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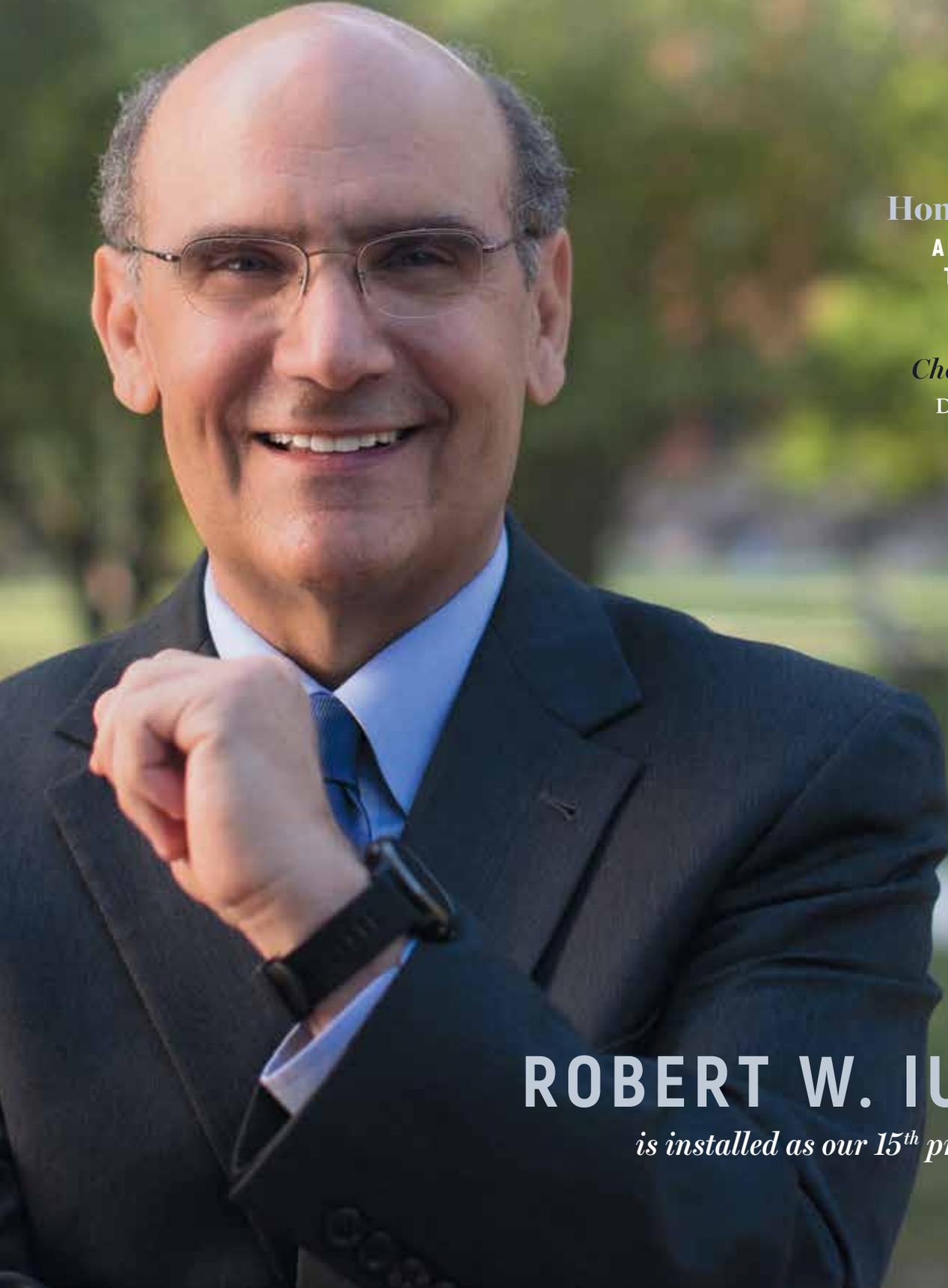
## Home DNA Testing

ARE YOU WHO YOU  
THINK YOU ARE?

## Chocolate Historian

David Borghesani '84

LIVES THE  
SWEET LIFE

A portrait of Robert W. Iuliano, a middle-aged man with glasses, wearing a dark suit, light blue shirt, and blue tie. He is smiling and has his hands clasped in front of him. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with greenery.

**ROBERT W. IULIANO**

*is installed as our 15<sup>th</sup> president*



# UPFRONT

Robert W. Iuliano was installed as Gettysburg College's 15th president on Saturday, September 28, 2019, at a ceremony attended by Gettysburgians—including students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff, and trustees—as well as community leaders and delegates of higher education institutions from across the country and around the world.

Iuliano's inaugural address emphasized the distinctive role of liberal arts colleges and, specifically, Gettysburg College in the important work of sustaining our civic institutions and democracy (read more on page 21).

Among the celebration's top moments, Iuliano's mentor and former colleague, Harvard University President Emerita Drew Gilpin Faust, offered a moving endorsement of Gettysburg College's mission and our new leader.

Prior to the ceremony, guests enjoyed a series of exhibits, open houses, and panel discussions that highlighted the scholarly, creative, and innovative works of Gettysburg College faculty and students. The weekend of events concluded with a campus-wide celebration featuring student musical performances and remarks.

**[VIEW VIDEOS AND REMARKS FROM THE DAY ONLINE.](#)**

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The rise in popularity of home DNA testing provides answers about our identities while prompting new questions.

*by Katelyn Silva*

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*David Borghesani's '84* career path as a historian was paved with chocolate.

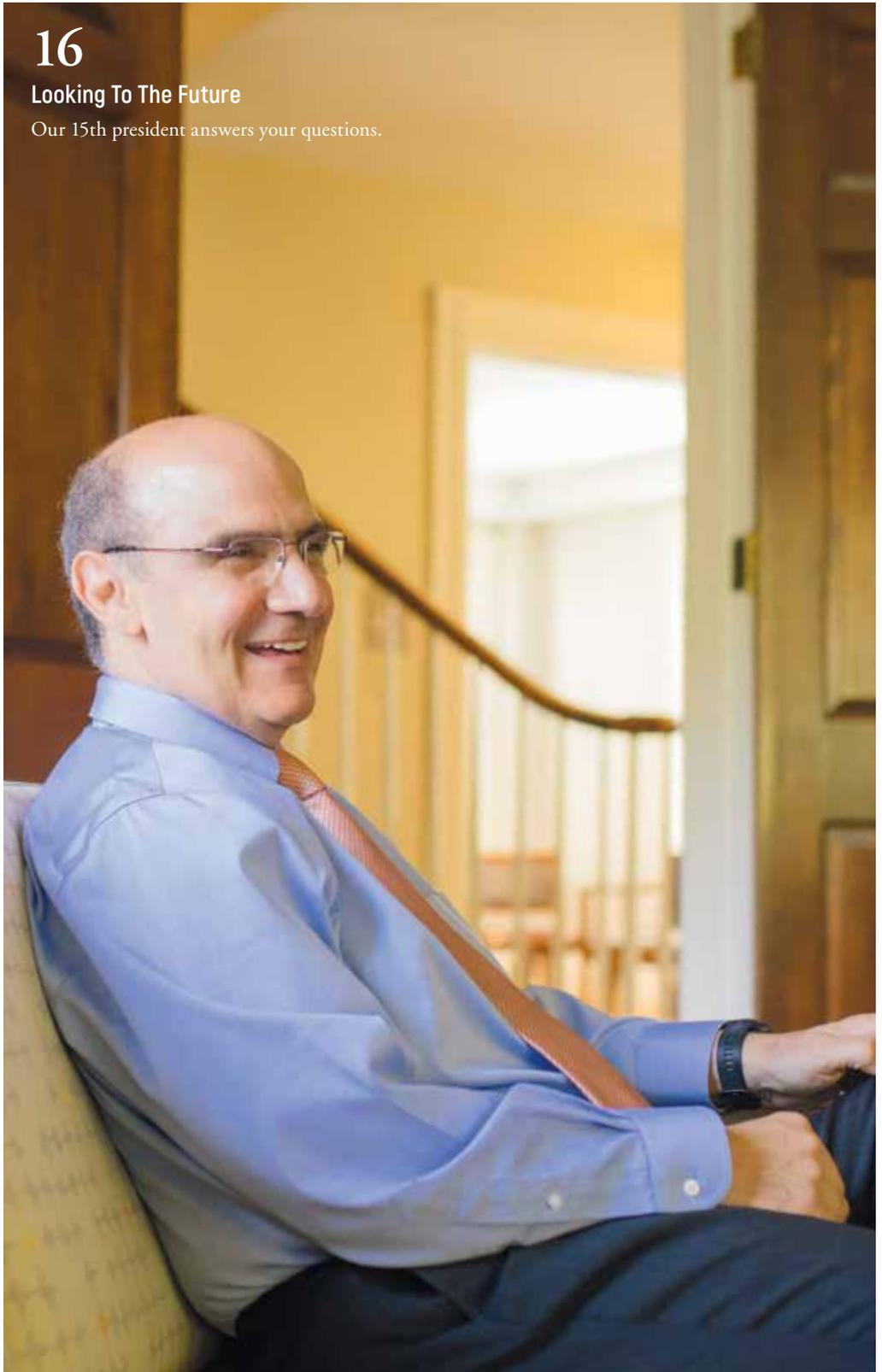
*by Megan Miller*



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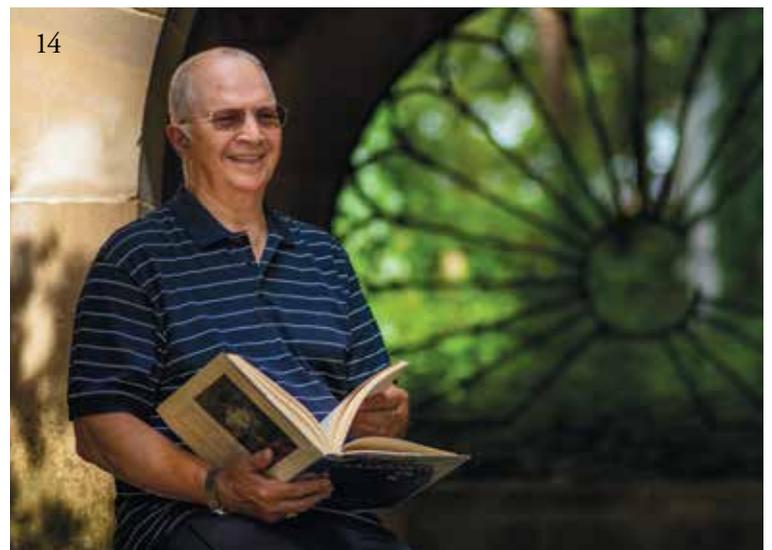
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**ON THE COVER** President Robert W. Iuliano enjoys a late summer morning on campus.  
*Photography by Miranda Harple*

# GETTYSBURG COLLEGE IS NO ORDINARY PLACE, AND THIS IS NO ORDINARY TIME

I underscored this message in my installation address in September because I believe that Gettysburgians possess a special responsibility and capacity to strengthen our nation's democracy and civic institutions. We are primed for this important task, of which President Abraham Lincoln so elegantly spoke in 1863, thanks in large measure to our enduring mission and the transformative liberal arts education we provide for our students. But that mission is brought to life by virtue of the remarkable people who live our values and help to make our College such a vibrant intellectual community.

Since first assuming the role of president, I identified *community* as a defining characteristic of this institution. Throughout the summer months, and now the fall semester, my interactions with students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and friends have only reinforced this viewpoint. It is a community in which every member works with one another, and for one another, to advance knowledge and truth—or, in the words of our motto, to “Do Great Work.”

Our world today needs leaders of conscience and courage who will speak out against injustice and dedicate themselves to the common good. We need informed citizens who will engage in the pressing issues of the day, and in so doing, support the civic institutions that empower our society. These are the graduates we produce at Gettysburg College—those shaped by our distinctive community and inspired to answer Lincoln's call.

As a newcomer to this campus, I recognize I still have much to learn about Gettysburg and all that makes this place so special to so many. I enjoyed answering your crowdsourced questions (read the Q&A feature on page 16), as well as connecting with you over Inauguration weekend. I look forward to further engaging with you, including in Washington, D.C.—the first stop on my inaugural presidential tour (visit [gettysburg.edu/inauguraltour](http://gettysburg.edu/inauguraltour)). Again, I cannot overstate how excited I am to continue to partner with you in the years ahead, to build upon the College's many strengths, and to pursue our highest aspirations.

I want to thank you for the generous welcome you have offered to me and my family, and for your loyal support of Gettysburg College. As we press ambitiously forward, I am confident it is this sense of togetherness—our shared commitments as Gettysburgians—that will position us to thrive into the future.



BOB IULIANO  
*President*



Visit Gettysburg College on YouTube to watch a video featuring President Iuliano answering Gauri Mangala's '21 questions on his walk to Pennsylvania Hall.

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**CORRECTIONS** *Winter 2019*—Chaplain **Edwerth E. Korte's** name was misidentified on page 48.



## A NEW LOOK FOR OUR MAGAZINE

by Carina Sitkus

**W**e asked for your feedback and are proud to unveil the next evolution of *Gettysburg College Magazine*. Readers are busier than ever, and we know you get your news from a variety of places. As communication has evolved, what hasn't changed is Gettysburgians wanting to feel connected to their alma mater. The magazine is a prominent forum for reading about what's happening—almost half of you said you get most or all of your information about the College from the magazine!

Feel free to flip straight to the class notes (you told us you do!), but be sure to come back here to the beginning, take a look around, and see

what's new. From now on, you will receive your magazine twice a year—once in the fall, and again in the spring. By moving from three to two issues each year, we aim to provide you with an elevated look and enhanced content, including more news and in-depth features.

Drop us a line at [alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu](mailto:alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu) to let us know what you think of the new look.

You can also read more results from our readership survey on page 64.

# SOCIAL

FROM ADVICE FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS TO PERSONAL EXPERIENCES CONDUCTING RESEARCH, YOU SHARED YOUR PERSPECTIVES AND G'BURG CONNECTIONS WITH US VIA FACEBOOK AND TWITTER.

The big day is finally here — Move-In Day! We welcome the Class of '23 and are looking forward to a great year full of great work. Gettysburgians, what first-year advice do you have for our newest members on campus?

*“Work hard. Make friends. Both have enhanced my life after G’burg for now almost 50 years. The friendships are cherished to this very day.”*

 Edward B. Ryder IV '77

*“Attend every class! Whether it’s a paid vacation or a college credit, the cost alone motivates going. It might just be the class that makes a difference.”*

 Mary Gatterdam Folkemer '68

*“Work hard, Do Great Work, and have an open mind! Enjoy every bit of the experience as you move into campus, and trust time will fly by! Welcome to Gettysburg College!”*

 Edmund Hardy '09

*“Have an open mind and heart! Go out and make as many friends as you can no matter where they are from or what their cultural backgrounds are. Do Great Work!”*

 Maihan Wali '18

*“Get to know your professors—and the other staff at the College! They really care about their work and students’ success. You might find someone who proves to be an invaluable mentor to you.”*

 Keith Swaney '04

*“Go to the dining hall with a friend, or anyone. When you are there, sit with someone the friend knows and meet them. If you are there and see someone come in alone, get up and ask them to join you. Meet everyone. Be the person who invites others into groups.”*

 Susan Johns Esworthy '84

“In my last year of undergrad, a work-study job in the political science department ended up being a way for my need to work and my ability to spend time with the discipline to meet.

The faculty were so smart & strategic about how to use my time so that I was learning on the job.”

 @cmMcConnaughy

“Me too, Corrine! I was a research assistant for Caroline Hartzell at @gettysburg college the summer before and during my senior year, and getting real hands-on research experience before grad school was amazing!”

 @cfattorewvu  
(Christina Dickert Morgan '01)

“Are you a #1stGenPhD, i.e., the first in your family, to earn a PhD? If so, we want to hear from you! Tell the 🦁 your story, and let us hear you roar!”

 @TigerInSTEMM

“I’m #1stGenPhD & #1stGenSTEM. I didn’t know this path was an option until @gettysburg, when I got a job in a neuro lab. I think I was drawn to research because of my love of reading and learning (thanks mom!). Ten-plus years later I’m three years into my postdoc and wouldn’t change a thing!”

 @LaurenDepoy  
(Lauren DeBrouse Depoy '09)

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# IN THE MEDIA



## HARVESTING IRONY IN ALASKA

Prompted by her interaction with an Alaskan logger, **Amy Butcher '09** shared reflections on policy, environmental change, and art for a piece in *The New York Times*.

*Butcher's forthcoming book about a female ice road trucker, **Mother Trucker**, is set to be published in 2022 and will become a film starring Julianne Moore.*

## I AM WHERE I AM SUPPOSED TO BE

For a profile by *Trinidad and Tobago Newsday*, Africana Studies **Prof. Hakim Mohandas Amani Williams** shared reflections on his upbringing and how his path led to Gettysburg College and his research on school violence in the Caribbean.

**Susan Eisenhower**, leader of The Eisenhower Institute's Strategy and Leadership in Transformational Times program, spoke with MSNBC and Fox News during the 75th Anniversary of D-Day about General Dwight D. Eisenhower's leadership and the significance of D-Day.

The Eisenhower Memorial, a four-acre site honoring President Eisenhower in Washington, D.C., is set to open in May 2020.

"I went to Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania and majored in political science. I spent a semester in Washington, D.C., interning for a young, dynamic senator named Joe Biden. I thought I would go to law school."

**Alan Fuerstman '78**, founder of the hotel and resort management company Montage International, was featured by *Inc. Magazine*.

## A GENERATION OF SIBLINGS, RAISED TO BE ENTREPRENEURS

Past Gettysburg Entrepreneurial Fellowship recipient **Robert Burch '17** and his family were featured in the *Wall Street Journal*.

## WHY THE TERM 'NATURAL' IS SO SEDUCTIVE — AND POSSIBLY MISLEADING

People often believe items labeled "natural" are better, safer, or healthier. Psychology **Prof. Brian Meier** provides thoughts on the potential implications of such beliefs in an article for *STAT News*.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Send your comments about what you read in this issue to [alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu](mailto:alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu) and we may print them in the upcoming issue.

# ON THE TOPIC OF FORGETTING

WHAT DO WE LOSE AND GAIN WHEN OUR MEMORIES FAIL US, OR WHEN WE CHOOSE TO IGNORE THEM?



**Joanne Myers**

*Professor of English and teacher of the First-Year Seminar “Immigrant Stories”*

The “American dream” of immigration tends to assume that, once they reach America’s shores, immigrants will move forward into the future with few regrets. Stories by immigrants tell a different, more nuanced story, in which forgetting often plays a central role. In some narratives, forgetfulness can be positive—a way to move past trauma. Elsewhere, forgetfulness has a more ambivalent role. In Edwidge Danticat’s *Breath, Eyes, Memory*, an immigrant mother’s reunion with her daughter precipitates a crisis, for it represents the past’s ability to reassert an ominous power. In this text, the cost of willful forgetting is steep; the mother kills herself rather than integrate the past into her new life. In Jerre Mangione’s *Mount Allegro*, the narrator imagines America as a capacious place, a country where one can forget the bad parts of the past and retain the good. In this narrative, America and its immigrants must flex and grow alike. Today, we are faced with a similar challenge. Are we willing to be changed by our new immigrants? Are we, like they, willing to forget what has passed in order to make ourselves anew?



**Katherine Innamorati '14**

*PhD candidate at Drexel University College of Medicine*

Alzheimer’s disease is one of the most prevalent forms of dementia, affecting approximately 44 million individuals worldwide. It can strike at any age and has no cure. Pathologically, in those with the disease, we see evidence of neurofibrillary tangles and senile plaque—globes of protein that have lost their function and stick together, cluttering neuronal pathways and choking off nutrients to neurons. Loss of memory and loss of neurons seem to go hand in hand. We also see evidence that poor oral health can lead to Alzheimer’s. Bacteria in bleeding gums can dive into the bloodstream and cause inflammation, and a recent study found that many patients with Alzheimer’s also had gum disease. Does inflammation cause us to forget? The answer, like the brain itself, is a complex one that we have yet to fully understand.



**Benjamin Pontz '20**

*Political science and public policy double major, music minor, and the editor-in-chief of The Gettysburgian*

Whether it’s our history or a to-do list, if we don’t file something in its proper context or in a place that makes sense, we run the risk of forgetting it. As a journalist, this is why I am so neurotic about placing our newspaper’s stories in context—people need to understand the whole story the first time, and future researchers need to know why something was important when it happened. As a student who leads three campus organizations, works four campus jobs, and has two majors, this is why I spend an hour every Sunday afternoon reflecting on the week prior and planning for the week ahead, literally writing down everything I have to do, every project on which I need to make progress, and every long-term goal toward which I’m working. I use a single piece of paper that is taped to my desk and reviewed constantly throughout the week. I didn’t do this over the summer, which is probably why I forgot to write this piece [by the deadline].



**Scott Hancock**

*Professor of history and Africana studies*

Just about every time I do, write, or say anything challenging Confederate flags or monuments, I get responses saying I’m jeopardizing America by erasing history. However, it’s my critics who are forgetting—about the Confederates’ enforcement of black inequality to protect their way of life and the murderous brutality of slavery. Forgetting keeps cascading. It produces resentment toward those who remember. It silences—those who remember are told “Get over it,” or “Stop living in the past.” Finally, forgetting can be deadly. In June of 2015, Clementa Pinckney, Tywanza Sanders, Cynthia Hurd, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Rev. Daniel Simmons, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Susan Jackson, Ethel Lance, and Myra Thompson were murdered at Charleston’s Emanuel AME Church by an assassin who “forgot” the viciousness of slavery and resented black equality. Forgetting, especially in today’s digital age, requires quite intentional and systematic work. So does remembering.

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# NEWS



*Lean To (2012), by renowned sculptor Martin Puryear, was acquired by the College in Janet Morgan Riggs's '77 honor prior to her retirement this summer.*

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*Martin Puryear, Lean To (detail), 2012, ed. 7/50, color softground, spitbite aquatint, drypoint and hardground etching, 24 x 39.5 in.*

## POLITICS AS YOUR MUSE

Illustrator and *The New Yorker* cartoonist **Christopher Weyant '89** was named a 2019 Christopher Award recipient for his illustrations in the children's book *Eraser*.

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## ELVIS WAS IN THE BUILDING

Elvis Costello made the Majestic Theater a stop along his summer tour and was guided through the battlefields by Civil War Era Studies **Prof. Ian Isherwood '00**.

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## ALUM ON JEOPARDY

**Ryan Bilger '19**, a history major and Civil War era studies and public history double minor, won more than \$107,000.

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Image courtesy of Jeopardy! Productions, Inc.

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## JEOPARDY CONTESTANT

**Ryan Bilger '19**, a history major and Civil War era studies and public history double minor, won a total of \$107,049 over the course of five games on *Jeopardy*. On a visit to campus prior to his last appearance on the show, Bilger recorded a special thank you to Gettysburgians for tuning in and showing their support.

WATCH BILGER'S VIDEO ON THE GETTYSBURG COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE. YOU CAN ALSO READ A BEHIND-THE-SCENES Q&A ON OUR WEBSITE.

**\$107K**

*total winnings*

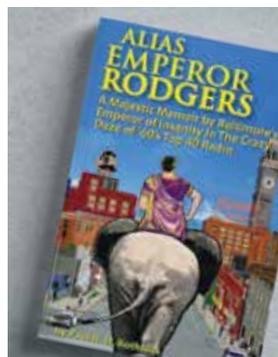
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*games won*

PUBLICATIONS

## MEMOIR OF A TOP 40 DISC JOCKEY

In his book *Alias Emperor Rodgers: A Majestic Memoir by Baltimore's Emperor of Insanity In The Crazy Daze of '60s Top 40 Radio*, **Paul H. D. Rothfuss '61, P'84** shares insights from his 55-year career in radio broadcasting.



ATHLETICS

## NEW HEAD SWIM COACH

**Greg Brown** is the new head coach of the men's and women's swimming program. He served as the head swimming coach at Marywood University and was most recently an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Army West Point. A former student-athlete at Lycoming College, Brown returned to his Division III roots after 10 years coaching at the Division I level, first as a head coach at Siena College, then as an assistant at Florida Atlantic University and Army.



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## POWER OF PLACE

Education **Prof. Dave Powell** is facilitating a professional development program for secondary educators focused on history and memory using the Gettysburg battlefield. The project is supported by a \$169,256 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## NAMED EDITOR

**Julia A. Hendon**—anthropology professor, associate provost for pedagogical initiatives, and director of the Johnson Center for Creative Teaching and Learning—will be the co-editor of the journal *Latin American Antiquity*, a publication by Cambridge University Press for the Society for American Archaeology.

