legacy.

“Tonight, in honor of a lifetime of believing in students, and a career of aspiring to make anything possible for our students, we start something new,” he said. “To honor Ken Mott, who made every student feel special and for whom every student mattered and who gave me confidence to do things that I never imagined myself.”

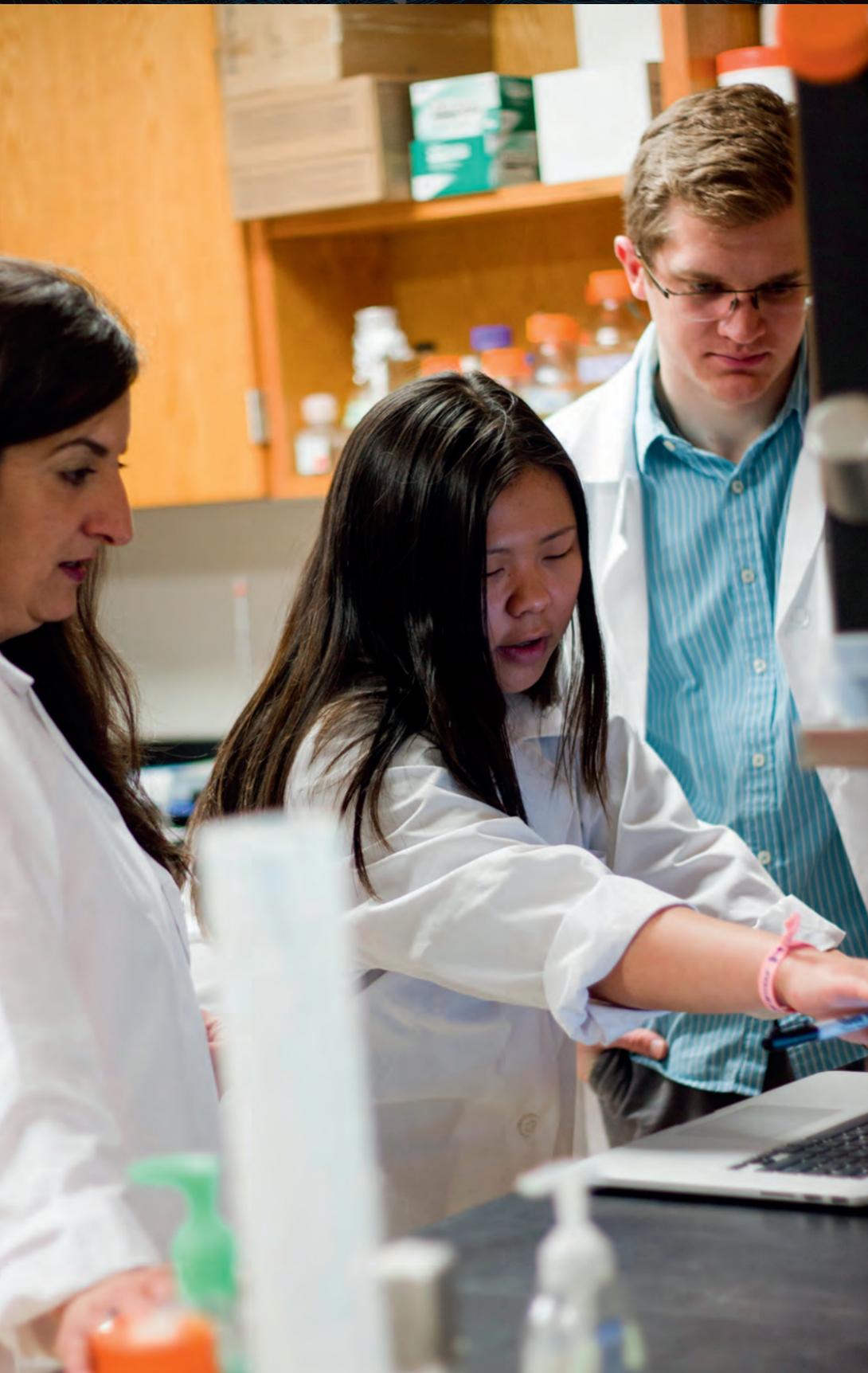
With **Fred F. Fielding ’61**, who served as chair, Mott helped lead the Task Force on Public Affairs and Public Service, which was part of the College’s Commission on the Future. The recommendations laid the groundwork for integrating what was then called The Eisenhower World Affairs Institute with the College, to become The Eisenhower Institute at Gettysburg College. A distinctive program that provides cocurricular opportunities, the Institute prepares students to assume their responsibility as global citizens in public, private, and nonprofit sectors. The fund will help support student participation in its programs and expand its expert program initiatives, such as the Women in Leadership, Inside Politics, and Inside the Middle East programs.

“Everything Prof. Mott did [during his time at Gettysburg] was student-centered,” Fleet said. “By establishing this fund, it’s making that [type of learning], which is embodied by the College and the Institute’s programs, accessible to more students.”

To learn more about the fund in honor of Prof. Mott, visit [www.gettysburg.edu/links](http://www.gettysburg.edu/links)

Gettysburg College values “the free and open exchange of ideas and exploration of their ethical and spiritual dimensions.”





The College values the power of a liberal arts education to help students develop critical thinking skills.

a position he also achieved when he was young, at 27.

Fleet said what he learned at Gettysburg prepared him well for staying nimble and open-minded in what he describes as the “bubble” of Washington, D.C.

“D.C. is an echo chamber. You can easily fall into the trap of talking to the same people about the same things and never seeking out a different opinion or challenging someone’s assumptions,” he says.

“Gettysburg teaches students to expand the universe of people from which they learn. There was no good reason I got the job I have at my age. I think it was because I was equipped with the skills I have—my professors taught me what I know and also to be aware of what I don’t know. I spent most of my career managing people substantially older than I am. I have succeeded in that because I am willing to do the hard work of hearing them out, respecting their experience and knowledge, and learning from them.”

**Donna Schaper ’69**, a minister and published author who, over the years, has also been involved as an advocate for women’s and civil rights, said her academic and cocurricular experiences at Gettysburg similarly shaped who she is today. “While playing basketball, I understood what it means to be a woman, both a strong one and a beleaguered one,” she said. “My professors took my youth seriously and allowed me to question them while they questioned me. I learned to think. I learned to learn.

As an English major, these gifts were almost as important to me as my immersion in Emily Dickinson and William Shakespeare.”

Learning how to learn and how to think, and not what to think, is what allowed **Gaye DeCesare ’84** down the path she was determined to resist.

“I was a music performance major. I hated when **Prof. [Robert] Zellner** would joke that ‘music ed majors get jobs in music and performance majors get jobs at banks,’ but I ended up working in credit unions,” she said. “My summer job became a career, then became my passion. My time at Gettysburg prepared me to think critically and outside the box. I specialized in financial regulatory compliance, but I still play and sing when time permits.”

The philosophy of education is a focus of **Prof. Daniel DeNicola’s** research. Over the years, he has examined the importance of critical thinking through the exploration of the topic of ignorance, which he said is trending. Despite advances in knowledge, he asks the paradoxical question in genuine pursuit of an answer: “How can the unknown become known and still be unknown?”

Asking questions like these in courses such as his senior seminar, Ignorance and Forbidden Knowledge, prepares minds to question. DeNicola said a liberal arts education “has a rhythm like the process of clarification: it introduces you to new possibilities, explores alternative approaches, and

enlarges your imagination.” This is important not only to staying nimble in a career, but also in staying open to new ways of thinking.

“It challenges your committed beliefs—and encourages that openness,” continued DeNicola.

His advice to alumni for keeping open-mindedness fresh?

“We hope our students graduate with a love of learning that is a lifelong commitment. But feeding that curiosity during the years of finding a job, building a career, starting a family—it’s difficult,”

he said. “I think the methods are simple, but following them is tough: read widely, try new things, learn new skills, travel for a purpose (history, genealogy, culture, language), converse with people who are different from you, attend cultural events and lectures, etc. Do not build an information cocoon in which you only encounter what reinforces your beliefs. Think about your mind as your greatest long-term asset.” ■

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We value the worth and dignity of all people and the limitless value of their intellectual potential.



# On BECOMING FUNNY

In his new book, *Kicking through the Ashes: My Life as a Stand-Up in the 1980s Comedy Boom*, Ritch Shydner '74 shakes out his memories to provide his historical and personal account as a survivor and observer of the 1980s comedy scene.

## AN EXCERPT FROM CHAPTER 1 “Don’t want nothin’ that anybody can touch”

In the spring of 1972, my sophomore year at Gettysburg College was looking like its last when Dave “Tiny” Weeks suggested I take Public Speaking 101. Professor Harry Bolich never gave less than a B for anyone who attended class. Most classmates were reciting excerpts from novels or articles from *Sports Illustrated*, but I did a deadpan reading of the lyrics from “Changes,” a David Bowie song. I didn’t know my serious reading with a blank expression was a form of comedy, but it got the laughs I secretly desired. As we left the class Professor Bolich pulled me aside and asked, “Can you do that again?” That was all the encouragement I needed. I spent more time on the next assignment than all my other courses to date in reworking the lyrics to the Rolling

Stones song “Sympathy for the Devil” into “Sympathy for the Salesman.” It wasn’t a roomful of strangers, but for the first time I wrote something and performed it with the intent to get laughs, and succeeded. “You’re funny,” Professor Bullock said. That was important. I had heard “crazy” and “nuts” before, but never “funny.”

Nothing made me happier than making people laugh, but I knew of no way to take it any further. I played my George Carlin albums endlessly and watched every comic I could on TV, but never considered what they did as a possibility for me. Show business was just words in a song. I had no concept of how it worked, knew of no one who did. My people worked jobs at factories and offices. Those were my two options, and both seemed beyond me, feeling too blue collar for a white-collar career and too white collar for a blue-collar trade. As graduation approached, all my friends landed jobs and prepared to start their careers. I never went for an interview and left college with no more of a plan for my life than when I arrived four years earlier.

## AN EXCERPT FROM CHAPTER 77 “Let me play among the stars”

From 1984 to 1991, I was on *The Tonight Show* about a dozen times. Even after getting to panel on my fourth appearance I wasn’t a lock to be called to the couch. That was okay. I wanted his approval but never felt as comfortable with Johnny Carson as I did with David Letterman. This was strictly my problem. Plenty of comics my age rolled with Johnny, but to me he was a father figure. Growing up, my dad and I had an adversarial and sometimes violent relationship. Later he felt my choice of a career in comedy was a mistake. I just couldn’t get loose with Johnny.



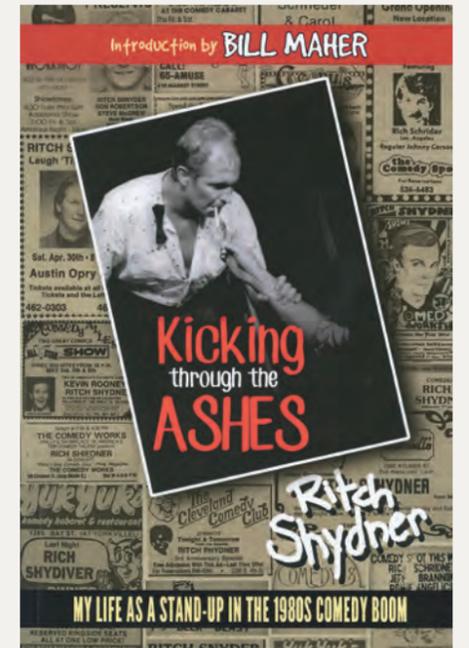
My dad saw me perform a few times early in my career and never had anything to say. One night, I did the whole show about him and he left without saying a word. He never called after any of my *Tonight Show* shots. The only thing he ever said about my chosen profession was, “What you do is tough. If they don’t buy the insurance I sell, I can say they didn’t like that insurance, but if they don’t laugh, they didn’t buy you.” Not really a ringing endorsement, but in my family, acknowledging your existence was as close as you might ever get to a compliment.

During a 1989 *Tonight Show* appearance, I was told right before walking onto the soundstage that there wasn’t enough time for panel. I tossed the disappointment and did my job. Feeling loose, I walked out and did a quick gunfighter pose before I started my set. It’s something I did in the clubs from time to time. Three people might get it, but that was fine. I guess it was my version of Don Rickles’ metaphor of the stand-up comic as bullfighter. The gunfighter, confrontational and suspicious, covered my relationship with the audience and the world at large.

“IF I WERE 30 AGAIN, with what I know now...I’d do it all over again, only with more enthusiasm. I’d make the same mistakes and find some new ones.”

I got sober in 1985 and made amends to my dad for a lot of things, including wrecking his cars, the fistfights, and shooting at him while hunting. Three years later he got sober and came to California to clean up his side of the street. Afterward, we hugged and cried, but there remained a gap between us.

After finishing my set, instead of acknowledging Johnny and walking for the curtain, I did a little more of the gunfighter. I pulled my jacket back with my right hand, assumed a gunfighter stance and backed slowly to the curtain, while scanning the audience for trouble.



A baffled Ed McMahon asked Johnny, “What’s he doing?”

Johnny laughed. He said, “He’s doing a gunfighter.”

The next day my dad called me. “That gunfighter thing you did really cracked Johnny up. You know what? You’re really good at this.”

No call ever meant more to me. There’s this old southern expression, “You’re not a man until your daddy says you’re one.” When I was young, I saw my dad making people laugh and my friends even said he was funny, but I didn’t get it. He closed the gap that night.

We’ve been laughing together ever since. ■

# Do

What students

## Four achieve STEM honors



Madison Strine '18

For the first time in College history, all four of the College's nominees for the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship were recognized by the **Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation**.

**Madison Strine '18**, a biochemistry and molecular biology major and Spanish minor, was awarded the scholarship.

**Elizabeth Burton '18**, **Breanna Titchen '18**, and **Richard Gawel '18** received honorable mentions.

The competitive scholarship is awarded annually based on academic merit to sophomores and juniors from the fields of natural sciences, mathematics, and engineering. Strine is one of only 240 students across the country to achieve this distinction. Strine plans to pursue her doctorate in a joint biochemistry and molecular biology program or a related field and conduct immunochemical and pathogenic research. ■

# Great

What makes Gettysburg

## EXPANDING ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY



Presidents of ATI member institutions

Gettysburg College joined an elite group of the nation's most respected colleges and universities in an alliance to substantially expand the number of talented low- and moderate-income students at our nation's undergraduate institutions with the highest graduation rates. The **American Talent Initiative (ATI)**, supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies, brings together a diverse set of public and private institutions united in this common goal. ATI members will enhance their efforts to recruit, enroll, and support lower-income students; learn from each other; and contribute to research that will help other colleges and universities expand opportunity.