PUBLICATIONS

## FANTASY NOVEL

**Jaimie N. Schock '09** published a book, *The Pyre Starter*, one title of an LGBT fantasy series published by *Less Than Three Press*.

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## CHANGE AGENT

**Fred F. Fielding '61** was selected by the University of Virginia School of Law for its "100 Change Agents" list. He was recognized for his public service as White House Counsel to Presidents Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush, Deputy White House Counsel to President Richard Nixon, and his service as a commissioner on the 9/11 Commission.

## ALUMNI

# GREAT WORK HONORED

Gettysburgians are always striving to do great work, both with the College and through their ambitious personal and professional pursuits. The Alumni Association presented *Lynn Purnell '76, P'10* and *Dann C. '76, P'10 Leibig* (posthumously), *Susan K. Garrison '74*, and *Melissa L. Zook '94* with Distinguished Alumni Awards. Young Alumni Achievement Awards for Service to the College were awarded to *Elizabeth Macin Bartlett '04* and *Edmund Hardy '09*. *David A. Curtiss '04* and *Lauren Elezko McNally '04* received Young Alumni Awards for Career Development. Meritorious Service Awards, given in recognition for a lifetime of service to the College, were presented to *Jesse H. Diner '69* and *Lynn Scillieri Holuba '79, P'08*.

[READ ABOUT THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS ONLINE.](#)

## OUR COLLEGE

# TWO JOIN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*David M. Sibley '81* has been with the hotel management company White Lodging since 2000 and has served in various roles, including 10 years as the CEO of the management division. He is currently the regional vice president of operations. Sibley is also a long-term member of the executive committee of the Indianapolis Convention and Visitors Bureau.

*J. Gordon "Gordie" Beittenmiller* is the founding partner of Arc North and has spent over 20 years in the architecture, engineering, and construction space as an entrepreneur, operating and financial executive, board director, and consultant. Beittenmiller is also on the Gettysburg Foundation Board of Directors.

## ON CAMPUS

# ELVIS COSTELLO TOURS

In July, Elvis Costello & The Imposters performed a sold-out show at Gettysburg College's Majestic Theater. Concert promoter *John Sanders '00* arranged Costello's Gettysburg stop, and Civil War Era Studies *Prof. Ian Isherwood '00* provided Costello with a tour of the battlefields during his visit. The occasion brought connections around full circle for Sanders and Isherwood, who served on the WZBT radio station executive board together as students.



## ALUMNI

# A CAREER IN SERVICE

*Joyce Wessel Raezer '75* was honored by the National Military Family Association (NMFA) for her decades of service.

Raezer joined NMFA in 1995 as a volunteer, holding several positions before becoming executive director in 2007. Her accomplishments include authorizing Women, Infants and Children (WIC) funding overseas, expanding the Family and Medical Leave Act to include military-related leave, and awarding more than \$5 million to 5,600 spouses in the association's spouse scholarship program.

Raezer received the Gettysburg College Distinguished Alumni Award in 2006. She is the recipient of numerous other awards, including NMFA's Margaret Vinson Hallgren Award for her advocacy on behalf of military families.

*"Pick your cause and find a way to get involved. Mine started with my kids—finding a better education for them and a better voice for me.*

*Whatever the problem is that you want to fix, find out where to go to connect with the person who has the authority to fix the problem. Eventually, you could be that person."*

## PUBLICATIONS

# MUSIC MINDED

Sunderman Conservatory of Music *Prof. Susan Hochmiller* wrote a guide for performers, *So You Want To Sing Chamber Music*, published by Rowman & Littlefield.

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## NEW YORKER CARTOONIST

A pen, a brush, and a creative mind—these are the tools **Christopher Weyant '89** uses to craft cartoons. He was named a 2019 Christopher Award recipient for his illustrations in the children's book *Eraser*, written by Anna Kang, Weyant's wife. The Christopher Awards celebrate media that "affirms the highest values of the human spirit." The husband-wife duo has published six other children's books together, including *I Am (Not) Scared*, *That's (Not) Mine*, and *You Are (Not) Small*, which won the 2015 Theodor Seuss Geisel Award. Weyant is also a cartoonist for *The New Yorker* and *The Boston Globe*.

Graduating with a degree in political science and economics, Weyant once thought he would pursue the path of a lawyer. Cartoons, he said, meshed his creativity with his passion for political involvement, which were nurtured at Gettysburg and have "provided an outlet for not only hearty laughter, but also conversation about real-world issues."



"I take full responsibility for my actions that I will ultimately blame on my staff."

Image courtesy of the artist and The New Yorker

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## PRE-LAW ADVISING

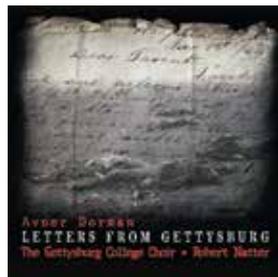
Political Science **Prof. Scott Boddery** was elected to the executive board of the Northeast Association of Pre-Law Advisors, which has more than 400 members, including undergraduate pre-law advisors from schools throughout the nation and representatives from most American Bar Association-accredited law schools in the United States.

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## MUSIC AND HISTORY INTERSECT

*Letters from Gettysburg*, a five-movement composition created by Sunderman Conservatory **Prof. Avner Dorman** for the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in 2013, was internationally released in June. The album features performances by the College Choir and Sunderman Conservatory faculty **Profs. Robert Natter** and **Amanda Heim**, and was inspired by letters shared with Dorman by History **Prof. Peter S. Carmichael**, the director of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College.

Four of the letters were penned by Lt. Rush Palmer Cady of the 97th New York Volunteer Infantry, who was struck by a bullet early in the battle and wrote to his family about his "good courage" against the pain. The fifth letter was authored by Lt. Cady's mother at his deathbed and delivered to his father. *Letters From Gettysburg* is available for download on Apple Music, Spotify, and other music providers.



**WATCH DORMAN AND CARMICHAEL DISCUSSING THE ALBUM LIVE ON THE GETTYSBURG COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE.**

STUDENTS AND FACULTY

## SCIENCE RESEARCH

One month after being honored as the salutatorian of Gettysburg College's Class of 2019, **Leah Gulyas '19** was recognized alongside Biology **Prof. Jennifer Powell** by scientific journal *Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology*, which published their co-authored article entitled "Predicting the Future: Parental Progeny Investment in Response to Environmental Stress Cues."

This research emerged from an independent study project Gulyas completed with Powell in the fall of 2018. Gulyas performed an in-depth review of the current scientific literature on three different ways animals can execute the energy investment process. Although each had been studied separately, Gulyas was one of the first to make the connection in the context of stress-induced investment.

In August, Powell received a \$266,042 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to support her project entitled "RUI: Integration of the Epithelial Innate Immune and Oxidative Stress Responses." Approximately 100 undergraduate students could be involved in the research.

PUBLICATIONS

## CONSPIRACY THEORY

English **Prof. Christopher Fee**'s new book, *Conspiracies And Conspiracy Theories In American History*, showcases the work of students. Three English majors, **Anika N. Jensen '18**, **Susanna L. Mills '18**, and **Isabella Rosedietcher '18**, were listed as editors, with 22 other student contributors receiving bylines for their entries.

More than **50%** of Americans believe in at least one conspiracy theory, according to a University of Chicago survey.

## ALUMNI

# SPACE AND THE HUMAN BODY

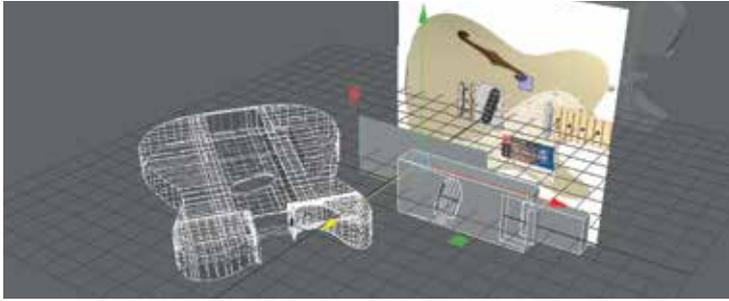
The NASA Twins Study, which hit national headlines in April, revealed how extreme environments affect the human body, specifically looking at identical twins and retired astronauts Scott and Mark Kelly. Scott spent one year on the International Space Station while his brother stayed on Earth.

One of the key findings, which *Science* Press Package Executive Director **Meagan Phelan '05** helped communicate to the media, showed the resilience of the human body when facing changes induced by spaceflight. The results were published in *Science*, a journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Phelan leads the production of each press package for all six AAAS journals (*Science*, *Science Advances*, *Science Robotics*, *Science Translational Medicine*, *Science Signaling*, and *Science Immunology*). She and her team serve as liaisons between scientists and journalists.

Being able to effectively communicate not only the results of a complex scientific experiment, but also its implications for the broader community, is a skill rooted in Phelan's consistent drive for infinite discovery, which she developed at Gettysburg College.

[READ THE STORY ONLINE.](#)



## ON CAMPUS

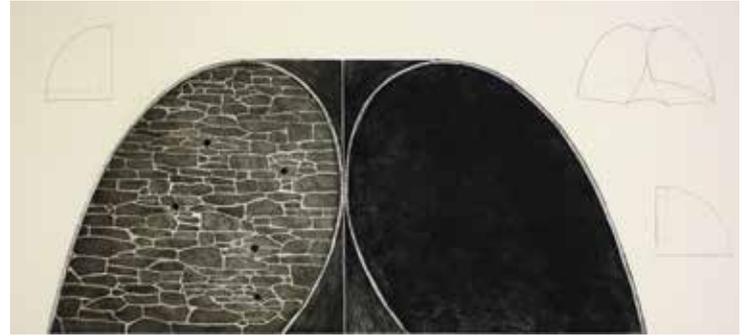
# INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

Innovative mindsets continue to thrive in the Innovation and Creativity Lab in the West Building. This summer, digital fellows researched a variety of topics that showcased the cross-section of science, technology, and more.

**Lamara M. White '21** designed a 3D-printed guitar to complement her research on innovation in the music industry. **Ricardo Hernandez Jr. '21** created a 3D model of Gettysburg's St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church as part of his investigation into fostering better connections with the local Hispanic community. Additionally, Spanish **Prof. Christopher C. Oechler** led a team that built a virtual-reality model of a 17th century Spanish playhouse, the Corral del Príncipe.

"I am very excited to see the ways in which this and other powerful technologies will enrich [student and faculty] research, scholarship, and teaching," said Oechler.

[READ MORE ABOUT INNOVATION AT GETTYSBURG ON OUR WEBSITE.](#)



*Martin Puryear (American, b. 1941), Lean To, 2012, ed. 7/50, color softground, spitbite aquatint, drypoint and hardground etching.*

## ON CAMPUS

# ART HONORING RIGGS

*Gettysburg College acquired more than 200 works of fine art in the last decade under the presidential tenure of **Janet Morgan Riggs '77**. The most recent, a print of **Lean To (2012)** by renowned sculptor **Martin Puryear**, was acquired in Riggs's honor prior to her retirement, with the support of **Deborah M. Smith P'11, P'13**.*

*The print depicts another piece of art by Puryear, **Sentinel**, an outdoor monumental sculpture that was commissioned by Gettysburg College in 1981 to commemorate its sesquicentennial anniversary.*

*Many of the stones shown in the print were excavated on-site from the foundation of a former campus building, **Linnaean Hall**. Today, the **Sentinel** sculpture remains located between **Pennsylvania Hall** and **Glatfelter Hall**.*

*Puryear holds many distinguished awards and honors for his artwork, most notably his sculptures. He was the recipient of a **MacArthur Foundation** award in 1989, was presented a **National Medal of Arts** by President **Barack Obama** in 2011, and is currently the **United States Representative of the Venice Biennale** with his solo exhibition, **Martin Puryear: Liberty/Libertà**.*

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# CONNECTIONS

## PETER '60 AND PAMELA CASAGRANDE

*Endowed a \$100,000 travel  
fund for faculty and students in  
the English department*

*Peter retired as Prof. Emeritus  
in 2010 from the English and  
humanities departments at  
The University of Kansas (KU)*

### PETER SUPPORTS G'BURG BECAUSE

The English department at Gettysburg put me on the path of working for nearly 50 years at KU as a scholar, classroom teacher, and administrator. Gettysburg gave me my life's work. For this gift, my family and I are deeply grateful.

### HONORING A LEGACY

Supporting the College gave me and my wife, Pam, an opportunity to commemorate the life of our deceased daughter, Antonia, who was well on her way to an academic career in literature and the arts when she became seriously ill in 1990 while studying in Italy. She died in 2017 after a long struggle. We welcome this opportunity to celebrate a life cut all too short.

### WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT THE COLLEGE TODAY?

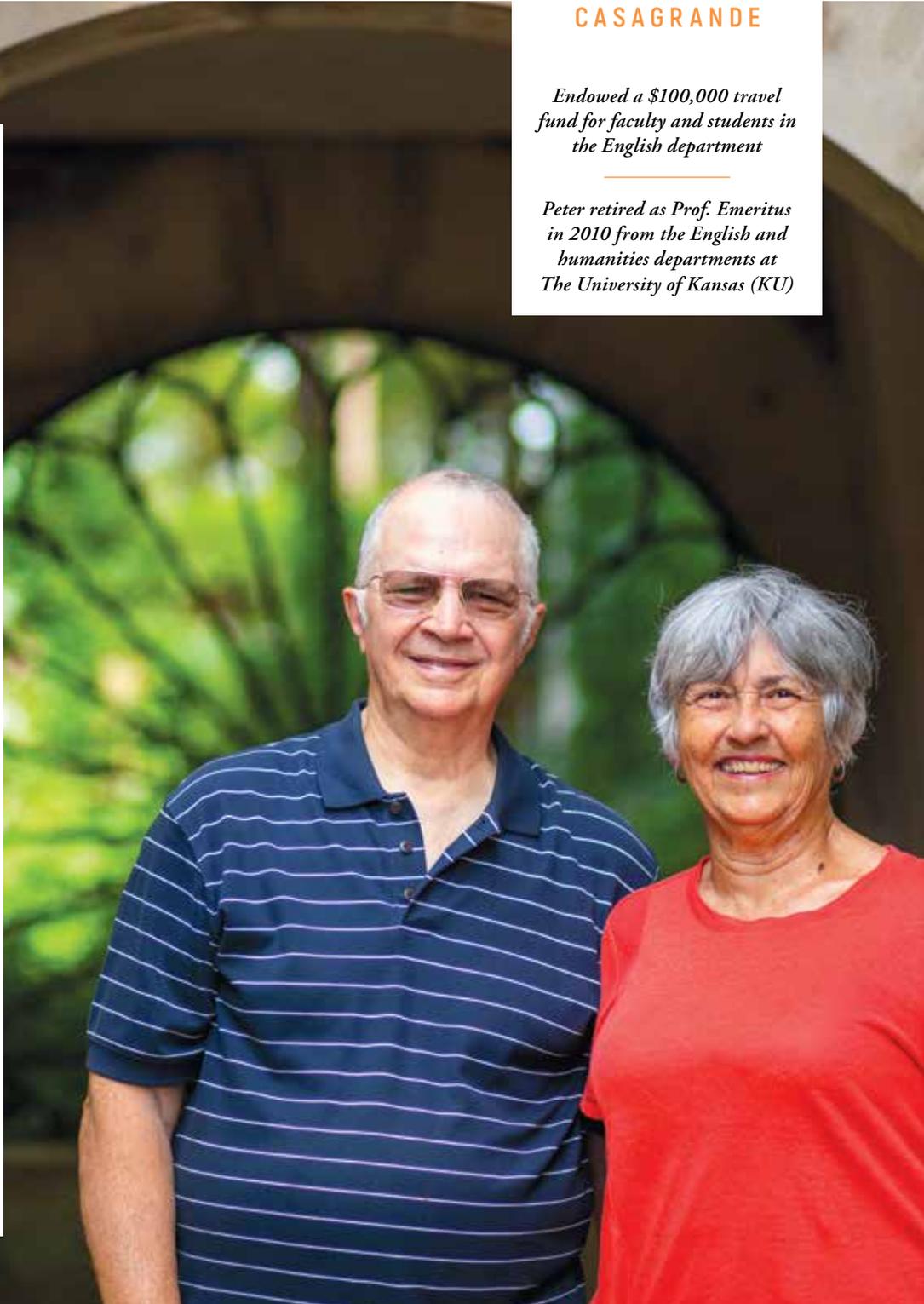
Its strong commitment to a liberal arts education and open-minded critical thinking.

### MOST INFLUENTIAL PROFS

The late **Richard Geyer** and **James Pickering**, with whom I studied romantic poetry and Victorian fiction, respectively.

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

I owe the diversity in my academic career [as a dean, author, and professor] to the diversity of my experiences at Gettysburg, where I began my military experience in the ROTC, my literary work in the department of English, and my administrative work with Gettysburg's honor and fraternity system.



*Photography by Brandon Parigo*

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**PRESIDENT ROBERT W. IULIANO**

draws inspiration from Gettysburg College's distinctive 187-year history, but his vision for an intellectually vibrant community is nothing if not forward-thinking.

LOOKING TO

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Photography by  
Miranda Harple





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## IN SEPTEMBER,

Bob Iuliano was officially installed as Gettysburg College's 15<sup>th</sup> president. Many of you responded to our call for questions for our new president. Coming to Gettysburg from Harvard University—where he was Deputy to the President, Senior Vice President, and General Counsel—Iuliano expressed excitement about his first year's work, including getting to know Gettysburgians from across the country. If his answers here are any indication, the conversation is just getting started.

### GETTYSBURG COLLEGE MAGAZINE: WHAT ORIGINALLY MADE YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH GETTYSBURG?

*Bob Iuliano:* Gettysburg College is a remarkable institution, sitting at the intersection of a defining moment in American history, and yet with a determined eye to the future. I was immediately taken by the College's sense of self. On top of that, the people are remarkable: warm, open, and committed to doing the very best by our students. Susan and I are thrilled to be joining this special community.

### GCM: JOSHUA K. ALLEY '15 ASKED HOW YOU WILL ENSURE A GETTYSBURG EDUCATION REMAINS AFFORDABLE GIVEN ONGOING TUITION INCREASES?

*BI:* This is an important question and one that will be at the forefront of my mind as I learn more in the months to come. It is also something all of higher education is seeking to address. For now, let me underscore my agreement with the premise of the question. Gettysburg College seeks to educate people who will make a difference in their communities and the world. We will continue to achieve that goal only if the most talented students are able to afford to attend the College and to take advantage of the distinctive education we offer.

### GCM: ON INSTAGRAM, @EARLTR (EARL T. REDDING '00) ASKED WHAT DOES "DO GREAT WORK" MEAN TO YOU?

*BI:* It starts on an individual level and depends on one's personal goals and philosophy. Those goals could be focused in the arts, sciences, medicine, public service, business, law, sports, or in something else altogether—what matters is that finding it is deeply personal and provides deep satisfaction when pursued. "Doing great work" then means fully diving in to the best of one's ability.





**GCM: MUSSELMAN LIBRARY ASKED WHAT ARE YOU READING RIGHT NOW? IN ADDITION, IF YOU COULD HAVE EVERY MEMBER OF OUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY READ ONE BOOK, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?**

*BI:* Over the past several months, most of my reading has been devoted to books about the College, Abraham Lincoln, or the battle at Gettysburg, including *Gettysburg* by Stephen Sears and *Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara. I'm re-reading *A Team of Rivals* by Doris Kearns Goodwin and working my way through the book by Charles A. Glatfelter on the history of the College, given as a gift to me by [Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees] **Charlie** and **Janette Scott '77, P'09, P'12**. Outside of those genres, the most recent book was the contemporary translation of *The Odyssey* by University of Pennsylvania professor Emily Wilson, the first major translation by a woman.

It's tough to pick one book I'd like everyone to read—there are so many important works that warrant careful study. But, given the increasing polarization in our society, I'd recommend something that would help people navigate difference more effectively. A starting point: Robert Putnam's *Our Kids*, which documents the profound changes in the town in which he was raised since his high school graduation. It speaks to difficulties in towns across America and helps give context to realities confronting many of our citizens.

**GCM: RICHARD A. MITCHELL '62 ASKED WHAT ACTIONS WILL YOU TAKE TO CONSERVE THE POLITICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL DIVERSITY OF THE STUDENT BODY NECESSARY TO HAVE A CIVIL DISCUSSION OF THE PRESENT ISSUES FACING OUR NATION?**

*BI:* A vibrant educational environment requires exposure to difference of various types—of life experience, of background, and of viewpoint. It is through the encounter with difference that students—indeed, all of us—are forced to confront their assumptions about the world and to interrogate their own beliefs. It also helps cultivate the capacity to navigate pluralism and difference, increasingly essential skills. In short, creating a diverse and interactive community is a necessary precondition to everything else the College seeks to do. This means that a responsibility held by the entire institution, including its president, is to ensure that a diversity of voices is heard on campus. In addition, when we demonstrate through our actions that we value and support diversity of all types, it helps reinforce the point that diversity in its various forms is a source of strength.

**GCM: SEVERAL QUESTIONS FROM OUR READERS CENTERED ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVENESS. MEGAN BARTELLS SHELLY '02 ASKED HOW DO YOU PLAN TO EMPOWER MARGINALIZED VOICES? HOW WILL YOU PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS TO ATTEND AND THRIVE AT GETTYSBURG?**

*BI:* A dynamic and effective educational environment starts with the condition that students have the opportunity to be their best selves and to do their best work. This requires intentionality on the part of the College to ensure that it is recognizing and responding to the concerns of groups that have historically been underrepresented, if represented at all, on campus. Listening is essential—and, for this reason, shortly after my announcement, I asked to meet with underrepresented students to gain their perspective on the campus. To be sure, this is just a first step in the work of addressing the structural and cultural issues that are preconditions to the creation of a truly inclusive environment. Among other things, we must help ensure that the entire community has a sound understanding of the different life experiences reflected within our population.

"...what matters is that finding it is deeply personal and provides deep satisfaction when pursued. 'Doing great work' means fully diving in to the best of one's ability."

**GCM: STETSON "TACK" EDDY '72 SAID, "I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT BOB'S EARLY YEARS. WHAT MAKES HIM TICK? WHERE DID HE GROW UP AND ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL? WHAT SPORTS DID HE PLAY, WHAT JOBS DID HE HOLD, AND WHAT WERE HIS OUTSIDE INTERESTS? I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER HE PRACTICED LAW, AND WHERE, BEFORE ENTERING ACADEMIA."**

*BI:* I grew up in a middle-class town outside Boston. All four of my grandparents were immigrants, and my parents were the first in each of their families to pursue higher education. I played football and wrestled in high school and played one year of football in college. I have in fact practiced law—I clerked for a federal appellate judge upon graduating from law school, practiced in a law firm for several years, served as a federal prosecutor for several more, and then moved to Harvard, where my job had both law and non-law responsibilities. I am an avid runner, always seeking to improve my time (who isn't?), and enjoy photography—both taking and viewing. As for what makes me tick, I've always sought to engage in work that has a service aspect to it—something that directly contributes to the common good, which is why coming to Gettysburg College and serving this community is so attractive.

**GCM: "WHAT DO YOU FEEL YOU CAN DO TO INCREASE THE NATIONAL VISIBILITY AND RECOGNITION OF GETTYSBURG COLLEGE?" ASKED ROBERTA. McCOWN '73.**

*BI:* The College has a strong national reputation, earned from nearly 200 years of hard work by faculty, trustees, staff, alumni, and students. I share the desire to deepen our national footprint further. We start with such inherent advantages—a distinctive history; a location that connects to Washington, Baltimore, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and elsewhere; units, such as The Eisenhower Institute, the Center for Public Service, and the Civil War Institute, that not only offer our students compelling experiences, but that also have the potential to serve as conveners of important conversations; and remarkably talented faculty who speak on topics that matter to society. I expect to be purposeful in taking advantage of these strengths and opportunities—including the opportunities presented to me by my office—to project the College and its people more fully into national conversations.



**GCM: WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO IN YOUR FIRST YEAR AS PRESIDENT?**

*BI:* Getting to know the people better! Meeting students, watching them on the playing fields, on the stage, and in the classrooms; celebrating the accomplishments of our faculty and staff; saying hello to alumni, parents, and friends who are so supportive of the College; and building enduring relationships with the community in which we live.

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# THE INSTALLATION ADDRESS

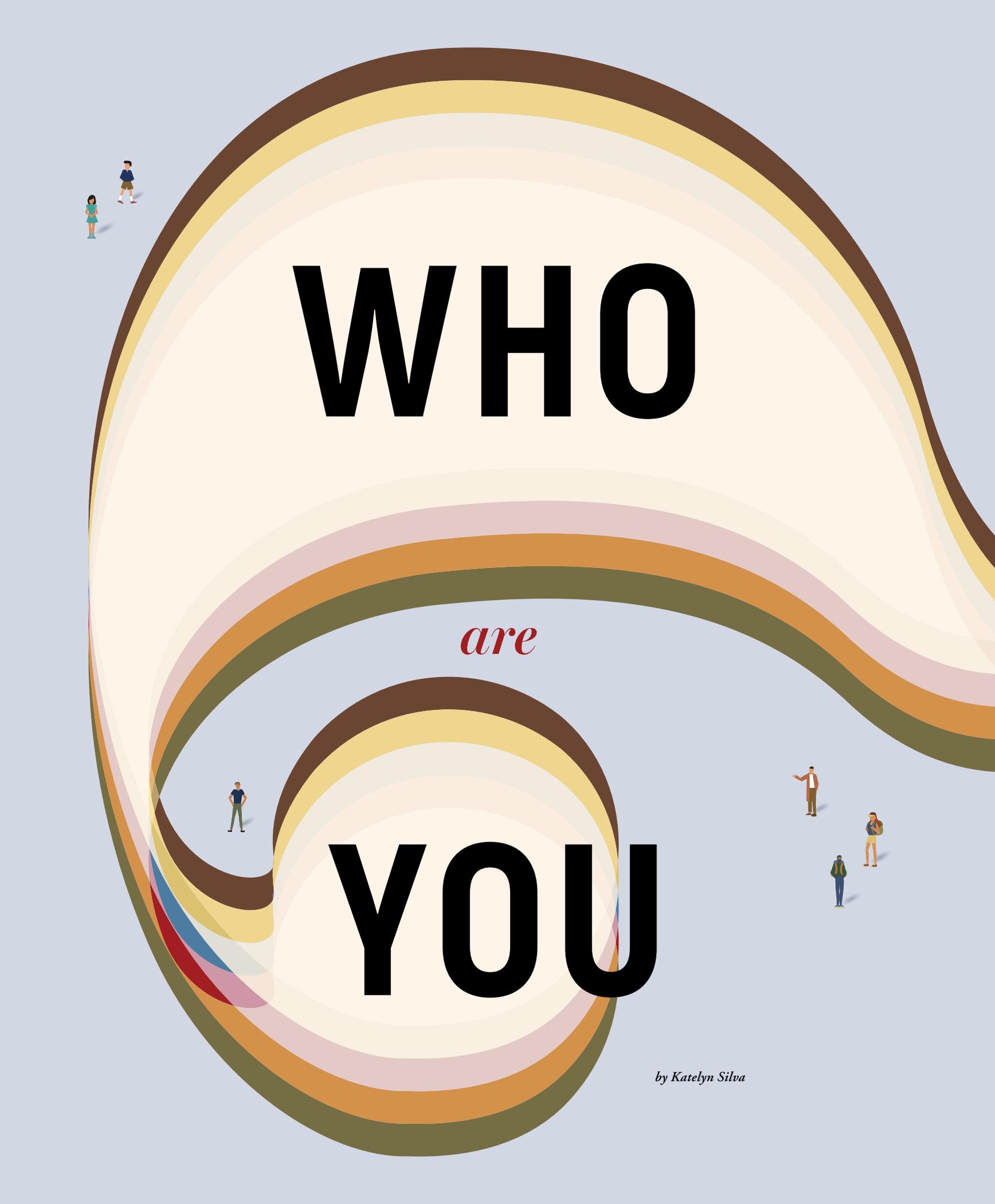
AT THE 1978 COMMENCEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, IN A SETTING MUCH LIKE THIS, UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL SAID: **"WHEN YOU SEE WRONG OR INEQUALITY OR INJUSTICE, SPEAK OUT, BECAUSE THIS IS YOUR COUNTRY. THIS IS YOUR DEMOCRACY. MAKE IT. PROTECT IT. PASS IT ON."** THESE POWERFUL WORDS POINT TO A BASIC IF OFT STATED TRUTH ABOUT DEMOCRACY: **THAT IT IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT.** THE HEALTH OF OUR CIVIC INSTITUTIONS REQUIRES ENGAGED CITIZENS READY AND ABLE TO EXERCISE THEIR VOICE THOUGHTFULLY AND RESPONSIBLY. WHEN THIS COLLEGE, AND INSTITUTIONS LIKE IT, GRADUATE BROADLY EDUCATED STUDENTS WITH THE SKILLS AND DETERMINATION TO GET INVOLVED, WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT OUR COUNTRY'S FRAGILE DEMOCRATIC EXPERIMENT MAY LONG ENDURE.

## OF OUR 15<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT, BOB IULIANO

WE GATHER HERE, TODAY, UNITED IN THE BELIEF IN THE IMPORTANCE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN ANSWERING THIS CALL. TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE GETTYSBURG COMMUNITY, TO MY COLLEAGUES WHO WILL HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THIS INSTITUTION WE CHERISH, WE HAVE BOTH A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND A SPECIAL CAPACITY TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE.

**FOR THIS IS NO ORDINARY PLACE,  
AND THIS IS NO ORDINARY TIME.**

*SATURDAY, SEPT. 28, 2019*



**WHO**

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**YOU**

*by Katelyn Silva*

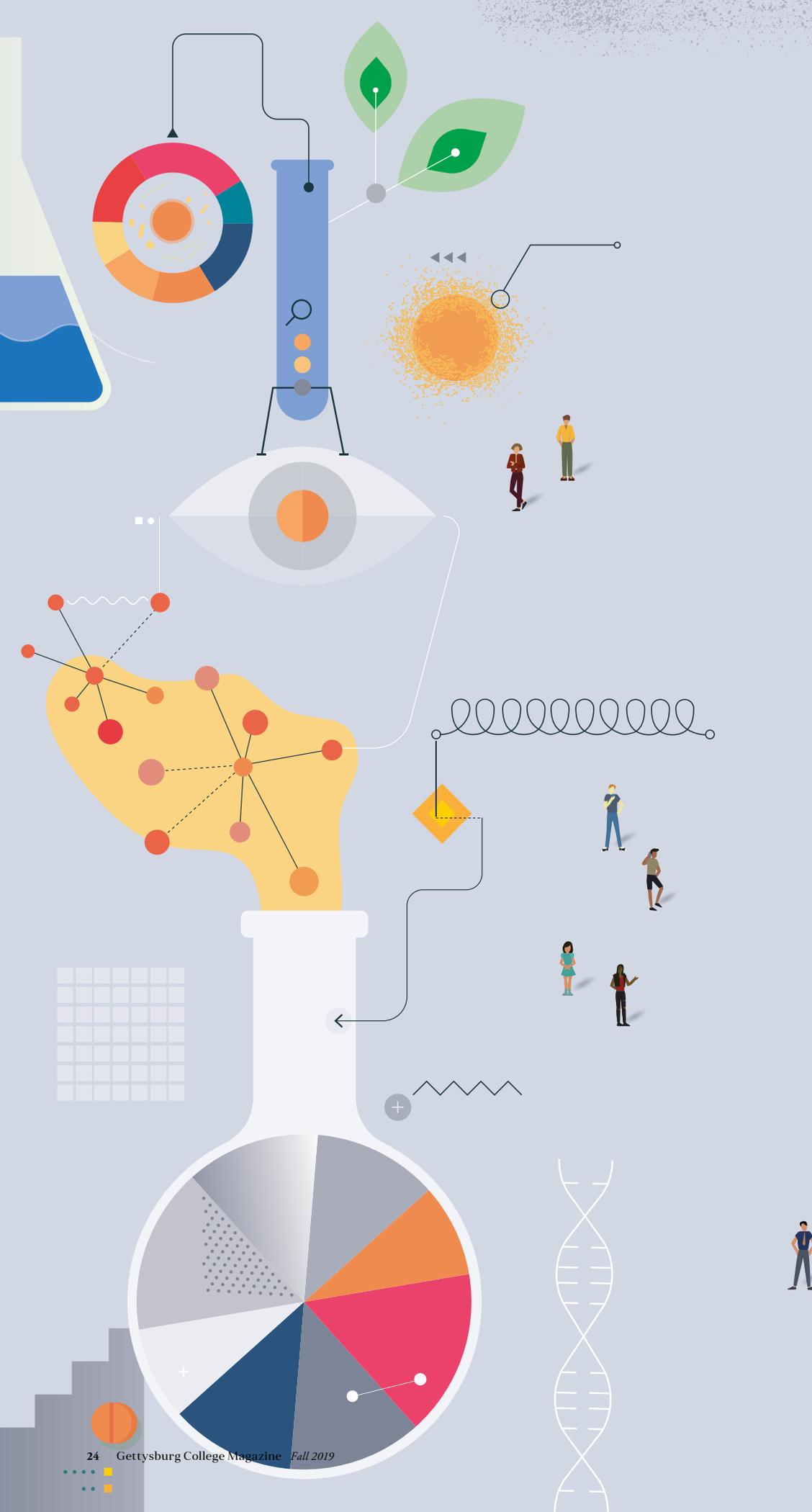


**Home DNA testing kits are big business.**



*Could their increasing popularity shift how we define our identities?*





Based on sight alone, most people identify **Lewis Jones**, an adjunct anthropology instructor, as African American. He imagines many of his students do the same. It's always an enlightening experience when Jones projects his DNA data on a large screen in front of his Introduction to Anthropology class and asks, "Who is this?"

"My students are always amazed that the data is mine because it doesn't deliver on their preconceived assumptions," said Jones, who comes from ancestors with a mix of racial and ethnic backgrounds scattered across Western and Southern Europe, Africa, and East and Southeast Asia. "I want students to understand that we can't look at a person and judge them solely by what we see."

Companies such as 23andMe, which Jones used, allow consumers to spit into a tube, mail it, and, in a matter of weeks, indulge their curiosity about the mysteries surrounding their global ancestry and potential health risks. The results include an analysis of individual DNA and a map of segments connected to ancestries (Irish or Native American, for example), providing the consumer with a percentage breakdown of where their ancestors came from, potentially as granular as the specific region of a country. They can even tell you how much Neanderthal, an extinct group of ancient humans, you have in your DNA and provide connections to potential relatives who have also taken the test.

DNA testing companies have invested a lot of time and money into the assumption that most people at least partially feel a significant part of their identity has to do with their DNA. That investment has paid dividends; the kits are now big business. When all the direct-to-consumer DNA kits available are combined, 26 million people, or roughly eight percent of the U.S. population, has already taken one. That number is expected to reach 100 million within two years, according to MIT's *Technology Review*. 23andMe, one of the most popular tests, is rumored to be worth more than \$2.8 billion.

What motivates people to share, arguably, their most personal information and pay for the privilege of doing so?

"People want to better understand the story of who they are," offered Jones, who doesn't believe DNA tells everything about a person, but has always had a deep curiosity about ancestry. He completed genealogies long before DNA testing was an option and has since completed kits from 23andMe and Ancestry to test the veracity of both. (The results aligned closely.)

Sociology **Prof. Cassie M. Hays**, who hasn't taken a DNA test herself, said that another motivation is that individuals want to identify more closely with particular races, ethnicities, or heritages.

"These tests allow people to imagine or link to different or new identities based on racial or ethnic background," said Hays. "As we become a more multicultural society, certain parts of the population want an identity that isn't just white. On the flipside, DNA tests can also give people whose history has been erased, like descendants of slaves or historically colonized peoples, a sense of belonging."

While Hays can understand why people are drawn to DNA testing, she doesn't think identity is predetermined by DNA. As a sociologist, she believes that identity is fluid, ever-changing, and negotiated, depending on the setting, individual, and audience.

Similarly, for Anthropology **Prof. Amy Young Evrard**, DNA means very little when it comes to identity. Evrard is currently writing an "academic memoir" that digs deep into the history of the American South while weaving in stories of her own Southern upbringing and ancestors. For her, DNA doesn't tell the story of identity nearly as well as the stories told within families from generation to generation.

"I posit that writing your family history is how you really figure out who you are. What values and stories have been passed down? How did your ancestors' experiences affect where and who you are today?"

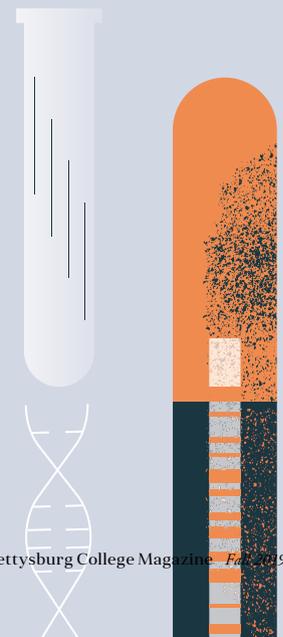
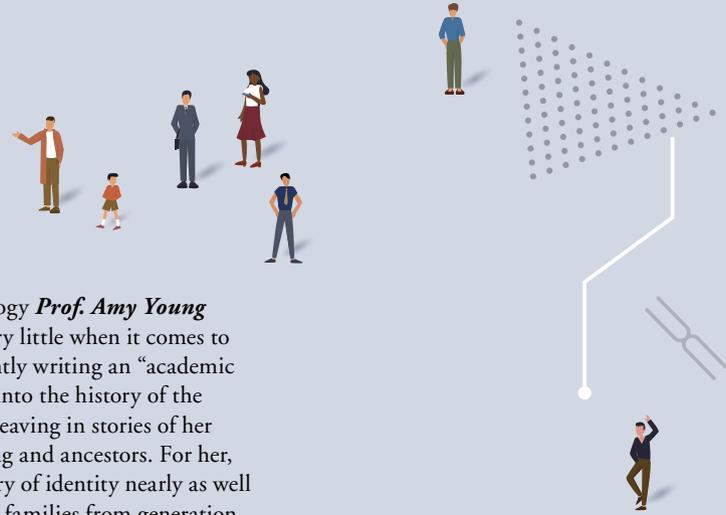
While Evrard doesn't believe people should put too much stock in DNA testing, she's admittedly seen the powerful effects results can have on people firsthand. For example, one family member believed strongly that the family had Cherokee background and was disappointed when a mail DNA test shattered that long-held belief. Similarly, a friend who thought he was majority Irish found out he's only 25 percent.

"A lot of distress came from those results," Evrard explained. "My friend reacted as if he was no longer who he had always thought he was."

Evrard strongly disagreed with the friend's assessment, arguing that identity is much more than genetics. "What matters is that there's a family story of grandparents coming from Ireland—taking the ship, settling in New York City, and then finding their way to Ohio. My friend learned about their values, religion, and how they raised their kids—that's what shaped him into who he is. The genetics don't matter."

Nevertheless, sometimes the genetics really do matter, particularly when people discover secrets about parentage or unknown relations. There have been reports, for example, of people learning a parent is not their biological parent or that they have a previously unknown sibling or 30 (seriously). Adopted children have found birth parents. DNA testing kits have even aided in solving cold cases and identifying serial killers through the backwards DNA mapping of distant relatives.

There can be no doubt that DNA testing kits surface questions about identity, nurture versus nature, and certainly the protection of personal information and the ethics surrounding DNA usage. Yet, they are seemingly here to stay and likely to increase in popularity. When something this personal enters the zeitgeist, people want to know the results are accurate.





# HEALTH *and* IDENTITY

**B**iology **Prof. Steve James '80**, whose research deals with cell division and what goes awry when cancer develops, said the tests are very accurate and getting better every day with the advancement of technology. He explained that the value of a company such as 23andMe resides in the strength of its data set. The more people who take the test, the more precise the results will be. Right now, 23andMe is working to improve its data sets, especially among Africans, Middle Easterners, Central Asians, Southeast Asians, and indigenous Americans. But the results it does provide are pretty solid, according to our experts.

A former pupil of James and a Case Western University professor in the genetics department, **Peter C. Scacheri '94**, said there should be no major concerns about the accuracy of identifying the different nucleotides—the basic building blocks of DNA—that people have throughout their genome. The ability to predict genetic relatedness with other family members based upon millions of different nucleotides is also very accurate.

In addition, “DNA sequencing technology is advancing very quickly—getting easier and easier, and cheaper and cheaper,” said Scacheri. This has implications for the future of not just ancestry, but also health and medical research.



Health, or a lack thereof, can become a big part of how we view ourselves. Do we identify as a cancer survivor or someone living with multiple sclerosis? Does a family history of Alzheimer’s disease color our perception of ourselves?

23andMe provides consumers with the option to learn more about their health risks for diseases such as diabetes, Alzheimer’s, and breast cancer, as well as carrier status for genetic abnormalities that could affect future children, such as cystic fibrosis. It will even tell you, based on your DNA, if you are more likely to enjoy caffeine, have straight hair, or sleep deeply.

But how much stock should be placed in this strand of the testing? Should it change our behaviors or how we view who we are?

In short, “genetics is a probabilistic science,” Scacheri explained. 23andMe offers a limited snapshot of your health, but it’s still based on probabilities and leaves much out. 23andMe can alert you to some risk of developing a disease, but it can’t predict if you will absolutely develop that disease, for example. Other factors, such as the environment, and lifestyle choices, such as diet, exercise, and risk behaviors, also matter. As **Jacob L. Mueller '98**, assistant professor of human genetics at the University of Michigan, and also a former student of James, explained succinctly, “DNA variants are not a diagnosis.”

Should people change their actions based on their health results? Maybe. Maybe not.

“For a lot of different common diseases, the test will tell you that you have a one to threefold increase over the general population for risk of that disorder,” added Scacheri. “That’s not always particularly helpful, or something that I would act on given that risk.”

Nevertheless, there are some genetic markers that should be taken more seriously than others, like the BRCA, or “BREast CAncer gene,” mutations in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes, which signify an increased risk for the development of breast or ovarian cancer. In contrast to many other disease markers, BRCA represents a massive risk increase. According to cancer.gov, someone with a BRCA mutation has an approximately 70 percent chance (give or take) of developing breast cancer by the age of 80, which is why celebrities such as Angelina Jolie have undergone preventative double mastectomies.



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“If someone is a carrier for one of these variants, they should definitely take action,” said Mueller. “If 23andMe comes back positive for BRCA, take those results to your doctor immediately.”

On the other hand, if an individual’s 23andMe results do not show the BRCA marker, the test taker should not necessarily sigh in relief. 23andMe only tests for three of the gene variants related to BRCA, but there are many others.

“If the test taker is of Ashkenazi Jewish descent, one can feel more comfortable with a negative result,” said James, “because the three disease-causing variants tested by 23andMe are the most common in that population. However, it’s still not a guarantee.” For other populations, many other disease-causing variants occur in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes.

All of the experts agreed that if testing raises concerns, consumers should take their results to a genetic counselor who can better understand and communicate results. There may be reason to make changes or do more testing. In fact, Mueller changed his own behaviors because of his personal data, which he downloaded from 23andMe and reanalyzed himself for added insights.

“I found out that I have an eight times higher risk of getting thyroid cancer, so I did make changes. I limit my exposure to radiation and am very careful to cover my neck when I am exposed to radiation,” he said.

James and Scacheri, unlike Mueller, have not completed a DNA testing kit. Why? They don’t want to know the results.

“I’m always concerned about finding out that I’m predisposed to a late-onset disease like Parkinson’s, or something you cannot treat or do anything about. I don’t know if I want that information. I have enough anxiety as it is,” Scacheri said with a laugh.

James expressed similar feelings. “I don’t want to take the health test because the information is limited. What if I get a dire result for Alzheimer’s? There may be other gene variants that are mitigating or protecting me from that disease that we don’t yet know about. I don’t want to worry about something that isn’t going to happen or might bias my perception of myself.”

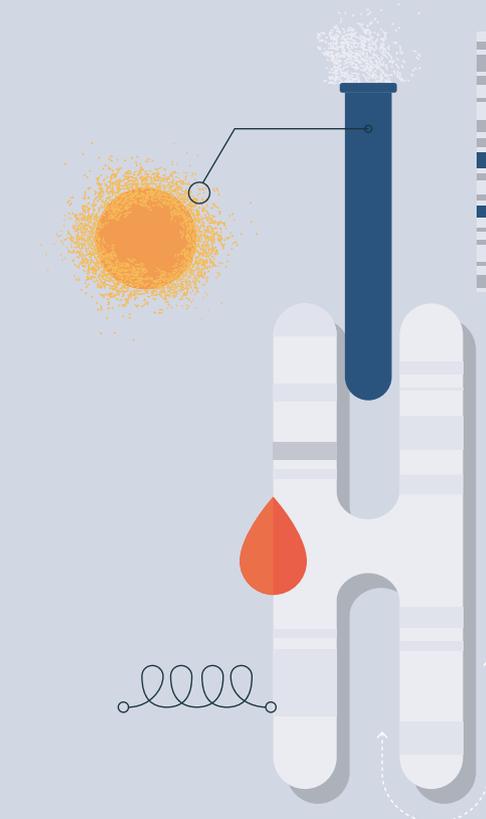
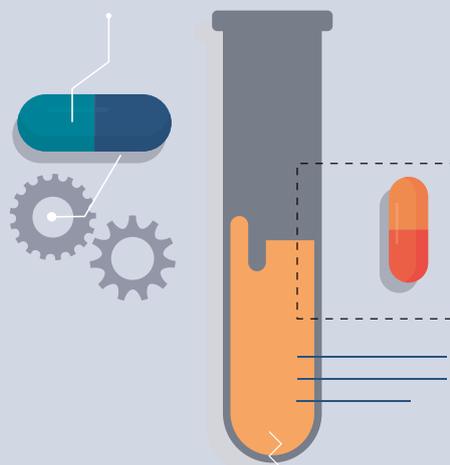


The perception of one’s self can be seemingly wrapped up in several different things. As James noted, health can be a big part of that perception. For Scacheri, like Evrard, it’s more about shared experiences, stories, heritage, and histories.

He said, “I identify more with my Italian heritage than my genes. Identity is about the stories passed down through generations. It’s the foods we eat and our culture,” he said. “Sure, the genes have something to do with it, but I don’t really identify with the DNA sequence.”

Rather, following this line of thinking, identity is constructed through an amalgamation of experiences and variables. It’s not just what you look like. It’s not just stories passed down from generation to generation. It’s not just shared histories or memories. And it’s definitely not just your DNA. It’s all of these things and more—wrapped up in a complicated, ever-changing package.

As Jones told his class, “DNA testing is just a tool. It doesn’t tell the whole story. It can only tell part of the story.” **C**



# RYAN KERNEY

**B**iology *Prof. Ryan Kerney*, whose job description is organismal biologist, has held a variety of jobs over the years. But “these days I’m a 42-year-old dad,” he laughed. In a conversation at his office in McCreary Hall, he shared pictures from his field work all over the world, realizing in the moment that he’s not in most of them. Kerney is a researcher, and so his photos, mostly nature shots, reflect that perspective first and foremost—no selfies!

When asked how he’d define his varied career and interests as a biologist, Kerney used the word biodiversity: “The diversity of animals and of life—that’s what compels me to work in biology,” he said. His research areas of focus include ecology, evolution, and the development of amphibians.

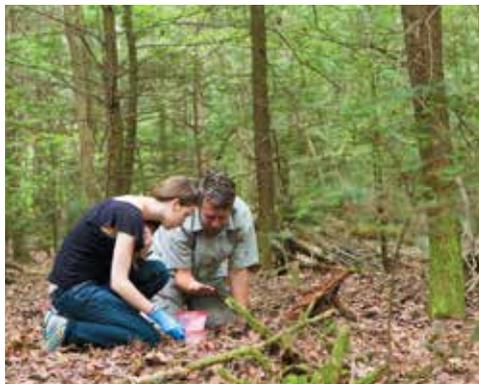
**BEFORE** becoming a biologist, Kerney held a variety of jobs, including working in a warehouse and at a law office, teaching middle school, and interning at the U.S. Forest Service. After college, he completed field work in Washington, Oregon, and abroad, in Australia. “I worked wherever I could gain more experience in the field of biology,” he said. Since then, his research has brought him to every continent, except Antarctica.



Kerney, his wife, Alexia, and their **FOUR KIDS** live on a farm, where they raise a variety of animals, including a cow named Morris, ducks, chickens, goats, rabbits, a pig, and a pony—plus two dogs, fish, and a gerbil. It’s a lot of work, to say the least. Kerney said he feels most at home relaxing in his living room, but “my kids say [I’m happiest] in the lab. My son literally said this the other day—‘You’re the happiest when you’re at work.’”

*Photo by Xanthe Elbrick*

Kerney is currently working on research in collaboration with scientists from Stony Brook University and Columbia University, investigating the infection of salamander embryos by algae. Over the years, Kerney’s work with students has incorporated research on **SALAMANDERS** and other amphibians.



In 2017, Kerney et al. published a paper illuminating the **ONLY KNOWN** vertebrate-microbe symbiotic relationship, between a green alga and the spotted salamander. Co-authors included **Elizabeth M. Hill ’17** and **Huanjia Zhang ’17**. *Scientific American* wrote about the findings in a piece entitled “Algae Living Inside Salamanders Aren’t Happy About the Situation.”