"We are excited to join the American Talent Initiative. At Gettysburg, we are determined to continue to make our education accessible to all students who have the potential to make the most of it, regardless of their socioeconomic circumstances," said **President Janet Morgan Riggs '77**. ■



# Work

that makes a difference

## Living by DGW

Born in a refugee camp in Thailand, **Raksmeymony (Rex) Yin '14** and his family came to the U.S. with the hope of a better life.

"As a refugee family, we didn't have much, but my parents believed there was a promise in their children," said Yin. "My parents were confident that my siblings and I meant something to this world, and they wanted us to have the educational opportunities to achieve great things."

Yin arrived at Gettysburg with the intention of not only earning a degree, but also learning about how he could use that degree to help others achieve in higher education.

"Self-identifying as a Cambodian-American from Philadelphia, I wanted to examine the assimilation of Cambodian-Americans in Philadelphia," said Yin. He designed his own major—focused on intercultural studies through education—and conducted research on the academic paths of second-generation Cambodian-American middle-school students in Philadelphia.

After graduation, Yin was looking for a position where he could apply his research and enact social change, an opportunity he found with the Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia (CAGP).

As the youth development coordinator at CAGP, Yin provides direct service and administrative support to the out-of-school-time programs, oversees children and youth grants, and heads the middle and high school leadership development programs.

"And I'm still living the **Do Great Work** philosophy every day," said Yin, "by engaging in pursuits towards providing high-quality educational experiences, which will leave a legacy and make an impact in the community." ■



## SAVE THE DATES

### SEPTEMBER 15

Hall of Athletic Honor Inductions  
Legacy Admissions Experience

### SEPTEMBER 15–17

Homecoming Weekend  
Cupola Society Dinner and Celebration (September 16)

### OCTOBER 27–29

Family Weekend

### NOVEMBER 4

Gettysburg Great New Jersey  
Westin Governor Morris, Morristown  
Celebrate and explore what makes Gettysburg Great with  
**President Janet Morgan Riggs '77** and others who love  
Gettysburg College.

## NEWS OF NOTE

### AWARDS

**Bob Smith Alumni Club of the Year**  
Washington, D.C. Alumni Club

### Special/Outstanding Achievement Recognition (SOAR)

Central New Jersey Club

### NEW ALUMNI BOARD DIRECTORS

**Alexander Wilkins '06**  
Director, Advisory Board Company

### Devin Garnick '15

Administrative associate, Stanford Arts Institute

### SEEKING NOMINATIONS

**Alumni Board of Directors**  
Alumni Board Directors share a close connection to the College and provide leadership and representation for all alumni. Forward nominations to **Susan Eicholtz Pyron '83** at [spyron@gettysburg.edu](mailto:spyron@gettysburg.edu) or 717-337-6542.

### Alumni Association awards

Recipients of the 2017 awards appear on page 6 and online. The Alumni Association asks alumni to identify candidates for awards by November 10. Complete the form online or contact [alumni@gettysburg.edu](mailto:alumni@gettysburg.edu) or 717-337-6518.

### Candidates for Honorary Degree

Recipients of the College's highest honor may be artists, scholars, clergy, humanitarians, and other distinguished leaders. Through September 30, the Office of the Provost is accepting nominations for honorary degrees to be awarded at Commencement 2019. The nomination form and guidelines are available online. Nominations and questions may be directed to **Maureen Forrester** at [honorarydegreenominations@gettysburg.edu](mailto:honorarydegreenominations@gettysburg.edu) or 717-337-6820.

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On June 25, we celebrated my 98th birthday (actual day was June 20) with an open house for approximately 60 friends from church, the street, the College, and young new friends who shared our ice cream and cake. My daughter from CA, Joanne Lewis '67, who babysits me most of the time, did a wonderful job decorating and preparing the house for the occasion. I really appreciate all of my friends taking the time to visit with me. **Beatrice Hoover Shenton**, Fran's roommate in Huber Hall, was the only classmate who called me for my birthday and contacted me since my last column. She has had some health issues but is still staying in touch with friends and enjoying her children, who visit often. Once again, I was the oldest alumnus returning for Alumni Weekend—great turnout and wonderful weather. Joanne celebrated her 50th Reunion and was very busy with classmates. I always see many friends from other classes. I also attended Spring Honors Day, Commencement, and the Cupola Society reception. If you don't want to write, please feel free to call me with your news! My number is listed above.

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We are all appreciative of the many contributions that have been made by the graduates of our College.

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I received a letter from **Hank Wedaa** in Anaheim, CA, asking anyone interested in learning about the 1996 crash of TWA Flight 800 to please get in touch with him. He has worked on this project for 37 years with regard to the fuel cell technology, and he has some facts found from his work. Hank refers us to a book titled, *TWA Flight 800: The Crash, the Cover-up and the Conspiracy*, by Jack Cashill. I will be happy to put you in touch with Hank if you will write or call me.

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In a massive effort to get enough interesting news to submit a column, I cast a wide net. I received only two responses. **Andy O'Day** emailed that at that particular time, he and wife Mel were traveling through PA on their way to ME. Thanks, Andy. Another line or two would have helped. However, dear friend, great roommate, and constant traveler, **Elizabeth Lott Bair** did send me the following information. "I will be joining friends for this tour for Lutherans of the Carolinas to celebrate Martin Luther's legacy, 500-year anniversary of the Reformation, and Luther's impact on the church and world history. We will follow in the footsteps of the reformer and visit places across the country where he lived and practiced his beliefs. On Reformation Day, Oct. 31, we will see the Castle Church where he nailed the famous 95 Theses, launching the Reformation 500 years ago. The trip will end in Berlin the following day." You go, girl! In other news, I moved to Dover to live with my younger daughter (it's going very well, thanks) almost a year ago. The new address and phone number are listed. Please use them!

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Alumni Weekend has come and gone, and our class celebrated its 65th Reunion. Fourteen classmates returned for the festivities, which started on Friday evening with a gathering at Huber Hall—where we used to dine! A very nice lounge and food from the Dining Center greeted us, and **Gerry Royals** brought along many pictures! Classmates returning were: **Josie Slifer Brownly, Alice Plank Bushey, John Cervino, John Clark, George Knapp, Ernest Kruse, Carey Moore, Pat Emllet Moore, Robert Pillote, George Procter, Gerald Royals, Priscilla Fausold Weir, Jake Yingling,** and **Margaret Blanchard Curtis**. On Saturday, we went to the President's Address and Alumni Awards Ceremony, followed by the Heritage Society Luncheon. In the evening, we gathered at the Gettysburg Hotel for our Reunion Dinner! Good times and many pictures were taken. It was great to see those classmates that were able to return. After our Reunion Weekend, I received word that **Robert Bitner** died on June 6. Bob was a quarterback on the football team, and after serving in the U.S. Air Force, he worked at Bethlehem Steel. He married Carolyn, and they had two daughters—one a school teacher and the other a nurse. Carolyn and Bob have three grandchildren. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carolyn and the family. How about some news? I just got back from La Conner, WA, and Vancouver Island. Where have your travels taken you?

### 1953

#### 65th Reunion Year

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Once again, I can thank a classmate for hearing the plea and responding. **Bill Householder** responded saying he got the message. A brief review of his life since G'burg started shortly after College with a two-year stint in the U.S. Army. From there he moved on to a corporate career in various areas of the lighting divisions of General Electric, Westinghouse, and Phillips Electronics Co. He and his wife Doris celebrated 61 years together with four children, eleven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Over the years, there was a good bit of moving from Long Island, NJ, Chicago, FL, and MA. Since retiring

in 1995, they have enjoyed traveling and cruising here and in Europe, plus touring the U.S. national parks. They now live in a retirement community in Yarmouth Port, MA. Who will help me out next time? Emails are quick and easy, and I can answer them too.

**1954**

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Class frequent traveler **Audrey Rawlings Wennblom** had a trip to Washington, D.C. in May. While there, she visited former roommate **Carolyn Rumbaugh Barger** and husband and made trips to the National Gallery of Art, FBI headquarters, the Justice Department, and the White House. In July, Audrey traveled to Sioux Falls, SD for the annual Wennblom reunion. And, in Sept. she was back on the East Coast for a reunion of *Washington Post* editors and reporters at the headquarters of former *Post* publisher Don Graham. **Al Comery** is happy to report the June marriage of his daughter, Karen, to Jereme Plank on the beautiful beach in St. Petersburg, FL. While in FL, Alan and Phyllis visited the Dali Museum in St. Petersburg and the aquarium in Tampa. They also took in a Tampa Bay Rays baseball game. Al writes that back at home, "Phyllis continues her church work as chairman of the Christian Education Committee...and I continue to follow the San Francisco Giants and volunteer, as Al Gregson, as the first-tee announcer for the countywide golf tournaments—besides playing a little golf myself, off the senior tees." While at my summer cottage, I had lunch with Betty Jean Stockwell Rieders '53. Betty Jean has a large beautiful property in Bucks County, and she has dedicated many acres of it to open space.

**1955**

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**Dick and Cynthia Garrow Brubaker** were recently honored by the U.S. Air Force museum in Dayton, OH. Dick completed 25 years of volunteer service, and Cynthia amassed 25,000 total volunteer hours. Dick is a part-time consultant with the state, while Cynthia is occupied with a lot of sports in the Dayton area. By the time this issue is published, they will have "re-uned" with brother Bob '54 and Denise Haldt Brubaker '54 and brother David '65 at the Brubaker reunion in Millersburg. Elaine Bonnett '58 and yours truly are looking forward to a

Lutheran conference in July that includes attendees from the upper- and metro-NY synods. The seven-day event is held at Silver Bay on Lake George, which includes lecture choices in the a.m. and a lot of free time in the p.m., with separate activities for youth. A week later, we travel to Raystown, PA, near Huntington, for a four-day family reunion. That event draws relatives from West Coast to East Coast, and over 100 make the trip, biennially. Just a reminder—the next deadline for news is Oct. 15. Let's hear from more of you by that time, okay?

**1956**

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I had a nice phone conversation with **Alan Ruby** to update his latest activities. He took a wonderful coach tour to Charleston, SC, and took in all of the sights, including Ft. Sumter, along with magnificent mansions and their gardens. Also on the tour was a visit to the Charleston Tea Plantation, which is the only place in the country where tea is grown. On the tour, they saw lots of wildlife, including egrets and blue herons! Sounds like a wonderful trip! Alan also seems to keep busy giving programs at retirement homes in the area. His latest subject is the Johnstown Flood of 1889. He also manages to be a supply pastor almost every Sunday and helps out wherever he is needed. I had a wonderful mini-reunion with **Pat Stoner Dent** in Hershey. The Lower Susquehanna Synod had a Day of Renewal at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and when I came in to register, Pat was right behind me. I had not seen her since our 50th Class Reunion, so it was a lot of fun. Pat lives in Chambersburg, and I often meet my daughter there for lunch, so we are planning on getting together again before too long. Do write about what you are doing or where you are going or where you have been, so I have something to write about in the next column.

**1957**

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"What a grand 60th Reunion!" exulted someone in an afterwards note. He expressed the feelings of many. Twenty-seven classmates attended, nine women and 18 men. There were 41 persons on hand for the Saturday evening banquet. According to Joe Lynch, our "class doubled the attendance of what the Classes of '56 and '55 had for their 60th

Reunions, and it was the largest turnout for a 60th Reunion since 2012." **Deane Bornheimer** acted as an emcee for the various scheduled events. He and his wife **Thelma** have been class agents since our graduation time. It was something of a surprise when it was announced that our class had been credited with over a \$1M (\$1,132,007 exactly) contribution to the Gettysburg Fund since our last Reunion, five years ago. **Dave Lichtenfeld** made for a comedic presence at all events. He especially did so when College President Janet Morgan Riggs '77 made a point of stopping by our Friday night social. Challenging all boundary ideas of decorum, Dave with arms around Janet, made it appear as if they were a dating couple! Dave attended all gatherings with his wife, Mary. Dave is a retired special agent of the FBI. Some tidbits picked up in Reunion conversations: **Jack Little** tells of annoyance with beavers who are downing trees on his two-and-a-half-acre property on the DE-MD border. **Shirley Cashman Sheridan** shared that she has moved to a retirement community just outside of her long-time residence in Hanover, PA. Down for the Reunion from Keene, NH, **Stu Carswell** and Deborah added another week for touring sites in the Mid-Atlantic states. **Charles Moyer** summed up parting sentiments of the gathered Reunion classmates, "I hope we are all around for the 65th!" Regrets for not being able to attend were noted for **Bob Webb** and **Jeff Davis** (medical issues). **Walt Wagner** is busy gaining clearance with the Department of Homeland Security for a Muslim graduate school, of which he is an administrator. **Bruce Craft**, a widower for several years, reports from HI that he has recently married Phyllis Pender, a long-time friend, and former church secretary. The ever-flowing stream that bears us all away recently claimed two classmates. One is **Robert Davies**. Bob worked for over 30 years as a purchasing agent at the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Bethlehem, PA. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Doris, and his two daughters. He served on the board of directors of The Children's Home of Easton, PA. He was a member, trustee, and usher at the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, as well as a member of Saucon Valley Country Club and the brotherhood of Free and Accepted Masons. The other was **Carl Schleunes Jr.** Carl's death was made known to me by another class notes correspondent. There were no other details available at that time. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to their families.

**1958**

**60th Reunion Year**

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It's always great to hear that someone is reading the class notes, and it was especially nice to hear from **John Benjamin** for the first time. He and his wife, Linda, have lived near Kalamazoo, MI, since 1971 and have three children and five grandchildren. Linda was his high school sweetheart and went to Bethany College. John was in the U.S. Air Force for five years and then with Upjohn Company. In retirement, he enjoys his family, the beaches nearby, and golf. He had just come in from 18 holes of golf when we talked. John remembers the 50th Reunion, mentioning alumni **Carl Miller**, **Steve Bishop**, and **Lloyd Lauver**. Eighteen months ago, he had open heart surgery. He is doing great, and here's hoping we see him, Linda, and many others at our 60th. Thanks for the call, John. **Mark Sibley's** granddaughter, Kaitlyn McCrudden, graduated from Gettysburg College, Class of 2017, and Mark reflected that his oldest son graduated in 1981. That's three family members to graduate from Gettysburg College—who else has that claim to fame? **Bob Barkley** extends an invitation to anyone going to Hilton Head Island in Jan. or Feb. for a get-together, along with Jack '57 and **Carol Bream**, who usually are there too. In May, Amagansett, NY, was the destination of the "GG's"—**Bonnie Bankert Rice**, Art and **Bitsy Owens Schraivesande**, Sam and **Liz Schreiner Moschella**, and Jack and **Dee Lohne Brooks**. Ping-Pong (championship games), operating the fancy coffee machine via the manual, Sicilian lobster for dinner, and of course, many stories and refreshments filled the several days of the happy reunion. I was glad they kept me informed as I had a scheduled trip to NM and couldn't join them. What a great time I had in Albuquerque and Santa Fe meeting up with **Bob Harcourt**. He was a gracious host for a day, taking three of us on a fabulous tour of Santa Fe, including an introduction to real southwest cuisine, Canyon Road, famous galleries, and the Institute of American Indian Arts Museum (IAIA), where he spent 52 years as "jack of all trades." His enthusiasm and knowledge have made it the well-known university it is today. His job description of "educator" is all-inclusive, as he is an integral part of acknowledgement of American Indians' contributions to art appreciation in the U.S. and the world. He still has a rotary phone and doesn't own a cell phone, so I'm glad I was able to get him on his land line. We all need to keep up with our classmates—nearby and far away. **Phyllis Ball Helfrich**

was honored by Hope Hospice with the "Heart of Hope" award this past Apr., on Cape Cod. This award is presented to the volunteer who best fulfills and advances the mission of hospice in the larger community (Greater Boston area, southeast MA, and RI). Phyllis is a patient volunteer and has served as co-chair of the annual auction the past two years, one of the largest fundraisers for the nonprofit organization. I must end in an apology—guess being 81 doesn't completely excuse me, but cataract operation might—per Rich Brunner, only he was visiting his daughter in AZ; dinner in Oro Valley, AZ, with **Bruce** and Jane (not Wilson) **Aslaksen**. I am glad you all are reading the details. 'Till next time.