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*years spent on postdoctoral research and a fellowship at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia after earning his PhD at Harvard University*

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*years Kerney has worked at Gettysburg College*

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*million in grant funds Kerney raised for his research*

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THE  
**SWEET**  
LIFE

Meet  
Mars Wrigley's  
Chocolate  
Historian!

*Story by Megan Miller*

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Miranda Harple*





## WHAT MAKES A GREAT STORY?

Or in the eyes of **David Borghesani '84**, what makes a great chocolate story?

Pop culture would point to *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, the 1964 children's book by Roald Dahl about a fantasy candy land, first brought to life on screen in 1971 by Gene Wilder's portrayal of the factory's whimsical Willy Wonka, and again by Johnny Depp in 2005.

Like Depp's Wonka, Borghesani—who was born to a U.S. military family in Germany, where the original movie was filmed—grew up in a household outside of Philadelphia without candy, gum, or mints because his father was an oral surgeon.

This upbringing did little to deter Borghesani's choice of career. In 2013, after three decades of wearing different hats at Mars Wrigley, he assumed the role of chocolate historian.

"In my world [growing up], candy was forbidden," Borghesani said. "[At Mars Wrigley], I found myself in a place where I was encouraged to enjoy and share the joy that candy produces with people everywhere."

Today, Borghesani helps articulate Mars Wrigley's history—giving lectures at historical sites and museums worldwide, from Mount Vernon, Virginia, to Europe—and by educating others on chocolate's evolution since its origins 3,500 years ago.

As described by **Ed Grube '84**, his Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity brother, Borghesani naturally gets into character as an animated storyteller. If he weren't the chocolate historian, "you might find him as a tour guide at the battlefield," Grube said.

"Dave has perfected the art of telling a tale. Having a positive disposition, he could always command an audience or strike up a conversation. [The bowtie just gives him the persona, the unique piece that 'I'm a professor of chocolate history.'"]



Borghesani's charisma draws smiles from audiences everywhere, indeed, including every colleague at Mars Wrigley's Hackettstown, New Jersey, headquarters—or so it seemed the day of Borghesani's photo shoot, in which his donning of a makeshift bowtie fashioned from M&M's® drew plenty of collegial jokes and passing comments. But it's his innate enthusiasm for his “dream job,” as he first explained it to Grube, that is likely responsible for the positive reactions to his storytelling.

Following a brief stint as a sales representative for Proctor & Gamble, Borghesani first got a taste of the sweet life in 1986, when Mars recruited him to join its retail sales team. From 1989 to 1996, he transitioned throughout Mars as an account manager, a retail manager, and a national sales trainer, before moving to Hackettstown three years later to fill a variety of roles. In 2010, he served as the U.S. sales account planning manager, his final position before taking over for his predecessor as the chocolate historian.

“People knew I was a historian. I loved history and I loved research,” said Borghesani, who earned a bachelor's degree in history from Gettysburg College.

One Gettysburg class in particular—and its paper on the American Revolution—set him on a path of distinction. It was led by *Bruce Bugbee*, a beloved American history professor who specialized in colonial and revolutionary America.

“See any typos? You better pull the paper out and start again,” said Borghesani, describing the hours spent researching and preparing his final report on his Smith Corona typewriter. Upon reading Borghesani's paper, Bugbee suggested he submit it for publication. This encouragement “elevated” Borghesani's belief that he was able to produce a well-researched product—a skill that still aids him today as a chocolate historian.

“Prof. Bugbee provided comments that truly changed where I was heading, not only as a student, but as a person,” said Borghesani. “[He made me] want to do more, to learn more, to pursue, to strive, to do things beyond what I have been doing all along in terms of growing and pursuing education.”



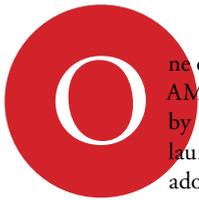
# 7 FACTS ABOUT CHOCOLATE

These facts are taken from  
*Great Moments in World History:  
Global Stories Where Chocolate Sparked  
Discovery, Innovation, and Imagination!*

- 1** “Cacao” refers to the plant or beans. “Chocolate” refers to anything made or processed from the beans. “Cocoa” refers to chocolate in a powdered form.
- 2** The word “chocolate” comes from the Aztec word “xocolatl” (sho-koh-LAH-tuhl), which means “bitter water.”
- 3** Cacao trees are found in limited geographical zones: tropical areas within 20 degrees north and south of the equator.
- 4** The first people known to consume cacao beans were the Olmecs, who lived in modern-day Southern Mexico. They were followed by the Mayans, Toltecs, and Aztecs, who used chocolate as currency, for religious rituals, and even medicine.
- 5** Cacao beans were so valuable that ancient counterfeiters risked making fake beans. Archaeologists have found beans in which the cacao contents were removed and replaced with clay or wax.
- 6** In an Aztec market, one cacao bean could buy a tomato. One hundred beans could buy a turkey. A copper ax cost 8,000 beans.
- 7** One chocolate chip provides enough energy for an adult to walk 150 feet.

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One of Borghesani’s ongoing charges as a storyteller is to promote AMERICAN HERITAGE® Chocolate, which was inspired by 18th century chocolate recipes. One year after its 2014 launch at M&M’s World store in New York City, the brand adopted a new tagline, “Savor the Stories,” to celebrate its deep interconnecting roots, just like a flourishing cocoa tree.

It was in 2006 that the idea of AMERICAN HERITAGE® Chocolate was born, based on Forrest E. Mars Jr.’s dream to tell the great story of chocolate—how its flavor, texture, and format transformed through the ages. Biting into a piece of AMERICAN HERITAGE® Chocolate is like traveling back to a time when chocolate was first enjoyed as a warm drink. It is the result of an ever-evolving recipe that combines sweet and spice, and everything nice, with hints of cinnamon, chili peppers, and more.

The current recipe’s inspiration can be found in Borghesani’s written research, including a free educators’ guide completed in partnership with National Geographic in 2018, entitled *Great Moments in World History: Global Stories Where Chocolate Sparked Discovery, Innovation, and Imagination!*

The story behind AMERICAN HERITAGE® Chocolate is also told through his travels for television appearances, educational presentations, and chocolate tastings. As the chocolate historian, Borghesani focuses on “edutainment,” a combination of education and entertainment that allows chocolate lovers to fully understand why they enjoy the sweet treat using all five senses.

“It stimulates your creativity,” Borghesani said. “People can get a true appreciation for the different types of chocolate.”

A true love of chocolate cannot thrive without an awareness of its history, Borghesani said; therefore, his work centers around the connection between people, places, and times. From President George Washington placing 50-pound orders from England for his morning beverage to Americans safeguarding chocolate while evacuating Fort Ticonderoga during the Revolutionary War, chocolate was cherished.

“Chocolate was more than special,” Borghesani said. “It was food, and they loved it. That’s something we forget in our world today. We look at things through our time and place. We need to look across time and place.”

At least once a month, Borghesani’s travels take him back to Gettysburg, home of Pennsylvania Hall, which served as a former Civil War hospital, where it is told a nurse by the name of Emily Bliss Thacher Souder tended to recovering troops with cups of chocolate.

“[It] really brings that connection to me and Gettysburg back, the fact that this is a hub of history,” Borghesani said. “It was a great place for me to learn. It’s special every time I come through here. It comes full circle.”

From majoring in history at Gettysburg College to becoming the chocolate historian for Mars Wrigley, that’s Borghesani’s great chocolate story. **G**



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1 Rare Book Division, The New York Public Library. “Cacao Arbor, The Cacao-Tree.” New York Public Library Digital Collections. 2 The Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Division of Art, Prints and Photographs: Art & Architecture Collection, The New York Public Library. “Chocolate cup in silver by Lebrun of Paris.” New York Public Library Digital Collections.

# CHOCOLATE THROUGH THE AGES

**1500 BCE.**

The Olmecs may be the first to consume chocolate.

**1579**

English pirates burn and sink a Spanish ship filled with cacao beans after they mistakenly think the beans are sheep droppings.

**1635**

Spanish friars are the first Europeans to successfully cultivate cacao trees in Ecuador.

**1650-1657**

Chocolate reaches England and chocolate houses, which are similar to coffee shops, open to the public.

**1670**

The first recorded sale of chocolate in the American colonies takes place in Boston.

**1755**

Benjamin Franklin secures six pounds of chocolate for each office in General Braddock's army in the French and Indian War.

**1761**

Benjamin Franklin's *Poor Richard's Almanack* recommends chocolate for treating smallpox.

**1801**

Thomas Jefferson orders a silver copy made of an ancient Roman askos, later used by his family as a chocolate pot.

**1862**

Chocolate is served at Abraham Lincoln's Inaugural Ball.

**1923**

Mars introduces its first big hit, the Milky Way bar.

**1937**

The Logan Bar, or D ration bar, is developed as an emergency ration for the U.S. military.

**1961**

Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin becomes the first person to eat chocolate sauce in space.

**1988**

M&M's become part of the "meals ready to eat" military rations.

**1502 CE.**

Christopher Columbus and his son, Ferdinand, visit Maya in present-day Honduras and bring back the first cacao beans to Europe.

**1585**

The first commercial shipment of cacao beans arrives in Spain from the New World.

**1641**

Chocolate first appears in North America, when a Spanish ship took refuge in St. Augustine, Florida, during a storm.

**1659**

The first French chocolate shop opens in Paris.

**1682**

Chocolate production begins in the American colonies, when the first shipment of cacao beans from Jamaica arrives in Boston.

**1758**

George Washington places his first order for 20 pounds of chocolate from Britain.

**1777**

The Continental Congress imposes price controls on chocolate to keep it affordable for the military during the Revolutionary War.

**1804-1806**

Lewis and Clark explore the Louisiana Territory, using chocolate along the way for both food and medicine.

**1914**

Theodore Roosevelt explores the Brazilian wilderness, bringing chocolate as part of the expedition's rations.

**1935**

Amelia Earhart enjoys chocolate above the Pacific Ocean on her historic flight from Hawaii to California.

**1940**

Forrest Mars Sr. of Mars, Incorporated, develops M&M's with the help of R. Bruce Murrie, of Hershey heritage.

**1981**

M&M's are eaten aboard the first space shuttle mission.

*Timeline adapted from  
Great Moments in World History: Global  
Stories Where Chocolate Sparked Discovery,  
Innovation, and Imagination!*



## FROM PRESIDENT CHARLES GLASSICK'S INAUGURATION IN 1977

The intellectual climate of Gettysburg College is one that has challenged commonplace views, forged innovation, and impacted society in significant ways for generations.

**President Charles Glassick** (who served as president from 1977 to 1988) incorporated programming during his inauguration week that highlighted the College's academic excellence and liberal arts focus. Events included as part of the three-hour "Liberal Arts Sampler" were various recitals, readings, presentations, demonstrations, exhibits, and lectures given by students and faculty.

At President Bob Iuliano's inauguration in September, at which Glassick was present, a "Campus Showcase" similarly illuminated the academic and creative works of talented faculty and students through interactive presentations and open panel discussions on topics across disciplines, such as public policy, civil rights, and climate change.



1-3 Topics from Glassick's "Liberal Arts Sampler" touched on students' study abroad and internship experiences, the revelation of symmetry in wallpaper designs, Native American arts and crafts, and the construction and physics of the mountain dulcimer. OPPOSITE PAGE: A press release providing information about the "Liberal Arts Sampler" program held during Glassick's 1977 inauguration

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For release: On Receipt

"Liberal Arts Sampler"  
Program for Inauguration Week

The public is invited to a "Liberal Arts Sampler," a series of 16 departmental programs, to be held at Gettysburg College as part of Inauguration Week this Friday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

The programs have been designed to present a cross-section of Gettysburg College's excellence and diversity in academic programs. Both students and faculty will be involved.

Programs will include a studio recital, dramatic readings, slide presentations, physics and chemistry demonstrations, a display and explanation of American Indian arts and crafts, an illustrated lecture on "Battlefields of the Civil War," a student art exhibit, and illustrated lectures on Indian landscape poetry and the famous American naturalist John Audubon.

Several programs will be held in various campus locations during each of the three hour segments of the "Sampler" period. The locations are: College Union Building (CUB) rooms 230, 231, and lounge, second floor; Bowen Auditorium of McCreary Life Sciences Building; McCreary Hall, room 302; Glatfelter Hall, studio, second floor; Breidenbaugh Hall (N. Washington Street), rooms 205, 207, 211; CUB "Bullethole," first floor; Brua Hall auditorium, and Christ Chapel, lower level.

The programs:

2-3 p.m., CUB 231. Students of the education department will discuss how the issues in American public education, such as "back to basics," are dealt with by liberal arts teacher training programs;

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**NOVEMBER 1-3**

*Family Weekend*

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The Alumni Association invites alumni to identify candidates for awards by November 8. Complete the form online ([www.gettysburg.edu/alumniawards](http://www.gettysburg.edu/alumniawards)) or contact [alumni@gettysburg.edu](mailto:alumni@gettysburg.edu) or 717-337-6518.

## NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD DIRECTORS

***Sarah Blumig '10***

Director of Annual Giving &  
the Bessie Baker Society at Duke University

***Troy M. Cassel '02***

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## SEEKING NOMINATIONS

### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Directors share a close connection to the College and provide leadership and representation for all alumni. Forward nominations to Adrienne Seitz at [aseitz@gettysburg.edu](mailto:aseitz@gettysburg.edu) or 717-337-8075.

## THE INAUGURAL TOUR OF ROBERT W. IULIANO

*15<sup>th</sup> President of Gettysburg College*

### WASHINGTON, D.C., PANEL AND RECEPTION

The National Press Club  
Tuesday, October 22, 2019  
6–8:30 p.m.

*Additional dates and locations to follow*

# CLASS NOTES

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## 70<sup>TH</sup> REUNION YEAR

Dear classmates, suggestions have been made that if we want to celebrate our 70th Reunion, we better get going. Recognizing that it is a little hard to get going at this age, if anyone has any ideas or plans, please let me know, and I'll pass them along. Last spring, my daughter moved her household (me and two cats) to Simpsonville, SC. We came for a change in weather and certainly have had that. We've found good friends and neighbors, interesting things to see and do, and even a few Democrats. It was hard leaving family and friends up north, but so far, things have gone very well.

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I am quite sure that **James Sullivan** was one of the residents at 202 Carlisle Street as a freshman in 1947. On June 17, Jim left us. He was 89 when he died. So are many (most) of our class at that age, both before and after we leave the planet Earth. Let me give a sketch of Jim's career. After earning his BA from Gettysburg, Jim taught math at the high school level and went on to Temple U to become a guidance counselor, obtaining a doctorate from Temple and then working as a drug counselor at Horizon House in Philadelphia. In 1975, he became licensed in NJ as a psychologist and spent 20 years

in private practice. Finally, he retired in 2000. I can remember him and his roommate at 202 Carlisle Street. Then, we all found fraternity houses and moved away, but never quite lost each other—until graduation. Sad and final farewell, Jim Sullivan.

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Class notes were hard to write this time. Please send me news of your trips, visits, or "whatever!" **Robert Johnson**, who died in Nov. 2017, was a member of Phi Delta Theta, G-book, Student Christian Association (SCA), and *The Gettysburgian*. After graduation, he worked for E.I. DuPont in several states before moving to Ocean City, NJ, where he operated Johnson Realtors. He was married to Barbara Franke '54 and had three children, 11 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. His daughter, Karin, is also a graduate of Gettysburg College. Word has been received that **John Soult** died in April. After Gettysburg College, John attended Dickinson Law where he earned his Juris Doctor. John married Ann Hedding following his graduation from Gettysburg College, and they had three children and six grandchildren. After law school, John and Ann moved to Clearfield, PA, where he owned Soult Wholesale Company for more than 60 years. **Frederick Weidner** died in June. Upon reading about him and John Soult, I realized they both attended Gettysburg College from Clearfield High School in PA! And after serving as

a lieutenant in the Air Force in the Korean War, Frederick also attended Dickinson Law. After graduation, he worked for Westinghouse Electric Company, Alcoa, and General Electric. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Shannon Weidner, his sons, Douglas and Mark, and their families. The fourth notice I received was about the death of **Walter Reimann**, who died in June. His wife Jean passed in Apr. They had two daughters, Heidi McKenna and Heather Trower, and two grandchildren, Liam and Courtney. Walter served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After his service, he spent his entire career in engineering and manufacturing operations. He joined The Fredericks Company as president and then bought the business—fulfilling a lifelong dream of owning a business! Four years later, the company was awarded “Outstanding Small Business Manufacturer of the Year” by The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia.

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The silence has ended. A classmate actually wrote a note. **Michael Sleppin** said he retired seven years ago from a consulting firm he started and operated. Wow, just now retiring! He must have loved that job. Mike now lives in a 55 and older community in NJ where there are lots of activities and lectures that he enjoys. He commented that he “remembers G’burg with fondness and was taught to think and love learning.” After I answered his note, Mike wrote again about his life. After college, he served in the U.S. Army. Then, he entered an MBA program and received his degree in 1960. For 20 years, he wrote articles for industry publications. He was the COO of a manufacturing firm, opening foreign markets and traveling to 31 countries. “What an education that was,” he said. “One of the things I learned was ‘seek first to understand before you seek to be understood.’” That sounds like a worthwhile idea for all of us in this expanding world. So, which of you will join Mike and write about your life since G’burg? I haven’t heard from an Alpha Xi sister. Delta Gamma, Chi Omega, or Phi Mu would also be welcome. It will be Oct. when you read this, and the College will be open with a new president. We had many chats with

President Janet Morgan Riggs ’77 over the years, and she was always so interested and involved in what was happening. She will be missed.

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Our 65th Class Reunion Weekend was a delightful one, full of sunshine, warm weather, and fun catching up with former classmates. Eight hearty souls from our class attended: **Audrey Rawling Wennblom, Nancy Penniman Young, Carol Jones Watts, Barbara Holley, Al Gregson Comery** and his wife Phyllis, **Kearney Kuhlthau, Carolyn Rumbaugh Barger** and her husband, and me. Audrey gets the prize for traveling the farthest, all the way from Seattle, WA. Carol was a close second, coming from Denver, CO. I felt blessed that I was able to enjoy the Reunion with both of my roommates, Jonesy and Penny. The campus looked beautiful, and the activities arranged were enjoyable, especially the heritage luncheon and the class dinner. Some of us visited the new Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, which has the Cyclorama of the Battle of Gettysburg impressively restored and videos about each stage of the battle. Nevertheless, I missed the old Electric Map with its flashing lights showing each movement of the armies. Another noticeable change for those of us staying in the dorms was all of the keys needed to get into your suite of rooms. The suites, however, were lovely and comfortable. I am sad to report the loss of four classmates. **Denise “Dinny” Haldt Brubaker** married classmate **Robert D. Brubaker** just after graduation. Bob’s career in the U.S. Air Force took them to homes in the U.S. and abroad. Dinny’s favorite tour was in Warsaw, Poland (during the Cold War), where Bob was assigned as air attaché to the U.S. Embassy. After Bob’s retirement in 1991, he and Dinny were snowbirds, living in CO and AZ, until finally moving to a year-round residence in San Antonio, TX. Dinny is survived by three children and six grandchildren. **Arthur M. “Skip” Eckert** served in Korea before attending Gettysburg and went on to a career with Sprint, where he was an area manager. He was a former member of the Gettysburg College Alumni Executive Board and several other boards, as well as

a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), National Rifle Association (NRA), and Telephone Pioneers. Skip is survived by his son, Arthur M. Eckert III; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. **Jay P. Williams** was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha and Sigma Pi Sigma academic fraternity honoring outstanding scholarship in physics. Jay had a varied career working for the Insurance Company of North America, where he met his wife; managing Williams Chevrolet Company in Elizabethtown, NJ; and representing Stephenson Equipment Company of Harrisburg, PA. He loved sports, especially skiing, and was a private pilot. He is survived by three children and five great-grandchildren. **John A. Kadilak** served in the U.S. Army after graduating from Gettysburg. He had a career with the Travelers Insurance company in Scranton and Reading. John’s many hobbies included building muzzle-loading long rifles, carving decorative duck decoys, and wing and skeet shooting. He is survived by three children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

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65<sup>TH</sup> REUNION YEAR

We received word that **Mary Ann Shearer Craver** passed away May 1 at her home in Gettysburg. She was a member of St. James Lutheran Church and actively served on the social ministry committee. Mary Ann was a teacher for many years, while accompanying her U.S. Army husband from base to base. She enjoyed traveling with family, as well as hiking and exploring the outdoors. She is survived by daughters Catherine Lemley (Paul) and Cynthia Reimel (Paul of Raleigh, NC), four grandchildren, and sister Cynthia Johnson of Newtown. We extend our belated condolences to her family on their loss and ours. Elaine Bonnett Molnar ’58 and I recently enjoyed a week at the YMCA Conference & Family Retreat Center on Lake George. The occasion is a gathering of mostly Upper NY Synod Lutherans who interact via morning lectures and a variety of leisurely afternoon activities in a beautiful setting. We will also attend a four-day family reunion at Raystown, PA, near Huntingdon. We expect nearly 100 participants from as far away as the East and West coasts and places in between. There, we will

embellish stories from yesteryear (our main purpose it seems), in addition to reconnecting with family members. And who would've thought that I would celebrate a 60th year of ordination and be honored by the NJ Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and our home congregation in Bethlehem? Maybe it's good home cooking, pristine water, and the surrounding atmosphere that have contributed to reaching this milestone? I haven't heard lately from you, the Class of '55. Drop me a couple of lines, and we'll include your news in the next issue. Deal?

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The source for this class note came with my morning newspaper. It was on the first page of the *Cape Cod Times* on Feb. 9. The feature article (with four pictures) told of an incident 50 years ago. The article, titled "Meaningful Mission," began—"...Joint Base Cape Cod...just short of 4 p.m. on Mar. 21, 1968, aircraft personnel at Otis Air Force Base lost radio and radar contact with a supersonic jet fighter, known as an F-101 B Voodoo, returning from routine flight maneuvers." It turns out that the navigator and radar officer of the two-man crew was Captain **Paul Utz**. Both he and the pilot died in a crash into the waters of Cape Cod Bay approximately 12 miles off the coast. Now, nearly 50 years later, during major renovations on a building at the base, a worker found a ceramic stein, a signature item of fighter pilots. The stein had Utz's name and squadron insignia emblazoned on it. The building had long been a hangout for the pilots. Through the efforts of two master sergeants currently assigned to the U.S. Air Force's 102nd Intelligence Wing of the Massachusetts Air National Guard, the stein was saved, and after much research, was returned to Utz's family, who now live in TX. One of the pictures accompanying the article shows Utz's widow (now remarried as Jerri-Ann Guyton), his son David Utz Guyton, and his younger daughter Jennifer Lee. An older daughter had died. His son David expressed shock upon hearing of the

discovery of the stein and the incredible effort to track down his family. He was able to give clarification of the nickname Wyatt, which was inscribed on the back of the stein. He said, "It was because of my father's mustache and because he was an excellent marksman." I have received word from the alumni office announcing the death of **Roger "Terry" Foor** in May. After Gettysburg, Terry attended Lancaster Theological Seminary and went on to receive his doctorate in ministry from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He served churches in Selinsgrove, PA; Meyersdale, PA; and retired from St. John's United Church of Christ in Clear Spring, MD. Terry's daughter Cindy also wrote to tell me that Terry was so pleased that his grandson, Noah Dundas, chose to attend Gettysburg, Class of 2022. We send our sympathy to Terry's wife, Mary, and family.

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I'm back to the 21st century with a new computer. Elson Blunt '61, **Bob Harcourt**'s fraternity "little brother," was able to get in touch with Bob because he read the class notes. I'm glad communication by print is still fashionable. Bob is very active with the AIAI (Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure) in Santa Fe, NM. He still writes in a very legible cursive handwriting and was most appreciative of the connection. Elson said a highlight of his college days was shaking the hand of former President Dwight D. "Ike" Eisenhower when he was on the campus. **Rich Brunner** is very active concerning the Gettysburg College Veteran Memorial, which was dedicated in Oct. 2011. The three flags (USA, PA, and Gettysburg College) take a beating from the weather. Replacing them, plus maintenance, is about \$2,500 per year. Contact Rich at richbrunner1@verizon.net as he has information on a donor agreement form concerning this special project. Contributors can always give to Gettysburg College on the College's website or by check with a memo specific for the GCVI Maintenance Fund. I hope that when you've been back to the College you've seen the impressive memorial near Musselman Stadium. Thanks, Rich. **Kevin Thomas** expressed being sad that he couldn't make our Reunion, but reflected that Gettysburg was a very special time for making lifelong friends from different backgrounds and many parts of the country, and venturing into the world feeling optimistic about our future. He has several projects—an interview about Mae West, a bequest of her items to the Academy of Motion Pictures Art and Sciences library,

and a new museum. His eulogy for her funeral was published in an expanded form in the book *Farewell, Godspeed: The Greatest Eulogies of Our Time*. His other project is getting a plaque placed in an appropriate location recognizing his Hollywood relatives who once were the second largest landowners and major pioneer developers of Hollywood Boulevard. Many have downsized recently, including Art and **Bitsy Owens Schraivesande**. They still play golf, garden, go antiquing, and volunteer at Valley Forge, PA. Jack and **Dee Lohn Brooks** also sold their home of 54 years and enjoy no cleaning, no cooking, and playing lots of bridge. **Bonnie Bankert Rice** enjoys retirement after recovering from hip surgery in June. Lee and **Ellen Billheimer Yarborough** stopped by the Reunion on their way to ME after missing several Reunions. **Elaine Bonnett Molnar** and **Phyllis Ball Helfrich**, freshmen roommates in Buehler Hall and friends ever since, traveled together to the U.K. in Sept. 2018. They went sightseeing with Elaine's cousin, whom she had never met personally, but with whom she had corresponded. Trains, buses, and the Underground in London, Chelsea, and Windsor were the transportation, and later, Elaine and Phyllis traveled north to historic York, riding through the especially beautiful landscape and quaint villages of the North York Moors National Park. Highlights "include attending Evensong services at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, the York Minster and Westminster Abbey, and hearing the heavenly music of the boys' and men's choirs." Phyllis has been to London five times and to York four times. Condolences go to the family of **Richard "Pip" Rowan**, who passed away in June in PA. We also received notice of **William Carter**'s passing in York, PA. I remember when Bill came to our 55th Reunion and said how much Gettysburg meant to him as a veteran returning from Korea. Bill had an interesting life and was active in his profession as a CPA, in service organizations, and his hobby of antique automobiles. He had an active interest in the new Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. Our sympathy goes to his wife of 64 years, Ann, and his family.

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'59

There were 28 of us 1959ers gathered for our 60th Reunion in early June at that wonderful place, Gettysburg College. It was a small Reunion, but a great time was had by all. Some of us arrived on Thursday and attended classes at the Alumni College. We all agreed that the professors looked younger

than those we remembered. New buildings made us stop and think, “Which way to the Bullet Hole?” The campus looked great, even better than 60 years ago, with landscaping and Adirondack chairs to relax in scattered around well-maintained lawns. I had a chance to speak to Gettysburg College President Emerita Janet Morgan Riggs ’77, who said that great attention is paid to maintenance. Thanks to Joe Lynch ’85, executive director of alumni relations, and our own **Bob Smith**, who gave us tips on spaces to use for class gatherings. We surely did not recognize the third floor of Old Dorm (Pennsylvania Hall) where we met on Friday evening for a cocktail reception. Our class dinner on Saturday evening, on the second floor of the College Union Building, was also perfect for our delicious dinner, prepared and served by College Dining Services staff. President Emerita Riggs stopped in, so we had a chance to say our goodbyes to her. We then walked outside to a seating area and watched fireworks. Guess what? A whole weekend with no rain! A letter from **Eugene Keesler** arrived, bringing us up-to-date. He served 23 years of active duty in the military and six years in the U.S. Army Reserve. As he put it, “Uncle Sam gave him free travel to the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Kuwait, England, and Japan.” Not many of us can match that for places we have lived. His summer is spent in Glenville, NC. I am sorry to end on a sad note. Our class president, **Jack Hathaway**, died just a few days before our Reunion. **Ellen Buchanan Wilcox** brought news from FL that **Art Beck** died in FL, and we received a message that **Jack Sankey** recently passed. I also received word, thanks to **Marge Mills Carpenter** from Lancaster, PA, that **Phyllis Wagner Stahl** has died. As we have all skipped speedily into our 80s, we can expect this kind of message, so please send me news of good times you are having, and certainly let me know if you have seen or are in touch with any other ’59ers. Our granddaughter will start her sophomore year in Sept., so we have kept up with what is new—coed dorms (no need to yell out “man on the floor” if a father was lugging in stuff), and she let me know a soft-shell crab sandwich (one of my all-time favorites) was a choice for lunch one day. No longer is it just Homer passing a plate over to you with some meat patty (elephant ears), a soggy vegetable, and a scoop of potato. However, those of us who gathered for this Reunion time agreed that it was all pretty good 60 years ago.

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## 1960

### 60<sup>TH</sup> REUNION YEAR

**Jim McQuilkin** and **Fred Bigelow** responded to my requests for 80th birthday celebrations. Jim says he must be one of the first in our class to turn 80 (in 2017). He celebrated with family flying into Fort Lauderdale, FL. It was originally supposed to be a surprise, but “fortunately, saner minds prevailed, and I had several months to look forward to seeing everyone....I have a pool, patio, and barbecue grill, so it was a perfect spot for entertaining....The grandkids loved being able to get into a warm pool in May....Now (two years later), it still is one of my best days ever. I hope all of our classmates also had a special day to remember.” Fred recalled his 82nd birthday “traveling from Lewisburg, PA, with Janice ’64 to visit our granddaughter who is a PhD candidate at Ohio State U....We were traveling west on I-80 when, about 5 miles east of the Brookville, PA, exit, at the speed of 68 mph, we collided with an adult Virginia whitetail deer. The deer caused just short of \$7,000 worth of damage to our four-month-old Subaru Forester. The Forester caused fatal injuries to the deer. We were unharmed and with a story to tell.” Also, I had a note from **Jack Perrine**, which I unfortunately misplaced. Try again, Jack, please! **Jim Garman**, town historian of Portsmouth, RI, was recently named Citizen of the Year for his involvement in the community. Jim is the president of the historical society and has written six books on local history, as well as presenting history lectures. He teaches U.S. history and Russian history in the adult education program at Salve Regina U and is preparing a six-week course in Civil War history. He retired this year as a master gardener at the U of Rhode Island after 20 years. Other class news reports the deaths of **Bill Fleischman**, **Harvey Mumma**, **Ralph Wood**, and **Ralph Carruthers**. Bill spent most of his career with the *Philadelphia Daily News*, covering auto racing, U.S. Open tennis competitions, college basketball, and the Philadelphia Flyers. He was also an adjunct professor in the U of Delaware journalism program for 28 years and the coauthor of two books: *Bernie, Bernie, The Autobiography of Flyers Goaltender Bernie Parent* and *The Unauthorized NASCAR Fan Guide*. He was a Gettysburg College supporter throughout his career. Our sympathies go to Barb and daughter Jill. Ralph Carruthers was a family physician and a graduate of Hahnemann Medical College. He was a past board member of the Columbia Hospital and the Lancaster General Hospital, as well as the Columbia School Board.

“He enjoyed spending quality time with his family in Stone Harbor, NJ...and participating in the lives of his four grandchildren.” Our sympathies go to his wife, Carol, and children, Ralph, Margi, and Emily. Harvey spent his career as an engineer for the bridge building firm Bear Creek Construction. “He was an avid golfer who relished his annual golf trips with friends. He also loved winters in FL and road trips through the western U.S. with his late wife, Melinda.” Our sympathies go to his partner, Shirley, and children, Kenneth, David, and Nancy. Ralph Wood died last Nov. in Fresno, CA. No further details were available. I suspect you would rather read what classmates are doing and thinking rather than where they are buried, so please let us all know what joys you find in life and what you look forward to in the days and years to come!

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## '61

The Class of '61 welcomes President Robert W. Iuliano to Gettysburg College and wishes him well in the new chapter of his career. Many thanks to President Emerita Janet Morgan Riggs ’77 for a stellar career as president. My mail, phone messages, and email were very sparse this issue. Please make me more popular and drop a line about what you are up to. Our sympathies go to the families of **Bob Anderson** and **Thomas Mowlds**, who recently passed away, and thanks to their families for letting us know.

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## '62

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 **Gettysburg College Class of 1962**

## '63

Dear classmates. I have sad news to report. We lost three classmates, and we will miss them

all. **Hal Sheads** passed away in June at home. Hal served in ROTC at Gettysburg, and after college, joined the U.S. Air Force. He flew as a fighter pilot in Vietnam, Germany, and in the NJ National Guard. Hal retired from the service as a colonel, and after retirement, he flew commercial flights for 33 years. Hal attended the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest and sang in the St. Luke's choir. He is survived by his wife Sarah. **Bob Hamme** passed away in May. Bob was a U.S. Navy veteran and worked as an insurance agent at Kling Bros. for 35 years. He was a member of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, MacFarlane's Hunting Camp in Canada, and the Grandview Golf Course. He loved hunting, golf, his dogs, and his cat. In addition to his wife, Bob is survived by his children, Christopher (Mindy Jo), Theodore, Roberta Claire Hamme (Jody), Timothy (Huaping), and Patrick, as well as 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. **Paul Henry** died in March in Charleston, MA. Paul was an ordained Lutheran pastor, serving four congregations in his life. Surviving Paul are his wife of 52 years, Carolyn; his children, Susan (Steven), Thomas (Ellen), and Carol (Bradford); and nine grandchildren. For those of you who missed it, graduation this year was pretty amazing. **Jerry Spinelli** was asked by the students to speak, and he gave an in-depth and personal account of what it takes to be successful. Jerry reminded us that failure is our friend, and without it, we cannot be very different from what we are today. He read several letters he had received from readers in his early years of writing, and they were very telling. They all suggested that Jerry choose another profession as they did not believe he would ever make it as an author. My personal favorite was the reader who wrote, "Mr. Spinelli, you suck." When Jerry read that, the graduates howled in laughter. My granddaughter, Hannah, will be a first-year student in the fall. I was told they are no longer called "freshmen," and because she likes creative writing, Jerry has encouraged her in several emails. My daughter and I took Hannah to hear Jerry speak, and it was very special for her. It is also special for me and my daughter, who was a 1991 graduate, that Hannah has chosen to attend our alma mater. After Jerry spoke, we held a reception for him, and we all enjoyed a delightful afternoon together. Those in attendance were **Brian Bennett**, **Don** and Mary Lea Heydon '64 **Burden**, **Gary** and Edie **Bootay**, **Ron Couchman**, **Jerry Robertson**, **Oz Sanborn**, and **Joe Sharrah**. Ron, thank you for organizing us and setting up such a fun afternoon.

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## '64

In early March, **Jim Hamerstone**, **Tim Parsons**, and **Gary Bashian** attended the 155th anniversary of the Theta Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity at Gettysburg College. Also attending certain functions were President Emerita Janet Morgan Riggs '77 and the executive director of alumni relations, Joe Lynch '85. **Ruth Ehrman "Ernie" Sacco** is a very proud grandma who attended her granddaughter Hayley's graduation from Northwestern U. Ruth recently moved into an Erickson Living's retirement community called Ann's Choice in Warminster, PA. She spends time there and in her FL condo in Bradenton. She and **Lynda Engel Meade** get together for lunch several times a year. Jim Hoke '63 reported the passing of **Jan Hagen-Frederiksen** on Apr. 11. Jan was a high school classmate of Jim at Portersville High School. Jan was born in Koge, Denmark. In 1947, his family emigrated from post-war Europe and settled in Portersville, PA. Following high school, he spent a year in Denmark, where he met his future bride, Lis Boesen. Jan was a German major and was an active member of the campus radio station team. **Donna Gilbert Koerner** reports that she is most admirably still teaching physical fitness classes. **Merle Millhimes**, age 90, was the first married woman to be accepted at Gettysburg College. She entered as a sophomore. Merle was a music teacher and officially retired from middle school, but is still a director of the senior Sentimentalists chorus. News comes of the passing of **Henry Ferree Woltman**. Henry was a resident of Pawleys Island, SC, at the time of his passing. After Gettysburg, Henry went on to Bucknell U to obtain his master's degree. He spent 35 years at the U.S. Census Bureau as a mathematical statistician, serving in various planning, research, and development capacities.

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## '65

### 55<sup>TH</sup> REUNION YEAR

I regret that I included incomplete and incorrect information in a recent column. Here is a better obituary for **Thomas A. Pauls**, who died on Apr. 9, 2018, due to complications of Parkinson's disease and heart failure. He is survived by his spouse, Eleanor Pelta, and their two children, Adam Pelta-Pauls '12 and Maggie Pelta-Pauls. In 1975, Tom earned a PhD in astronomy from NM State U. He subsequently joined the Max Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy in Bonn, Germany. Tom returned to the U.S. in 1986 and

spent the remainder of his career in astronomy and earth sciences research as a civilian employee of the U.S. Department of the Navy in Washington, D.C. *Gettysburg College Magazine*, this alumni magazine, did a cover story on Tom and his career entitled "Journey to the Center of the Galaxy" (Winter 2009). **David Thomson** also died. After two years in the U.S. Army, he returned to G'burg as a resident advisor and assistant dean of students, responsible for men's residential halls, the fraternity system, and the College discipline system. He was an advisor to Phi Sigma Kappa and Alpha Phi Omega. He continued his 40-year career in college student affairs at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Central Ohio Technical College, and the Newark Campus of Ohio State U. His obituary lists a dozen civic responsibilities and personal interests. And, he was a wonderful College Choir manager. **Jeffrey Denner** died of lung cancer in June. He graduated with a degree in physics and mathematics and pursued post-graduate studies at UCLA. He worked as an aerospace engineer at the Martin Company in MD, Hughes Aircraft Company, and the Aerospace Corporation in CA. He is survived by Barbara, his wife of 33 years; by two stepchildren; his daughter and granddaughter; two great-grandsons; and three brothers. **Phil Yost** reminded me that after three years at G'burg, he transferred to Duke for his master's degree in forestry. He kept his successful wrestling career alive there, but only for a while. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service in ID, spent two years in Paraguay with the Peace Corps, taught science in NM for 30 years, married, had two kids, and now houses recent immigrants before they go off to sponsors across the country. I heard from **Charlie Finley**, who left his chemistry major and transferred to Duke after three years. After two years in the U.S. Army, he worked for the VA Forestry Association for 25 years, including 20 as executive director. He retired at age 49, took a year off, then founded Verbatim Editing, which offers editorial help for potential authors and has helped more than 70 books get published. Now he plays the ukulele with a jam group at nursing homes, VA hospitals, and the like. "The irreverent and politically incorrect magazine (he) started 13 years ago, *Appalachian Woodlands*, continues to thrive" and be a thorn in some sides. When **Bob Trullinger** called me and said **Don Main** was coming to town, how could I turn down the dinner invitation? Even better than the food were the memories we shared. Counting spouses, five of us there were alums. Bob was a very successful college administrator, and Don was a longtime bishop in the Lutheran Church. Congratulations to **Barry Shaw**, who was awarded an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree from Elizabethtown College in May. In addition to all he and Barb Wenger '64 have given to our own alma mater, Barry has been highly involved with Elizabethtown as well.

The list of activities and honors throughout the agricultural industry, as well as his deep philanthropy, would fill a page—which they did on the commencement program. **Ed Morgan**, Barry’s once-roommate, has moved back to Charlotte, NC, after a 40-year absence and is now close to his daughter, her husband, and their four children.

**Les Young** wrote a third book: *Devoted to Life: A 365 Day Devotional to Restore America’s Greatness*. He’s committed to engaging pro-life people on the sidelines and providing hope and healing for people wounded by abortion. Look for his book on Amazon! **Jim Todd** still teaches at the UVA and still swims 3 to 4 miles a week. Will he be the fittest alum returning for our next Reunion? **Peter Herslow** is retired but still on the Chatham NJ Emergency Squad. He tried to give up teaching CPR, but couldn’t! He and Nina have been married for more than 53 years and became great-grandparents last year. After some recent health concerns, they enjoy cruising, visiting favorite B&Bs, seeing plays, volunteering, and living life to the fullest! He wishes that same contentment for us all. He’ll be at our next Reunion! **Joe Ritsick** retired from his specialty, physical medicine and rehabilitation, in Denver, CO, and the San Francisco Bay area. He has two sons and three grandchildren, all in Denver. Will he be the classmate traveling the farthest distance next June? Next spring, it’ll be time for our 55th Reunion. Whether or not you have an interesting story to tell, lots of us want to see your face and share what we can. Watch for mailings from **Dave Radin** and me, intended just for you! And, by the way, if you search “Class of 1965” on the Gettysburg College page, you’ll find that 28 of our classmates are listed as missing. Check it out and see what help you can be. This magazine is now reduced to two issues per year. The news you send me will be delayed even longer than is presently the case, but send it along anyway.

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## '66

After graduating from G’burg, **Dave Yates** was commissioned as a U.S. Marine Corps officer. He became a fighter pilot and flew sorties in Vietnam. After the service, he earned his MBA from Harvard Business School and had a successful business career, mostly in the state of MI. Dave is retired and lives with his wife, Elaine, in Beaufort,

SC. Dave played varsity basketball at G’burg, but over the years, he has become an accomplished tennis player. He recently won, along with his playing partner, the SC over-70 doubles championship at Hilton Head against a very formidable field. **Lani Ellinger Lindeman** died on May 18 in Gettysburg. Lani was a Phi Beta Kappa at G’burg and did graduate work at USC and the U of MD. She was employed by G’burg for 35 years where she taught in the departments of English and Interdepartmental Studies. Her husband, Don Lindeman, preceded her in death in 1984. **Fred McNally** died in Feb. in Bethany Beach, DE. A lifelong entrepreneur, he began his sales career in 1966, working for several firms before joining TAB Products in 1973. He moved up the ladder quickly and opened his own TAB franchise in Wilmington, DE, where he worked until his retirement in 2011. Whether traveling the world or being at home in Bethany Beach, Fred loved to be around people and enjoyed great conversation. **Jane Uhlig Lochman** passed away on May 2 in Charlotte, NC. She was predeceased by her husband, Don Lochman ’64. She is survived by two children and four grandchildren. She earned a BA in psychology, completing her course work at G’burg and Temple U. She later received an MS in counseling from SUNY. Jane was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority while at G’burg. Over the course of her life, Jane maintained a counseling practice and served as coordinator of various public counseling programs. A memorial service to celebrate Jane’s life was held on July 12.

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## '67

A number of Class of 1967 Phi Deltas and wives met for a weeklong get-together in Shady Lane, Barbados, Mar. 9-16. **Bill Cannell** and wife Anne, **Scott Higgins** and wife Linda, **Bud Manges** and wife Maxine, **Jay Rockman** and wife Kathy, **Chuck Widger** and wife Barbara, and **Larry Luessen** and wife Lynn spent the week swimming, snorkeling, touring, and, of course, eating, drinking, and reminiscing. After several years as assistant to the athletic director and dean of students at UNC at Chapel Hill and a year traveling abroad, Bill Cannell had an interesting career managing state government relations programs for a major trade association and an international auto company. Bill and his wife, Anne, retired and

moved from northern VA to FL in 2001, where they enjoy golf, travel, genealogy, and staying connected with family, Phi Delt brothers, and friends. Scott Higgins has been married to “beautiful and brilliant” Linda for 34 years, while enjoying three remarkable young adult children. After 25 years on Wall Street, Scott cofounded and runs Veterans Advantage, a terrific program for military veterans. He also just became a director of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation. Scott and Linda live in Greenwich, CT, with no retirement on the horizon! They love traveling, skiing, golf, and spending time with Phis on these great trips. Bud Manges retired as executive director of mental health services after nearly 50 years at a large multistate nonprofit organization headquartered in PA. Bud and his artist wife, Maxine, live in Glen Mills, PA, and have four sons and five grandchildren. Jay Rockman and Kathy have been married since 1970. They have lived and worked in Cleveland, OH, since 1974 and have two great kids, who now have kids of their own. Jay retired last year after 24 years as a senior executive of a small public company that manages parking properties and provides related services. Kathy retired from her dental practice around the same time. Jay runs, plays golf and tennis, travels, and gets to have wonderful times with the Phi Deltas of 1967. After Gettysburg, Chuck Widger served as an officer in the U.S. Navy, graduated from Villanova U’s Charles Widger School of Law, and earned an LL.M. in taxation from Boston U’s School of Law. Chuck practiced tax law for about 10 years, and 32 years ago, founded Brinker Capital, an investment management firm located in Berwyn, PA. While stationed in Charleston, SC, Chuck met and later married his wife Barbara. They had three wonderful children and just celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary. Larry Luessen retired in 2010 after 34 years working for the U.S. Department of the Navy and almost 10 years with BAE Systems and EG&G. Larry and Lynn live in Wintergreen, VA, in the Blue Ridge Mountains, just outside of Charlottesville, VA. Larry plays golf and tennis, takes hikes, and has been involved with local organizations as a volunteer since his retirement. Larry and Lynn will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this Dec. Larry also enjoys the yearly Phi Delt get-togethers, which the Phi Delt Class of 1967 has been doing since our graduation!

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'68

I am pleased to say that several classmates stepped up to the plate and sent news for this issue. Thanks so much, as now I won't have to resort to fiction! **Dennis Corby** wrote that he and his wife, Pat, celebrated their 50th anniversary, as well as the 20th anniversary of their business and their 35th year in southern CA this year. As their business is digitized, they can travel as the business goes with them. They are planning a trip to Israel and Jordan in Nov., and last May, they went on safari in Tanzania. **Steve Wibberley** solved the puzzle of why he wasn't at our 50th Reunion. He was in the hospital with Lyme disease, as well as four other diseases that came from one tick bite. He's now recovered and has just finished his 10th and 11th books (*A Cowboy with Heavenly Wisdom* and *The Add-On Eskimo*). He is now hard at work on two more books, one is a devotional and the other features short biographies of people who live in his hometown of Canterbury, CT. This fall, he and his wife plan to visit their sons and grandchildren in the Middle East and Germany, where both sons are missionaries. Another author is **Ron Reaves**, who wrote *The Rector's New Dawn*. He continues to work as a part-time pastor in Middletown, MD, and is hosting a trip to Ireland in Oct. and an excursion to Alpine Europe and the Oberammergau play next Aug. **Cynthia Johnston Dokmo** from NH, **Linda Lopardo** from FL, and **Joanne Robson** from WI held their own 50th Reunion last Feb. in Titusville, FL, at Linda's home. They watched movies, spent a lot of money shopping, and talked themselves silly. They commented that with their compromised eyesight and hearing, as well as diminished mental capacity, they found themselves to be incredibly beautiful and fascinating. I am sure that is definitely true! In any case, they are planning another gathering just before the deadline for this publication. On a sad note, I need to say that in Mar., my husband Bob died after fighting Parkinson's disease for 27 years. I am rather lonely, so if any of you are near Aiken, SC, please stop by. I have plenty of room.

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 [Gettysburg College Class of 1968](#)

'69

Our 50th Reunion was outstanding! The weather was perfect, the College grounds were beautiful, and everything was wonderfully organized. If you wanted to eat your way through the weekend, you

could have (or drink your way, whatever). But most of us had so much to do and see that we were busy most of the time: Alumni College classes, the Orange and Blue Golf Tournament, our class social, 50th Reunion breakfast, President's Address and Alumni Awards Ceremony (more on those awards later), Alumni Picnic, class picture, class reception, Reunion dinner, and fireworks. And those are just the major events! We were honored to be the last group of Class Reunions to hear remarks from President Emerita Janet Morgan Riggs '77 before her retirement on June 30. And we were delighted to get special attention for some major awards! Congratulations to classmate **Jesse Diner**, who was awarded a 2019 Meritorious Service Award. And congratulations to our class for winning three (yes, three) of the four class awards: the trophy for the largest Annual Fund class gift, the trophy for the Reunion class that most significantly increased its Annual Fund support over the previous year; and the silver cup to the class with the largest percentage of class members attending the Reunion. There was much cheering, clapping, and patting each other's backs at the awards ceremony. It was no time to be modest! We owe a huge "thank you" to our 2019 Reunion Planning Committee for making our 50th such a great success: **Carol Bryson Emrich, Jean Deimler Seibert, Jesse Diner, Francie Erickson Zimmerman, Greg Gibson, Bob Joseph, Tom Kull** (co-chair), **Bill Lindsay, Ken Maskell, Steve Nelson, Henry Nicholson, Fred Schumacher** (co-chair), **Joel Springer, Gail Van Nostrand MacFarland, Fred Vogel, and Barbara Wold Vogel**. On a more somber note, at our Reunion dinner, we recognized our classmates who have died over the years, and there are two more to acknowledge: **David V. Weigel**, who died May 3, and **David W.H. Flack**, who died in April.