**1959**

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For many of us, this is a milestone year of turning 80, but we won't ever admit to being that old. A nice note came from **Pete White** telling us that he and his wife June now reside at Pickersgill Retirement Community in Towson, MD. He has become involved in mentoring work with middle school boys at a Jesuit school in Baltimore, MD. I just became involved with mentoring a student at a public intermediate school here in Cromwell. Pete, I trust you find, as I do, that it is the fun side of "teaching" and being with children. A note from **John H. Wilson** said that after Gettysburg, he went to U of PA Dental School, then spent time in the U.S. Army at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX, and three years in Germany. After getting married, John practiced dentistry in Richardson, TX, and retired in 2005. The Wilsons lived in Mexico for several years and are now back in Allen, TX. John says he has always been grateful for all that Gettysburg College gave him. **Art Beck** sent word that **Jerry Rhoads** died in Dec. Art and his wife, **Kay Risley Beck**, live in a continuing care facility in Ashburn, VA. **Dick Simpson** pointed out to me some information that came from the College about class giving to Gettysburg. Dick and I both hope this report will encourage more '59ers to give. As of Feb., 170 or 51.18 percent of our classmates had given to the Gettysburg Fund—just something for all of us to consider as we are able. **Rosie Hallman Steen** now lives in FL and sent news of the death of her husband of 40 years. On a happier note, Rosie also wrote that she sees **Dawn Burg Musser** when Dawn visits her son in FL. It seems I am getting word that more of us are giving up our "big" homes and moving to some kind of senior living. I hope all who have made the transition find it to be quite nice, with others tending to the work and

care of a house. Thanks to all who sent me news. I'll need your news by Oct. 15 for the next magazine.

**1960**

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**Bob Bullock** graduated from Jefferson Medical School in 1964, spent three years in the U.S. Navy, including two tours in Vietnam. After several years practicing as a family physician, he trained in anesthesiology and spent the rest of his career in San Diego in private practice. He ended his career as the medical director of ambulatory surgery but still does some part-time teaching at U of CA—San Diego. He and Suzy have a blended family of four sons and two grandsons. Having given up skiing and surfing at age 70, he now enjoys gardening, cooking, reading, classical music, and "more recently, dabbling at poetry." **Sue Pelton Walker** writes that she has taken on membership of two boards of trustees. She is vice president of her Home Owners Association board, overseeing a \$1,700,000 budget and meeting several times a month. She serves as the web guru for residents. She's also secretary of the Saturday Evening Dance Club, which hosts black-tie dinner dances five times a year. Those board duties have introduced her to a number of interesting friends with many varied backgrounds. She and Chuck still dance twice a week! **Fred Bigelow** wandered into a meeting of a carving club in Bellefonte, PA, out of curiosity about 15 years ago and "wound up with a gouge in my hand. I have been carving off and on ever since." He sent a photo of a carving of an Indian chief carved from catalpa and mounted on maple "in honor of my one-eighth Native American DNA." In Jan. he started a class in oil painting. "I am rather confident at this point that there will not be an offer of a gallery showing!" **Dave Mattheiss** forwarded a correspondence he had with **George** and Judy Rempp **Volkman** searching for a photo of the 1940 Packard 110 he drove during his G'burg years. It was an entry in the homecoming float parade in 1957 or 1958. George "had wonderful camera equipment and took many pictures...at Gettysburg." The photo Judy found featured **Will and Lee Brown** with the Packard. Dave and Cathie celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this year, "blessed with three children, their spouses, and eight grandchildren." During his years with Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., they moved from MD to San Diego, retiring to a community in Irvine, CA, within walking distance of the U of CA—Irvine

(UCI). "The Medical School loves to have seniors volunteer to interact with medical students as part of their education. We are also in our eighth year of a research project entitled: Brain Aging. We agree to give our brain to UCI upon death. Each year we spend four-to-five hours being tested, examined, and measured by various researchers. UCI shares this information with various other universities and together hope to find a cure for various forms of cognitive impairment." The Volkman spent their working years in Baltimore—George with Baltimore Gas & Electric. When he retired in 1989, he became "Mr. Mom" while Judy "went to work full-time in the field of disabilities." **Trudi Huber Hathaway** sent word that **Jim Moyer** died suddenly this summer. Our thoughts and prayers are with Claire and the family.

**1961**

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Keep those cards, letters, and calls coming! Everyone wants to see lots of information in this column. **Ardie Sehulster** writes that after a major fire destroyed their home in the mountains of Boulder, CO, in 2010, they moved into town and have been adjusting to "city living" ever since. Retired for many years from her work with the federal government, she has since focused on city boards and commissions involving affordable housing, homelessness programs, and city planning. (I am glad to hear there is no lag in her energy level!) Her visit to Gettysburg's campus in recent years awakened fond memories of meaningful studies and good friends. Congratulations to Major General **Bill Matz** for having the privilege of commissioning the College's 2017 ROTC cadets. You make us proud, Bill. **Carol Hirst Clark** received the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2017. Congratulations, Carol, for that honor. The award was to be presented on Commencement weekend. However, Carol and her bike had a disagreement. Carol was injured (broken leg) and was unable to attend the ceremony. Stay well, Carol. You are expected in G'burg next year to accept the award.

**1962**

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**f** Class of 1962

Another successful Reunion! Fifty-five years' worth of fun and friendship celebrated. Many fraternities had receptions at the chapter houses, and President Janet Morgan Riggs '77 and Ed Riggs '77 invited the Cupola Society members to their home for an early Friday evening reception. For most, the weekend began with the Friday night social at Glatfelter Lodge, a great place for an informal gathering. There were lots of screams and hugs (the women) and handshakes and back slaps (the men). Everyone caught up and had a great time looking at all of the memorabilia from our time at Gettysburg, mostly provided by **Holly Achenbach Yohe**. Someone even critiqued and regraded one of her bluebooks! The Reunion Committee consisted of all the usual suspects and was ably led by **Sue Hermann Williams** and **Phil Wargo**. Being a Gettysburg local, Sue did much of the work—and then missed the Reunion! At a pre-Reunion gathering Thursday night, she fell and so spent the weekend in York Hospital. By the time you read this, she will be home and much recovered. On Saturday morning there was a continental breakfast at the CUB before the President's Address and Alumni Awards Ceremony. As members of the Heritage Society (all graduates past their 50th Reunion), we were treated to a lovely luncheon in the Dining Center (a far cry from 1962), where the wine and conversation flowed. That was followed by our class picture. We have to see if we've "aged" a bit in 55 years—NOT! On a serious note, each Reunion attendee received an invitation to a memorial service for **Gerry Farrow** who died last year. It was held at the SAE house. Gerry's wife Erin, brothers **Phil Wargo**, **Irv Lindley**, and several undergrads and alumni spoke of his love for and service to the chapter. He will be missed, as will the other 27 classmates who have died since our last Reunion. The class dinner was upstairs at the Majestic Theater. Dinner was followed by the Holly and Irv Show! The costumes were a riot as was the comedy routine, which included many references to our collective past and the following awards: Traveled the Greatest Distance: Gary '63 and **Karin Anderson Church** from Tucson; Oldest: **Charlie Crosson**; Youngest: **Claire Kreutz Moyer**; Longest Married Classmates: **Wheaties and Marsha Zurowski Parker**; Youngest Grandchild: a 2-year-old, **Tom Archipley**. Ending our day were the traditional

fireworks and all-class party. Sunday morning before we all went our separate ways, **Pete Yingling** (who still drives for the College and arranged our class golf tournament) and his wife Nancy invited everyone to their home for a continental breakfast and goodbye. We had a great time and missed those who weren't there. Come next time. There is more classmate news, but it will have to wait as each class has a 500-word limit. From: Betsy, with a little help from a friend, **Mary Lou Hoffman Swan**.

*One final sad note, **Betsy Shelly Hetzel**, the class correspondent for many years, died on June 22. The College is grateful for her years of service and dedication. **Denise De Pugh Kelly** has graciously agreed to become the new class correspondent. Her information is above; please send her your news.*

**1963**

**55th Reunion Year**  
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I will begin with sad news about the death of our classmate, **Ed Gross**. Ed received two degrees, one from Gettysburg and one from Penn State U. He worked in waste water treatment for the State of MD until the 1960s, when he went to work for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. Ed was a long-time volunteer for Boy Scout Troop 740, as well as Meals on Wheels, Our Daily Bread, and the Franciscan Center. Ed and his wife Marietta raised six children and had ten grandchildren. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family as they grieve his loss. I received a note from **Nancy Dilcher Penny Kunkel Jones, Emilie Pontius Christensen, Gail Henrie Fisher, Chris Conley Pappas, Alice Fleming Seidel, Alice Clardy, Jane Fillmore Wargo, and Anne Knecht Petrich. Joanne Thomas Robinson** wrote that she, **Connie Suttles McKeen**, and a high school friend went on a "Thelma and Louise" trip to AL, where Connie is in her "new digs." Joanne learned the next day that they had passed through Atlanta one hour before the terrible factory fire that closed a section of the Atlanta beltway! A near miss, for sure! I also heard from **Oz Sanborn** who said he and his family vacationed in Emerald Island in June, a beautiful place for a family get-together! And that brings me to a very important reminder of a significant Reunion that is coming up for all of us next year. The dates of our 55th will be May 31–June 3, 2018, and already the planning is beginning. As soon as information is sent, book your rooms and join some pretty

remarkable College friends for a weekend of laughter, old stories, and remembrances of our years as young, idealistic, amazing classmates. Arrangements have been made by the College to offer bus transportation from certain cities for those of us who would rather travel to Gettysburg "in style." If you are interested, contact the College transportation department to find out details. Also, many of us stayed in the Quarry Suites on campus near the football field for the last Reunion and found them to be quite comfortable and reasonably priced. In addition, the social hour in the lobby there was quite bawdy and well-attended, thanks to the efforts of **Don Burden** and Oz Sanborn! Our preliminary thoughts are to offer a similar program as we had for the 50th: College lectures on Thursday and Friday and perhaps historic tours if there is an interest, ending with a picnic/dinner on Saturday. The first Reunion planning meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at the College. Please let Don or Oz know if you can attend and also if you have suggestions that will make our time together more special. We hope for a record-breaking and enthusiastic turnout! You will receive more information about the specifics of our Reunion in a brochure later this year. We cannot wait to begin planning!

**1964**

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**Ed Salmon** writes that for the past several years he has had the privilege of serving as president of the Stockton Aviation Research and Technology Park Board. "Our mission, working with the FAA William J. Hughes Center, is to build seven major buildings on a 58-acre campus on FAA property that will house 2,000 researchers, scientists, and technical experts working on Congress-authorized planning for NEXTGEN." **Ted Sharp** writes, "I wanted to update you on what I'm doing as I had 'retired' as superintendent of the Gorham, ME, public schools in June 2015. Three weeks later, Sharon and I were in Beijing, China, where I served as interim head of school of the Beijing City International School (BCIS) for 1 1/2 years. BCIS is one of the premier international schools in Beijing (there are 25 others). While I had been to China several times, we had never lived there. Suffice to say that we loved the school, Beijing, and China. We traveled to Hong Kong, Shanghai, Tientsin, and Bangkok, as well as numerous ventures in and around greater Beijing. We brought all of our three children and their families to visit and see China. We are back at our home

on the coast of ME, just outside Portland. I still serve as an adjunct professor at Framingham State U, teaching a few graduate level courses to teachers and administrators at our FSU sites around the world." The West Cottage (plus three) girls (**Sally Brinkerhoff Hartwig, Janet Patterson Taylor, Susie Geppert Steinour, Vicki Adcock Shaffer, Carolyn Hauser Hudson, Susan Smitten, Susan Chapin McElroy, Gussie Demchyk Pokorny, Jean Cleveland Kirchhoff**) try to gather every year and do something special together. Since 2017 is a birthday milestone for most of them, they celebrated in a special way by going on a cruise to Mexico. **Joann Goedwaagen Solov** has had a busy year with children and grandchildren. She enjoyed the San Francisco Giants opening day in Apr. and laments missing the even-year World Series win. She attended the Sir Paul McCartney concert at the grand opening of Golden 1 Arena in downtown Sacramento. She was there in the upper reaches, singing out "Hey Jude" and all the other favorites. **Paul Showalter** lives in Harrisburg, PA. His daughter, Hanna, is a 1979 graduate of G'burg. **Ed Southworth** lives in Pensacola, FL. He was a Marine and airline pilot. More notes from our Reunion to come.

**1965**

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While most of us are retired, **Tom West** wrote his third book, published this July by Prometheus Books, titled *Seeing What Others Cannot See*. It includes references to his years at Gettysburg, among many other things (see chapter 8, "Visual Families and Nobel Prizes," page 160). You may recall that he previously penned *Thinking Like Einstein* and *In the Mind's Eye*. It's all good reading. Get a copy! While traveling in Tanzania this summer, we saw more than animals on safari. In the seemingly middle-of-nowhere, we happened upon a Class of 2019 'burgian and also met **Tom Mercer's** next-door neighbors! And we found other folks who actually knew about our winning women's lacrosse team. But I didn't hear from you. Any new knees? Surely no great-grandparents. An amazing trip? A new personal best in a winning race? Maybe for or against something important. I'm not the only person who thinks of you more frequently than you may imagine. Let me know what's going on in your life. That is, after you send your gift to the Gettysburg Fund.