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1970

### 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION YEAR

Thanks to all who responded to my complaints that no one sends me information! You guys are the best. I'll start with **Don Broome**, who lives in Chester Springs, PA. There is no way I can do his letter justice—he sent me eight pages of printed material on lined pages from a college-style notebook. Don reminisced about off-campus parties in our first three years of college and a meeting with his former roomie, **John Chittick**. They went to a Groundhog Day party. Then, Don and John had lunch with Dr. **Charles Stuckey**. They had a

"five-hour marathon zigging and zagging down memory lane." Don mentioned that their bartender enjoyed listening to their stories and moved closer to them to listen! Yes, Don, I really enjoyed reading your letter. **Dick Goodlin** also wrote. He is retired, having been a pastor, and is now a tax preparer. Dick lives in Columbia, MD, and has three grown children and seven grandchildren between the ages of 5 and 21, two of which live with him—a 5-year-old and a 16-year-old. For the past two years, he's been a site manager for the IRS VITA program. IRS VITA is a nationwide program that provides free tax preparation for senior citizens with little or no pensions. **Elisabeth Hoffman Chomko** also wrote. She has lived in Canada since 1976, where she teaches at the Toronto Waldorf School. She and her husband live in a retirement community near the school. They have three children. Elisabeth said she often visits her 99-year-old mother in Gettysburg. In recent years, she's exchanged letters with **Rev. John Vannorsdall**. He and his wife live in a retirement community so that they can be near their kids. **Andy Mickleley** also wrote. He said he can divide his work-life career into three segments: his career in education as a professor of neuroscience and psychology, assisting young neuroscientists in research, and reporting their scientific work. A few years ago, he and his wife Jackie moved to Spartanburg, SC, to be close to their daughter, who had just received an appointment as assistant professor at Wofford College. Andy and Jackie have a 1-year-old granddaughter. Andy is also teaching at Wofford College and nearby Furman U. He gets together with a group of friends to fly fish. He says he's living the dream! I'm sad to report the passing of **Paula Kaftal Houseworth**. She passed away on June 18 in Montgomery County, TN. Paula was a biology major at Gettysburg and later received an MA in biology from San Francisco State U in 1988. Paula's career included teaching and later cattle farming. She leaves behind her husband, Ron '69, three children, and 11 grandchildren. Thanks so much, again, to all who wrote!

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 [Gettysburg College Class of 1970](#)

'71

Well, I thought the last two newsy class notes would encourage more information sharing from more people, but I am disappointed my Class of '71 peeps! Where are you? If this column allowed emojis, you would not see any smiley faces from me. You would from **Mary Groce** who wrote to share that she hung up her harp and now concentrates on her

researching, writing, and speaking. Mary discovered that her great uncle, Emory Conrad Malick, was the first licensed African-American aviator, as well as the first pilot to fly an engine-powered “aeroplane” over central PA. Mary wrote three children’s books available on Amazon, two of which are about her Uncle Emory, and she was recently awarded a fellowship from the Smithsonian Institution’s National Air and Space Museum to facilitate the completion of Great Uncle Emory’s biography. Mary and her partner also keep busy within the Philly LGBTQ community by serving on the elder advisory committee to the Mayor’s Commission on LGBT Affairs. Find out more at EmoryConradMalick.com. I also had a quick note from **Wayne Cotter**, along with a picture denoting the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Woodstock—50! Can you believe it? The photo shows Wayne, his sweetie, **Sue Olson Cotter**, and **Karen Weber Gregson** on their recent trip to the Woodstock Bar and Grill in High Line Park, New York City! I know there are many more classmates who attended Woodstock—**Lois Coulter Kelberman** and I were among them. Celebrate any way one can, I always say! If you missed the monthly Bullet Points email, **Pat Henry** has retired after her distinguished 40-year career as senior associate director of athletics at Harvard U, where she oversaw programming of the largest Division I varsity athletics program in the nation—serving 1,200 student-athletes and 42 varsity teams. You can watch a great YouTube video called “A Look Back with Pat Henry.” Please send me some notes for our class column about your celebrations, commemorations, commiserations, and any general hullabaloo in which you are participating!

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**f Gettysburg College Class of 1971**

'72

**Patty Mack Groer** writes that she joined **Stu Lippsett** and his wife, Ronni, on a grand adventure in Peru and Ecuador. The trip included exploring the Inca ruins in Machu Picchu. Then, they went on to Ecuador and a cruise on the Silver Galapagos from San Cristobal to Baltra, all the while hiking, snorkeling, kayaking, and Zodiac cruising through spectacular scenery and exotic wildlife. Our college connections continue through the years. We weave

the people we meet at college into the fabric of our lives. Lori Kono Clapp '73 was very kind to share with me some difficult news. We lost one of those cherished fabrics of our lives this June, **Dudley Clapp**. He passed away peacefully in hospice after a difficult surgery that his system was not able to tolerate. After Gettysburg, Dudley got his law degree at Stetson U College of Law. Then, he served his country in the U.S. Army Reserves as a Major (Ret.) and as a public defender for the State of FL for 34 years. He especially enjoyed a commitment to community service. In addition to Lori, Dudley is survived by his daughter Alana, his two brothers, a sister, and many nieces and nephews. As I remember Dudley, some of Lori’s words about what he liked to do seem to capture a piece of his essence: “He loved supporting the College—visiting three or more times a year, renewing memories and friendships, visiting the battlefield, and eating chili dogs at Ernie’s (aka Texas Charlie’s).” He will be missed.

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Dear classmates. Happy 46th Reunion Year! As I write this column, I am celebrating two years as a brain aneurysm survivor. Since that time, I have been speaking nationally on behalf of the Brain Aneurysm Foundation to promote awareness and advocate funding for medical research. One in 50 people suffer a brain aneurysm, which is treatable and beatable. I welcome contact from anyone who wishes to receive more information about the risks and treatment of a brain aneurysm. Meanwhile, my wife, Noel (who continues to practice as a psychotherapist), and I live in Plymouth, MA. Our daughter, Lindsay, continues to meet the challenges of her bipolar disorder, and her twin sister, Courtney, is now a vice principal at a local elementary school. Our son, Franklin, is an associate attorney in my law firm as I continue to be active as an attorney and an elected town official. Please send your personal updates and any classmate news for publication in a future column.

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**Ritchie Shydner**’s talk on “The History of Stand-Up Comedy: America’s Reflection in the Fun House Mirror” was definitely a highlight of our 45th Reunion Weekend in early June. Never disappointing, Ritchie entertained and informed the large crowd that filled the auditorium of Breidenbaugh Hall to hear him speak. Due to popular demand, he recounted his hilarious “flagpole” story once again—a story told many times since our years as students on campus.

**Alison Raab Ruth, Lisa Rohrbach Nelson, Judy Aeckerle Cunningham**, and Judy’s husband, Michael, participated in an evening tour of the campus to learn about the College’s involvement in the Battle of Gettysburg. Led by the very capable guide, John Rudy '07, they walked from the Admissions Office and Stevens Hall to Stine Lake and Pennsylvania Hall, which housed Confederate wounded. The fascinating tour taught them what really happened on our campus during the three-day battle and its aftermath. A basketball game, played early Saturday morning in Plank Gym, was a highlight of the Reunion Weekend for **Bill Heyman, Scott Kintzing, Jeff Cook, Steve Bilsky, Mike Wicks, Ed Vonderschmidt, Brad Snyder, and Paul Nix**. **Ray Owen** performed on the steps of the old White House. **Becky Edmiston Tomasic**, a veterinarian from Santa Fe, NM, attended the Reunion—her first in 45 years! **Jessie Hoffman Long** enjoyed spending time with **Sandy James Smart** and **Tom Smart** during the Reunion. The Longs and the Smarts are retired. Each couple enjoys traveling and spending time with their two daughters and their families. Jessie serves on the boards of their local school foundation and historical society. Bill Heyman and his wife, Doreen, enjoyed a trip to Amsterdam and London, where they saw his beloved Yankees play the Red Sox, and they visited Wimbledon. **Debbie Clapp** continues as a practicing pediatrician in Falls Church, VA. I enjoyed receiving a photo from a good friend of mine who grew up with **Karen Abel Smith** in NJ. Karen spends most of her time at her home in The Villages in FL. I’m sorry to report the death of **Bruce Ian MacKinnon** of Marlborough, CT, on May 11. After graduation, Bruce earned a master’s degree in entomology from Rutgers U. Bruce worked in biomedical research for most of his career and most recently worked with his wife in a house call veterinary practice. The planning committee and those who attended the Reunion this year all agree that our 50th Reunion in 2024 will be a great time to gather in Gettysburg. Let’s keep early June 2024 in mind so we can have the best 50th Gettysburg Reunion ever!

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**Jeff and Legene Wert White** spent the 2018–2019 academic year in Eugene, OR, where Jeff was on sabbatical at the U of OR. While there, they enjoyed exploring the wonders of the Pacific Northwest. The highlight was cementing their friendship with **Jackie McLohne Mikalonis**. Jackie and Jeff were study buddies in many classes at G'burg as biology majors. Jackie and her husband, Steve Loges, have lived in Eugene for 30 plus years and helped introduce Jeff and Legene to Eugene, the U of OR Ducks men's and women's basketball, and all the wonders of the state of OR. Before the school year started, Legene and Jeff went on a two-week safari in Tanzania. They included a stay at a research tent camp established by Mary and Louis Leakey in Olduvai Gorge, eastern Serengeti Plain. **Chuck Langerman** enjoys retired life after many years of teaching high school math in southern NJ. **Ed "Woody" Ryder** welcomed his first grandchild on D-Day—John Dominic, son of Kristina and Edwin Cardenas. **Stan Schoonover** was inducted into the VA Band & Orchestra Directors Hall of Fame in Nov. 2018. **Richard Scheff**, Philadelphia-based partner and leader-eastern U.S. at Armstrong Teasdale LLP, was selected as one of the *Philadelphia Inquirer's* 2019 Influencers of Law. He was selected by *Inquirer* readers and evaluated by an expert panel of judges who recognized his role in shaping and transforming the legal industry. Rich is a nationally recognized trial lawyer and corporate advisor. His practice primarily involves government and corporate investigations with a particular focus on the pharmaceutical, medical

device, and financial services industries. Thanks for all the news! My husband, Joe, and I had our first snowbird experience this past winter. We spent two months in Vero Beach, FL. We loved it so much we've planned another FL adventure for next year. Enjoy wherever life takes you!

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Thanks to **Erica Fischer-Anello**, who carried the torch for the Class of '78 and wrote to me with some news! Erica shared the news of the one-year anniversary of her organ donation. About 15 years ago, her husband, Nick, was diagnosed with kidney disease. The disease progressed, and in the winter of 2017, he was told that he would need a kidney transplant as he only had 7 percent kidney function and would have to go on dialysis very soon. He was feeling sick all the time as the kidneys were not performing or filtering waste properly. They were also told that there is a four-year waiting period to receive a cadaver kidney and that it would obviously be in their best interest to find a living donor. Erica immediately offered to be the donor and was sent to the third floor of the U of Miami/Jackson Memorial Kidney Transplant Institute to begin what would turn out to be 11 months of testing. At 61, she was "no spring chicken" (her words, not mine) and almost at the cutoff age to donate. She was finally approved as his donor due to being a perfect blood and tissue match. On June 14, 2018, both went in for surgery, and Nick is now in possession of her left kidney. He's back to working and walking every day, and Erica is back to her old crazy active self—working, spinning, cycling, and running. She is sharing her story in order to highlight organ donation and its importance to people. Agreed! As a side note, Erica also wrote that she has worked for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for almost 13 years as an aviation security inspector at Miami International Airport. This accomplishment is after she retired from the former Northwest Airlines, now Delta Airlines, in 2006 after 28 years of service at various airports. I promise to be nice to the TSA now when they confiscate the mousse in my carry-on bag, Erica. Erica and her hubby and kidney twin, Nick, live in Pompano Beach, FL, and have a 23-year-old daughter, Elise, who chose to be a Gator and not a Bullet. How dare she? Elise is a recent grad of U of FL. Erica recently saw **Alison and Paul Neu**, who just welcomed their first grandchild. I also heard from **Terry O'Neill**, who retired from county educational work in 2010. For the last two

years, he has been a caretaker for an 86-year-old gentleman who lives nearby. Terry finds this responsibility to be a relaxing job, but because the gentleman doesn't hear or see too well (we're all headed there ourselves, Terry), carrying on conversations can be alternately amusing or frustrating. He has learned to steer him away from two subjects—guns and civil rights. In keeping with Terry's unique sense of humor, he also said that they clip coupons and catch up on the *Inquirer*. That must mean that they live outside of Philly. God bless you, Terry, for having the patience! That's all folks.

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Our 40th Reunion was very well attended, and the weather was glorious. **Anne Hanley Casillo** and her committee did a terrific job getting folks out for it. Congratulations to **Connie Peterman Dunlop** and **Rodd Ruland**, the only two members of our class who donated to the College every year since graduation! At Saturday's program, **Lynn Scillieri Holuba** was presented with a Meritorious Service Award for serving on the Board of Trustees and the Sunderman Conservatory Oversight Board, and serving as a longtime northern NJ alumni club member and chair of our 10th and 25th Reunion committees. **Jack Duffy** completed his term on the Alumni Association Board, having served nine years. He also had the rare privilege of climbing into the PA Hall cupola to hang our class banner for Reunion Weekend. **Mary Miller-Zurell** had a two-week adventure in AK, one of her favorite places, kayaking, bushwhacking, snorkeling, etc. Pastor of two small churches in Conover, NC, and living in a log house with her rescue German shepherd, Mary keeps busy designing paraments, banners, and stoles, and writing hymns for local use. **Jim Brown** lives in Lansdale, PA, with his wife Corinne. For over 10 years, they have been owners of EZENERGY, a solar and renewable energy installation company. Recently, they visited the Barnes Museum and other parts of Philadelphia with **Phil Martini**, **Andy Parker**, and friends and wives. Some AXP guys (old crows) got together at G'burg the first week of May for pre-Reunion golf and activities. **Lori Brucker Stevens** won \$500 toward a future bicycle trip in a BikeTours.com photo contest. Her photo entitled *Serenity* won the People's Choice Award. It depicted a peaceful bike ride through the countryside of Italy.

While **Caroline Allen** sat on a beachside lounge chair with a good book and a rum punch, **John Skrabak** and their daughter, Annie, completed their scuba certification at Grand Cayman. **Cindy Smilak Clark**, now retired, has become actively involved in her township's historical resources committee. Husband Mark Clark '78 continues to work and travel for Guidewire Software. Their daughter, Alaina, is passionate about animals and works for the local SPCA. Their son, Greg, graduated from NYU School of Medicine in May and began his residency in radiology in July. Earlier this year, The Hodges Partnership, a public relations agency of which **Josh Dare** is a principal, took home the HYPE Icon Young Professional award in the small business category presented by the Richmond, VA, Chamber. Gary '80 and **Cathy Knight Ostermueller** just returned from a family cruise in AK. Although Cathy was sad to miss the Reunion, she and Gary spent their 35th wedding anniversary in Gettysburg four years ago and really enjoyed the trip down memory lane. They hope to attend Gary's Reunion in 2020. Happily, Don and I ran into **Brad Palmer** and his wife, Lucy, and **Deanna Doris Fryle**, **Craig Fryle**, and **Jeff Ramsdell** in from Seattle. Sadly, we lost two members of our class in the past year, **Barbaranne Broderick Humbert** and **Gerald Dyer**.

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## 1980

### 40<sup>TH</sup> REUNION YEAR

Many thanks to **Joe Sacchi** for his service as our class correspondent! We appreciated your notes and hope you will enjoy just contributing again! Joe Lynch '85 of the alumni office notified me that I am back as our correspondent. I was excited until I learned the deadline was four days away, so here is what I know from hastily reading responses to emails, a phone call with Brian, and a brief glance at Facebook. **Elizabeth Easton Loughran** (husband Robert) toured Jardin des Plantes in Paris, France, in July. Following the May college graduations of their twins, **Scott** and **Nancy Jewell Erickson** attended our 39th Reunion at G'burg. Speaking of G'burg, **Robbie** and **Candace Connors Vorhaus** are the proud parents of a new G'burg alum!

Molly Vorhaus '19 graduated with honors and cum laude in May. Candace owns Candace Vorhaus C3D Feng Shui. She is also a yoga teacher, Feng Shui teacher, Reiki II practitioner, interior designer, mom, cook, writer, and wife. Last summer, she vacationed at Sag Harbor with **Karen Zeller Pace** and **Mary Fitzgerald**. I also saw on Facebook that Mary is the senior associate editor at *Cottages & Gardens*; a contributing writer at *Wilton Magazine*; a freelance writer, editor, and designer; and a realtor at William Raveis Real Estate. **Debbie Schaffer** is involved with interior design, Feng Shui, sacred space, and energy healing. She is a creative soul at Enchanted Botanicals and a sacred arts teacher at the Feathered Nest. I received responses from **Michele Janowski Drummond**, who moved to Whispering Pines, NC, where she teaches gifted kids in elementary school K-5. Her husband, Jeff '79, enjoys retirement while Michele has chosen to continue working—she loves teaching. They have a house on a lake but spend a lot of time at their cabin in the mountains with their daughter and her husband. Gene and **M'Liz Scotton Reichers** are about to become empty nesters! Their youngest son, Will, is about to start his freshman year at Villanova, and his sister, Katy, will be a junior at George Mason. Their eldest daughter, Meg, is married, as is Gene's son, Mike, who has provided them with the joy of two grandchildren. **Jeffrey Shultz** attended the annual Theta Chi reunion June 7–9. It was a smaller group this year due to conflicting calendars and possibly a longer commute as the reunion moved from MD to Sherri and **Bob Fuoco's** home in Palmetto Bluff, SC. Attendees included **Scott McArthur**, Rick Robb '78, Mike Burrows '79, Dave Petry '79, and Thomas "Vinnie" Vignola '79. **Phil Janke** and wife, Bonnie, missed the Reunion due to an overlapping trip to Scotland. We have a newlywed! **Brian Remy** has remarried. He met the very lovely Cindy Miller in 2018, and six months later, on Nov. 24, 2018, they had a wonderful wedding with all of their children participating as attendants in their ceremony. Watching *Jeopardy* recently is what triggered my interest in returning to this post. Seeing Ryan Bilger '19 win more than \$100,000 reminded me of **Cynthia Ventriglia** winning *The \$100,000 Pyramid* years ago! Memory lane turned into my wondering where you are, how you are doing, and what you have been doing, etc. Here I am, and I am looking forward to hearing from you! Call, text, email, or send snail mail. I have a Facebook page, but I only occasionally check it. If contacting via Facebook, please use the message box in the upper right, or I will miss seeing your post. Reminder: **Claudia Bard Veitch** and

**Peter Carlson** are our 40th Reunion chairs and would love your help!

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## '81

There have been lots of 60th birthday celebrations recently. **Jill Gerner-Pistroy** joined **Charlene Pises Lacey** at the SoJo Spa Club in Edgewater, NJ, to celebrate Charlene's birthday and later met up with **Ellen McKnight**. Two weeks before, these busy women also celebrated all the special birthdays, thanks to **Margaret Selby**, at the very beautiful Blue Hill at Stone Barns in Tarrytown, NY. Maggie, Jill, Ellen, and Charlene were joined by **Amy Millsop Poe**, **Elizabeth Easton Loughran**, **Leslie Moraller Clark**, and Susan Selby Ciambra '83. It sounds like this was a terrific way to celebrate. **Linda Luttrell Hayden** still lives in NH and celebrated 10 years of being cancer free in Aug. Linda works as a fitness instructor and doesn't seem to let anything slow her down. Despite a fractured femur, Linda still managed to teach her spin classes from a wheelchair. You go, girl! Linda will be traveling to FL this fall to visit her son, who recently transferred from UNH to Flagler College. I heard from **Chris Jentsch**, who is living in Brooklyn, NY. Chris claims turning 60 was brutal, but he got over it. He wants to let classmates know that he just completed a major overhaul of his website, which features his music and videos. From the website, I learned that Chris works as a composer, band leader, and guitarist, working primarily in jazz and contemporary improvisational forms. Check out [www.ChrisJentsch.com](http://www.ChrisJentsch.com). It is great to be writing this column again. Remember, we have a Class of '81 Facebook page. I would love to hear from you. Also, I am now able to add pictures to our class column, so feel free to email any good photos you get, especially if they show a gathering of our classmates.

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'82

Hello! Another column—another plea to send me some info, #begging, and a shoutout to my loyal contributors. You know who you are, LWT and PG! In the meantime, here are brief updates! In career news, last year **Joe Martini** joined the defense and litigation law firm of Spears Manning & Martini LLC as a named partner. A fellow in the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers, Joe has spent the past 30 years representing corporate executives, government officials, major national and international public companies, prominent privately held entities, and individuals in sophisticated criminal and civil matters involving the U.S. Department of Justice, Offices of the United States Attorneys throughout the country, the CT State's Attorney and Attorney General, and the Securities and Exchange Commission, among other regulators. Well done, Joe! This past spring saw the wedding of **Kevin** and **Sharon Grzelecki Smith's** daughter, Emily, in Newport, RI. Guests on the special day included Debbie Grzelecki Rooney '85 and Jeff '81 and **Maureen Martin Hager**. Kathy and **Frankie Nieves's** son, Francisco, became a G'burg alum as a member of the Class of 2019. As always, this year's Orange & Blue golf tournament, held during Reunion Weekend, brought many classmates back to campus. Among them were **Pete Gambee**, **Lawrence Cuneo**, and **Rick Cole**, who teamed up with Chris O'Brien '83. Meanwhile, Chi O hit Ocean City, NJ, this past summer, bringing together **Karen Spellman Cachion**, **Brenda Brodt**, **Sue Britton Cannon**, **Kristin Jones Shields**, **Linda Weaver Towe**, and **Kim Hollander Shrader**. Other partners in crime included Barb Spillane '81, Al Shrader '81, Bob Britton '81, Carol Daly Cantele '83, and Mike Cantele '88. There's no place like the shore for a G'burg get-together! Speaking of keeping in touch, I'll end with a class notes homage to Nike: just do it! Send me a quick note about recent travel, family news, biz changes, retirements, alumni gatherings, volunteer work, relocations, etc. Drop me a line via email or find me in our Facebook group: search Gettysburg College Class of 1982. You can also send me class notes using the "share news" feature in the alumni section of the College's website: [www.gettysburg.edu/alumni](http://www.gettysburg.edu/alumni). With these many options, it should be easy—right? Until next time, friends. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Hi, classmates. I hope you all enjoyed the summer. It's July 12 as I write this and am getting ready for a vacation in Long Beach Island, NJ, with my family. How great it was to hear from Karl Knade '85, who left school after our sophomore year for a year-and-a-half to play in a band full time, but came back to graduate. Karl sent a nice email after reading about **Jim Dzamba's** passing. Karl married Susan Halliwell '86. After some time in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Annapolis, he now lives in Easton, MD, where he's been for the last 16 years. Karl says life on the Eastern Shore is good; it's a nice place to raise a family and a great place to retire (in a few years). The last time Karl saw Jim was at an Elvis Costello concert at Asbury Park, NJ, in the summer of 1982. It's funny how seeing or reading about certain people bring back specific memories. Elvis performed at the Majestic Theater this summer. That theater—and Gettysburg in general—has certainly come a long way since we graduated! I only played intramural softball and a lot of frisbee while at Gettysburg. That's probably why I have such admiration for our athletic classmates, like **Martha Cave**. Martha enjoyed playing in the 2019 alumni basketball game representing the '80s along with Cindy Palinski '86. She still plays basketball regularly, and her team won the gold medal in the NJ Senior Olympics three on three! Skiing, tennis, hiking, and traveling are also Martha's favorite pastimes when she's not at her frame shop, which will celebrate its 80th anniversary in 2020. Way to go, Martha! Lastly, my dear friend **Susan Selby Ciambra** began working at Google this year. Sue accepted an offer to be the key account executive at Google Cloud for Goldman Sachs globally. Wow. Sue has always been a strong achiever. To get a job like this, and at this stage in life, is phenomenal and inspiring. Sue, her terrific husband, Eric, and two sons, Charlie and Jacques, are enjoying some downtime in their East Hampton home this summer. Charlie is going to a camp at our alma mater this summer. I hope he loves it. That's it for this edition. Please send a quick note when you can. I'd be grateful!

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Wow! The 35th Reunion is now a part of history and legacy for our Class of 1984. By the looks of the Facebook posts, a good time was had by all! Someone needs to write more details about the weekend and let us know what went on. Since the spring issue, we heard that **Glen Holt**, 57 years young, died tragically in an accident in Goshen, NY, on Mar. 19. Glen was born Nov. 21, 1961, in Smithtown, NY, the son of the late Edward Alan Holt and Nadine K. Neal. Glen attended Gettysburg College, where he received a bachelor's degree, and later went on to further his education at Alfred U., where he received a master's degree. He retired from the U.S. Department of Labor as a rural services laborer representative. He was also a 10-year member of the Cataract Engine and Hose Co., Goshen, NY. Glen was an avid hiker and bike rider. He loved nature, country and bluegrass music, and was a history buff. Through his work, he developed a deep connection to the local farming community in the Black Dirt. Through the years, he often refereed soccer games, coached, and volunteered for a variety of activities around the area. Surviving him are his children, Derek Holt and Kierstin Holt, both of Goshen; his mother, Nadine Epple, and her husband, Wesley, of Rochester, NY; his brother, Wayne Holt, of Rochester, NY; his sister, Diana Latorre, and her husband, Joseph of Honeoye Falls, NY; and many nieces and nephews. Our sympathies to Glen's family. A funeral was held in Goshen at the end of March. Please take some time to forward me what's going on with you and yours! Best of everything to you all, Class of 1984!

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### 35<sup>TH</sup> REUNION YEAR

As I write this, we are in the midst of a long summer heat wave. Hopefully, it's cooled off by now. **Loice Swisher**, MD, works in emergency medicine at Mercy Fitzgerald and Mercy Philadelphia hospitals. She recently received a national award from the American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM). The AAEM James Keaney Award is named after the founder of AAEM and recognizes a member who has made outstanding contributions to the organization. Of the 18 award recipients, only two were women, and Dr. Swisher is only the third woman ever to receive this award! She was recognized at the AAEM 25th Annual

Scientific Assembly on Mar. 9 in Las Vegas. Congratulations to Dr. Swisher! I heard from Kyra Rooney, the daughter of **Deborah Grzelecki** and **John Rooney**, with a great story about her mother. They live in New Canaan, CT. The past couple of years have been difficult since Deborah was diagnosed with primary progressive aphasia, a form of dementia that disables one's communication and language skills. However, art has offered her a therapy and great escape from the diagnosis. A group of New Canaan residents worked very hard to put together an art exhibit showing her work this past spring. If you are in the area, keep your eyes open. You may see some of her work around town. Our class is still very active. **Rich VanAntwerp** continues his quest to ski all 12 months of the year. At latest count, he made it nine straight months of skiing as of June. **Alex Flick** of Baltimore joined him for some skiing in Feb. at Keystone, and he joined **Bill Collins** at Yellowstone Club in MT this past winter. **Tim Bright** of CA picked up the hiking bug from Rich and joins him occasionally for some of the major hikes he has been doing. I'm sad that I won't run into Tim when he is in Richmond since his daughter graduated this past spring with major honors from the Jepson School of Leadership Studies at the U of Richmond. **Steve Parker** is an avid biker and traveled 450 miles across IA during RAGBRAI, which is a weeklong event where people camp along the way in people's front yards. My husband and I are training for a weeklong bike trip to Tuscany this fall and are playing on too many USTA tennis teams. We have a big Reunion coming up in 2020, so be sure to save the date—the week after Memorial Day. Stay tuned for more information. **Kitty Baker**, **Bill Collins**, and I would love help with our Reunion committee, so let us know if you want to join us. Keep the news coming. I know you want to hear about what everyone is doing, but I need news from you to pass along to others.

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Hello! There's lots of exciting news to share, so I'll get to it! I was happy to hear from **Dan Cicala**, who provided me with numerous updates. For the last three years, **Doug Contri**, **Dan Woolley**, **Glenn Whitney**, and Dan Cicala have ventured to Boulder, CO, for

a long weekend of friendship, hiking, and reflecting. See the photo of them from this year in the Rockies on page 58! Doug Contri has long been married to **Pam Jenkin**. They have two daughters—Olivia at Hollins U and Rachel at Roanoke College. Pam works in their local school district, and Dr. Contri recently retired as a psychologist at the federal maximum security prison in Lewisburg, PA. He now works in the court system and is writing a book on the penal system. **Glenn Whitney** is a father of three: two high school seniors, twins, Charlotte and Max, and Oscar (22), who started a PhD in cellular biology at UC Berkeley. After 27 years abroad in Mexico, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and France, Glenn settled in Boulder, CO. He has two master's degrees in psychology and is a leadership and management advisor to professional sports coaches. Dan Woolley has been married since 1988 to Sherry Shelby '88. They have five children between them—Andy (a financial planner), Steven (Green Beret), Jenny (a senior at Messiah College), and high school students David and Matthew. They are likewise devoted to their extended family consisting of Caroline, Morgan, and Jackson. Dan is active in his community and church, and he is the general manager at Hillyard Inc. As for Dan Cicala, he and Heidi Spera '88 have three boys. Gabriel will be a sophomore at High Point U. Christopher will graduate from Villanova U this fall, and Cole graduated with honors from the U of Dallas and now attends Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Dan has led Fidevia, a construction management and law consulting firm, for the past 16 years. **Lori Antonetti** wrote to update us on **David Antonetti**, PhD, who was installed in April as the Roger W. Kittendorf Research Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the U of MI Kellogg Eye Center. Congratulations, David! Finally, on June 22, I married Scott Schulte in a beautiful ceremony at Keeler Tavern in Ridgefield, CT. Scott moved to CT from IA, and we live in Ridgefield, CT. I now have three "bonus" sons, in addition to my two grown children, Olivia and Dane. If getting married wasn't enough, I changed jobs and joined Lovesac Furniture in May as a senior people manager, managing employee relations, compliance, and training for this quickly growing national retail organization headquartered in Stamford, CT. Until next time, Class of '86!

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**Kathleen Hesser Skrzypczak** participated in a Spoken Word event in NYC called "Women at a Crossroads." All of the stories told of a time they faced an obstacle or adversity and the way they overcame it. The producer of the show is making it into a podcast, and Kathleen's story will be part of it.

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I hope this column finds you well and off to a great start this fall! I had the pleasure of seeing many classmates at our Reunion this spring. It was a wonderful weekend, and we had record attendance. **Kevin Smith**, the chair of our Reunion committee, announced the attendance as 100+, but we all had such a great time at dinner that I don't remember the exact number. I wanted to give a shoutout to the Reunion committee. They worked hard to make this a special weekend, and it was a huge success! Thank you to Kevin Smith and **Steve Ruth** (co-chairs), along with **Robert C. Allen II**, **Daniel Brown**, **Kathy MacPhail Cheek**, **Jennifer Coles Fest**, **Quenby Jackson Mott**, **Rev. Brian McClinton**, **Susan Smolko Rhoades**, **Suzanne E. Simon**, **Gary Vogel**, and **Glen Walker**. I'm sure there were many others involved with class gifts, etc. We appreciate all your hard work. I can't wait for the 35th! We started Friday night dancing at FIJI, after our party at the White House. The floors weren't as sticky, but most importantly, what happened to the benches along the wall in the basement? We had no place to stand, dance, and spot people across the room and holler. **Charlie Johnson**, **Pete Kotz**, **Jeff Landes**, **Greg Morvillo**, **Erica Hauver**, my husband

Ken Lovett '90, and I stayed at a bed-and-breakfast outside of town. We had a hilarious time reminiscing and listening to '80s music. **Nicole Huckerby** and **Ina Fernandez** joined us there for happy hour, and it was fun to catch up with them as well. The downside—I received no emails from anyone with other updates for this column. It is with the deepest sadness that I report the passing of Dr. **Charles Christopher “Chris” Lawley**, who passed away on May 14. Chris was a double major in biology and economics at Gettysburg, as well as a star tennis player. He attended UNC Adams School of Dentistry, where he was a Hinman Scholar. He graduated in 1994 and attended the Georgetown U hospital residency program for four additional years to earn a specialty in oral and maxillofacial surgery. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Chris's wife, Cheryl Hearn Lawley; their children, Ashton and Alex; and their entire family. Rest in peace, Chris. **Chris Weyant**, along with author Anna Kang, was honored with a Christopher Award for the children's book *Eraser*. Their work was one of 11 books for adults and young people that was recognized on May 23 at the 70th Annual Christopher Awards in NY. Chris is a cartoonist for *The New Yorker* and *Boston Globe*, and in 2016, he was named a Nieman Fellow for Journalism at Harvard. Congratulations, Chris! That's all the news I have. I hope you all have a healthy, happy, and safe fall and winter.

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## 1990

### 30<sup>TH</sup> REUNION YEAR

Hello, fellow classmates! We had a great time on campus for my husband Tim Mikuta's '89 30th Reunion, and we managed to see a ton of old friends, all Class of '89. Shout out to the Reunion committee, with master of ceremonies—and our old Rice Hall RA Kevin Smith '89, for doing a fantastic job. We had a great time catching up with John '89 and Holly Thomas Finegan '89, Chris Broking '89 and his wife, Janine, and Mike '89 and Nancy Evans Pitt '89. It was fun laughing with Jennifer Heinrich Brown '89; Rebecca Leigh '89, who traveled from CA; Dede Clapp Koehler '89; Linda Berardino Van Deusen '89, whose son will be a sophomore at Auburn U; Jillian Sorger Molee '89, who just moved with her family from Cary, NC, back home to Sea Girt, NJ; Sarah Dunn Stiles '89, who still loves living in Spain; and Karlyn Voss Anderson '89.

I should leave the rest to your Class of '89 correspondent! Let's start drumming up enthusiasm now to get everyone planning for our 30th next May; we will definitely be driving up from NC again. At the Reunion, I chatted a bit with **Karen Wright Bright**, whose husband, Chris, was Class of '89. Karen recently enjoyed hosting her friends' annual ladies' weekend at the Brights' home in Charlotte, NC. Enjoying a long weekend together were **Kelly Page** (from Los Angeles), **Becky Wold Herberger** (from Pittsburgh), and **Tabby Hendershot** (from Arlington, VA). They spent the weekend in Charlotte shopping, eating, and reminiscing. Sounds fun! Here at Carolina Beach in NC, we've had quite a few visitors. In May, we hosted **Jim O'Donnell**, his wife, Amanda, and their kids, Molly and Patrick, who wouldn't leave the ocean. They reside in Chapel Hill, NC. In early June, **Tracy Baker Johnson** and her husband, Jonathan, drove down from Bethany Beach, DE, to visit us for a weekend of surf fishing, good seafood, and catching up. After 29 long years in human resources, Tracy retired from the corporate world to make Bethany her permanent home. Good for you, Tracy, and a well-earned move! Tracy and her husband often see **Laura-Lynn Hilbert Renner** and her husband, Phil. They have a house in nearby Rehoboth. Tracy and **Sarah Wendt** recently visited with **Becca Link** at her place in St. Simons Island, GA—lots of fun get-togethers all around. There was a very large reunion of SAE brothers and friends in the Spring Lake and Lavallette area of the Jersey Shore this past June. The group began with golf in Manasquan and rounded out the weekend with lots of celebrating, laughing, reminiscing, food, and booze. See the picture **Dave Siffringer** sent to me on page 58, as the guest list included the following fine gentlemen: Dave Siffringer, **Mike Brady**, **Rich Dragotta**, **Mark Favieri**, **Chuck Falcone**, **Larry Hamacher**, **Ed Gallagher**, **Matt Johnson**, **Nick Morano**, **Joe Luzi**, **Jim Shinske**, and **Sam Simons**. No doubt, a good time was had by all that weekend! Keep the great news coming, everyone.

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**Tom Moore** started a new job in July 2018. After a dozen years in the Merrill Lynch / U.S. Trust organization, he joined the Endowments and Foundations team at Glenmede Trust Company,

in Center City Philadelphia, PA, as a Relationship Manager. He is loving it! I'm living in Langhorne, PA, with my husband, Steven Schimchak, and a new addition to the family, a challenging but adorable French Bulldog named Kevin Quigley.

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## '92

I hope you all had a fantastic summer! Some exciting news came from **Greg Hoy**, who sold his company, Happy Cog, in Nov. 2018. They designed and built the new and fabulous Gettysburg College website. Not one to sit still for too long, Greg is now the brand development director for an Austin, TX, brand studio called Helms Workshop. Helms works in beer, spirits, barbecue, consumer packaged goods, restaurants, bars, hospitality, and outdoor products, among other things. It sounds like a pretty perfect fit! Greg works from home in Swarthmore, PA, but travels to Austin often. Thanks to **Collin Henderson**, who shared his family's remarkable journey. Seven years ago, his wife, Leah, was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease, stage three. In the summer of 2017, her disease progressed to stage five, and the intervention plan was to pursue a living donor transplant. Collin had always planned to be Leah's donor, but unfortunately, he was not a direct match. They tested other prospective donors and continued to strike out with direct living donors. They even discussed pursuing a kidney swap, where they would each be matched with others to complete a transplant. On July 10, Houston Methodist matched them in a three-way swap with a total of six people, and the transplants were performed where Collin was operated on to give a kidney to a young lady named Deborah, whose cousin Debra was operated on to give a kidney to an older man named Bob, whose daughter Shannon was operated on last to give Leah a kidney. All in a single day—six surgeries, three lives saved, and six people forever connected. Leah just celebrated her one-year “kidney-versary” and happily reports that all six are doing well. The Hendersons are one year into their awareness push and looking to pass on their experience to touch others. You can read more at “Share Your Spare—Our Journey” on Facebook.

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Hi, everyone. **Ana Romes** was elected to serve on the Board of Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA)/USA, a nationwide organization that services and represents the field of theater for young audiences. Having received a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in theatre arts in 1994, her new role marks a return to an original passion she pursued before law, where she coordinated youth programming in Nicaragua using drama-based techniques to train health educators. Ana will oversee TYA/USA's fellowships and professional development programming, production of its national festival and conference, and allocate resources for members to connect with viable employment opportunities in the field. Congratulations, Ana!

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### 25<sup>TH</sup> REUNION YEAR

**Cara McClintock-Walsh**, professor of English, was selected to hold the Robert J. Kopecek Endowed Chair in the Humanities of Northampton Community College (NCC). Over the next three years, Cara will develop her proposal, "To the Wrongs That Need Resistance, to the Right That Needs Assistance": 100 Years of Women's Suffrage." It includes studying women's history, literature, and culture on the curricular level, the program level, the campus level, and beyond to the community. **Paul and Belinda Doyle Puglisi** celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary in the fall of 2017. They reside in Long Valley, NJ, with their rescues, Ranger and Tucker. They opened a shop in Basking Ridge, NJ, called Pupcakes and Pawstries Barkery and Shoppe. While the shop is Paul's day-to-day job, Belinda still works in health care administration, focusing on financial operations. In 2004, she earned her MS in Jurisprudence (MSJ) from Seton Hall Law School with a concentration in health care law.

In 2016, she co-authored the book *Revenue Cycle Management Best Practices*, published by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). Paul and Belinda look forward to resurrecting some of the get-togethers they used to host for Gettysburg classmates. I am still with Alight Solutions in Lincolnshire, IL, working in benefits administration. My husband and I just celebrated our 20th anniversary and watch as our two children grow like weeds. We are in the midst of the college search process for our oldest, and it's surprising how much has changed since I went through the process that brought me to Gettysburg. With all different forms of social media having taken over, updates for our column are scarce. I know at the last Reunion, I was given a hard time for never having submissions. You all can change that! Drop me a line with news of you and yours. For those keeping track, we are approaching our 25th Reunion. Mark your calendars for May 28–31, 2020. Hope to see you there!

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2000

### 20<sup>TH</sup> REUNION YEAR

Hi, classmates! I hope everyone enjoyed a great summer. It is super hard to believe, but our 20th Reunion—yes, 20—is coming up this year. May 28–31, so please save the date. Get your hotel reservations, get your friends together, and let's go meet at the 'Burg! For those of you that follow our class page on Facebook, you'll have already seen this. I am sad to report that we lost a classmate, **Ryan Tegner Cochrane**, 40, of Cazenovia, NY, who passed away Monday, July 8. We send much love to his son Jack and all of his family. **Krista Surprenant** is excited to announce that her middle-grade novel manuscript in verse, *Remember Where You're From*, was honored as a 2019 winner in the Susan P. Bloom Children's Book Discovery Award. Krista attended the award ceremony on May 19 at Simmons U in Boston, where along with the award, she read from the manuscript. Krista also has a poem included in the upcoming *Guilford Poets Guild 20th Anniversary Anthology* due out in Nov. Congratulations! **Kellie Hanrahan Giannelli** and her husband, Matt, welcomed their fourth child, Aubrielle, in April 2018. Her big brothers and sister were thrilled with her arrival. Kellie is a stay-at-home mom, working toward her master's degree in middle level education at Wilkes U. For those of you looking to get fit and healthy (maybe in prep for our 20th Reunion), I've started a side hustle as a coach with the FASTer Way to Fat Loss. I'd love for you to follow me on Instagram @fasterwaywithcoachMSR and send me a message if you're interested in learning more. It's been a game changer for Earl and me, and I would love to share it with you. That's all for now. Please remember to send me your notes, and if you're not in our Facebook group, search Gettysburg College Class of 2000 so that you can be sure to receive our updates as Reunion planning gets underway!

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Hello, Class of 2001! **John Sherman Hargreaves** was married late last year to his wife, Cristine, and the couple celebrated with friends and family, including John's children, Jackson (14), Reagan (11), and stepdaughter Lillian (17). John left Conemaugh Health System in Nov. 2017 and dove head first into the epic EHR consulting world as a software analyst in the health care industry. We're excited to hear what you are up to. Please send me a quick note with your latest news, and I'll look forward to including it in the next issue!

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**f** Gettysburg College Class of 2001

'02

In April, **Jason C. Weida**, an assistant U.S. attorney in Boston, began a six-month detail to the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Legal Policy in Washington, D.C. He will serve on a council working on federal judicial nominations. **Ryan Sullivan** passed the certification exam to become a MLBPA Limited Certified Player Agent. He also took a position working as the director of professional and amateur scouting for Double Diamond Sports Management. Ryan and his wife, Kimberly '04, live in Lewes, DE, with their dog, Dory. **Ryan Hitch** writes that his wife, **Jennifer Knies**, earned tenure and a promotion to the rank of associate professor in the department of molecular biology and chemistry at Christopher Newport U. Jen and Ryan reside in Newport News, VA.

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'03

**Britt Haaland Teravainen** and her husband, Tom, are excited to introduce Martha Jayne "MJ" Teravainen to the world. She was born on Sept. 5, 2018, at 7:45 a.m. and weighed in at 6 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 18.5 inches.

**Elizabeth Holland Rosenman** and her husband, Phil, welcomed their son, Arlo Reid Rosenman, on Jan. 5. They live in Washington, D.C., with their dog, Pippin. **Vince Venditto** and Kristie Colón were married on June 21 in Lexington, KY, where they call home. Alumni in attendance were **Joseph Tucker**, **Craig MacDonald**, **Bill and Brandy Hanifen**, **Matt McElroy**, and **Ashley Marciszyn**. Vince is an assistant professor at the U of KY, College of Pharmacy and lives in

Lexington, KY. It's always great to hear from everyone, so please continue to share updates.

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**f** Gettysburg College Class of 2003

'04

Hello, Class of 2004! **Rick Gallagher** is thrilled to announce that he and his wife, Hadley, welcomed their son, Charles Gallagher, to the family in Nov. 2018. Big brother James loves having a little brother. **Lindsey Spafford Prokay** and her husband, Ryan, welcomed their second son, Parker Robert Prokay, on May 10. Congratulations also to classmates who received the Young Alumni Achievement Award during our 15th Reunion Weekend: **Elizabeth Macin Bartlett**, **Lauren Elezki McNally**, and **David Curtiss**. Keep your updates coming!

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**f** Gettysburg College Class of 2004

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#### 15<sup>TH</sup> REUNION YEAR

**Deanna Kloss Adair** and her husband, Matt Adair, welcomed Zayden Matthew on Jan. 9. Zoey (4) is his big sister. **Lisa Brierly Clark** and her husband, Brian Clark, welcomed a baby girl, Lindsay Christine, on May 13. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 20.5 inches long. They are madly in love with her and adjusting to sleep deprivation. Their fur baby, Charlie, still isn't sure what to think of the new addition to the family, but Charlie is coming around slowly. **Diana Eriksen Brennan** and her husband, Robert, welcomed their first child, son Lucas Joseph Brennan, on Jan. 31st. The baby is happy and healthy! I hope everyone had a fun summer!

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'07

Congratulations to **Lindsay Seegar**, who started a new job as director at i(x) investments, an impact investment firm in NYC. **Kristen Miller** married Michael Greene on Apr. 13. Anne Marie Coleman '08 served as a bridesmaid. Fellow G'burg alumni **Meghan Howlett Wilson**, **Elizabeth Steeves**, **Beth Rose**, **Sarah West**, **Lisa Bogdanski**, **Marybeth Heisner**, Christine Mang '06, and **Amanda Craig** also attended the nuptials. **Jessica Haines Rudy** continues to serve Gettysburg College in her new role as director of marketing at the Majestic Theater, effective April 2019. She has been a part of the Majestic Theater team since early 2018. **Matt** and Allie Sievers '06 **Dempsey** welcomed their son, Oliver, in April. **Katie Amestoy Martin** and her husband, Brian, welcomed son, JW, on Apr. 2. They are over the moon in love! The new family makes their home in Washington, D.C., where Katie recently joined the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency as an attorney-advisor. **Stefanie Krzeminski** married Alejandro Álvarez-Prats on Apr. 6 in Pamplona, Spain. Stefanie's sister, Allison Krzeminski Pierce '10, and **Brighdin Nemec** served as bridesmaids.

**Katie Herzberg Miller** and her husband welcomed their baby girl, Cali, on Jan. 18. Cali weighed in at 6 lbs. 15 oz. and has already been decked out in plenty of Gettysburg outfits. **Amanda Mallonee Arsenault** and her husband, Michael, welcomed their second daughter, Elsie Kate, on June 1. Elsie joins her big sister, Emma, who was very excited to welcome her to the family! On May 10, **Janna Diaz Erlandson** and her husband, CJ, welcomed their second son, Miles Hugo. He joins his big brother, Henrik. Finally, congrats to **Nicholas Boire**, who recently graduated from medical school and officially started his medical residency. Wishing everyone a beautiful autumn and a holiday season filled with love, health, and happiness.

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'08

**Nicole Workoff** was appointed to the PA Governor's Census 2020 Complete Count Commission. The commission was created to ensure an accurate count for the 2020 Census and maintain essential statewide program funding. I also heard from **David C. Moore**, a captain in the U.S. Air Force, who coauthored an article in the *Journal of Military Medicine* on the United States military's

efforts to build a rapid response team in Angola to combat potential Ebola outbreaks. He is stationed as an international medical plans officer with the U.S. Africa Command. I started a new position at SUNY Upstate Medical U, located in Syracuse, NY, as a research administrator, having worked in research administration for more than five years now.

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2010

### 10<sup>TH</sup> REUNION YEAR

In Sep. of 2018, **Scott Decker** married **Maureen Thon**. They met in 2007 at Gettysburg and started dating a year later. They had many other Gettysburg alums in their wedding party! **Sarah Bluming** sent a note that she recently moved to Durham, NC, and became the Director of Annual Giving and the Bessie Baker Society at Duke University School of Nursing. Congratulations, Sarah! **Amy Shinko Lippincott** was nationally recognized as a Smart Women in Meetings 2019 Award Winner in the Stellar Performer Category. She accepted her award at the fourth annual Smart Women in Meetings Awards Gala on May 8, at the Smart Woman Summit in Las Vegas, NV. Amy is an event planner at Technical Resources International, Inc. in Bethesda, MD. Smart Meetings is a leading media company and most trusted resource for meeting professionals. This prestigious awards platform has come to serve as a celebrated benchmark for women who are making significant impacts on the meetings industry worldwide.

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There are no notes to report this issue. Please send along news for the spring magazine! Happy 30th birthday to all who celebrated in the past year. I hope it was fabulous. May you have a wonderful fall and a joyous holiday season ahead.

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'12

Hello, classmates! **Taylor Schow Raymond** is thankful for the years spent in Gettysburg, PA, but is now a kindergarten teacher in Whiteriver, AZ. If you have an update you'd like to share, please contact me to be included in the magazine!

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**Alexandra Clint** was recently named the new artistic director of City Lyric Opera, an all-woman-led boutique opera company in NYC. **Robert Joseph Fortenbaugh** completed his PhD at Penn State U in chemistry. **Mariah HallBillsback** completed an MSW at Hunter College. Have a great fall, Class of 2013!

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**Nick Skitko** married Stephanie Novak on May 18. **Lizzy Kuhn** recently graduated from Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson U and matched at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where she will complete her residency in pediatrics. **Rob Stalzer** graduated from Villanova U Charles Widger School of Law in 2018 with honors, passed the DE Bar, and now works at Morris, Nichols, Arshat & Tunnell LLP. **Jennifer Yealy**, a fifth year

K-5 general music teacher in Carroll County, has earned an MS in Music Education degree from Towson U. **Katie Gittings Laughlin** married Daniel Laughlin this year with many Gettysburg alumni in attendance.