**1966**

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**Stu Lebo** reports that after many years in the IT departments of various financial institutions in Boston, he retired eight years ago. Also, for over 30 years, he taught as an adjunct professor at Northeastern U. He and his wife Emily have been married for 41 years, have three married sons, three wonderful daughter-in-laws, and six grandchildren, one granddaughter whom he has no idea how to handle. All of them live within 30 minutes of his Quincy home, so they do a lot of babysitting. His bucket list includes skiing the Southern Alps of New Zealand. Every year, he joins a group of Theta Chis for a golf mini-reunion at Pinehurst, NC. Stu enjoyed his years at the 'Burg and is thankful for the many lasting friendships that were made there. **Phil Mitman** and his wife Linda had a wonderful Feb. visit with **Larry and Sandy Sebastian Reimer** in Gainesville, FL. Larry and Sandy are both retired ordained ministers in a progressive church, which in 38 years has grown from 75 to 750 members. They enjoy multiple activities, have two sons, and a house on a lake. **Pat Shaffer Petiet** missed our 50th due to hip surgery. She now has both a new knee and a new hip and will soon be jointly bionic. It must have been all that dancing. She is still performing and recording rare operettas. Her company, The Comic Opera Guild, has recorded 40 Victor Herbert operettas, five Kern, and three Sousa, as well as many European works of Offenbach and Strauss. Catch their performances on YouTube. She said, "I bet you didn't know that many of Sousa's marches have words to them." Pat recently retired from teaching, but continues to tutor, volunteer at her local humane society, and watch grandkids in her spare time. On June 3, during a ceremony honoring 12 'burgians who lost their lives during the Vietnam War, President Janet Morgan Riggs '77 announced that a permanent memorial honoring these men would be erected at the entrance of the renovated CUB. This will occur in Sept. 2018. Classmates attending this June ceremony were **Tom McCracken, Dave Reichert, Bill Bock, Tom Hardy, Gordy Rowe, Steve Tracy, Linda Tohi Tracy, Dick "Mole" Myers, Craig Disher, John Kegley, Jimmy Ward, Kathie Smith de a Vergne, Chris Sirms, Ken Snowe, Bob DiMeo, Frank Wolfgang, Jim Bryan, Rich Sawyer, John Hemenway, Pete Stickeler, and Flip Archard**. I apologize to anyone I may have missed.

## 1967

It is with regret we report that **Elaine Buschow Orr** died of cancer on May 10. Elaine was a fun-loving, generous person who enjoyed life. In her retirement, she was an active volunteer in PA, NYC, and DE. She is missed by her two sons and their families and by her many friends and acquaintances, which include two Jack Russell rescue dogs and two turtles, both over 25 years old. She had been looking forward to attending the 50th Reunion.

## 1968

### 50th Reunion Year

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1968

We mourn the passing of two classmates. **Carleton Herrick** died in Sept. 2016, and **Carolyn Folkemer Burkhead** died in Nov. 2016. Now here's some good news. **Doug Ruby** wrote that although his wife retired from nurse midwifery last year, he took the big step into retirement after 39 years of college teaching and research this past Jan. After 23 years at the U of MD-Eastern Shore, he is now a professor of biology emeritus. He enjoys birdwatching and continuing his research on lizards. He is, nevertheless, leaving plenty of time for his two children and four grandchildren. **Ron Reaves** hosted a trip to Luther's Germany in May. He has been retired as a Lutheran pastor since 2012 but continues to serve churches in central and western MD and as a wedding officiant. He has been working on a novel. When not writing, hosting travel groups, and serving churches, he enjoys his three grandchildren, photography, cinema, choral music, and online games. He has been married to Lucretia for 39 years. After successful careers in law, the military, and the ministry, **Chuck Teague** returned to G'burg 15 years ago to become a park ranger. He's enjoyed doing about 1,500 programs on the battlefield. He delights in living in the historic district with his wife of 40 years and their two chihuahuas. **Diane Terry Brownlee** traveled back east from CA in June for the 50th Reunion of the College choir Around-the-World Tour. Some 30 choir members attended and relived the amazing experiences they had shared. Among those attending from our class were **Jean Thrasher Hession, Jean Wardell, Kathy McCarney Foster, Beth Cromie Howlett, Betsy Bender Griffiths, John Hallman, and Peter Gaess**. Prof. Rob Natter, current college choir director, located some of their old music and directed them in singing, and they still sounded great! Most have

continued singing all their lives and are still in chorales or church choirs. A group photo was taken by the statue of their beloved director, Parker "Wags" Wagnild, and a gathering was held at the home of Betsy and Jon Griffiths in G'burg. They also sat in on a reunion of the Brandenburg Jazz Ensemble. After the choir reunion, Diane visited **Ottilie Jones Grim** in York, where they got together with **Ann Abrahams Kessler** from D.C. Diane hopes to be back next year for the Class of '68's 50th Reunion! That last brings up the issue of our Reunion from May 31–June 3, 2018. I've been fortunate in the past 49 years to be able to meet up with a number of Gettysburg friends quite frequently. However, there are people of whom I was very fond that I have not seen since we graduated. What about you? Come back to see old friends and to make new ones. We'll be there to remember "our fond memories" with each other, as well as those people who are no longer with us. Plan now!

## 1969

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**Fred Schumacher** and his wife Lynn planned to attend Alumni College, a "very demanding course schedule: wine tasting AND spirits. At least they are not back to back or at 7:50 in the morning." **Donna Osterhoudt Schaper** sent the following response to the College's question, "Do the liberal arts matter?" "As I turn 70 this year and start to collect my Social Security, I often smile with other members of my cohort and say, 'I have a much larger security in my life,' mostly due to the gifts of Gettysburg College. It anchored me in the classics when many students at larger schools were going nuts. It challenged me with a theologically sophisticated chapel program. It took me on bus rides where I wore orange and blue uniforms that were ratty—and helped me understand why the men had better. While playing basketball, I understood what it means to be a woman, both a strong one and a beleaguered one. My professors took my youth seriously and allowed me to question them while they questioned me. I learned to think. I learned to learn. As an English major, these gifts were almost as important to me as my immersion in Emily Dickinson and William Shakespeare. I became an aesthetic activist, one who cares less about consequences than about the art itself. I love to go to work every day, have written 38 books, walked many long trails, raised curious children, built institutions, and more—all because of my security in the liberal arts."

## 1970

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 Gettysburg '70

I hope everyone had a great summer! It's so nice to be back in our own pool for my kickboard laps. No one sent me any information to pass along, so I had to email some people for updates. **Tom Wieland** was the only person to respond. Thanks, Tom! He said he's still giving kayak tours, and he had to paddle home in 20 mph winds and three-foot waves on one tour! He said his garden is doing well, and he's even growing artichokes. Bob and I just have tomatoes. Please, please, write and let me know what you're up to!

## 1971

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1971 Reunion

My last missive began "Greetings from the Apocalypse" and that got **Bill Beers** attention. Bill wrote, "The current fantasy of a crybaby is favored by mewling men who in their persecutors anxiety and rage cannot believe they are being duped, like cattle bellowing in their stanchions." After Bill had written a book on male narcissism and the psychology of religion, he gave up on his gender. Women are definitely more interesting. Over the years, he became a spy from the world of nothingness (thanks to John Loose). Bill has been an undercover agent working on the fringes of organized religion—hospital chaplain, university professor, and fundraiser for an international relief organization mostly benefitting women and their children. In his 60s, he met a woman runner and competed in two Boston Marathons and two Ironman Triathlons. His wife divorced him when she realized she was a lesbian. Bill is married to a former religious sister 16 years his senior. He proposed when they were living in the Guatemalan highlands, where they were robbed. After dealing with the lovely Guatemalan police, she couldn't refuse. They have traveled to some beautiful, hairy places in Central America. Bill would love to hear from anyone who ran deep with him back in the day. His email is [williambeers@frontier.com](mailto:williambeers@frontier.com). **Mark Ellingson** wrote his 20th book. With the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this year, he feels it's the right time. Promoting his book got Mark and Betsey to Germany this summer (with a lecture at the International Luther

Congress) and trips to France (where they lived in the 1980s), the UK, and England. He still enjoys teaching at the largest historic African-American seminary in Atlanta. During Reunion Weekend in June, a group of friends from the Classes of '70 and '71 got together after the golf match at the new Mason Dixon Distillery on Water Street in the 'burg. In addition to me, **Kelly Alsedek, Jane Gallagher, and Weird MacLaughlin** were in attendance. The next day Weird, Jane, and I had lunch at the Fairfield Inn, which was lovely. It is the oldest, continuously running establishment in Adams County. Kelly and her guy, Ken Ross, met up with us there, and I took them to my favorite animal rescue, the East Coast Exotic Animal Rescue in Fairfield. The beautiful day allowed us to tour the facilities and wonder at the amazing array of animals they rescued. We learned what a serval looks like, saw and heard an albino peacock, and met some very rare singing dogs of New Guinea. Each horrible story of those in their care is displayed at their cage to remind us of the tragic lives they lived before being rescued. Make a point to visit when you come to Gettysburg. It's only 20 minutes away. My wonderful, funny, brilliant Uncle Bobby died in July. To you, he was Robert Rhodes Rice '58, and I hope to have more about him next time. Someone said, "If the earth were flat, cats would have knocked everything off it by now."

## 1972

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I saw many of you at our Class of '72 Reunion in June. If you didn't make it, you should know, it was announced that in giving over the past five years, our class was second only to this year's 50th anniversary class, and it was a close race. We can be quite proud of our commitment to our alma mater. There were over 70 there for the class picture. We got together at lunches, dinners, and receptions and shared our stories since College. Weddings, grandchildren, careers, retirements, long relationships, lost loved ones, all topics we shared. We roamed the campus, which is growing and improving in impressive and highly functional ways. We enjoyed an excellent lecture by Devin McKinney, author of *Jesusmania*, about the 1971 Gettysburg College production of *Jesus Christ Super Star*. We all knew the music, but this was the very first production of the show in the U.S. Get the book—it's an absolutely fascinating read about the College, the times, and the show. Thanks to an abundance of input and a shrinking short-term memory, I can't relate all that I learned at Reunion, but I can give you a

partial list of those I encountered and tell you it was great to see them and they are all doing well. In no particular order: **Stu Lippsett, Jim Hartline, Dudley Clapp, Zip Kellogg, Ron Smith, Tom Niles, John Cleaver, Bill Ferguson, Louise Johnson Pouss, Barb Gifford, Patty Mack Groer, Mike Jacobs, and Jane Latta**. My apologies to those I missed; it was great to see all. I look forward to another Reunion. Please write and let me know how you're doing!

## 1973

### 45th Reunion Year

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1973

Triffletti & Costa, PC will celebrate their 40th anniversary in Sept. What started out as a one man operation, T&C grew into a successful firm. We were fortunate to weather the ups and downs over the years, and with the help of great support staff and lawyers, we are still growing strong!

## 1974

*The College was sorry to learn that Linda Harmer Morris, the class correspondent for many years, died on May 17 and we are grateful for her years of service and dedication.*

## 1975

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**Herb Jensen** reports that he and his wife, Mary, live at the Jersey shore and just celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary. Herb has been happily retired for eight years after a two-faceted career; first as a public school chemistry and physics teacher, then as a senior staff engineer in the communications area for ITT Defense. Herb is clearly still teaching, as he loves spending time with his nine grandchildren, including a set of seven-year-old triplets. When they need a break from the kids and the vegetable garden, Herb and Mary love to travel. Most recently, they enjoyed a cruise to St. Thomas and St. Maarten.

## 1976

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Hello, classmates. I heard from **James Ulmer** who shared that he is a professor of English and chair of the Department of English and Foreign Languages at Southern AR U. His new collection of short ghost stories has recently been awarded the George Garrett Fiction Prize and is upcoming from Texas Review Press. The book was scheduled for release on May 31. Thank you, James, for writing. I would love to hear from more of my classmates.

## 1977

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A big thank you to **Ed and Janet Morgan Riggs** for hosting the Saturday evening Class of 1977 reception at our 40th Reunion. It was the only Reunion event I was able to attend, but it was great fun seeing and talking with many of our classmates who were there. I wish I had been able to visit with more of you! **Matt Shannon** enjoys retirement in D.C., traveling to PA as much as possible to visit his 92-year-old mother, who is now in a nursing home. He stays busy seeing friends in D.C. and visiting family. He's contemplating a move to St. Paul, MN, to be near his brother and his family at some point in the future. **Alice Thurau** was recently inducted into the Pittsburgh Marathon Hall of Fame for her running accomplishments, which include: winner of the Leadville, CO 100 mile trail race; national masters marathon champion twice; and U.S. Women's Olympic Marathon Trials qualifier twice. Her marathon PR is 2:38, set at age 41. Alice says she no longer runs, but loves walking and bicycling. She lives on a farm near Clarion, PA, with her artist husband, Keith Hileman. He was doing ultra-marathons when they first met and inspired Alice to start running. They have two daughters who are both biologists. Are you the 1977 female graduate who helped Bill Zapic so long ago? He wants to find you! "In the spring semester 40 years ago, I was the skinny kid from Dickinson who sat next to you in Prof. Ted Baskerville's journalism class. I was a Central Pennsylvania Consortium exchange student. You liked my writing, you showed me around, and you made me feel at home. Right before graduation, you tipped me to an opening at WCBS radio in NY. I didn't get that job, but I have had an amazing career in the media and a wonderful life overall. I'd welcome the chance to thank you personally. Please email [bill@zapic.com](mailto:bill@zapic.com) with Gettysburg memories in the subject line. I'll

respond a lot quicker than four decades, I promise." Since I know you are ready to let us know what you've been up to, please note my new email address. I await your news!

**1978**  
**40th Reunion Year**

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**f** Gettysburg College Class of 1978

I'm so happy to report that I finally have some mail in my inbox. It was getting kind of lonely in there! **Pam Iovino** was honored at the PA Commission for Women's Female Veterans Day event at the state capital in Harrisburg in Mar. Her nomination was based on her position as former assistant secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs and former U.S. Navy Captain. Congratulations, Pam! In the "it's a small world" category, **Sandy Blakelock's** daughter was running for a place on town meeting in Natick, MA, and guess who the town party chair is? None other than 1978's finest—**Stephen "Beau" Roche**—who reached out to Sandy's daughter, Rebecca, during her campaign. I'm happy to report that she won her election by a landslide of one vote! Finally, **Fran Cannon**, our Reunion Chair for life, reported that he and his wife, Mary Alice, spent two weeks in Mar. in Aix en Provence, France visiting none other than Ken '77 and **Josie Merriken Scupp**. The Scupps were renting a house in the south of France for three months over the winter. What a great life! Dare I ask if the Scupps are retired or is this just a nice job perk? Your fellow classmates want to know if you'll be renting again next winter, and please give us the address in case we want to come for a visit! Fran also wanted me to pass along to everyone that planning is already in full swing for our upcoming 40th Reunion next spring. If anybody is interested in volunteering to help out with the Reunion Planning Committee, please email Fran at [fran@C3RealEstate.com](mailto:fran@C3RealEstate.com). I hope everyone had a fun and productive summer and will provide me with news before the next deadline of Oct. 15. Don't forget to book your hotel rooms now for next spring's Reunion!

**1979**  
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**f** Gettysburg College Class of 1979

Good health and happiness to those of us who are celebrating our 60th birthday this year. I recently caught up with **David Furst**. After leaving G'burg, he earned his master's degree in physics from Penn

State, worked at the Johns Hopkins U applied physics lab for 15 years, then joined a start-up company which later merged with Raytheon. He and his wife, Barb Meissner '80, live in Ellicott City, MD. They have two grown kids. **Carolyn Zygmunt** lives in Ridgefield, CT, and is a librarian in Greenwich. In 2014, she was the lucky recipient of a heart transplant done at Yale New Haven Hospital. In her words, "Since then, every day is a good day!" **Melissa Bethge Shepstone** reports that she and Steve sold their engineering company and are heavily into retirement, splitting their time between the Adirondacks, Shelter Island, NY, and CT. In Aug., **Lori Davenport** celebrated the 30-year anniversary of Salem County Women's Services, the nonprofit agency she co-founded in 1987 to help adult and child victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. **David Stein** owns an Office Pride Commercial Cleaning Services franchise. Besides running his business, he coaches and trains fellow franchisees across the country. Dave was recently named a 2017 Rockstar Franchisee for his exemplary work. Congratulations also to **Jean Pugh Shipman** who received UT Library Assn.'s Distinguished Service Award in May. **Lynnae Betts Steinberg** sends greetings from Palm Beach Gardens, FL, where she and her husband Lew reside. They have two adult sons and a dog. Lynnae teaches kindergarten and has authored five nonfiction texts for Britannica. Plans for this summer's East Coast travel include a NJ visit with her G'burg roomie, **Flo Glick Kelly**. **Carol Frailey Rapp** celebrated 35 years at AmeriGas in Mar. and then retired in search of a new and exciting opportunity. Happily, her daughters—Jen, Laura, and Abby '09—live nearby, and she enjoys spending time with her two grandchildren. **Mary Lemmon** worked as a paralegal and then attended law school after G'burg. She has practiced as an attorney in Bangor, ME, and Harrisburg, PA. Retired, she now lives in York, PA, and volunteers with her son's Boy Scout troop and as a local nonprofit board member. She enjoys her family beach house and summer visits to the northeast. This summer, she planned a ten-day tour of Nova Scotia, PEI, and New Brunswick with her son before dropping him and his clarinet off at New England Music Camp in Sydney, ME. **Gary Cook** retired from Bridgeport (CT) Hospital after 35 years as a cardiac surgical physician assistant. He plans to enjoy the company of his wife, Cynthia, seven children (including Douglas '10, a proud G'burg graduate), and four grandchildren. **John Steinberg** reports that 17 of the 68 AXP brothers ('75–'82) that reunited on campus in May were from our class. Check out our class Facebook page for more! And on a fun note, I recently discovered that

my teaching colleague Sue North is none other than **Susan Phillips North**.

**1980**

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**f** Gettysburg College Class of 1980

Congratulations to the Gettysburg College Class of 2017. Wow, that's 37 class graduations since we listened to the epic 1980 commencement speech of Russell W. Peterson, CEO of the National Audubon Society. Like a hummingbird, time has really flown by! Let me start by recognizing our own **Steve James**, professor in the Gettysburg College biology and molecular biology programs. Steve and his students continue BMB research and use techniques of genetic engineering, genetics, and cell biology to investigate how normal cells "get it right" each time they divide to form new cells, and why cancer cells "get it wrong" every time. As a math major, that is as far as I can go on the subject. If interested, you can read one of his team's research articles published in the journal *Genetics*. Speaking of mathematics and computer science, **Lisa York Mellen** and **Loren Buhle** reminded me that we programmed in Fortran using punch cards. Programs and data were punched by hand on a key punch machine and read into a card reader on our IBM 1130 computer. Gettysburg upgraded to "dumb" terminals on the mammoth Burroughs 6700 in our sophomore year! Today, we have more power in **Gary Ostermueller's** iPhone in Avenel, NJ. Then there is **Claudia Bard Veitch** who is Director BSO Business Partners for the Boston Symphony Orchestra. A long way from her political science major, she is carrying the torch for the arts and giving back to the Boston community. And finally, driving through beautiful New Providence, NJ, I got to reminiscing about my two favorite NP classmates—**Steve San Filippo** (all-around good guy) and **Craig Swanson** (elected to our Gettysburg Hall of Athletic Honor in 2015). It is funny where your mind goes when driving down the Garden State Parkway. Last random shout-out goes to my friend **Kim Polliard Merryman**—Happy Birthday, as it is June 24 as I write. "All my life's a circle, sunrise and sundown. The moon rolls through the night time until the daybreak comes around. It seems like I've been here before, I can't remember when. I got this funny feeling that we'll all be together again." (1980 yearbook, page 17).

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**f** Gettysburg College—Class of 1981

**John A. Hohneker** received a Distinguished Alumni Award during Commencement weekend. John is president of research and development at FORMA Therapeutics, Inc., a privately held biopharmaceutical company focused on finding new medicines for people with cancer and other serious diseases. He is also a member of the board of directors for Dimension Therapeutics Inc., a publicly traded gene therapy company. Over the past 25 years, he has been committed to drug discovery and development, including 14 years at Novartis. John was a member of the Skeptical Chemists and Phi Beta Kappa at Gettysburg. After graduating, he received his MD from the U of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ, Rutgers Medical School (Robert Wood Johnson Medical School) in 1985. Congratulations, John—well deserved! John's ears may have been burning this past weekend when **Laurie Grassi Hennessy** and I were discussing our times at G'burg, and she asked if I knew how you were. We were at the Merion, PA, Cricket Club attending the wedding of my goddaughter, Anne Reilly Toal, daughter of **Bill and Kathy Hibbs Toal**. Also in attendance were **Linda J. Brown Kuhn** and **John Aciukewicz**. **Marguerite Klein Mumford** sent her first class update. She and her husband Mike raised their two children in Jacksonville, FL, where they own and work in their business, Paul Davis Restoration. They have the Northeast FL franchise and help property owners restore their lives after fires, floods, storms, etc. Their son Michael (14) will enter 9th grade in the fall, is an avid soccer player, and keeps them young. Their daughter Caitlin (26) graduated from the U of PA in 2013 and now lives with her husband in Dallas. They met in their Teach For America program and are still teachers. They were married last summer in Jacksonville, and Missy Kerper '80, Caitlin's godmother, was there to celebrate with them. When not working, Marguerite and her family enjoy their time on the beach and on their boat. **Don Towe** and family are moving to Bethany Beach, DE, to be near the ocean. He says that this is not a retirement move, and he will still be working. They will be a few short miles from **John and Marcia Stahl Scott**. On a more somber note, we lost another classmate early this year. **Frank Brown** passed away on Jan. 29. Frank worked at Merck in West Point, PA, as an associate vice president—global structural chemistry from 2012 to 2016. Prior to coming to PA, he was a senior vice president and CSO

for Accelrys in San Diego, CA. He was known in the scientific world for coining the term "cheminformatics." Frank was a member of Lambda Chi during his time at Gettysburg. He is survived by his wife, Hilary Robinson Brown '82, and his sons Kyle and Timothy.

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Reunion 2017: In the History Books! For those who made it back to campus for Reunion Weekend in June, thank you for making the trip. On behalf of the Class, here's a special thanks to the entire committee, and especially co-chair **Kristin Jones Shields**, who led the activities from Thursday night through Sunday morning with grace, organization, and a dose of humor! ("I never ...") Overall, we had 71 classmates back, from A (**Kathryn McCarl Agate**) to Y (**Diane Hartunian Yazujian**). The weather was picture-perfect—check out Gettysburg's Flickr album if you'd like to see proof (go to the alumni page and choose "Photos from Past Reunions")! Informal polling says that **Laurie O'Bryon** (Rome) and **Dave Thorpe** (Seattle) probably came the longest distance, and lots of folks were back on campus for the first time in quite a while (that means you, **Dana Ridgway Goldsmith** and **Laura Rauch Francesconi**). Prime Time (now known as Pennington Station) made its 14th straight appearance at Reunion Weekend, and lucky us, they provided our Saturday night entertainment. (If you're in the NJ/PA area, check them out: [www.penningtonstationband.com](http://www.penningtonstationband.com)). Thanks to **Eric Jacobson** who served as the ad hoc videographer of the band while wife **Joy Miller Jacobson**, **Karen Bunke Lehman**, and **Elaine Jenkins Wacey** cheered them on. Speaking of Saturday night—appropriately, there were 82 people there for the Class of '82 dinner, not bad in a season filled with travel, weddings, and graduations! **Linda Weaver Towe's** legendary (and now traditional—start gearing up for 2022, Linda!) slide show set to tunes of the era rocked the house. All attendees got one, along with a logo-ed wine tote that other classes were clamoring for. It was great to see our elusive president, **Brian Boland**, and the Lambda Chi guys who turned out in force, like **Pete Gambee**, **Ken Juricic**, **Tom Duane**, **Rick Cole**, **Neal Bryant**, **Frankie Nieves**, and "The Mayor," **Lawrence Cuneo**. It was great welcoming our newest College trustee, **Jen Fischer Bryant**, back to town, as well as the gals who stayed right in

town so as not to miss the action (e.g., **Eileen McCabe**, **Tish Bischoff**, **Diane Nelson Hess**, **Amy Johnson Turner**, **Karen Spellman Cachion**, **Heidi Clark Gumble**, **Pam MacPherson Brouder**, and **Linda Treumuth Kunnapas**, who'd been back two weeks previously to cheer on her daughter Katrina, Class of 2017 graduate). And even though TKE is gone from campus, '82 sightings included **Kevin Smith**, **Drew Downer**, and **Kevin Tague**. The tricky part about a post-reunion column is that I can't come close to giving a shout-out to all who made the trek. So, consider this an invitation to send me a quick email with your favorite memory of the weekend and/or the name of the person you most enjoyed catching up with! I'll use this crowd-sourced information as a recurring theme over the next few columns. Thanks for reading and remember to drop me a line!

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**35th Reunion Year**

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**f** Gettysburg College Class of 1983

**Kristin Ardell Morrow** lives with husband Bill (brother of our twin classmates, **Randee** and **Dana Morrow**), in Lewisburg, PA. Kristin works in the admissions office at Bucknell U and has two daughters; one works at the U of DE, and one is in graduate school at Villanova. **Randee Morrow Bugher** lives in Newburgh, IN, with husband Dan, who she met at Butler U after transferring there. Randee is an interior design consultant, has two sons, and loves sharing God's word with a local men's homeless shelter. **Dana Morrow Ingle** lives in Petersburg, IL, with her husband, Paul. She founded and manages Bright Star, an equine therapy farm, which has always been her dream. Dana has two daughters and a stepson. **Nora Goodhue Barton-Cascella** found her passion that led to a new career and says that at 55, it was quite an eye opener! She's been the patient care coordinator at Regional Hospice in Danbury, CT, for two years. She sends overdue shout outs and thanks to **Roger Goodstein** and **Tony Pierce** for their advice four years ago when her youngest was being recruited to play football. He graduated this spring from Bryant U and has four older brothers who live in NJ, CT, VT, and MA. Nora and husband Bob live in Ridgefield, CT, where they run into **Lesley Cotton**, who recently retired, and her husband Walter. Their kids all intersected in high school, and both

couples were married about the same time, eight years ago. Nora continues to sing and joined her community choir, the Ridgefield Chorale. Gina Wilson '82 is their talented accompanist. **Nancy Rudolph** and husband Walter own Glass Magnolia Bed and Breakfast in Interlaken, NY, nestled in wine country and close to Cayuga Lake. Nancy and Walter, a professional chef, met nearly 25 years ago while working together in the catering and event planning business. They are married with two children, Daniel and Victoria. Thanks go to **Ann Garver Steadman** for the update on her G'burg housemates. **Dana Broadbent Bunting** works in NYC and was appointed managing director of the Kroll Bond Rating Agency's investor relations group. Dana was the first recipient of the Women in Public Finance "She's Our Hero" Award, given to public-finance professionals who demonstrate excellence in their field. Dana has three kids, Morgan (26), Rob (23) (both Villanova graduates), and Jack (20), a rising junior who plays division one baseball for Johns Hopkins U. **Suzanne Mountain Ellinwood** is associate dean of students for St Paul's School in Concord, NH, where she and husband **Peter Ellinwood** live on campus and love the life. They have five boys: Gordon (26), Pierce (24), Wyatt (18), Tate (16), and Hayden (14). All that experience means she totally gets—and likes—teenagers. **Barb Nieu Kirk Watkin** is an account manager at Creative Associates in Chapel Hill, NC. She and husband John '82 live in a fabulous house on a lake and enjoy having sons John (27) and Ben (25) nearby. Have a wonderful fall!

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**f** Gettysburg College Class of 1984

Hello, all! Happy autumn! It is certainly hard to believe it is 37 years since we hit the campus of Gettysburg as freshmen in 1980! Where has the time gone? Memories of those days are vivid, if we stop and think about them. Freshmen orientation, Servo meals, hikes and bike rides on the battlefield, and parties! So, I hadn't heard from anyone for a good long while, and I put it out there last winter that classmates should think about what they remembered from our spending winters on campus in Gettysburg. Classmate **Steve Halloran**, who now resides in Kempton, PA, responded. I remember Steve, a chemistry major. Steve recalls LD (Lincoln Diner) breakfasts and also building snowmen on people's front porches as ways to enjoy winter time in the

'burg. Steve reports that he and his wife have eight children, all out on their own and working except one who is 10! Steve worked for Pfizer and then for the United States Olympic Committee. Currently, he owns and operates a microbrewery in OR. Thanks for letting us know how you are doing! Wife Lexi and I are the proud parents of a college junior, daughter Creason, at Salisbury U in the nursing school, and a high school junior, Chamberlyn, our younger daughter. Life is full, busy, and good! As they both graduate in 2019, we are anticipating a European vacation with friends! Best wishes to all!