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### 5<sup>TH</sup> REUNION YEAR

**Kieran P. Smith** graduated with highest honors from Ross U School of Veterinary Medicine and was inducted into Phi Zeta (the only honor society of veterinary medicine in the U.S.). Kieran practices as an equine exclusive ambulatory veterinarian in northern CO.

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Class of 2016, although it's been awhile since I last gave updates, I am happy to report that this class has been nothing less than #gettysburggreat! Whether you submitted an update or not, you should all be proud of yourselves for everything you have achieved in these past three years! **Katarina Leiby** received her Master of Occupational Therapy from Temple. **Emma Okell** is a JD candidate at Vermont Law School, serving her semester in practice at the Conservation Law Foundation. After three years of living in Philly and working at Vanguard, **Maggie Laurino** accepted a job at Gartner and moved to D.C. **Nicole Powell** received the Top Performance Honor of the Year from the *Los Angeles Times* for her performance of Catherine in Proof, moved to NYC, and made her cabaret debut at The Duplex. **Maria Wanner** graduated in Dec. 2017 from Washington University in St. Louis with a BS in Biomedical Engineering and a masters degree in Robotics Engineering. In January, she moved to Denver to start a job with Medtronic as a systems engineer focusing on surgical robotics. **Emily Van Horn** is currently in Rutgers Law School. After graduation, she will be serving as a law clerk to the Honorable

Edward W. Hoffman, J.S.C. in the Family Division of the Burlington County Superior Court in NJ. **Mari Bigley** is working as therapeutic staff support with kids on the autism spectrum while simultaneously going for her Master in School Counseling and working a graduate assistant position. This summer, **Katie McGowan** started medical school at Rowan SOM, outside of Philadelphia. After **Peter Rosenberger** finished his two-year commitment to Teach For America, he decided to stay in Memphis to continue working at KIPP Memphis Collegiate High School, where he just became a college counselor. **Marisa Hadley** is an educator at the Elmwood Park Zoo and can be found at the Philadelphia Eagles game with the live eagle mascot! Last year, **Jake Farias** got a job in Boston College's University Advancement department and also started classes at the Woods School at BC this fall. And last but not least, many of our 2016 classmates gathered this past summer to celebrate the marriage of **Gerard Toscani** to Daniela De Candia in Moorestown, NJ, including **Mike Terminello, Wyatt Yasinski, Kyle Sipple, Joe Accardi, Alex Tafaro, Mark Hall, Fran Notorianni, Kodie McNamara, Joe Moffa, Joe Cobuzio, Jim Arnold, Mike Russ, Anthony Juliano, and Paul Lowry!**

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## '17

The Class of 2017 has been busy during the past few months! Congratulations to all of those who graduated from master's degree programs. **Charlotte Triebel** graduated with an MS in education from UPenn and now works as a conservation education presenter on Disney's animal, science, and environment team at Walt Disney World. **Ronnie Bridges** graduated with an MS in athletic training from U of TN at Chattanooga and now coaches health and wellness online. **Genie Lavanant** graduated with an MS in athletic training from Seton Hall U. **Erin Morin** graduated with her Master of Health Science (MHS) in environmental health from Johns Hopkins. **Anna Buccì** graduated with a BSN from the MA College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and is a registered nurse in Worcester, MA. **Mariam Aghayan** married Tayler Rose in Armenia in summer 2018. They welcomed their daughter, Arev Rose, in May. Mariam also graduated in May with a master's degree in law and diplomacy from Tufts U, and her daughter got an honorary degree as well. **Miranda Fennel** married Zach Bradshaw in May in VA. Classmates **Alex Delenko, Julia Harper, Amanda Locher, Derika Schlueter, and Jon Zhang** were in attendance.

Several members of the class are also continuing their studies: **Greg Dachille** started a Master of Information and Library Science (MLIS) program at Syracuse U. **Amanda Finck** was featured on the G'burg website after receiving the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Award for biomedical engineering. She is starting her PhD in immunology at UPenn. Several classmates are doing #GreatWork from all over the globe: **Leah Pinckney** spent the summer in China working with the Shanghai CDC on a research project as part of an internship for her master's degree program at MI U. **Joseph Recupero** graduated with his master's degree in anthropology from Columbia U and traveled to Bosnia over the summer to do research for his thesis. **Sam Thompson** teaches English in Thailand. **Piper O'Keefe** is in the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone and was promoted, now training incoming volunteers. **Andrew Sydenstricker** started a new job in the Peace Corps in Tbilisi, Georgia. **Caroline Jaeger** rode her bike across the country this summer as part of an Ulman Foundation fundraiser for young adults who have cancer. **Sarah Hansen** is a gunnery officer in the U.S. Navy. She was deployed in the Pacific and recently passed exams to become a Surface Warfare Officer. She will be stationed in Charleston, SC, to complete nuclear power school. **Eva Karkuff** completed her first year of teaching seventh grade at New Oxford Middle School and was nominated by her students and colleagues to be awarded as the Trailblazer in Educational Excellence. This award is given to one teacher with less than five years of experience in the Conewago Valley School District who demonstrates passion for and excellence in their profession, as well as commitment to their students and district. Please continue to send in updates!

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## '18

Hello, fellow alumni! Now that it has been over a year since our graduation, the Class of 2018 has been involved in a lot of amazing programs and projects across the country and the globe. **Cynthia Filgueria** started graduate school at Columbia U and is going for her MA in clinical psychology. She plans to graduate in May 2020. She has worked in a global mental health lab at the Mailman School of Public Health and hopes to later work in clinical research at a hospital or doing

health care and fitness consulting and teaching. **Brad Klustner** is also in NYC, working as a middle school history teacher at Success Academy charter schools. **Anika Jensen** finished her job on campus at Musselman Library and started her MA in English at the U of South AL in Aug. Also, her article about war memory and feminism in J.R.R. Tolkien's literature is being published in the 2019 edition of *Tolkien Studies*. **Kamau Bridges** is the Howard County delegation administrator, where he handles the legislative affairs of Howard County in the MD General Assembly. Although he enjoys his position, he is looking into graduate school as a potential path for his future. **Sarah Appedu** works on campus in the scholarly communications department of Musselman Library. She has managed the institutional repository, The Cupola, and worked to raise awareness about issues such as high textbook prices. She plans to pursue her master's degree in library and information science next year, but in the meantime, she loves her job at the library. **Alex Engelsman** interns at the Institute of the North, doing research on the future of the offshore energy industry in the Arctic. He's not sure what his next steps will be, but after hearing about his current internship, I'm sure they'll be great. **Bridget Ashton** works as an admissions counselor at Davidson College in Davidson, NC, where she gets to travel and read applications from AL, AR, LA, MS, NC, and NY. She loves working with current students through her management of the tour guide and ambassador program. Most recently, she had the joy of connecting with fellow Gettysburg alumni in the area, Jason '09 and Crystal '05 Parker. She looks forward to going back to Gettysburg for the BOLD Reunion during Homecoming Weekend. Make sure you continue to send updates my way. Until next time, '18!

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# IN MEMORIAM

## CHARLES E. ANDERSON P'82

Charles “Chuck” E. Anderson, 90, passed away in Naples, Florida, on May 22, surrounded by his loving family. He served as Interim President from 1989 to 90 and on the College’s Board of Trustees from 1984 to 96. Among his many campus activities and accolades, Anderson was the second person to receive the Lavern H. Brennen ’36 Award for Exemplary Service to Gettysburg College. He also received an honorary degree from the College.

Born in Coos Bay, Oregon, and raised in Aberdeen, Washington, Anderson attended Whitman College. Post-graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and learned Mandarin Chinese in the Foreign Asian Language Concentration (FALCON) program at Yale. Stationed in Japan during the Korean War, Anderson cracked code from Mandarin, and after the war, attended Harvard University to earn an MBA. Anderson’s civilian career began in Jesup, Georgia, at the pulp and paper plant owned by Rayonier, Inc., and later, ITT. He retired in 1987 as executive vice president of ITT and chairman and president of the ITT Natural Resources Group.

In addition to serving at Gettysburg College, Anderson served on many boards, including St. Matthews Episcopal Church, and as interim president at Whitman College. Anderson was known for his quick, funny, and loving wit, as well as his tenor voice. When not on the golf course, he was often spotted around a piano with family and friends and always with his wife at his side on the keyboard.

Anderson was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Margery Botts Anderson, in 2014. He leaves a sister and his brother-in-law, Dr. Fred and Patricia Bennion; a son, Thomas E. Anderson, and his wife, Cristine McMurdo-Wallis; two daughters, Joanne E. Anderson, and husband, Jerald G. Shepherd, and **Patricia Anderson Colburn ’82** and husband, Michael; and two grandchildren.

## DUDLEY J. CLAPP III ’72

Dudley Jewell Clapp III of St. Petersburg, Florida, passed away June 29, at the age of 69. A graduate of Gettysburg College and the ROTC program as well as Stetson University College of Law, he served his country in the Army Reserves as a Major (Ret.) and as a public defender for the State of Florida for 34 years.

Clapp especially enjoyed a commitment to community service, volunteering with Special Olympics, YMCA, and Pinellas County Schools. He and his wife, **Lori Kono Clapp ’73**, were also passionate supporters of the Center for Public Service at Gettysburg College, helping more students gain experience through community service and volunteering opportunities. He is survived by his loving wife, Lori, and daughter, along with his two brothers, sister, **Deborah G. Clapp ’74**, and a wealth of nieces and nephews. Celebrations of life at his favorite spots will be held privately at later dates throughout the year. A scholarship, the Dudley J. Clapp ’72 Memorial Scholarship, was recently established at Gettysburg College to honor his memory.

## E. BRINER ASHWAY JR. ’42

E. Briner Ashway Jr., age 98, of Silver Spring Township, Pennsylvania, died while surrounded by his loving family on June 30. He graduated from Chambersburg High School and from Gettysburg College in 1942, where he earned an ROTC commission in the U.S. Army. While at Gettysburg, Ashway was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, associate editor of *The Gettysburgian* and *Touchstone* yearbook, manager of the basketball team, and an active member of the business club. He was in the engineering corps. He and Helen were married at this time.

A proud World War II Veteran, Ashway participated in the Normandy Invasion with the 1st Engineer Special Brigade and crossed France with Patton’s Third Army. His Army service awards include: the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, and several campaign medals.

After returning from the Army, Ashway was a CPA and the founder of the Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, accounting firm, Ashway, Haar, and Fuller. He was a lifelong member of both the American Institute and the Pennsylvania Institute of CPAs and the West Shore CPA Group. Ashway was a member of the West Shore Country Club since 1960, the American Legion since 1946, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Cumberland County Historical Society, and honorary member of the Beaufort Hunt.

Ashway was a charter member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Camp Hill, where he served two terms on the church council (including treasurer), organizer of the General Endowment Fund, and on other numerous committees.

Ashway was the widower of Helen (Horton) Ashway, to whom he was married for 63 years. In addition to his parents and wife, he is preceded in death by his daughter, Carolyn A. Chance. Ashway’s survivors include his two daughters, Judith A. Ashway, Nancy D. Ashway and her husband, David Webster; his son-in-law, Frederick C. Chance; his five grandchildren; and his four great-grandchildren.



**DATES 2019 UNLESS NOTED**

- '42 E. Briner Ashway Jr., June 30
- '44 Margaret Harvey Gross, May 29
- '46 Mary Sieber Weiser, June 8
- '47 Hummel C. Fager, Apr. 16  
George W. Motter Sr., July 10
- '48 Samuel W. Barrick, Apr. 11  
Donald R. Gallion, Mar. 30  
John R. Gormley, May 6
- '49 Dorothy Hamme Buller, June 8  
William C. Carson, Dec. 15, 2018  
Joseph A. Constable, May 29  
Russell E. Fink, Mar. 10  
Nancy Dreier Kahler, Apr. 3
- '50 Charles E. Gaul II, Jan. 5  
John D. Leaman, Apr. 5
- '51 James W. Sullivan, June 17
- '52 Walter A. Reimann, June 17  
John G. Sault, Apr. 3  
Frederick P. Weidner, June 20
- '53 Thomas A. Fosnocht, Apr. 16
- '54 Denise Haldt Brubaker, May 14  
Arthur M. Eckert Jr., May 20  
John A. Kadilak, Mar. 13  
Richard H. Krebs, Feb. 12, 2018  
Barbara Myers Rhodes, Mar. 1  
Jay P. Williams, May 12

- '55 Mary Ann Shearer Craver, May 1  
A. Hamilton Shader Jr., June 3
- '56 Bertram Avis, Mar. 25  
Don C. Kleinfelter, June 4  
Kenneth R. McKean, May 7
- '57 R. Terrence Foor, May 25
- '58 William S. Carter, June 21  
Allen S. Cuthbert Jr., May 29  
Richard E. Rowan, June 17
- '59 Henry F. Coyne Sr., Apr. 25  
Jack D. Hathaway, May 14  
John W. Sankey Jr., Mar. 2  
Phyllis Wagner Stahl, June 24
- '60 William R. Fleischman, May 1  
Harvey M. Mumma, May 17  
Ralph L. Wood Jr., Nov. 21, 2018
- '61 Robert Colby Anderson, Feb. 19  
Thomas W. Mowlds, Apr. 6
- '62 Claire Kreutz Moyer, June 16
- '63 Robert W. Hamme, May 3  
Paul E. Henry Jr., Mar. 9  
Harold C. Sheads Jr., June 3
- '64 Norma Maidment Bourdin, Mar. 14  
Jan Hagen-Frederiksen, Apr. 11  
Henry F. Woltman, Apr. 5

- '65 Jeffrey S.A. Denner, June 18  
David F. Thomson, Mar. 12
- '66 Lani Ellinger Lindeman, May 18  
Jane Uhlig Lochman, May 2
- '69 David W.H. Flack, Apr. 12  
David V. Weigel, May 3
- '70 Paula Kaftal Houseworth, June 18
- '72 Dudley J. Clapp III, June 29
- '74 Bruce I. MacKinnon, May 11
- '79 Barbaranne Broderick Humbert, May 7
- '84 Glen A. Holt, Mar. 19
- '89 C. Christopher Lawley, May 14
- '00 Ryan T. Cochrane, July 8

**FORMER INTERIM PRESIDENT**

Charles E. Anderson P'82, May 22

# CLASS PHOTOS



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1 *Gettysburgians at Vincent Venditto's recent wedding. From left: Joseph Tucker '03, Craig MacDonald '03, Ashley Marciszyn '03, Vince Venditto '03, Kristie Colón, Brandy Richardson Hanifen '04, Bill Hanifen '03, and Matt McElroy '03.*

2 ***Front Row:** Pam Giangreco '14, Alice Broadway '14, **Groom-**Daniel Laughlin, **Bride-**Katie Gittings Laughlin '14, Megan Ramage '14, Katie Durr '14*

***Back Row:** Scott DuBree '14, Kevin Paulekas '14, Brian Lonabocker '15, Eva Strobl '15, Julian Weiss '15, Molly Reynolds '14, Christina Casillo '14, Karenn Genzlinger '14, Brian Brian Wooldredge '13, Annie Weber '15, Caleb Bowers '14 and Thomas Van Duyne '13.*

3 *Karen Wright Bright '90 recently enjoyed hosting her friends' annual ladies' weekend at the Brights' home in Charlotte, NC. Enjoying a long weekend together were Kelly Page '90 (from Los Angeles), Becky Wold Herberger '90 (from Pittsburgh), and Tabby Hendershot '90 (from Arlington, VA). They spent the weekend in Charlotte shopping, eating, and reminiscing. Sounds fun!*

4 *For the last three years, Doug Contri '86, Dan Woolley '86, Glenn Whitney '86, and Dan Cicala '86 have ventured to Boulder for a long weekend of friendship, hiking, and reflecting. Here is a photo of them from this year in the Rockies!*

5 *There was a very large reunion of SAE brothers and friends in the Spring Lake and Lavellette area of the Jersey Shore this past June. The group began with golf in Manasquan and rounded out the weekend with "lots of celebrating, laughing, reminiscing, food, and booze." The guest list included the following fine gentlemen: Dave Siffringer '90, Mike Brady '90, Rich Dragotta '90, Mark Favieri '90, Chuck Falcone '90, Larry Hamacher '90, Ed Gallagher '90, Matt Johnson '90, Nick Morano '90, Joe Luzi '90, Jim Shinske '90, and Sam Simons '90. No doubt, a good time was had by all that weekend!*

6 *Ruthe Craley '50 had a surprise visit from Liz Bair '50 earlier this year. Here is a photo of the two friends outside of Ruthe's new home in Simpsonville, SC.*

# 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

## CLASS of 1969



Weekend  2019  
**Reunion**

### FROM LEFT

**FIRST ROW** Fred Vogel, Dusty Johnson McMillen, Maggie Spangler Kull, Peggy Eutemark Smith, Gail Claussen Santa Maria, Karen Augustine-Miller, Jana Hemmer Surdi, Nancy Riggins Letts, Linda Buckley Platt, Kathy Carlson Dunkerley, Mary Ellen Marts, Marnie Strock Brenneman, Francie Erickson Zimmerman, Enid Wedemeyer Corkran, Jim Corkran, Jeanne Tassone Maskell

**SECOND ROW** Tom Kull, Nancy Wallace Paulson, Joan Clendining Snodgrass, Fred Bohrman, Dave Quackenbush, Carol Moyer, Steve Morris, Jim Erb, Jim Shippen, Mike Skinner, Elise "Ely" Ferguson Jones, John R. Sutton, John J. Donovan, Emily Foster, Deborah Ness Lamont

**THIRD ROW** Debra Wolgemuth, Amy Wunder Stabenow, Bill Ryder, Nancy Morris Lineburger, Linda Yeneral Porter

**FOURTH ROW** Pam Blair Edelstein, Bob Lowry, Barbara Ruth-Williams, Charlotte Wilcox, Elaine Billage Langford, Beth Hauslein Martinson, Bucky Walters, Karen Stem Walters, Karen Reese Thomas, Paula Selby Henderson, David Kaller

**FIFTH ROW** Myra Stein Kain, Gene Kain, Stephen Edelstein, Jean Deimler Seibert, Mac Carter, Larry Smith, Gunnar Anderson, Ken Maskell, Marilyn Schuetze Unger, William Unger

**SIXTH ROW** Bill Wineburgh, Carolee Kowal Wineburgh, Janet Loeffelman Trojak, Paul Trojak, Toni Eugene, Phoebe Guiley Strome, Vincent L. Keipper, Joseph B. Baker, Joan Mitchell Baker, John O'Leary, Pamela Bailey O'Leary, Mike Hobor, Greg Eisenhart, Bob Lineburger

**SEVENTH ROW** Bill Stone, Bill Herbst, Sue Knauer Webster, Katie Shiffer Brown, Elena White, Helen Woods Wilson, Michael Powell, Susan Robinson, Sally Sanford Johnson, Regis Legath, Jesse Diner, HR Nicholson

**EIGHTH ROW** Dana S. Shreve, Bob Joseph, Joel Springer, Dave Fisher, Pat Perian Barrows, Carolyn Musselman Sweeney, Terry Lehman Schooley, Jim Wright, Charlotte Lenz Cochard, June Ratcliffe Dombrova, Phil Grayson, Beth Jacques Gilbert, Steven Sommers, Stew Williams, Barbara Wold Vogel

**NINTH ROW** Kevin Finan, Jim Whetstone, Bill Lindsay, Howard Cepelak, Fred Schumacher, Beverly Meichner Harper, Ken Fortier, Carol "Buff" Bryson Emrich, Ann Fischer Markel, Gail Van Nostrand MacFarland, Robert Hart, David Bayne, Scott Williams, Joann Hess Grayson, Marga Cummings Hill, Juhan Runne

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**MEAGAN GIVEN '02,**  
CO-OWNER OF YORK CITY PRETZEL COMPANY  
AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GIVE LOCAL YORK,  
SHARES THE MAGIC RECIPE.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY  
MIRANDA HARPLE

# TZEL?



I've been many things since graduating from Gettysburg College: a PhD dropout, a high school teacher, a graphic designer, a marketer, an event planner, a fundraiser, and a community builder. What I never thought I'd be: a pretzel company owner.

When my friends approached me about starting a soft pretzel business in York City in 2014, I didn't know where I fit in. I'm not a baker; I had literally never touched yeast before because it freaked me out. But since my return home to York in 2010, I have thrown myself into the downtown revitalization scene and tried to surround myself with the type of people who want to make things happen.



Combined, my business partners and I have backgrounds in entrepreneurship, food service, management, distribution, marketing, public relations, and events—we're pretty much the Avengers of pretzels.

Pretzels have been around for thousands of years. Some of them taste that way. But we come from York County, Pennsylvania, snack food capital of the world. This region is a part of who we are as people, and it is a part of our pretzels. At York City Pretzel Company, we're all about the German-style soft pretzel served with a local twist. Our old Bavarian-style recipe might sound simple, but it isn't your ordinary pretzel.

The recipe I'll share with you, however, is more than just about making pretzels. It's a recipe I learned for building community and a good life.



### FLOUR

The main function of flour in baking is to build structure. Find your foundation: what you stand for and what you care about. Build from there.

### WATER

It's responsible for triggering natural chemical processes in the dough. Be a catalyst. Be the change you want to see.

### YEAST

A rising tide lifts all boats.

### SALT

It enhances the flavor of the other ingredients. Find your people and allow them to challenge and inspire you.

### BROWN SUGAR

A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down.

### BUTTER

Take the time to savor and indulge—and support your local restaurateurs.

My liberal arts education afforded me the opportunity to be open to possibilities and to try (lots) of different things until I found a fit. Though my journey since graduation has been a winding one, I would encourage anyone to consider the pretzel when evaluating life: keep it simple and always be ready for the twist.



## SALTY SOFT PRETZEL BREAD PUDDING

### INGREDIENTS

- 5 eggs
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 1/4 cups milk
- 2 1/4 cups heavy cream
- 3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 6 York City Pretzel Company soft pretzels or pretzel rolls, cubed
- 6 tablespoons caramel sauce

### STEPS

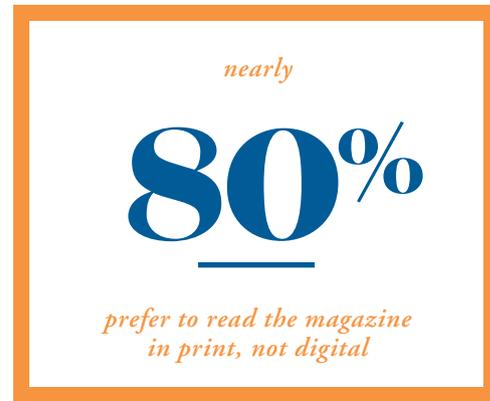
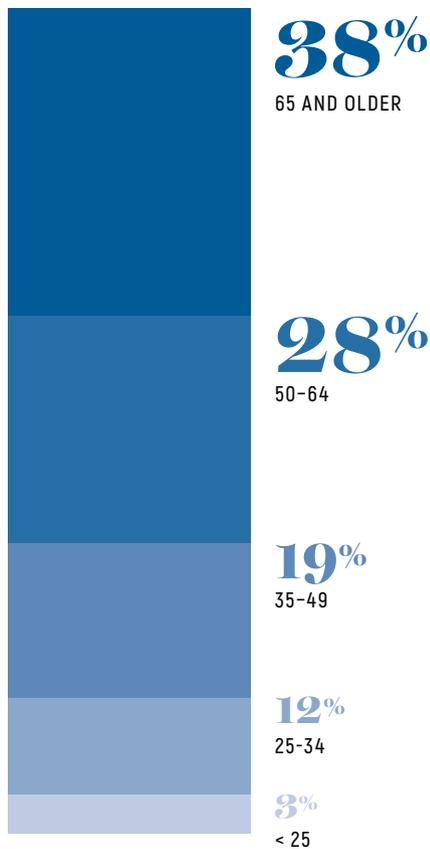
Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. In a large bowl, whisk eggs with brown sugar, milk, cream, vanilla, and salt. Toss pretzel cubes in custard. Pour into a 9x13 casserole dish. Top with caramel sauce. Bake covered for 20-30 minutes until custard is set.

Serve warm, ideally with a scoop of Kilwin's Salted Caramel ice cream!

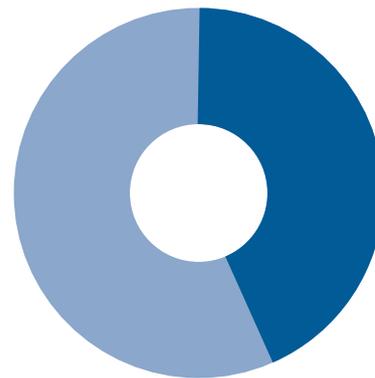
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