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**f** Gettysburg College Class of 1985

By the time you read these notes, we will be heading into fall and the dog days of summer will be long behind us. It's hard to imagine we graduated over 32 years ago. I've heard from lots of our classmates celebrating long anniversaries, high school and college graduations, weddings, and even the arrival of grandchildren (**Sue Kahrs Greiter**, **Ed Benz** and **Beth Ritchey** both have a child starting at G'burg in the fall. **Lisa Long** reports that after completing the Widener Law School, passing the bar in PA and NJ in 2013, and working two years as a staff attorney for the Republican Caucus on the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, she returned to medical sales with NantHealth. Lisa works as an oncology clinical account executive promoting the GPS Cancer Profile. She has been living on her horse farm near Mechanicsburg, PA, for the past 18 years, with a menagerie of dogs, cats, horses, and a pony. She competes in some low-level dressage competitions, she says modestly. For those who do not know, dressage requires the ultimate precision and control of horses; it's the graceful, "prancy" thing they do in Austria. Since Lisa works a lot in Philadelphia, she is in contact with **Craig** and **Loretta Rokke** who have three children and live in West Chester, PA. Craig is still running the family business. She also ran into **Carl Etscheid** who works as a lobbyist in D.C. and was home in Camp Hill visiting families over the holidays. **Lauren Riley Myrtetus** and her husband Jim '84 celebrated their 28th anniversary and have a son working for a hedge fund in Manhattan. Another son is studying to be a chef, and the youngest is in my neck of the woods at UVA. Lauren is finishing up her master's degree in education and works as a school nurse. **AJ Russo** moved on to his next career after

retiring from his job with Atlantic County Government after 25 years. He returned to his alma mater, Holy Spirit High School, as the head football coach and assistant athletic director. He has a daughter who is following her father's example and is a high school athletic trainer at a Catholic high school in FL. His son is at Stockton U. Speaking of second careers, **Sue Kahrs Greiter** left behind a career as an elementary school reading specialist to become an adjunct professor at Valencia College in FL. **Michele Miller Stipe** graduated with her master's degree in exercise science and health promotion and started a new job as director of life enrichment for a retirement community in Lititz, PA. **Tim Bright** headed to Greece in Aug. for a family vacation. His daughter, who is at the U of Richmond, lucked out with a roommate from Greece, and they are hosting his family. His son heads to San Francisco State U this year, and Tim joins the ranks of empty nesters. Speaking of empty nesters, our youngest daughter heads off to the UP for MI Tech, the snowiest college in the country, for their engineering program. Congratulations to **Allison Campbell** who was elected president of the American Chemical Society this year. This past Feb., I had the opportunity to ski for the day with **Bill Collins** and **Dave Walker** at Yellowstone Club, MT. Who's in to plan a trip next year in Big Sky? Thanks for submitting so much news this time! Keep it coming.

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**f** Gettysburg College Class of '86—Class Page

Greetings, Class of '86! I hope this finds you all well! It was great to hear from **Chris Droogan** who was selected as one of *Philadelphia Magazine's* top doctors in cardiovascular disease for 2017! Chris has been a cardiologist at Lankenau Medical Center in Wynnewood, PA, for 20 years and holds the title of director of advanced heart failure. What a terrific accomplishment, Chris, and thanks for the update. **Gretchen Rockafellow** also wrote in to let us know that she is working in the Carroll County Public School system in Westminster, MD. Gretchen was recently appointed principal of Carroll Springs School, which is the separate public day school for the system and is a school for students with significant disabilities. Congratulations, Gretchen! It is always so wonderful to hear from members of our class, and I am always humbled by our classmates' amazing accomplishments. Keep the news coming!

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**f** Gettysburg College Class of 1987—30th Reunion

The Class of 1987 had 101 official returnees in the first weekend of June for our 30th Reunion. According to my G'burg administrative sources, any Reunion with over 100 attendees is considered outstanding. Well done, Class of '87. **Dave Richards** in his Saturday night address mentioned some of our long-distance returnees, including **Kelly Hoffert Welch** from England and **Billy Roseman** from Belgium. It was great to see everyone at the various functions sponsored by the College (the golf tournament, the cocktail hour(s), the class picture, the class dinner, etc.) Also, good times were had by all at various fraternity houses, watering holes in the "square area," and, of course, the Lincoln Diner for many happy recaps. Also, thanks to Mother Nature for giving us the outstanding weather. No other news for now. I hope to see more than 100 again for our 35th Reunion.

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Congratulations to **Kathleen Hesser Skrzyppczak!** She had a short story published in *The Tin Lunchbox Review*. The title is, "No Greater Agony." Check it out by searching for it online. Kathleen got together with her roommates, last fall on Fire Island in NY. **Carole Schoen Leveroff**, **Christine Healey**, **Jennifer Holtz Ross**, **Vanessa Eichelberger Fernandez**, and **Sandy Filla** all had a wonderful weekend going to the beach, visiting the lighthouse, and cooking a Mexican feast together. **Capri Goraya Ebright** was recently at Gettysburg attending her son Alex's graduation! Another G'burg alum in the family. That's all the news I've got. Come on, people, send me something!

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**f** Gettysburg College Class of '90

Happy fall! Several of us including **Amy Lynch**, **Becca Link**, **Debbie Dent Young**, and **Tracy Baker Johnson** recently enjoyed a fun girls' weekend at Tracy's home in Bethany Beach, DE. Some great news to share: Debbie is excited and proud to be sending her son, Alex, off to Vanderbilt in the fall. Congratulations to their family! Becca recently moved to her dream location, St. Simons Island, GA, and will begin a new career with SunTrust Bank—wonderful news. She can't wait for visitors! I also just made a significant geographic move, now working in education administration for a school in Wilmington, NC—a huge change from the mountains of NH! I recently spent some time in Wrightsville Beach, NC, with Tim Mikuta '89, who is in Greensboro. Tim and I had a great dinner out in Chapel Hill, too, with my good friend and classmate **Jim O'Donnell** who lives nearby with his family. Tim often sees Kenny Banner '91 and his wife Eden Plevka Banner '91 in Greensboro. I am looking forward to catching up with other NC Gettysburgians soon; hoping to see **Todd Wolfram**, who is in Charlotte, and fellow ADPI sisters Susan Dietz Ramquitz '91 and Janice Fritchman Weatherly '92, who are both in the Raleigh area. Before I moved from NH, I caught up with **Leslie Huckins McCarey**. Leslie lives in Richmond, VA, with her husband Darren, daughters Lauren (17) and Alison (14), and two crazy dogs. Leslie works in marketing strategy at Capital One. She loves to trail run and is training for another half marathon this fall. I had the chance to visit with Leslie as her eldest was at a field hockey camp at Dartmouth College, down the street from my former office. Take care, everyone, and please send news my way!

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One of our classmates writes to tell us that he has gone international. **Jack Birgl** is now working in China. After having previously worked as a learning specialist at an American school in Casablanca, Morocco, he started a new position in Aug. as the head of the department of special needs at an international school in Shenzhen, China. Jack can be contacted at [jackbirgl@gmail.com](mailto:jackbirgl@gmail.com).

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**f** Gettysburg College Class of 1992

Sigh...do I really have to wait five more years to see you all again? Way to rock a 25th Reunion, my Class of '92 peeps! Many thanks to all of you who showed up, booked babysitters, drove, flew, or Airstreamed into town, brought your A game, generously donated to the best College on the planet, and created yet another memorable and epic weekend! I think we can all agree that our class is pretty extraordinary. I hope you have recovered by now, and I look forward to seeing you in 2022! Only one piece of news: **Jill Geiger Beggs**, head of strategic markets at Munich Reinsurance America, was recently recognized by *Insurance Business Magazine* as one of the Elite Women in Insurance 2017! Jill manages the company's innovation practice, which is responsible for spurring innovation efforts in new markets across Munich Re's U.S. P&C operations. Because of her leadership, the innovation practice has successfully contributed to creating a culture of innovation among U.S. operations. Congratulations, Jill! The rest of you, please send news for the next magazine!

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**f** Gettysburg College Class of 1993

Hello, everyone! I can't believe our 25th Reunion is coming up next spring. Didn't we just graduate? As **Ed Rankin** posted on the Facebook page, "Class of '92 had a really good showing at Alumni Weekend (2017), but I'm expecting us to out-do them next year. May 31–June 3, 2018. Get your sitters lined up and pass the torch to your assistant coaches for one weekend." I couldn't have said it better myself, Ed! It was great to hear from **Erin Tuttle Sonn**. Erin ([Eatyogadrink@gmail.com](mailto:Eatyogadrink@gmail.com)) has been married to Andy Sonn '91 for 19 years and enjoys living in Arlington, VA, with their three kids, Julia (15), Drew (12), and Camille (7). Erin continues to work for Arlington Public Schools as a testing coordinator, and in 2015, Erin became a certified yoga instructor. That same year, she started a local business called Eat.Yoga.Drink, bringing traditional Vinyasa classes to nontraditional places, such as parks, breweries, pubs, and other public venues in D.C. and northern VA. Erin loves sharing the therapeutic effects of linking breath and movement, especially

when it's followed by craft beer! If you live in the area, check her out for a fun yoga experience combining bending, boozing, and great company! [www.EatYogaDrink.com](http://www.EatYogaDrink.com). Namaste & Cheers! After 22 years at WGBH in Boston, **Tam Bray Atwood** ([tam.b.atwood@gmail.com](mailto:tam.b.atwood@gmail.com)) has a new position at America's Test Kitchen. Tam is the senior director of technology and analytics, helping drive traditional and online acquisition and retention. Tam has been married to her husband Tom for 14 years, and their daughter, Camden (11), is a roller derby champ! **Amy Duncan** just moved to Salem, NH, after living in Charlestown, MA, for ten years. Amy works for Sarepta Therapeutics as head of commercial training, where the company makes a treatment for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. When you see Amy, congratulate her on her marriage to Jim Tremblay. After several shout outs in the *Gettysburg* magazine, I finally heard from my track and field teammate and Dukes of Hazard-loving friend, **Tom Burnham**. Tom lives in Goshen, NY, and works for the Center for Discovery, a nonprofit group that serves people with disabilities. Tom and his wife Liz have two kids, Caroline and Tommy. In addition, Tom is an internationally recognized Highland Piper! How cool is that? Don't forget to mark your calendars for May 31–June 3, 2018, for our 25th Reunion! The Orange & Blue Golf Classic will be held Friday, June 1. Our Class of 1993 social will be Friday night, and our class dinner will be on Saturday night. The Reunion Committee is working hard to make a fabulous weekend, and I hope to see many classmates there!

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I hope everyone had a great summer. Please email any news you'd like to share with our class in this column!

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In Nov. 2016, **Holly Massimilla McCleary** and husband **Marc McCleary** traveled to NY for the wedding of Marc's three-year G'burg roommate, **Rob Rehr**. Marc was a groomsman, and our classmate **Jen Taylor** was also in attendance. It was a great celebration of Rob and his bride Tiffany! **Emily Celano Marquis** and her husband Ayodeji welcomed their son, Joseph Paulo Ayokunle Marquis, on Mar. 27. They live in Jamaica Plain, MA, and Emily works as a program manager for EBI Consulting, an environmental consulting company. **Marna Suarez Redding** and **Alison Zinn Bush** caught up at Union College, where Marna works, when Alison was in town to play hockey with her team from CT. It was awesome to see the Mother Ducks play! **Kim Lusignan Lowe** published her master's thesis, over ten years after she wrote it! It's titled, *A Historical and Osteological Analysis of Postmortem Medical Practices from the Albany County Almshouse Cemetery Skeletal Sample in Albany, New York*. **Wendy Witte, Missy Lorah**, and **Marna Suarez Redding** met for an epic weekend in Ocean City, MD, to celebrate Missy's last weekend as a bachelorette in June. There were no alligators to be found, but plenty of crushes, waves, and flamingos. On June 30, **Rebecca Frantz Clark** and Kenneth Clark '99 welcomed their second daughter, Lily Morgan. She joins big sister, Abigail Rose. **Chris Bowman** was named principal at New Oxford Middle School in New Oxford,

PA as of July 1. He obtained a doctorate in education from Immaculata U in Dec. 2015. **Terry Ennis Brown** received her MEd in kinesiology at Temple U and is now working as an athletic trainer at Haddon Twp. High School. She lives in Mays Landing, NJ, with her husband James, son Jake (7), and their dog. Along with her husband, she started her own sports timing business, timing road races.

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**Jennifer Brennan Carfagno** and her husband Gerardo welcomed a baby boy, Matteo Brennan Joseph, to the world on Jan. 12. Matteo weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. If anyone came back to campus for Reunion Weekend in June, you might have spotted Jen, Gerardo, and Matteo around campus, as Jen continues to work with the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations as an associate director. If you have news to share, please make sure to send it my way. I get very little in the way of updates and often don't have anything to write for our class. Send me those notes about everything you have been doing this past summer and all of the mini G'burg reunions that take place away from campus!

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Hello, Class of 2004! Our classmates have wonderful updates to share! **Megan Van Kirk Poffenberger** and husband Kevin welcomed a baby girl, Holly Elizabeth, last June. **Carla Roehrich Flynn** and husband William also welcomed their daughter, Ania Mae, on Apr. 8. **Leigh Dennington Carpenter** shares that after 11 years with the American Cancer Society, she

now serves as the director of development at the Virginia Thurston Healing Garden in Harvard, MA. The Healing Garden is a supportive center for anyone affected by cancer, offering integrated therapies to complement medical treatments. **Tara Mondelli Shellhorn** was named a "New Leader of the Bar" by the *NJ Law Journal*. The Law Journal annually selects lawyers who "have already built accomplished careers and, despite their youth, have established themselves as leaders within their firms and organizations, as well as within the larger legal community." Earlier this year, Tara was promoted to counsel at Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland, Perretti, LLP, where she continues to practice in the bankruptcy and reorganization group. Tara is also actively involved in the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) and the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI). She lives in northern NJ with her husband Chris and two sons. Keep your updates coming!

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**Kyle and Jessica Drake Ibbitson** welcomed a baby girl, Emmie Kathleen Ibbitson, on Feb. 13. Their first baby, Chase (3), has been a great big brother! I hope everyone had a great summer! Continue to send updates—your classmates enjoy hearing from you!

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I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. The Class of 2006 has been busy. Here are a few updates from our great class. **Sarah Jacobs** will be an assistant professor of art at Carlow U in Pittsburgh starting this fall. She was also in a three-person exhibition with Chashama in Brooklyn in July, with a solo exhibition at Fairmont State U in Aug. **Bethany Bruning Hover** welcomed Nolan James Hover on May 25. He was 8 lbs. 7 oz. and 20.5 in. long. His big sister, Emily (2½), absolutely loves him. **Mary Kate Nuttle Marciniak** and husband Jeff welcomed a second daughter, Adeline Jane. Big sister Eleanor is excited about the new addition. **Aubrey Galloway** is now managing partner of The Law Offices of Aubrey C. Galloway III, Esq. P. C. He is married to Kelly Galloway and has a son, Aubrey IV (2½). **Brian Spicer** married Jen

Saitis on June 24 at Brandywine Manor House in Honeybrook, PA. In attendance were **Brendan McDonald**, Laura Kiely McDonald '05, and Bill Doherty '07. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. Like the Gettysburg College Class of 2006 page on Facebook for updates and more.

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**Brian Slovenski** lives in NH, working on a parking app start-up called sparespott.com, alongside fellow G'burg alum Michael Scherer '08. **Glenn Cain** recently moved back east to accept the position of director of women's basketball strength and conditioning at Rutgers U in NJ. This past spring, **Jessica Hernandez Basta** earned her master's degree in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in the advanced studies of teaching and learning and Spanish from George Mason U in Fairfax, VA. Congratulations to **Vivian Ebojiaye** who married Clonel Norelus on May 27. **Katie Neff** married Andy Robinson on May 13 at the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY. Andy is a '07 graduate of West Point and currently works for The Boston Consulting Group. **Sarah Dionne Pshenishny** served as matron of honor, and **Meg Anderson O'Neil** was a bridesmaid. Other Gettysburg guests included **Joseph Joiner, Aliza Ameer, Sara Peterkin, Katie Ryan, Caroline Kunkel**, Steve Pshenishny '04, and Ashley Bugay '09. **Karen Baldwin** married Bladen Vickery on May 13 in Boyds, MD. Many '07 G'burg alumni attended, including **Andrew and Nancy Hogan Rohrbaugh, Stephen and Caitlin Barbour Ginter, Amy Schroeder Whitmore, Sarah Bellin, Robert Connacher, Elizabeth Graham, Ashley Knipe, and Andrea Moran-Littrell**. Karen works as an analytical development scientist for the Vaccine Research Center, a part of the National Institutes of Health, and Bladen works for the Federal Reserve. The newlyweds reside in Rockville, MD, with their pet rabbit, Puck. **Emily Garfinkel Winicki** and her husband, Steve, welcomed their son, Charles "Charlie" Ross Winicki, on May 3. Charlie joins big sister Sophie. The Winicki clan is doing great and lives in Baltimore County, MD. **Jerry Jones** and his fiancé, Casey Christ, welcomed their first child, Kinsley Elise Jones, on Dec. 10, 2016. **Sheri McCarthy Preece** and her husband, Lee, welcomed their second son, Cole R. Preece, on May 26. Cole was 8 lbs. 9 oz. and 21.25 in. long, and he joins big

brother Jack. **Erika Hempey and Basil Kuzio** welcomed Basil Anton Kuzio III on June 9. Baby Basil weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 in. long. Erika, Basil, and big sister Gwendolyn are all doing great! **Kenneth Knickerbocker** welcomed his second child—a girl named Maria—on Aug. 11, 2016. Maria is named after his beloved grandmother, Maria Fiore. After receiving the "Best Hotel in the World 2016" award from *Travel & Leisure*, Kenny left his position as resort manager/EAM at Nihiwatu Resort (A Nihi Resort by Chris Burch) and accepted the position of general manager of The Sumba Foundation, the resort's sister NGO. His role is to lead a dedicated team of local Sumbanese (Sumba, Indonesia) focusing on providing access to water, healthcare, nutrition, and education, with their core principle of respecting and embracing the local culture. Kenny and his staff are making a better life for 30,000 people in their general coverage area and have graduated 270 student nurses and lab technicians from their WHO level Malaria Training Center on the island.

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**Kelly Lanigan Ommundsen** writes to share that she and her husband, Mike, welcomed daughter Ellie Rose at 2:01 a.m. on Mar. 11. Ellie weighed 5 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19.25 in. long. Kelly, Mike, and Ellie are all doing well. In May, the Reverend **Axel Kaegler** received a master's degree in sacred theology from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia after successfully defending his thesis, titled "A Reappraisal of Paul Tillich's Theology through the Lens of Word and Sacrament and a Response to his Lutheran Critics." Kaegler was a member of Lutheran Theological Seminary's final graduating class before it merged with the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

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**f** Gettysburg College Class of 2010 Alumni

**Taylor Byrne** graduated from the U of New England of Osteopathic Medicine in May. He is in the Health Professions Scholarship Program with the U.S. Army and was promoted to Captain upon graduation. He began an anesthesiology residency at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in June. **Scott and Brooke Engeldrum Vladyka** were married on June 17, 2016, in Saint James, NY at Flowerfield. **Samantha Beirne** was a bridesmaid, and Servo cookies were served during dessert. Other members of the Class of 2010 in attendance included **Michael Backus, Michael Sweeney, Tom McBride, Liz McBride, Amanda Capizzi, Emily Garber, Diana Cotummaccio, Jillian Saputelli, Sean Beirne, Beth McCullough, Bea Ghitelman, Hope Davis, Kristina Mercier, Nina See, and Liz Payne. Molly McWilliams-Piraino Hall** and Andrew Hall '08 welcomed their son, Tucker Hall, in Jan.

**2011**

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For the past few years, **Audrey Schwinn** has been an associate editor for the science and criminal justice titles at Jones & Bartlett Learning. One of the books she worked on, *Botany: An Introduction to Plant Biology, Sixth Edition*, by James D. Mauseth, was awarded Best in Category for College Print Single at the 60th Annual New England Book Show. That is all the news we have this time around. Please remember to share your whereabouts and doings!

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**f** Gettysburg Class of 2012

In addition to his job in Atlanta as a development research analyst at Georgia Tech, **Andrew Mearns** began writing for Major League Baseball's Cut4 website in Mar. **Karl Utermohlen** graduated with his MFA in creative writing from the U of ID.

**2013**

**5th Reunion Year**

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Hello, Class of 2013! I recently started as a development assistant at Columbia U. and look forward to connecting with Gettysburgians in the NYC area! **Emily Aiello** married **David Wisniewski** and began her residency at U-MD in pediatrics. **Joshua Carmel** is an attorney at Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP in Morristown, NJ. **Vanessa Curren** is a water quality/GIS/hydraulic modeling technician at the North Wales Water Authority. She received her PA water operator's license—the first female employee at her job to do so! **Rebecca Deffler** started as an advanced practice fellow in low vision at the OSU College of Optometry. **Alyssa Foxx** married Sam Grigsby. **Morgan Leamy** is starting her master's in social work program at UNC-Wilmington. **Chandra Kirkland** is an executive chef for the Freemasons in MD. **Joseph Miller** married **Dina Abdurahman**. He is a surface warfare officer in the U.S. Navy, and she started a residency in emergency medicine at Crozier Hospital in Chester, PA. **Shruti Naik** is pursuing a master's degree in higher education at the U of MI. **Allison Papada** graduated with her master's degree in forensic psychology from U of Denver. **Kathleen Ragon** married Ordoitz Galilea in Jan. and got her master's degree in sociology—almost officially ABD. **Veronica Rosenberger** started her master's degree in forensic psychology at GWU. **Olivia Ruth** started her residency in pediatrics, psychiatry, and child psychiatry at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh/Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC. **Christine Serwan** is finished with Peace Corps Malawi and now works with Habitat for Humanity in Philadelphia.

**2014**

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Hello from Philadelphia! I recently attended a planning committee meeting for the Philadelphia Alumni Club, and boy, do we have a fun year planned for the club! Stay tuned for invitations to happy hours, educational events, and service events, if you're in the area! And now some news from our class! **Kate Forton** had the opportunity to perform in the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company's production of Shakespeare's *Richard III* in the role of Nun, Messenger, and Vocalist.

**Patrick O'Grady** moved to the Raleigh/Durham area from NY in Jan. 2016 to take a position in baseball operations with U.S.A. Baseball, working specifically with the 18U National Team that won a gold medal at the COPABE Pan Am Games in Monterrey, Mexico. Patrick began his current role as the director of baseball operations at Duke U. in Oct 2016. **Nick Skitko** is now an assistant director of graduate admissions at the Tepper School of Business at Carnegie Mellon U. **Laura Gambino** started a new job at Omnicom Media Group as a senior research analyst on the primary research and insights team. **Peter S. D'Arpa** is looking forward to being a first year PhD student at WVU this Aug., anticipating his doctorate in 19th century American history. **Amada Crespin** graduated this May with her master's degree from Pitt Law and has accepted a position as CASA senior peer coordinator with CASA of Southern MD/Center for Children, supervising and managing court appointed child advocates and the peer coordinators. What an exciting year so far!

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Hi, Class of 2016! It's been great hearing what everyone has been up to this past year! Please continue to send in updates either through Facebook or over email! **Joseph Cobuzio** finished his second semester at Seton Hall Law and worked at Tompkins, McGuire, Wachenfeld, & Barry, LLP this summer. **Kierstan DeVoe** is pursuing her master's degree in authorial acting at the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague, Czech Republic. **Paul Eppler** started working as a paralegal in the international trade practice of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld in D.C. **Sarah Delaney** moved to NY and started working as the assistant to the president at DDB Health, a pharmaceutical advertising agency. **Anna Negron** lives in Tulsa, OK, with Teach for America and teaches pre-K at a nonprofit called Community Action Project ECDC Reed. **Dan Mallozzi** lives and works in center city Philadelphia as a private financial consultant and competed in the 2017 U.S. Masters Swimming Summer National Championship in Minnesota this past Aug. **Alyssa Pepper** works at Intersection in NYC as a sales coordinator. **Kate Rankin** attends

Arcadia U's physician assistant program in Christiana, DE. **Kelsey Poholsky** accepted a position working at the Fulbright Association in Washington, D.C. As the manager of chapter relations and membership, she works with Fulbright alumni chapters across the U.S. **Rebecca Borovsky** published an article in the Apr. issue of the *Campus Activities Programming Magazine*, highlighting the value of student co-sponsorship and talking about The Attic. **Casey Stickney** adopted a husky-mix dog named Dean Winchester. **Alex Calder** attends St. Lawrence U as a graduate assistant. While coaching the Saint's field hockey team, she will pursue a master's degree in educational leadership. **Brandon Keleman** moved to Philadelphia to attend Temple U School of Podiatric Medicine. **Nicole Powell** starred as Tracy Turnblad in *Hairspray* at the Laguna Playhouse, the oldest professional theater in CA, this past summer. **Frank Arigo** works at the MLB network. **Kelly Kalis** teaches third grade at North Star Academy, a part of the larger network

known as Uncommon Schools. While working full time, she will pursue a master's degree in teaching at Relay Graduate School of Education. **Chris Amicone** is a business development specialist at Constellation Energy. **Timmy Meads** works as a communications manager for the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation in Washington, D.C. **Paige Henderson** is a medical assistant at Bryn Mawr Dermatology in Villanova, PA. **Derek Pinchbeck** began working at the Fund for Johns Hopkins Medicine in the office of administration in Baltimore, MD. **Kodie McNamara** completed a year of Teach For America in Bridgeport, CT as a high school algebra and geometry teacher. He is enrolled in the math and statistics graduate program at Georgetown U.

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**50th Reunion: Class of 1967**

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- First Row:** L. Theodore Gilbert, Joan Finkenstadt Lindquist, Susan C. Colestock Hill, Cheryl Keim Goodell, Pamela Rundlet Ward, Carol Miller Barton, Carol Barton Burbank, Carolyn Roetting Reichert, Anne Giauque Cowburn, Joanne Eckmann Kushall, Doris Krug Schueler, Mary Ann Swiger Romano, John Gordon Smith Jr., Dwight D. Hering
- Second Row:** Nelson W. Dittmar Jr., Paul K. Trommer, Paul R. Haldeman, T. C. "Mac" McCarthy Jr., Lewis "Bud" C. Manges III, Jay F. Rockman, Michael J. Rich, Bonnie Heilig Muller, Thomas B. Donnelly, Susan Martin Wilcox, Elizabeth Weaver Sanders, Gail Snyder Vendt, Joanne Zinn Lewis, Elizabeth White Stanley
- Third Row:** J. Glenn Snodgrass, I. Charles Widger, Stephen D. Baksa, H. Scott Higgins, Lawrence H. Luessen, Ralph "Bud" F. Tallman, William A. Cannell, Gail E. Seygal, Tracey A. Hewitt, Judith Stonaker Royal, Carole Johnson Phillips, Karen Kevra Beacher, Robert D. Lake, Diane Allwardt Trobaugh
- Fourth Row:** Suzanne Fisher Fairlie, Frederick H. Bullett, Barbara "Bambi" Canning Eschbach, Robert L. Emrich, Robert A. MacFarland, MacGregor S. Jones, Nancy Reed Zeim, Dorothy Kaly Rodman, Norman Tinanoff, Janet C. Stavropoulos, Ruth Moore Alvarez, Carol Gilbert Main, Melanie Bishop Apicella, Lynne D. Larkin
- Fifth Row:** Russell A. Fairlie, Philip J. Santa Maria, Richard J. Gilbert Jr., Alan E. Blose, Russell S. Rosenberger Jr., Edwin P. Graff, Wayne F. Van Nostrand, William C. Andrews, Raymond B. Goodwin, Steven R. Selengut, J. Craig Markel, David H. Damore, The Hon. W. Newton Jackson III, Thomas G. Carroll
- Sixth Row:** Raymond D. Faczan, Jeffrey A. Sell, Kenneth A. Henyan, R. Barry McDowell, The Hon. Louis D. Coffin, W. Conway Bushey, Eugene H. Cotton, Jay Adams, Robert B. Hardy, Walter J. Hess, Stephen M. Satir, R. Joseph Gore Jr., Thomas E. Duggan
- Seventh Row:** John A. Anderson, Anthony W. Volino, William R. Leety, Christine Marshall Leety, Danielle Drusdow Coffin, Robert P. Nye Jr., Thomas W. Wuerstle, A. Craig Gripp, Robert H. May Jr., Bruce B. Wilson, Robert B. Meares
- Eighth Row:** Rodney L. Albright, Brian L. Tierney, R. James Reynolds Jr., Richard A. Renza Sr., Ronald J. Bailey, William A. Hohman, David R. Royal, John W. Berthold III, Roy D. Alvarez

**Lois Bowers**

An influential leader in athletics for over two decades at Gettysburg College, Lois Bowers passed away peacefully, with family by her side, on June 2, 2017. She was 86 years old.

Lois was an administrator and educator at the College from 1969–1992. She was a leading figure in the growth and success of women’s athletics and served as head coach of five different programs, beginning with women’s basketball and women’s swimming.

In 1978, Lois succeeded long-time coach Grace Kenney at the helm of the field hockey and lacrosse programs. Both programs quickly gained national acclaim, with the field hockey team winning the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Division III championship in 1980—the College’s first national team title of any kind. She led the field hockey team to MAC championships in 1979 and 1980, setting a then-program-record of 102 victories overall.

As the lacrosse coach, Lois steered the team to 99 wins over 16 seasons. The Bullets won the MAC title and finished fifth in the national tournament in 1981. Bowers also served as head volleyball coach for one year in 1976, and she served as Gettysburg’s women’s athletic coordinator from 1984–92. Lois was one of the first women to sit on the Middle Atlantic Conference Executive Council, and she served as assistant executive director in 1977.

Above all, Lois was an educator. She was an instructor in the health and physical education department throughout her tenure and introduced and refined programs for elementary education. She introduced "Activities for Children," a curriculum that had not been taught before, and she instituted a pre-student teaching program, which later evolved into Pennsylvania State law.

"Lois Bowers embodied the values of integrity, humility, and character. She taught her women to represent themselves and their institution in the best manner possible, while at the same time having a healthy, competitive spirit," said **Carol Daly Cantele '83**, now head women’s lacrosse coach who, as a student, played both field hockey and lacrosse for Bowers.

As the result of her contributions, Bowers was named to Gettysburg’s Hall of Athletic Honor in 2002 and the Middle Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame in 2016.

**Jay P. Brown '51**

On March 24, Jay P. Brown passed away at the age of 87. Jay’s connections to Gettysburg College were broad and deep—as a student, a loyal alumnus, a dedicated employee, and a benefactor. Jay attended the College with the class of 1951 and was employed in the College treasurer’s office for nearly 50 years, serving 30 of those years as Bursar and managing the accounting office. Retiring in 1988 as assistant treasurer, Jay was named Bursar Emeritus in honor of his many years of service to the College. In addition to his employment at Gettysburg College, Jay served as a public sale clerk for nearly 50 years with Clair R. Slaybaugh, C. David Redding, and most recently with Keith L. Yingling, as well as with a number of other auctioneers.

Jay served on the Adams County Alumni Planning Committee, the Annual Fund Committee, The Majestic Theater Community Fundraising Committee, Friends of the Sunderman Conservatory, the College and Community Affairs Council and was past president of the Adams County Alumni Club. Over the years, Jay and his wife, Mary, have supported the Gettysburg Fund, the Sunderman Conservatory, Musselman Library, the Orange & Blue Club, and several endowed funds in honor of friends and colleagues.

Jay was a member of various Gettysburg area organizations, serving on the consistory of Trinity United Church of Christ, and as president of the Gettysburg Lions Club, the Mason-Dixon Cotillion, and the Good Samaritan Camping Club. He also served on the boards of Downtown Gettysburg, Main Street Gettysburg, Adams County Economic Development Corporation, the Adams County Office for the Aging, and United Way of Adams County.

As a poet, musician, singer, and avid bridge player, Jay will also be remembered for his perpetual smile and positive approach to life. He also enjoyed playing his tonette whenever and wherever possible.

In addition to his wife, Mary, he is survived by a son, Daniel W. Brown and his wife, Linda; a daughter, Rebecca Anne Brown; two grandchildren, Margaret E. Baldwin and her husband, William E. Baldwin, and Andrew R. Brown and his wife, Elspeth E. Brown; two brothers, Guy E. Brown '35 and John C. Brown; and a sister, Ruth B. Hackman; four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

**Myra Taylor Herron '67**

On April 14, Myra Taylor Herron, 71, died of cancer. Born in Washington, D.C., she was a graduate of Roosevelt High School and majored in music at Gettysburg College.

At Gettysburg, Myra committed herself to unifying the College community. She was an advocate of Operation First Step—a program created to ensure that Gettysburgians became part of a safe and academically enriching environment as the College began to diversify its student body. She did everything in her power to advance the initiative, including inviting historically underrepresented students to campus and hosting them during their visits.

In 1967, Myra became the first African American woman to graduate from Gettysburg. She went on to teach instrumental music in Washington D.C.’s public schools for 20 years. She co-founded the Elizabeth Taylor Greenfield String Quartet, a chamber music ensemble comprised exclusively of African American women. Her mastery of the cello led her to perform for the Supreme Court of the United States.

After moving to Troy, NY, in 1992, she performed with the Berkshire Symphony, Glens Falls Symphony (since 1996), Schenectady Symphony and Lake George Chamber Orchestras. Myra was a board member and program chair for the Friends of Chamber Music in Troy and an active member of the Etude Club of Schenectady. Myra was also a member of the Brunswick Presbyterian Church. At home, she enjoyed taking piano lessons from her grandson, Grey.

Myra is survived by her husband, Isom; her daughter, Jacquelyn H. Berry; two sisters, Pamela Tyson and Gloria Liddell; a brother, Herbert Taylor, Jr., and her grandson, Grey Berry.

*Dates 2017 unless noted*

- '39 Dale M. Bentz, June 25  
P. Robert Carling, April 26
- '40 Richard H. Eckert, June 27  
Margaret Casper Kuhn, April 20
- '41 Jeanne Barrick Bucklen, Feb. 25
- '44 Ruth Haverstick Johnson, May 24  
Elmer S. McKee, March 19
- '45 M. Joyce Senft Munnell, March 13  
Dorothy Keeney Peterman, June 11
- '46 R. Leon DeGroot, Jan. 9
- '47 Daniel J. Kelley, May 25  
Elizabeth Kuhns Paris, May 22
- '48 Joseph Dalgliesh, Jan. 20  
Julian S. Neistadt, June 9  
Stephen Skidmore, Feb. 27  
Edwin C. Wentz, Feb. 17
- '49 Robert G. March, March 8  
Robert L. Shryock, June 8
- '50 Thomas E. Diviney, April 18  
Max H. Palmer, April 11  
Alvin C. Sheetz, March 7
- '51 Jay P. Brown, March 24  
Robert M. Grainger, March 4  
Stanley M. Hostler, June 11  
Stuart R. Race, May 31  
Albert W. Zercher, March 30
- '52 Robert K. Bitner, June 6  
George T. Hare, June 17
- '53 Robert K. Peeling, April 12

- John F. Probst, March 23  
Henry K. Wohlgemuth, March 31
- '54 Enos C. Eberly, April 6  
Mary Kauffman Udavchak, Jan. 12
- '55 Donald J. Ely, March 17  
Nancy Luckett Jewson, June 8  
Guy Marino Jr., June 29  
Conrad R. Sump, April 4
- '56 Frank R. Fischetti, June 28  
Carl J. Jensen Jr., May 25  
Ralph G. Loen, March 9  
Robert R. Rice, July 1  
Richard E. Selby, Feb. 28
- '57 Robert W. Davies, June 8  
Carl F.C. Schluenes Jr., June 10
- '58 Kenneth C. Anderson, Oct. 9, 2016  
Sandra R. Joseph, May 14  
Richard F. Simeone, April 20  
James T. Skelton Jr., March 8  
David S. Van Houten, March 18
- '59 John W. Hattery, July 1  
Jerry L. Rhoads, Dec. 26, 2016
- '60 Charles H. Parkell Jr., March 8  
James M. Moyer, June 21
- '61 Frank G. Fuschino, Feb. 25  
Herman B. Gohn, Oct. 24, 2016  
Joseph W. Kiser, June 22  
Bruce E. Mitchell, March 2017  
Frederick L. Muller Jr., May 25

- Lynn L. Petrillo, Jan. 30  
C. Richard Wah, Feb. 19
- '62 Betsy Shelly Hetzel, June 22
- '63 C. Edward Gross, April 11
- '64 William J. Schumacher Jr., Feb. 12
- '65 Jon Salmon, March 28
- '66 Carol Gunkel Heckman, May 27  
Douglas S. MacMillan, March 27
- '67 Benjamin F. Davis Jr., May 2  
Myra Taylor Herron, April 14  
Robert McNamara, Feb. 19  
Elaine Buschow Orr, May 10
- '68 Carolyn Folkemer Burkhead, Nov. 2016  
Carleton Herrick, Sept. 2016
- '70 Michael E. Farr, Feb. 24
- '72 Warren Dressle, Jr., May 25
- '73 Don S. Frost, March 11  
J. Steven Gove, March 25
- '74 Linda Harmer Morris, May 17
- '75 William J. Crim, May 20
- '78 Carol Powers Weitzenkorn, March 22
- '81 Frank Brown, Jan. 29
- '98 Andrew P. Leach, June 2
- '03 Matthew S. Prisco, June 6, 2016

**Faculty and staff**

- Lois J. Bowers, June 2
- John B. Carpenter, April 14



# To be GETTYSBURG GREAT

Be "Gettysburg Great." It's broadcast on the website and featured in brochures. It's something that we're meant to aspire to as students and embody as alumni. It's the line from President Janet Morgan Riggs' graduation address to my class that I most remember. She asked us, one last time, to be Gettysburg Great.

I thought that this meant that there should be tangible proof that I was being Gettysburg Great. I wondered why, by six months after graduation, I hadn't achieved total success. Instead, I found myself struggling through a master's program and learning firsthand that finding my way post-grad was quite the difficult feat. I watched friends travel the world or start new jobs while I lived at home and panicked that teaching was not the right career for me, that I had peaked in college, and that I wasn't living up to Gettysburg's legacy.

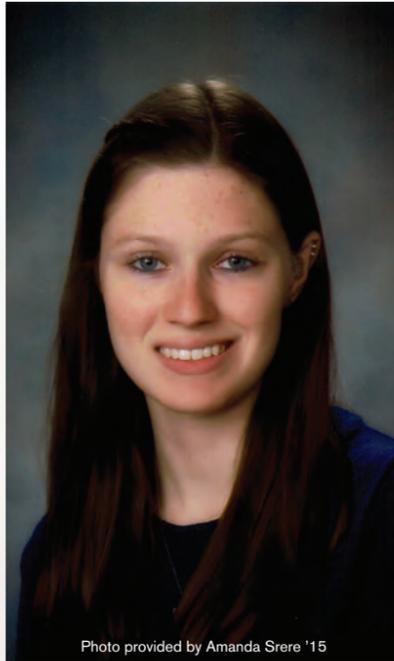


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have to drop out of graduate school and tell everyone that I had failed. I wasn't good at teaching, I couldn't balance commuting and school, and

minutes to spare, and kept pushing through until, months later, I attended a lecture by education expert Shirley Steinberg. She said that sometimes we can make a difference in the world by doing something small and unnoticed. It doesn't have to be a grand crusade; it can be a quiet gesture that impacts someone in a way that isn't even realized at first. *Maybe, I thought, this is what being Gettysburg Great means. Maybe it's about the small things.*

Maybe it's waking up at 5:30 a.m. to commute into the city to teach elementary school, or being the youngest member of a grad school program, or devoting months to forming new friendships. Maybe it's fighting to make a train from Grand Central, fighting through the twilight time known as post-grad, fighting against every obstacle that is placed before us. Being Gettysburg Great is about inching along and not giving up, even if it feels like we're stuck in an abyss. It's about the journey and the struggles that come with it, and that is how I know that even if everything is *not* so great right now, it will be.

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## "Being Gettysburg Great is about inching along and not giving up"

*I'm not being Gettysburg Great, I thought to myself one night as I fought through the commuter crowd in Grand Central after a 12-hour day. I was sure I had reached my breaking point, and I was going to*

*my hard-earned bachelor's degree was for naught. Moreover, I had booked it uptown, and I was still going to miss my train.*

*BUT, I didn't quit everything that night. I made the train with*

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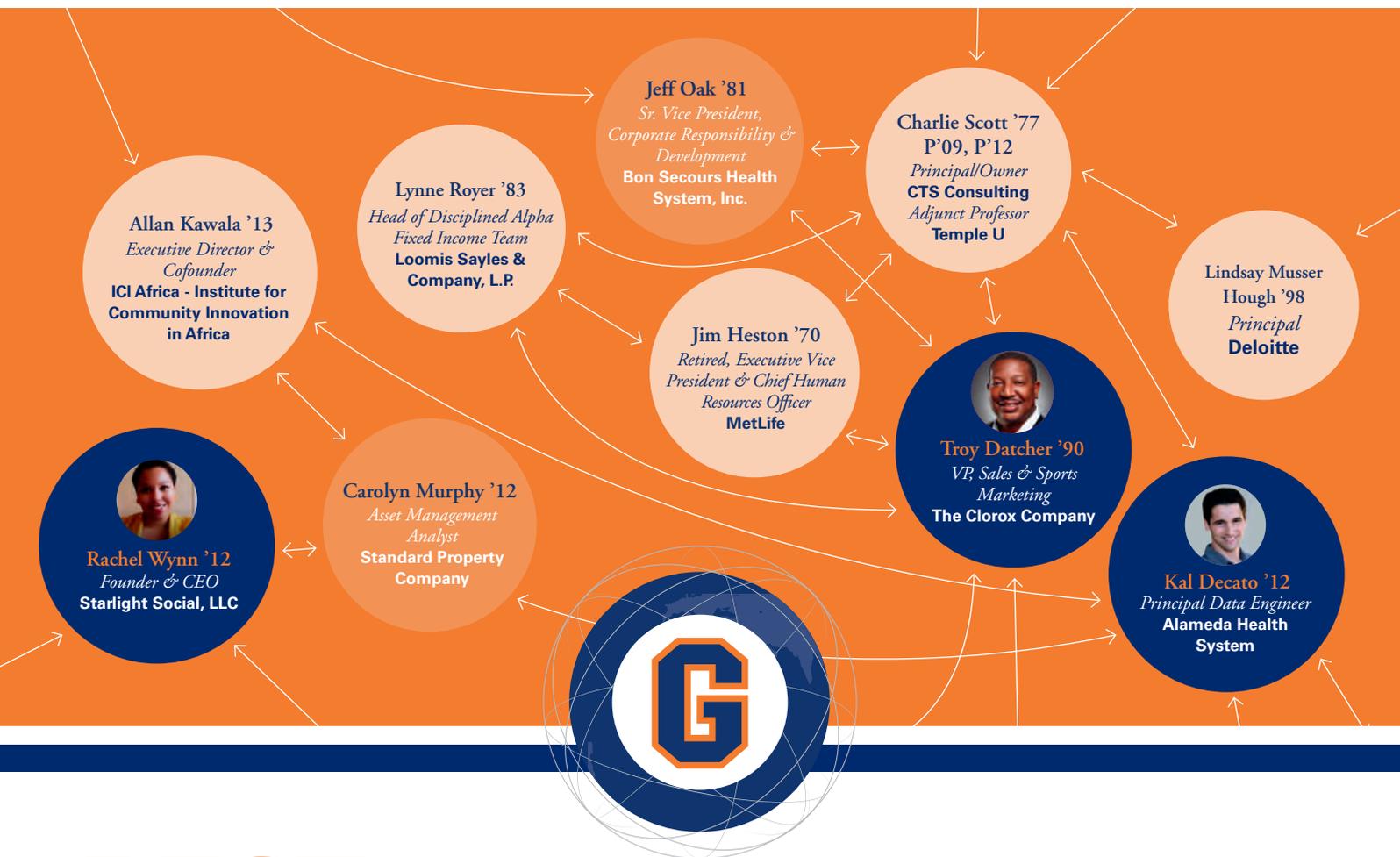


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